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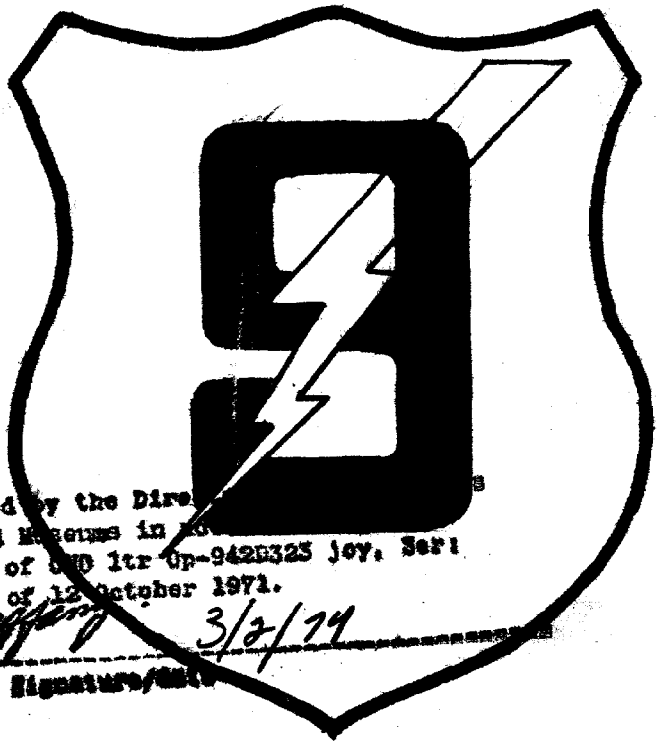

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9th Marines Command Chronology (up 3 pts)

9TH MARINES (REIN)

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

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(5) S-5 Chronology
(6) Air Support Chronology
(7) Medical and Dental Chronology
(8) Communication-Electronics Chronology
(9) Fire Support Chronology
(10) Supporting Documents (with original only)

1. In accordance with reference (a), the 9th Marines Command Chronology for period 1-30 April 1966 is submitted.

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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

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2. Reporting Period. 1-30 April 1966

3. Date of Submission. 16 May 1966

4. Commanding Officer

Colonel Edwin H. SIMMONS 1-30 April 1966

5. Location of Command Post During Reporting Period. (AT 994723)

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

7. Staff Assignments

a.	Executive Officer	1-30 April 1966	LtCol P. C. TRAMMELL (on emergency leave)
b.	S-1	1-30 April 1966	Capt D. S. RILLING
c.	S-2	1-30 April 1966	Maj C. WARD
d.	S-3	1-30 April 1966	Maj V. T. BLAZ
e.	S-4	1-30 April 1966	Maj G. H. GRIMES
f.	S-5	1-30 April 1966	1stLt J. M. STONE

8. Subordinate Commanders

a.	Headquarters Company	1-30 April 1966	Capt L. D. DERRYBERRY
b.	1st Battalion, 9th Mar	1-30 April 1966	LtCol W. F. DOEHLER
c.	2d Battalion, 9th Mar	1-30 April 1966	LtCol W. F. DONAHUE
d.	3d Battalion, 9th Mar	1-30 April 1966	LtCol W. W. TAYLOR
e.	3d Battalion, 3d Mar	1-30 April 1966	LtCol J. W. DORSEY III
f.	2d Battalion, 4th Mar	15-30 April 1966	LtCol P. X. KELLEY

9. Attachments

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a. Liaison Team, I Corps, RVN 1-30 April 1966

b. Interpreter Team, III MAF 1-30 April 1966

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9. Operational Control. 9th Marines assumed OPCON Company C, 1st Battalion, 4th Marines on 13 April 1966 and of 2d Battalion, 4th Marines on 15 April 1966.

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10. Relief of Lines. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines relieved the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines as the Air Base Defense Battalion under OPCON III MAF on 30 April 1966. 1st Battalion, 9th Marines assumed responsibility for the right sector of the 9th Marines zone of action.

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1. Personnel

A. Monthly Strengths (average)

MC Off	MC Enl	Navy Off	Navy Enl
143	4141	41	216

B. Battle Casualties: 33 - KIA, 301 - WIA

Non-Battle Casualties: 1 - Death, 14 - Wounded

C. Rotation during month

MC Off	MC Enl	Navy Off	Navy Enl
14	388	0	23

D. Replacements received

MC Off	MC Enl	Navy Off	Navy Enl
9	225	0	43

E. Personnel Summary. There is a shortage of replacements resulting in an understrength of personnel throughout the Regiment.

F. Periodic Personnel Reports. None

2. Staff Studies and Estimates. None

3. Local Newspapers. None

4. Photographs. None

5. Journal. None

6. Discipline, Courts-Martial, Office Hours

A. No unusual disciplinary problems.

B. Courts-Martial: 2 General Courts-Martial pending; 9 Special Courts-Martial completed and 15 pending; 2 Summary Courts-Martial completed and 1 pending

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Regt Cmdr OH	2
Bn Cmdr OH	37
Co Cmdr OH	16

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

A. Morale in this command is considered to be excellent.

B. PX service is considered satisfactory.

C. Mail service is very good.

D. R&R quotas for Okinawa, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Singapore, Taipei and Manila are considered adequate.

8. Chaplain Support, Religious Services, Schedules

A. During the month of April, the Regimental Chaplain celebrated 14 Sunday Masses with 663 people in attendance; 17 Masses were celebrated during the weeks for Regimental units with an overall attendance of 552.

B. 4 Sunday Masses were celebrated at Regimental Headquarters; the average attendance was 58, an increase in average attendance at Catholic Services for the month.

C. Protestant Divine Services at this headquarters were provided by Chaplain HANSEN of 12th Marines. He conducted four Sunday worship services with an average attendance of 10.

D. The Regimental Chaplain held one Memorial Service for "C" Company, 3d Anti-Tank Battalion at the 3/9 CP. 24 men attended.

