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## HEADQUARTERS

9th Marines

3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF

c/o FPO, San Francisco, California 96602 3/PAR/ewp  
1500

2 June 1966

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From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division  
 Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 153 as of 022400H June 1966  
 Ref: (a) Division Order 3100.1B

Encl: (1) Operations, 1st Bn, 9th Marines  
 (2) Operations, 2d Bn, 9th Marines  
 (3) Operations, 3d Bn, 9th Marines  
 (4) Operations, 3d Bn, 1st Marines  
 (5) Operations, 1st Bn, 1st Marines

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1) through (5) are forwarded.

a. Operational Highlights. Lt Col LAP, Commander Quang Nam Sector, visited the 9th Marines CP at 020900H. Lt Col LAP discussed operation plans with the Regimental Commander. Agenda items included County Fair operations in 2/9 zone of action and clearing operations in 1/1 zone of action in conjunction with elements of the 51st ARVN Regiment. Lt Col LAP indicated that he intended to redeploy one battalion of the 51st ARVN Regiment to assist the 59th RF Battalion in providing security for the Five Village Pacification area.

b. Plans for the next 24 hours:

- (1) 1st Bn, 9th Marines
- (a) Company A continues company clearing operation vic (AT 957620) (AT 959658).
  - (b) Company B conducts a platoon clearing operation in area bounded by (AT 950674-950613-940604) and Song Yen on west.
  - (c) Company C continues company clearing operation vic (AT 9557-9358-9457-9458).
  - (d) Company D continues company clearing operation vic (AT 9457-9458).
  - (e) Company K/3/9 conducts a platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9569-9669-9568); conducts a platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9464-9465).

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~~UNCLASSIFIED~~ (2) 2d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company E conducts a company clearing operation vic (AT 9963-9962-9961).

(b) Company F continues clearing operation vic (BT 0061-0161).

(c) Company H conducts a platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9963-BT 0063-0163)

(3) 3d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company I conducts a platoon clearing operation vic (AT 8750-8850); conducts a platoon clearing operation vic (AT 8849-8848); conducts a platoon clearing operation vic (AT 8748-8749).

(b) Company L conducts a platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9048-9049); conducts a platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9050-9150); conducts a platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9148-9159).

(c) Company M maintains one platoon vic AN HOA (AT 875475); maintains one platoon vic (AT 854461); maintains one platoon vic (AT 874459).

(4) 3d Bn, 1st Marines

(a.) Conducts three platoon USMC/RF clearing operation area bounded by (AT 970660-993633-BT 013660-013673-028674-030710-010700-000680-AT970680).

(b) Company L conducts cordon & search operation vic CAM NE (4) (AT 969695) and CAM NE (5) vic (AT 926698).

(5) 1st Bn, 1st Marines

(a.) Company B conducts a platoon clearing operation vic (BT 0664-0565-0465-0564-0464-0365).

(6) 2d Bn, 4th Marines (Rear)

(a.) Conducts Rough Rider North (8) commencing 030600H.

c. Scout/Sniper Teams

(1)	<u>No. of teams</u>	<u>No. employed</u>
1/9	0	0
2/9	2*	0
3/9	1	1
3/1	0	0
1/1	0	0

\* Weapons turned in for repair.

(2) No contact was achieved.

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d. Boxscore:

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USMC

2 KIA  
8 WIA (7 Med Evac)

VC

6 KIA (BC  
1 WIA (POSS)

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CG, 3dMarDiv	(2)
CO, 9th Marines	(1)
1st MAW (G-2)	(1)
1/9	(4)
2/9	(4)
3/9	(4)
3/1	(4)
4/1	(4)
2/12	(6)
1st Amtrac Bn	(1)
3d AT Bn	(1)
3d Tank Bn	(1)
3d Engr Bn	(1)
FSCC	(1)
S-2	(1)
S-3	(1)
File	(4)

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1. At 020600H, Company C Marine on platoon patrol vic (AT 947583) detonated a M-26 grenade attached to 81mm round rigged with trip wire resulting in three USMC WIA. Med Evac.
2. At 021100H Company D on clearing operation vic (AT 9760-9759) received sporadic SA fire from est six to eight VC vic (AT 928598). Marines returned SA fire and maneuvered in an attempt to gain physical contact. Marine detonated M16A1 AP mine. VC fled south-east. Marines pursued by fire. Two USMC KIA and one WIA. Med Evac. 1 VC KIA (BC).
3. At 021300H, Company C platoon patrol vic (AT 915575) received 40 rounds SA fire from one VC vic (AT 916575). Marines returned 100 rounds SA and 10 rounds 40mm. Patrol searched area with negative results.
4. At 021535H, Company D on clearing operation vic (AT 983594) received light SA fire from house vic (AT 983594). Marines returned fire with 150 rounds SA and three 3.5 rounds. Searched area and discovered 2 VC KIA (BC) 1 VC WIA (POSS).
5. At 021950H, Company A CP (AT 954645) received 10 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 959644). Marines returned SA fire and directed 60mm mortar mission at VC position with unknown results.

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Enclosure (1)

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2d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 021500H Company E platoon providing security for engineer road construction vic (BT 002633) received three rounds 40mm from unknown VC location. Patrol searched area, negative results.

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3d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 021945H, Company I platoon CP vic (AT 8850) received 20 rounds SA from three VC vic (AT 889501). Marines returned 150 rounds SA and one M-72 round with unknown results.

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Enclosure (3)  
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CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn, 1st Marines Operations Summary

1. At 020100H, Company K squad patrol vic (AT 995690) discovered and destroyed one M-26 grenade rigged with trip wire.
2. At 021900H, Company B CP vic (BT 065645) received 11 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (BT 059649). Marines returned 160 rounds SA fire and searched area with negative results.

CONFIDENTIAL1st Bn. 1st Marines Operations Summary

1. At 012015H, Company C platoon patrol vic (BT 055676) received 100 rounds SA fire from est three to five VC vic (BT 059674). Marines returned 100 rounds SA and one 3.5 rocket. Searched area with negative results.
2. At 020815H, Company B, platoon patrol vic (BT 066631) received three rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (BT 066631). Patrol returned SA fire and maneuvered to establish contact and received 50 rounds SA fire from vic above coordinates. Returned fire with 140 rounds SA and five 40mm. VC fled. Marines searched area with negative results.
3. At 020850H, tank assigned to Company B detonated a 155mm round rigged with pressure type detonator vic (BT 062623). Tank sustained light damage. No casualties.
4. At 020915H, Company B platoon patrol vic (BT 068607) received est 60-70 rounds SA fire from est three to four VC vic (BT 071628). Patrol returned 25 rounds SA and two rounds 40mm. VC fled west. Patrol pursued physically but was not able to reestablish contact. One USMC WIA. Not Med Evac.
5. At 021055H, tank assigned to Company B vic (BT 060629) observed three VC vic (BT 055629). Tanks fired two rounds 90mm resulting in three VC KIA (BC).
6. At 0215054H, Company B squad patrol vic (BT 062628) discovered M-79 round on trail. Destroyed in place. As patrol continued, Marine detonated unknown type explosive, resulting in three USMC WIA. Med Evac.
7. At 021920H, Company D platoon patrol base vic (BT 068682) received 10 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (BT 077687). Marines returned 75 SA and five 40mm rounds. Searched area with negative results.
8. At 021930H, Company C platoon CP vic (BT 035684) received 300 rounds SA fire from unknown VC vic (BT 035683) and (BT 035685). Marines and tank returned 500 rounds SA and five rounds 90mm at VC position with unknown results.

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(2) Operations, 2d Bn, 9th Marines  
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(4) Operations, 3d Bn, 1st Marines  
(5) Operations, 1st Bn, 1st Marines

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1) through (5) are forwarded.

a. Operational Highlights

(1) At 030400H, remaining elements of 2d Bn, 4th Marines (Rear) commenced formation of ROUGH RIDER NORTH (8) to HUE-PHU BAI vic (AT 934832). Lead elements departed NAM O Bridge vic (AT 927843) at about 030600H. Convoy arrived HUE-PHU BAI at 031000H. At approximately 031100H, remaining elements of 1st Bn, 1st Marines (Rear) commenced formation of ROUGH RIDER NORTH (8) back to DANANG. Lead elements departed HUE-PHU BAI at 031430H and arrived DANANG at 031930H.

(2) 9th Marines chopped OPCON remaining elements 2d Bn, 4th Marines (Rear) to 4th Marines at about 031000H.

(3) 9th Marines assumed OPCON remaining elements 1st Bn, 1st Marines (Rear) upon arrival DANANG TAOR at approximately 031830H.

b. Plans for the next 24 hours:

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company A continues company clearing operation vic (AT 959658) to (AT 959628); conducts a platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9764).

(b) Company B conducts platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9459-9559-9460-9560).

(c) Company C continues company clearing operation vic (AT 9358-9357-9457).

(d) Company D continues company clearing operation vic (AT 9458-9558-9559).

(e) Company K/3/9 conducts a platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9463-9563).

(2) 2d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company E conducts platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9963-BT 0063).

(b) Company F conducts COUNTY FAIR (16) vic (BT 0360) in conjunction with elements 39th Ranger Bn and 1st Bn, 51st ARVN Regiment commencing 040400H.

(c) Company G conducts company clearing operation vic (BT 0161-0261).

(3) 3d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company I conducts platoon clearing operation vic (AT 8749-8748); conducts a platoon clearing operation vic (AT 8948-8848); conducts a platoon clearing operation vic (AT 8849-8949).

(b) Company L conducts a platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9050-9150); conducts a platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9048-9049); conducts a platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9149-9148).

(c) Company M conducts COUNTY FAIR (17) Operation in BEN DAU (1) and (2) vic (AT 8346-8446) in conjunction with DUC DUC District PF and PAT units and elements 2d Bn, 51st ARVN Regiment commencing 040400H.

(4) 3d Bn, 1st Marines

(a) Company I conducts USMC/RF platoon clearing operation vic (BT 0171-0271-0371-0170-0270-0370-0169-0269-0369).

(b) Company K conducts USMC/RF platoon clearing operation vic (BT 0068-0067-0066-0167-0166); conducts USMC/RF platoon clearing operation (AT 9969-9970-BT 0070-0170-0169-0069-0068-0168-0167-0067).

(c) Company L conducts USMC/RF platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9667-9668-9669-9869-9768-9868-9767).

(5) 1st Bn. 1st Marines

(a) Company A provides security for 1st Marines CP, bridge and water point at (BT 073702). Conducts patrols.

(b) Company B maintains CP vic (BT 063645). Company on one hour alert status. Conducts patrols and ambushes.

(c) Company C establishes platoon patrol bases vic (BT 057716-034683) and conducts patrols and ambushes.

(d) Company D establishes platoon patrol bases vic (BT 094653-106653-073685) and conducts patrols and ambushes.

c. Scout/Sniper Teams

(1)	<u>No. of teams</u>	<u>No. employed</u>
1/9	0	0
2/9	2*	0
3/9	1	1
1/1	0	0
3/1	0	0

\*Weapons turned in for repair.

(2) No contact was achieved.

d. Boxscore:

<u>USMC</u>	<u>VC</u>
WIA - 15 (Med Evac)	WIA - 3 (POSS)
	VCS - 2

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CG, 3d MarDiv	(2)	3d AT Bn	(1)
CO, 9th Marines	(1)	3d Tank Bn	(1)
1st MAW (G-2)	(1)	3d Engr Bn	(1)
1/9	(4)	FSCC	(1)
2/9	(4)	S-2	(1)
3/9	(4)	S-3	(1)
3/3	(4)	File	(4)
1/1	(4)		
3/1	(4)		
2/12	(6)		
1st AMTrac Bn	(1)		

CONFIDENTIAL1st Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 022000H, Company A CP vic (AT 955645) received est 500 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 958643). Marines returned 6000 rounds SA, 24 60mm, 59 81mm, 12 40mm, and 6 M72 rounds at the enemy position and the VC fled south. Marines searched the area with negative results. USMC casualties were 2 WIA. Med Evac. Enemy casualties were three WIA (FOSS) and one VCS.
2. At 022300H, Company D platoon CP vic (AT 959595) received SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 957595). Marines returned 7 rounds 81mm. Unknown results.
3. At 031010H, Company B platoon patrol vic (AT 950615) discovered a 60mm round with pressure type detonator. Marines destroyed the device in place.
4. At 031505H, Company D squad patrol vic (AT 948587) received est 15 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 948587). Patrol returned 80 rounds SA and two M-72 rounds. Marines searched area with negative results.
5. At 031610H, Battalion CP vic (AT 935574) received est 15 rounds SA fire from est three to four VC vic (AT 937573). Marines directed 12 rounds 105mm at the enemy position and the firing ceased. Marines searched area with negative results.



CONFIDENTIAL2d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 031335H, Company G platoon patrol vic (BT 024615) received est 100-150 rounds SA fire from est five to six VC vic (BT 026610). Marines returned 200 rounds SA and directed 72 rounds 105mm with unknown results.
2. At 031340H, Company H platoon patrol vic (BT 024624) received est seven rounds SA fire from est two VC vic (BT 026620). Patrol returned 19 rounds 81mm at the enemy position. Searched the area with negative results.
3. At 031700H, Company G on clearing operation vic (BT 022613) received 75-100 rounds SA fire from est five to 10 VC vic (BT 025615). Marines directed 75 rounds 105mm at the enemy position with unknown results.

CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 030945H, Company L Marine on platoon clearing operation vic (AT 908506) detonated a M-26 grenade rigged with trip wire resulting in two USMC WIA Med Evac.
2. At 031045H, Company L Marine on platoon clearing operation vic (AT 908506) detonated a M-26 grenade resulting in five USMC WIA Med Evac.
3. At 031515H, Company L CP vic (AT 918510) received est 10 rounds SA fire from est three VC vic (AT 916510). Marines returned 30 rounds SA, 12 60mm and directed six rounds 105mm at the enemy position and the VC fled west. Marines searched the area with negative results.
4. At 031600H, Company I platoon patrol vic (AT 886494) detonated a unknown type explosive device with pressure type detonator resulting in three USMC WIA Med Evac.

CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn, 1st Marines Operations Summary

1. At 030725H, Company L Marine on squad patrol vic (AT 969692) detonated a homemade 20mm explosive device with pressure type detonator. No casualties.
2. At 030845H, Company L squad on company clearing operation vic (AT 970689) discovered a M-26 grenade, rigged with trip wire, and one AP mine with pressure type fuse. Marines blew the device in place.
3. At 031355H, Company L platoon blocking position vic (AT 970689) discovered a home made mine with pressure type detonator. Destroyed device in place.

CONFIDENTIAL1st Bn, 1st Marines Operations Summary

1. At 031045H, Company B platoon patrol vic (BT 048649) discovered a 40mm explosive device in fence with trip wire. Destroyed in place.
2. At 031230H, Company B Marine on platoon patrol vic (BT 056650) detonated two grenades in punji pit rigged with trip wire resulting in three USMC WIA. Med Evac.
3. At 031215H, Company D platoon patrol vic (BT 105654) apprehended one VCS attempting to elude patrol. Suspect was evacuated to IPT for investigation.
4. At 031735H, Company C Marine at platoon patrol base vic (BT 046717) detonated a CHICOM grenade rigged with trip wire resulting in one USMC WIA. Med Evac.

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(3) Operations, 3d Bn, 9th Marines  
(4) Operations, 1st Bn, 1st Marines (omitted: no contact)  
(5) Operations, 3d Bn, 1st Marines (omitted: no contact)

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1) through (5) are forwarded.

a. Operational Highlights

(1) COUNTY FAIR (16) commenced at 040615H when four platoons of the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines moved into positions surrounding PHONG NHUT (2), (BT 035601) and elements of the 1st Battalion, 51st ARVN Regiment entered the hamlet. 150 villagers were gathered at the collection point for screening, but it was noted that many were left in their homes. U. S. Army advisors at the scene stated that the ARVN soldiers were reluctant to insist that the people go to the collection point and that almost any excuse to remain outside would serve. By the end of this reporting period COUNTY FAIR (16) had yielded one VC KIA and five VCC captured.

(2) COUNTY FAIR (17) began at 040500H when elements of 3/9 surrounded BEN DAU and THANH XUYEN Hamlets, (GS AT 8346, 8446, 8547), and DUC DUC District Popular Force units entered the hamlets. A U-10 psy-war aircraft and an I Corps audio-visual team were on hand to give directions to the villagers to assemble at the collection point. By mid day 1200 people were gathered for screening and census registration.

(3) A total of 16 VC were KIA(BC) during reporting period.

b. Plans for the next 24 hours:

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company A continues company clearing operation vic (AT 957628-956658); conducts a platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9663-9662-9459).

(b) Company B conducts platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9660-9560-9459).

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(c) Companies C and D conduct clearing operation in area bounded by (AT 950593) to (AT 950583), east along Route 14 to (AT 984583), north along river to (AT 985608), east along SONG LA THO to (AT 950593).

(2) 2d Bn. 9th Marines

(a) Company E conducts platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9963-BT 0063).

(b) Company F, upon completion COUNTY FAIR (16), conducts patrol and ambush activities vic (BT 0062-0063).

(c) Company G continues company clearing operation vic (BT 0161-0261).

(d) Company H conducts platoon clearing operation vic (BT 0263-0363); conducts company (-) clearing operation vic (BT 0461-0462-0561-0562).

(3) 3d Bn. 9th Marines

(a) Companies I and L retract from field to vic AN HOA operation base; conduct local patrols and ambushes to insure unit security.

(b) Company M continues COUNTY FAIR (17) in BEN DAU (1) and (2) (AT 8346-8446-8547); in conjunction with DUC DUC District PF and RF units and elements 2d Battalion, 51st ARVN Regiment.

(4) 3d Bn. 1st Marines

(a) Company I conducts USMC/RF platoon clearing operation vic (BT 0269-0270-0371-0471-0370-0369).

(b) Company K conducts platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9967-9968-BT 0069-0068).

(c) Company L conducts platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9767-9768-9769-9869-9969-9968-9867).

(5) 1st Bn. 1st Marines

(a) Company A provides security for 1st Marines CP, bridge and waterpoint vic (BT 073702); conducts patrols and ambushes.

(b) Company B provides platoon blocking force in conjunction with COUNTY FAIR (18) vic (BT 056600-056610); conducts a platoon clearing operation vic (BT 0365-0364-0465-0564-0664).

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(c) Company C conducts a platoon clearing operation  
vic (BT 0266-0267-0366-0367-0467).

c. Scout/Sniper


(1)	<u>No. of teams</u>	<u>No. employed</u>
1/9	0	0
2/9	2*	0
3/9	1	1
1/1	0	0
3/1	0	0

\* Weapons turned in for repair.

(2) No contact was achieved.

d. Boxscore:

<u>USMC</u>	<u>VC</u>
KIA-2	KIA(BC)-16
DOW - 2	KIA(POSS)-11
WIA - 19(16 Med Evac)	WIA(POSS)-18
	VCS-1

  
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2/12	(6)
1st Amtrac Bn	(1)
3d AT Bn	(1)
3d Tank Bn	(1)
3d Engr Bn	(1)
FSCG	(1)
S-2	(1)
S-3	(1)
File	(4)

CONFIDENTIAL1st Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 040640H, Company K/3/9 Marine on platoon patrol vic (AT 955683) detonated a M-26 hand grenade rigged with trip wire resulting in two USMC WIA. One Med Evac.
2. At 040955H, Company C Marine on platoon patrol vic (AT 939579) stepped in punji pit resulting in one USMC WIA. Not Med Evac.
3. At 041030H, Company K/3/9 platoon CP vic (AT 943683) discovered one VC KIA. Believed killed by own grenades while setting booby traps.
4. At 041340H, Company D Marine on platoon patrol vic (AT950590) detonated a M241 AP mine located on a four foot high dike causing a sympathetic detonation of two additional mines two feet away. Due to elevated position of mines, there was a large dispersion of fragments. At approximately same time another Marine 75 meters away detonated a M16A1 mine also located on a dike. Total USMC casualties were one KIA and seven WIA. Med Evac. Four VCS with the Marine patrol received fragments from the blast. One KIA, three WIA.
5. At 041550H, Company B squad patrol vic (AT 988614) received est six to eight rounds SA fire from est two VC vic (AT 986614). Patrol returned three rounds SA and five 40mm rounds. Marines searched the area; found one VN female with stomach wounds. Medical treatment was given but VN female died of wounds.
6. At 041720H, Company C Marine on platoon patrol vic (AT 943577) detonated a 105mm round rigged with firing device placed on or above ground resulting in seven USMC WIA. Five Med Evac. (Two DOW at 3d Med Bn). Interval between Marines was 20 meters.
7. At 041655H, Company C CP vic (AT 935574) received est 10 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 943570). Marines returned 60 rounds SA fire and three rounds 40mm at the enemy position and Marines searched the area with negative results.



CONFIDENTIAL2d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 032300H, Company G squad patrol vic (BT 011611) observed est 30 VC vic (BT 008609). Marines directed 24 rounds 81mm and 10 rounds 105mm at the enemy position with unknown results.
2. At 040615H, Company F Marine on company clearing operation vic (BT 033603) detonated a unknown explosive device with pressure type detonator resulting in one USMC KIA and two USMC WIA. Med Evac.
3. At 041615H, Company E squad patrol vic (AT 999620) received three rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 999627). Marines returned two rounds 40mm at the enemy positions. Marines searched area with negative results.

CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 040840H, Company L squad patrol vic (AT 921500) received est 30 rounds SA fire from est 10 VC vic (AT 971493). Patrol returned 50 rounds SA and directed 12 81mm rounds at the enemy position. Marines searched area and found blood and drag marks indicating enemy casualties were two KIA (POSS) and three WIA (POSS).
2. At 040915H, Recon OP vic (AT 935453) observed est 13 VC vic (AT 945440). Marines directed 38 105mm rounds at the enemy position. Enemy casualties were two KIA (BC), seven KIA (POSS) and four WIA (POSS).
3. At 040945H, Company M on clearing operation vic (AT 839460) received est 15-20 rounds SA fire from est three-four VC vic (AT 833456). Marines returned 125 rounds SA and five rounds 60mm at the enemy position. Marines searched the area with negative results.
4. At 041030H, Company L squad patrol vic (AT 903506) observed one VC at close range. Marines directed 20 rounds SA at the VC. Enemy casualties were one VC KIA (BC).
5. At 041115H, Company L platoon patrol, vic (AT 898491) apprehended one VCS attempting to elude patrol. Suspect was evacuated to Battalion S-2.
6. At 041150H, Recon OP vic (AT 935452) observed est five VC vic (AT 945440). Marines directed 14 rounds 105mm at the enemy position. Enemy casualties were three KIA (BC).
7. At 041420H, Recon OP vic (AT 935452) observed 10 VC vic (AT 945443). Marines directed artillery mission at the enemy position. Enemy casualties were nine KIA (BC) and one WIA (POSS).
8. At 041500H, Company L squad patrol vic (AT 918501) received est 20 rounds SA fire from est four VC vic (AT 917498). Patrol returned 50 rounds SA and two 3.5" rockets at the enemy position and the VC fled south. Marines pursued the VC by fire. USMC casualties were one WIA. Med Evac. Enemy casualties were two WIA(POSS).
9. At 041645H, Company M platoon patrol vic (AT 847469) received 10-15 rounds SA fire from est four to five VC vic (AT 845475). Patrol returned 75 rounds SA, two 3.5" rockets and directed two rounds 81mm at the enemy positions. Unknown results.
10. At 041650H, Company L fireteam OP vic (AT 903501) observed 15 VC vic (AT 919509). Marines directed 20 rounds 105mm at the enemy position. Enemy casualties were two KIA(POSS) and eight WIA(POSS).

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To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division

Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 156 as of 052400H June 1966

Ref: (a) Division Order 3100.1B

Encl: (1) Operations, 1st Bn, 9th Marines  
(2) Operations, 2d Bn, 9th Marines  
(3) Operations, 3d Bn, 9th Marines  
(4) Operations, 1st Bn, 1st Marines  
(5) Operations, 3d Bn, 1st Marines

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1) through (5) are forwarded.

a. Operational Highlights

(1) COUNTY FAIR (16) concluded in PHONG NHUT vic (BT 036601) at 050500H. The operation accounted for one VC KIA (BC) and five VCC captured.

(2) COUNTY FAIR (18) began at 050500H when elements of Company B/1/1, the 1st Bn of the 51st ARVN Regiment and the 39th Ranger Bn moved into positions surrounding QUANG LOC TAY (4) vic (BT 057594). Control of the villagers in the collection point was exceptionally weak. Vietnamese Information Service Personnel made only a half-hearted attempt at psychological warfare. By 051630H the collection point contained only 150 people. At the end of this reporting period screening and interrogation of the villagers assembled had yielded 9 VCC captured, one of whom was a platoon commander.

(3) COUNTY FAIR (17) concluded at 051715H in BEN DAU and THANH XUYEN hamlets vic (AT 8346-8446-8547) when elements of Company M 3/9 withdrew from the area. A Political Action Team from DUC DUC District Headquarters remained in the hamlets to observe 40 known VC sympathizers. If the conduct of the VC sympathizers is suspicious they will be evacuated to DUC DUC District Headquarters for interrogation.

b. Plans for the next 24 hours:

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Marines

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- (a) Company A conduct platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9863-9862).
- (b) Company B conducts company clearing operation vic (AT 9458-9457-9357).
- (c) Company C conducts platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9157); conducts a platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9257).
- (d) Company D conducts company clearing operation vic (AT 9659-9660-9760-9860).
- (e) Company K 3/9 conducts company clearing operation vic (AT 965664) to (AT 955625).

(2) 2d Bn. 9th Marines

- (a) Company E conducts company clearing operation vic (AT 9963) and (BT 0063).
- (b) Company F continues company clearing operation vic (BT 0260-0360). Terminates at about 061200H.
- (c) Company G conducts company clearing operation in area bounded by (BT 042621) south to (BT 050600) west to (BT 023600) and north along SONG THANH QUIT to (BT 042621).
- (d) Company H conducts company clearing operation vic (BT 0463-0563-0462-0562); at about 061200H provides one platoon for security of riverine reconnaissance of SONG VINH DIEN from vic (BT 056627) to (BT 057592).

(3) 3d Bn. 9th Marines

- (a) Companies I, L, and M maintain defensive positions vic AN HOA operating base (AT 8746); conduct local patrols and ambushes to insure unit security.

(4) 3d Bn. 1st Marines

- (a) Company I continues USMC/RF platoon clearing operation vic (BT 0171-0271-0371-0170-0270-0370-0269-0369-0267 and 0268).
- (b) Company L continues USMC/RF platoon clearing operation vic (BT 9668-9768-9667-9767); continues USMC/RF platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9666-9766-9667-9767).

(5) 1st Bn. 1st Marines

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(a) Company A provides security for 1st Marines CP, bridge and water point vic (BT 073702); conducts patrols and ambushes.

(b) Company B continues to provide platoon blocking force in conjunction with COUNTY FAIR (18) vic (BT 056600-056610); conducts platoon clearing operation vic (BT 0664-0562-0560-0563-0561).

(c) Company D conducts a platoon clearing operation vic (BT 0965-0966-1066-1065).

c. Scout/Sniper

(1)	<u>No. of teams</u>	<u>No. employed</u>
1/9	0	0
2/9	2*	0
3/9	1	1
1/1	0	0
3/1	0	0

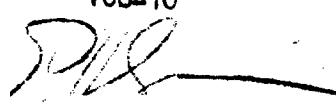
\* Weapons turned in for repair.

(2) No contact was achieved.

d. Boxscore:

USMC  
KIA-1  
WIA-24 (21 Med Evac)

VC  
KIA(BC)-14  
KIA(POSS)-4  
WIA(POSS)-7  
VCS-10

  
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CG, 3d MarDiv	(2)	3d Tank Bn	(1)
CO, 9th Marines	(1)	3d Engr Bn	(1)
1st MAW (G-2)	(1)	FSCC	(1)
1/9	(4)	S-2	(1)
2/9	(4)	S-3	(1)
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3/1	(4)		
2/12	(6)		
1st Amtrac Bn	(1)		
3d AT Bn	(1)		

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1. At 050645H, Company D Marine on company clearing operation vic (AT 986587) detonated unknown explosive device rigged with pressure type detonator resulting in one USMC WIA. Med Evac.
2. At 050840H, Company D Marine on company clearing operation vic (AT 963586) detonated unknown explosive device rigged with trip wire resulting in two USMC WIA. Med Evac.
3. At 051030H, Company D on clearing operation vic (AT 977595) received est two rounds SA fire from one VC vic (AT 978597). Marines returned one round 40mm at the enemy position. Marines searched the area with negative results. USMC casualty was one WIA. Med Evac.
4. At 051315H, Company C on clearing operation vic (AT 967597) received est seven rounds SA from est two VC vic (AT 968593). Marines returned 10 rounds SA and directed three rounds 60mm at the enemy position. Squad maneuvered to close with the VC and received six rounds SA fire from vic above coordinates. Marines searched the area with negative results. USMC casualty was one WIA. Med Evac.
5. At 051330H, Company C Marine on company clearing operation vic (AT 958598) detonated a M-26 hand grenade rigged with trip wire resulting in two USMC WIA. Med Evac.
6. At 051500H, Company C Marine on company clearing operation vic (AT 954593) detonated a 60mm or 81mm round rigged with trip wire resulting in one USMC WIA. Med Evac.
7. At 050945H, Company C, conducting company clearing operation vic (AT 963594), apprehended five VCS attempting to hide. Suspects were evacuated to DAI LOC District Headquarters for investigation.
8. At 051350H, Company C on clearing operation vic (AT 964593) received est 10-15 rounds SA fire from 2 VC vic (AT 963593). Marines returned 20 rounds SA and directed 60 rounds 60mm at the enemy position. Marines searched the area with negative results. USMC casualty was one WIA. Med Evac.
9. At 051955H, Company A platoon patrol base vic (AT 969643) received est 20 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 961647). Marines returned 15 rounds SA and directed 36 rounds 105mm at the enemy position. Unknown results.

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10. At 051740H, Company C, on clearing operation vic (AT 953594), received est 10 rounds SA fire from est seven VC vic (AT 940587). Marines directed 32 rounds 105mm at the enemy position. Marines searched area and found one VC KIA(BC). USMC sustained one WIA. Med Evac.

CONFIDENTIAL2d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 042015H, Company G CP vic (BT 020613) received est 15-20 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (BT 021609). Marines returned 10 rounds 60mm at the enemy position. Unknown results.
2. At 042020H, H&S Company CP vic (BT 009631) received est 40-50 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (BT 015624). Marines returned 12 rounds 81mm at the enemy position. Unknown results.
3. At 042300H, Company G squad patrol vic (BT 016613) received est 75 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (BT 016616). Patrol returned SA fire and directed two rounds 105mm at the enemy position. Unknown results.
4. At 050630H, Company G CP vic (BT 020613) received est 10-15 rounds SA fire from est three to four VC vic (BT 010615). Marines returned 50-75 rounds SA fire and directed 21 rounds 81mm at the enemy position. Marines searched area with negative results.
5. At 051210H, attached engineers conducting road sweep vic (AT 999633) discovered two home made mines rigged with pressure detonator. Destroyed devices in place.
6. At 051440H, Company F on company clearing operation vic (BT 033599) discovered three CHICOM grenades rigged with trip wires vic above coordinates. Grenades destroyed in place.
7. At 051800H, Company E platoon patrol vic (BT 002632) received est 50 rounds SA fire from est two VC vic (BT 002632). Marines returned 100 rounds SA and directed 38 rounds 81mm and 24 rounds 105mm at the enemy position. Marines searched the area with negative results. Sustained one WIA. Not Med Evac.
8. At 051840H, Company F squad patrol vic (BT 034638) received est 50-75 rounds SA fire from est three to four VC vic (BT 034637). Marines returned 15 rounds SA at the enemy position. Unknown results.



CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 050850H, Recon OP vic (AT 938460) observed six VC vic (AT 946450). Marines directed 20 rounds 105mm at the enemy position and the VC fled south. Enemy casualties were one KIA(BC) and two WIA(POSS).
2. At 051120H, Recon OP vic (AT 938460) observed est 15 VC vic (AT 946450). Marines directed 26 rounds 105mm at the enemy position and the VC fled south. Enemy casualties were one KIA(BC), four KIA(POSS) and three WIA(POSS).
3. At 051410H, Recon OP vic (AT 938460) observed five VC vic (AT 952443). Marines directed eight rounds 105mm at the enemy position and the VC fled south. One KIA (BC).
4. At 051705H, Recon OP vic (AT 938460) observed three VC vic (AT 947455). Directed six rounds 105mm at the enemy position. Negative results.

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1. At 041930H, Company C platoon patrol vic (BT 054677) received six rounds SA fire from two VC vic (BT 054674). Patrol returned 50 rounds SA fire at the enemy position and the VC fled. Marines searched the area. Found blood stains indicating enemy casualties were one VC WIA(POSS).
2. At 042205H, Company B platoon patrol vic (BT 085599) received est 30 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (BT 086606). Marines returned 200 rounds SA fire. Unknown results. USMC casualties were one WIA. Not Med Evac.
3. At 050640H, Company B platoon patrol vic (BT 056647) discovered a M-26 hand grenade rigged with trip wire. Marines destroyed the device in place.
4. At 050745H, Company C platoon patrol vic (BT 031665) received est 50 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (BT 033673). Marines returned 100 rounds SA fire at the enemy position and the VC fled. Marines searched the area with negative results.
5. At 050830H, Company C Marine on platoon patrol vic (BT 029671) detonated a concussion grenade rigged with trip wire resulting in two USMC WIA. Med Evac.
6. At 050940H, Company D squad patrol vic (BT 102650) received heavy volume SA fire from est five to ten VC vic (BT 105648). Squad returned fire with all organic weapons and directed artillery mission on VC location. A squad was dispatched from vic company CP (BT 092654) to reinforce the squad. AO on station directed 96 rounds 105mm at est 15-20 VC vic (BT 102646-105648-102647) resulting in 10 VC KIA (BC). The Marines pursued the VC but were unable to reestablish contact. Patrol returned to company CP at about 051630H. USMC casualties were three WIA. Two Med Evac.
7. At 051920H, Company A platoon patrol base vic (BT 084697) received est 150-200 rounds SA fire from est 15-20 VC vic (BT 081702) and (BT 085691). Marines returned 200 rounds SA at the enemy position. Marines searched area finding one VC KIA(BC) and blood stains indicating one VC WIA(POSS).
8. At 052015H, Company D CP vic (BT 089654) received est 50-60 rounds SA fire and three rounds 60mm from est 15-20 VC vic (BT 086655) and (BT 086655). Marines returned heavy volume SA and 60mm fire. Unknown results.

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9. At 051825H, 1st Battalion Command Group with three ontos vic (BT 072622) received heavy volume SA fire from est 15-20 VC. The Command Group and ontos returned heavy volume SA and 12 rounds 106mm. A reserve platoon reinforced the Command Group. At about 051840H the reserve platoon vic (BT 067614) received SA fire from unknown VC force vic (BT 068617). Platoon returned SA fire and continued toward the Command Group and effected juncture vic (BT 072622). VC broke contact fleeing southwest. Marines pursued, but were unable to regain contact. The Command Group, ontos and reserve platoon commenced returning to Battalion CP at approximately 051945H. Ontos detonated an unknown type explosive device vic (BT 072633) resulting in four USMC WIA. Ontos sustained moderate damage. VC casualties unknown.

CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn. 1st Marines Operations Summary

1. At 042320H, Company L platoon conducting bridge security vic (AT 963660) received est 30-40 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 964663). Marines returned 50 rounds SA fire with unknown results.
2. At 051155H, Company L Marine on squad patrol vic (AT 987687) detonated an unknown explosive device (est 10 lbs TNT) while searching pagoda vic above coordinates. Blast from explosive device caused sympathetic detonation of one M-26 grenade and one WP grenade Marine was carrying in grenade pouch. USMC casualties were one USMC KIA and three USMC WIA. Med Evac.
3. At 051200H, Company L platoon patrol vic (AT 968674) apprehended five VCS. Improper identification. Suspects were evacuated to (Battalion S-2)

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From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
 Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 157 as of 062400H June 1966  
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 (4) Operations, 1st Bn, 1st Marines  
 (5) Operations, 3d Bn, 1st Marines (Omitted: no contacts)

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1) through (5) are forwarded.

a. Operational Highlights. COUNTY FAIR (18) concluded at 061200H in QUANG LOC TAY (4) vic (BT 057594). Final results were nine VCC captured.

b. Plans for the next 24 hours

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company A conducts platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9564-9664-9563-9663); conducts a platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9460-9560).

(b) Company B conducts platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9458); conducts a platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9559-9558).

(c) Company C conducts platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9157); conducts a platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9257).

(d) Company D conducts platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9759); conducts a platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9758-9858).

(e) Company K/3/9 conducts platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9569-9669); conducts a platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9464-9564).

CONFIDENTIAL(2) 2d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company E conducts a platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9963-BT 0063).

(b) Company G conducts a company clearing operation in area bounded by (BT 042621) south to (BT 050600) west to (BT 023600) and north along SONG THANH QUIT to (BT 042621).

(c) Company H conducts a platoon clearing operation vic (BT 0364-0363-0463); continues to provide one platoon for security of riverine reconnaissance vic (BT 058592) to (BT 032648).

(3) 3d Bn, 9th Marines. Companies I, L and M maintain defensive positions vic AN HOA Operating Base (AT 8746); establishes three platoon patrol bases vic (AT 900481), (AT 874456) and (AT 876498); conducts local patrols and ambushes.

(4) 1st Bn, 1st Marines

(a) Company A provides security for 1st Marines CP and water point vic (BT 073702).

(b) Company B establishes blocking positions vic (BT 098645-093637-112627) in conjunction with Company D clearing operation.

(c) Company D conducts a clearing operation vic (BT 1064-1164-0963-1063-1163-1263).

(5) 3d Bn, 1st Marines

(a) Company I conducts a USMC/RF platoon clearing operation vic (BT 0171-0271-0371-0471-0370-0270-0269-0369-0268).

(b) Company K conducts a USMC/RF platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9968-9969-BT 0069-0068-0170-0169-0168).

(c) Company L conducts a USMC/RF platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9669-9769-9869-9868-9768-9668).

c. Scout/Sniper Teams

(1)	<u>No. of teams</u>	<u>No. employed</u>
1/9	1	1
2/9	0	0
3/9	1	1
1/1	0	0
3/1	0	0

(2) No contact was achieved.

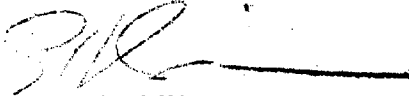
d. BoxscoreUSMC

WIA - 4( 3 Med Evac)

VC

KIA - 3 (BC)

KIA - 3 (POSS)

  
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1st AMTrac Bn	(1)
3d AT Bn	(1)
3d Tank Bn	(1)
3d Engr Bn	(1)
FSCC	(1)
S-2	(1)
S-3	(1)
File	(4)

CONFIDENTIAL1st Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 052310H, Company A platoon patrol base vic (AT 962693) observed est two VC vic (AT 962692). Marines directed 12 rounds SA at the enemy position. Unknown results.
2. At 061030H, Company C platoon on clearing operation vic (AT 930575) received SA fire from est 10 VC vic (AT 932574). Marines returned 250 rounds SA at enemy position and assaulted the VC position. VC fled south. Marines searched the area. Found blood pools indicating three VC KIA (POSS).
3. At 061105H, Company B squad patrol vic (AT 951593) discovered a M-16A1 mine with trip wire. Destroyed in place.
4. At 061110H, Company D platoon on clearing operation vic (AT 983602) received est nine rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 984602). Marines returned 12 rounds SA, two 40mm, one M72 and three 3.5" rockets at the enemy position. Unknown results.
5. At 061135H, Company K/3/9 Marine on platoon clearing operation vic (AT 951642) detonated a M-26 hand grenade rigged with trip wire resulting in one USMC WIA. Med Evac.
6. At 061200H, Company D platoon on clearing operation vic (AT 978604) received est 20-25 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 978599). Marines returned 20 rounds SA fire at the enemy position. Marines searched the area with negative results. One USMC WIA. Med Evac.
7. At 061515H, Company D platoon on clearing operation vic (AT 962592) received est 10-15 rounds SA fire from est three VC vic (AT 960590). Marines returned 100 SA, 10 40mm and two M72 rounds. Marines searched the area with negative results. One USMC WIA. Not Med Evac.
8. At 061540H, Company B CP vic (AT 953590) received est 50-60 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 941587-943591). Marines returned 100 rounds SA and two 3.5" rockets at the enemy position. Marines searched the area with negative results.
9. At 061600H, Company D platoon on clearing operation vic (AT 977578) received SA fire from est six VC vic (AT 979597) and (AT 980579). Marines returned 100 rounds SA and nine 81mm rounds at the enemy position. Marines searched the area with negative results.



CONFIDENTIAL2d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 052245H, Company F CP vic (BT 036601) received moderate volume SA fire from est 10 VC vic (BT 036602). Marines returned SA fire at the enemy position. Marines searched the area and found two VC KIA(BC).
2. At 061600H, Company G on clearing operation vic (BT 038608) received seven to ten rounds SA fire from est two VC vic (BT 032605). Marines returned 10 rounds SA fire at the enemy position. Marines searched the area. Found and destroyed one M-16A1 mine vic (BT 038607).
3. At 062135H, Battalion CP (BT 014628) received six rounds 60mm mortar fire from suspected VC locations vic (BT 006625-007615-015615). Marines directed 55 rounds 81mm and 12 rounds 105mm at suspected VC mortar locations. Unknown results. No USMC casualties.

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3d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 061257H, Recon OP vic (AT 938460) observed eight VC on trail vic (AT 061257). Marines directed eight rounds 105mm at VC location. One VC KIA(BC).

CONFIDENTIAL1st Bn, 1st Marines Operations Summary

1. At 060810H, Company B Marine on platoon patrol vic (BT 057638) detonated a M-26 hand grenade rigged with trip wire resulting in one USMC WIA. Med Evac.
2. At 052315H, Company D platoon patrol base vic (BT 076625) received SA fire from unknown number VC vic (BT 073625). Patrol did not return any fire since the exact location of VC could not be determined.
3. At 060830H, Company D platoon patrol vic (BT 075626) received est 10-15 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (BT 073625). Patrol returned SA fire at the enemy position. Marines searched the area with negative results.
4. At 061125H, Company B CP vic (BT 058610) received est 30-40 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (BT 062616). Marines returned 50 rounds SA and 26 rounds 60mm at the enemy position. Marines searched the area with negative results.
5. At 061740H, Company D Marine on platoon patrol vic (BT 083690) detonated a CHICOM hand grenade rigged with tripwire. No casualties.