E. 15 men from Headquarters Company attended one moral guidance lecture delivered by the Regimental Chaplain.

F. 2 sessions of religious instructions were given to 1 man at Headquarters.

G. There were 2 Division Chaplains' meetings, 1 III MAF and 2 Regimental Chaplain's meetings during the month. The Regimental Chaplain attended all.

H. The Regimental Chaplain visited all casualties at the 3d Division Field Hospital and NSA Hospital.

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I. On Sunday 17 April, the 9th Marines Memorial Chapel Bell was dedicated at a brief ceremony before the 0830 Mass. The text engraved on the bell reads as follows: "When this bell tolls, the hills echo and the air will be filled with the memory of U. S. Marines of the 9th Regiment who fought and died in the Republic of Vietnam, 1966 RVN."

J. The Regimental Chaplain and clerk departed Headquarters on 21 April for Operation GEORGIA. During the operation, the Chaplain provided for the spiritual needs of Catholic employees of the AN HOA Industrial Complex and personnel of the 2d Battalion, 51st ARVN Regiment. It was the first time these people were afforded Catholic religious services in two years. This Chaplain agreed to petition the Bishop of Danang to send a Vietnamese priest to AN HOA on a monthly basis. The Regimental Chaplain remained on "Operation GEORGIA" until the end of the month.

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S-2 CHRONOLOGY

1. Area of Operations.

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a. Location.

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

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

b. Description of the Area.

NOTE: The following description, quoted from the March chronology, is included here for the convenience of individuals/organizations utilizing this report.

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

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

(3) The area of operations includes an estimated population of one hundred forty one thousand (note: this does not include the population of DA NANG city, which is not a part of the area of operations). Several areas and villages have only recently returned to GVN control or have been otherwise inaccessible, therefore there has not been an accurate census made in recent years, but this figure is believed to be reasonably accurate. Statistical data reflecting the ethnic and religious

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make-up of the area is meager, but available sources indicate that Vietnamese comprise about 92% of the population, with the balance being distributed between a mixture of Chinese, Indians, Pakistanis, Cambodians, French, and others. Buddhism has traditionally been the major religion, and about 80% of the people of this area are nominally buddhists. Catholics comprise about 10% of the population with the balance consisting of the adherents of the Cao Dai sect and other religions.

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

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

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

(7) The TAOR embraces an extensive and vital series of rivers, streams, and other waterways which materially affect the conduct of military operations as well as determine the economy of this region. There are in excess of one hundred fifty miles of what is considered "navigable" waterways within the confines of this regiment's TAOR. The most important of these waterways are the SONG CAU DO, the SONG VINH DINH, the SONG YEN, and the SONG KY LAM/SONG THU BON. Minor waterways include the SONG CAU

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DAO, the SONG BAU XAU, and SONG LA THO. The waterways are considered navigable during all but the severest portion of the dry season, but flooded conditions during the monsoon season also serve to hinder navigation. The waterways provide a natural avenue for the movement of supplies but Viet Cong abuses have led to the restriction of traffic in most river areas.

c. Weather.

(1) April saw a continuation of the transition from the wet northeast monsoon to the hot and dry southwest monsoon. "Crachin" conditions (periods of drizzle or light rain, with low stratus cloud ceilings and restricted visibilities) occurred but infrequently and some thunderstorms and rain-showers were experienced, although precipitation was slight. Weather did not exert an appreciable influence on trafficability during this period.

(2) Weather Summary.

Number of days with measurable rainfall.....	4
Total Rainfall received.....	.30 in.
Maximum rainfall in a 24 hour period.....	.25 in.
Maximum temperature during reporting period....	100°
Minimum temperature during reporting period....	73°
Average winds during reporting period.....	ENE 6.5 knots
Number of days with less than 5 miles visibility...	0

2. Viet Cong Strengths, Dispositions, and Tactics.

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

b. Order of Battle Intelligence.

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

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Unit Designation	Estimated Strength	Location (District)	Commanded By	Weapons	Validity
R.20 Bn* (Main Force)	270	HIEU DUC DIEN BAN DAI LOC	NGUYEN DINH	1-81mmMort 1-61mmMort 1-57mmRR 3-LMG	Confirmed
Note: *Consists of BnHq U/I Protection Co U/I Combat Engr Co					
V.25 Bn** (Main Force) AKA 5thBn	130	DUC DUC DAI LOC DUY XUYEN	MAC KHU TUNG	1-81mmMort 3-60mmMort 3-LMG	Confirmed
Note: ** Consists of BnHq V.27 Co					
70th Bn (Main Force)	420	DUY XUYEN DAI LOC	UNK	UNK	Possible
R.21 Co (Main Force) Subord. to R.20 Bn	120	HIEU DUC	NGUYEN DUC	1-81mmMort 2-60mmMort 1-57mmRR 5-LMG	Confirmed
R.22 Co (Main Force) Subord. to R.20 Bn	120	DIEN BAN	DUNG	2-81mmMort 2-60mmMort 1-57mmRR	Confirmed
R.23 Co (Main Force) Subord. to R.20 Bn	100	DIEN BAN DAI LOC	VO DE	1-81mmMort 1-60mmMort 1-57mmRR 2-LMG	Confirmed
Q-15B Co (Local Force)	150	DIEN BAN	UNK	1-81mmMort 1-60mmMort 2-LMG	Confirmed
Q-16 Co (Local Force)	120	HOA VANG HIEU DUC	UNK	1-60mmMort	Confirmed
U/I Co (Local Force)	100	HIEU NHON	UNK	1-81mmMort 1-60mmMort 1-LMG	Confirmed
U/I Co (Local Force)	90	HOA VANG	TRAN DOA	3-81mmMort	Confirmed
U/I Co (Local Force)	UNK	HIEU NHON	UNK	UNK	Probable
R.24 Co (Main Force) Subord. to R.20 Bn	120	HIEU DUC DAI LOC	LE VAN KHOI	UNK	Possible

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Unit Designation	Estimated Strength	Location (District)	Commanded By	Weapons	Validity
Q-12B Co (Local Force)	70	HIEU NHON	HO NGHIA	UNK	Possible

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

c. Tactics.

(1) A review of enemy contacts experienced during this reporting period reflects a considerable increase in almost all categories as compared to previous reports. The following table illustrates this change:

	MARCH	APRIL	
Sniping incidents	31	45	45% increase
Small Unit contacts	268	304	13% increase
Major Unit contacts	3	3	No increase/decrease
Mortar activity	11	19	73% increase
Mines/Grenades/Booby Traps	72	95	32% increase

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

(3) A portion of this increase must also be attributed to the increase in USMC forces and a corresponding increase in USMC activities in this area during this period, as the 2d Battalion, 4th Marines arrived and came under the OPCON of the 9th Marines on 15 April.

(4) An evident improvement in the Viet Cong logistical posture as the result of ordnance stocks recovered from the outpost positions of GIAO AI and PHONG THU, abandoned by ARVN forces during the latter part of March and in April, also influenced enemy activities in this area. (See paragraph d., Significant Actions, for an account of these incidents). Among the explosive materials believed to have come into the possession of the Viet Cong as the result of the abandonment of PHONG THU outpost on 9 April, were over 700 U. S. anti-personnel "bounding" mines (M-16A1). At least seven incidents in which the Viet Cong employed this type of device were confirmed during this reporting period. The substantial increase in contacts in which the Viet Cong employed mortars is likely attributable to the substantial stocks of this type of ammunition also recovered from the outpost positions.

(5) The continued viability of the R.20 (DUC LAP) Battalion, after experiencing considerable casualties on at least two separate occasions during this reporting period, demonstrates the Viet Cong capabilities of quickly replacing its numerical losses from the ranks of local force and guerrilla units, and conscription in the area. What remains to be judged however, is the degree of effectiveness retained by the battalion as the ranks of the more experienced troops are thinned.

(6) Yet another factor in the increase in enemy contacts was Operation GEORGIA, which commenced on 21 April. Although technically Operation GEORGIA was sited outside of the 9th Marines TAOR, its actions are included in these totals. Even with the exclusion of those contacts resulting from Operation GEORGIA however, the number of contact incidents would still have reflected a substantial increase.

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d. Significant Actions.

(1) The recent period of Vietnamese political crisis and confusion, beginning with the removal of Lieutenant General NGUYEN CHANH THI as I CORPS Commanding General on 10 March, and highlighted by the near battle on 9 April when the local leaders of the anti-government "Struggle Forces", directed a force of men, armored personnel carriers, and four 155mm howitzers towards DA NANG to confront three battalions of Vietnamese Marines flown into DA NANG Airbase by the Military Directory, served to inhibit, and for a time halt, the decision-making apparatus and the conduct of GVN military activities in this area. The crisis ultimately forced a moratorium of all 9th Marines offensive operations during the period 9 - 11 April as the possibility of armed conflict, and danger to American lives and property heightened. On 9 April, elements of the 9th Marines participated in the evacuation of U. S. civilians and military personnel out of DA NANG to safer areas.

(2) The crisis arrayed supporters of the deposed Lieutenant General THI, and various Buddhists' factions (this group identified themselves as the "Struggle Forces"), against supporters of Premier KY and the Military Directory. The NHU HANH SON Pacification Program, already beset by difficulties and far behind schedule, ground to a complete halt as the predominately VNQDD-oriented (strong backers of the central government) members of the People's Action Teams who were responsible for the NHU HANH SON program, also engaged in the political maneuvering.

(3) On 9 April, the 39th ARVN Ranger Battalion, occupying an outpost position at PHONG THU in the southern portion of the Regimental Zone of Action were ordered by the leaders of the "Struggle Forces" to quit the position and proceed to DA NANG, evidently to participate in anti-government political activities. The abandonment of the outpost left unsecure some thirteen tons of GVN ordnance materials; to include 600,000 rounds of small arms ammunition, 4,200 60mm mortar rounds, 140 57mm recoilless rifle rounds, and more than 700 anti-personnel mines, many of them of the "bounding" type (M-16A1). Much of this ordnance was captured by the Viet Cong before Marines could move into he area to destroy the cache.

(4) Operation GEORGIA commenced on 21 April when the 9th Marines moved a reinforced infantry battalion into the area in the vicinity of the AN HOA Industrial Complex, grid square (AT 8746), by helicopter, fixed wing aircraft, and via water and overland routes from the Regimental Zone of Action. Although intelligence reports indicated the presence of at least one Viet Cong Main Force battalion (V.25) and at least one local force company (Q-18B), initial enemy reaction was weak, and usually consisted of several small arms rounds which quickly ceased when the fire was returned. The activities most productive of enemy casualties were Marine observation aircraft

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and ground reconnaissance elements which frequently detected the movement of small enemy forces at long ranges and directed artillery fire at the Viet Cong with telling effect. On 29 April, in the only instance in which the Viet Cong employed other than small arms and mines against the Marines during this portion of Operation GEORGIA, Battery F, positioned to the west of AN HOA, received fifteen 81mm mortar rounds in close proximity to the battery's positions, with no Marine casualties or damage. Intelligence reports continued to indicate the presence of sizeable enemy forces in the western portions of the Operation GEORGIA area, but none had been engaged by the Marine ground forces during the period of the operation covered by this report. (Enemy casualties for Operation GEORGIA area shown in paragraph 3.)

3. Viet Cong Casualties.

a. Viet Cong casualties during the month of April were as follows:

Category	Zone of Action:	Operation GEORGIA:	Total
VC KIA (Body Count)	78	35	113
VC KIA (Possible)	133	49	182
VC Captured	20	0	20
Returnees	7	0	7

4. Sources of Intelligence.

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

b. Periodic and special reports provided by U. S. and GVN military and civilian sources were the major source of information of Viet Cong displacements, unit identifications, and intentions. The major difficulty experienced in evaluating reports of this nature was the lack of an adequate basis for estimating the reliability of the report's source, which was often an unidentified agent.

c. ITT prisoner interrogation reports provided information of Viet Cong procedures, locations, personalities and morale, and the impact and influence of Viet Cong and friendly operations on the local civilian population. ITT screening of suspects apprehended during the reporting period identified the majority of these Viet Cong who are shown as captured in paragraph 3. above.