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Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 150 as of 072400H June 1966

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 (5) Operations, 1st Bn, 1st Marines

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1) through (5) are forwarded.

a. Operational Highlights. None

b. Plans for the next 24 hours

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company A conducts a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9762-9763-0764-9765).

(b) Company B attacks and seizes objective W-2 vic (AT 935575).

(c) Company C attacks and seizes objective W-1 vic (AT 925573).

(d) Company D attacks and seizes objective W-3 vic (AT 962576).

(e) Company K/3/9 conducts a platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9463); conducts a platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9468-9568).

CONFIDENTIAL(2) 2d Bn. 9th Marines

(a) Company E conducts a platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9963-BT 0063).

(b) Company F maintained as Regimental Reserve/Bald Eagle Company vic (BT 015628).

(c) Company G attacks and seizes objective C-1 vic (BT 025604).

(3) 3d Bn. 9th Marines

(a) Companies I, L and M maintain defensive position vic AN HOA (AT 9746); establishes platoon patrol bases vic (AT 866488), (AT 874457) and (AT 900482); conducts local patrols and ambushes.

(4) 3d Bn. 1st Marines

(a) Company K conducts a USMC/RF clearing operation vic (AT 9967-9968-BT 0067-0167-0168).

(b) Company L conducts a USMC/RF  $\frac{1}{2}$  platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9665-9666-9667-9767-9766-9765); conducts a USMC/RF platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9668-9768-9868-9968); conducts a USMC/RF platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9768-9668-9868-9769-9669).

(5) 1st Bn. 1st Marines

(a) Company A provides security for 1st Marines CP and waterpoint vic (BT 073702).

(b) Company B attacks and seizes objective E-1 vic (BT 063627).

(c) Company D attacks and seizes objective E-2 vic (BT 110650).

c. Scout/Sniper Teams

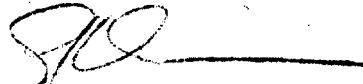
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1/9	1	1
2/9	0	0
3/9	1	1
1/1	0	0
3/1	0	0

(2) No contact was achieved.

CONFIDENTIALd. Boxscore

USMC  
WIA-9 (8 Med Evac)

VC  
KIA(BC)-4  
KIA(POSS)-1  
WIA(POSS)-4  
VCS-5



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CO, 9th Marines	(1)
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1/1	(4)
3/1	(4)
2/12	(6)
1st Amtrac Bn	(1)
3d AT Bn	(1)
3d Tank Bn	(1)
3d Engr Bn	(1)
FSCC	(1)
S-2	(1)
S-3	(1)
File	(4)

CONFIDENTIAL1st Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 062100H, Company K/3/9 squad patrol vic (AT 956666) observed one VC at close range. Patrol directed 25 rounds SA at the VC. Marines searched the area. Found one VC KIA(BC).
2. At 070845H, Company B Marine on platoon clearing operation vic (AT 945588) detonated an unknown type explosive device rigged in side suitcase found in bunker resulting in three USMC WIA. Med Evac.
3. At 070940H, Company B platoon clearing operation vic (AT 952589) received SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 952589). Marines returned SA fire and directed 15 rounds 105mm at the enemy position. Marines sustained one WIA when VT fuze prematurely exploded. Med Evac. VC casualties unknown.
4. At 071020H, Company B on clearing operation vic (AT 952589) received est 100-150 rounds SA fire from est five to six VC vic (AT 958593). Marines and helicopter returned 200 rounds SA, 15 60mm, 22 81mm, three 3.5" rockets and eight air to ground rockets at the enemy position and the VC fled. Marines searched the area with negative results. USMC casualties were one WIA. Med Evac.
5. At 071050H, Company A platoon patrol vic (AT 946607) received est 30 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 948605). Marines returned 100 rounds SA and directed 22 rounds 105mm at the enemy position. Searched the area. Found one VC KIA(BC).
6. At 071105H, Company C platoon on clearing operation vic (AT 923573) apprehended one VCS attempting to hide. Suspect was evacuated to DAI LOC District Headquarters.
7. At 071400H, Company B platoon on clearing operation vic (AT 955587) apprehended one wounded VCS hiding in family bunker. Suspect evacuated to USOM Hospital.
8. At 071425H, Company C platoon on clearing operation vic (AT 945585) discovered a 40mm round and a M-26 hand grenade rigged with trip wire. Destroyed in place.
9. At 071555H, Company A platoon patrol vic (AT 958604) received est 20 rounds SA fire from two VC vic (AT 958604). Marines returned 70 rounds SA fire and one round 40mm at the enemy position. Searched the area with negative results.
10. At 071625H, Company B platoon on clearing operation vic (AT 951593) discovered a 81mm round rigged with pressure type firing device. Destroyed in place.

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11. At 071810H, Company C platoon patrol base vic (AT 928566) received SA fire from est four to five VC vic (AT 928563). Marines returned SA fire. and assaulted position. Enemy casualties were one VC KIA(BC), three WIA(POSS). Three VCS were apprehended near enemy location.

12. At 072050H, Company D, platoon patrol base vic (AT 970600) received heavy SA fire from est four VC on both sides of trail vic (AT 969600). Marines returned 200 rounds SA and eight 40mm rounds at the enemy position. Marines searched area with negative results.



CONFIDENTIAL2d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 070900H, Company G platoon patrol vic (BT 028600) received est 15 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (BT 027599). Marines returned 30 rounds SA at the enemy position and searched area with negative results.

CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 061915H, Recon OP vic (BT 005499) received heavy SA fire and one rifle grenade from est 15 VC vic (BT 006505). Recon OP also observed 25 to 35 VC vic (BT 010497) and 15 to 20 VC vic (BT 000504). Arty support was requested and a total of 22 rounds 155mm were directed at enemy positions. Marines were extracted by helicopter at 062055H.

2. At 062055H, Recon OP vic (BT 005499) received heavy SA fire and one rifle grenade from est 15 VC vic (BT 006505). Recon OP also observed 25 to 35 VC vic (BT 010497) and 15 to 20 VC vic (BT 000504). Arty support was requested and a total of 22 rounds 155mm were directed at enemy positions. Marines were extracted by helicopter at 062055H.

3. At 062055H, Recon OP vic (BT 005499) received heavy SA fire and one rifle grenade from est 15 VC vic (BT 006505). Recon OP also observed 25 to 35 VC vic (BT 010497) and 15 to 20 VC vic (BT 000504). Arty support was requested and a total of 22 rounds 155mm were directed at enemy positions. Marines were extracted by helicopter at 062055H.

4. At 062055H, Recon OP vic (BT 005499) received heavy SA fire and one rifle grenade from est 15 VC vic (BT 006505). Recon OP also observed 25 to 35 VC vic (BT 010497) and 15 to 20 VC vic (BT 000504). Arty support was requested and a total of 22 rounds 155mm were directed at enemy positions. Marines were extracted by helicopter at 062055H.

CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn. 1st Marines Operations Summary

1. At 062100H, Company L platoon CP vic (AT 968661) received est five rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 967664). Marines returned 20 rounds SA and two 3.5" rockets at the enemy position. Negative results.
2. At 071820H, Company M platoon patrol vic (BT 084647) discovered a shotgun shell rigged with pressure type firing device. Marines destroyed the device in place.
3. At 071855H, Company I CP vic (BT 038695) received est three rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (BT 032694). Marines returned ten rounds SA and one 3.5" rocket at the enemy position. Results unknown.

CONFIDENTIAL1st Bn. 1st Marines Operations Summary

1. At 070515H, Company D platoon blocking position vic (BT 127623) observed one VC at close range. Marines directed SA fire at the VC. One VC KIA(BC).
2. At 070840H, Company B on company clearing operation vic (BT 104650) observed three VC vic (BT 098648). Marines directed SA and 90mm fire at the VC resulting in one VC KIA(POSS) and one VC WIA(POSS).
3. At 070855H, Company D Marine on company clearing operation vic (BT 114632) detonated a CHICOM hand grenade rigged with trip wire resulting in one USMC WIA. Med Evac.
4. At 070910H, Company D Marine on squad patrol vic (BT 111630) stepped on punji stake resulting in one USMC WIA. Med Evac.
5. At 071020H, Company B platoon on clearing operation vic (BT 098641) discovered a M-26 hand grenade rigged with trip wire, six 40mm rounds buried nose up and one 81mm buried in ground with pressure type firing device. Destroyed in place.
6. At 071606H, Company C Marines on platoon patrol vic (BT 045685) detonated two concussion type explosive devices rigged with one trip wire resulting in two USMC WIA. One Med Evac.

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9th Marines  
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
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8 June 1966

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

Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 159 as of 082400H June 1966

Ref: (a) Division Order 3100.1B

Encl: (1) Operations, 1st Bn, 9th Marines  
(2) Operations, 2d Bn, 9th Marines  
(3) Operations, 3d Bn, 9th Marines  
(4) Operations, 3d Bn, 1st Marines  
(5) Operations, 1st Bn, 1st Marines

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1) through (5) are forwarded.

a. Operational Highlights. None

b. Plans for the next 24 hours

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company A conducts a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9560-9460-9461). Conducts a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9761-9861).

(b) Company B attacks and seizes objective W-03 vic (AT 961595).

(c) Company C attacks and seizes objective W-06 vic (AT 965587).

(d) Company D attacks and seizes objective W-01 vic (AT 978606).

(e) Company K/3/9 when relieved in place moves overland and establishes mobile base vic (9662); conducts platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9664); conducts platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9762).

CONFIDENTIAL(2) 2d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company E continues a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9963-BT 0063).

(b) Company F remains as Regimental Reserve/BALD EAGLE Company vic (BT 015628).

(c) Company G continues the attack to seize objective C-3 vic (BT 030610).

(d) Company H conducts a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (BT 0263-0264).

(3) 3d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company I maintains defensive positions vic AN HOA operating area (AT 8746); establishes platoon patrol base vic (AT 8749); conducts local patrols and ambushes.

(b) Company L maintains defensive positions vic AN HOA operation (AT 8746); establishes platoon patrol base vic (AT 9047); conducts local patrols and ambushes.

(c) Company M retracts from AN HOA operating area to LZ Crawdad (BT 018628) via helicopter; Chop OPCON to 2/9 at about 090800H.

(4) 3d Bn, 1st Marines

(a) Company L conducts a USMC/RF company clearing operation vic (AT 9668-9667-9767-9666-9766).

(5) 1st Bn, 1st Marines

(a) Company B continues the attack to seize objective E-1 vic (BT 063627).

(b) Company C continues the attack to seize objective E-2 vic (BT 075645).

(c) Company D continues the attack to seize objective E-3 vic (BT 110650)

(d) Company M conducts platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (BT 0471-0470-0570). Provides security for bridge and water point vic (BT 073702) and 1st Marines CP.

c. Scout/Sniper Teams

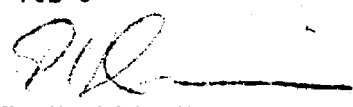
	(1) <u>No of teams</u>	<u>No. employed</u>
1/9	1	1
2/9	0	0
3/9	1	1
1/1	0	0
3/1	0	0

(2) No contact was achieved.

d. Boxscore

USMC  
WIA-9 (Med Evac)

VC  
KIA(BC)-2  
KIA(POSS)-12  
WIA(POSS)-3  
VCS-6

  
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3/1	(4)
2/12	(6)
1st Amtrac Bn	(1)
3d AT Bn	(1)
3d Tank Bn	(1)
3d Engr Bn	(1)
FSCC	(1)
S-2	(1)
S-3	(1)
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CONFIDENTIAL1st Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 072145H, Company D squad LP vic (AT 975609) received est 30 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 978609). Marines returned 55 rounds SA at the enemy position. Unknown results. Marines relocated LP.
2. At 072200H, Company C platoon patrol base vic (AT 928566) received four rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 927564). Marines returned 10 to 15 rounds SA fire at the enemy position. Unknown results.
3. At 072340H, Company B Marine on squad patrol vic (AT 939588) detonated a 105mm round rigged with pressure type detonator resulting in six USMC WIA. Med Evac.
4. At 080500H, Company A OP vic (AT 979623) utilizing Xenon light observed one VC vic (AT 784628). Marines and tank fired 200 rounds SA at the enemy and the VC fled. Marines searched the area with negative results.
5. At 081145H, Company B vic (AT 943588) apprehended one female VCS. No identification and attempting to agitate crowd of VN against Marines. Suspect was evacuated to ITT.
6. At 081150H, Company C on clearing operation vic (AT 930579) received est four rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 934578). Marines returned 30 rounds SA at the enemy position. Unknown results.
7. At 081150H, Company D Marine on platoon clearing operation vic (AT 977598) detonated a M16A1 rigged with pressure type detonator resulting in three USMC WIA. Med Evac. At 081155 platoon received est 25 rounds SA fire from unknown number of VC vic (AT 974595) Marines returned SA fire, 18 40mm rounds and 12 60mm. Searched area with negative results.
8. At 081340H, Company C Marines at Company CP vic (AT 922579) observed one male VCS vic above coordinates. Marines challenged and fired five rounds SA when VCS ran. Suspect was wounded in foot. Evacuated to Bn S-2 for interrogation.
9. At 081610H, Company B platoon patrol base vic (AT 944587) observed five VC firing at resupply helicopters vic (AT 944587). Marines directed 50 rounds SA and two 3.5 rocket rounds. Marines saw two VC fall as if hit by rocket rounds and three VC fall from SA fire. Checked area and found charred flesh and pools of blood. Enemy casualties were two KIA (POSS) and three WIA (POSS).



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10. At 081730H, Company B fire team patrol, vic (AT 948584) apprehended one male VCS for attempting to elude patrol. Suspect was evacuated to Battalion S-2.

CONFIDENTIAL2d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 080105H, Company F squad ambush vic (BT 016618) observed est 20-25 VC vic (BT 016617). Marines fired 400 rounds SA, four M26 grenades, four 40mm and directed 33 rounds 81mm at the enemy position. Marines searched the area and found blood pools indicating 10 VC KIA (POSS).

2. At 081845H, Company G platoon patrol base vic (BT 038609) received SA fire from unknown number VC vic (BT 038606). Marines returned SA fire at the enemy position. Marines searched the area and found two VC KIA (BC) and apprehended two VCS. Evac to Bn S-2.

CONFIDENTIAL     3d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 081940H, Company L squad OP vic (AT 888470) apprehended one male VCS. Suspect had been observing OP and attempted to hide from Marines. Suspect was evacuated to Battalion S-2.

CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn. 1st Marines Operations Summary

1. At 081030H, Company I CP vic (BT 032695) received est 12-15 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (BT 038695). No action taken as VC position could not be pinpointed.

CONFIDENTIAL1st Bn, 1st Marines Operations Summary

1. At 080820H, Company M platoon patrol vic (BT 084697) discovered a CHICOM grenade with pressure type fuse. Destroyed in place.
2. At 081020H, Company C platoon patrol vic (BT 045682) received est 40 rounds SA fire from (BT 049685-045684). Patrol returned SA fire at the enemy position and searched area with negative results.

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

Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 160 as of 092400H June 1966

Ref: (a) Division Order 3100.1B

Encl: (1) Operations, 1st Bn, 9th Marines  
(2) Operations, 2d Bn, 9th Marines  
(3) Operations, 3d Bn, 9th Marines  
(4) Operations, 3d Bn, 1st Marines (Omitted: no contacts).  
(5) Operations, 1st Bn, 1st Marines

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1) through (5) are forwarded.

a. Operational Highlights

(1) At 090800H, 3d Marines assumed responsibility for that portion of 9th Marines zone of action west of SONG YEN and northwest of SONG VU GHIA.

(2) 2d Bn, 9th Marines assumed OPCON Company M, 3d Bn, 9th Marines at 090800H.

b. Plans for the next 24 hours:

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company A conducts a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9660-9560-9459-9460).

(b) Company B attacks and seizes company objective W-04 vic (AT 953590).

(c) Company C attacks and seizes company objective W-05 vic (AT 942588).

(d) Company D attacks and seizes company objective W-02 vic (AT 973598).

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(e) Company K/3/9 conducts a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9862-9863).

(2) 2d Bn. 9th Marines

(a) Company E conducts company clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (BT 0161).

(b) Company F conducts company clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9861-9961).

(c) Company H continues attack to seize objective C-3 vic (BT 030610).

(d) Company G assumes mission of Regimental Reserve/ Bald Eagle at 101000H.

(3) 3d Bn. 9th Marines

(a) Company I maintains defensive positions vic AN HOA operating area (AT 8746); establishes platoon patrol base vic (AT 8749); conducts patrols and ambushes.

(b) Company L maintains defensive positions vic AN HOA operating area (AT 8746); establishes platoon patrol base vic (AT 9047); conducts patrols and ambushes.

(4) 3d Bn. 1st Marines. Company L conducts four USMC/RF platoon security patrols in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9868-9867-9766-9767-9768-9665-9666-9668-9669-9769-9869-9968).

(5) 1st Bn. 1st Marines

(a) Company A conducts a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (BT 0369-0469-0368).

(b) Company B continues the attack to seize company objective E-1 vic (BT 063627).

(c) Company C attacks and seizes company objective E-4 vic (BT 071629) and E-5 vic (BT 079635).

(d) Company D continues attack to seize company objective E-3 vic (BT 110650); attacks and seizes company objective E-9 vic (BT 095643).

(e) Company M/3/9 conducts a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (BT 0471-0470-0472).

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(1)	<u>No. of teams</u>	<u>No. employed</u>
1/9	1	1
2/9	0	0
3/9	1	1
7/1	0	0
1/1	0	0

(2) No contact was achieved.

d. Boxscore

USMC  
WIA - 4(Two Med Evac)

VC  
KIA - 5(BC)  
KIA - 2(POSS)  
WIA - 10(POSS)

  
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FSCC	(1)
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CONFIDENTIAL1st Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 082045H, Company B vic (AT 953587) received est 150 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 949581). Marines returned 150 rounds SA, nine 60mm, eight 81mm and directed 326 105mm in vic (AT 952580). Marines searched village; villagers stated that five VC were wounded. Five VC WIA (POSS).
2. At 082315H, Company D vic (AT 971593) received est six rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 976587). Marines returned four rounds 60mm at the enemy position and firing ceased.
3. At 090605H, Company A platoon patrol vic (AT 970644) observed one VC with weapon running vic (AT 970642). Marines fired 10 rounds SA fire and pursued VC into village where contact was lost. Killed one VN female with SA fire.
4. At 091445H, Company A Marine on platoon patrol vic (AT 951607) detonated an unknown type explosive device resulting in one USMC WIA. Med Evac.
5. At 091530H, Company A platoon patrol vic (AT 978616) received est 30 rounds SA fire from est three VC vic (AT 984618). Marines returned 200 rounds SA at the enemy position. Marines searched the area and found one VN male with gunshot wounds, who was treated and released.
6. At 091615H, Company B squad patrol vic (AT 952582) observed unknown number of VC vic (AT 954584) firing SA rounds at resupply helicopter. Marines fired one M-72 at VC position and searched area. Found parts of bodies and pool of blood. Enemy casualties: one VC KIA (BC). One WIA (POSS).
7. At 091645H, Company A Marine on platoon patrol vic (AT 946606) stepped in punji trap. Marine was treated at scene and continued patrol.
8. At 091845H, Company A platoon patrol base vic (AT 944608) received est 50 to 60 SA and two 60mm rounds from unknown number VC vic (AT 945606). Marines returned 350 rounds SA eight 40mm one M72 and one 3.5" rocket at enemy position. Marines searched the area and found one VC KIA (BC).
9. At 091830H, Company B vic (AT 955591) received est six rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 953580). Marines returned six rounds 81mm at the enemy position and searched the area with negative results.
10. At 092045H, Company A platoon CP vic (AT 944608) received est 70 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 942613). Marines returned 20 rounds SA, three rounds 40mm and directed 38 105mm rounds at the enemy position.
11. At 092020H, Company A vic (AT 944608) received est 50 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 954606). Marines returned 40 rounds SA and 20 81mm rounds at the enemy position. Marines will check area at first light.

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CONFIDENTIAL2d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 090810H, Company G platoon patrol vic (BT 035605) received est 50-75 rounds SA fire from est three VC vic (BT 032602). Marines returned 60 rounds SA and two 3.5" rockets at the enemy position. Marines searched the area with negative results.

2. At 091145H, Company G platoon patrol vic (BT 026598) discovered a M16A1. Engineers disarmed the device and evacuated it to Bn S-2.

CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 090827H, Recon OP observed four VC vic (AT 946455). Directed 12 rounds 105mm. Two VC KIA (POSS).
2. At 091927H, Recon OP vic (AT 942460) observed seven VC vic (AT 947456). Marines directed 18 rounds 105mm, searched area and found three VC KIA (BC), four WIA (POSS).

CONFIDENTIAL1st Bn, 1st Marines Operations Summary

1. At 082130H, Company D vic (BT 105655) saw five VC approaching their lines. Marines commenced firing with 30 rounds SA fire and one M-26 hand grenade. VC returned SA fire and one grenade resulting in two USMC WIA. Med Evac.
2. At 091038H, Company B platoon patrol vic (BT 055634) received est 20 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (BT 054638). Marines returned 80 rounds SA and five 40mm rounds. River prevented a physical pursuit.
3. At 091920H, Bn CP vic (BT 074657) received est 50 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (BT 071652). Marines returned 30 rounds SA and four 40mm rounds at the enemy position. Results unknown.
4. At 092019H, a Company D platoon vic (BT 114648) reported receiving two rounds 40mm or 60mm from unknown number VC vic (BT 117641). Marines directed artillery fire on suspected VC position with unknown results. No casualties.

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10 June 1966

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To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division

Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 161 as of 102400H June 1966

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(3) Operations, 3d Bn, 9th Marines  
(4) Operations, 3d Bn, 1st Marines  
(5) Operations, 1st Bn, 1st Marines

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1) through (5) are forwarded.

a. Operational Highlights

(1) The 1st Battalion, 51st ARVN Regiment, with two companies, deployed into the east flank battalion area in the 9th Marines zone of action at 101400H and established the battalion CP vic (BT 055714). The battalion will conduct clearing operations in the semi-cleared area on the northeastern portion of 1st Bn, 1st Marines zone of action for approximately 10 days following which it will conduct COUNTY FAIR operations in conjunction with 1st Bn, 1st Marines.

(2) The 4th Battalion, 51st ARVN Regiment deployed into regimental rear area battalions sector of the 9th Marines zone of action and established its CP vic (BT 023654). Two of its companies are located vic (BT 024691) and (BT 019660). The battalion will conduct combined clearing operations with 3d Bn 1st Marines.

b. Plans for the next 24 hours

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company A conducts a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9660-9560-9460).

(b) Company B attacks and seizes company objective W-08 vic (AT 960586).

(c) Company C attacks and seizes company objective W-07 vci (AT 942583).

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(d) Company D attacks and seizes company objective W-010 vic (AT 984590).

(e) Company K/3/9 conducts a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9663).

(2) 2d Bn, 9th Marines. Commencing 110530H, 2d Bn attacks and seizes battalion objective C-1 vic (AT 9860-9960-9859-9860-BT 0059-0060); four rifle companies will participate in the assault; Company E moves to vic (BT 002610-013606) prepared to establish blocking positions and/or attack in a southwesterly direction; Company F deploys to vic (AT 986608-906601). On order, attacks in a southeasterly direction; Company H continues the attack on company objective C-3 vic (BT 026610), prepared to support attack on battalion objective C-1 by fire and by crossing river vic (BT 0260) and initiating offensive operations; Company M/3/9 executes a helilift from LZ CRAWDAD vic (BT 013627) to one of three landing zones depending on the development of the operation: LZ WARBLER (AT 987597), LZ EAGLE (BT 010600) and LZ NIGHTINGALE (BT 005594); Company G designated as battalion reserve vic (BT 015627) on one-hour alert.

(3) 3d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company I remains in defensive position vic AN HOA operating area (AT 8746); establishes a platoon patrol base vic (AT 873496); conducts patrols and ambushes.

(b) Company L remains in defensive position vic AN HOA operating area vic (AT 8746); establishes a platoon patrol base vic (AT 9048); conducts patrols and ambushes.

(4) 3d Bn, 1st Marines

(a) Company I conducts two USMC/ARVN platoon clearing operations in semi-cleared area vic (BT 0170-0270-0370-0169-0269-0168-0268-0368-0167-0267-0271-0371-0471-0372-0472).

(b) Company K conducts two USMC/ARVN platoon clearing operations in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9866-9966-BT 0066-0067-0167-0068-0168-0069-0169-0070-0170).

(c) Company L conducts four USMC/RF platoon clearing operations in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9669-9769-9668-9768-9868-9869-9969-9666-9667-9767).

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(a) Company A conducts a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (BT 0368-0367).

(b) Company B attacks and seizes company objective E-6 vic (BT 073628).

(c) Company C attacks and seizes company objective E-7 vic (BT 115630) and E-8 vic (BT 089622).

(d) Company D attacks and seizes company objective E-10 vic (BT 069607).

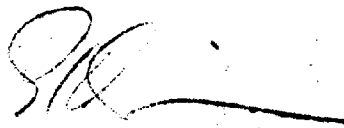
c. Scout/Sniper Teams

(1)	<u>No. of teams</u>	<u>No. employed</u>
1/9	1	1
2/9	0	0
3/9	1	1
3/1	0	0
1/1	0	0

(2) No contact was achieved.

d. Boxscore

<u>USMC</u>	<u>VC</u>
KIA-3	KIA(BC)-6
WIA-19 (16 Med Evac)	WIA(POSS)-5

  
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1st MAW (G-2)	(1)	3d Tank Bn	(1)
1/9	(4)	3d Engr Bn	(1)
2/9	(4)	FSCC	(1)
3/9	(4)	S-2	(1)
3/1	(4)	S-3	(1)
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CONFIDENTIAL1st Bn., 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 100745H, Company B platoon on clearing operation vic (AT 951589) received three rounds SA fire from unknown number of VC vic (AT 949589). Marines returned SA fire and were in process of firing M-72 round when M-72 prematurely fired resulting in two USMC WIA. Not Med Evac.
2. At 100750H, Company C on platoon clearing operation vic (AT 943585) received two rounds SA fire from est two VC vic (AT 943587). Marines returned heavy volume SA and two M-72 rounds at the enemy position. Marines searched the area with negative results.
3. At 100910H, Company B squad patrol vic (AT 951593) found and destroyed one 105mm round rigged with trip wire. While in process of destroying 105mm round, received ten rounds SA fire from unknown number of VC vic (AT 951594). Marines returned ten rounds SA fire. One VC KIA(BC).
4. At 101230H, Company B platoon clearing operation vic (AT 943591) discovered an explosive device constructed from two 105mm rounds with pressure type firing devices. Destroyed in place.
5. At 101230H, Company B reinforced fire team vic (AT 954597) received seven rounds SA fire from est one VC vic (AT 953593). Marines were searching area when VC ran from house toward bunker. Marines fired ten rounds SA resulting in one VC KIA(BC).
6. At 101530H, Company D Marine on platoon patrol vic (AT 975597) detonated unknown type explosive device resulting in five USMC WIA. Med Evac. Subsequently patrol received sporadic SA fire from unknown number of VC vic (AT 975595). Marines directed 12 rounds 105mm at the enemy position. Searched area with negative results.
7. At 101640H, Company A(-) on road security vic (AT 965603) received est 15-20 rounds SA fire from est three VC vic (AT 964604). Marines returned 100 rounds SA at the enemy position and the VC fire ceased. Marines directed 60 rounds 105mm at VC position. Terrain prevented pursuit of enemy.
8. At 101850H, Company D CP vic (AT 974595) received est 50-60 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 981595). Marines returned 50 rounds SA and directed 13 rounds 105mm at the enemy position. Unknown results.
9. At 101935H, Company K/3/9 platoon CP vic (AT 978643) received est 10 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 978638). Marines returned 20 rounds SA and two 60mm rounds at the enemy position. Unknown results.
10. At 100930H, Company C Marine on platoon clearing operation vic (AT 943588) stepped on punji stake sustaining minor wound. Non Med Evac.



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11. At 101100H, Company B squad vic (AT 943598) returning a VCS to DAI LOC District Headquarters received heavy SA fire from est 10 VC across river vic (AT 941591). Two USMC KIA, one WIA (Med Evac) and one VCS KIA. A squad was dispatched by Company C to assist other squad, when Marines detonated 81mm round with trip wire resulting in one WIA. Med Evac. Marines returned 300 rounds SA, seven 40mm and directed 103, 105mm rounds at enemy position with good effect.

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1. At 101150H, Company H, company patrol vic (AT 998619) received est ten rounds SA fire from est three VC vic (BT 000612). Marines returned eight rounds 60mm and 21 rounds 81mm at the enemy position. Marines searched area with negative results.
2. At 101155H, Company F company patrol vic (AT 998618) discovered a 81mm round rigged with trip wire. Marines destroyed device in place.
3. At 101330H, Company F on company clearing operation vic (AT 993611) discovered a home made mine with trip wire and two pounds TNT. Marines destroyed device in place.
4. At 101705H, Company E tank on company patrol vic (BT 010614) detonated a M16A-1 AP mine rigged with pressure type detonator resulting three USMC WIA. Med Evac.

CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 101345H, Recon OP vic (AT 957470) observed three VC moving north on trail vic (AT 946475). Marines directed 28 rounds 105mm rounds with excellent coverage. One VC KIA(BC) and two VC WIA(POSS).
2. At 101615H, Recon OP vic (AT 957470) observed two VC moving north vic (AT 946475). Marines directed 12 rounds 105mm resulting in two VC WIA confirmed.
3. At 101745H, Company L squad patrol vic (AT 907477) received five to ten rounds SA fire from two VC vic (AT 904482). After this contact the patrol received seven rounds SA from two VC vic (AT 906483). Marines returned SA fire and directed eight 81mm rounds at the enemy positions. A search of the area revealed two VC KIA(BC) and one VC WIA (POSS).

CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn. 1st Marines Operations Summary

1. At 092045H, Battalion CP vic (AT 997677) observed one VC approximately 30 meters in front of lines. Marines fired 30 rounds SA at VC. Marines searched area with negative results.
2. At 100625H, Company K Marine on squad patrol vic (BT 003663) detonated unknown type explosive device rigged with trip wire resulting in three USMC WIA. Med Evac.
3. At 102010H, Company I platoon patrol vic (BT 038710) observed one VCS approaching patrol. When Marines challenged VCS ran. Marines fired 15 rounds SA at VCS. Searched area with negative results.

CONFIDENTIAL1st Bn, 1st Marines Operations Summary

1. At 092120H, Company M/3/1 CP vic (BT 073701) received est 75-100 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (BT 077697). Marines returned 300 rounds SA and three rounds 60mm at the enemy position. Marines searched the area at first light with negative results.
2. At 100201H, Company D LP vic (BT 108645) observed ~~est~~ five ~~to~~ six VC approximately 50 meters to ~~its~~ front and threw one M-26 hand grenade and fired 15 to 20 rounds SA fire. VC returned ~~est~~ five ~~to~~ six rounds SA fire and fled. Results unknown.
3. At 100605H, Company B Marines on squad patrol vic (BT 104647) detonated an unknown type mine rigged with pressure type detonator resulting in one USMC KIA.
4. At 101040H, Company D platoon patrol vic (BT 106646) observed unknown number of VC fire 20 rounds SA fire at resupply helicopter. Marines returned 100 rounds SA, 12 60mm and 12 40mm rounds at VC position. Searched area with negative results.
5. At 101505H, Company M Marine on platoon patrol vic (BT 082692) detonated a 20mm round with unknown type fuze resulting in one USMC WIA. Med Evac.
6. At 101527H, Company D Marine on platoon patrol vic (BT 104645) detonated a M-26 grenade with trip wire resulting in one USMC WIA. Med Evac.
7. At 101615H, Company D Marine on platoon patrol vic (BT 094638) detonated a home-made type mine with friction type detonator resulting in one USMC WIA. Med Evac.
8. At 101920H, Company M/3/1 Company CP vic (BT 078699) received est 200-300 rounds SA fire from est four VC vic (BT 074705). Marines returned 500 rounds SA, nine 60mm, five 40mm and two 3.5" rockets at the enemy position. One VC KIA(BC).

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division  
Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 162 as of 112400H June 1966  
Ref: (a) Division Order 3100.1B

Encl: (1) Operations, 1st Bn, 9th Marines  
(2) Operations, 2d Bn, 9th Marines  
(3) Operations, 3d Bn, 9th Marines  
(4) Operations, 3d Bn, 1st Marines  
(5) Operations, 1st Bn, 1st Marines

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1) through (5) are forwarded.

a. Operational Highlights

(1) At 111100H, LtCol E. A. WALKER assumed command of 3d Bn, 1st Marines from LtCol J. R. YOUNG.

(2) Battalion boundary between 3d Bn, 1st Marines and 2d Bn, 9th Marines changed so that additional area bounded by following coordinates is now assigned to 3d Bn, 1st Marines: (BT 012660-011657-006656-003655-997660-998663). Effective 111800H.

b. Plans for the next 24 hours

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company A conducts a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9761-9861); conducts a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9560).

(b) Company B attacks and seizes company objectives W-3 vic (AT 939576) and W-4 vic (AT 951580).

(c) Company C attacks and seizes company objectives W-1 vic (AT 915573) and W-2 vic (AT 925575).

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(d) Company D attacks and seizes company objectives ~~W-5~~ vic (AT 962578) and W-6 vic (AT 976580).

(e) Company K 3/9 conducts a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9664).

(2) 2d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company E continues attack on Battalion objective C-1; establishes blocking position vic (BT 008609).

(b) Company F continues attack on battalion objective C-1 from vic (AT 990604).

(c) Company H attacks and seizes company objective C-7 vic (BT 038602).

(d) Company M 3/9 continues attack on battalion objective C-1 from vic (AT 998600).

(3) 3d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company I remains in defensive positions vic AN HOA operating base (AT 8746); establishes platoon patrol base vic (AT 8749); conducts patrols and ambushes.

(b) Company L remains in defensive positions vic AN HOA operating base (AT 8746); establishes a platoon patrol base vic (AT 9048); conducts patrols and ambushes.

(4) 3d Bn, 1st Marines

(a) Company I conducts five USMC/ARVN platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (BT 0370-0371-0471-0571-0372-0472-0572-0268-0368-0269-0369-0469-0367-0271-0371-0272-0372-0472-0169-0270).

(b) Company K conducts a USMC/ARVN platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (BT 0070-0170-0069-AT 9968-BT 0068-0168).

(c) Company L conducts two USMC/RF platoon clearing operations vic (AT 9769-9869-9768-9868-9969).

(5) 1st Bn, 1st Marines

(a) Company A conducts a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (BT 0668-0667-0567-0566-0466).

(b) Company B continues the attack on company objective E-6 vic (BT 068620).

(c) Company C continues the attack on company objective E-7 vic (BT 075625).

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(d) Company D continues the attack on company objectives E-10 vic (BT 110638) and E-15 vic (BT 100632).

(e) Company M 3/1 conducts a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (BT 0867-0967); conducts a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (BT 0868-0869).


c. Scout/Sniper Teams

(1)	No. of teams	<u>No. employed</u>
1/9	1	1
2/9	0	0
3/9	1	1
3/1	0	0
1/1	0	0

(2) No contact was achieved.

d. Boxscore

<u>USMC</u>	<u>VC</u>		
KIA-3	KIA(BC)-8	WIA(POSS)-3	VCS-4
WIA-27(26 Med Evac)	KIA(POSS)-5	WIA (Captured)-1	

  
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3d AT Bn	(1)
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1. At 110735H, Company B Marine vic (AT 957593) observed a VC running from house. Marine challenged in VN. VC continued running and Marine fired one SA round resulting in one VC KIA (BC). VC had two M-26 grenades.
2. At 110745H, Company B Marines vic (AT 958590) observed est 10 VC moving in tree line vic (AT 962590). Pursued by fire and received 40 rounds SA fire from VC. Marines directed eight 81mm and 50 105mm rounds. Searched area with negative results.
3. At 110800H, Company C Marine on platoon patrol vic (AT 941581) slipped and fell on punji stake. One USMC WIA. Not Med Evac.
4. At 110940H, Company C Marine vic (AT 941581) observed several VN digging at edge of Highway # 14. Marines challenged VN and they picked up objects and started running. Marines directed SA fire, resulting in two VC KIA (BC) and one VC WIA (captured) who was delivered to DAI LOC. Search of area revealed three M-26 grenades. Destroyed in place.
5. At 111005H, Company B platoon vic (AT 950590) discovered a bunker 6X10 with two entrances. As Marine entered front entrance VC ran out other. Marine on top of bunker challenged and fired two SA resulting in one VC KIA (BC).
6. At 111040H, Company B Marine vic (AT 951590) was instructing villagers to leave area and go to DAI LOC. AVN detonated a 105mm round rigged as a mine. Three VN KIA and one VN WIA.
7. At 111825H, Company A Marines vic (AT 963609) observed unknown number of VC vic (AT 958603), (AT 962602) and (AT 959599) fire 100 rounds SA at aircraft vic (AT 9660). Marines and tanks returned six 90mm, 63 81mm and 78 105mm rounds. Results unknown.

CONFIDENTIAL2d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 110635H, Company F blocking force (AT 985608) received est one round SA fire from one VC vic (AT 987602). Marines returned 12 rounds SA at the enemy position. Terrain prevented pursuit. One USMC WIA. Med Evac.

2. At 110945H, engineers assigned to 2d Bn road clearing operation vic (AT 998634) discovered a CHICOM AT mine, shaped charge with five lbs TNT and pressure type fuse. Device disarmed.

3. At 111100H, Company M Marines vic (AT 998592) observed three VC vic (AT 996592) running out of cave carrying weapons. Marines fired 50 rounds SA. Searched area with negative results.

4. At 111100H, Company M Marines with ARVN Commando Platoon vic (BT 002595) received one M-26 grenade from two VC in a tunnel. One USMC WIA. Four ARVN WIA. Med Evac. Marines pursued by fire. Two VC KIA (BC).

5. At 111015H, Company F Marine vic (AT 985602) discovered a rocket pod with four rockets three feet long and rocket holder (Lot # 618). Destroyed rockets in place.

6. Information available at this time indicates that at 111100H Company F uncovered mine field extending from coords (AT 986608) to (AT 987607). The field was estimated to be 40 meters wide. The company initially moved into the area and detonated one M-16A1 resulting in 13 WIA. Approx 15 minutes later, a second M16A1 was detonated in the same vicinity followed by an explosion believed to have been sympathetic in nature. This incident resulted in eight WIA and three KIA. During the time the wounded personnel were being evacuated, four or five additional explosions occurred as a result of a fire which had started burning in the same area.

The company reported that all mines were located in a grassy area, fairly thick, and two or three feet high. None were located on trails. Upon completion of Med Evac's, company resumed its eastward movement, by passing to the south of the mined area. Minefield will destroyed on 12 June.

7. At 111620H, engineer fire team assigned to 2d Bn, 9th Marines vic (BT 001634) received four rounds SA fire from one VC. No fire returned. Could not determine VC location.

CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 111120H, Company L platoon patrol vic (AT 904486) observed two VC in trench line vic (AT 903484) moving toward patrol. VC observed patrol and fled to northwest. Marines fired 15 SA rounds and searched area. Found one VC KIA (BC).
2. At 111330H, Company L platoon patrol, vic (AT 873503), apprehended two VCS. Lack of identification and recent head wound. Suspect was evacuated to Battalion S-2.
3. At 111900H, Company L platoon CP vic (AT 905487) received est 15 rounds SA fire from est 10 VC vic (AT 907492). Marines directed 15 60mm and 14 105 rounds at the enemy position. Marines searched the area and found large pools of blood and one KIA(BC). Est five KIA(POSS) three WIA(POSS).

CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn, 1st Marines Operations Summary

1. At 102030H, Company L bridge OP vic (963660) received 10 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 968662). Marines returned 50 rounds SA fire and searched area at first light with negative results.

2. At 111615H, Company K squad patrol vic (BT 012689) discovered an unknown type explosive device. Est two lbs C-4 charge. Destroyed in place.

3. At 111710H, Company K squad patrol vic (BT 012689) discovered an explosive device with est two lbs C-4. Destroyed in place.

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1st Bn. 1st Marines Operations Summary

1. At 110830H, Company A platoon patrol vic (BT 037679) apprehended two VCS. No identification. Suspects were evacuated to Battalion S-2.
2. At 110940H, Company C Marine on company clearing operation vic (BT 094633) detonated a 60mm rigged with pressure type detonator resulting in two USMC WIA. Med Evac.
3. At 111315H, Company A squad patrol vic (BT 049632) received SA fire from unknown number VC vic (BT 051677). Marines returned 20 rounds SA and two 40mm rounds at the enemy position. Marines searched the area with negative results.
4. At 111600H, Company M Marine on platoon patrol vic (BT 083692) detonated a 20mm round rigged with pressure type detonator resulting in one USMC WIA. Evac to Battalion Aid Station.

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Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 163 as of 122400H June 1966

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(5) Operations, 1st Bn, 1st Marines

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1) through (5) are forwarded.

a. Operational Highlights. None.

b. Plans for the next 24 hours

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company A conducts a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9761-9861); conducts a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9560).

(b) Company B continues attack on company objectives W-3 vic (AT 939576) and W-4 vic (AT 951580).

(c) Company C continues attack on company objectives W-1 vic (AT 915573) and W-2 vic (AT 925572).

(d) Company D attacks and seizes company objectives W-11 vic (AT 956571) and W-12 vic (AT 973574).

(e) Company K/3/9 conducts a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9663).

CONFIDENTIAL(2) 2d Bn. 9th Marines

(a) Company E retracts from battalion objective C-1 vic (BT 008609) to Battalion CP vic (BT 015627); conducts patrols and ambushes.

(b) Company F continues attack against battalion objective C-1 vic (AT 9960-9959).