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

	AN/TPS-21	SID-150	INFRA-RED DEVICES
Headquarters Company, 9thMar	2	8	6
1st Battalion, 9th Marines	2	22	16
2d Battalion, 9th Marines	2	20	15
3d Battalion, 9th Marines	2	30	17
3d Battalion, 3d Marines	2	21	16
2d Battalion, 4th Marines	2	20	14

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S-3 CHRONOLOGY

1. General. During the month of April the 9th Marine Regiment, in addition to normal operations within its zone of action, had two companies committed to Operation ORANGE under OPCON 3d Marines, conducted two ROUGH RIDER operations, supported the rice harvest in GOLDEN FLEECE II, executed four COUNTY FAIR operations and commenced Operation GEORGIA to the southwest of the 9th Marines zone of action. During the period 5 through 12 April, the 9th Marines assumed a basically defensive posture due to GVN unrest over the relief of LtGen THI, I Corps Commander. On 9 April, the 9th Marines evacuated 711 civilians and military personnel from DANANG when the possibility of an armed conflict between opposing GVN factions appeared imminent. On the same date, the 9th Marines blocked National Route #1 vic THANH QUIT Bridge (BT 042621) to prevent movement into DANANG of an ARVN military convoy which threatened the security of the city. A major clash between ARVN forces was averted. Intensified offensive operations were resumed by 9th Marines on 12 April. The R-20 (DOC LOP VOLUNTEER) Battalion which lost heavy casualties in attacks against Marine positions during March, attacked Co H/2/9 on 16 April in the vicinity of the PHONG THU Outpost (AT 980585). The attack was successfully repulsed resulting in 12 VC KIA (BC) and 63 VC KIA (POSS).

2. COUNTY FAIR. The COUNTY FAIR type operation which this Regiment began on a pilot basis in February was executed 4 times during April. COUNTY FAIR is a USMC-GVN coordinated operation specifically designed to destroy VC infrastructure and to re-establish GVN influence in selected hamlets and villages. USMC forces cordon a community which is then searched by GVN forces. COUNTY FAIR operations conducted during April resulted in 50 VC KIA (BC), 29 VCC, 12 VCS and 2 CHIEU HOI returnees. 16 individual weapons, numerous grenades, and documents were captured. As an indication of the psychological impact this type operation has on the VC, 6 of them surrendered to 3d Bn, 3d Marines under the protection of the CHIEU HOI returnee program two days following completion of the most successful COUNTY FAIR operation to date on 28 April at THANH QUIT (3) (BT 054635). That operation alone accounted for 45 VC KIA. (A copy of this Regiment's COUNTY FAIR operation order will be appended to next month's Command Chronology).

3. Operation GEORGIA. 9th Marines commenced planning for Operation GEORGIA during March. D-Day was originally scheduled for 10 April. Due to political unrest caused by the relief of MajGen THI, D-Day for GEORGIA was delayed until 21 April. The GEORGIA area of operations was centered on the AN HOA light industrial complex (AT 8746), which is situated along the SONG VU GIA, a primary avenue of approach into the DANANG TAOR from the west. The 9th Marines was assigned the mission of opening this area to GVN influence, of conducting offensive operations to destroy VC forces, and of conducting vigorous civic action and rural construction programs.

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Preliminary operations began on 15 April 1966 with 2/9 and 3/3 conducting operations in the KINGS area to pave the way for movement south to the GEORGIA area, and to gather intelligence on routes suitable for an LVT column. In addition to the above, destruction of minefields and ordnance in the abandoned ARVN outposts of PHONG THU (AT 984583) and GIAO AI (AT 948582) was conducted. On D-1, April 20, 3/9 Command Group A, one rifle company and two artillery batteries were airlifted to AN HOA. This was followed on D-Day, 21 April, by a mechanized column consisting of 3/9 Command Group B, 2 rifle companies, supporting elements, LVTP-5's and LVTH-6's. Artillery and air covered the movement throughout. The movement to AN HOA took two days due to difficulty experienced by the LVT's in entering the river and the need to conduct mine sweeping operations over land routes. All major units involved in Operation GEORGIA completed movement to the area and Command Groups A and B effected link-up on D+2, 23 April. Following this date, S&D operations were conducted throughout the GEORGIA area with a minimum of three rifle companies participating on a daily basis. Minimal VC resistance was encountered in the lowlands around AN HOA. It was apparent that the Viet Cong had evacuated the area prior to commencement of Operation GEORGIA. Three reconnaissance squads employed in the mountainous areas to the west and south of AN HOA reported frequent sitings of Viet Cong units of up to 50 men. Artillery and air strikes were quickly called against all targets developed by the recon teams resulting in a large number of VC casualties. Around AN HOA, 3/9 conducted virtually continuous S&D and clearing operations in strongly fortified and tunneled hamlets. As of the end of the reporting period, Viet Cong casualties were 52 KIA (BC), 56 KIA (POSS), 2 WIA, 12 WIA (POSS), and 204 VCS. A copy of 9th Marines Operation Order 111-66 (GEORGIA) is appended to Enclosure (10).

4. ROUGH RIDER. The 9th Marines conducted ROUGH RIDER motorized convoys north to HUE-PHU BAI on 4-6 April and 10-11 April. A copy of 9th Marines Operation Order 115-66 (ROUGH RIDER) is appended to Enclosure (10).

5. SPARROW HAWK. 9th Marines continued to use the airmobile SPARROW HAWK squad as an integral part of normal operations. Each Battalion maintained a SPARROW HAWK squad on immediate alert for possible insertion as a block force, a separate maneuver element, or to cut off VC withdrawal routes. SPARROW HAWK was utilized three times during April to raise to 37 the total number of SPARROW HAWK missions executed by the 9th Marines. A copy of 9th Marines Operation Order 116-66 (SPARROW HAWK) is appended to Enclosure (10).

6. TASK ORGANIZATION. At the close of the reporting period, the 9th Marines had either OPCON, ADCON, or both, of 21 infantry companies from the following organizations:

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1st Bn, 9th Marines
2d Bn, 9th Marines
3d Bn, 9th Marines
3d Bn, 3d Marines
2d Bn, 4th Marines
Co C, 1st Bn, 4th Marines

7. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

2 Apr 3/3 chopped OPCON Co I/3/3 to 3d Marines for participation in Operation ORANGE (SITREP #92).

3 Apr 3/3 chopped OPCON L/3/3 to 3d Marines for participation in Operation ORANGE (SITREP #93).

4 Apr Co E/2/9 executed ROUGH RIDER (4) NORTH to HUE-PHU BAI (SITREP #94).

5 Apr 9th Marines assumed defensive posture due to local unrest caused by relief of LtGen THI. (SITREP #95).

6 Apr ROUGH RIDER (4) NORTH returned from HUE-PHU BAI to DANANG (SITREP #96).

6 Apr Commander's planning conference for Operation GEORGIA was held at 9th Marines CP. (SITREP #96).

8 Apr 9th Marines maintained two Bn Cmd groups and four rifle companies on alert status for possible employment in riot control and protection of U. S. lives and property in DANANG (SITREP #98).

8 Apr 3/3 resumed OPCON Co L/3/3 from 3d Marines (OPERATION ORANGE) (SITREP #98).

9 Apr 3/3 resumed OPCON Co I/3/3 from 3d Marines (OPERATION ORANGE) (SITREP #99).

9 Apr 2/9 Command Group and Co's E and H conducted helilift into northeastern portion of City of DANANG; evacuated 711 U.S. civilian and military personnel by LCM and helicopter. (SITREP #99).

9 Apr Co F/2/9 blocked National Route #1 to prevent movement north of ARVN convoy from HOI AN and possible clash between opposing ARVN factions. (SITREP #99).

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10 Apr Co H/2/9 executed ROUGH RIDER (5) NORTH to HUE-PHU BAI (SITREP #100).

11 Apr ROUGH RIDER (5) NORTH returned to DANANG from HUE-PHU BAI (SITREP #101).

12 Apr 9th Marines resumed offensive operations. (SITREP #102).

13 Apr SPARROW HAWK mission #35 executed by 3/9. Four VC KIA (BC), 2 VCC, 25 VCS. (SITREP #103).

13 Apr 9th Marines assumed OPCON Co C/1/4. (SITREP #103).

13 Apr 9th Marines positioned 6 platoons along south bank SONG CAU DO to insure tighter security around DANANG vital area. (SITREP #103).

14 Apr 2/9 assumed OPCON Co G/2/4. (SITREP #104).

15 Apr 9th Marines assumed OPCON 2/4 (SITREP #105).

15 Apr 9th Marines commenced prelimary operations for Operation GEORGIA. 3 Co's helilifted into KINGS area of operations. (SITREP #105).

16 Apr Attack by an estimated 2 VC companies and one guerrilla company with mortars and recoilless rifles against Co H/2/9 repulsed. Results were 12 VC KIA (BC), 63 VC KIA (POSS). (SITREP #106).

17 Apr 3/3 conducted a Bn(-) operation with 2 Co's in KINGS area (SITREP #107).

17 Apr 2/4 assumed responsibility for 9th Marines rear area. (SITREP #107).

18 Apr 2/4 CP displaced from (BT 068715) to 3/9 CP location (BT 073690). (SITREP #108).

19-20 Apr 2/9 conducted COUNTY FAIR (8) vic HA DONG (AT 998643) in coordination with 2 Co's 51st ARVN Regt. Results were 4 VC KIA (BC), 12 VCC and 10 VCS. One U.S. carbine was recaptured. (SITREP #110).

20 Apr 3/9 Command Group A, Co L/3/9, Btry B/1/12 and Btry F/2/12 helilifted to AN HOA for Operation GEORGIA (SITREP #110).

21 Apr Operation GEORGIA commenced at 210730H with overland movement of 3/9 Command Group B and Co's F/2/9 and M/3/3 toward GEORGIA area of operations. (SITREP #111).

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22 Apr All major units arrived in Operation GEORGIA area of operations by airlift and mechanized columns. (SITREP #112).

22-23 Apr 2/9 conducted COUNTY FAIR (9) vic AN TU (1) - VIEM TAY (3) (BT 0263) in coordination with the 3d Bn, 51st ARVN Regt. Results were 1 VC KIA (BC); one M-1 rifle and ammo captured. (SITREP 112 & 113).

23 Apr Operation GEORGIA completed 3d day with minimal VC contact. 3/9 Command Group B and 3 Co's searched southwest from (AT 9252) to (AT 8950). (SITREP #113).

24-25 Apr 3/3 conducted COUNTY FAIR (10) vic LA BONG (3) (AT 9667) in coordination 2 Co's 51st ARVN Regt. No significant enemy contact was achieved. (SITREP #114).

24 Apr Operation GEORGIA completed 4th day with 3 Co's S&D in GS (AT 9049)-(AT 9050)-(AT 8949)-(AT 8950). Recon OP's called air and artillery fires resulting in 7 VC KIA(BC), 23 VC KIA (POSS), and 3 VC WIA(POSS). (SITREP #114).

25 Apr Operation GEORGIA completed 5th day. Recon OP's called air and artillery fires resulting in 15 VC KIA(POSS). (SITREP #115).

26-28 Apr 2/9 conducted COUNTY FAIR (11) vic THANH QUIT (3) (BT 054635) in coordination with the 3d Bn, 51st ARVN Regt. Results were 45 VC KIA(BC), 17 VCC, 2 VCS, 2 returnees surrrendered; 14 individual weapons, numerous grenades and documents captured. (SITREPS #116,117 & 118).