(c) Company G (Rein) executes helilift to vic (BT 1859); establishes blocking position vic (BT 183588-190587) and (BT 175583-180587) in conjunction with ARVN clearing operation vic (BT 1756-1856-1956-1757-1857-1957-1858); chops OPCON to Headquarters, 9th Marines at about 130645H; three-day operation anticipate.

(d) Company H continues the attack on company objective C-7 vic (BT 038602); at approximately 131200H attacks and seizes company objective C-2 (BT 012606).

(e) Company M/3/9 continues attack on battalion objective C-1 vic (AT 998600).

(3) 3d Bn. 9th Marines

(a) Company I remains in AN HOA operating area vic (AT 8746); establishes a platoon patrol base vic (AT 886496) and (AT 894493); conducts local patrols and ambushes.

(b) Company L remains in AN HOA Operating area vic (AT 8746); establishes a platoon patrol base vic (AT 900480) and (AT 895488); conducts patrols and ambushes.

(4) 3d Bn. 1st Marines

(a) Company I conducts a USMC/ARVN platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (BT 0271-0371-0170-0270-0370-0169-0269-0369).

(b) Company K conducts two USMC/RF platoon clearing operations in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9966-9967-BT 0067-0066).

(5) 1st Bn. 1st Marines

(a) Company A is designated Bald Eagle/Regimental Reserve company effective 130600H; provides one platoon as convoy reserve for ROUGH RIDER NORTH on 13 June.

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(b) Company B attacks and seizes company objectives E-11 vic (BT 061605) and E-12 vic (BT 075613).

(c) Company C attacks and seizes company objectives E-13 vic (BT 086618) and E-14 vic (BT 095626).

(d) Company D attacks and seizes company objectives E-18 vic (BT 106628) and E-16 vic (BT 116633).

(e) Company M/3/1 conducts a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (BT 0868-0869); conducts a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (BT 0967-0968).

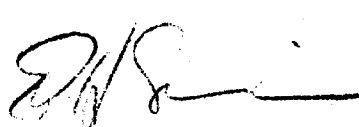
c. Scout/Sniper Teams

(1)	<u>No. of teams</u>	<u>No. employed</u>
1/9	1	1
2/9	0	0
3/9	1	1
3/1	0	0
1/1	0	0

(2) No contact was achieved.

d. Boxscore

<u>USMC</u>	<u>VC</u>
	KIA - 3 (BC)
	KIA - 2 (POSS)
WIA - 11 (Med Evac)	WIA - 5 (POSS)

  
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CONFIDENTIAL1st Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 120630H, Company D platoon vic (AT 981589) received est 20-25 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 975587). Marines and LVTH-6 returned 30 rounds SA and one round 105mm at the enemy position resulting in one VC KIA(POSS).
2. At 120830H, Company D platoon vic (AT 925578) received est 10-15 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 934576). Sustained one USMC WIA. Med Evac. Marines did not return fire due to proximity of friendly troops.
3. At 120840H, Company B platoon vic (AT 952582) observed one VC at close range. Marines directed 12 rounds SA at the VC resulting in one VC KIA(BC).
4. At 120925H, a Company B Marine vic (AT 939580) detonated an M-16A1 AP mine resulting in five USMC WIA. Med Evac.
5. At 120945H, Company D platoon vic (AT 971578) observed est eight VC vic (AT 961574). Marines and LVTH-6 directed 50 rounds SA and three rounds 105mm at the VC position. Negative results.
6. At 121030H, Company A squad patrol vic (AT 963603) discovered a 60mm round rigged with pressure type detonator. Destroyed in place.
7. At 122015H, Company D CP vic (AT 967577) received one hand grenade from unknown number VC at close range. Sustained three USMC WIA. Med Evac. Marines returned two 40mm rounds at suspected VC location. Unknown results.

CONFIDENTIAL2d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 120300H, Company M 3/9 platoon ambush vic (BT 002594) observed est five VC vic (BT 002594). Marines directed 100 rounds SA at VC position. Searched area Found two VC KIA(BC) and blood and drag marks indicating three VC WIA(POSS).
2. At 120340H, Company M 3/9 CP vic (BT 000601) received 12 rounds 60mm from enemy mortar position vic (BT 002596). Marines directed 30 rounds 105mm at the suspected enemy position and the VC fire ceased. Marines searched the area with negative results. No USMC casualties.
3. At 121000H, Company F resupply helicopters received four rounds SA fire from one VC vic (AT 997596) and eight VC vic (AT 989596). Fixed wing aircraft on station strafed the enemy positions and Marines returned 10 rounds 60mm. Marines searched area with negative results.
4. At 121230H, Company M/3/9 (BT 008608) received est 20-30 rounds SA fire from est four VC vic (BT 014603). Marines returned 25 rounds SA and directed five rounds 60mm and 25 rounds 105mm at enemy location with good effect.
5. At 121600H, Company E fire team conducting check of communication wire vic (BT 013613) observed 10 VC tampering with communication lines. Marines directed 15 SA rounds at VC who fled upon seeing the Marines. Two VC WIA (POSS).

CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 120045H, Company I squad ambush vic (AT 876498) received three rounds SA fire from one VC at close range sustaining one USMC WIA. Med Evac. Marines returned 50 rounds SA and 10 rounds 40mm. Searched area with negative results.
2. At 120115H, Company I squad ambush vic (AT 875480) observed five VC in tree line vic (AT 871502). Marines directed 12 rounds 105mm at the enemy position. Searched area at first light. Found blood and drag marks indicating one VC KIA (POSS) and two VC WIA (POSS).
3. At 121545H, engineers assigned to company I vic (AT 880502) were blowing tunnels vic above coordinate. Engineer set TNT charge to blow tunnel and when it failed to detonate, the engineer approached the tunnel to set additional charge and the initial charge exploded resulting in one USMC KIA. (Engr).
4. At 121910H, Company I platoon CP vic (AT 881500) observed est 10 VC in treeline vic (AT 899509). Marines directed 56 rounds of 105mm at the enemy location. Searched area. Found blood and drag marks indicating two VC KIA (POSS) and four VC WIA (POSS).

CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn. 1st Marines Operations Summary

1. At 120145H, Company K squad patrol vic (BT 015684) received 35 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (BT 018688). Patrol returned 80 rounds SA fire and three rounds 40mm. Unknown results.

CONFIDENTIAL1st Bn. 1st Marines Operations Summary

1. At 111945H, Battery A 1/11 (AT 071659) received 20 rounds SA from one VC in tree line vic (BT 076659). Marines returned 10 rounds SA fire and directed one round 105mm direct fire at VC position. Searched area at first light with negative results.
2. At 112145H, Company A CP vic (BT 063680) received five rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (BT 069682). Marines returned three rounds 40mm fire. Unknown results.
3. At 112200H, Company M 3/1 CP vic (BT 077697) received 75-100 rounds SA from (BT 082697) and (BT 074705). Marines returned 150 rounds SA and three 3.5" rockets. Unknown results.
4. At 120940H, Company B CP vic (BT 074657) received 40 rounds SA fire from three VC vic (BT 082664). Marines returned light volume SA fire and directed 71 rounds 81mm at enemy position. Searched area with negative results.
5. At 121105H, Company A platoon patrol vic (BT 041670) received 15 rounds SA fire from est two VC vic (BT 041667). Marines returned five rounds 40mm and 50 rounds SA. Searched area with negative results.
6. At 121140H, Ontos assigned to Company C (BT 063638) detonated an unknown type mine resulting in one minor USMC WIA. Not Med Evac. Ontos sustained light damage.
7. At 121330H, An LVTP-5 assigned to Company C (BT 063652) detonated an unk type mine. Three LVT crew members sustained minor wounds. LVT was damaged lightly.
8. At 121345H, Company D Marine on platoon patrol (BT 109635) detonated a 20mm 20mm round rigged with pressure type firing device. One USMC WIA. Med Evac.
9. At 121455H, Company A CP vic (BT 063680) received five rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (BT 069682). Marines returned three rounds 40mm fire. Unknown results.
10. At 112200H, Company M 3/1 CP vic (BT 077697) received 75-100 rounds SA from (BT 082697) and (BT 074705). Marines returned 150 rounds SA and three 3.5" rockets. Unknown results.
11. At 120940H, Company B CP vic (BT 074657) received 40 rounds SA fire from three VC vic (BT 082664). Marines returned light volume SA fire and directed 71 rounds 81mm at enemy position. Searched area with negative results.
12. At 121105H, Company A platoon patrol vic (BT 041670) received 15 rounds SA fire from est two VC vic (BT 041667). Marines returned five rounds 40mm and 50 rounds SA. Searched area with negative results.
13. At 121140H, Ontos assigned to Company C (BT 063638) detonated an unknown type mine resulting in one minor USMC WIA. Not Med Evac. Ontos sustained light damage.

Enclosure (5)

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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

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1500  
13 June 1966

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

Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 164 as of 132400H, June 1966

Ref: (a) Division Order 3100.1B

Encl: (1) Operations, 1st Bn, 9th Marines  
(2) Operations, 2d Bn, 9th Marines  
(3) Operations, 3d Bn, 9th Marines (Omitted: no contact)  
(4) Operations, 3d Bn, 1st Marines  
(5) Operations, 1st Bn, 1st Marines

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1) through (5) are forwarded.

a. Operational Highlights. At about 130700H, Company G/2/9 was helilifted to vic (BT 1859) to establish blocking position in support of QUANG NAM Sector clearing operation in area about 3000 meters east of HOI AN. RVN units participating include 39th Ranger Bn, 3d Bn, 51st ARVN Regiment and RF/PF units from HIEU NHON District. Company G landed without opposition. For additional details, see enclosure (2).

b. Plans for the next 24 hours.

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company A conducts a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9560).

(b) Company B attacks and seizes company objective W-9 vic (AT 925565) and W-10 vic (AT 944570).

(c) Company C attacks and seizes company objective W-7 vic (AT 907565) and W-8 vic (AT 915565).

(d) Company D continues attack on company objectives W-11 vic (AT 956571) and W-12 vic (AT 973574).

(e) Company K conducts a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9562-9563).

CONFIDENTIAL(2) 2d Bn. 9th Marines

(a) Company F continues attack on battalion objective C-1 vic (AT 9960-9959).

(b) Company M/3/9 continues attack on battalion objective C-1 vic (AT 9959-9960).

(c) Company H attacks and seizes company objective C-2 vic (BT 012606).

(3) 3d Bn. 9th Marines

(a) Company I remains in AN HOA operating vic (AT 8746); establishes platoon patrol base vic (AT 8849-8949); conducts patrols and ambushes.

(b) Company L remains in AH HOA operating area vic (AT 8746); establishes platoon patrol base vic (AT 9048-9047); conducts patrols and ambushes.

(4) 3d Bn. 1st Marines

(a) Company I conducts two USMC/ARVN platoon clearing ops in semi-cleared area operations vic (BT 0170-0271-0270-0370-0269-0168-0267-0169-0369-0371).

(b) Company K conducts three USMC/RF platoon clearing operations in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9866-9966-9867-9968-BT 0060-0067-0167-0170-0069-0169-0068-0169).

(c) Company L conducts two USMC/RF platoon clearing operations in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9669-9769-9869-9768-9868-9767-9867).

(5) 1st Bn. 1st Marines

(a) Company A remains as Bald Eagle/Regimental Reserve Company.

(b) Company B continues attack on company objective E-11 vic (BT 061605) and E-12 vic (BT 075613).

(c) Company C continues attack on company objective E-13 vic (BT 086618).

(d) Company D continues attack on company objective E-15 vic (BT 101634).

(e) Company M conducts a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (BT 0770-0769-0869-0870).

CONFIDENTIALc. Scout/Sniper Teams

(1)	<u>No. of teams</u>	<u>No. employed</u>
1/9	1	1
2/9	0	0
3/9	1	1
3/1	0	0
1/1	0	0

(2) No contact was achieved.

d. Boxscore

USMC  
 KIA-2  
 WIA-20 (17 Med Evac)

VC  
 KIA(BC)-5  
 WIA-2  
 VCS-1

  
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3d AT Bn	(1)
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3d Engr Bn	(1)
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CONFIDENTIAL1st Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 130930H, member Company C found a CHICOM grenade rigged with trip wire vic (AT 918567). Grenade disarmed and evacuated to Bn S-2 for evaluation.
2. At 130936H, Company C Marine destroying tunnel vic (AT 915564) sustained wound from falling debris. One USMC WIA. Med Evac.
3. At 131230H, two LVTE-1 and one LVTP-5 assigned to Company B were parked vic (AT 934576) while crewmen were having lunch. The crewmen offered the infantrymen some water and several of them went toward the LVT's. The company 1st Sergeant on the scene directed the Marines not to congregate and as they were dispersing, one Marine stepped on a tripwire which detonated an M-16A1 mine resulting in three KIA, one DOW and 10 WIA. A few minutes later, a second M-16A1 mine was detonated resulting in two additional WIA. When a corpsman and other Marines attempted to help the wounded, a third M-16A1 was detonated resulting in three additional WIA. Total USMC casualties: four KIA (1 DOW) and 15 WIA. Med Evac. Three KIA (including 1 DOW) and five WIA were from 1st Antrac Bn.

CONFIDENTIAL2d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 122130H, Company F fire team LP vic (AT 989599) observed est 50 VC vic (AT987597) with what appeared to be a .50 caliber machine gun. Marines directed 38 rounds of 105mm at the VC location. Searched area at first light with negative results.
2. At 130625H, resupply helicopters assigned to H&S Company received five rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (BT 014639). Helicopters returned heavy volume machine gun fire. Unknown results.
3. At 131000H, Company E Marine on platoon patrol vic (BT 003635) detonated an M-26 hand grenade rigged with trip wire resulting in one USMC WIA. Med Evac.
4. At 131300H, Company M/3/9 vic (BT 006604) observed two VC in tunnel vic above coordinates. Marines threw one M-26 hand grenade resulting in two VC KIA (BC).
5. At 131527H, Company F vic (AT 992602) observed two VC fire 25 rounds SA at resupply helicopters. Marines returned 50 rounds SA, 10 rounds 40mm and directed eight rounds 60mm at the enemy location. Searched area with negative results.
6. At 131535H, Company M/3/9 vic (BT 006604) resupply helicopters received est six rounds SA fire from two VC vic (BT 007595). Marines returned 50 rounds SA and directed 40 rounds 105mm at the enemy location. Unknown results.
7. At 131735H, Company F vic (AT 992602) received an unknown type explosive in its CP resulting in one USMC KIA and two USMC WIA. Med Evac.

CONFIDENTIALSPECIAL REPORT ON G/2/9

At 130645H, Company G commenced company helilift from LZ CRAWDAD (AT 015627) to LZ vic (BT 184592). Helilift was completed at 130731H without incident. Blocking forces vic (BT 183588-190587) and (BT 175583) were in position at 130750H. At 130910H Army AO on station received heavy auto weapons fire and crash landed vic (AT 172581). Aircraft was destroyed by fire. Pilot and observer were unharmed. Company G directed 20 rounds 81mm mortar fire at suspected enemy location. Unknown results. Company G continued to man blocking positions for remainder of day without any contact and established night defensive positions vic (BT 185591). At 131945H, Company G received heavy volume auto weapons fire and est 20-30 rounds 60mm mortar fire sustaining five USMC WIA. Three Med Evac. Company G returned fire with all organic weapons and directed NCF and artillery fire at suspected enemy locations.

## Recap of rounds fired in response to mortar attack on Company G:

60 rounds 155mm  
62 rounds 5"/54 (NCF)  
120 rounds 81mm  
17 rounds 60mm

ARVN units participating in clearing operation captured 21 VCC (14 of whom had hand grenades) and killed five VC. ARVN forces sustained seven WIA during the first day of operation.

Enclosure (2)  
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CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn. 1st Marines Operations Summary

1. At 122340H, H&S Company fire team LP vic (AT 994678) observed movement at close range. Marines directed one M-26 hand grenade at suspected VC location. Searched area with negative results.
2. At 130410H, Company I CP vic (BT 032694) received 150 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (BT 032689). Marines returned 200 rounds SA fire at suspected VC location. Unknown results.
3. At 131330H, a combined patrol from Company I checking out a report of a VC tax collector in the hamlet at (BT 041733), observed five small boats departing that area. Three boats, upon observing the patrol, returned; the other boats, with two men in each, continued out into the river where they split with one boat heading north and the other southeast. Patrol received six rounds automatic fire from the boat heading southeast. The boats were engaged with fifty rounds SA fire and three 40mm rounds and were pursued by fire until beyond range. Two VC WIA(POSS).

Enclosure (4)  
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CONFIDENTIAL1st Bn. 1st Marines Operations Summary

1. At 130735H, Company B squad patrol vic (BT 072615) received 10 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (BT 071610). Marines returned 80 rounds SA fire. Searched area with negative results.
2. At 131125H, Company M/3/1 platoon patrol vic (BT 087683) discovered a shotgun round rigged with a pressure type detonator. Destroyed in place.
3. At 131135H, Company M/3/1 platoon patrol vic (BT 083692) discovered a CHICOM grenade rigged with pressure type firing device. Destroyed in place.
4. At 131515H, H&S Company squad patrol vic (BT 066652) received 20 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (BT 057653). Marines returned 200 rounds SA and directed 15 rounds 81mm at the enemy location. Searched area with negative results.
5. At 131615H, Company D vic (BT 105544) received one M-26 grenade from one VC in cave vic above coordinates. Marines threw two M-26 grenades resulting in one VC KIA(BC).
6. At 131850H, Company A platoon patrol vic (BT 067685) received four rounds SA fire from unknown VC vic (BT 068684). Patrol returned 15 rounds SA and two 40mm rounds. Searched area with negative results.

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From: Commanding Officer  
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Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 165 as of 142400H, June 1966

Ref: (a) ~~Division~~ Order 3100.1B

Encl: (1) Operations, 1st Bn, 9th Marines  
(2) Operations, 2d Bn, 9th Marines  
(3) Operations, 3d Bn, 9th Marines (omitted: no contacts)  
(4) Operations, 3d Bn, 1st Marines  
(5) Operations, 1st Bn, 1st Marines

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1) through (5) are forwarded.

a. Operational Highlights. Omitted.

b. Plans for the next 24 hours.

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company B continues attack on company objectives W-9 vic (AT 925565) and W-10 vic (AT 944570).

(b) Company C continues attack on company objectives W-7 vic (AT 907565) and W-8 vic (AT 915565).

(c) Company D continues attack on company objectives W-11 vic (AT 956571) and W-12 vic (AT 973574).

(d) Company K 3/9 conducts a company clearing operation vic (AT 9562-9563-9564-9565-9665); establishes company CP vic (AT 9764).

(2) 2d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company H attacks and seizes company objective C-2 vic (BT 012606).

(b) Company M 3/9 continues attack on Battalion objective C-2 vic (AT 9960) and (BT 0060); supports Company H attack on objective C-2 by providing blocking forces vic (BT 009605) to (BT 013593).

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CONFIDENTIAL(3) 2d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company I remains in AN HOA operating area vic (AT 8746); establishes platoon patrol base vic (AT 8749); conducts patrols and ambushes.

(b) Company L remains in AN HOA operating area vic (AT 8746); establishes a platoon patrol base vic (AT 8949); conducts patrols and ambushes.

(4) 3d Bn, 1st Marines

(a) Company I conducts a USMC/ARVN platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (BT 0370-0270-0169-0269-0369-0168-0268-0267).

(b) Company K conducts two USMC/RF platoon clearing operations in semi-cleared area vic (BT 0066-0067-0070-0167-0168-0170- AT 9966-9967-9968-9969).

(c) Company L conducts two USMC/RF clearing operations in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9768-9868-9968-9669-9769-9869-9969).

(5) 1st Bn, 1st Marines

(a) Company B continues attack on company objectives E-11 vic (BT 061605) and E-12 vic (BT 075613).

(b) Company C continues attack on company objective E-13 vic (BT 086618).

(c) Company I conducts two platoon clearing operations vic (BT 1062) and (BT 126).

(d) Company M 3/1 conducts three platoon clearing operations in semi-cleared area vic (BT 0770-0870-0869), (BT 0968-0868) and (BT 0968-0868-0867).

c. Scout/Sniper Teams

(1)	<u>No. of teams</u>	<u>No. employed</u>
1/9	1	1
2/9	0	0
3/9	1	1
3/1	0	0
1/1	0	0

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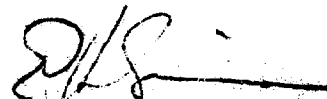
(2) No contact was achieved.

d. BoxscoreUSMC

WIA-8 (six Med Evac)

VC

5 KIA (BC)  
2 WIA (POSS)  
2 VCS



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2/12	(6)
1st Amtrac Bn	(1)
3d AT Bn	(1)
3d Tank Bn	(1)
3d Engr Bn	(1)
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CONFIDENTIAL1st Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 140230H, Company D squad patrol vic (AT 966576) received four rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 966575). Patrol searched area. Unable to determine exact location of VC.
2. At 140945H, Company D squad patrol vic (AT 975572) received est six rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 977571). Marines returned 15 rounds SA, five 40mm and directed one round 60mm at VC location. Searched area with negative results.
3. At 141035H, Company D squad patrol vic (AT 976572) received est 12 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 978571). Marines directed seven rounds 81mm and 26 rounds 105mm at the enemy location. Searched area with negative results.
4. At 141630H, Company C Marines found a homemade demolition charge vic (AT 915565). Destroyed in place.
5. At 141730H, Marines at Company B CP vic (AT 946575) observed est six VC vic (AT 947569). Tank fired 60 rounds .50 caliber and two 90mm rounds resulting in three VC KIA(BC) and one VC WIA(POSS).

CONFIDENTIAL2d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 140900H, engineers assigned to 2d Bn conducting road sweep vic (BT 029642) received est five to ten rounds SA fire from est two VC vic (BT 030640). Engineers returned 20 rounds SA fire. Searched area with negative results.
2. At 141045H, Company M/3/9 vic (BT 005607) discovered a cave vic above coordinates. Destroyed cave with explosives. Found two VC KIA with assorted documents.
3. At 141130H, Company M/3/9 Marine vic (BT 002605) detonated a CHICOM hand grenade rigged with trip wire. One USMC WIA. Med Evac.
4. At 140730H, Company G platoon patrol vic (BT 168596) received est 100 to 150 rounds SA fire from est 10 VC vic (BT 172599). Marines returned heavy volume SA and directed 20 rounds 81mm at enemy location. Searched area with negative results. Two USMC WIA. Med Evac.

CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn. 1st Marines Operations Summary

1. At 140130H, Company I fire team ambush vic (BT 025675) observed three VC at close range. Marines fired 15 rounds SA. VC fled. Searched area with negative results.
2. At 140500H, Company L squad patrol vic (AT 968696) found a cluster of three CHICOM hand grenades rigged with trip wire. Destroyed in place.

Enclosure (4)  
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CONFIDENTIAL1st Bn. 1st Marines Operations Summary

1. At 132145H, Company D received one hand grenade in its CP perimeter from unknown number VC at close range. Marines returned 15 rounds SA fire and three rounds 40mm at the suspected enemy location. Unknown results. Two USMC WIA. Non Med Evac.
2. At 140900H, Company A squad patrol vic (BT 076685) apprehended one male VCS. No identification. Evacuated to Battalion S-2.
3. At 141350H, Company D Marine on squad patrol vic (BT 105643) sustained a wound when secondary explosion occurred while destroying VC house. One USMC WIA. Med Evac.
4. At 141430H, Company B Marine vic (BT 074605) detonated a 40mm round rigged with pressure type firing device resulting in two USMC WIA. Med Evac.
5. At 141750H, Company A platoon patrol vic (BT 082691) found an M-26 hand grenade rigged with pressure type firing device. Destroyed in place.
6. At 141850H, Company A squad ambush vic (BT 059682) observed one VC at close range. Marines fired 60 rounds SA. Searched area with negative results.
7. At 141900H, Company A squad ambush vic (BT 058684) received 25 rounds SA fire from two VC vic (BT 054687). Marines returned 40 rounds SA and one 40mm round. Searched area with negative results.
8. At 141930H, Company A squad ambush vic (BT 059683) apprehended one male VCS. Evacuated to Battalion S-2.

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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
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1500  
15 June 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division  
Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 166 as of 152400H June 1966  
Ref: (a) Division Order 3100.1B  
Encl: (1) Operations, 1st Bn, 9th Marines  
(2) Operations, 2d Bn, 9th Marines  
(3) Operations, 3d Bn, 9th Marines

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1) through (3) are forwarded.

a. Operational Highlights

(1) At 150800H, 1st Marines assumed OPCON of 1st Bn, 1st Marines and 3d Bn, 1st Marines and assumed responsibility for that portion 9th Marines ZOA previously assigned to 1/1 (East Flank) and 3/1 (Regimental Rear Area).

(2) At 151500H, 9th Marines CP commenced operations on Hill 55 vic (AT 968616).

(3) At 151600H, Company 2/9 began retracting from vic (BT 185591) via helicopter to LZ Cawdad. Extraction completed at 151645H. 2d Bn, 9th Marines resumed OPCON Company G at 151645H.

b. Plans for the next 24 hours

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company B continues attack on Company objectives W-9 vic (AT 925565) and W-10 vic (AT 944570).

(b) Company C continues attack on Company objectives W-7 vic (AT 907565) and W-8 vic (AT 915565).

(c) Company D continues attack on Company objectives W-11 vic (AT 956571) and W-12 vic (AT 973574).

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(d) Company K continues company clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9562-9563-9564-9565-9665-9765).

(2) 2d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company E continues attack on Company objectives C-3 vic (BT 015643) and C-7 vic (BT 021641).

(b) Company H continues attack on Company objective C-2 vic (BT 012606).

(c) Company M/3/9 continues attack on Company objective C-1 vic (BT 0060-0059).

(3) 3d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company I remains in AN HOA Operating Area vic (AT 8746); establishes platoon patrol base vic (AT 869492); conducts patrols and ambushes.

(b) Company L remains in AN HOA Operating Area vic (AT 8746); establishes platoon patrol base vic (AT 897486); conducts patrols and ambushes.

c. Scout/Sniper Teams

(1)	<u>No. of teams</u>	<u>No. employed</u>
1/9	1	1
2/9	0	0
3/9	1	1

(2) No contact was achieved.

d. Boxscore

USMC

WIA - 13 (11 Med Evac)

VC

KIA - 4 (BC)

KIA - 12 (POSS)

WIA - 2 (POSS)

VCS - 1

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1/9	(4)	3d Engr Bn	(1)
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3/9	(4)	S-2	(1)
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CONFIDENTIAL1st Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 142200H, Company D squad ambush vic (AT 974575) observed one VC at close range. Marines directed 10 rounds SA at VC location. Searched area and found blood indicating one VC WIA (FOSS).
2. At 150740H, Company B platoon patrol vic (AT 940569) observed one VC vic (AT 940568). Marines fired 50 rounds SA and three rounds 40mm. One VC KIA (BC).
3. At 150840H, Company A on clearing operation vic (AT 913574) apprehended one VCS. Evacuated to Battalion S-2.
4. At 150930H, Company D platoon clearing operation vic (AT 961570) received two rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 963567). Marines returned 15 rounds SA and 15 rounds 40mm. While searching area Marine detonated CHICOM grenade rigged with trip wire. Two USMC WIA. Not Med Evac.
5. At 151055H, Company B Marine on platoon clearing operation vic (AT 927564) detonated a CHICOM grenade rigged with trip wire in house. One USMC WIA. Med Evac.
5. At 151750H, Company D Marine on squad patrol detonated an unknown explosive device resulting in four USMC WIA. Med Evac. At 151805H, a second explosive device was detonated vic above coordinates resulting in two USMC WIA. Med Evac. Total casualties, six USMC WIA. Med Evac.
6. At 152005H, Company K/3/9 CP vic (AT 971637) received 13 rounds SA fire from est five VC vic (AT 975635). Marines returned 150 rounds SA, 12 rounds 40mm and directed three rounds 81mm at the enemy location. Unknown results.

2d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 150800H, Company G platoon patrol vic (BT 170598) received heavy volume SA fire from unknown number VC vic (BT 172598). Marines returned heavy volume SA and directed 81mm mission at enemy positions. VC fled into village vic (BT 156650). Air strike conducted vic (BT 156640-170594-173599). Platoon searched area with negative results. Three USMC WIA. Med Evac.
2. At 151044H, Company M/3/9 on clearing operation vic (BT 001595) observed 13 VC vic (AT 995590). VC appeared to be laying mines. Marines directed 30 rounds 105mm and eight rounds 60mm at VC location. 15 secondary explosions occurred. Marines searched area. Found two VC KIA (BC) and evidence indicating five VC KIA (FOSS).
3. At 151400H, Company F squad patrol vic (BT 015636) received 30 rounds SA fire from est three VC at close range. Marines returned 48 rounds SA fire at VC location resulting in one VC WIA (FOSS).
4. At 151400H, Company M/3/9 on clearing operation vic (BT 001595) observed 10 VC vic (BT 001592). Marines directed 25 rounds 105mm at enemy location. Searched area with negative results.
5. At 151650H, Company M/3/9 Marine on clearing operation vic (BT 001596) detonated an M-26 hand grenade rigged with pull type firing device. One USMC WIA. Med Evac.
6. At 152045H, Company M/3/9 CP vic (BT 001595) received 50 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 995589). Marines directed 48 rounds 105mm at the enemy location. Negative results.



CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 142205H, Company I squad security patrol vic (AT 873456) heard movement to ~~its~~ front. Marines directed 81mm illumination over suspected VC location and observed est five VC vic (AT 879457), five VC vic (AT 874438) and est eight VC vic (AT 882446). Marines directed 84 rounds 105mm and 15 rounds 81mm at the suspected VC locations resulting in one VC KIA (BC) and seven VC KIA (POSS).

2. At 151700H, Recon OP vic (AT 937487) observed four VC vic (AT 946456). Marines directed 52 rounds 105mm at the enemy location. Negative results.

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16 June 1966

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

Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 167 as of 162400H June 1966

Ref: (a) Division Order 3100.1B

Encl: (1) Operations, 1st Bn, 9th Marines  
(2) Operations, 2d Bn, 9th Marines  
(3) Operations, 3d Bn, 9th Marines (omitted)

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1) through (3) are forwarded.

- a. Operational Highlights. None
- b. Plans for the next 24 hours.

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company B continues attack on company objectives W-9 vic (AT 925565) and W-10 vic (AT 944570).

(b) Company C attacks and seizes company objective W-17 vic (AT 915557).

(c) Company D attacks and seizes company objective W-15 vic (AT 958560).

(d) Company K/3/9 conducts a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9662-9663-9762).

(2) 2d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Companies E and H establish blocking positions vic (BT 026598-015598-015595) in support combined clearing operation vic (BT 0159-0158-0259-0258-0257) with ARVN forces from QUANG NAM Sector. Operation commences 170600H. Expected duration two days.

(b) Company F conducts two platoon clearing operations in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9963-BT 0063) and (BT 0263-0264).

(c) Company M continues attack on company objective C-1 vic (BT 0060-0059).

CONFIDENTIAL(3) 3d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company I remains in AN HOA operating area vic (AT 8746); establishes platoon patrol base vic (AT 8549); conducts patrols and ambushes.

(b) Company L remains in AN HOA operating area vic (AT 8746); establishes platoon patrol base vic (AT 9049); conducts patrols and ambushes.

c. Scout/Sniper Teams

(1)	<u>No. of teams</u>	<u>No. employed</u>
1/9	1	1
2/9	0	0
3/9	1	1

(2) No contact was achieved.

d. Boxscore

USMC  
KIA 1  
WIA 5 (med Evac)

VC  
KIA (PROB)-4  
VCS-1

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1st Amtrac Bn	(1)
3d AT Bn	(1)
3d Tank Bn	(1)
3d Engr Bn	(1)
FSCC	(1)
S-2	(1)
S-3	(1)
File	(4)

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1. At 152345H, Company B CP received one M-26 hand grenade in its perimeter vic (AT 946577) sustaining two WIA. Med Evac. Marines returned nine rounds SA at suspected VC positions. Searched area with negative results.
2. At 160400H, Company C squad patrol vic (AT 920570) apprehended one VCS. Evacuated to Battalion S-2. Suspected of having knowledge of VC minefield.
3. At 160920H, Company D platoon CP vic (AT 977571) received est five to ten rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 978572). Marines and tank returned five rounds SA, 20 rounds .50 cal and two 90mm rounds. Negative results.
4. At 160945H, Company C platoon patrol vic (AT 910557) received est five rounds SA from one VC vic (AT 909555). Marines directed six rounds 60mm at enemy position. Searched area with negative results.
5. At 161325H, an M-35 truck assigned to Company D (AT 982602) observed est seven VC vic (AT 986602). Marines directed 50 rounds SA at VC location resulting in est four VC KIA (FROB).
6. At 161430H, Company C platoon patrol vic (AT 923560) received 10 rounds SA fire from est three VC vic (AT 924564). Marines directed 68 rounds 81mm at the enemy location. Searched area with negative results.
7. At 161745H, Company B platoon clearing operation vic (AT 939574) discovered two 105mm rounds rigged with trip wire. Destroyed in place.
8. At 161800H, Company C platoon CP vic (AT 914566) received 10 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 915564). Marines returned 170 rounds SA, ten rounds 40mm, three rounds M-72 and directed 26 rounds 105mm at the enemy location.
9. At 161950H, Company K/3/9 squad OP reinforced with tank vic (AT 984621) observed two VN males in boat vic (AT 987618). Marines and tank fired 30 rounds SA at the enemy position. Negative results.

CONFIDENTIAL2d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 162045H, Company M/3/9 squad vic (BT 005595) moving to its ambush site received heavy volume SA fire from unknown number VC vic (BT 001582). Marines returned SA fire and maneuvered. Directed 14 rounds 105mm at the suspected enemy location. One USMC KIA and three USMC WIA. Med Evac.

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HEADQUARTERS  
 9th Marines  
 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
 c/o FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

3/PAR/ewp  
 1500  
 17 June 1966

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

Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 168 as of 172400H, June 1966

Ref: (a) Division Order 3100.1B

Encl: (1) Operations, 1st Bn, 9th Marines  
 (2) Operations, 2d Bn, 9th Marines  
 (3) Operations, 3d Bn, 9th Marines

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1) through (3) are forwarded.

a. Operational Highlights. None

b. Special report on combined ARVN/USMC activities. 2d Bn, 9th Marines provided two rifle companies in support of an ARVN clearing operation. Marine forces were in a blocking position vic (BT 026598-015598-015595) at 170600H when it was noted that the ARVN units were firing preparatory fires into an adjacent area approximately 500 meters to the east. These fires were neither announced nor coordinated with participating USMC units. Approximately 125 rounds were fired over a two hour period. There were no friendly casualties although H/2/9 reported rounds landing within 100 meters of southern flank of blocking position.

c. Plans for the next 24 hours.

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company B attacks and seizes company objective W-18 vic (AT 929555).

(b) Company C continues attack on company objective W-17 vic (AT 915557).

(c) Company D continues the attack on Company objective W-14 vic (AT 948562); attacks and seizes company objective W-15 vic (AT 958560).

(d) Company K 3/9 conducts a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9862-9863).

CONFIDENTIAL(2) 2d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Companies E and H continue to maintain blocking positions vic (BT 026598-015598-015595) in support combined clearing operation vic (BT 0159-0158-0259-0258-0257) with ARVN forces from QUANG NAM sector. Estimated time completion 181600H.

(b) Company G conducts a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9962 - BT 0062).

(3) 3d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company I remains in AN HOA operating area; establishes platoon patrol base vic (AT 885492); conducts patrols and ambushes.

(b) Company L remains in AN HOA operating area; establishes platoon patrol base vic (AT 901494); conducts patrols and ambushes.

d. Scout/Sniper Teams

(1)	<u>No. of teams</u>	<u>No. employed</u>
1/9	1	1
2/9	0	0
3/9	1	1

(2) No contact was achieved.

e. Boxscore

USMC  
KIA-1  
WIA-10 (Seven Med Evac)

VC  
KIA-8 (confirmed)  
KIA-3 (probable)  
WIA-2 (probable)  
VCS-1

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2/9	(4)	FSOC	(1)
3/9	(4)	S-2	(1)
2/12	(6)	S-3	(1)
1st Antrac Bn	(1)	S-4	(4)

CONFIDENTIAL1st Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 162115H, Company K 3/9 platoon patrol received est 50 rounds SA fire from three VC armed with automatic weapons vic (AT 963646). Marines directed 150 rounds SA fire, maneuvered and directed eight rounds 60mm and 16 rounds 81mm at the enemy location. Searched area. Negative results.
2. At 170720H, Company D platoon patrol discovered a CHICOM grenade vic (AT 963569). Destroyed in place.
3. At 171315H, Company B Marine vic (AT 937576) detonated an unknown type explosive device. One USMC WIA. Not Med Evac.
4. At 171330H, Company D platoon on clearing operation vic (AT 955562) received est three rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 955563). Sustained one USMC WIA. Med Evac. Searched area. Negative results.
5. At 171500H, Company B Marine on platoon patrol vic (AT 925567) detonated an M-16A1 AP mine resulting in one USMC KIA and two USMC WIA. Med Evac.
6. At 171615H, Company K 3/9 platoon manning blocking position vic (AT 939608) received SA fire from one VC vic (AT 939609) sustaining two WIA. Med Evac. Marines pursued VC and detonated an M-26 hand grenade rigged with trip wire sustaining one WIA. Med Evac. Contact could not be reestablished with VC.
7. At 171825H, Company B platoon patrol vic (AT 925567) observed five VC vic (AT 928565). Marines directed 50 rounds SA fire at VC location. Searched area. Found one VC KIA (confirmed).
8. At 171730H, Company D platoon clearing operation vic (AT 973577) received est 20 to 30 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 967577) sustaining two USMC WIA. Not Med Evac. Marines and LVTH-6 returned 20 rounds .50 cal machinegun fire and six rounds 105mm at the enemy position. Searched area. Found evidence of one VC KIA (probable).



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2d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 171100E, Company H blocking position vic (BT 009591) apprehended one male VCS. Suspect was acting suspicious. Evacuated to Battalion S-2. Initial interrogation revealed suspect has knowledge of recent VC troop movement vic (BT 0059).

CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 170215H, H&S Company Marine on battalion perimeter vic (AT 874476) received one hand grenade in his position. Marine evacuated position before grenade exploded. Area was illuminated and three VC were momentarily observed fleeing vic (AT 877475) and disappeared in treeline.
2. At 171020H, Company I platoon patrol vic (AT 887487) received est 15 rounds SA fire from est three to five VC vic (AT 887490). Patrol returned 100 rounds SA, three 3.5" rockets and directed five rounds 60mm and 14 rounds 105mm at the enemy position. Searched area with negative results.
3. At 171045H, Company L squad patrol vic (AT 905472) observed two VC crossing rice field vic (AT 906492). Marines directed 30 rounds SA at the enemy location. One VC was KIA(confirmed) and other VC fled into tree line. Marines pursued but were unable to reestablish contact. Captured one US carbine.
4. At 171600H, Recon OP vic (AT 975480) received SA fire from eight VC vic (AT 971476). Extraction by helicopter was requested since position was apparently known to the VC. At 171625H, extraction was completed. No USMC casualties. Eight rounds 105mm were directed at the enemy location. Unknown results.
5. At 171605H, Company L Marine on platoon patrol vic (AT 905495) detonated an unknown explosive device resulting in one USMC WIA. Med Evac.
6. At 171700H, Company I platoon patrol vic (AT 905495) received moderate SA fire from est 15-20 VC vic (AT 902497). Marines returned heavy SA fire and directed two rounds 105mm at the enemy location. Searched area found six VC KIA(confirmed). Captured three submachinegun magazines.
7. At 171930H, Company L platoon patrol vic (AT 900490) received 30 rounds SA fire from est VC squad vic (AT 905494). Marines directed 10 rounds 105mm at the enemy positions. Searched area. Found evidence of three VC KIA (probable) and two VC WIA (probable).

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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
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18 June 1966

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

Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 169 as of 182400H June 1966

Ref: (a) Division Order 3100.1B

Encl: (1) Operations, 1st Bn, 9th Marines  
(2) Operations, 2d Bn, 9th Marines  
(3) Operations, 3d Bn, 9th Marines

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1) through (3) are forwarded.

a. Operational Highlights. 9th Marines assumed responsibility for DIEN BAN checkpoint (BT 055588) at 181200H.

b. Plans for the next 24 hours

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company A conducts a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9659-9658-9759).

(b) Company B continues attack on company objective W-18 vic (AT 929555).

(c) Company C continues attack on company objective W-17 vic (AT 915557).

(d) Company D continues attack on company objective W-14 vic (AT 948562) and W-15 vic (AT 958560).

(2) 2d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company E continues attack on company objective C-6 vic (BT 023596).

(b) Company H continues attack on company objective C-5B vic (BT 010589).

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(c) Company M continues attack on company objective C-1 vic (BT 0060).

(3) 3d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company I remains in AN HOA operating area; establishes a platoon patrol base vic (AT 8949); conducts patrols and ambushes.

(b) Company L remains in AN HOA operating area; establishes a platoon patrol base vic (AT 9048); conducts patrols and ambushes.

c. Scout/Sniper Teams(1) No. of teams      No. employed

1/9	1	1
2/9	0	0
3/9	1	1

(2) No contact was achieved.

e. BoxscoreUSMC

KIA - 1 (DOW)

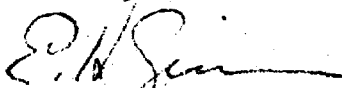
MIA - 11 (eight Med Evacs)

VC

KIA - 7 (Conf)

MIA - 8 (Prob)

VCS - 3



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2/12	(6)	S-3	(1)
1st Airborne Bn	(1)	File	(4)

CONFIDENTIAL1st Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 180730H, AO assigned to Company C received moderate SA fire from est three VC vic (AT 917547). Marines directed 38 rounds 105mm at the enemy location. Good coverage of target area.
2. At 180735H, Company D platoon vic (AT 950564) observed nine VC running into treeline vic (AT 949599). Marines and tanks fired 200 rounds SA, 500 rounds .50 caliber machine gun, six rounds 60mm, 16 rounds 40mm and eight rounds 90mm. Searched area. Found three VC KIA (Confirmed) and blood and drag marks indicating six VC WIA (Probable).
3. At 180900H, Company B platoon vic (AT 928552) received SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 934556). Sustained one USMC KIA (DOW). Marines could not fix exact location of VC and did not return fire.
4. At 181000H, Company C vic (AT 915557) found one VN male in tunnel at above coordinates. Apprehended as VCS.
5. At 181048H, Company B vic (AT 922522) received three rounds 81mm from unknown number VC vic (AT 926544). Marines directed 18 rounds 105mm at the suspected VC location. Enemy mortar fire ceased. No friendly casualties.
6. At 181100H, Company B vic (AT 925550) received est 15 rounds SA fire and two rifle grenades from est three VC at close range. Marines and tanks returned 200 rounds SA and 10 rounds 90mm resulting in one VC KIA (Confirmed) and one VC WIA (Probable). No friendly casualties.
7. At 181227H, Company B platoon vic (AT 928556) received est 20 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 928550). Sustained two USMC KIA. Med Evac. Marines returned SA fire with unknown results. Thereafter prevented search of area.
8. At 181335H, Company C vic (AT 917556) received est 25 rounds SA fire from two VC in treeline. Sustained one WIA. Not Med Evac. Marines returned 50 rounds SA and one round 40mm. Searched area with negative results.
9. At 181415H, Company C platoon vic (AT 917557) received heavy SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 918540). Marines directed one round 81mm and 62 rounds 105mm at enemy location. Good effect on target.
10. At 181525H, Company B platoon vic (AT 923555) observed one VC in treeline vic (AT 922555). Marines directed SA fire at enemy position resulting in one VC KIA (Confirmed).

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11. At 181820H, Company C vic (AT 917556) received est 30-40 rounds 81mm and heavy SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 925545). Marines returned SA fire and directed artillery mission on suspected VC location. The enemy mortar fire continued. Additional artillery fire was directed at the suspected VC mortar location and an air strike utilizing four fixed wing aircraft was conducted against suspected enemy locations. The enemy mortar fire ceased, but small arms fire continued to be received by elements Cc C. An airstrike utilizing three UH-1E's was conducted at 181950H. Eight USMC WIA. Five Med Evac. VC casualties undetermined. Total ordnance expended by air/ artillery and mortar missions:

105mm	374
155mm	13
60mm	58
81mm	85
500 lb napalm	8
500 lb bombs	7
2.75 rockets	42

CONFIDENTIAL2d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 181505H, Company G platoon patrol vic (AT 998626) received five rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (BT 001618). Marines returned 70 rounds SA and two rounds 40mm. Searched area with negative results.
2. At 181530H, Company E blocking position vic (BT 015586) apprehended four VCS. Evacuated to Battalion S-2. After initial interrogation two suspects were released, other evacuated to IIT.
3. At 182000H, Company E vic (BT 015589) received 15 rounds SA fire from three VC vic (BT 016589). Marines returned 30 rounds SA and five 40mm rounds. Searched area with negative results.
4. At 182000H, 2d Bn CP vic (BT 017627) received three rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (BT 005625). Marines directed 10 rounds 81mm at the enemy location. Unknown results.

CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 181835H, Company I squad patrol vic (AT 895499) observed six VC vic (AT 899501). VC fled north upon seeing patrol. Marines fired 40 rounds SA and directed 18 rounds 105mm at the enemy location. Patrol searched area. Found two VC KIA (Confirmed) and blood indicating one VC WIA (Probable).

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19 Jun 1966

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

Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 170 as of 192400H June 1966

Ref: (a) Division Order 3100.1B

Encl: (1) Operations, 1st Bn, 9th Marines  
(2) Operations, 2d Bn, 9th Marines  
(3) Operations, 3d Bn, 9th Marines  
(4) Special Report

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1) through (3) are forwarded.

a. Operational Highlights. None

b. Artillery Highlights. Direct support artillery engaged 11 targets of opportunity. Hostile mortar positions, heavy automatic weapons fire and a tunnel and trench complex were attacked with heavy volumes of fire. In addition suspected enemy locations based upon two special intelligence reports were attacked. A total of 662 HE and 64 WP rounds were delivered. During the curfew hours harassing and interdiction fires were directed at 38 concentrations expending an additional 104 HE rounds.

c. Plans for the next 24 hours.

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company A conducts a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9759-9760).

(b) Company B continues attack on company objective W-18 vic (AT 929555).

(c) Company C continues attack on company objective W-17 vic (AT 915557).

(d) Company D attacks and seizes company objective W-16 vic (AT 950552).

CONFIDENTIAL(2) 2d Bn. 9th Marines

(a) Company E attacks and seizes company objective C-9 vic (BT 013567).

(b) Company G executes helilift to vic (AT 990577); attacks and seizes company objective C-4 vic (AT 984580).

(c) Company H attacks and seizes company objective C-5 vic (AT 995590).

(d) Company M/3/9 continues attack on company objective C-1 vic (BT 0060); retracts via helicopter to Battalion CP vic (BT 015627) at about 201300H.

(3) 3d Bn. 9th Marines

(a) Company I remains in AN HOA operating area vic (AT 8746); establishes platoon patrol base vic (AT 8850); conducts patrols and ambushes.

(b) Company L remains in AN HOA operating area vic (AT 8746); establishes platoon patrol base vic (AT 9049); conducts patrols and ambushes.

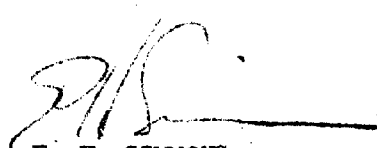
d. Scout/Sniper Teams

(1)	<u>No. of teams</u>	<u>No. employed</u>
1/9	1	1
2/9	0	0
3/9	1	1

(2) No contact achieved.

c. Boxscore

<u>USMC</u>	<u>VC</u>
None	KIA(CONF)-6
	KIA(PROB)-5
	WIA(PROB)-7
	VCS-2

  
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1/9	(4)	S-2	(1)
2/9	(4)	S-3	(1)
3/9	(4)	File	(4)
2/12	(6)		
1st Antrac Bn	(1)		
3d Tank Bn	(1)		

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CONFIDENTIAL1st Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 182205H, Company C platoon patrol base vic (AT 913554) received one round 81mm fire. Marines directed 52 rounds 105mm at suspected VC mortar locations vic (AT 919540-922549-925545).
2. At 182345H, Company C vic (AT 917556) received five rounds 81mm from enemy mortar positions vic (AT 912529). AO on station fired 3000 rounds SA and 14 2.75" rockets at the enemy location. Thirty-four rounds 105mm were directed at the enemy positions. Enemy firing ceased.
3. At 190815H, Company D vic (AT 959562) observed one VC at close range. Marines fired two rounds SA and pursued VC into bunker vic (AT 957563). Marines threw two M-26 hand grenades resulting in one VC KIA (CONF).
4. At 190920H, Company C vic (AT 918540) apprehended one male VCS vic above coordinates. No identification. Evacuated to ITT.
5. At 191000H, Company C vic (AT 915557) observed one VC vic above coordinates. Marines directed 12 rounds SA fire resulting in one VC KIA (CONF).
6. At 191050H, Company C vic (AT 918547) received 10 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 918540). Marines directed 48 rounds 105mm at the enemy location. VC firing ceased.
7. At 191204H, Company D vic (AT 959562) received SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 942556). Marines directed 98 rounds 105mm at the enemy location. Searched area with negative results.
8. At 191300H, Company B vic (AT 928552) received 35 rounds SA fire from est seven VC vic (AT 927546). Marines returned 20 rounds SA and directed 18 rounds 105mm at the enemy location. VC firing ceased.
9. At 191535H, Company B vic (AT 923555) observed three VC vic (AT 925555). Marines fired six rounds SA resulting in two VC KIA (CONF) and one VC WIA (PROB).
10. At 191800H, Company B vic (AT 928552) received est 35 rounds SA fire from est six VC vic (AT 924546). Marines returned 20 rounds SA fire and directed 26 rounds 105mm at the enemy locations with good target coverage.

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11. At 191825H, Companies B and C in night defensive positions vic (AT 928552-923553) observed est seven to ten VC fleeing into treeline vic (AT 924546). Marines fired 157 rounds SA and directed 172 rounds of 105mm at the enemy locations with excellent target coverage. Five VC KIA (PROB) and three WIA (PROB). Apprehended one VCS female found near impact area. Evacuated to DAI LOC district headquarters.

CONFIDENTIAL2d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 182030H, Company M/3/9 vic (BT 001596) heard sporadic SA fire and Vietnamese voices coming from vic (AT 992602). An interpreter attached to Company M identified the sounds as that of a VC delivering a propaganda speech. Marines directed 15 rounds 105mm at the suspected VC location with undetermined results.
2. At 190855H, Company F squad patrol reinforced with tanks vic (BT 000634) received five rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (BT 006630). Tanks returned two rounds 90mm. Searched area with negative results.
3. At 191110H, resupply helicopter leaving LZ CRAWDAD vic (BT 015627) received est 300 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (BT 003624). The helicopter returned 300 rounds SA fire at the enemy locations before sustaining a hit in fuel line forcing an emergency landing. Marines directed 174 rounds 105mm at suspected enemy locations vic (BT 003620-003624-008620-008624). Search of area revealed artillery fire had good target coverage. Helicopter sustained moderate damage. A new engine was installed and the helicopter was airborne at 191900H.
4. At 191350H, a tank assigned to Company G vic (BT 005625) detonated an unknown type mine. No casualties. No damage to tank.

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CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 191335H, Company L squad patrol vic (AT 903489) observed three VC vic (AT 903489). Marines directed 15 rounds SA resulting in one VC KIA (CONF).
2. At 191700H, 3d Battalion, in response to information obtained from C/1/9 that there were five VC in trenchline at (AT 923527), directed 112 rounds 105mm at the enemy location. One VC KIA (CONF) and four VC WIA (PROB).
3. At 191700H, Recon squad being vertically inserted vic (AT 998460) received SA fire from unknown number VC vic (BT 004458). Fixed wing aircraft on station directed rocket and machine gun fire at the enemy locations with undetermined results. Helicopter returned Recon squad to Battalion CP. No casualties.
4. At 191855H, AO assigned to 3d Battalion observed five VC vic (AT 941535). Directed 10 rounds 105mm at enemy locations. Two VC WIA (PROB).

CONFIDENTIALSPECIAL REPORT

1. Date of Operation. 170600H - 181200H June 1966
2. Location: TAY BANG AN Hamlet (BT 0259)
3. Participating Arvn Units 3d Bn, 51st ARVN Regt  
39th Ranger Bn  
One company APC

4. Concept of Operation:

a. The 2d Bn, 9th Marines in conjunction with 3d Bn, 51st ARVN Regt and elements of 39th Ranger Bn reinforced with a company of APC's conducted a combined clearing operation in the hamlet of TAY BANG AN (BT 0259).

b. 2d Bn, 9th Marines, utilizing two rifle companies, established a blocking position vic (BT 014586-017596-025598). Marine units were in position by 170600H.

c. Elements of 51st ARVN Regt established blocking position vic (BT 014585-020583-028584-028593).

d. The 3d Bn, 51st ARVN Regt approached the objective from the east along axis of the trail vic (BT 043594) and (BT 030593). The 39th Ranger Bn reinforced with a company of APC approached from the east along Highway #14 to vic (BT 027575) then turned north toward the objective area.

e. All elements were to be in position at 170600H.

5. Problems

- a. ITEM: Coordination

COMMENT: A coordination point was established between the 39th Ranger Bn and elements of 2d Bn, 9th Marines vic (BT 014585). A U.S. Army advisor was to be with the left flank of 39th Rangers to assist.

DISCUSSION: All elements were to be in position at 170600H. Contact could not be established with ARVN units/advisors. At approximately 170600H artillery fire was directed by the ARVN units into the objective area. This fire was not coordinated with Marine fires.

Some rounds from this fire landed within 100 meters of Marine units.

b. ITEM: ARVN Leadership

COMMENT: ARVN elements refused to advance further than 400 meters from the coordination point.

DISCUSSION: U.S. Army advisor notified Marine elements that the ARVN forces refused to advance any further because there were reportedly too many VC in area. Up until this time no contact had been established. However, at 172352H, Company H did receive est 10 rounds 60mm and heavy automatic weapons fire.

BN COMMANDER'S EVALUATION: That this operation was compromised is indicated by the fact that villagers in the objective area stated they knew Marines and GVN soldiers were coming and that VC forces vacated the area. It is further suspected that the refusal of ARVN forces to move to assigned positions was due to the impending VC attack.



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20 June 1966

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

Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 171 as of 202400H, June 1966

Ref: (a) Division Order 3100.1B

Encl: (1) Operations, 1st Bn, 9th Marines  
(2) Operations, 2d Bn, 9th Marines  
(3) Operations, 3d Bn, 9th Marines

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1) through (3) are forwarded.

a. Operational Highlights. None

b. Artillery Highlights. Artillery fires engaged 12 targets of opportunity. Targets were predominantly automatic weapons and small arms positions. In addition preparation fires were delivered in support of 1st Bn, 9th Marines attack. A total of 565 HE and 313 WP rounds were delivered. Harassing and interdiction fires were directed at 65 concentrations expending an additional 207 HE rounds.

c. Plans for the next 24 hours.

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company A conducts a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9559-9558).

(b) Company B attacks and seizes company objective W-24 vic (AT 936551).

(c) Company C attacks and seizes company objectives W-19 vic (AT 906548) and W-20 vic (AT 914548).

(d) Company D attacks and seizes company objective W-25 vic (AT 939546).

CONFIDENTIAL(2) 2d Bn. 9th Marines

(a) Company E continues attack on company objective C-9  
vic (BT 013567)

(b) Company G continues attack on company objective C-4  
vic (AT 984580).

(c) Company H continues attack on company objective C-5  
vic (AT 995590).

(3) 3d Bn. 9th Marines

(a) Company I remains in AN HOA operating area; establishes  
platoon patrol base vic (AT 8749 ); conducts patrols and ambushes.

(b) Company L remains in AN HOA operating area; establishes  
platoon patrol base vic (AT 9048 ); conducts patrols and ambushes.

d. Scout/Sniper Teams

(1)	No. of teams	No. employed
1/9	1	1
2/9	0	0
3/9	1	1


(2) No contact achieved.

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1 WIA (Not Med Evac)

VC

3 KIA (CONF)  
6 KIA (PROB)  
3 VCS

  
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CO, 9th Marines	(1)	3d Tank Bn	(1)	File	(4)
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CONFIDENTIAL1st Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 191600H, DAI LOC district chief requested that Company C vic (AT 917557) allow villagers to enter Company C's area to recover VN bodies. Permission was granted with instructions that villagers approach Marine positions carrying white flag. At 191730H, four VN males entered Company C CP carrying white flag. VN males were blind folded and accompanied by one squad of Marines and were led to part of village requested. After reaching area, Marines removed blind folds at which time the VN males dropped the flag and ran. Marines fired SA at the fleeing VN resulting in two VN KIA and two VN WIA (PROB). Investigation is being conducted by executive officer 1st Bn, 9th Marines.
2. At 192040H, Company K platoon patrol base vic (AT 960644) received est 100 rounds SA fire from est four VC vic (AT 959643). Marines returned 100 rounds SA, two rounds 40mm and directed 15 rounds 60mm and 38 rounds 81mm at the enemy position. Undetermined results.
3. At 192252H, Company C vic (AT 917556) received four rounds suspected 60mm from suspected mortar position vic (AT 909549) while conducting Med Evac. Med Evac escort helicopter checked area and directed six rounds 81mm at suspected enemy position. Enemy firing ceased. At approximately 202305H, Company C received two rounds of 81mm every two minutes for the next 10 minutes. AO was requested and observed enemy mortar flashes vic (AT 925529); conducted airstrike with rockets and machine gun fire; directed 195 rounds 105mm at the enemy location. Good target coverage. Undetermined results.
4. At 201140H, AO assigned to Company C vic (AT 917556) observed two VC vic (AT 932538). VC fled north to vic (AT 938542) and joined three more VC. AO directed 32 rounds 81mm at the enemy location with excellent target coverage. Four VC KIA (PROB).
5. At 201430H, Company D vic (AT 949549) received est nine rounds SA fire from est four VC vic (AT 963554). Marines directed 50 rounds 105mm at the enemy location. Good target coverage. 2 VC KIA (PROB).
6. At 201615H, Company C squad patrol vic (AT 910554) received 10 rounds SA fire from (AT 910549). Marines directed 50 rounds 81mm and four rounds 105mm at the enemy location. Undetermined results.
7. At 202040H, Company K 3/9 platoon patrol base vic (AT 972635) received 50 rounds SA fire from vic (AT 974636), (AT 967638) and (AT 975646). Marines returned 150 rounds SA and 10 rounds 40mm and directed 15 rounds 60mm and seven rounds 81mm. Firing ceased. One USMC WIA. Not Med Evac.

CONFIDENTIAL2d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 192130H, Company E vic (BT 023583) received est 50 rounds SA fire from three VC vic (BT 023597). Marines returned one 40mm round and directed 12 rounds 105mm at the enemy location. Undetermined results.
2. At 200700H, helicopter assigned to Company G received SA fire and sustained hit in hydraulic lines. Made forced landing at LZ Bluebird. No casualties. Repairs were made and helicopter was airborne at 200830H.
3. At 201130H, Company M 3/9 vic (AT 997601) observed four VC vic (AT 990603). Marines fired five rounds SA and directed 49 rounds 105mm at the enemy location resulting in one VC KIA (CONF).
4. At 201133H, Company F platoon on clearing operation vic (BT 014593) received 20 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 993601). Marines directed 49 rounds 105mm at the VC location. One secondary explosion resulted.
5. At 201330H, Company E vic (BT 014572) received est 35-40 rounds SA fire from six VC vic (BT 012571). Marines returned 10 rounds SA and directed 12 rounds 105mm. Searched area. Found two VC KIA (CONF). Apprehended three VCS in impact area.
6. At 201415H, 2d Bn resupply helicopter vic LZ Crawdad (BT 014627) received est four rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (BT 006622). Marines directed 24 rounds 105mm at the enemy location. Firing ceased.

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CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 201015H, Company I platoon patrol vic (AT 885495) observed 15 VC vic (AT 891497). Marines directed 31 rounds 105mm at the enemy position. Good target coverage.

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9th Marines  
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
c/o FFO, San Francisco, California 96602

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1500  
21 June 1966

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

Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 172 as of 212400H June 1966

Ref: (a) Division Order 3100.1B

Encl: (1) Operations, 1st Bn, 9th Marines  
(2) Operations, 2d Bn, 9th Marines  
(3) Operations, 3d Bn, 9th Marines

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1) through (3) are forwarded.

a. Operational Highlights. At 181200H, a pontoon bridge, 260 feet long was opened vic (AT 963604). The bridge was constructed by 1st Bridge Company and has a capacity of 60 tons. Bridge can be manually raised or lowered as the water level changes.

b. Supporting Arms Highlights

(1) Artillery. Documents captured by the 1st Bn, 9th Marines at 182100H states the VC are egressing from the forward edge of the 1/9 zone of action on an east-west artery between (AT 925528) and (AT 953524) and then south to an assembly area identified as IE NAM (3) vic (AT 953513). In response to this intelligence information, H&I concentrations were fired along the artery between 202000H and 210500H. At 210500H surprise artillery fires were directed at IE NAM (3). A total of 150 HE and 40 WP rounds were expended.

(2) Naval Gunfire. The destroyer, USS MORTON, armed with 5"/54 caliber guns supported a 2d Bn, 9th Marines attack at 201100H. A NGF spot team was positioned with Co G/2/9. Four observed H&I concentrations were fired during the night expending a total of 36 HE rounds.

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CONFIDENTIALc. Plans for the next 24 hours:(1) 1st Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company A conduct platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9559-9458-9358).

(b) Company B attacks and seizes company objectives W-22 vic (AT 927545) and W-23 vic (AT 927540).

(c) Company C attacks and seizes company objective W-21 vic (AT 919542).

(d) Company D continues attack on company objectives W-12 vic (AT 973574), W-13 vic (AT 958568) and W-16 vic (AT 950552).

(e) Company K/3/9 conducts company clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9763).

(2) 2d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company E continues attack on company objective C-9 vic (BT 013567).

(b) Company G continues attack on company objective C-4 vic (AT 984580).

(c) Company H continues attack on company objective C-5 vic (AT 995590).

(3) 3d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company I remains in AN HOA operating base vic (AT 8746); establishes platoon patrol base vic (AT 8849); conducts patrols and ambushes.

(b) Company L remains in AN HOA operating base vic (AT 8746); establishes platoon patrol base vic (AT 9048).

d. Scout/Sniper Teams

(1)	<u>No. of teams</u>	<u>No. employed</u>
1/9	1	1
2/9	0	0
3/9	1	1

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WIA - 1 (DOW)

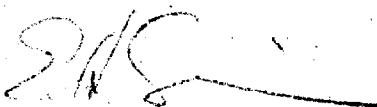
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KIA - 2 (CONF)

KIA - 12 (PROB)

WIA - 14 (PROB)

VCS - 2

  
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CONFIDENTIAL1st Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 210845H, AO assigned to Company C vic (AT 910546) observed est VC squad vic (AT 913539). Directed 20 rounds 105mm at the enemy position. Undetermined results.
2. At 211140H, AO assigned to Company D vic (AT 939544) received eight rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 940542). Marines and tank searched area with negative results.
3. At 211745H, Company D vic (AT 946546) received 10 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 958547). Marines directed 24 rounds 105mm at the enemy location. Firing ceased.
4. At 211900H, Company B vic (AT 931548) observed VC enter tunnel vic above coordinates. Marines entered tunnel. Found a large underground room 7x20x6 feet. Could not locate VC. Destroyed tunnel with explosives. One VC KIA (PROB).
5. At 212010H, Company B vic (AT 925548) received est 15 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 925540). Marines returned 150 rounds SA and directed 23 rounds 81mm at the enemy location. Undetermined results.

CONFIDENTIAL2d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 202035H, Company G vic (AT 990593) received 30 rounds SA fire from est 10 VC vic (AT 993594) sustaining one WIA (later DCW). Marines returned 30 rounds SA and threw two M-26 hand grenades. Undetermined results. Requested Med Evac. At about 202100H Med Evac helicopter received light SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 985575). Marines and LVTH-6 returned 14 rounds 105mm at the enemy location. Searched area with negative results.
2. At 210600H, Company G vic (AT 991590) apprehended one VCS. Suspect was evasive as patrol approached house. Initial interrogation revealed suspect had knowledge of recent VC movement in area. Evacuated to ITT.
3. At 210745H, Company G vic (AT 990587) received five rounds SA fire from one VC vic (AT 993587). Marines returned 20 rounds SA, one round 3.5" and two rounds 40mm. Searched area with negative results.
4. At 211000H, Company H vic (AT 997587) apprehended one VCS. Suspect was acting suspicious as Marines approached him. Evacuated to ITT.
5. At 211020H, Company H resupply helicopter vic (AT 997587) received 15 rounds SA fire from two VC vic (BT 002582). Squad searched area with negative results.
6. At 211250H, Company H resupply helicopter vic (AT 997587) received est 20 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 998595). Fixed wing aircraft ~~strafed~~ suspected VC location with good target coverage.

CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 210945H, Company L squad patrol vic (AT 894491) observed five VC vic (AT 898498). Marines directed 16 rounds 81mm at the enemy location. Searched area with negative results.
2. At 211130H, Recon OP vic (AT 931458) observed six VC with weapons vic (AT 948478). Marines directed four rounds 105mm at the enemy location. Unknown results.
3. At 211607H, Company L platoon patrol vic (AT 904482) observed est 20-30 VC vic (AT 901505). Marines directed 92 rounds 105mm at the enemy location resulting in six VC KIA (PROB) and 12 VC WIA (PROB).
4. At 211745H, Company I squad patrol vic (AT 882501) received three rounds SA fire from est VC squad vic (AT 888504). Marines returned 50 rounds SA and directed 32 rounds 105mm at the enemy location resulting in two VC KIA (CONF), five VC KIA (PROB) and two WIA (PROB).

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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

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1500  
22 June 1966

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

Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 173 as of 222400H June 1966

Ref: (a) Division Order 3100.1B

Encl: (1) Operations, 1st Bn, 9th Marines  
(2) Operations, 2d Bn, 9th Marines  
(3) Operations, 3d Bn, 9th Marines

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1) through (3) are forwarded.

a. Operational Highlights. 1st Battalion, 9th Marines forward companies reached Phase Line Green at 221235H. Final objectives were successfully seized following heavy arty prep fires.

b. Supporting Arms Highlights

(1) Artillery. Direct support artillery engaged six targets of opportunity. Hostile mortar positions and VC firing at helicopters were attacked with high volume of fire. Preparation fires in support of the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines attack were also directed. A total of 429 HE, 181 WP and 276 Illumination rounds were fired. H&I fires continued throughout the night for an additional expenditure of 340 HE rounds.

(2) Naval Gunfire. The destroyer, USS MORTON, continued in support of 2d Battalion, 9th Marines. Two missions were fired at suspected VC escape routes following the mortar attack on H/2/9. A total of 81 rounds HE were expended. The MORTON was relieved on station by the destroyer USS DAVIS at 220400H. No missions were fired by the DAVIS prior to its detachment at 221200H for another NGF commitment.

c. Plans for the next 24 hours

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company A continues a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9559-9458-9358); establish blocking position vic (AT 9358) in support of 2d Battalion, 9th Marines operation vic (AT 9359).

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(b) Company B consolidates company objectives W-23 vic (AT 927540), W-24 vic (AT 936551) and W-25 vic (AT 939546).

(c) Company C consolidates company objectives W-17 vic (AT 915557), W-19 vic (AT 906548) and W-21 vic (AT 919542).

(d) Company D consolidates company objectives W-12 vic (AT 973574), W-13 vic (AT 958568) and W-16 vic (AT 950552).

(2) 2d Bn. 9th Marines

(a) Company E attacks and seizes company objective C-10 vic (BT 019572).

(b) Company G attacks and seizes company objective C-14 vic (AT 996564).

(c) Company H attacks and seizes company objective C-8 vic (BT 005567).

(d) Company M conducts COUNTY FAIR (19) vic PHONG LUC (3) (BT 015620) in conjunction with 3d Battalion, 51st ARVN Regiment and DIEN BAN District Headquarters pacification cadre. Operation commences at 230200H. Two-day operation.

(3) 3d Bn. 9th Marines

(a) Company I remains in AN HOA operating area; establishes platoon patrol base vic (AT 991491); conducts patrols and ambushes.

(b) Company L remains in AN HOA operating area; establishes platoon patrol base vic (AT 898466); conducts patrols and ambushes.

d. Scout/Sniper Teams

(1)	<u>No. of teams</u>	<u>No. employed</u>
1/9	1	1
2/9	0	0
3/9	1	1

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KIA-3

WIA-25 (11 Med. Evac)

VC

KIA(CONF)-6

KIA(PROB)-17

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CONFIDENTIAL1st Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 212100H, Company B vic (AT 913548) received four 60mm rounds from unknown number VC vic (AT 925540). Countermortar fire was directed at the enemy locations and the enemy fire ceased.
2. At 212240H, Company D vic (AT 954553) observed est three VC in boat vic (AT 954549). Marines directed 150 rounds SA, three 40mm and one M-72 round at the enemy position. Sinking boat. Three VC WIA (PROB).
3. At 212330H, Company B vic (AT 931548) received one hand grenade in its perimeter resulting in one USMC WIA. Not Med Evac. Marines directed 10 rounds SA fire at suspected enemy position. Searched area with negative results.
4. At 220845H, H&S Company squad conducting road mine clearing operation vic (AT 986637) received 40 rounds SA from est three VC vic (AT 991636). Marines returned 30 rounds SA fire at the enemy location. One VC KIA (PROB).
5. At 221145H, Company B vic (AT 925537) received light SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 931538). Marines returned 70-75 rounds SA and two rounds 40mm. Searched area. Found three VC KIA (CONF).
6. At 221430H, Company C vic (AT 908547) while searching hamlet vic above coordinates received four rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 910548). Marines directed 73 rounds 105mm at the enemy position. Searched area. Found blood trails and drag marks indicating one VC KIA (PROB) and three VC WIA (PROB).
7. At 221430H, Company A platoon on clearing operation vic (AT 950592) observed seven VC vic (AT 944588). Marines directed 62 rounds 105mm at the enemy positions. Excellent target coverage. Seven secondary explosions noted.
8. At 221500H, Company B vic (AT 925539) received six rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 925533). Marine: tank .. returned eight 90mm rounds at enemy location. Searched area. Found one VC KIA (CONF).
9. At 221850H, Company A Marine on platoon patrol vic (AT 950590) detonated an M-16A1 AP mine resulting in two USMC KIA and eleven WIA. Med Evac. Additional details follow separately upon completion investigation.
10. At 221905H, Company A platoon patrol base vic (AT 936578) received light SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 937592). Marines returned 16 rounds 105mm at the enemy position. Good effect on target.

CONFIDENTIAL2d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 212200H, Company G vic (AT 990587) received heavy volume of SA fire and est 25 rounds 60mm from est 20-25 VC positioned to the east and northeast. Simultaneously, Company H vic (AT 996587) received heavy SA fire and est 60 rounds 60mm from est 50 VC positioned to the west, southeast and northeast. Marines returned fire with all organic weapons and directed 212 rounds 105mm at the enemy positions. A flare ship was on station from 212350H until 220100H. Marines searched the area. Found one VC KIA and blood stains and drag marks indicating 11 VC KIA (PROB). Marine casualties were 11 WIA. Not Med Evac.
2. At 220750H, engineers conducting road sweep vic (BT 006636) detonated an unknown type mine resulting in three USMC WIA. Two Med Evac. All WIA were from 3d Engineer Battalion.
3. At 221330H, resupply helicopter vic (BT 007762) received 10 rounds SA fire from est four VC vic (BT 007617). Marines directed 69 rounds 105mm at the enemy locations. Good effect on target.
4. At 221530H, Company E vic (BT 022592) received 50 rounds SA fire from est three VC vic (BT 021576). Marines directed 68 rounds 105mm at the enemy location. Good target coverage.
5. At 221900H, Company G Marine vic (AT 985585) detonated an M-164 AP mine resulting in one USMC KIA.



CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 221045H, Company I platoon patrol vic (AT 887493) received SA fire from est VC squad vic (AT 885495). Marines returned SA fire and directed 13 rounds 105mm at the enemy positions. Good target coverage.
2. At 221147H, Recon OP vic (AT 934455) observed five VC vic (AT 915445). Marines directed 22 rounds 105mm at the enemy position. Two VC KIA (CONF) and three VC KIA (PROB).
3. At 221830H, Company L Marine on platoon patrol detonated an M-26 hand grenade resulting in two USMC WIA. Not Med Evac.
4. At 222003H, Company L platoon patrol base vic (AT 908486) received 30 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 908492). Marines directed two rounds 60mm and 16 rounds 105mm at the enemy location. Undetermined results.

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23 June 1966

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

Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 174 as of 232400H June 1966

Ref: (a) Division Order 3100.1B

Encl: (1) Operations, 1st Bn, 9th Marines  
(2) Operations, 2d Bn, 9th Marines  
(3) Operations, 3d Bn, 9th Marines  
(4) Special Report on Sweep/Clear Activities

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1) through (4) are forwarded.

a. Operational Highlights.

(1) Lt Col J. J. HESS assumed command of 2d Bn, 9th Marines from Lt Col W. F. DONAHUE at 231400H.

(2) Major G. H. GRIMES assumed command of 3d Bn, 9th Marines from Lt Col P. C. TRAMMEL at 221100H. Lt Col TRAMMEL resumed duties as Executive Officer, 9th Marines.

b. Artillery Highlights. Preparation fires were directed in support of the 2d Bn, 9th Marines attack. Six targets of opportunity, VC snipers and automatic weapons positions were engaged. A total of 125 HE and 80 WP rounds were fired. H&I fires continued throughout the curfew period expending an additional 194 HE rounds.

c. Plans for the next 24 hours

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company A conducts clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9660-9659-9658).

(b) Company B conducts deliberate clearing operation in area north of Phase Line Green vic (AT 9258-9254-9354).

(c) Company C conducts deliberate clearing operation in area north of Phase Line Green vic (AT 9054-9154-9153-9155).

(d) Company D conducts deliberate clearing operation in area north of Phase Line Green vic (AT 9454-9455-9555-9556).

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(e) Company K maintains platoon patrol base vic (AT 9764); conducts patrols and ambushes.

(2) 2d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company E continues attack on company objective C-10 vic (BT 019572).

(b) Company G continues attack on company objective C-14 vic (AT 996564).

(c) Company H continues attack on company objective C-8 vic (BT 005567).

(d) Company M 3/9 continues COUNTY FAIR 19 vic PHONG LUC (3) (BT 015620) in conjunction with 3d Bn, 51st ARVN Regiment and DIEN BAN District Pacification Cadre.

(3) 3d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company I remains in AN HOA operating area; establishes platoon patrol base vic (AT 8748); conducts patrols and ambushes.

(b) Company L remains in AN HOA operating area; establishes platoon patrol base vic (AT 9048); conducts patrols and ambushes.

d. Scout/Sniper Teams

(1)	<u>No. of teams</u>	<u>No. employed</u>
1/9	1	1
2/9	0	0
3/9	1	1

e. Boxscore

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WIA-3 (Med Evac)

VC

KIA-3 (CONF)

  
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CONFIDENTIAL1st Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 230810H, Company A blocking position vic (AT 943591) observed four VC vic (AT 941596). Marines directed 36 rounds 105mm at the enemy positions. Good effect on target.
2. At 231415H, Company B vic (AT 925534) received est 15-20 rounds SA from vic (AT 933531). Marines directed 30 rounds 105mm at the enemy position. Good target coverage.
3. At 231745H, Company B vic (AT 927528) received 20-30 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 927529). Marines directed 38 rounds 105mm at the enemy position. Enemy firing ceased.
4. At 231830H, Company D vic (AT 947547) observed three VC vic (AT 947543). Tank directed two rounds 90mm at the VC position resulting in three VC KIA (CONF).

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2d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

(1) At 230740H, H&S Company Marine with wire team vic (BT 012623) detonated an unknown explosive device resulting in two USMC WIA. Med Evac.

Enclosure (2)  
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CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 231200H, Recon OP vic (AT 938461) observed seven VC vic (AT 946474). Marines directed two rounds 105mm at the enemy position. Good target coverage.
2. At 231205H, Company I Marine on platoon patrol vic (AT 887490) sustained facial wounds from bamboo splinters while destroying hedgerow. One USMC WIA. Med Evac.
3. At 231705H, Recon OP vic (AT 938461) observed four VC vic (AT 973479). Marines directed six rounds 105mm at the VC position. VC fled east into tree line.
4. At 231915H, Recon OP vic (AT 938481) observed three VC vic (AT 945476). Marines directed 24 rounds 105mm at the enemy position. Undetermined results.

Enclosure (3)  
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CONFIDENTIALSPECIAL REPORT ON SWEEP/CLEAR ACTIVITIES

COL 1	COL 2	COL 3	COL 4		COL 5	COL 6	COL 7
			A	B			
1/9	5	20	3	4			
2/9	4	16	3	4			
3/9	2	10	2	2			

LEGEND:

- Col 1: TAOR identification. If outside assigned (ZOA), report as "other".
- Col 2: Number of sweep/clear teams.
- Col 3: Total number of personnel involved during 24-hour period in sweep/clear activities
- Col 4A: Number of visual sweeps
- Col 4B: Number of deliberate sweeps
- Col 5: Number of enemy emplaced mines found. Separately as footnote, describe fully each find, to include location, environment, grid coordinates, method by which detected, type, size, firing device, etc. Nothing in this report for info should be construed to alter current doctrine involving on-the-spot decision to destroy in place or disarm/deactivate
- Col 6: Number disarmed/deactivated.
- Col 7: Number destroyed in place.

Footnotes:

1. At 230740H, 2/9 wireteam vic (BT 012623) detonated unknown explosive device by stepping on it.



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 24 June 1966

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

Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 175 as of 242400H June 1966

Ref: Division Order 3100.1B

Encl: (1) Operations, 1st Bn, 9th Marines  
 (2) Operations, 2d Bn, 9th Marines  
 (3) Operations, 3d Bn, 9th Marines  
 (4) Special Report on Countermining Activities

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1) through (3) are forwarded:

a. Operational Highlights. COUNTY FAIR 19 vic PHONG LE BAC (BT 017621) concluded at 241330H. Results were one VC KIA armed with a Springfield rifle, caliber .30 (captured). Eight VCS apprehended.

b. Artillery Highlights. Eight targets of opportunity were engaged. Targets included VC observations by reconnaissance elements and hostile small arms fire. A total of 154 HE and 34 WP rounds were directed. H&I fires continued throughout the curfew period for an additional expenditure of 196 HE rounds.

c. Plans for the next 24 hours:

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company A conducts a company clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9660-9659-9658-9558-9559).

(b) Company B conducts deliberate clearing operation vic (AT 9253-9254-9354-9355).

(c) Company C conducts deliberate clearing operation vic (AT 9153-9154-9054-9055-9155).

(d) Company D conducts deliberate clearing operation vic (AT 9454-9555-9556-9767).

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(e) Company K conducts extensive platoon patrols vic (AT 9665-9765-9664-9764-9564).

(2) 2d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company E attacks and seizes company objective C-11 vic (BT 034577).

(b) Company G attacks and seizes company objective C-15 vic (BT 021569).

(c) Company M/3/9 executes helilift from LZ Crawdad to LZ vic (AT 987573); attacks and seizes company objective C-13 vic (AT 980573). Helilift scheduled for 250700H. Prep fires in call.

(d) Company H retracts by helicopter from vic (BT 008574) to LZ Crawdad vic (BT 016627); reverts to Battalion reserve. Retraction scheduled for 251300H.

(3) 3d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company I remains in AN HOA operating base vic (AT 8746); establishes platoon patrol base vic (AT 887502) and (AT 915492); conducts patrols and ambushes.

(b) Company L remains in AN HOA operating base vic (AT 8746); establishes platoon patrol base vic (AT 900493) and (AT 910474); conducts patrols and ambushes.

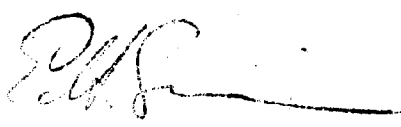
d. Scout/Sniper Teams

(1)	<u>No. of teams</u>	<u>No. employed</u>
1/9	1	1
2/9	0	0
3/9	1	1

(2) No contact was achieved.

e. Boxscore

<u>USMC</u>	<u>VC</u>
None.	KIA - 11 (CONF)
	KIA - 5 (PROB)
	WIA - 2 (PROB)
	VCC - 2
	VCS - 4

  
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CONFIDENTIAL1st Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 240900H, Company B squad patrol vic (AT 933551) observed two VC in boat vic (AT 934551) and subsequently received four rounds SA when VC saw Marines. Marines returned 20 rounds SA and two M-72 rounds resulting in two VC KIA (CONF).
2. At 240910H, Company B squad patrol vic (AT 928538) received est 11 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 918528). Marines directed 28 rounds of 105mm at the enemy location. Good target coverage.
3. At 240930H, Company D platoon on clearing operation vic (AT 946547) destroying bunker with explosives and observed one VC run from hiding place near bunker. Marines directed SA at fleeing VC resulting in one VC KIA (CONF).
4. At 241110H, Company B squad patrol vic (AT 928538) received est 10 rounds SA from unknown number VC vic (AT 918528). Marines directed 81mm mortar mission at the suspected enemy position. Undetermined results.
5. At 241132H, Company B squad patrol vic (AT 933548) observed two VC running into tunnel vic (AT 931549). Marines directed 10 rounds SA at the VC location resulting in two VC KIA (CONF). Destroyed tunnel.
6. At 241513H, Company B Marines vic (AT 925537) apprehended one VCS and one VCC. VCS had recently received gunshot wound in ankle. VCC had sustained recent napalm burns over one quarter of his body. Evacuated to 3d Med Bn.
7. At 241530H, Company C platoon reinforced with tanks vic (AT 913539) observed four VC vic (AT 915535). Tank fired five rounds 90mm at the VC position resulting in two VC KIA (CONF) and two VC WIA (PROB).

CONFIDENTIAL2d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 240755H, M35 truck assigned to H&S Company received three rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (BT 004632). Marines did not return fire due to proximity of friendly troops.
2. At 241200H, Battalion CP vic (BT 015627) received 10 rounds SA fire in its perimeter from unknown number VC vic (BT 010629). Patrol searched area. Apprehended one VCS. No identification.
3. At 241200H, Engineers conducting road sweep vic (BT 012629) apprehended one VCS. Suspect attempted to evade patrol.
4. At 241400H, Company G vic (AT 993559) observed one VC with female vic above coordinates. VC ran when he saw Marine patrol and threw what appeared to be a weapon into brush. Marines directed SA fire at fleeing VC wounding him. VC was captured and evacuated to 3d Med Bn. Female apprehended as VCS and evacuated to IIT. Search for weapon proved negative. Captured one CHICOM grenade and various documents.

the 1st in one VC KIA (CONF).

4. At 241325H, Company L squad patrol vic (AT 904494) observed three VC vic (AT 906496). Marines fired 100 rounds SA, one M-72 and three 3.5" rockets at the enemy location. VC fled east. Marines pursued but could not reestablish contact.

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### 3d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 240830H, Recon OP vic (AT 997462) observed five VC vic (AT 996481). Marines directed one round 105mm at the VC location. Undetermined results.
2. At 240915H, Company L platoon patrol vic (AT 898487) received 10 rounds SA fire from est one VC squad vic (AT 906492). Marines returned 100 rounds SA and directed six rounds 60mm and 28 rounds 105mm at the enemy position resulting in three VC KIA (CONF) and two VC WIA (PROB).
3. At 241210H, Recon OP vic (AT 997462) observed six VC vic (AT 984473). Marines directed 20 rounds 105mm at the enemy position resulting in one VC KIA (CONF).
4. At 241325H, Company L squad patrol vic (AT 904494) observed three VC vic (AT 906496). Marines fired 100 rounds SA, one M-72 and three 3.5" rockets at the enemy location. VC fled east. Marines pursued but could not reestablish contact.
5. At 241340H, Recon OP vic (AT 997462) observed seven VC vic (AT 983471). Marines directed 48 rounds 105mm at the enemy position resulting in three VC KIA (CONF) and two VC KIA (PROB).