26 Apr Operation GEORGIA completed 6th day. 4 Co's conducted S&D in area bounded by (AT 843498), (AT 864497), (AT 833456) and (AT 788476) against light resistance. (SITREP #116).

27 Apr Operation GEORGIA completed 7th day. 3 Co's conducted S&D in area bounded by (AT 910500), (AT 930450), (BT 020500) and (BT 000515) against light resistance. (SITREP # 117).

28 Apr Operation GEORGIA completed 8th day. 2 Co's conducted S&D in area bounded by (AT 965490), (BT 010510), (BT 002520) and (AT 958523) against light resistance. (SITREP #118).

29 Apr 2/9 (-) with Co's G and H conducted S&D in GS (AT 9757-9756-9857-9856) in response to intelligence reports that a VC meeting had taken place on the previous evening. Negative results obtained. 2/9 reoriented to block to the south in support of Operation GEORGIA. (SITREP # 119).

29 Apr 3/3 and 1/9 commenced relief of lines. (SITREP #119).

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29 Apr Operation GEORGIA completed 9th day. 2 Co's conducted S&D in Sectors 6,,11, 15. (SITREP #119).

30 Apr Operation GEORGIA completed 10th day. 3 Co's conducted S&D in Sectors 4, 9. and 16 against light resistance. (SITREP #120).

30 Apr 1/9 relieved 3/3 (AT 972620) at 301645H and assumed responsibility for the right sector of the 9th Marines ZOA, (SITREP #120).

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S-4 CHRONOLOGY

1. Supply. Priority 02 and 05 requisitions continue to be traced in accordance with current directives to the supply sources who were last known holders.

a. 11 Trailers, ½ Ton M-416 have been received and will be placed in operation upon receipt of repair parts and when directed by higher headquarters.

2. Bunkers. The forward Regimental Command Bunker, the Communications Bunker and three (3) 8' x 12' sleeping bunkers have been completed on Hill 55.

3. Evacuation and Hospitalization of POW's. N/A

4. Communications. Submitted separately by Communications Officer.

5. Transportation. Four (4) Trucks, 2½ Ton, 6x6, M-36 were received by the platoon supporting Headquarters Company, replacing four (4) Trucks, 5 Ton, M-54.

6. Employment of Indigenous Personnel. RVN Civilian war widows continue to be employed as laundry girls. The Officers' Mess, Staff NCO Club, and the Enlisted Men's Club employ Vietnamese women as waitresses.

7. Embarkation. Approximately 1,750,000 pounds of personnel, equipment, and supplies were air lifted from DANANG to AN HOA in support of Operation Georgia. This figure includes the following units:

B Btry, 1st Bn, 12th Marines
F Btry, 2d Bn, 12th Marines
Artillery Battalion Command Group
Co B (-) (Rein) 3d Shore Party Bn
Det MP Co, HqBn, 3d MarDiv
Det, Provisional War Dog Platoon
Det, FLSG

8. Support of Battalions.

a. A request was initiated by this Headquarters for engineer assistance for displacement of the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines.

(1) Improvement of road from Anderson Trail to the proposed Command Post Sito.

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(2) Preparation of ground for bunkers and assistance in erecting bunkers.

(3) Ditchdigger and Bulldozer for trenching and leveling of ground.

(4) Movement of 29 strongbacks and 20 CP tent frames.

(5) Construction of Galley, Shower, Pot Shack, G.I. house, 49 tropical huts, and generator and reefer shelters.

(6) Assistance and materials for the electrical system in the new CP.

b. Water trailers and trucks were provided by this Headquarters to support 2d Battalion, 4th Marines.

c. 31 strongbacks were moved by Shore Party from the old 3d Battalion, 3d Marines CP to the Regimental CP. 29 strongbacks are to be used by the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines (Rear) CP and two (2) strongbacks by Headquarters Company, 9th Marines. The 1st Battalion, 9th Marines (Rear) CP was moved and in operation on 30 April.

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S-5 CHRONOLOGY

1. GENERAL.

a. During the first half of the month of April the 9th Marines civil affairs effort was seriously inhibited by a series of political crises in the DANANG area. Local GVN officials were hesitant to act in the atmosphere of uncertainty in which they found themselves. Consequently, controlled rice harvesting (GOLDEN FLEECE) operations were halted and COUNTY FAIR operations were temporarily interrupted. The 9th Marines, however, continued day-to-day MEDCAP activities and commodity distribution unilaterally and were ready to resume operations in concert with ARVN forces and GVN agencies.

b. During the last half of April an easing of political tension allowed the 9th Marines and the 51st ARVN Regiment to resume coordinated operations. Four COUNTY FAIR operations were held between the 19th and 26th of April resulting in 30 VC KIA, 29 VCC captured and the recovery of 15 individual weapons.

2. Areas of Activity.

a. Education: An elementary school was opened in HA DONG hamlet, (AT 997642), bringing to five the total number of schools directly supported by the 9th Marines. Children attended classes at schools where Marines paid teachers' salaries in cash or commodities, provided security, engaged in construction work and provided school kits, desks and benches. Elementary textbooks for the five schools were received from USAID representatives and distribution was begun. GVN sponsored schools in the 9th Marines received limited aid in the form of school kits. MEDCAP teams visited the schools frequently.

b. Public Works.

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

(2) Roads: Road building and repairing were limited to those projects related to logistical or tactical necessity.

(3) Irrigation: No irrigation projects were undertaken.

(4) Markets: No market construction was performed.

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c. CONTACT with GVN OFFICIALS:

(1) Wherever possible all civic action was coordinated with local officials. In the 3/3 and 2/9 zones of action where village and hamlet chiefs live in communities in which they have taken office, nearly all commodities distributed was supervised by those officials.

(2) In the 3/9 zone of action the HOA HAI Village Chief maintained an office in his village and was often in contact with the 3/9 Civil Affairs Officer.