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### 3d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 240830H, Recon OP vic (AT 997462) observed five VC vic (AT 996481). Marines directed one round 105mm at the VC location. Undetermined results.
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3. At 241210H, Recon OP vic (AT 997462) observed six VC vic (AT 984473). Marines directed 20 rounds 105mm at the enemy position resulting in one VC KIA (CONF).
4. At 241325H, Company L squad patrol vic (AT 904494) observed three VC vic (AT 906496). Marines fired 100 rounds SA, one M-72 and three 3.5" rockets at the enemy location. VC fled east. Marines pursued but could not reestablish contact.
5. At 241340H, Recon OP vic (AT 997462) observed seven VC vic (AT 983471). Marines directed 48 rounds 105mm at the enemy position resulting in three VC KIA (CONF) and two VC KIA (PROB).

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Ref: (a) CG, III MAF msg 210728Z  
 (b) CG, 3d MarDiv msg 231150Z

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 25 June 1966

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

Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 176 as of 252400H June 1966

Ref: (a) Division Order 3100.1B

Encl: (1) Operations, 1st Bn, 9th Marines  
 (2) Operations, 2d Bn, 9th Marines  
 (3) Operations, 3d Bn, 9th Marines  
 (4) Special Report on Countermining Activities

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1) through (4) are forwarded:

a. Operational Highlights. Omitted.

b. Artillery Highlights. Ten targets of opportunity were engaged. Targets included small number of VC and hostile small arms fire. One unobserved artillery mission was fired in response to a special intelligence report. Two significant missions were fired during this period. One resulted in 3 VC KIA (PROB) and the second resulted in numerous secondary explosions believed to be mortar and small arms ammunition. A total of 355 HE and 12 WP were expended against targets of opportunity during this period. H&I fires continued throughout the curfew period and 201 HE rounds were fired on H&I concentrations; 27 rounds fired by Naval Gunfire.

c. Plans for the next 24 hours.

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company A conducts a company clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9358-9458-9459).

(b) Company B continues deliberate clearing operation vic (AT 9253-9254-9354-9355).

(c) Company C continues deliberate clearing operation vic (AT 9153-9154-9054-9055-9155).

(d) Company D continues deliberate clearing operation vic (AT 9454-9555-9556-9767).



CONFIDENTIAL(2) 2d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company E continues attack on company objective C-11 vic (BT 034577); attack and seize company objective C-12 vic (BT 050596).

(b) Company F conducts a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (BT 0061).

(c) Company G continues attack on company objective C-15 vic (BT 021569).

(d) Company M continues attack on company objective C-13 vic (AT 980573).

(3) 3d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company I remains in AN HOA operating base (AT 8746); establishes a platoon patrol base vic (AT 900482); conducts patrols and ambushes.

(b) Company L remains in AN HOA operating base (AT 8746); establishes platoon patrol base vic (AT 873496); conduct patrols and ambushes.

d. Scout/Sniper Teams


(1)	<u>No. of teams</u>	<u>No. employed</u>
1/9	1	1
2/9	0	0
3/9	1	1

(2) No contact was achieved.

e. Boxscore

USMC  
WIA-1 Med Evac

VC  
KIA(CONF)- 7  
KIA(PROB)- 5

  
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CONFIDENTIAL1st Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 241630H, Company D vic (AT 947547) observed four VC vic (AT 947536). Marines directed one round 90mm at the enemy position. The round made a direct hit on target resulting in four VC KIA (CONF).
2. At 242030H, Company B vic (AT 920547) reported hearing what sounded like a loud speaker broadcast coming from vic (AT 917556). The broadcast was reported as a Viet Cong propaganda effort. Marines directed 24 rounds of 105mm at the enemy location and the broadcast ceased.
3. At 251020H, Company D vic (AT 946557) observed one VC at close range. Marines directed SA fire at the VC. One SA round ricocheted resulting in one USMC WIA. Med Evac. Marines pursued VC but were unable to reestablish contact.
4. At 251100H, Company C vic (AT 920544) found twelve 40mm rounds rigged in a cluster with a pressure type firing device. Destroyed in place.
5. At 251715H, Company B (AT 925537) received five rounds SA fire from one VC vic (AT 925529). Tank fired two rounds 90mm. One VC KIA (CONF).
6. At 251900H, Company D vic (AT 947548) observed one VC putting package in boat. He then departed the area. Tank directed four rounds 90mm at the boats sinking four. One secondary explosion occurred.
7. At 252010H, H&S Company squad ambush patrol vic (AT 989625) observed unknown number of VC fire 12 rounds SA at USMC psy war broadcast team vic (AT 981624). Marines directed five rounds SA at the enemy location. Enemy firing ceased. One VC KIA (PROB).

CONFIDENTIAL2d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 250707H, Company M executing helilift vic (AT 988573) received SA fire from est ten VC vic (BT 003614). Fixed Wing Aircraft on station directed 72 2.75" rockets and 500 rounds 20mm at the enemy position. Forty-six rounds 105mm were also directed at the enemy position. Enemy fire ceased.

2. At 251425H, Company G vic (BT 012568) observed five VC vic (BT 003569). Marines and ONTOS directed five rounds SA and ten rounds 106mm at the enemy position. Searched area with negative results.

CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 251245H, Recon OP vic (BT 003464) received SA fire from three VC vic (AT 998459). Marines directed 33 rounds 105mm at the enemy location. OP position compromised. Marines retracted via helicopter.
2. At 251728H, Company L squad patrol vic (AT 905483) received 30 rounds SA fire from est three VC vic (AT 908482). Marines returned 150 rounds SA and directed artillery mission at the enemy location. Undetermined results.
3. At 251820H, Company I squad patrol vic (AT 899490) saw eight VC fleeing north vic (AT 893493). Marines fired 50 rounds SA and 10 rounds 40mm at the enemy position. One VC KIA(POB).
4. At 252050H, Company I platoon patrol vic (AT 885492) received 20 rounds SA fire and two hand grenades in its patrol base. Marines returned 400 rounds SA, 15 rounds 40mm and threw six M-26 grenades. Directed 60mm mortar mission on suspected enemy withdrawal routes. Undetermined results.
5. At 250530H, Company L platoon patrol vic (AT 895487) shot and killed two VCS who attempted to escape. VCS were apprehended during late afternoon of 24 June vic above coordinates and had been tied and placed in family bunker. Suspects freed themselves dug tunnel and attempted to escape.

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 26 June 1966

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

Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 177 as of 262400H June 1966

Ref: (a) Division Order 3100.1B

Encl: (1) Operations, 1st Bn, 9th Marines  
 (2) Operations, 2d Bn, 9th Marines  
 (3) Operations, 3d Bn, 9th Marines  
 NIF-(4) Special Report on Countermine Activities

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1) through (4), are forwarded:

a. Operational Highlights. Three forward companies of 2d Bn 9th Marines reached Phase Line Green at 261500H.

b. Artillery Highlights. Five targets of opportunity were engaged. Targets included small number of VC and hostile small arms fire. One unobserved artillery mission was fired in response to a special intelligence report. Two significant missions were fired during this period resulting in excellent target coverage. 230 HE and 12 WP were delivered on all missions fired during this period. H&I fires continued throughout the curfew period and 198 HE were fired on H&I concentrations.

c. Plans for the next 24 hours.

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company A conducts a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9760).

(b) Company B continues deliberate clearing operation vic (9253-9254-9354-9355); supports river crossing by LVT's from AN HOA vic (AT 9253).

(c) Company C continues deliberate clearing operation vic (AT 9153-9154-9054-9055-9155).

(d) Company D continues deliberate clearing operation vic (AT 9454-9555-9556-9767).

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(e) Company K 3/9 conducts a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9761).

(2) 2d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company E conducts deliberate clearing operation vic (AT 9956).

(b) Company F maintains platoon patrol base vic (BT 0061); conducts patrols and ambushes.

(c) Company G continues deliberate clearing operation vic (BT 0257-0357).

(d) Company H establishes two platoon patrol bases vic (AT 9962) and (BT 0263); conducts company clearing operation vic (AT 9963-9962-9961).

(e) Company M 3/9 conducts deliberate clearing operation vic (AT 9855-9856); conducts a platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9857).

(3) 3d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company I provides security for extraction of LVT's from AN HOA to vic (AT 900518) and returns to AN HOA operating base vic (AT 8746); establishes platoon patrol base vic (AT 8850); conducts patrols and ambushes.

(b) Company L remains in AN HOA operating base vic (AT 8746); establishes platoon patrol base vic (AT 8948); conducts patrols and ambushes.

d. Scout/Sniper Teams

(1)	<u>No. of teams</u>	<u>No. employed</u>
	1/9      1	1
	2/9      0	0
	3/9      1	1

(2) No contact was achieved.

e. Boxscore

USMC  
11 WIA (9 Med Evac)

VC  
1 WIA (PROB)  
1 VCS

  
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CONFIDENTIAL1st Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 251945H, Company B vic (AT 936545) received sporadic SA fire and observed movement of unknown number VC vic (AT 936532). Marines directed 62 rounds 81mm and 50 rounds 105mm at the enemy location. Est 10 secondary explosions occurred.
2. At 252215H, Company B fire team LP vic (AT 936545) received a hand grenade in its position from unknown number VC at close range sustaining four USMC WIA. Med Evac. Squad reinforced LP and searched area with negative results.
3. At 260615H, Company B vic (AT 925537) received est 10-15 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 921529). Marines and tank returned 20 rounds SA, three 3.5" rockets and two rounds 90mm. Artillery support was requested and 40 rounds 105mm was directed at the enemy location. Good target coverage.
4. At 261000H, Company A vic (AT 958595) found one dead VC vic above coordinates. VC was being buried by villagers near rice paddy and had sustained a gunshot wound in head.
5. At 261000H, tank assigned to Company A detonated a mine. (Est 81mm or 105mm with pressure type firing device). Tank sustained light damage. No casualties.
6. At 261845H, Company A Marine on platoon patrol vic (AT 966601) detonated an M-26 hand grenade resulting in three USMC WIA. Two were Med Evac.
7. At 261225H, Company K platoon patrol vic (AT 964639) apprehended one male VCS. Suspect had invalid identification card. Evacuated to ITT.

CONFIDENTIAL2d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 252030H, Company E vic (BT 035586) received five rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (BT 035590). Marines directed 12 rounds 105mm at the enemy location. Undetermined results.
2. At 252130H, 2d Bn CP perimeter vic (BT 015627) observed two flashing red lights vic (BT 018625) and (BT 021634). Marines directed five rounds 81mm at each location. Lights disappeared.
3. At 261230H, Company F squad patrol vic (BT 008609) received five rounds SA fire from one VC vic (BT 011609). Marines returned 20 rounds SA and three 40mm rounds. Searched area with negative results.
4. At 261545H, Company F Marine on clearing operation vic (BT 003611) detonated an M-16A1 AP mine sustaining three WIA. Two Med Evac. Mine was emplaced in a destroyed house.
5. At 261407H, tank assigned to Company F vic (BT 007616) observed three bamboo sticks in trail vic above coordinates. Tanks fired five rounds 90mm resulting in three secondary explosions.
6. At 261700H, Company F vic (BT 007612) received one round SA fire from one VC vic (BT 007616). One USMC WIA (minor). Med Evac.

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CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 261220H, Company I platoon patrol vic (AT 878506) received light SA fire from est six VC vic (AT 876514). Marines returned 25 rounds SA, three 3.5" rockets and directed ten rounds 60mm and 32 rounds 105mm at the enemy position. One VC WIA (PROB).

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27 June 1966

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

Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 178 as of 272400H June 1966

Ref: (a) Division Order 3100.1B

Encl: (1) Operations, 1st Bn, 9th Marines  
(2) Operations, 2d Bn, 9th Marines  
(3) Operations, 3d Bn, 9th Marines  
NIF-(4) Special Report on Countermining Activities

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1) through (4) are forwarded.

a. Operational Highlights. Retraction of 10 LVTs from AN HOA Operating Base vic (AT 8747) commenced at 270730H. LVT column closed on Hill 55 at 271710H.

b. Artillery Highlights. Artillery support was primarily rendered in support of the LVT retraction from the AN HOA area. Ten preplanned concentrations were fired during the movement of the LVT's. Four targets of opportunity were engaged and one mission was fired in response to a special intelligence report. 328 HE and 17 WP rounds were fired on all the missions during this period. 67 H&I concentrations were fired during the curfew period with an expenditure of 230 HE rounds.

c. Plans for the next 24 hours

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company A conducts a platoon clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9760-9759-9758).

(b) Company B continues deliberate clearing operation vic (AT 9253-9254-9354-9355).

(c) Company C continues deliberate clearing operation vic (AT 9153-9154-9155-9054).

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(d) Company D continues deliberate clearing operation vic (AT 9454-9455-9555-9556).

(e) Company K/3/9. Conducts local patrols and ambushes in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9564-9664-9565).

(2) 2d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company E conducts deliberate clearing operation vic (AT 9857-9957-9858-9958).

(b) Company F maintains platoon patrol base vic (BT 0061); conducts local patrols and ambushes.

(c) Company G continues deliberate clearing operation vic (BT 0257-0357-0457).

(d) Company H conducts deliberate clearing operation vic (BT 0063-0164); maintains platoon patrol base vic (AT 9962).

(e) Company M/3/9 conducts clearing operation from vic (AT 982557) to THANH QUIT Bridge vic (BT 042622). Duration 48 hours.

(3) 3d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company I remains in AN HOA Operating Base vic (AT 8747); establishes a platoon patrol base vic (AT 879491); conducts patrols and ambushes.

(b) Company L remains in AN HOA Operating Base vic (AT 8747); establishes platoon patrol base vic (AT 895454); conducts local patrols and ambushes.

d. Scout/Sniper Teams

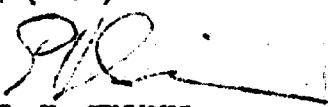
(1) No. of teams                      No. employed

1/9	1	1
2/9	0	0
3/9	1	1

(2) No contact was achieved.

e. Boxscore

<u>USMC</u>	<u>VC</u>
KIA - 0	KIA - 6 (CONF)
WIA - 1 (Med. Eva.)	KIA - 7 (PROB)

  
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S-2	(1)
S-3	(1)
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CONFIDENTIAL1st Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 262130H, Company B vic (AT 925537) reported that LP observed one VC standing up to throw grenade. Marine fired 10 rounds SA and one 40mm round. Marine saw VC fall and grenade exploded. Searched area and found one VC KIA (CONF).
2. At 262140H, Company D vic (AT 958561) received est 50 rounds SA fire from est four VC in treeline. Marines returned 200 rounds SA, three rounds 3.5" rockets and six rounds 81mm. Squad searched area with negative results.
3. At 270945H, Company B vic (AT 925537) received three rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 927529). Marines returned 10 rounds 40mm, 50 rounds 60mm, one round 90mm, and 25 rounds 105mm on enemy location.
4. At 271000H, tanks attacked to Company A on patrol vic (AT 903543) observed three VC with weapons vic (AT 914539); later same patrol vic (AT 902538) observed 10 VC with weapons vic (AT 916536). Tanks fired total 28 rounds 90mm, 800 rounds .30 caliber and 75 rounds .50 caliber. Visual observation of area indicated five VC KIA (CONF) and seven VC KIA (PROB).
5. At 271807H, Company B vic (AT 925537) received 8-10 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 925529). Marines directed 20 rounds 105mm on enemy location. Good target coverage..
6. At 272030H, Company D CP vic (AT 958561) received 4-5 SA rounds from unknown number VC vic (AT 963561). Marines returned 20 rounds SA and two 40mm rounds. Squad checked area with negative results. One Marine WIA. Med Evac.

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CONFIDENTIAL2d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 270700H, Bn CP vic (BT 015627) received five rounds SA fire from est one VC vic (BT 014629). Patrol searched area with negative results.
2. At 271100H, a Marine from Company E detonated explosive device vic (AT 995555) believed to be 3-4 lbs TNT. No casualties.



CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 270835H, Company I vic (AT 890494) observed 15 VC vic (AT 880515). Marines directed 46 rounds 105mm at enemy location. Good target coverage.
2. At 271035H, AO vic (AT 925529) received SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 925529). AO directed 20 rounds 105mm at enemy location. Good target coverage.

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28 June 1966

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

Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 179 as of 282400H June 1966

Ref: (a) Division Order 3100.1B

Encl: (1) Operations, 1st Bn, 9th Marines  
(2) Operations, 2d Bn, 9th Marines  
(3) Operations, 3d Bn, 9th Marines  
N/F- (4) Special Report on Countermine Activities  
1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1) through (4) are forwarded.

a. Operational Highlights. Omitted.

b. Plans for the next 24 hours.

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company A conducts a deliberate clearing operation vic (AT 9659-9658-9759-9758).

(b) Company B continues deliberate clearing operation vic (AT 9253-9254-9354-9355).

(c) Company C continues deliberate clearing operation vic (AT 9153-9154-9155-9054).

(d) Company D conducts a platoon clearing operation vic (AT 9658-9758-9757).

(e) Company K/3/9 conducts aggressive patrols in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9454-9455-9555-9556).

(2) 2d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company E continues deliberate clearing operation vic (AT 9957-9956-9955-BT 0057).

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(b) Company F establishes platoon patrol base vic (BT 0262); conducts patrols and ambushes.

(c) Company G continues deliberate clearing operation vic (BT 0257-0256-0357-0356).

(d) Company H establishes platoon patrol base vic (AT 9962-9961); conducts patrols and ambushes.

(e) Company M/3/9 continues deliberate clearing operation vic (BT 0260-0361-0462-0362); retracts to Battalion CP by 291500H.

(3) 3d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company I remains in AN HOA operating area (AT 8746). Establishes platoon patrol base vic (AT 886492); conducts patrols and ambushes.

(b) Company L remains in AN HOA operating area (AT 8746); establishes platoon patrol base vic (AT 901483); conducts patrols and ambushes.

c. Scout/Sniper Teams

(1)	<u>No. of teams</u>	<u>No. employed</u>
1/9	1	1
2/9	0	0
3/9	1	1

(2) No contact was achieved.

d. Boxscore

<u>USMC</u>	<u>VC</u>
WIA-1(Med Evac)	WIA(PROB)-1

  
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1st Antrac Bn	(1)		
3d AT Bn	(1)		

CONFIDENTIAL1st Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 272145H, Company B fire team LP vic (AT 936543) received a hand grenade in its position from unknown number VC at close range. Sustained one USMC WIA (Med Evac). Marines returned 60 rounds SA and four M-79 rounds. Undetermined results.
2. At 281500H, Company D platoon patrol vic (AT 947547) observed three VC vic (AT 944532). Marines directed four rounds 105mm at the enemy position. Good effect on target.
3. AT 281815H, Company B vic (AT 924534) received one round SA fire in its perimeter from unknown number VC vic (AT 925529). Marines directed 20 rounds 81mm and 37 rounds 105mm at enemy position. Results unknown.

CONFIDENTIAL2d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 280940H, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton truck assigned to H&S Company detonated a mine vic (BT 015627). (Est 15 pounds TNT with pressure type fuze). No damage to vehicle. No casualties.
2. At 281150H, Company F fire team providing security for engineer road sweep vic (BT 009609) observed three VC vic (BT 007609). Marines fired 70 rounds SA. One VC WIA (PROB).
3. At 282135H, Company H platoon patrol base vic (BT 004615) received 15 rounds SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 993618). Marines directed 21 rounds 81mm at enemy position. Undetermined results.

CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 280705H, AO assigned to 3d Bn received SA fire from est VC squad vic (AT 907484). Directed 14 rounds 105mm at the enemy positions. Good target coverage.

Enclosure (3)  
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 9th Marines  
 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
 c/o FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

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 29 June 1966

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

Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 180 as of 292400H June 1966

Ref: (a) Division Order 3100.1B

Encl: (1) Operations, 1st Bn, 9th Marines  
 (2) Operations, 2d Bn, 9th Marines  
 (3) Operations, 3d Bn, 9th Marines (omitted)  
 NIF- (4) Special Report on Countermining Activities

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1) through (4) are forwarded.

a. Operational Highlights. Omitted

b. Artillery Highlights. Eight targets of opportunity were attacked. Six of the eight missions were directed into a known hostile area. 96HE and 10WP rounds were expended on all the missions fired during this period; 64 H&I concentrations were fired during the curfew period with 291HE rounds expended.

c. Plans for the next 24 hours

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company A conducts local patrols and ambushes in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9662-9762-9862)

(b) Company B continues deliberate clearing operations vic (AT 9253-9254-9354-9355).

(c) Company C continues deliberate clearing operation vic (AT 9153-9154-9155-9054).

(d) Company D continues deliberate clearing operations vic (AT 9658-9758-9757).

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(e) Conducts helilift K/3/9 to parent unit at 300800H.

(2) 2d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company E conducts deliberate clearing operation vic (AT 9858-9857-9856-9955).

(b) Company G establishes platoon patrol base vic (BT 0262).

(c) Company A continues to improve company position vic (BT 023578). Conducts patrols south to KY LAM river.

(d) Company H conducts search and destroy operation in QUANG DONG (3) vic (AT 993618) and QUANG DONG (1) vic (AT 993609).

(e) Company M/3/9 conducts clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (BT 0260-0360-0460-0261-0361-0461).

(3) 3d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company I remains in AN HOA operating area (AT 8747). Establishes platoon patrol base vic (AT 887491); conducts patrols and ambushes.

(b) Company L remains in AN HOA operating area (AT 8747). Establishes platoon patrol base vic (AT 895488); conducts patrols and ambushes.

(c) Resumes OPCON Company K at 300800H

d. Scout/Sniper Teams

(1)	<u>No. of teams</u>	<u>No. employed</u>
1/9	1	1
2/9	0	0
3/9	1	1

(2) No contact was achieved.

e. Boxscore

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WIA - 5 (Med Evac)

VC

KIA - 5 (CONF)  
KIA - 1 (PROB)

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S-3	(1)
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CONFIDENTIAL1st Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 282020H, Company H&S vic (AT 982624) received 20-25 rounds S/A fire over a period of 30 minutes from unknown number VC vic (AT 989625). Marines returned 20 rounds S/A and illuminated area. Visual search of area indicated negative results.
2. At 290635H, Company B CP vic (AT 925537) received 7-10 rounds from unknown number VC vic (AT 921529). Marines directed 14 rounds 105mm on enemy location. Good target coverage.
3. At 291100H, Company D platoon CP vic (AT 947547) observed 3 VC with packs vic (AT 947543). Marines fired 40 rounds S/A, 5 rounds 40mm and observed 1 VC fall, other 2 VC dragged body into trenchline. 1 VC KIA (PROB).
4. At 291115H, Company B squad on river security vic (AT 925534) received 3 rounds S/A from unknown number VC vic (AT 926528). Marines returned 20 rounds 81mm, 40 rounds .30 caliber, 36 rounds 105mm on enemy location. Negative results. One Marine WIA. Med Evac.
5. At 291340H, Company B squad on river security vic (AT 925527) received 10 rounds S/A from unknown number VC vic (AT 926528). Marines directed 22 rounds 105mm on enemy location. Good target coverage.
6. At 291550H, Company B squad patrol vic (AT 934537) received 20 rounds S/A fire from estimated 5 VC vic (AT 945583-945537). Marines returned 10 rounds 81mm, 12 rounds 106mm on enemy location. Negative results.
7. At 291630H, Company B patrol vic (AT 940545) observed 8 VC vic (AT 943540). Marines directed S/A fire at VC and VC fled in a northeasterly direction. Marines at Company D platoon patrol base vic (AT 947547) observed same VC and took them under fire. Total rounds expended: 500 rounds S/A, 6 rounds .40mm, 200 rounds .30 caliber, and 30 rounds 106mm. Visual inspection indicated 3 VC KIA (CONF).
8. At 291730H, Company D squad patrol vic (AT 964562) observed 2 VC vic (AT 965562). Marines directed 240 rounds S/A, 2 rounds 40mm. Marines searched area and found 2 VC KIA (CONF).

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CONFIDENTIAL2d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 290145H, a Marine from Company H moving into ambush position vic (BT 006615) detonated M26 grenade rigged with trip wire. Two USMC WIA. Med Evac.
2. At 290910H, engineers and tanks on road sweep vic (AT 998634) received S/A fire from estimated 5 VC vic (AT 994627). Marines returned 250 rounds SA, 15 rounds 40mm, 14 rounds 90mm. Searched area with negative results.
3. At 291030H, Marine from Company M/3/9 vic (BT 014624) detonated M-26 grenade rigged with trip wire. Two USMC WIA. Med Evac.

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

Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 181 as of 302400H June 1966

Ref: (a) Division Order 3100.1B

Encl: (1) Operations 1st Bn, 9th Marines  
 (2) Operations, 2d Bn, 9th Marines  
 (3) Operations, 3d Bn, 9th Marines  
 NIF- (4) Special Report on Countermining Activities

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1) through (4) are forwarded.

a. Operational Highlights. 3d Bn resumed OPCON Company K at 300945H.

b. Plans for the next 24 hours

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company A conducts local patrols and ambushes in semi-cleared area vic (AT 9662-9762-9862).

(b) Company B continues deliberate clearing operation vic (AT 9253-9254-9354-9355).

(c) Company C continues deliberate clearing operation vic (AT 9257-9357-9358-9458-9558).

(d) Company D continues deliberate clearing operation vic (AT 9658-9758-9757).

(2) 2d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company E continues deliberate clearing operation vic (AT 9855).

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(b) Company F maintains platoon patrol base vic (BT 0463).

(c) Company G continues to improve company position vic (BT 025576). Conducts patrols south to KY LAM River.

(d) Company H continues deliberate clearing operation in QUANG DONG (3) vic (AT 993618) and QUANG DONG (1) vic (AT 993609).

(e) Company M/3/9 conducts clearing operation in semi-cleared area vic (BT 0260-0360-0460-0261-0361-0461).

(3) 3d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Company I remains in AN HOA operating area vic (AT 8747). Establishes platoon patrol base vic (AT 890491); conducts patrols and ambushes.

(b) Company L remains in AN HOA operating area vic (AT 8747). Establishes platoon patrol base vic (AT 896484); conducts patrols and ambushes.

c. Scout/Sniper Teams

(1)	<u>No. of teams</u>	<u>No. employed</u>
1/9	1	1
2/9	0	0
3/9	1	1

(2) No contact was achieved.

d. Boxscore

<u>USMC</u>	<u>VC</u>
WIA - 6 (5 Med Evac)	KIA - 7 (CONF)

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2/12	(6)	S-3	(1)
1st AMTrac Bn	(1)	File	(4)

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1. At 291830H, Company C squad patrol vic (AT 914555) observed two VC vic (AT 918554). Marines directed three rounds 60mm, 13 rounds 81mm. Marines searched area. Negative results.
2. At 291900H, Company D platoon patrol base vic (AT 947547) observed seven VC, two of whom appeared to be carrying weapons vic (AT 946553). Marines directed 50 rounds SA, five rounds 60mm. Searched area and found three VC KIA (CONF).
3. At 292030H, Company B platoon patrol base vic (AT 924534) received five rounds SA from unknown number VC vic (AT 925529). Marines directed 30 rounds 81mm, 26 rounds 105mm. Undetermined results.
4. At 292040H, Company C platoon patrol base vic (AT 910550) received two rounds SA from unknown number VC vic (AT 906549). Marines directed two rounds 90mm. Marines searched area. Negative results.
5. At 292325H, Company C squad patrol while moving into ambush site vic (AT 915558) received two hand grenades. Marines returned 50 rounds SA, 42 rounds 81mm to block possible escape route to north. Searched area with negative results. One Marine WIA. Not Med Evac.
6. At 301715H, Company B CP vic (AT 926536) received SA fire from unknown number VC vic (AT 925528); one Marine WIA. Marines returned SA fire and sent tank to evacuate WIA. Tank received three rounds 57mm from vic (AT 925528). Tank returned five rounds 90mm. AO on station reported four VC KIA (CONF). One USMC WIA. Med Evac.
7. At 301935H, Company B CP vic (AT 925537) received eight rounds 60mm from unknown number VC vic (AT 928527). Marines directed 100 rounds 81mm and five rounds 105mm. Searched area. Negative results. Four of the incoming 60mm rounds were duds.
8. At 302000H, AO received SA fire from vic (AT 921514). AO directed 62 rounds of 105mm. Undetermined results.
9. At 302030H, Battery D vic (AT 963623) received 20 rounds SA from unknown number VC. Marines illuminated area but could not determine enemy location and did not return fire.

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1. At 292000H, Company H platoon patrol vic (BT 012632) observed three VC vic (BT 008631). Marines directed 20 rounds SA. Searched area. Negative results.
2. At 292130H, Company H squad patrol vic (BT 000624) received two rounds SA from est one VC vic (AT 998623). Marines directed 21 rounds 81mm. Undetermined results.
3. At 301030H, Company H patrol vic (AT 995627) received 50 rounds SA fire from est 3-5 VC vic (AT 994626). Marines returned three rounds 40mm and two rounds 3.5" rockets. Searched area. Negative results.
4. At 301120H, a Marine from Company E on patrol stepped on punji stake vic (AT 982559). One USMC WIA. Med Evac.
5. At 301315H, Company H platoon patrol vic (AT 993616) received 30 rounds SA fire from est two VC vic (AT 990613). Marines returned 100 rounds SA and 20 rounds 40mm. Searched area. Negative results.
6. At 301500H, a Company H Marine on patrol detonated explosive device vic (AT 991619). Several minutes later second Marine detonated explosive device in same area. Three USMC WIA. Med Evac. Explosive device consisted of two tomatoe cans filled with unknown explosive compound.

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1. At 301821H, AO observed 20 VC vic (AT 892521). AO directed 77 rounds 105mm. Good target coverage.



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RELEASER: E.H.SIMMONS, COL.  
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FRAG ORDER 152-66

DIVO 022000.1

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL

- (1) LTCOL R. E. JONES RELIEVED LTCOL M. F. DUEHLER AS COMMANDING OFFICER 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES AT 011500H JUNE 66.
- (2) 1ST BN, 1ST MARINES ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR EAST FLANK BATTALION ZOA AT 011000H RELIEVING 2D BN, 4TH MARINES (REAR).
- (3) COUNTY FAIR OPERATION PLANNED BY 3D BN, 9TH MARINES VIC BEN DAI

(AT 040466) FOR 2 JUNE POSTPONED UNTIL 4 JUNE. 3D BN, 1ST MARINES PLANS TO CONDUCT COUNTY FAIR OPERATION VIC CAM NE (4) (AT 050500) AND CAM NE (5) (AT 070600) ON 3 JUNE 1966.

(6) ROUGH RIDER NORTH (8) SCHEDULED FOR 2 JUNE POSTPONED. TENTATIVELY RESCHEDULED FOR 3 JUNE. CID VIC NAM-O BRIDGE (AT 020400) 030600H. ELEMENTS FROM 2D BN, 4TH MARINES (REAR) WILL PROVIDE CONVOY SECURITY AND WILL BE CHOPPED TO OPCON 4TH MARINES UPON CLOSING HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES EXECUTIVE OFFICER DESIGNATED CONVOY COMMANDER. SAME VEHICLES WILL RETURN ABOUT 3 JUNE AND WILL TRANSPORT REMAINING ELEMENTS 1ST BN, 1ST MARINES FROM HUE-PHU BAI TO DANANG TAOR.

A. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT CO SIZE CLEARING OPERATION VIC (AT 050400-050600).

(2) CONDUCT TWO PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC:

(A) (AT 040600-050600)

(B) (AT 020700-020800)

(3) INSERT RIFLE COMPANY (-) TO VIC (AT 040500); CONDUCT CLEARING OPERATION SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION IN GS (AT 040500-040600) IN CONJUNCTION CLEARING OPERATION VIC (AT 020700-020800).

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B. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT TWO PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC:

(A) (AT 9963) (BT 0163)

(B) (BT 0164-0163-0264)

(2) CONDUCT MOBILE COMPANY CLEARING OPERATION VIC

(BT 0161-0161).

C. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT SIX PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC:

(A) (AT 9249-9349)

(B) (AT 9348-9248)

(C) (AT 9349-9348)

(D) (AT 8849-8949)

(E) (AT 8949-8949)

(F) (AT 8949-8949)

(2) CONDUCT COUNTY FAIR OPERATION BEN DAU (1) VIC

(AT 840466) 4 JUNE 1966.

D. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES (REAR). CONDUCT ROUGH RIDER NORTH (3)  
COMMENCING 030600H. (BATTALION EXECUTIVE OFFICER DESIGNATED  
CONVOY COMMANDER).

E. 3D BN, 1ST MARINES

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

(2) CONDUCT SEVEN COMBINED (USMC/RF) PLATOON SIZE

OPERATIONS IN AREA BOUNDED BY: (BT 012673-020692-010682-

010680) (AT 992677-990664-969662-968693-970686-990699).

(3) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT COUNTY FAIR OPERATION VIC

CAM NE (4) (AT 969695) AND CAM NE (5) (AT 976698) 3 JUNE 1966.

F. 1ST BN, 1ST MARINES

(1) CONDUCT SQUAD SIZE CLEARING OPERATION VIC (BT 0563-  
0562-0563-0564).(2) DESIGNATE ONE PLATOON (REIN) ON 30-MINUTE ALERT AS  
CONVOY RESERVE FOR ROUGH RIDER NORTH (3) COMMENCING 030600H.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. ADMINISTRATION. LESSONS LEARNED DUE THIS HQS 031300H.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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FRAG ORDER 153-66

A. CG 3D MARDIV 302340Z  
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 C. 3D MARDIV 010013Z  
 D. 3D MARDIV 310220Z

1. SITUATION.

A. GENERAL.

(1) LTCOL LAP, COMMANDER, QUANG NAM SECTOR VISITED 9TH MAR  
 CP AT 020900H AND DISCUSSED OPERATIONS PLANS WITH REGIMENTAL

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PAGE TWO B14R C O N F I D E N T I A L  
 COMMANDER. AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDED PLANS FOR COUNTY FAIR OPERATIONS  
 IN 2/9 ZONE OF ACTION AND CLEARING OPERATIONS IN 1/1 ZONE OF ACTION  
 AS A PRELUDE TO RETURN OF ELEMENTS OF 51ST ARVN REGIMENT TO FIVE  
 VILLAGE PACIFICATION AREA. LTCOL LAP INDICATED THAT AT LEAST ONE  
 BATTALION (1ST BN) OF 51ST ARVN REGIMENT WILL BE DEPLOYED TO VIC  
 LIEM LAC (2) (BT0269) TO WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH 59TH RF BN IN  
 PROVIDING SECURITY FOR FIVE VILLAGE PACIFICATION PROGRAM. IT IS  
 ANTICIPATED THAT 1/51 WILL BE ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT PORTION  
 PACIFICATION AREA LOCATED EAST OF NATIONAL ROUTE NR 1 ABOUT 15JUN66.  
 (2) ROUGH RIDER NORTH (8) ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR 2JUN WILL  
 BE CONDUCTED 3JUN. ETD NAM-O BRIDGE (AT9284) 030600H. ELEMENTS FROM  
 2D BN 4TH MAR (REAR) WILL PROVIDE CONVOY SECURITY AND WILL BE  
 CHOPPED TO OPCON 4TH MAR UPON CLOSING HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. 2D BN  
 4TH MAR EXECUTIVE OFFICER DESIGNATED CONVOY COMMANDER. SAME  
 VEHICLES WILL RETURN ABOUT 3JUN AND WILL TRANSPORT REMAINING ELEMENTS  
 1ST BN 1ST MAR FROM HUE-PHU BAI TO DANANG TAOR.  
 B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MAR ISUM 153-66.  
 2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.  
 3. EXECUTION.  
 A. 1ST BN 9TH MAR.

PAGE THREE B14R C O N F I D E N T I A L

(1) CONDUCT THREE COMPANY SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC:  
 (A) (AT957628-959658)  
 (B) (AT9557-9558-9457-9458)  
 (C) (AT9457-9458)  
 (2) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATION IN AREA BOUNDED  
 BY (AT950674-950613-940604).  
 (3) CONDUCT TWO PLATOON CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC:  
 (A) (AT9569-9569-9568)  
 (B) (AT9464-9564)  
 B. 2D BN 9TH MAR.  
 (1) CONDUCT COMPANY CLEARING OPERATION VIC (AT9963-9962-9961).  
 (2) CONTINUE TO CONDUCT MOBILE COMPANY CLEARING OPERATION VIC  
 (BT0061-0161).  
 (3) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATION VIC (AT9963) AND  
 (BT0063-0163).  
 (4) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT COUNTY FAIR OPERATION VIC PHONG  
 NHUT (2) (BT0360) IN CONJUNCTION WITH 1/51 DURING PERIOD 4-5JUN.  
 (5) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT CLEARING OPERATION IN AREA BOUNDED  
 BY NATIONAL ROUTE 1 ON WEST, SONG THANH QUIT ON NORTH AND SONG VINH  
 DIEN ON EAST PRIOR TO CONDUCTING COUNTY FAIR OPERATION VIC (BT056623)

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IN CONJUNCTION WITH 3/51 DURING PERIOD 5-6JUN.

(6) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT CLEARING OPERATION ALONG WEST BANK OF SONG VINH DIEN BETWEEN E-W GRID LINES 59-65 IN CONJUNCTION WITH

RIVERLINE PATROL/SURVEILLANCE BY ELEMENTS 1ST AMTRAC BN DURING PERIOD 6-10JUN; BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT OPN IN CONJUNCTION WITH 1/1 CLEARING OPERATION ALONG EAST BANK OF SONG VINH DIEN ON SAME DATES.

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

- (1) (AT8750-8850)
- (2) (AT8849-8848)
- (3) (AT8748-8749)
- (4) (AT9048-9049)
- (5) (AT9050-9150)
- (6) (AT9149-9148)

D. 2D BN 4TH MAR. CONDUCT ROUGH RIDER NORTH (8) COMMENCING 030600H. (BATTALION EXECUTIVE OFFICER DESIGNATED CONVOY COMMANDER).

E. 3D BN 1ST MAR.

- (1) CONDUCT CORDON AND SEARCH OPERATION VIC CAM NE (4) (AT969695) AND CAM NE (5) (AT976698).
- (2) CONDUCT THREE COMBINED (USMC/RF) PLATOON SIZE CLEARING

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OPERATIONS IN AREA BOUNDED BY (AT970660-993663-BT013660-013673-028674-030710-010710-000680-AT970680).

F. 1ST BN 1ST MAR.

- (1) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATION VIC (BT0664-0565-0564-0464-0365).
- (2) DESIGNATE ONE PLATOON (REIN) ON 30 MINUTE ALERT AS CONVOY RESERVE FOR ROUGH RIDER NORTH (8) COMMENCING 030600H.
- (3) COMMENCE CLEARING OPERATIONS TOWARD PHASE LINE BROWN ON 6JUN.

(4) BE PREPARED TO COMMENCE COUNTY FAIR OPERATIONS IN NORTHWEST SECTOR 1/1 ZONE OF ACTION UPON ARRIVAL 1/51 ABOUT 7JUN; PLAN TO CONDUCT FIRST COUNTY FAIR OPERATION VIC MAN QUAN (2) (BT045685).

(5) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT CLEARING OPERATION ALONG EAST BANK SONG VINH DIEN BETWEEN E-W GRID LINES 59 AND 65 IN CONJUNCTION WITH RIVERLINE PATROL/SURVEILLANCE BY ELEMENTS 1ST AMTRAC BN DURING PERIOD 6-10JUN.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. ADMINISTRATION.

(1) NOMINEES FOR INTRODUCTORY TRAINING FOR PERSONNEL DETECTOR, CHEMICAL COURSE WILL REPORT TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY NLT GP-4

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 051800H AND REMAIN HEADQUARTERS COMPANY UNTIL SCHOOL TERMINATES  
 18JUN.

(2) REF A STATES THAT AN EXCESSIVE AMOUNT OF AMMUNITION  
 BECOMES UNSERVICEABLE DUE TO LACK OF PROPER HANDLING AND CARE.  
 COMMANDERS WILL REEMPHASIZE NEED FOR PROPER HANDLING AND CONTROL  
 OF AMMUNITION.

(3) REF B POINTS OUT THAT BOTH TACTICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE  
 TROOP MOVEMENTS ARE CLASSIFIED. ATTENTION WILL BE DIRECTED TO INSURE  
 THAT SECURITY REGULATIONS ON TROOP MOVEMENT ARE NOT VIOLATED.

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(4) A MARINE WOUNDED IN ACTION THREE TIMES WILL BE

PLACED ON NONCOMBAT DUTY WITH PARENT ORGANIZATION UNLESS HIS WRITTEN  
 REQUEST TO REMAIN IN HIS PRESENT DUTY ASSIGNMENT IS SUBMITTED. REF C.

(5) ALL BATTALION COMMANDERS OF THIS REGIMENT WILL  
 ATTEND COMMANDING OFFICERS CONFERENCE, TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS  
 PERMITTING. REF D.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL.

(1) DURING MAY, 9TH MARINES AND SUPPORTING UNITS KILLED A TOTAL OF 276 VIET CONG (BODY COUNT). AN ADDITIONAL 289 ARE LISTED AS KIA (POSSIBLE). FIFTEEN CONFIRMED VC WERE CAPTURED. DURING THE SAME PERIOD 9TH MARINES CASUALTIES NUMBERED 75 KILLED OR DIED OF WOUNDS, 216 WOUNDED AND EVACUATED, AND 112 WOUNDED AND RETURNED TO DUTY. OF TOTAL MARINE CASUALTIES, 54 PER CENT WERE CAUSED BY MINES AND BOOBY

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TRAPS, 16 PERCENT BY MORTARS AND GRENADES, AND 28 PER CENT BY SMALL ARMS FIRE.

(2) ROUGH RIDER NORTH (8) DEPARTED DANANG AT 030600H AND CLOSED HUE-PHU BAI TAOR AT ABOUT 031000H AT WHICH TIME REMAINING ELEMENTS 2/4 WERE CHOPPED TO 4TH MARINES. RETURN TRIP DEPARTED HUE-PHU BAI ABOUT 031430H AND ARRIVED DANANG TAOR 031930H, AT WHICH TIME 9TH MARINES ASSUMED OPCON REMAINING ELEMENTS 1/1.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 154-66

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION.

A. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE THREE COMPANY SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC:

(A) (AT 959658-959628)

(B) (AT 9558-9357-9457)

(C) (AT 9458-9558-9559)

(2) CONDUCT THREE PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIJUN 4 1966

(A) (AT 9765)

(B) (AT 9459-9559-9460-9560)

(C) (AT 9463-9563)

B. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES

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(1) CONDUCT COMPANY SIZE CLEARING OPERATION VIC

(BT 0161-0261)

(2) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATION VIC

(BT 9963-BT 0063).

(3) CONDUCT CNTY FAIR (16) VIC (BT 0360) IN CONJUNCTION  
WITH ELEMENTS 39TH RANGER BN AND 1ST BN, 51ST ARVN REGIMENT  
COMMENCING 040400H.

C. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES.

(1) CONDUCT SIX PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC:

(A) (AT 8749-8748)

(B) (AT 8948-8848)

(C) (AT 8849-8949)

(D) (AT 9050-9150)

(E) (AT 9048-9049)

(F) (AT 9149-9148)

(2) CONDUCT CNTY FAIR (17) IN BEN DAU (1) AND (2)  
VIC (AT 8456-8446) IN CONJUNCTION WITH DUC DUC DISTRICT PF AND PAT  
UNITS AND ELEMENTS 2D BN, 51ST ARVN REGIMENT COMMENCING 040400H.

D. 3D BN, 1ST MARINES

(1) CONDUCT FOUR COMBINED (USMC/RF) PLATOON SIZE CLEARING

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OPERATIONS.

(A) (BT 0171-0271-0371-0170-0270-0370-0169-0269-0369)

(B) (BT 0068-0067-0066-0167-0166)

(C) (AT 9969-9970-BT 0070-0170-0169-0069-0068-0168-0167-0067)

(D) (AT 9667-9668-9669-9769-9869-9768-9868-9767)

E. 1ST BN, 1ST MARINES

(1) ESTABLISH FIVE PLATOON PATROL BASES VIC (BT 057716-  
034633-094633-106633-073633).(2) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE BLOCKING POSITION VIC (BT 058608-  
059598) COMMENCING ABOUT 050500H IN SUPPORT OF COUNTY FAIR OPERATION  
ON WEST BANK OF XONG VINH DIEN.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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1. SITUATION.

A. GENERAL. RESULTS FROM COUNTY FIAR (16) VIC (BT0360) AS  
 OF 041800H WERE ONE VC KIA (BC) AND FIVE VCC. COUNTY FIAR (17)  
 CONTINUES AT AN HOA. COUNTY FIAR (18) SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE  
 050500H VIC (BT056605). ELEMENTS 30TH RANGER BN WILL CORDON  
 VILLAGE AT 050500H; ELEMENTS 1/51 WILL SEARCH. REINFORCED RIFLE  
 PLATOON FROM B/1/1 WILL ESTABLISH BLOCKING POSITION VIC (BT058608-  
 059598) COMMENCING 050500H.

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B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MAR ISUM 155-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION.

A. 1ST BN 9TH MAR.

(1) CONTINUE COMPANY SIZE CLEARING OPN VIC (AT957628-959658).

(2) CONDUCT A TWO-COMPANY CLEARING OPN IN AREA BOUNDED ON WEST BY GL95, NORTH BY THE SONG AI NGHIA, EAST BY BN BOUNDARY, SOUTH BY ROUTE 14.

(3) CONDUCT FOUR PLATOON-SIZE CLEARING OPNS VIC:

(A) (AT9663-9662-9762)

(B) (AT9660-9560-9459)

(C) (AT9468-9568)

(D) (AT9462-9562)

B. 2D BN 9TH MAR.

(1) CONTINUE COUNTY FAIR (16) VIC (BT0360); TERMINATE UPON MOVEMENT OF ARVN FORCES TO COUNTY FAIR (18) VIC (BT0560).

(2) CONDUCT COMPANY (-) CLEARING OPN VIC

(BT0462-0562-0461-0561) IN SUPPORT OF COUNTY FAIR (18) VIC (BT0560).

(3) CONTINUE COMPANY CLEARING OPN VIC (BT0161-0261).

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(4) CONDUCT PLATOON CLEARING OPN VIC (AT9963-BT0063).

3D BN 9TH MAR.

(1) CONTINUE COUNTY FAIR (17) VIC (AT8346-8446-8547).

(2) RETRACT COMPANIES I AND L FROM FIELD TO VIC AN HOA OPERATING BASE; CONDUCT LOCAL PATROLS AND AMBUSHES NECESSARY TO INSURE UNIT SECURITY.

D. 3D BN 1ST MAR.

(1) CONDUCT A COMBINED (USMC/RF) PLATOON CLEARING OPN VIC (BT0269-0270-0371-0471-0370-0369) IN SUPPORT OF

RIVERLINE PATROL/SURVEILLANCE ALONG SONG VINH DIEN FROM NORTH TO SOUTH BETWEEN E-W GRID LINES 72 AND 65. (RIVERLINE FORCE CONSISTS OF 3 LVTP-5'S, 1 LVTP-(C) AND 2 LVTH-6'S).

(2) CONTINUE TWO COMBINED (USMC/RF) PLATOON CLEARING OPNS VIC:

(A) (AT9967-9968-9969-BT0069-0068)

(B) (AT9767-9768-9769-9869-9969-9968-9868-9867).

(3) CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN ONE COMPANY AS REGT'L MOBILE RESERVE.

E. 1ST BN 1ST MAR.

(1) CONDUCT PLATOON CLEARING OPN VIC (BT0365-

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0364-0465-0464-0514-0664).

(2) CONDUCT PLATOON CLEARING OPN VIC (BT0266-0267-0366-0367-0568-0467) IN SUPPORT RIVERLINE PATROL/SURVEILLANCE  
LONG SONG VINH DIEN FROM NORTH TO SOUTH BETWEEN E-W GRID LINES  
12 AND 65.(3) PROVIDE BLOCKING POSITION VIC (BT058608-059598)  
IN SUPPORT COUNTY FIAR (18) VIC (BT056605) COMMENCING 050500H.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMM-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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A. NINTH MAR OP PLAN 118-66 (KY LAM CAMPAIGN)

B. NINTH MAR 271450Z MAY

C. CG THIRD MARDIV 250520Z MAY

D. CG THIRD MARDIV 040552Z

I. SITUATION

A. GENERAL

(1) 9TH MARINES CONTINUES EXECUTION KY LAM  
 CAMPAIGN. SEE CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS (PARA 3A).

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(2) 3D MARINES PREPARES TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR PORTION WEST SECTOR 1/9 ZONE OF ACTION. SEE COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS (PAR 3G(6)).

(3) 9TH MARINES COMMAND GROUP PREPARES TO DISPLACE TO HILL 55. (PARA 5).

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 156-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE

EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS. 9TH MARINES CONTINUES KY LAM CAMPAIGN IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A AS MODIFIED BY REF B. THREE BATTALIONS IN DANANG SECTOR OF REGIMENTAL ZOA CONTINUE AGGRESSIVE CLEARING OPERATIONS IN THEIR SOUTHWARD MOVEMENT TOWARD PHASE LINE BROWN; AN HOA BATTALION CONCENTRATES ON ESTABLISHING A CLEARED AREA AROUND AIRSTRIP AND INSURING ITS CONTINUED SECURITY.

B. EAST FLANK BN. (1/1)

(1) CONTINUE KY LAM CAMPAIGN (OPERATION BUTLER).

(2) CONDUCT TWO PLATOON CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC:

(A) (BT 0965-0960-1066-1065)

(B) (BT 0664-0562-0560-0563-0561).

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(3) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE PLATOON BLOCKING POSITION CONJUNCTION WITH COUNTY FAIR (13) VIC (BT 056600-056610).

C. CENTER BN. (2/9)

(1) CONTINUE KY LAM CAMPAIGN (OPERATION CARROLL).

(2) CONDUCT TWO COMPANY CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC:

(A) (AT 9963-BT 0063).

(B) (BT 0463-0563-0462-0562).

(3) CONDUCT COMPANY CLEARING OPERATION IN AREA BOUNDED BY (BT 042621), SOUTH TO (BT 050600), WEST TO (BT 023600) AND NORTH ALONG SONG THANH QUIT TO (BT 042621).

(4) CONTINUE COMPANY CLEARING OPERATION VIC

(BT 0260-0360); TERMINATE ABOUT 061200H.

(5) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE ONE RIFLE PLATOON IN SUPPORT RIVERINE OPERATION

VIC (BT 052627) ABOUT 061200H.

D. WEST FLANK BN. (1/9)

(1) CONTINUE KY LAM CAMPAIGN (OPERATION ERIE).

(2) CONDUCT THREE COMPANY CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC:

(A) (AT 9458-9457-9357).

(B) (AT 9659-9660-9760-9860).

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(C) (AT 965664-955623).

(3) CONDUCT THREE PLATOON CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC:

(A) (AT 9863-9862)

(B) (AT 9157)

(C) (AT 9257)

(4) BE PREPARED TO EXTRACT K/3/9 FROM PRESENT POSITION  
ON 9 JUNE UPON COMPLETION RELIEF OF LINES INDICATED IN PARA 3G (6)  
AND TO CHOP OPCON TO PARENT BATTALION SAME DATE.

E. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE POSITION VIC AN HOA OPERATING  
BASE (AT 8746); CONDUCT LOCAL PATROLS AND AMBUSHES TO INSURE  
UNIT SECURITY.

F. 3D BN, 1ST MARINES

(1)

CONTINUE FOUR COMBINED USMC/RF PLATOON CLEARING  
OPERATION VIC:

(A) (BT 0171-0271-0371-0170-0270-0370-0269

0269-0267-0268).

(B) (AT 9668-9768-9667-9767).

(C) (AT 9767-9668-9669-9769-9869).

(D) (AT 9666-9766-9667-9767).

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G. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

A(1) ALL BATTALIONS WILL CONTINUE TO CONDUCT COUNTY  
FAIR OPERATIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH EXECUTION KY LAM CAMPAIGN.

(2) NEW DEADLINE FOR REACHING PHASE LINE BROWN IS  
20 JUNE VICE 31 MAY. REF A MODIFIED ACCORDINGLY.

(3) SPARROW HAWK WILL BE EMPLOYED AGAINST ALL  
SUITABLE TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY.

(4) REF C ASSIGNED FOLLOWING CLASSIFIED CODE NAMES  
FOR OPERATIONS DURING JUNE IN 9TH MARINES ZONE OF ACTION:

(A) EAST FLANK BATTALION: OPERATION BUTLER.

(B) CENTER BATTALION: OPERATION CARROLL.

(C) RIGHT FLANK BATTALION: OPERATION ERIE.

(D) AN HOA BATTALION: NO CODE NAME ASSIGNED.

(5) EAST FLANK, CENTER AND RIGHT FLANK  
BATTALIONS WILL SUBMIT 6-HOUR SPECIAL SITREPS

AS OF 0500, 1100, 1700 AND 2300H COMMENCING 060500H.

(6) ON 9 JUNE, 3D MARINES WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR TERRAIN WEST AND NORTHWEST AREA BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS:  
(AT 970699) DUE SOUTH TO (AT 970698) THENCE SOUTH ALONG EAST  
BANK OF SONG YEN TO STREAM JUNCTION WITH SONG AI NGHIA

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 (AT 942593) THENCE WESTERLY ALONG SOUTHEASTERN BANK OF SONG  
 WU GIA (AT 902564). REF D. 3D MARINES WILL INSERT ONE RIFLE COMPANY  
 INTO AREA INDICATED ABOVE ON 8 JUNE TO PREPARE FOR RELIEF OF  
 LINES FOLLOWING DAY.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS.

A. COMMAND. 9TH MARINES REGIMENTAL COMMAND GROUP WILL  
 DISPLACE TO HILL 55 ON 15 JUNE.

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B. FORCEO 3073.1

C. CG THIRD MARDIV 040710Z

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL

(1) COUNTY FAIR (18) VIC (BT 057594) CONCLUDED AT  
061200H. FINAL RESULTS WERE 9 VC CAPTURED.

(2) AT APPROXIMATELY 071300H ONE COMMANDO PLATOON OF

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51ST ARVN REGIMENT WILL BE DEPLOYED TO 2ND BN, 9TH MARINES  
ZOA FOR COMBINED CLEARING AND COUNTY FAIR OPERATIONS; COMMANDO  
PLATOONS WILL BE ROTATED APPROXIMATELY EVERY 10 DAYS.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 157-66

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION

A. EAST FLANK BN (1/1)

(1) ESTABLISH A COMPANY BLOCKING POSITION VIC (BT 098645-  
093637-112627) IN CONJUNCTION WITH A COMPANY CLEARING OPERATION  
VIC (BT 1064-1163-1063-1164-1263-0963).

B. CENTER BN (2/9).

(1) CONDUCT A COMPANY CLEARING OPERATION IN AREA  
BOUNDED BY (BT 042621), SOUTH TO (BT 050600), WEST TO (BT 023600),  
NORTH ALONG SONG THANH QUIT TO (BT 042621).

(2) CONDUCT TWO PLATOON CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC:

(A) (AT 9963-BT 0063)

(B) (BT 0364-0363-0463)

(3) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE PLATOON SECURITY FOR RIVERINE  
RECONNAISSANCE VIC (BT 053592-032643).

C. WEST FLANK BN (1/9).

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(1) CONDUCT TEN PLATOON CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC

(A) (AT 9564-9664-9563-9663)

(B) (AT 9460-9560)

(C) (AT 9458)

(D) (AT 9559-9558)

(E) (AT 9157)

(F) (AT 9257)

(G) (AT 9759)

(H) (AT 9758-9858)

(I) (AT 9569-9669)

(J) (AT 9464-9564)

D. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS VIC AN HOA OPERATING  
BASE (AT 8746), CONDUCT LOCAL PATROLS AND AMBUSHES TO INSURE  
UNIT SECURITY.

(2) ESTABLISH THREE PLATOON PATROL BASES VIC:

(A) (AT 900481)

(B) (AT 874456)

(C) (AT 876496)

E. 3D BN, 1ST MARINES

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(1) CONDUCT THREE COMBINED (USMC/RF) PLATOON CLEARING  
OPERATIONS VIC:(A) (BT 0171-0271-0371-0474-0370-0270-0269-0369-  
0268)

(B) (AT 9968-9969-BT 0069-0068-0170-0169-0168)

(C) (AT 9669-9769-9868-9768-9668).

## 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

## A. ADMINISTRATION

(1) REF A DIRECTS COMMANDERS TO ASSURE ACCURATE REPORTING  
OF ROTATING PERSONNEL TO FACILITATE ISSUANCE OF ORDERS AND  
ARRANGEMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.(2) REF B DIRECTS COMMANDERS TO ADHERE TO STRICT SAFETY  
PRECAUTIONS IN EMPLOYMENT OF "MITY MITE" BLOWERS/SPRAYERS AND  
PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE AFTER EVERY OPERATING PERIOD.(3) BATTALION COMMANDERS AND S-3'S WILL ATTEND MEETING  
REGIMENTAL CP AT 071000H.

## 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

A. SIGNAL. WHITE SMOKE WILL BE USED ONLY TO MARK ENEMY TARGETS:  
RED SMOKE ALSO REPEAT ALSO USED TO MARK ENEMY POSITIONS. REF C.

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- A. THIRD MARDIV OP O 399-66
- B. NINTH MAR OP PLAN 118-66
- C. NINTH MAR 051557Z
- D. THIRD MARDIV 030205Z
- E. THIRD MARDIV 050044Z

1. SITUATION  
 A. GENERAL

(1) REF A IS THIRD MARDIV PLAN FOR CONDUCT OF OPERATION

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LIBERTY IN DANANG TAOR DURING MONTH OF JUNE. GENERAL PLAN IS ORIENTED TOWARD INCREMENTAL MOVEMENT SOUTHWARD OF FORCES TO SECURE NATIONAL ROUTE 14 AND 500-METERS BEYOND IT (PHASE LINE GREEN) FROM VIC DAI LOC DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS (AT 9158) TO QUANG NAM PROVINCE HEADQUARTERS IN HOI AN (BT 1457) BY 30 JUNE.

(2) REF B IS NINTH MARINES OPPLAN FOR CONDUCT OF OPERATIONS IN SAME GENERAL AREA WHICH WILL BE REPUBLISHED TO REFLECT PROVISIONS OF REF A.

(3) REF C IS HEREBY SUPERCEDED BY PROVISIONS OF THIS FRAG ORDER.

(4) OPERATION CODE NAMES BUTLER, CARROLL AND ERIE ASSIGNED IN REF D ARE VOIDED.

(5) REQUIREMENT FOR 6-HOUR SPECIAL SITREPS OUTLINED REF E CANCELLED.

#### B. FRIENDLY FORCES

(1) 3D TANK BATTALION PROVIDES DIRECT SUPPORT TO NINTH MARINES UNITS WITH ONE COMPANY AND ONE TANK PLATOON PLUS THREE TANKS.

(2) 1ST ANTRAC BATTALION PROVIDES DIRECT SUPPORT TO NINTH MARINES UNITS WITH FOUR PLATOONS.

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(3) 3D AT BATTALION PROVIDES DIRECT SUPPORT TO NINTH MARINES UNITS WITH ONE COMPANY AND ONE PLATOON.

(4) 2D BN, 12TH MARINES IN DIRECT SUPPORT NINTH MARINES.

(5) 3D ENGINEER BATTALION PROVIDES GENERAL SUPPORT O NINTH MARINES.

C. ENEMY FORCES. SEE NINTH MARINES ISUMS AND PIR'S AS ISSUED.

2. MISSION. COMMENCING 070000H, NINTH MARINES CONDUCTS OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS IN ITS ZONE OF ACTION IN DANANG TAOR TO DESTROY THE VC AND HIS FACILITIES; TO DEFEND VITAL INSTALLATIONS WITHIN DANANG TAOR; AND TO CLEAR AND CONTROL PRESENT UNCLEARED AREAS FORWARD OF ITS FRONT LINES. (ANNEX A (OPERATION OVERLAY) TO REF A).

#### 3. EXECUTION

##### A. CONCEPT OF OPERATION

(1) NINTH MARINES FORWARD BATTALIONS IN DANANG TAOR CONDUCT DELIBERATE, DETAILED, SYSTEMATIC AND THOROUGH CLEARING OF VC FORCES AND FACILITIES COMMENCING 070000H. (REF A OUTLINES PHASE LINES FOR 20 JUNE AND 30 JUNE).

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(2) OPERATION CHARACTERIZED BY EMPLOYMENT OF CONVENTIONAL LINEAR-TYPE TACTICS WITH MAXIMUM COORDINATION BETWEEN COMMUNICATION CENTER

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(3) ALL VILLAGES AND HAMLETS WITHIN ZONE OF ACTION WILL BE VIGOROUSLY SEARCHED AND SCRUTINIZED FOR POSSIBLE VC SAFE HAVENS WHICH WILL BE PROMPTLY AND THOROUGHLY DESTROYED WHEN UNCOVERED.

(4) SUPPORTING ARMS WILL BE EMPLOYED TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE.

(5) INSOFAR AS POSSIBLE, TERRAIN CONFIGURATION PERMITTING, RIFLE COMPANIES WILL BE EMPLOYED IN LINEAR FORMATION; FORWARD BATTALIONS IN DANANG TAOR WILL PLACE THREE COMPANIES ABREAST WITH TWO IN REAR ONE OF WHICH WILL BE ON ONE-HOUR ALERT AS BATTALION/REGIMENTAL RESERVE.

(6) ALL METHODS OF LOCATING AND DESTROYING VC WILL BE UTILIZED. COUNTY FAIR OPERATIONS WILL BE USED EXTENSIVELY AND IMAGINATIVELY AGAINST ALL TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY IN SEMI-CLEARED AREAS BEYOND THE FRONT LINES.

B. EAST FLANK BATTALION (1/1)

(1) COMMENCING 070000H, CONDUCT DELIBERATE AND DETAILED

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OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS FROM PRESENT POSITIONS TOWARD PHASE LINE AMBER. (REF A).

(2) BE PREPARED TO ASSUME OPCON OF ONE RIFLE COMPANY FROM 3/1 AT APPROXIMATELY 071000H.

(3) BE PREPARED TO ESTABLISH PERSONNEL CONTROL CHECK POINT IN COORDINATION WITH GUN ACTIVITIES AT INTERSECTION OF ROUTES 1 AND 14 (BT 055500Z) NLT 081200H.

D. CENTER BATTALION (2/9)

(1) COMMENCING 070000H, CONDUCT DELIBERATE AND DETAILED OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS FROM PRESENT POSITIONS TO PHASE LINE AMBER (REF A).

(2) BE PREPARED TO ASSUME OPCON ONE RIFLE COMPANY FROM 3/9 AT ABOUT 091000H.

D. WEST FLANK BATTALION (1/9)

(1) COMMENCING 070000H, CONDUCT DELIBERATE AND DETAILED OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS FROM VIC PRESENT POSITIONS TO PHASE LINE AMBER (REF A).

(2) BE PREPARED TO REDEPLOY K/3/9 IN WEST FLANK BATTALION ZONE OF ACTION UPON CHOP ITS PRESENT SECTOR OF RESPONSIBILITY TO 2/3 ON 9 JUNE.

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A. THIRD MARINES MSG 051420Z

## 1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL. OMITTED.

B. ENEMY FORCES. SEE 9TH MARINES ISUM 158-66.

## 2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

## 3. EXECUTION

A. EAST FLANK BATTALION (1/1)

(1) ATTACK AND SEIZE COMPANY OBJECTIVE E-1 VIC (BT 063627)

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## B. CENTER BATTALION (2/9)

(1) ATTACK AND SEIZE COMPANY OBJECTIVE C-1 VIC (BT 025604).

(2) CONDUCT PLATOON CLEARING OPERATION IN SEMI-CLEARED

AREA VIC (AT 9963-BT 0063).

(3) MAINTAIN ONE COMPANY ON REGIMENTAL RESERVE/BALD EAGLE.

## C. WEST FLANK BATTALION (1/9)

(1) ATTACK AND SEIZE COMPANY OBJECTIVES W-1 VIC (AT 925573), W-2 VIC (AT 935575), W-3 (AT 962576).

(2) CONDUCT THREE PLATOON CLEARING OPERATIONS IN SEMI-CLEARED AREA VIC:

(A) (AT 9762-9763-9765-9765)

KEAUKB) (AT 9463)

(C) (AT 9463-9563)

## D. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE POSITION VIC AN HOA OPERATING BASE (AT 8746); CONDUCT LOCAL PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.

(2) ESTABLISH THREE PLATOON PATROL BASES VIC:

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(A) (AT 966483)

(B) (AT 874457)

(C) (AT 966482)

## E. 3D BN, 1ST MARINES

(1) CONTINUE FOUR COMBINED (USMC/RF) PLATOON OPERATIONS IN SEMI-CLEARED AREAS:

(A) (AT 9967-9968-BT 0067-0167-0168)

(B) (AT 9665-9666-9667-9767-9766-9765)

(C) (AT 9668-9768-9868-9968)

(D) (AT 9768-9868-9868-9869-9769-9869)

F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. REF A DIRECTS THAT PHYSICAL PURSUIT INTO AND/OR ON THE RIVERS TO BE USED AS BOUNDARIES BETWEEN 9TH MARINES AND 3D MARINES MUST HAVE PRIOR COORDINATION. TARGETS IN AND/OR ON THE RIVERS MAY BE PURSUED BY FIRE BY EITHER REGIMENT WITHOUT PRIOR COORDINATION.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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 A. CG 3D MARDIV 040552Z  
 B. :& 3D MARDIV 070020Z  
 1. SITUATION.  
 A. GENERAL.

(1) 1/1 ASSUMED OPCON OF M/3/1 AT 071000H.  
 (2) AT 081400H ONE COMMANDO PLATOON OF THE 51ST  
 ARVN REGIMENT WAS DEPLOYED TO 2/9 ZOA TO PARTICIPATE IN  
 CLEARING AND COUNTY FAIR OPERATIONS IN COORDINATION WITH 2/9.

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B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 159-86.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION.

A. EAST FLANK BN (1/1).

(1) CONTINUE TO ATTACK AND SEIZE OBJECTIVE E-1 VIC (BT063627).

(2) CONTINUE TO ATTACK AND SIEZE OBJECTIVE E-2 VIC (BT075645).

(3) ATTACK AND SEIZE OBJECTIVE E-3 VIC (BT110650).

(4) CONDUCT PLATOON CLEARING OPERATION IN SEMI-CLEARED AREA (BT0471-0470-0570-0571).

B. CENTER BN (2/9).

(1) CONTINUE TO ATTACK AND SEIZE OBJECTIVE C-3 VIC (BT030610).

(2) CONDUCT TWO-PLATOON CLEARING OPERATIONS IN SEMI-CLEARED AREA VIC:

(A) (BT0263-0264)

(B) (AT9963-BT0063)

(3) MAINTAIN ONE COMPANY OR REGIMENTAL RESERVE/BALD EAGLE.

(4) ASSUME OPCON OF M/3/9 AT 090800H.

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C. WEST FLANK BN (1/9).

(1) ATTACK AND SEIZE COMPANY OBJECTIVES W-3 VIC

(AT961595), W-6 VIC (AT965587) AND W-1 VIC (AT9736369).

(2) CONDUCT FOUR PLATOON CLEARING OPERATIONS IN SEMI-CLEARED AREA VIC:

(A) (AT9560-9460-9461)

(B) (AT9761-9861)

(C) (AT9664)

(D) (AT9762)

D. 3D BN 9TH MARINES.

(1) CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE POSITION VIC

AN HOA OPERATING BASE (AT8746); CONDUCT LOCAL PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.

(2) ESTABLISH TWO-PLATOON PATROL BASES VIC:

(A) (AT8749)

(B) (AT9049)

(3) CHOP OPCON OF M/3/9 TO 2/9 AT 090800H.

(4) CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONS IN RECONNAISSANCE ZONE.

E. 3D BN 1ST MARINES.

(1) CONDUCT A COMBINED (USMC/RF) COMPANY CLEARING

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OPERATION VIC (AT9668-9667-9767-9666-9766) FOUNDED ON  
WEST BY SONG YEN, EAST BY SONG YEN NE.

F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. 3D MARINES ASSUMES  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT PORTION 9TH MARINES ZONE OF ACTION  
WEST OF SONG YEN AND NORTHWEST OF SONG VU CHIA OUTLINED IN  
REF A AT 090800H.

#### 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

##### A. ADMINISTRATION.

(1) IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF B, A COPY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS  
INVENTORY WILL BE FORWARDED TO DIVISION ADJUTANT ON ALL  
DECEASED PERSONNEL FOR INSERTION IN INDIVIDUALS' CASE FILES.

COMMANDERS ARE DIRECTED TO COMPLY SCRUPULOUSLY WITH THIS ORDER.

(2) COMMANDING OFFICERS ARE DIRECTED TO BRING MC BULLETIN  
1500 OF 24MAY66 TO ATTENTION OF ALL ENLISTED PERSONNEL.  
THIS BULLETIN CONCERNS APPLICATION FOR LANGUAGE SCHOOL TRAINING  
FISCAL YAR 1967. LEADING TO DUTY IN MOS 2574. ATTENTION  
IS FURTHER DIRECTED TO MCO 1133.15F AND MCO 1133.21A FOR  
CAREER ORIENTED PERSONNEL. PARAGRAPH 3153.8 OF MCO P5030.3

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MARCORPERSMAN CONTAINS INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADMINISTERING THE  
AREA LANGUAGE APTITUDE TEST AND FORWARDING OF APPLICATIONS.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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FRAG ORDER 100-66

A. CG 3D MARDIV 040552Z

B. 9TH MARINES OPPLAN 116A-66

1. SITUATION.

A. GENERAL.

(1) 2/9 ASSUMED OPCON M/3/9 AT 090800H.

(2) AT 090800H, 3D MARINES ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR  
 THAT PORTION OF 9TH MARINES ZONE OF ACTION WEST OF SONG YEN AND  
 NORTH WEST OF SONG VU GHIA OUTLINED IN REF A.

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B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 160-66.

2. MISSION: NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION.

A. EAST FLANK BN (1/1).

(1) CONTINUE ATTACK ON COMPANY OBJECTIVES E-1 VIC (BT 063627) AND E-3 VIC (BT110650).

(2) ATTACK AND SEIZE COMPANY OBJECTIVES E-4 VIC (BT071629), E-5 VIC (BT079635) AND E-9 VIC (BT085643).

(3) CONDUCT TWO PLATOON CLEARING OPERATIONS IN SEMA-CLEARED AREA VIC:

(A) (BT0369-0469-0368)

(B) (BT0471-0479-0471)

B. CENTER BN (2/9).

(1) CONDUCT A COMPANY CLEARING OPERATION IN SEMI-CLEARED AREA VIC (BT0161).

(2) CONDUCT A COMPANY CLEARING OPERATION IN SEMI-CLEARED AREA VIC (AT9861-9961)

(3) CONTINUE ATTACK TO SEIZE OBJECTIVE C-3 VIC (BT030610).

(4) CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN ONE COMPANY AS BALD EAGLE COMPANY/

REGIMENTAL RESERVE.

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C. WEST FLANK BN (1/9).

(1) ATTACK AND SEIZE COMPANY OBJECTIVES W-02 VIC (AT973596), W-04 VIC (AT953596) AND W-05 VIC (AT942588).

(2) CONDUCT A COMPANY CLEARING OPERATION IN SEMI-CLEARED AREA VIC (AT9862-9863).

(3) CONDUCT A PLATOON CLEARING OPERATION IN SEMI-CLEARED AREA VIC (AT9660-9560-9459-9460).

D. 3D BN 9TH MARINES.

(1) ESTABLISH TWO PLATOON PATROL BASES VIC:

(A) (AT9749)

(B) (AT9047)

E. 3D BN 1ST MARINES.

(1) CONDUCT FOUR PLATOON SECURITY PATROLS IN SEMI-CLEARED AREA VIC: (AT9868-9867-9766-9767-9768-9665-9666-9668-9669-9769-9869-9968).

F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. EXECUTE REF B.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. LOGISTICS.

(1) CALIBRATION OF COMM EQUIPMENTISM

(A) DURING PERIOD 11-13 JUNE MARINE CORPS CALIBRATION

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TEAM WILL BE AT FLSC (A) TO WORK ON 9TH MARINES ELECTRONIC TEST EQUIPMENT WHICH ARE OVERDUE FOR CALIBRATION AND THOSE WHICH ARE DUE WITHIN 66 DAYS.

(B) FOLLOWING SCHEDULE WILL GOVERN WHEN EQUIPMENT WILL BE TURNED INTO TEAM AT FLSC (A).

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C. COMMANDERS WILL ENSURE THAT ALL TEST EQUIPMENT ARE IN WORKING ORDER PRIOR TO DELIVERING THEM FOR CALIBRATION.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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A. NINTH MAR OP ORDER 328-65

B. CG THIRD MARDIV 091241Z

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL

(1) LIEUTENANT MICHAEL P. RYAN, CG, 9TH MEB, WILL VISIT  
 9TH MARINE SQUADRON OF ACTION FROM 112900Z-111100Z. HE WILL VISIT  
 1/9 CH AND ONE OF ITS RIFLE COMPANIES FOLLOWED BY A  
 2/9 CH AND ITS AREA OF OPERATIONS VIC (AT 0800-0900-0900-0900)

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9860-BT 0059-0060).

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 161-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. EAST FLANK BN (1/1)

(1) ATTACK AND SEIZE COMPANY OBJECTIVES E-6 VIC

BT 073628), E-7 VIC (BT 115630), E-8 VIC (BT 089622), AND E-10 VIC (BT 069607).

(2) CONDUCT A PLATOON CLEARING OPERATION IN SEMI-CLEARED AREA VIC (BT 0368-0367).

B. CENTER BN (2/9)

(1) ATTACK AND SEIZE BATTALION OBJECTIVE C-1 VIC

(AT 9860-9960-9859-9860-BT 0059-0060). UTILIZE THREE RIFLE COMPANIES IN INITIAL PHASES OF ATTACK WITH ONE RIFLE COMPANY ON HELILIFT STANDBY TO BE INSERTED AT DISCRETION OF BATTALION COMMANDER. DESIGNATE ONE COMPANY AS BATTALION RESERVE ON ONE HOUR ALERT.

C. WEST FLANK BN (1/9)

(1) ATTACK AND SEIZE COMPANY OBJECTIVES W-01 VIC

(AT 9.2583), W-08 VIC (AT 960336), AND W-010 VIC (AT 984901).

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(2) CONDUCT TWO PLATOON CLEARING OPERATIONS IN SEMI-CLEARED AREA VIC:

(A) (AT 9660-9560-9460)

(B) (AT 9663)

D. AN HOA BN (3/9)

(1) MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS VIC AN HOA OPERATING BASE (AT 8746); CONDUCT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.

(2) ESTABLISH TWO PLATOON PATROL BASES VIC:

(A) (AT 873496)

(B) (AT 9048)

E. 3D BN 1ST MARINES

(1) CONDUCT EIGHT PLATOON CLEARING OPERATIONS IN SEMI-CLEARED AREA VIC:

(A) (AT 0170-0270-0370-0169-0269-0168-0268-0368-0167-0267)

(B) (BT 0271-0371-0471-0372-0472)

(C) (AT 9866-9966-9967-BT 0066-0067-0167)

(D) (AT 9967-BT 0067-0167-0068-0168-0069-0169-0070-0170).

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(1) ANNEX D OF REF A IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT PROVISIONS OF REF B AS FOLLOWS: BN FSCC MAY GRANT FINAL CLEARANCE FOR THOSE OBSERVED FIRES IMPACTING WITHIN OWN ZOA. THESE FIRES MUST BE UNDER POSITIVE CONTROL OF GROUND OBSERVERS. CLEARANCES WILL BE TRANSMITTED DIRECTLY TO FIRING AGENCY AND REGIMENTAL FSCC WILL BE NOTIFIED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THEREAFTER. PARTICULAR ATTENTION WILL BE PAID TO LOCATION OF FRIENDLY FORCES. FIRES WITHIN 500 METERS OF A BOUNDARY AND/OR FIRE COORDINATIONS LINES MUST BE CLEARED BY REGIMENTAL FSCC.

(2) TWO ARVN FORCES OF BATTALION SIZE HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED TO THE 9TH MARINES ZOA. THE 1ST BN, 51ST ARVN REGIMENT IS LOCATED VIC (BT 055714); 4TH BN, 51ST ARVN REGIMENT IS LOCATED VIC (BT 023658). THESE UNITS WILL CONDUCT COMBINED CLEARING AND COUNTY FAIR OPERATIONS WITH ADJACENT MARINE UNITS. 1/1 AND 3/1 DIRECTED TO MAINTAIN CLOSE LIAISON.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.  
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELCETRONICS. OMITTED.

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1. SITUATION.

A. GENERAL.

(1) LTCOL E. A. WALKER ASSUMED COMMAND OF 3/1 FROM

LTCOL J. R. YOUNG AT 111100H.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MAR ISUM 162-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION.

A. EAST FLANK BN (1/1)

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(1) CONTINUE ATTACK ON COMPANY OBJECTIVES E-6 VIC (BT068620),  
E-7 VIC (BT075625), E-10 VIC (BT110638) AND E-15 VIC (BT100632).(2) CONDUCT THREE PLATOON CLEARING OPERATIONS IN  
SEMI CLEARED AREA VIC:(A) (BT0668-0667-0567-0566-0466)  
(B) (BT0667-0967)

(C) (BT0868-0869)

B. CENTER BN (2/9).

(1) CONTINUE ATTACK ON BN OBJECTIVE C-1 VIC  
(BT000600) WITH THREE RIFLE COMPANIES.

(2) ATTACK AND SEIZE COMPANY OBJECTIVE C-7 VIC (BT032597).

C. WEST FLANK BN (1/9).

(1) ATTACK AND SEIZE COMPANY OBJECTIVES W-3 VIC  
(AT939576), W-4 VIC (AT951580), W-1 VIC (AT915573), W-2  
VIC (AT925575), W-5 VIC (AT962578) AND W-6 VIC (AT976580).

(2) CONDUCT THREE PLATOON CLEARING OPERATIONS IN

SEMI CLEARED AREA VIC:

(A) (AT9761-9861)  
(B) (AT9560)  
(C) (AT9664)

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(3) PROVIDE SECURITY FOR DISPLACEMENT OF PONTOON FERRY  
FROM VIC (AT990642) TO VIC (AT965606) ON 12 JUNE

IN COORDINATION WITH ELEMENTS FROM 3D ENGR BN AND 1ST ANTRAC BN.

D. AN HOA BN (3/9).

(1) MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS VIC AN HOA OPERATIONS  
BASE (AT8746); CONDUCT LOCAL PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.

(2) ESTABLISH TWO PLATOON PATROL BASES VIC:

(A) (AT8749)  
(B) (AT9048)

E. 3D BN 1ST MAR.

(1) CONDUCT SIX COMBINED (USMC/RF) PLATOON CLEARING  
OPERATIONS IN SEMI CLEARED AREA VIC:(A) (BT0370-0371-0471-0571-0372-0472-0572)  
(B) (BT0268-0368-0269-0369-0469)  
(C) (BT0367-0368)

(D) (BT0271-0371-0272-0372-0472)

(E) (BT0169-0270)

(F) (BT0070-0170-0069-0068-0168-AT9968)

(2) CONDUCT TWO COMBINED (USMC/ARVN) PLATOON CLEARING  
OPERATIONS IN SEMI CLEARED AREA VIC:**CONFIDENTIAL**

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(A) (AT9769-9869-9768-9868)

(B) (AT9769-9869-9969-9768-9868)

F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) BN BOUNDARY BETWEEN 3/1 AND 2/9 CHANGED  
SO THAT ADDITIONAL AREA BOUNDED BY FOLLOWING COORDINATES IS  
NOW ASSIGNED TO 3/1: (BT012660 TO BT011657 TO BT003655 TO  
AT997660 TO AT 998663). EFFECTIVE 111800H.

(2) PRECAUTIONS AGAINST MINES/EXPLOSIVE DEVICES.

(A) MINIMUM INTERVAL TO BE ASSUMED BY ALL  
PERSONNEL WHEN DEPLOYED TACTICALLY

SHALL BE 15 METERS. WHEN INFANTRY IS OPERATING  
IN COORDINATION WITH TRACKED VEHICLES, MINIMUM  
DISTANCE FROM TRACKED VEHICLES SHALL BE 100 METERS.

(B) AMTRACS SHALL NOT BE USED AS ARMORED PERSONNEL  
CARRIERS. WHEN AMTRACS ARE UTILIZED TO CROSS RIVERS, INFANTRY  
PERSONNEL WILL EMBARK FOR ACTUAL RIVER CROSSING ONLY AND  
WILL DISEMBARK IMMEDIATELY UPON REACHING OPPOSITE BANK OF RIVER.  
RIDING ATOP LVT'S IS NOT PERMITTED.

(C) COMMANDERS WILL INSURE ABSOLUTE COMPLIANCE  
WITH THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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A. CG 3D MARDIV 050000Z MAY

B. CG 3D MARDIV 110600Z MAY

1. SITUATION.

A. GENERAL. COMMENCING 150645H, 9TH MAR PROVIDES  
 ONE RIFLE COMPANY (REIN) IS SUPPORT CLEARING OPERATION BEING  
 CONDUCTED BY QUANG NAM SECTOR IN AREA APPROXIMATELY 3000  
 METERS EAST OF NOI AN VIC (BT1457). RVN UNITS INCLUDE  
 39TH RANGER BN, 3D BN 51ST ARVN REGT AND RF/PF UNITS FROM NIEU

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UNION DISTRICT. 9TH MAR PROVIDES ONE RIFLE COMPANY TO ESTABLISH BLOCKING POSITION. MARINE COMPANY WILL BE HELILIFTED TO AREA AND WILL BE RESUPPLIED BY MOTOR VEHICLES AND/OR HELICOPTERS. RIFLE COMPANY WILL BE REINFORCED WITH ONE BMM SECTION AND WILL HAVE NORMAL SUPPORTING ARMS ATTACHMENTS CONSISTING OF ARTILLERY FO TEAM (ARVN), NGF SPOT TEAM AND ONE ANGLICO TEAM WHICH WILL FUNCTION AS FAC TEAM.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MAR ISUM 163-66.

2. MISSION, NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION.

A. EAST FLANK BN (1/1)

(1) ATTACK AND SEIZE COMPANY OBJECTIVES E-11 VIC (BT061605), E-12 VIC (BT075613), E-13 VIC (BT086612), E-14 VIC (BT095626), E-15 VIC (BT106628), AND E-16 VIC (BT116633).

(2) CONDUCT TWO PLATOON CLEARING OPERATIONS IN SEMI-CLEARED AREA VIC:

(A) (BT0866-0869)

(B) (BT0967-0968)

(3) ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR BALD EAGLE COMPANY FROM 2/9 EFFECTIVE 130600H. REF A.

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(4) PLACE ONE RIFLE PLATOON ON 30-MINUTE ALERT STATUS AS ROUGH RIDER NORTH RESERVE FROM 130630H TO 131830H. REF B.

B. CENTER BN (2/9).

(1) EXECUTE HELILIFT OF ONE RIFLE COMPANY (REIN) TO VIC (BT1859) AT 130645H; ESTABLISH BLOCKING POSITION VIC (BT175583-180587-183588-190587) IN CONJUNCTION WITH ARVN CLEARING OPERATION VIC (BT1756-1856-1956-1757-1857-1957-1858-1958); CHOP OPCON TO HEADQUARTERS 9TH MAR AT 130645H; ANTICIPATE THREE DAY OPERATION.

(2) CONTINUE ATTACK ON BN OBJECTIVE C-1 VIC (AT 9966-9959) WITH TWO RIFLE COMPANIES.

(3) CONTINUE ATTACK ON COMPANY OBJECTIVE C-7 VIC (BT038602).

(4) ATTACK AND SEIZE COMPANY OBJECTIVE C-2 VIC (BT012606) AT 131200H.

(5) RETRACT ONE COMPANY FROM BN OBJECTIVE C-1 VIC (BT088609) TO PROVIDE SECURITY AT 2/9 CP VIC (BT015627).

C. WEST FLANK BN (1/9).

(1) ATTACK AND SEIZE COMPANY OBJECTIVES W-11 VIC (AT 956371), AND W-12 VIC (AT973574).