(3) The 9th Marines maintained liaison with Captain HOA, Chief of HOA VANG District, and Captain TRUNG, Chief of DIEN BAN District on operational matters as well as subjects related to education and public works.

3. PACIFICATION PROGRESS:

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

b. During April the pacification cadre and, by association, the hamlet and village officials, were involved in political maneuvers, decreasing their efficiency in the Pacification Area. Self-help materials continued to move into the two hamlets scheduled to receive them and by the end of April all orders had been filled. Also by the end of April the pacification cadre had returned to normal functioning and construction work on self-help projects had begun.

4. OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:

a. Operation GEORGIA commenced on 21 April as a battalion-sized operation centered on DUC DUC District. Extensive planning for the Civil Affairs/Psy-War phases was performed in preparation for the operation. A U. S. Army Refugee Control Team, an I Corps Audio-Visual Team and an I Corps U-10 Psy War Aircraft were attached to 3d Battalion, 9th Marines for the duration of Operation GEORGIA. At month's end, 6 missions had been flown and 785,000 leaflets dropped by the U-10. The audio-visual team made 6 presentations in the GEORGIA area during April.

b. COUNTY FAIR number 11, held on 25 and 26 April, was the most successful COUNTY FAIR to date. In THANH OUIT (3), (AT 053635), 45 VC were KIA and 17 VCC were captured. 14 individual weapons, VN 24,000.00 $ and 1000 pounds of rice were captured by friendly forces during the operation.

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5. STATISTICAL SUMMARY:

a. Schools directly supported by Marines.

(1) AN TRACH,	(AT 972662),	213 students, 4 teachers
(2) LA BONG,	(AT 975672),	53 students, 1 teacher
(3) YEN NE,	(AT 998664),	60 students, 1 teacher
(4) DUYEN SON,	(AT 997665),	110 students, 1 teacher
(5) HA DONG,	(AT 995642),	60 students, 1 teacher

b. Commodity Distribution

(1) Wheat	2600 lbs
(2) Rice	2050 lbs
(3) Rice	8 cases
(4) Soup	37 cases
(5) Candy	1711 boxes
(6) Clothing	253 lbs
(7) Soap	3046 bars
(8) Textile kits	222
(9) School kits	493
(10) Phys Ed kits	15
(11) Masonry kits	2
(12) Magazines	600

6. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS:

a. Statistical Summary

(1) I Corps Audio-Visual Team	8 presentations
(2) I Corps U-10 Psy-War Aircraft	8 broadcasts
(3) Leaflets dropped	885,000

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AIR SUPPORT CHRONOLOGY

1. Operational Highlights

a. 9th Marines executed Phase I of III MAF FRAG PLAN 04-07 by helilifting 2 companies and a command group into the northeastern sector of DANANG City to assist in the evacuation of U.S. military and civilian personnel during the apex of the GVN political unrest on 9 April. A total of 544 military and civilian personnel were helilifted from DANANG City to evacuation points at Marble Mountain Air Facility. Upon completion of the evacuation, the 2 rifle companies and its command group were retracted to the 2d Bn, 9th Marines CP.

b. One command group, one rifle company and 2 artillery batteries were flown by USMC helicopters and USAF C-123 to AN HOA on 20 April during preliminary operations for operation GEORGIA.

c. SPARROW HAWK was employed 3 times during April. Results of these missions were 4 VC KIA (BC). 2 VCC and 25 VCS.

2. Facilities Provided. 9th Marines units provided security for 2 UH-34D helicopters which were forced down by enemy fire near the DAI LOC District Headquarters (AT 917582) on 17 April.

3. Personnel and Equipment

a. Six air liaison officers and 9 forward air controllers were assigned to this command during April. 1st Bn, 9th Marines was short one FAC during the month.

b. Six air officers are due for rotation at the end of May.

c. Regimental air capability improved with the addition of a PRC-25. This radio provides positive helicopter control with its FM capability to back-up the primary means, UHF radio.

d. One MRC-87 radio jeep assigned to the Regimental TACP remained in a Code X status at FLSG. A second radio jeep cannot be employed by the TACP since it has no UHF capability.

4. Helicopter Support

a. General helicopter support was very reliable during this reporting period. Time schedules were adhered to more closely than in previous reporting periods.

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b. 17 company-size helilifts were conducted in support of 9th Marines operations within the 9th Marines ZOA and GEORGIA area of operations during April. 5 Bn command groups were also helilifted in support of operational commitments.

c. UH-1E helicopter support was restricted to AO, MED-EVAC and escort missions. Psy-War and command helicopters were not available for support of 9th Marines operations during April.

5. Fixed Wing Support

a. Nine close air support missions were flown in support of units of the 9th Marines, of which 2 were LZ preps, 3 flak suppression and 4 air strikes on known or suspected enemy positions inside and outside the 9th Marines ZOA.

b. USAF C-123 transport aircraft were utilized to transport artillery, troops and logistical supplies in support of 3d Battalion, 9th Marines on Operation GEORGIA.

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MEDICAL CHRONOLOGY

1. Significant Events:

a. Due to the unavailability of a medical officer, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines utilized the services of the Regimental Surgeon. Sixty six referrals seen by the medical officer.

2. New Developments: None reported.

3. Problem areas: None reported.

4. MEDCAP:

a. Treatment of 131 Vietnamese civilian patients at Ha Dong (County Fair) and Regimental Aid Station accomplished by the medical section. The majority of complaints consisted of skin disorders, ulcerations, lacerations, upper respiratory infections, headaches, and stomach disorders.

b. Monthly requisition for MEDCAP supplies for use by the NINTH Marines submitted in accordance with current directives to III MAF Civil Affairs Officer.

5. Patient Statistical Data:

a. Number of patients seen - 150.

b. Referrals to Division Field Hospital - 6.

c. Referrals to NSA, Danang - 4.

d. Admissions to Sick List - 4.

e. Dental referrals - 11.

f. Physical examinations - 1.

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

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h. Number of emergency treatments and type:

(1) Lacerations - 13.

(2) Contusions - 3.