(2) CONTINUE ATTACK ON COMPANY OBJECTIVES W-1 VIC

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(AT915573), W-2 VIC (AT925572), W-3 (AT939576) AND W-4 VIC (AT951580)

(3) CONDUCT THREE PLATOON CLEARING OPERATIONS IN SEMI-CLEARED AREA VIC:

(A) (AT9761-9861)

(B) (AT9560)

(C) (AT9663)

D. AN HOA BN (3/9).

(1) MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE POSITION VIC AN HOA OPERATING BASE (AT8746); CONDUCT LOCAL PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.

(2) ESTABLISH TWO PLATOON PATROL BASES VIC:

(A) (AT886496-894493)

(B) (AT900840-895485)

E. 3D BN 15 T MAR.

(1) CONDUCT THREE COMBINED (USMC-ARVN) PLATOON CLEARING OPERATIONS IN SEMI-CLEARED AREA VIC:

(A) (BT0271-0371-0170-0270-0370-0169-0269-0369)

(B) (AT9966-9866-9967-BT0067-0066)

(C) (AT9866)

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS.

A. COMMAND.

(1) HEADQUARTERS 5TH MAR WILL ASSUME OPCON OF CO

G/2/9 AT 130645H AND WILL RETAIN SAME FOR DURATION OF OPERATION.

B. COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS.

(1) CO G/2/9 WILL GUARD REGIMENTAL TAG COMMENCING 130645H.

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A. CG THIRD MARDIV 121313Z (NOTAL)

B. CG III MAF 110746Z (NOTAL)

C. DIVO 3435.1 (COUNTERMEASURES AGAINST MINES)

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL. REF A REQUESTS APPROPRIATE SECURITY BE  
 PROVIDED CIVILIAN SURVEY TEAM WHICH WILL BE WORKING VIC GRID  
 SQUARES (BT 0770) AND (BT 0870) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS FOR PERIOD

ABOUT 4-5 DAYS. PARTY WILL BE AT BRIDGE (BT 072702) AT

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140730H TO LINK UP WITH SECURITY FORCE. SEE PARA 3A(5).

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 164-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. EAST FLANK BN (1/1)

(1) ATTACK AND SEIZE COMPANY OBJ E-15 VIC (BT 101634).

(2) CONTINUE ATTACK ON COMPANY OBJECTIVES E-11 VIC (BT 061605), E-12VIC (BT 075613), E-13 VIC (BT 086618), E-18 VIC (BT 106628).

(3) CONDUCT A PLATOON CLEARING OPERATIONS IN SEMI-CLEARED AREA VIC (BT 0770-0769-0869-0879).

(4) MAINTAIN ONE COMPANY ON REGIMENTAL RESERVE/BALD EAGLE; MAINTAIN ONE PLATOON ON ROUGH RIDER NORTH RESERVE.

(5) DESIGNATE SECURITY FORCE OF APPROXIMATELY ONE SQUAD IN SIZE, EQUIPPED WITH RADIO, TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CIVILIAN SURVEY PARTY VIC (BT 0770-0870) COMMENCING AT 140730H.

B. CENTER BN (2/9)

(1) ATTACK AND SEIZE COMPANY OBJECTIVE G-2 VIC (BT 012606).

(2) CONTINUE ATTACK ON BATTALION OBJECTIVE G-1 VIC

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(BT 9959-9960).

C. WEST FLANK BN (1/9)

(1) ATTACK AND SEIZE COMPANY OBJECTIVES W-9 VIC (AT 925565), W-10 VIC (AT 944570), W-7 VIC (AT 907565), W-8 VIC (AT 915565).

(2) CONTINUE ATTACK ON COMPANY OBJECTIVES W-11 VIC (AT 956657), AND W-12 VIC (AT 973574).

(3) CONDUCT TWO PLATOON CLEARING OPERATIONS IN SEMI-CLEARED AREA VIC:

(A) (AT 9560)

(B) (AT 9566-9567)

D. AN HOA BN (3/9)

(1) MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS VIC AN HOA OPERATING BASE VIC (AT 8746); CONDUCT LOCAL PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.

(2) ESTABLISH TWO PLATOON PATROL BASES VIC:

(A) (AT 904464-907471)

(B) (AT 891491-889495)

E. 3D BN, 1ST MARINES

(1) CONDUCT SEVEN COMBINED (USMC/ARVN) PLATOON CLEARING OPERATIONS IN SEMI-CLEARED AREA VIC:

(A) (BT 0170-0270-0271-0370-0269-0369)

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(B) (BT 0168-0267-0268-0169-0269-0369-0170-0270-0370-0371)

(C) (AT 9866-9966-9867-9968-BT 0066-0067-0167)

(D) (BT 0170-0069-0169-AT 9968)

(D) (BT 0170-0069-0169)

AT 9968)

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(F) (AT 9669-9769-9869)

(G) (AT 9783-9883-9767-9867)

F. COMPANY G/2/9. CONTINUE TO PROVIDE BLOCKING POSITION VIC (BT 1358) IN SUPPORT OF QUANG NAM SECTOR CLEARING OPERATION IN AREA 3000 METERS EAST OF HOI AN.

## 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

## A. ADMINISTRATION

(1) REF B CAUTIONS ALL PERSONNEL TO AVOID CONTACT WITH ALL PRIVATE AND BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS ALONG HIGHWAY 1 FROM (AT 928841) TO (AT 956786) FOR URGENT MEDICAL REASONS (PREVENTION OF PNEUMONIC PLAGUE EPIDEMIC). ALL COMMANDERS WILL INSURE WIDE DISSEMINATION THIS INFORMATION.

(2) REF C DIRECTS THAT PARTICULAR CARE WILL BE EXERCISED TO INSURE THAT PERSONNEL DO NOT BUNCH UP WHEN PREPARING FOR

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HELICOPTER LIFT, VEHICLE LIFT, OR WHEN CONDUCTING MED EVAC OR RESUPPLY BY HELICOPTERS. PERSONNEL ON PATROL WILL MAINTAIN A MINIMUM INTERVAL OF 15 METERS BETWEEN PATROL MEMBERS AT ALL TIMES. WHEN TANKS ARE EMPLOYED OTHER PERSONNEL AND VEHICLES WILL STAY A MINIMUM DISTANCE OF 100 METERS BEHIND THE TANKS.

ALL COMMANDERS TAKE NOTE: OFFICERS AND SENIOR NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS ARE AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO RELIEVE ON THE SPOT ANY INDIVIDUAL JUNIOR TO THEM IN RANK WHO IS IN VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER.

(3) ALL BATTALION COMMANDERS WILL ATTEND SPECIAL MEETING AT DIVISION CP CONFERENCE ROOM AT 141000H.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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A. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 131237Z (FRAG O 400-66)  
 B. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 131455Z  
 C. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 140039Z  
 D. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 121744Z

I. SITUATION

A. GENERAL

(1) AT 150000H 1ST MARINES ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT  
 PORTION OF 9TH MARINES ZONE OF ACTION PRESENTLY OCCUPIED BY 1/1 AND  
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T SAME TIME OPCON OF 1/1 AND 3/1 AUTOMATICALLY CHOPPED TO  
1ST MARINES. REF A, B, AND C.(2) 9TH MARINES CP DISPLACES TO HILL 55 ON 15 JUNE AND WILL  
COMMENCE OPERATING THEREFROM AT 151500H.(3) COMPANY G/2/9 WILL BE RETRACTED BY HELICOPTER FROM VIC  
(BT 1758-1858) UPON TERMINATION QUANG NAM SECTOR SEARCH AND DESTROY  
OPERATION ABOUT 151500H. REF D.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 165-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION.

A. EAST FLANK BN (1/1)

(1) REPORT TO CO, 1ST MARINES AT 150800H UPON BEING CHOPPED  
FROM OPCON 9TH MARINES.

B. CENTER BN (2/9)

(1) ATTACK AND SEIZE COMPANY OBJECTIVE C-2 (BT 012606).

(2) CONTINUE ATTACK ON BATTALION OBJECTIVE C-3 VIC (AT 9960-  
BT 0960).(3) RESUME OPCON CO G AT ABOUT 151500H UPON TERMINATION  
QUANG NAM SECTOR SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION.

C. WEST FLANK BN (1/9)

(1) CONTINUE ATTACK ON COMPANY OBJECTIVE W-9 VIC (AT 925365),  
W-10 VIC (AT 944570), W-7 VIC (AT 927565), W-8 VIC (AT 915565),  
W-11 VIC (AT 956571) AND W-12 VIC (AT 973574).

(2) CONDUCT A COMPANY CLEARING OPERATION IN SEMI-CLEARED AREA

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D. AN HOA BN (3/9)

(1) MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE POSITION VIC AN HOA OPERATING BASE,  
CONDUCT LOCAL PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.

(2) ESTABLISH TWO PLATOON PATROL BASES VIC:

(A) (AT 8749)

(B) (AT 8948)

E. 3D BN 1ST MARINES

(1) REPORT TO CO, 1ST MARINES AT 150800H UPON BEING CHOPPED  
FROM OPCON 9TH MARINES.F. COMPANY G/2/9. BE PREPARED TO TERMINATE OPERATIONS IN CONJUNCTION  
QUANG NAM SECTOR SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION AND COMMENCE EXTRACTION  
BY HELICOPTER AT ABOUT 151500H.

G. COORDINATING INSTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTSTRUCTIONS

(1) EFFECTIVE 150800H, 9TH MARINES ZONE OF ACTION IN DANAG  
TAOR BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS; FROM (AT 999658) EAST ALONG TRAIL TO

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(AT 971660) TO (AT 993664) TO (AT 998663) TO (AT 998658) TO (BT 004655)  
TO (BT 011657); NORTH ALONG EAST AND SOUTH BANKS OF SONG BAU XAU TO (BT 02  
674);SOUTH ALONG WEST BANK OF SONG VINH DIEN TO (BT 057587); TO SOUTH ALONG  
EAST SIDE HIGHWAY NO. 1 TO (BT 091553); WEST ALONG NORTH BANK SONG CAU  
LAU - SONG DIEN BIEN - SONG KY LAN - CONG THU BON TO (AT 902564); NORTH LA  
ONG

EAST BANK SONG AI NGHIA - SONG UEN TO (AT 959658).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

A. COMMAND

(1) 9TH MARINES CP LOCATED (AT 968616) EFFECTIVE 151500H.

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FRAG ORDER 166-66

A. DIVO 3430.1

B. CG THIRD MARDIV 130402Z

1. SITUATION.

A. GENERAL.

(1) 1ST MAR ASSUMED OPCON 3/1 AND 1/1 AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE ZONES OF ACTION AT 150800H.

(2) 9TH MAR CP COMMENCED OPERATIONS FROM HILL 55 VIC (AT968616) AT 151500H.

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(3) G/2/9 RETRACTED BY HELICOPTER FROM QUANG NAM  
SECTOR SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN VIC (BT1857) AT 151600H.  
2/9 RESUMED OPCON AT THAT TIME.

## 3. EXECUTION.

## A. 1ST BN 9TH MAR.

(1) CONTINUE ATTACK ON COMPANY OBJECTIVES W-9 VIC  
(AT923565), W-10 VIC (AT944570), W-7 VIC (AT907565), W-8  
(AT913565), W-11 VIC (AT956571), AND W-12 VIC (AT973574).  
(2) CONTINUE COMPANY CLEARING OPN IN SEMI-CLEARED  
AREA VIC (AT9562-9563-9564-9565-9665-9765).

## B. 2D BN 9TH MAR.

(1) CONTINUE ATTACK ON COMPANY OBJECTIVES C-1 VIC  
(BT0060-0059), C-2 VIC (BT012606), C-3 VIC (BT005643),  
AND C-7 VIC (BT012641).

## C. 3D BN 9TH MAR (AN HOA)

(1) MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE POSTURE VIC AN HOA OPERATING  
BASE (AT8746); CONDUCT LOCAL PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.

(2) ESTABLISH TWO PLATOON PATROL BASES VIC:

(A) (AT869492)

(B) (AT897486)

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## 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

## A. ADMINISTRATION.

(1) REF A DIRECTS ALL COMMANDERS TO INSURE THAT THEIR  
PERSONNEL ARE COGNIZANT AND TRAINED IN PROPER TACTICS AND  
TECHNIQUES OF SETTING AMBUSHES AND IN REACTING TO ENEMY AMBUSHES.  
REF A WILL BE DISSEMINATED DOWN TO SQUAD LEVEL.

(2) REF B DIRECTS THAT MCBUL 1133 (ENLISTED RETENTION  
PROGRAM) BE GIVEN WIDEST DISSEMINATION POSSIBLE IN SUPPORT OF  
CAREER ADVISORY PROGRAM.

## 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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A. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 150710Z

B. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 140311Z

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL

(1) 2D BN 3TH MAR COMPLETED PLANS FOR PARTICIPATION  
 IN COMBINED CLEARING OPERATION WITH ARVN FORCES FROM QUANG NAM  
 SECTOR COMMENCING 170600H. 2D BN 3TH MAR WILL PROVIDE TWO COMPANY  
 BLOCKING FORCE.

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(2) 95TH MARINES ASSUMED OPCON OF 5TH PLATOON, 29TH CIVIL AFFAIRS COMPANY AT 15 JUNE IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 167-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION

A. 1ST BN 9TH MARINES

H (1) CONTINUE ATTACK ON COMPANY OBJECTIVES W-9 VIC (AT 925565), W-10 VIC (AT 944570), W-17 VIC (AT 915557), W-13 VIC (AT 958568) AND W-15 VIC (AT 958563).

(2) CONDUCT CLEARING OPERATION IN SEMI-CLEARED AREA VIC (AT 9662-9663-9762).

B. 2D BN 9TH MARINES

(1) ESTABLISH A TWO COMPANY BLOCKING POSITION VIC (BT 026598-015598) IN SUPPORT OF AN ARVN CLEARING OPERATION VIC (BT 0159-0158-0259-0258-0257) COMMENCING 170600H.

(2) CONTINUE ATTACK ON COMPANY OBJECTIVE V-1 VIC (BT 0060 0059).

(3) CONDUCT TWO PLATOON CLEARING OPERATIONS IN SEMP-CLEARED AREA VIC (AT 9963 - BT 0063) AND (BT 0263 - 0264).

C. 3D BN 9TH MARINES (AN HOA)

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(1) MAINTAIN INDEX NSPVE POSTURE ZHVIC WN HOW OPERATING BASE (WT 8746); CONDUCT LOCAL PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.

(2) ESTABLISH TWO PLATOON PATROL BASES VIC:

(A) (AT 8549)

(B) (AT 9049).

(3) ASSUME OPCON 5TH PLATOON, 29TH CIVIL AFFAIRS

COMPANY AS OF 151800H.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. ADMINISTRATION. REF B ESTABLISHES A MORE MEANINGFUL CATEGORIZATION OF REPORTING VC KIA. ACTUAL BODY COUNT WILL BE REPORTED AS "CONFIRMED" KIA. WHERE SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE INDICATES ADDITIONAL ENEMY LOSS, SUCH LOSS WILL BE REPORTED AS "PROBABLE" KIA. THE TERM "POSSIBLE" KIA WILL NOT BE UTILIZED.

B. LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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FRAG ORDER 168-66

A. CG THIRD MARDIV LTR 7/LMW/RHW 1650 OF 12 JUNE

B. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 160215Z (NOTAL)

C. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 150255Z

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL

(1) BGEN HUGH M. ELWOOD, ASSIST CMDR, FIRST MARINE  
AIR WING, MADE AN ORIENTATION VISIT TO 9TH MARINES FROM  
171305H TO 171555H. GENERAL'S ITINERARY INCLUDED STOPS AT

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REGIMENTAL CP AND EACH BATTALION CP WHERE A BRIEF SUMMATION  
OF EACH UNIT'S ACTIVITIES WAS PRESENTED.

(2) 9TH MARINES WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR  
DIEN BAN CHECKPOINT (BT 055588) AT 181200H.

B. ENEMY FORCES.

(1) 9TH MARINES ISUM 168-66

(2) WITH INITIATION ON 16 JUNE OF OPERATION KANSAS  
UNDER OPCON OF 1ST MARINE DIVISION IN HIEP DUC (BT0124),  
ET AN (BT 0127) AND QUE SON (BT 0435) AREA, THERE EXISTS POSSIBILITY  
THAT ENEMY UNITS INCLUDING ELEMENTS OF 21ST NVA AND 1ST  
VC REGIMENT AND INDIVIDUALS MAY EXFILTRATE TO NORTH OR NORTHWEST.  
THIS WAS PATTERN OF MOVEMENT DURING OPERATION HARVEST MOON  
IN SAME AREA IN DECEMBER 1965. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT UNITS  
AND RECONNAISSANCE SCREEN CURRENTLY IN THE AN HOA AREA MAY  
COME IN CONTACT WITH, MAY OBSERVE, OR MAY RECEIVE AGENT REPORTS  
OF SUCH A SHIFT OF ENEMY FORCES. REF B.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE ATTACK ON COMPANY OBJECTIVES W-18 VIC

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(2) 929555), W-17 VIC (AT 915557), W-14 VIC (AT 948562) AND  
W-15 (AT 958560).

(2) CONDUCT CLEARING OPERATION IN SEMI-CLEARED AREA  
VIC (AT 9862-9863).

(3) PLACE BATTALION/REGIMENTAL RESERVE COMPANY ON TWO  
HOUR ALERT STATUS.

B. 2D BN 9TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN TWO COMPANY BLOCKING POSITIONS  
VIC (BT 026598-015598-015595) IN SUPPORT OF ARVN CLEARING OPERATION  
VIC (BT 0159-0158-0259-0258-0257). ESTIMATED TIME OF COMPLETION  
181600H.

(2) CONDUCT CLEARING OPERATION IN SEMI-CLEARED AREA

VIC (AT 9962-BT 0062).

(3) RELIEVE ELEMENTS OF 1ST MARINES AND ASSUME  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR DIEN BAN CHECKPOINT (BT 055588) BY 181200H.

C. 3D BN 9TH MARINES

(1) MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS VIC AN HOA  
OPERATING BASE VIC (AT 8746); CONDUCT LOCAL PATROLS AND  
AMBUSHES.

(2) ESTABLISH TWO PLATOON PATROL BASES VIC

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(A) (AT 885492)

(A) (AT 901494)

(3) BE ON ALERT FOR POSSIBLE MOVEMENT OF ENEMY TROOPS INDICATED IN PARA 1 B (2); FORWARD BY FLASH MESSAGE ALL RECON AND INTELLIGENCE REPORTS.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. REF C ANNOUNCES CREATION OF A COUNTER LAND MINE OPERATION GROUP. MISSION OF THIS GROUP IS TO FIND WAYS TO MINIMIZE CASUALTIES PRODUCED FROM ENEMY EMPLACED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES. ALL COMMANDERS DIRECTED TO COOPERATE WITH THIS GROUP.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. ADMINISTRATION. REF A PROVIDES ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FOR PREPARATION AND TIMELY SUBMISSION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AWARDS. COMMANDERS WILL INSURE STRICT OBSERVANCE THIS INFORMATION.

B. LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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A. DAVO 1100.1  
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C. DIVBUL 1700 OF 100000  
D. DIVO 7200.3

1. SITUATION.

A. GENERAL. 2/9 ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR DIEN BAN CHECKPOINT  
VIC (BT100000) AT 101200H.  
B. ENEMY FORCES. 1ST MAR 169-66.

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2. MISSION. TO CLEAR.

3. EXECUTION. TO CLEAR.

4. 1ST BN 5TH MAR.

(1) CONTINUE ATTACK ON COMPANY OBJECTIVES W-18 VIC  
(BT000000), W-19 VIC (BT000000), W-20 VIC (BT000000) AND W-21  
VIC (BT000000).

(2) CONDUCT A PLATOON CLEARING OPERATION IN SEMI-CLEAR  
AREA VIC (BT000000) W-22 VIC (BT000000).

B. 2D BN 5TH MAR.

(1) CONTINUE ATTACK ON COMPANY OBJECTIVES C-1 VIC  
(BT000000), C-2 VIC (BT000000), C-3 VIC (BT000000) AND C-4 VIC (BT000000).

(2) 2D BN 5TH MAR. (1) (BT000000).

(3) MAINTAIN DIFFERENT POSITION VIC IN AREA OPERATING  
AREA (BT000000) (BT000000) (BT000000) AND (BT000000).

(4) ESTABLISH TWO PLATOON SQUADS, BASES VIC:

(1) (BT000000)

(2) (BT000000)

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3d Mardiv 4-100/1**D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.**

(1) FOLLOWING COORDINATES TRACE 5TH MAR FROM LINE POSITIONS. EACH SET OF COORDINATES REPRESENTS LOCATION OF A COMPANY SIZE UNIT: 1/9 FROM CAT916535 TO 926554 TO 959541; 2/9 FROM 01001597 TO 013332 TO 014930.

(2) IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A BN COMMANDERS ARE DIRECTED TO TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO OIL OR OTHERWISE STABILIZE SAND OR DUSTY HELO LANDING AREAS WHICH ARE CURRENTLY IN USE. FURTHERMORE COMMANDERS ARE TO EXAMINE REQUIREMENTS FOR ROUTINE HELO SUPPORT AND CAUSE TO BE PREPARED THOSE LANDING AREAS DEEMED NECESSARY TO SUPPORT CONTINUING REQUIREMENTS.

**A. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.****A. ADMINISTRATION.**

(1) 5TH MAR IS HOSTING "SHOW TIME", A VARIETY OW INCLUDING TWO FEMALE SINGERS AND ONE FEMALE ACROBATIC DANCER, AT THE REGIMENTAL CP (REAR). THE PERFORMANCE WILL BE HELD AT 1800 ON 18JUN66. SEE REF B.

(2) JOHN WAYNE, EX-MARINE AND MOVIE STAR, WILL VISIT 2/9 AT AN HQA AT 0835-0935 AND THEN 2/9 CP AT 0945-1050 ON 29 JUN66. SEE REF C.

(3) REF D DIRECTS COMMANDERS TO INSURE THAT ALL PERSONNEL IMMEDIATELY MAIL THEIR U. S. TREASURY CHECKS DRAWN ON PAYDAY OUT OF VIETNAM. IT HAS BEEN NOTED THAT PERSONNEL HAVE TRIED TO CASH

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THESE CHECKS IN VIETNAM. THIS ORDER DIRECTS COMMANDING OFFICERS TO ENSURE THAT THESE CHECKS ARE ENDORSED AND PLACED IN THE U. S. MAIL. THE ONLY EXCEPTION IS THAT PERSONNEL GOING ON R&R MAY CASH THESE CHECKS OUTSIDE OF VIETNAM. IN ALL OTHER CASES THEY MUST BE MAILED TO ADDRESSEES OUTSIDE OF VIETNAM IMMEDIATELY AFTER RECEIPT.

(4) EACH BN WILL SUBMIT NAME/RANK/SERVICE NUMBER OF ONE LCPL, CPL, OR SGT TO ATTEND NCO TRAINING SCHOOL IN OKINAWA COMMENCING 27 JUNE. INDIVIDUAL MUST HAVE 6 MONTHS LEFT TO RVN. NAMES SUBMITTED NLT 201200H JUNE.

**B. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS. UNIFIED.**

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FRAG ORDER 170-66

1. SITUATION.

A. ARTILLERY. DIRECT SUPPORT ARTILLERY ENGAGED 11 TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY. HOSTILE MORTAR POSITIONS, HEAVY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE AND A TUNNEL AND TRENCH COMPLEX WERE ATTACKED WITH HEAVY VOLUMES OF FIRE. IN ADDITION, SUSPECTED ENEMY LOCATIONS BASED UPON 2 SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE REPORTS WERE ATTACKED. A TOTAL OF 662 HE AND 64 WD ROUNDS WERE DELIVERED. DURING THE CURFEW HOURS HARASSING AND INTERDICTION FIRES WERE DIRECTED AT

38 CONCENTRATIONS EXPENDING AN ADDITIONAL 104 HE ROUNDS.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MAR ISUM 170-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION.

A. 1ST BN 9TH MAR

(1) ATTACK AND SEIZE COMPANY OBJ W-16 VIC (AT05552).

(2) CONTINUE ATTACK ON COMPANY OBJ W-18 VIC (AT029555), AND W-17 VIC (AT015557).

(3) CONDUCT PLATOON CLEARING OPERATION IN SEMI-CLEARED AREA VIC (AT0759-9760).

B. 2D BN 9TH MAR

(1) ATTACK AND SEIZE COMPANY OBJ C-5 VIC (AT095590) AND C-9 VIC (BT013567).

(2) CONDUCT A COMPANY SIZE ASSAULT HELILIFT TO VIC (AT090577) AT 200700H. ATTACK AND SEIZE COMPANY OBJ C-4 VIC (AT084580).

(3) CONTINUE ATTACK COMPANY OBJ C-1 VIC (AT086635). CONDUCT COMPANY SIZE HELILIFT FROM OBJECTIVE AREA TO BN C0 VIC (BT015627) AT 201300H.

C. 3D BN 9TH MAR (AN HOA)

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- (1) MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE POSITION VIC AN HOA OPERATING BASE (AT 8746); CONDUCT LOCAL PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.
  - (2) ESTABLISH TWO PLATOON PATROL BASES VIC:
    - (A) (AT 885~)
    - (B) (AT 9049)
  4. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. FOLLOWING COORDINATES TRACE 9TH MAR FRONT LINE POSITIONS. EACH SET OF COORDINATES REPRESENTS LOCATION OF A COMPANY SIZE UNIT; 1/9 FROM (AT 917555-928553-959563); 2/9 FROM (AT 9986~3-BT 913593-015588).
  4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.
  5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.
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FRAG ORDER 171-66

A. I CORPS COORDINATOR NOTICE 4066 OF 18 JUN66

1. SITUATION.

A. GENERAL. ARTILLERY FIRES ENGAGED 12 TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY. TARGETS WERE PREDOMINANTLY AUTOMATIC WEAPON AND SMALL ARMS POSITIONS. IN ADDITION PREPARATION FIRES WERE DELIVERED IN SUPPORT OF 1ST BN 9TH MAR ATTACK. A TOTAL OF 565 HE AND 313 WP ROUNDS WERE DELIVERED. HARASSING AND INTERDICTION FIRES WERE DIRECTED AT 65 COCENTRATIONS EXPANDING AN

ADDITIONAL 207 HE ROUNDS.

1. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MAR ISUM 171-66

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION.

A. 1ST BN 9TH MAR.

(1) ATTACK AND SEIZE COMPANY OBJECTIVES W-24 VIC (AT936551), W-19 VIC (AT906548), W-25 VIC (AT939546), AND W-20 VIC (AT914548).

(2) CONDUCT CLEARING OPERATION IN SEM-CLEARED AREA VIC (AT9559-9558).

B. 2D BN 9TH MAR.

(1) CONTINUE ATTACK ON COMPANY OBJECTIVE C-9 VIC (BT013567), C-4 VIC (AT984480) AND C-5 VIC (AT95590).

C. 3D BN 9TH MAR.

(1) MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS VIC AN HOA OPERATING BASE (AT8747); CONDUCT LOCAL PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.

(2) ESTABLISH TWO PLATOON PATROL BASES VIC:

(A) (AT8749)

(B) (AT9048).

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. FOLLOWING COORDINATES TRACE

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9TH MAR FROM LINE POSITIONS. EACH SET OF COORDINATES REPRESENTS LOCATIONS OF A COMPANY SIZE UNIT; 1/9 FROM (AT916555 TO 925553 TO 947547); 2/9 FROM (AT991593 TO 996585 TO BT014568).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. ADMINISTRATION.

(1) REF A ANNOUNCES OPENING OF NEW ARMY/AIR FORCE EXCHANGE RETAIL STORE IN RECREATION AREA NEAR HILL 327.

DANANG. ON 24 JUN66. HOURS ARE 0930-1700 MONDAY THRU SATURDAY AND 1300-1700 ON SUNDAYS.

(2) LETTER OF CONDOLENCE MUST BE FACTUAL AND TIMELY. A PERIOD OF 7 DAYS BETWEEN COMPANY TO DIVISION VIC CHAIN OF COMMAND IS CONSIDERED ACCEPTABLE. THERE HAVE BEEN INSTANCES OF LETTERS REACHING REGIMENT THREE WEEKS AFTER A MARINE HAS BEEN KIA. COMMAND ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO PRECLUDE THIS DELAY.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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PRAG ORDER 172-66

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 190115Z

B. CG THIRD MARDIV 1905-42

C. CG THIRD MARDIV 1-1450Z

D. DIVBU 7270 DATED 16JUN66

1. SITUATION. OMITTED.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MAR ISUM 172-66

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION:

A. 1ST BN 9TH MAR.

(1) ATTACK AND SEIZE COMPANY OBJS W-22 VIC

(AT927505) W-22 VIC (AT927505), AND W-21 VIC (AT919502).

(2) CONTINUE ATTACK COMPANY OBJS W-12 VIC

(AT935705), W-13 VIC (AT958560), AND W-14 VIC (

(3) CONDUCT COMPANY CLEARING OPN IN SEMI-CLEARED AREA VIC (AT9743).

(4) CONDUCT PLATOON CLEARING OPN IN SEMI-CLEARED AREA VIC (AT9559-0458-9358).

B. 2D BN 9TH MAR.

(1) CONTINUE ATTACK ON COMPANY OBJS C-9 VIC

(BT0187), C-4 VIC (AT984505), AND C-5 VIC (AT985892).

C. 3D BN 9TH MAR. (AN HOA).

(1) MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS VIC AN HOA OPERATING BASE (AT8747

(2) ESTABLISH TWO PLATOON PATROL BASES VIC:

(A) (AT8844)

(B) (AT9048).

(3) AS DIRECTED BY REF A INITIATE PLANNING TO CONDUCT CLANDESTINE GROUND RECON OF FS (AT1950 AND VIC) MISS ON 15

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TO LOCATE REPORTED VC INFILTRATION CAMP BUT TO AVOID CONTACT OR COMPROMISE.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS FOR DURING COMBAT TO TRACE 21H MAR FRONT LINE POSITIONS. EACH SET OF COORDINATES REPRESENTS LOCATIONS OF A COMPANY SIZE UNIT; 19 FROM (AT920517 TO 0418 TO 547547); 224 FROM (AT990584 TO 591548 TO 5T014582).

ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. ADMINISTRATION.

(1) COMMANDERS ARE TO INSURE PROPER SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF AMMO. NO LIVE AMMO IS TO BE DISPOSED AT THE MAR TRASH DUMP. SEE REF B.

(2) REF C ENJOINS COMMANDERS TO GIVE MAXIMUM ATTENTION TO ATTAINING 75 PERCENT SAVINGS BOND PARTICIPATION. ALL COMMANDERS CAUSE PERSONNEL TO BE INTERVIEWED BY IMMEDIATE SUPERIORS TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION. IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT BONDS CAN QUICKLY BE TURNED INTO A READY SOURCE OF CASH WHEN PERSONNEL FIND THEMSELVES LOW ON FUNDS DURING LEAVE PERIODS. BONDS MAY BE SENT TO HOME ADDRESSES OR BE RETAINED AT HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS. BUY BONDS!

C. REF D SPECIFIES ITEMS OF PAY THAT MAY BE ALLOTTED. PERSONNEL

ARE TO BE INFORMED THAT SEA DUTY AND FOREIGN DUTY PAY, HOSTILE FIRE PAY, PROFICIENCY PAY AND FAMILY SEPARATION ALLOWANCE-RESTRICTED AREA (FSA-R) MAY BE ALLOTTED. IN ADDITION ALL MEMBERS IN RECEIPT OF PERMANENT FLIGHT DUTY ORDERS DEPLOYED OVERSEAS MAY ALLOT THEIR INCENTIVE PAY - HAZARDOUS DUTY - AVIATION PAY. PERSONNEL MUST ALSO BE INFORMED THAT THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR INITIATING STOP OR REDUCTION ACTION OF ALLOTMENTS SHOULD THE ENTITLEMENT TO THE CREDIT ON PAY CASE. FOR EXAMPLE, HOSTILE FIRE PAY CEASES UPON LEAVING THE COMBAT ZONE. IF THIS WAS SO WERE ALLOTTED A REDUCTION FORM WOULD HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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FRAG ORDER 173-66  
A. CG THIRD MARDIV 211352Z

## 1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL. THREE FORWARD COMPANIES OF 1ST BN 9TH MAR REACHED PHASE LINE GREEN AT 221235H. FINAL OBJECTIVES WERE SUCCESSFULLY SEIZED FOLLOWING HEAVY ARTY PREP FIRES.  
B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MAR ISUM 173-66.  
2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

## 3. EXECUTION.

## A. 1ST BN 9TH MAR.

(1) CONSOLIDATE COMPANY OBJECTIVES W-23 VIC (AT 927544), W-24 VIC (AT 936551), W-25 VIC (AT 930546), W-17 VIC (AT 915557), W-19 VIC (AT 906548), W-21 VIC (AT 919542), W-12 VIC (AT 973574), W-13 VIC (AT 958568) AND W-16 VIC (AT 950552).

(2) CONTINUE PLATOON CLEARING OPN IN SEMI-CLEARED AREA VIC (AT 9550-9458-9358).

(3) ESTABLISH BLOCKING POSITION VIC (AT 9358) IN SUPPORT OF 2D BN 3D MAR OPN VIC (AT 9350).

(4) MAINTAIN PLATOON PATROL BASE VIC (AT 9663). CONDUCT EXTENSIVE DAY AND NIGHT PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITY IN AREA.

## B. 2D BN 9TH MAR.

(1) ATTACK AND SEIZE COMPANY OBJECTIVES C-10 VIC (BT 019572), C-14 VIC (AT 906564) AND C-8 VIC (BT 005567).

(2) CONDUCT COUNTY FAIR 19 VIC PHONG LUC (3) (BT 015629) IN CONJUNCTION WITH 3D BN 51ST ARVN REGT AND DIEN BAN DISTRICT PACIFICATION CADRE. OPERATION TO COMMENCE AT

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230200H. TWO-DAY OPERATION.

C-30 BN 9TH MAR (AN HQA)

(1) MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS VIC AN HQA OPERATING BASE (AT 8747); CONDUCT LOCAL PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.

(2) ESTABLISH TWO PLATOON PATROL BASES VIC:

(A) (AT 891491)

(B) (AT 898488)

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. ADMINISTRATION. REF A IS QUOTED IN FULL FOR IMMEDIATE DISEMINATION TO ALL HANDS: "BY YOUR AGGRESSIVE ACTION YOU HAVE CLEARED AN AREA ONCE CLAIMED BY THE VIET CONG. THIS WAS DONE WITH GREAT SACRIFICE BUT HAS RESULTED IN A DRAMATIC REDUCTION IN CASUALTIES. FOR THE 24-HOUR PERIOD ENDING 192400H THE NINTH MARINES CASUALTY FIGURE WAS ZERO. CONGRATULATIONS FOR AN EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE. MAJEN KYLE."

B. LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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FRAG ORDER 174-66

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 210403Z

B. REGTO 8000.3

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL

(1) LTCOL J.J. HESS ASSUMED COMAND OF 2D BN 9TH MARRINES  
 FROM LTCOL W.F. DONAHUE AT 231400H.

(2) MAJ G.H. GRIMES ASSUMED CAOMD OF 3D BN  
 9TH MARINES FROM LTCOL P.C. TRAMMELL AT 221100H. LTCOL

TRAMMELL RESUMED DUTIES AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER, 9TH MARINES.

(3) AT 230930H A DELEGATION OF 30 DISTINGUISHED  
 VIETNAMESE LEADERS VISITED 3D MARINE DIVISION AND  
 PRESENTED TOKEN GIFTS OF APPRECIATION FOR EFFORTS  
 MARINES ARE MAKING IN FIGHT AGAINST THE VIET CONG.  
 9TH MARINES RECEIVED A FRAMED PICTURE.

(4) AT 231200H DR. CHI, CHIEF OF QUANG NAM  
 PROVINCE, AND PARTY VISITED 9TH MARINES CP.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 174-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. 1ST BN 9TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT DELIBERATE CLEARING OPERATIONS IN  
 VIC (AT 9660-9659-9658). (AT 9253-9254-9354).  
 (AT 9054-0154-0153-0155) AND (AT 9454-9455-9555-9556).

B. 2D BN 9TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE ATTACK ON COMPANY OBJECTIVES C-10  
 VIC (BT 019572). C-14 VIC (AT 996564) AND C-8 VIC (BT 005567).

(2) CONTINUE COUNTY FAIR 19 OPERATION VIC PHONG  
 LUC (3) (BT 015620) IN CONJUNCTION WITH 3D BN, 51ST ARVN

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REGIMENT AND DIEN BAN DISTRICT PACIFICATION CADRE.

C. 3D BN 9TH MARINES

(1) MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS VIC AN HOA  
OPERATING BASE (AT 8747); CONDUCT LOCAL PATROLS AND  
AMBUSHES.

(2) ESTABLISH TWO PLATOON PATROL BASES VIC:

(A) (AT 8748)

(B) (AT 9048)

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. ADMINISTRATION

(1) REF A REPORTS INCREASED EMPHASIS OF VC  
PROPAGANDA THE MES-PARTICULARLY ALONG PRO-STRUGGLE  
FORCE LINE. COMMANDERS RECEIVING PROPAGANDA MATERIALS OR  
LEAFLETS WILL FORWARD, WHERE POSSIBLE, TWO COPIES OF ALL SUCH  
MATERIALS TO THIS HDQ (S-2) INDICATING FOLLOWING:

(A) DATE AND LAC- FOUND (COORD).

(B) UNIT/INDIVIDUAL MAKING DISCOVERY.

(C) BRIEF ON CIRCUMSTANCES OF DISCOVERY.

(2) UNIT COMMANDERS ARE DIRECTED TO COMPLY WITH REF B  
(EXPLOSIVE DEVICE REPORT).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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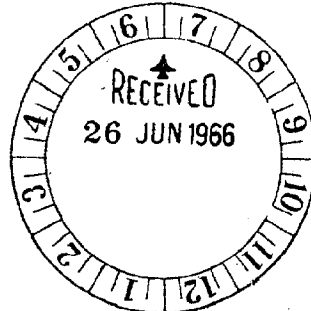
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A. CG 3D MARDIV 240230Z  
 B. CG 3D MARDIV 231012Z  
 C. CG 3D MARDIV 231351Z  
 D. CG 3D MARDIV 231151Z

1. SITUATION.

A. GENERAL. COUNTY FAIR 19 CONCLUDED AT 241330H. RESULTS  
 WERE 1 VC KIA, 8 VCS, 1 SPRINGFIELD RIFLE MODEL 1903.  
 B. ENEMY FORCES.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.  
 3. EXECUTION.

A. 1ST BN 9TH MAR.

(1) CONTINUE TO CONSOLIDATE COMPANY POSITIONS AND CONDUCT  
 DELIBERATE CLEARING OPNS VIC.

(A) (AT9253-9254-9354-9355)  
 (B) (AT9153-9154-9054-9055-9155)  
 (C) (AT9454-9555-9556-9757)

(2) CONDUCT COMPANY DELIBERATE CLEARING OPNS IN SEMI-  
 CLEARED AREA VIC.

(A) (AT9660-9659-9658-9558-9559)

(B) (AT9465-9765-9664-9764-9564)

B. 2S BN 2TH MAR.

(1) ATTACK AND SEIZE COMPANY OBJECTIVE C-15 VIC (BT021569).

(2) CONTINUE TO ATTACK ACOMPANY OBJECTIVE C-11 VIC (BT034577).

(3) CONDUCT COMPANY ASSAULT HELIFT VIC (AT987573); ATTACK  
 AND SEIZE COMPANY OBJECTIVE C-13 VIC (AT980573); SCHEDULED FOR 250700H.

(4) CONDUCT COMPANY HELILIFT TO BN CP VIC (BT0166279 AT 251300H.  
 TO CONSTITUTE BN RESERVE.

(5) BE PREPARED, ON ORDER, WITH SIX-HUR NOTICE, TO PLACE ONE

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RIFLE COMPANY ON 30-MINUTE ALERT FROM LOCATION YOU DESIGNATE FOR DEPLOYMENT OVERLAND VIC MOTOR CONVOY TO VIC SONG CAU LAU AND HIGHWAY NR 5 (BT091551) TO DESTROY VICE VC IN AREA. ADVISE THIS HEADQUARTERS IDENTITY COMPANY DESIGNATED.

C. 3D BN 9TH MAR (AN HOA)

C. 3D BN 9TH MAR (AN HOA)

(1) MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE POSITION VIC AN HOA OPERATING BASE (AT8747); CONDUCT LOCAL PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.

(2) ESTABLISH FOUR PLATOON PATROL BASES VIC:

(A) (AT887502)

(B) (AT915492)

(C) (AT900493)

(D) (AT910474)

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. IN CONJUNCTION WITH OPERATON LIBERTY FOLLOWING COORDINATES TRACE POSITIONS OF FRONT LINE COMPANIES. EACH SET OF COORDINATES IS A POSITION OF A COMPANY SIZE UNIT: 1/9 (AT924547 TO 925537 TO 957561); 2/9 (AT994567 TO BT0374 TO 040581).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. ADMINISTRATION.

(1) REF B REQUEST ALL UNITS TO CONDUCT INQUIRY TO

DETERMINE INFORMATION ON PRESENT LOCATION OF PFC JAMES G. SMITH 2188969. USMC. PFC SMITH RETURNED ASHORE AT CHU LAI 6JUN66 AFTER CONSULTATION FOR OLD HEAD WOUND ABOARD USS REPOSE. NEGATIVE REPORT REQUIRED.

(2) REF C REQUESTS COMMANDS INSURE APPROPRIATE SERVECE RECORD BOOK ENTRIES ARE MADE ON ALL PERSONNEL ATTENDING LAND MINE WAREFARE. VC MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS AND EEEEE DEMOLITION SCHOOL.

(3) THERE IS A REQUIREMENT TO COLLECT AND ANALYZE RESULTS OF COUNTERMIN E OPERATIONS IN ORDER TO GAIN FULL BENEFIT FROM LESSONS LEARNED. REF D DIRECTS DAILY SITREP ON SWEEP OPNS AND MINE INCIDENTS/DISCOVERIES.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONIS. OMITTED.

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Z. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 232318Z

B. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 240520Z

C. DIV 8370.1

D. CG THIRD MARDIV SPOLTR 7B/JGK/AVG

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1. SITUATION.

A. GENERAL. OMITTED

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUN 176-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

## 3. EXECUTION

A. 1ST BN 9TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE TO CONSOLIDATE COMPANY POSITIONS AND CONTINUE A DELIBERATE CLEARING OPERATION VIC:

(A) (AT 9253-9254-9354-9355)

(B) (AT 9153-9154-9054-9055-9155)

(C) (AT 9454-9555-9556-9767)

(2) CONDUCT COMPANY CLEARING OPERATION VIC SEMI-CLEARED AREA VIC (AT 9358-9458-9459)

B. 2D BN 9TH MARINES

(1) ATTACK AND SIEGE COMPANY OBJECTIVE C-12 VIC (BT 050596).

(2) CONTINUE ATTACK COMPANY OBJECTIVE C-15 VIC (BT 021549).

(3) CONTINUE ATTACK COMPANY OBJECTIVE C-11 VIC (AT 980573).

(4) CONTINUE ATTACK COMPANY OBJECTIVE C-13 VIC

(AT 980573).

(5) CONDUCT PLATOON CLEARING OPERATION IN SEMI-CLEARED AREA VIC (BT 0061).

C. 3D BN 9TH MARINES (AN HOA)

(1) MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE POSITION VIC AN HOA OPERATING BASE VIC (AT 8747). CONDUCT LOCAL PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.

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(2) ESTABLISH TWO PLATOON PATROL BASES VIC.

(A) (AT 900482)

(B) (AT 873496)

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. IN CONJUNCTION WITH OPERATION LIBERTY FOLLOWING COORDINATES TRACE POSITIONS OF FRONT LINE COMPANIES. EACH SET OF COORDINATES IS POSITION OF COMPANY SIZE UNIT: 1/9 (AT 917547 TO 925537 TO 958561); 2/9 (AT 977567) TO (BT 219568 TO BT 042586).

#### 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. REF A WARNS OF ELECTRICAL STORM THIS TIME OF YEAR. ATTENTION IS INVITED TO REGTO 5101.3 FOR PROTECTING PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT.

B. A RECENTLY CAPTURED VIET CONG DOCUMENT REVEALS THAT VC HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO COLLECT ALL DOCUMENTS, PHOTOS AND EQUIPMENT FROM US AND ALLIED CASUALTIES FOR POSSIBLE USE ABROAD FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES. COMMANDERS DIRECTED TO INFORM ALL

PERSONNEL CONCERNING HAZARDS OF CARRYING PERSONAL LETTERS AND PHOTOS IN TO COMBAT AREAS. SEE REF B.

C. REF C PUBLISHES POLICY GOVERNING CARRYING OF WEAPONS IN CAMPS AND CANTONMENTS IN DIVISION REAR AREA.

REGIMENTAL POLICY IN THIS REGARD WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED. PERSON

PERSONNEL WILL CONTINUE TO CARRY THEIR WEAPONS WITH THEM AT ALL TIMES.

D. APPLICATIONS FROM OFFICERS ELLEGIBLE FOR AND DESIRING TO APPLY FOR DATA SYSTEMS AUTOMATION TRAINING DESCRIBED IN MC BUL 1520 (CMC MCG 147335Z) MUST REACH THIS HQ NLT 29 JUNE 66.

#### 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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A. DIVO 3435.1 (COUNTER MEASURE S AGAINDEEEE AGAINST MINES)

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 177-66.

2. MISSION NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION

A. 1ST BN 9TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE TO CONSOLIDATE COMPANY POSITIONS CONDUCT

DELIBERATE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC:

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(A) (AT 9153-9154-9354-9257)

(B) (AT 9153-9154-9354-9355)

(C) (AT 9154-9355-9556-9757)

(2) CONDUCT TWO-PLATOON CLEARING OPERATION IN SEMI-CLEARED AREA VIC:

(A) (AT 9160)

(B) (AT 9761)

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(3) PROVIDE COEEE COVERING FORCE FOR RETRACTION LVT'S FROM SONG THU BON VIC (AT 9253).

(4) PROVIDE INFANTRY SECURITY FOR CONTINUATION OF LVT RETRACTION TO HILL 55 VIC (AT 9661).

(5) MAINTAIN ONE COMPANY ON ONE-HOUR ALERT IN SUPPORT LVT RETRACTION.

B. 2D BN 9TH MARINES.

(1) CONTINUE ATTACK BEYOND PHASE LINE GREEN TO LEE SONG KY LA M.

2) CONDUCT DELIBERATE COMPANY CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC:

(A) (AT 9956)

(B) (BT 0257-0357)

(C) (AT 9963-9962-9961)

(D) (AT 9855-9856)

(3) CONTINUE DELIBERATE PLATOON CLEARING OPERATION VIC (AT 9857).

(4) ESTABLISH THREE PLATOON PATROL BASES VIC:

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(A) (BT 0061)

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(B) (AT 9962)

(C) (EEEEEE)

(C) (BT 0263)

C. 3D BN 9TH MARINES

(1) EEE

(1) MAINTAIN EEE DEFENSIVE POSITION VIC AN HOA OPERATING BASE (AT 8747); CONDUCT LOCAL PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.

(2) ESTABLISH TWO PLATOON PATROL BASES VIC:

(A) (AT 03504)

(D) (AT 89088)

(3) PROVIDE INFANTRY SECURITY FOR RETRACTION OF LVT'S FROM VIC AN HOA OPERATING BASE (AT 8747) TO SPLASH POINT VIC (AT 890512); CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SECURITY TO VIC (AT 890512); RETURNS TO AN HOA

OPERATING BASE VIC (AT 8747) FOR OTHER OPERATIONS.

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BOUNDED BY TRAIL VIC (AT 928580) ON EAST, HIGHWAY #14  
ON SOUTH INCLUSIVE OF HIGHWAY SONG AN NGHIA ON WEST AND NORTH  
ON 252400H.

(2) FOLLOWING COORDINATES TRACE POSITIONS OFF FRONT LINE COMPANIES:  
1/9 (AT 917546 TO 925532 TO 958562); 2/9 (AT 973560 TO  
BT 020572 TO 031583).

(3) RETRACTION OF LVT'S WILL COMMENCE VIC (AT 8747)  
AT 270600H. ETA 1/9 ZOA VIC (AT 9253) 270930H.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. ADMINISTRATION

(1) COMMAND ATTENTION IS AGAIN INVITED TO REF A. INFANTRY PERSONNEL  
WILL NOT RIDE ON LVT'S AND FOR TANKS AND WILL MAINTAIN MINIMUM  
DISTANCE OF 100 METERS FROM VEHICLES WHEN TACTICALLY DEPLOYED.

(2) IN ACCORDANCE WITH I CORPS COORDINATOR INSTRUCTION

3300.1 REF, EACH BN WILL INSTALL MINIMUM OF TWO 30-  
POUND DRY CHEMICAL EXTINGUISHERS IN GENERAL VIC OF ITS HELICOPTER  
LANDING SITE. FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT WILL BE READILY VISIBLE, OPERATING  
INSTRUCTIONS CLEARLY STENCILED UPON EACH EXTINGUISHER AND PERSONNEL  
FAMILIAR WITH IT'S OPERATION AND USE. ASSEE ALL EXTINGUISHERS  
ARE TO BE INSPECTED AND SERVICED PERIODICALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH

APPLICABLE INSTRUCTIONS. LANDING SITES TO ADD TOAD AND  
BLUEBIRD WILL BE SERVICED AND MAINTAINED BY HEADQUARTERS 9TH MARINES  
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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FRAG ORDER 178-66

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 220211Z

**1. SITUATION**

A. GENERAL. RETRACTION 14 LVT'S FROM AN HOA OPERATING BASE VIC (AT8747) TO 1ST AMTRAC BN CP COMMENCED 270730H. COMPLETED 271800H. LVT'S RETRACTED FOR PROCESSING UNDER R&E PROGRAM.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MAR ISUM 178-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION.

A. 1ST BN 9TH MAR.

(1) CONTINUE DELIBERATE COMPANY CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC:

(A) (AT9253-9254-9354-9355)

(B) (AT9153-9154-9155-9054)

(C) (AT9454-9455-9555-9556)

(2) CONDUCT PLATOON CLEARING OPERATION IN SEMI-CLEARED AREA VIC (AT9740-9759-9758)

B. 2S BN 9TH MAR.

(1) CONDUCT DELIBERATE COMPANY CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC:

(A) (AT9857-9957-9858-9958)

(B) (BT0063-0164)

(2) CONDUCT TWO DAY CLEARING OPERATION VIC (AT982557)  
TO THANH QUIET BRIDGE VIC (BT042622)

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(3) CONTINUE DELIBERATE CLEARING OPERATION VIC (BT0257-0357-0457)

(4) ESTABLISH PLATOON PATROL BASES VIC (BT0061) AND (AT9962)  
C. 3D BN 9TH MAR.

(1) MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS VIC AN OHOA OPERATING BASE (RT8747); CONDUCT LOCAL PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.

(2) ESTABLISH TWO PLATOON PATROL BASES VIC:

(A) (AT879491)

(B) (AT895454)

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. IN CONJUNCTION WITH OPERATION LIBERTY FOLLOWING COORDINATES TRACE POSITIONS FRONT LINE COMPANIES: 1/9 (AT920547 TO 2EE 925537 TO 957562); 2/9 (AT983557 TO BT 004573 TO 040576).

E. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS NON-JUDICIAL PUNISHMENT REQUIRED BY REF A DUE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS PRIOR 3 JULY. REPORTS WILL BE SUBMITTED ON NAVJAG FORM 425A (REV 4-65).

B. BN CMDS SUBMIT THIS HEADQUARTERS NLT 30 JUN MINIMUM FIVE RECOMMENDED LOCATIONS FOR JULY COUNTY FAIR OPERATIONS.

C. LTGEN LEWIS W. WALT, CG, III MAF, WILL VISIT 9TH MAR DURING

MORNING 28 JUN.

D. BATTALION COMMANDERS WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE AT REGIMENTAL CP AT 1000 30 JUN.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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 C O N F I D E N T I A L  
 FRAG ORDER 179-66  
 1. SITUATION.

IN/1608

## A. GENERAL

(1) LTGEN LEWIS W. WALT, CG III MAF AND PARTY VISITED  
 9TH MARINES AND 1ST BN COMMAND POSTS  
 ON HILL 55 AND 3D BN IN AR HOA BETWEEN 280900H  
 AND 281130H.

(2) LTCOL LAP, QUANG NAM SECTOR COMMANDER AND PARTY PAID  
 FAREWELL CALL ON CO, 9TH MARINES AT 281500H.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 179-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION.

## A. 1ST BN 9TH MAR.

(1) CONDUCT DELIBERATE COMPANY CLEARING OPERATION VIC  
 (AT9659-9658-9759-9758).

(2) CONTINUE DELIBERATE COMPANY CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC

(A) (AT9253-9254-9354-9355)

(B) (AT9153-9154-9155-9054)

(3) CONDUCT DELIBERATE PLATOON CLEARING OPERATION VIC  
 (AT9658-9657-9758-9757).

(4) CONDUCT COMPANY CLEARING OPERATION IN SEMI-CLEAR  
 AREA VIC (AT9454-9455-9555-9556).

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(5) BE PREPARED TO CHOP K/3/9 TO PARENT BN ABOUT 300800H JUNE.

B. 2D BN 9TH MAR.

(1) CONTINUE DELIBERATE COMPANY CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC

(A) (AT9957-9956-9955-BT0057).

(B) (BT0257-0256-0357-0356).

(2) CONTINUE DELIBERATE COMPANY CLEARING OPERATION

VIC (BT0260-0361-0462-0362); RETRACT ONE COMPANY TO BN CP.

(3) ESTABLISH THREE PLATOON PATROL BASES VIC:

(A) (BT0262)

(B) (AT9962)

(C) (AT9961)

C. 3D BN 9TH MARINESM

(1) MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE POSITION VIC AN HOA OPERATING BASE VIC (AT8747); CONDUCT LOCAL PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.

(3) ESTABLISH TWO PLATOON PATROL BASES VIC

(A) (AT886492)

(B) (AT901483)

(3) BE PREPARED TO RESUME OPCON K/3/9 ABOUT 300800H JUNE.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. BATTALION CO'S WILL ATTEND COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE DIVISION CP AT 290930H.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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 C O N F I D E N T I A L  
 FRAG ORDER 180-36  
 1. SITUATION

- GENERAL: OMITTED.
- B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 180-66.
- 2. MISSION. NOCHANGE.
- 3. EXECUTION
- A. 1ST BN 9TH MARINES
  - (1) CONTINUE DELIBERATE COMPANY CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC (AT 9253-9254-9354-9355). (AT 9153-9154-9155-9054) AND (AT 9658-9758-9757).
  - (2) CHOP K/3/9 TO PARENT BATTALION AT 300800H.
- B. 2D BN 9TH MARINES
  - (1) CONDUCT DELIBERATE COMPANY CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC (9T 0260-0360-0460-0261-0361-0461). (AT 8951-8952 AND 8958-8957-9056-9955).
  - (2) 3D BN 9TH MARINES
    - (1) MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS VIC AN-11 OPERATING BASE (AT 8475). CONDUCT LOCAL PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.
    - (2) ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN BATTLE POSITION.
    - (3) 1ST BN 9TH MARINES

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(B) (AT 895488)

(3) RESUME OPCON COMPANY K 300800H.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
 OPERATION LIBERTY FOLLOWING COORDINATES TRACE POSITIONS OF  
 FRONT LINE COMPANIES: 1/9 (AT 924547) TO (AT 925537) TO  
 (AT 958562); 2/9 (BT 005575) TO (BT 025577).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. BATTALION COMMANDERS MEETING  
 REGT CP 301000H.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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 C O N F I D E N T I A L  
 FRAG ORDER 181-66  
 A. CG THIRD MARDIV 300340Z  
 B. CG THIRD MARDIV 280335Z

## 1. SITUATION.

## A. GENERAL.

RAOM D.W. WULZEN, CMDR, TASK FORCE 76, ACCOMPANIED  
 BY MGEN W.B. KYLEN, CG, 3D MARDIV VISITED 9TH MARINES CP BETWEEN  
 301645H AND 301715H.

B. ENY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 181-66.

## 2. MISSION. NO CHANGE

## 3. EXECUTION.

CVA. 1ST BN 9TH MAR.

(1) CONTINUE DELIBERATE COMPANY CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC  
 (AT9243-9254-9354-9355), (AT9257-9357-9358-9458-9558) AND (AT  
 9658-9758-9757).

(2) PLACE REFT RESERVE CO ON 4-HOUR ALERT VICE 2-HOUR  
 ALERT STATUS.

B. 2D BN 9TH MAR.

(1) CONTINUE DELIBERATE COMPANY CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC  
 (AT 9855), (AT993618) AND (AT993609).

(2) CONDUCT CLEARING OPERATING OPERATION IN MI-CLEARED AREA VIC  
 0250-0360-0460-0261-0361-0461).

C. 3D BN 9TH MAR.

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(1) ESTABLISH TWO PLATOON PATROL BASES VIC:

(A) (AT 890491)

(B) (AT 896484)

(2) COMMENCE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO GAIN CONTROL OF LINE OF COMMUNICATION FROM PRESENT LOCATION TO SOUTH BANK OF SONG KY LAM VIC (AT 253).

(3) COMMENCE INITIAL PLANNING FOR OPERATION MACON. REF B.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) ATTENTION ALL BATTALION COMMANDERS DIRECTED TO PARAS 3D AND 3F OF REF A (POST OPERATION LIBERTY PLANS) FOR GUIDANCE AND COMPLIANCE.

E. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. ADMINISTRATION.

(1) SUBMIT COMMAND CHRONOLOGIES THIS HDQS NLT 5 JULY.

(2) SUBMIT LESSON LEARNED THIS HDQS NLT 2 JULY.

(3) REF B (CG 3D MARDIV PLANNING DIRECTIVE 6-66: OPERATION MACON) HAS BEEN READDRESSSED TO ALL BATTALIONS FOR PLANNING GUIDANCE. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THIS SUBJECT TO BE PUBLISHED THIS HDQS.

5. COMMAND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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## KY LAM CAMPAIGN

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 DANANG, RVN  
 090800H, May 1966

## Operation Plan 118A-66 (KY LAM CAMPAIGN)

- Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000 L701, Sheets 6658 I; III; IV  
 (b) 3d MarDiv OpO 343-65  
 (c) 3d MarDiv AdminO 343-65  
 (d) 3d MarDiv OpO 399-66 (LIBERTY)  
 (e) 9th Mar OpO 116-66 (SPARROW HAWK)  
 (f) 9th Mar OpO 117-66 (COUNTY FAIR)  
 (g) 9th Mar OpPlan 118-66 (KY LAM CAMPAIGN)  
 (h) 3d MarDivO 02000.2C  
 (i) 9th Mar msg 271450Z (Frag Order 147-66)  
 (j) 9th Mar msg 061611Z (Frag Order 157A-66)

Time Zone: Hotel

Task Organization. Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy forces. Annex B (Intelligence) 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. Annex A (Task Organization) and Ref (b).
- c. Attachments and Detachments. Annex A (Task Organization)
- 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 in DANANG and in AN HOA.
  - (2) That there will be a requirement for a two-company battalion in the AN HOA area through 31 July 1966.
  - (3) That the 1st Marines will assume responsibility for that portion of the regimental zone of action presently occupied by the east flank battalion (1/1) and the regimental rear area battalion (3/1).



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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 Operation LIBERTY will be extended beyond Phase Line Green to SONG KY LAM subsequent to 30 June.
2. MISSION. Commencing 7 June, and continuing through 30 June, 9th Marines conducts maximum offensive operations in its zone of action in the DANANG TAOR to destroy VC forces and facilities and to defend vital installations; conducts holding and reconnaissance operations in the AN HOA area.
3. EXECUTION
- a. Concept of Operations. Annex B (Concept of Operations).
  - b. East Flank Battalion (1/1)
    - (1) Attack to the south -- conduct deliberate and systematic clearing and cordon and search operations to Phase Line Amber by 20 June; on order, continue the attack to Phase Line Green.
    - (2) Establish a personnel control check point in coordination with GVN activities at intersection of Routes 1 and 14 (BT 055588).
  - c. Center Battalion (2/9)
    - (1) Attack to the south -- conduct deliberate and systematic clearing and cordon and search operations to Phase Line Amber by 20 June; on order continue the attack to Phase Line Green.
    - (2) Be prepared to establish a personnel control check point in coordination with ARVN/RF/PF elements, as available, at critical locations, roads and trails.
    - (3) Be prepared to establish river control procedures to include barriers and blocks at critical locations.

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SECRETd. West Flank Battalion (1/9)

- (1) Attack to the south -- conduct deliberate and systematic clearing and cordon and search operations to Phase Line Amber by 20 June; on order, continue the attack to Phase Line Green.
- (2) Be prepared to establish river control procedures to include barriers and blocks at critical locations.

e. Regimental Rear Area Battalion (3/1)

- (1) Continue clearing operations in regimental rear area with special emphasis on denying the VC access to possible mortar positions from which he can launch a mortar attack against vital installations (Danang Air Base, Marble Mountain Air Facility, ASP #1 and ancillary facilities).
- (2) Conduct clearing operations in coordination with RVN military and paramilitary forces to insure continued security of the Five Village Pacification area.
- (3) Be prepared to establish a personnel control check point in coordination with RVN military and paramilitary forces, as available, at critical locations, roads, and trails.

f. AN HOA Battalion (3/9)

- (1) Conduct holding operation in AN HOA area.
- (2) Conduct reconnaissance operations in designated reconnaissance zones.

g. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Front line battalions in DANANG TAOR will designate company zones of action and indicate objectives on operation plans submitted to this Headquarters. Objective codes assigned as follows:
  - (a) East Flank Battalion: Use prefix "E" followed by numerical designation (i.e., E-1, E-2).
  - (b) Center Battalion: Use prefix "C" followed by numerical designation (i.e., C-1, C-2).
  - (c) West Flank Battalion: Use prefix "W" followed by numerical designation (i.e., W-1, W-2).
- (2) Generally speaking, majority of offensive operations will be executed during daylight hours; defend at night using linear disposition.

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- (3) Execute SPARROW HAWK aggressively in conjunction with offensive operations primarily in situations where a separate maneuver element on the ground is desired. All units should have the capability of reinforcing through land routes of communication. SPARROW HAWK will not be used in a reinforcing role except in exceptional and justifiable instances. Ref (e).
- (4) West flank, center and east flank battalions will each maintain one company on one-hour alert. These companies are considered as being in battalion/regimental reserve and will not be committed without prior approval of this headquarters.
- (5) All units will make maximum use of all supporting arms capabilities with particular emphasis on the effective utilization of artillery fires. Every defensive position will have an artillery night defensive fire plan. Whenever possible artillery fires will be directed against any area from which hostile fire is received.
- (6) Patrolling activities will be oriented primarily toward security and contact patrols.
- (7) COUNTY FAIR operations will be conducted by all battalions in semi-cleared areas. Every effort will be made to encourage RVN participation. Ref (f).
- (8) RCA is authorized within DANANG TAOR and AN HOA operation area.
- (9) This plan effective for planning on receipt; execution on order.
- (10) Rules of engagement. Ref (b).
- (11) Unclassified 3d MarDiv code name: Operation LIBERTY
- (12) Unclassified 9th Marines general code name for operations to its immediate front extending to river: KY LAM CAMPAIGN.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICSa. Administration

- (1) Ref (g), (i) and (j) are cancelled.
- (2) See Ref (o).

SECRETb. Logistics

- (1) Maximum dependence will be made on land lines of communications for resupply.
- (2) Night defensive kits consisting of engineer tools and additional communications equipment will be maintained for each company for immediate insertion by aircraft or surface means.
- (3) See Ref (•).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICSa. Command

- (1) Effective 15 June, the Regimental Command Post will be located on Hill 55 (AT 968616).
- (2) Battalion CP locations:
  - (a) 1/9 - (AT 967616)
  - (b) 2/9 - (BT 015627)
  - (c) 3/9 - (AT 875464)
  - (d) 1/1 - (BT 073657)
  - (e) 3/1 - (AT 991675)
- (3) See Annex D (Command Relations)

b. Communication-Electronics. See Ref (h).

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ANNEXES:

- A - Task Organization
- B - Concept of Operations
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Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Plan 118A-66

Ref: (a) 3d MarDiv OpO 399-66

Time Zone: H

3d Marine Division

MGen KYLE

9th Marines

Col SIMMONS

East Flank Battalion (1/1)

LtCol BELL

Company A

Company B

Company C

Company D

Company M (3/1)

Center Battalion (2/9)

LtCol DONAHUE

Company E

Company F

Company G

Company H

Company M (3/9)

West Flank Battalion (1/9)

LtCol JONES

Company A

Company B

Company C

Company D

Company K (3/9)

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SECRETRegimental Rear Area Battalion (3/1)

LtCol YOUNG

Company I

Company K

Company L

AN HOA Battalion (3/9)

LtCol TRAMMELL

Company I

Company L

Battery F, 2d Bn, 12th Mar

\_\_\_Platoon, Company B, 3d AMTrac Bn

\_\_\_Platoon, Company D, 3d Recon Bn


Squad, Company C, 3d Engineer Bn

Company B (-), 3d Shore Party Bn

Det, HQ Co, 9th Marines

Det, FLSG (A)

Det, 3d Medical Bn

2d Bn, 12th Marines D/SCompany B (Rein), 3d Tank Bn (Total: 4 Plts) D/SCompany B (Rein), 3d AMTrac Bn (Total: 4 Plts) D/SCompany C (Rein), 3d AT Bn (Total: 4 Plts) D/SCompany C, 3d Engineer Bn G/SCompany A, 3d MT Bn G/S  
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## Annex B (Concept of Operations) to Operation Plan 118A-66

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION. Omitted.
2. MISSION. Commencing 7 June and continuing through 30 June, 9th Marines conducts maximum offensive operations in its zone of action in the DANANG TAOR to destroy VC forces and facilities and to defend vital installations; conducts holding and reconnaissance operations in the AN HOA area.
3. CONCEPT
  - a. 9th Marines conducts a vigorous offensive operation in its zone of action in the DANANG TAOR and a holding operation in the AN HOA area. Conduct of operations in the DANANG TAOR is characterized by continuous aggressive assaults against VC forces and facilities, supported to maximum extent possible by all available combat and combat service resources. Operations by front line battalions will be closely controlled and coordinated and will be patterned after conventional linear tactics. A systematic and deliberate effort will be maintained to locate and to destroy promptly and thoroughly all VC forces and facilities encountered.
  - b. Operations in the DANANG TAOR by front line battalions will be conducted from present front line positions toward the south - - to reach Phase Line Amber by 20 June and Phase Line Green by 30 June. Each front line battalion (1/9, 2/9, 1/1) will operate with five companies, three forward along the MLR and two to the immediate rear, one of which will be designated the one-hour alert company and the other designated the security company.
  - c. Operations forward of the front lines (uncleared area) will be conducted aggressively and imaginatively using all available supporting arms to insure potent and immediate strikes against the enemy. The cordon and search technique will be employed against appropriate objectives whenever feasible.

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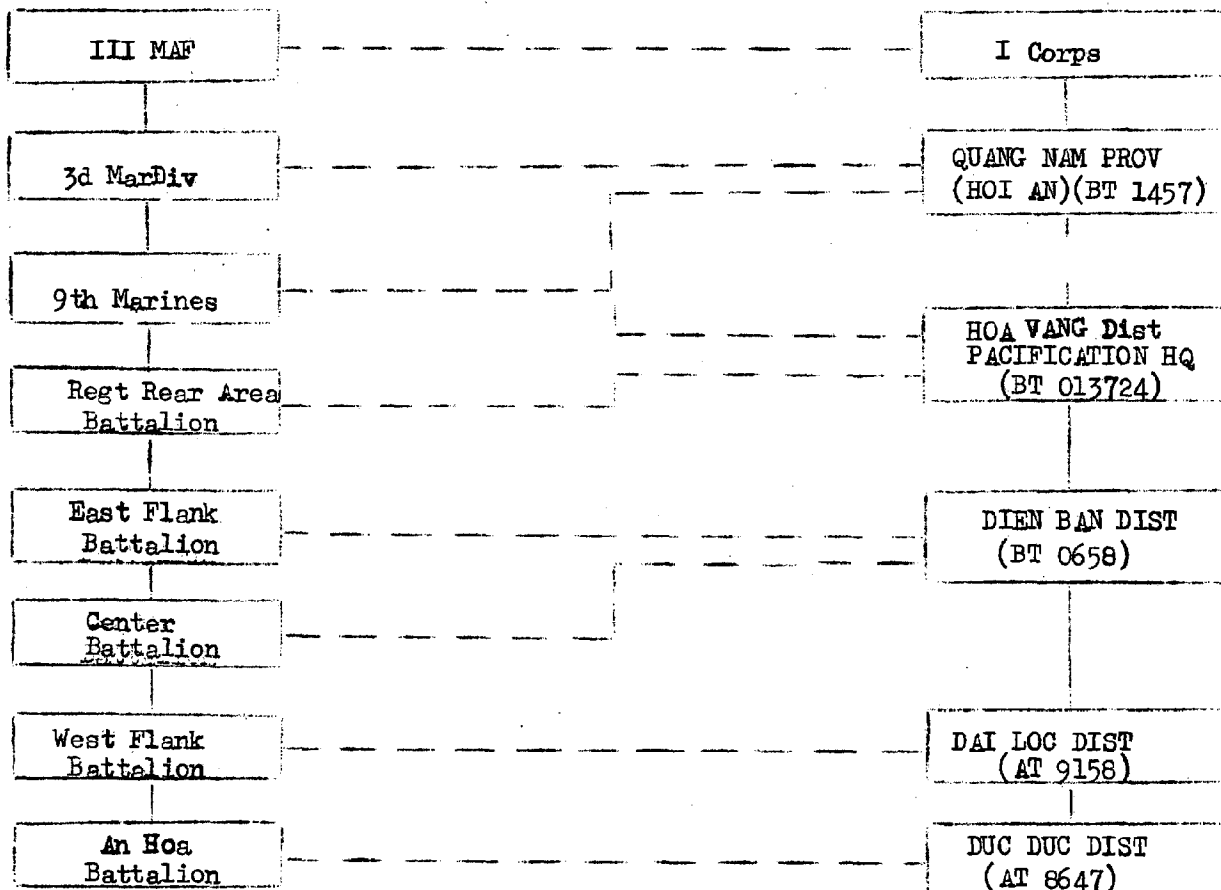
- d. Operations behind front lines north to the SONG CAU DO (semi-cleared area) will be of the COUNTY FAIR type, working in conjunction with local military and paramilitary units.
- e. A reinforced two-company battalion will conduct holding and reconnaissance operations in the AN HOA area.

  
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CO, 3d MT Bn	2
CO, 3d Recon Bn	2
CO, 1st Bn, 9th Marines	5
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps

Subj: Updating of "A Brief History of the 9th Marines"

Ref: (a) CMC ltr AO3D35-jeb of 6 June 66

Encl: (1) Brief Narrative of 9th Marines Activities -- Mar65 to Jun66  
(2) List of Commanding Officers of the Regiment

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) and (2) are submitted.

2. When the Regiment deployed to Vietnam from Okinawa in July 1965, many of its records were destroyed or forwarded to Headquarters Marine Corps. Since arriving in Vietnam, limited administrative facilities and tactical considerations have made it necessary to continue to curtail administrative files. Consequently, a minimum amount of records are maintained in the field by the Regiment. The originals or copies of all pertinent documents, however, are forwarded to Headquarters Marine Corps on a continuous basis.

3. In view of the above, enclosure (1) represents only that period of time since the Regiment arrived in Vietnam. Enclosure (2) provides the names of 9th Marines Regimental and Battalion Commanders since arrival in Vietnam.

  
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TAB (J)

THE NINTH MARINES IN VIETNAM

A battalion of the 9th Marines was one of the first units to land in Vietnam following the decision to commit Marine forces against the Viet Cong. On 9 March, BLT 3/9, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Charles E. MCPARTLIN, Jr., landed in DANANG as part of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade. The battalion's mission was to defend the DANANG Air Base which at that time was under constant threat of attack by the VC. The battalion quickly and effectively secured the airbase and its immediate vicinity and remained at that location until it was relieved by BLT 1/9 under Lieutenant Colonel Verle E. LUDWIG on 16 June 1965. BLT 3/9 returned to Okinawa where on 18 July another battalion was designated 3d Battalion, 9th Marines.

On 4 July 1965, the regimental commander, Colonel Frank E. GARRETSON, brought his headquarters to DANANG from Okinawa. On the same date, the 2d Battalion, under Lieutenant Colonel George R. SCHARNBERG, also arrived in Vietnam. On 15 August, the 3d Battalion under Lieutenant Colonel Robert J. TUNNELL, Jr., arrived in country, at which time, the Regiment had all its organic battalions committed against the Viet Cong.

In its first year in Vietnam, the 9th Marines zone of action, located on the east coast of South Vietnam in the DANANG tactical area of responsibility, encompassed an area of approximately one hundred and fifty square miles. Bounded by three major rivers, the SONG CAU DO on the north, SONG YEN-SONG VU GIA on the west, and the SONG THU BON-SONG KY LAM on the south, the zone of action was characterized by numerous small riverways, heavy vegetation and a relatively high population density. On 15 June 1966 responsibility for the eastern sector, a sandy, lightly populated area, and the area south of the SONG CAU DO, 4000 meters in depth and running roughly parallel to the river, was assigned to the 1st Marines.

Contiguous to the 9th Marines zone of action was the AN HOA light industrial complex, an area of considerable economic potential to the people of QUANG NAM Province and the City of DANANG. During late April and early May 1966, the 3d Battalion conducted an extensive search and destroy operation in the vicinity of the industrial complex and paved the way for the reestablishment of Government of Vietnam influence in the area.

During 1965 and 1966, the Regiment developed several tactics and techniques particularly suited for its zone of action. Among them are:

GOLDEN FLEECE

Commencing in September 1965, at the height of the rice harvest season, the 9th Marines inaugurated Operation GOLDEN FLEECE, so named because of the nature of the operation.

Working in conjunction with Vietnamese Regional Force and Popular Force units (both paramilitary) and local district officials, 9th Marines forces conducted search and destroy operations in the vicinity of areas where rice was to be harvested. GOLDEN FLEECE operations had the secondary effects of providing security for the villagers as they harvested their rice and of denying the Viet Cong access to the rice fields. This type of operation was successful both militarily and politically and was instrumental in establishing Marine-Vietnamese rapport throughout the regimental zone of action.

#### SPARROW HAWK

As the Regiment advanced south of the SONG CAU DO. contacts with the Viet Cong rose sharply. The zone of action was increasingly characterized by intense short-lived encounters on the small unit level. This indicated the need for a quick response by a highly maneuverable small force with adequate fire power. The 9th Marines was tasked with the job of developing a concept to meet the need for a highly mobile force. Thus, the creation of SPARROW HAWK in January 1966. Each forward battalion maintained a reinforced rifle squad on daylight alert for immediate deployment by helicopter to any destination in its zone of action to exploit contact with hostile forces. Transport and armed helicopters were on strip alert at Marble Mountain Air Facility which, upon request from the battalion in contact, were immediately deployed to a designated landing zone to pick up the SPARROW HAWK squad which was normally landed in the rear or on the enemy's flank. It was utilized as a separate maneuver element on the ground either in a mobile role or as a separate blocking force. It was not intended to be employed as a reinforcing element. By 30 June 1966, SPARROW HAWK had been successfully employed by the Regiment approximately 45 times and had yielded significant results.

#### COUNTY FAIR

In October 1965, the area to the rear of the 2d Battalion's zone of action was chosen by the Government of Viet Nam as the location for a priority pacification program known as the Five Mountains Pacification Campaign. Civic action as a "new weapons system" gained increasing importance as the pacification program, subsequently supported by the 9th Marines, picked up momentum. In an effort to provide maximum assistance to the Pacification Program and, at the same time, accomplish one of its primary missions, the destruction of the VC -- the 9th Marines developed Operation COUNTY FAIR in February 1966.

COUNTY FAIR was 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 was designed to flush the Viet Cong from the community in which he was a member or was a parasite, while at the same time insuring that the populace was not alienated toward the Government. Military actions were accomplished by a vigorous civic action and psy-war program the purpose of which was to convince the people that the GVN was an effective government that was interested in the welfare of the people and that a GVN victory against the VC was inevitable.

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USMC participation in COUNTY FAIR operations was 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 performed the task of searching the target areas and handling the populace. This was considered an essential element of COUNTY FAIR operations since one of its primary purposes was to restore the populace's confidence in the GVN structure and to instill a sense of trust and loyalty toward duly appointed officials.

During its first year of deployment in Vietnam, the 9th Marines participated in approximately forty-five battalion and several hundred company size operations within the DANANG tactical area of responsibility as well as in several 3d Marine Division and III MAF operations outside DANANG.

Regimental Commanders

Col Frank E. GARRETSON	_____ - 13 August 1965
Col John E. GORMAN	14 August 1965 - 15 February 1966
Col Edwin H. SIMMONS	16 February 1966 -

Battalion Commanders1st Battalion, 9th Marines

LtCol Verle E. LUDWIG	28 December 1964 - 5 January 1966
LtCol William F. DOEHLER	6 January 1966 - 1 June 1966
LtCol Richard E. JONES	2 June 1966 -

2d Battalion, 9th Marines

LtCol George R. SCHARNBERG	_____ - 2 September 1965
LtCol William F. DONAHUE, Jr.	3 September 1965 - 23 June 1966
LtCol John J. HESS	24 June 1966 -

3d Battalion, 9th Marines

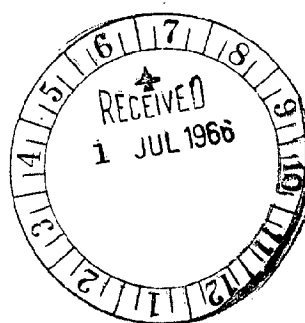
LtCol Charles E. MCPARTLIN, Jr.	_____ - _____
LtCol Robert J. TUNNELL, Jr.	_____ - 26 October 1965
LtCol William W. TAYLOR	27 October 1965 - 7 May 1966
LtCol Paul C. TRAMMELL	8 May 1966 - 22 June 1966
Maj George H. GRIMES	23 June 1966 -



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LIBERTY FRAG ORDER 407-66  
A. THIRD MARDIV OPN O 343-65  
B. THIRD MARDIV OPN O 399-66  
C. THIRD MARDIV O 02000.2D

1. SITUATION. REF A AND CURRENT INTSUMS.
2. MISSION. REF A AND REF B AS AMPLIFIED BY THIS ORDER FOR JULY 1966.
3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT. THE ATTAINMENT OF PHASE LINE GREEN BY ALL UNITS TERMINATES OPN LIBERTY EXCEPT FOR CONSOLIDATION OF NEWLY CLEARED AREAS AND CONTINUATION OF THE ATTACK IN CERTAIN AREAS TO THE LIMIT OF ADVANCE. LIMIT OF ADVANCE IS FROM WEST TO EAST. (AT 875570) ON THE SONG VU GIA RIVER FOLLOWING THE MAIN WATERWAY EASTWARD TO (BT 100555);

THENCE, NORTHWARD TO (BT 108567); THENCE, EASTWARD TO (BT 155568); AND THEN NORTHEAST PARALLELING ROUTE 14 INCLUSIVE TO THE SEA. DURING JULY 1966, EFFECT CONSOLIDATION AND TROOP RELOCATION AS NECESSARY. CONTINUE NEUTRALIZATION AND DESTRUCTION OF POTENTIAL VC FACILITIES. IMPROVE NORTH-SOUTH AND EAST-WEST LINES OF COMMUNICATION. MAINTAIN MAXIMUM CONTROL OF DANANG TAOR THROUGH TACTICAL OCCUPATION OF CRITICAL TERRAIN

EXTENSIVE AND CONTINUING COUNTY FAIR TYPE OPNS, AND NECESSARY SECURITY TASKS. ALL ACTIVITIES COORDINATED WITH GVN AUTHORITIES AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH VN TROOP UNITS WHERE POSSIBLE.

B. FIRST MARINES (-)(REIN)

- (1) OCCUPY, DEFEND, CONTROL ASSIGNED TAOR.
- (2) ATTACK IN ZONE TO LIMIT OF ADVANCE ADVANCING FRONT LINES ACCORDINGLY.
- (3) PREPARE ON ORDER TO ASSUME OPCON OF SECOND BATTALION.
- (4) PREPARE ON ORDER TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR TAOR OF LEFT BN, NINTH MARINES.

(5) PREPARE ON ORDER TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS BEYOND THE LIMIT OF ADVANCE IN AREA EAST OF HOI AN AND SOUTH OF ROUTE 14 TO THE MOUTH OF THE SONG CUA DAI RIVER.

C. THIRD MARINES (-)(REIN)

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- (1) OCCUPY, DEFEND, CONTROL ASSIGNED TAOR.
- (2) ATTACK IN ZONE OF SOUTHERN BN TO ADVANCE FRONT LINES TO LIMIT OF ADVANCE ON THE SONG VU GIA RIVER.
- (3) CONDUCT CONTINUING RECON AND SURVEILLANCE OF EXPOSED FLANK D. NINTH MARINES (REIN)
- (1) OCCUPY, DEFEND, CONTROL ASSIGNED TAOR.
- (2) ATTACK IN ZONE OF LEFT BN TO ADVANCE FRONT LINES TO NORTH BANK OF SONG KY LAM.
- (3) PREPARE ON ORDER TO EFFECT PSN RELIEF OF LEFT BN.
- (4) PREPARE ON ORDER TO RELEASE RESPONSIBILITY FOR LEFT BN. TAOR TO FIRST MARINES.
- (5) COMMENCE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO GAIN CONTROL OF LINE OF COMM FROM PRESENT LOC OF THIRD BN TO SOUTH BANK OF SONG KY LAM VIC (AT 9253).

E. TWELFTH MARINES. NO CHANGE.

F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

- (1) TERMINATE OPN LIBERTY EFFECTIVE 301800H JUNE 1966.
- (2) PLAN MOVES OF REGIMENTAL AND BN COMMAND POSTS AS REQUIRED BY CHANGES IN LOCAL TACTICAL SITUATIONS GENERATED BY OPN LIBERTY. NOW CP'S TO BE PLANNED AS CANTONMENT CONSTRUCTION WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO DRAINAGE.

(3) RIFLE COMPANIES ESTABLISH SEMI-PERMANENT CO BASES FROM WHICH PLT PATRL BASES WILL OPERATE.

(4) CONDUCT EXTENSIVE, CONTINUING, IRREGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNTY FAIR TYPE OPNS AGAINST LUCRATIVE TARGETS NOT ONLY IN NEWLY CLEARED AREAS BUT ALSO PERIODICALLY IN REAR AREAS.

(5) EFFECT NEUTRALIZATION OR DESTRUCTION OF POTENTIAL VC FORTIFICATIONS, PSNS AND OBSTACLES. DESTRUCTION REQUIRED DURING CONSOLIDATION WILL BE EFFECTED WITHIN THE DICTATES OF GOOD JUDGEMENT OF THE UNIT CMRS TO PREVENT EXCESSIVE AND UNWARRANTED DEVASTATION.

(6) CONTINUE IMPROVEMENT OF LINES OF COMM THROUGHOUT THE DANANG TAOR, PARTICULARLY ROADS, IN PREPARATION FOR THE WET SEASON.

(7) EFFECT MAXIMUM CONTROL OF WATERWAYS WITHIN AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CHECK POINTS AT SUITABLE LOCATIONS UTILIZING TANKS OR AMPHIBIAN TRACTORS WITH SEARCH LIGHTS, SUPPORTED BY INF.

(8) CONDUCT CIVIC ACTION AND RELIEF ACTIVITIES IN THOSE AREAS WHICH HAVE SUFFERED UNAVOIDABLE DESTRUCTION.

(9) CONTINUE ACTIVE PERSONNEL CONTROL MEASURES THROUGH USE OF CHECK POINTS ALONG LINES OF PERSONNEL DRIFT AND POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION CHECKS OF ALL INDIGENOUS PERSONNEL ENCOUNTERED BY PATROLS AND OTHER OPERATIONS/SL UNITS.

(10) OBTAIN MAXIMUM USE OF GVN TROOPS IN CONJUNCTION WITH CONSOLIDATION ACTIVITIES, THOUGH CLOSE COORDINATION WITH APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES.

4. ADMIN AND LOG. REF A.

5. CMD AND COMM. REF A AND REF C.

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