(3) Sprains - 2.

(4) Burns - 1.

6. Innoculations and Prophylactic Medicine Administered:

a. Immunizations - 200.

b. Malaria prophylactic - 1,000.

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COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS CHRONOLOGY

1. Operation GEORGIA. Operation GEORGIA commenced on 21 April 1966. To handle the increased communications requirements necessitated by this operation, the following was accomplished:

a. On D-1 (20 April) an AN/TRC-27 radio relay link was established between AN HOA and Hill 55 and an additional AN/TRC-27 radio relay link was established between Hill 55 and the Regimental CP. This provided both infantry and artillery channels with a covered teletype capability from the established command posts to the forward command group prior to commencement of the operation.

b. All the hot line phones in the Regimental Command Bunker were placed in a combined operation center switchboard and a forward Regimental switchboard was established at Hill 55. This provided greater ability to handle hot lines and extended the Regimental Command Bunker's links to the Regimental OP on Hill 55.

c. Due to the increase in telephone lines in the Regimental switchboard, two additional switchboard operatior positions were installed using 2 SB-86 switchboards and a spare field jack section. This resulted in increased operator efficiency and provided a central switchboard capability of 90 lines.

2. Radio relay-wire. Due to the severe demands upon the radio relay links, plans have been made to construct complete cable lines along the main route of communication to the subordinate battalions and lateral cables to insure greater flexibility to the wire system. This cable system will be coordinated with the supporting artillery units to facilitate trouble shooting and responsibility for cable maintenance. Once completely installed, the radio relay equipment may be reduced to standby service as back-up links.

3. Messages. The messenger delivery service via helicopter has increased message handling capability. This month the Regimental Communication Center processed 4,335 messages.

4. Communications to 3d MarDiv. On 28 April an uncovered teletype link between the Regimental Command Bunker and the 3d Marine Division Communications Center was installed. This provides an additional means of forwarding reports which were formerly sent in by phone.

5. Personnel. The personnel situation has shown little improvement in the past 30 days with shortages mounting in radio operators 2533/2531 and wiremen 2511.

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6. Training. A school schedule has been started in training radio operators in TSC-15 operation. The only anticipated drawback is in having adequate 400 cycle power available. This unit rates a convertor PU-565, but has experienced burned out bearings due to constant starting and stopping. The only other 400 cycle power source available with sufficent K.W. output is the PU-587 generator. Difficulty is being encountered in maintaining this generator over prolonged periods of time. An additional back-up generator is needed.

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FIRE SUPPORT CHRONOLOGY

1. Artillery

a. Countermortar. The AN/KPQ-1, a countermortar radar, was introduced into the 9th Marines zone of action. It was positioned at (AT 986645) within the perimeter of Battery E of the Direct Support Artillery Battalion. This equipment should enhance our countermortar program despite its inherent limitation of scope, range and tracking time. Exercises have been implemented with friendly mortars on a periodic basis to increase efficiency.

b. Operation GEORGIA. Operation GEORGIA, which commenced on 21 April 1966, was supported by an artillery headquarters element, batteries F/2/12 and B/1/12 and a provisional general support artillery battalion. The provisional force consisted of two 155mm Howitzer (SP), one 155mm Gun (SP), and one 8" Howitzer (SP). In addition to the above, the 1st Provisional Amphibian Howitzer Platoon was available for employment in both direct and indirect fire roles.

c. Number/Type of Missions Fired During April 1966

H & I	4393
Observed Missions	274
Unobserved Missions	14

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

105mm Howitzer	8553
107mm Howitzer	472

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

f. H&I Fires. During the period 1-30 April 1966 H&I fires were conducted nightly. Most missions were fired "one gun, one round" two or three times at random during the night. About 60% were fired "fuze quick" and 40% were fired "fuze VT."

2. Naval Gunfire. The destroyer WEDERBURN was stationed in DANANG Harbor during the period 6-10 April. Naval Gunfire Spot Teams were deployed to two observation posts at (AT 973737) and (BT 075710) to call in any necessary fire during the period of political unrest in DANANG from 6-10 April. No rounds were fired by the destroyer WEDERBURN.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

in pt 1 a. S-2 ISUMS 91-120

in pt 2 b. S-3 SITREPS 91-120 W/ attached Special SITREPS, Opn GEORGIA #1 - 36, 21-30 Apr 66

c. S-4 Journal 1-30 April 1966 (19th april NIF)

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d. 2d Bn, 9th Marines Command Chronology Apr 1966

e. 3d Bn, 9th Marines Command Chronology Apr 1966

f. 3d Bn, 3d Marines Command Chronology Apr 1966

in pt 3 g. 9th Marines Frag orders 91 through 120-66

h. 9th Marines Op Order 111-66 (GEORGIA)

i. 9th Marines Op Order 115-66 (ROUGH RIDER)

j. 9th Marines Op Order 116-66 (SPARROW HAWK)

k. 9th Marines Report on Evaluation of Requirements dated 25 April 1966

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #91, Period ending 011000H, April 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

a. General: Fair

b. Temperature: High: 86 Low: 79

c. Average Humidity: 76%

d. Precipitation: None

e. Wind: East 5 Knots

f. Visibility: 7 Miles

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

(3) Astronomical Data.

	EMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
2 Apr	0619	0642	1900	1923	1558	0414	3/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 2dBn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 310910H, a Company F patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 015617) reported receiving five small arms rounds from Viet Cong armed with two to three semi-automatic weapons positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 010610). The report indicated that the enemy fire ceased before the Marines returned the fire. No Marine casualties were reported.

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Line Report. At 310930H, a Company F patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 029645). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he could not adequately explain his presence in the area. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point. The report added that VN$ 3000 (Piastres) were found on the person of the suspect and will be evacuated with the Viet Cong Suspect.

c. At 311055H, Company H conducting a search of LA HOA (2) hamlet reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 991598). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when a routine examination revealed that one suspect lacked adequated identification, and both suspects could not adequately explain their presence in the area. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point.

d. At 311150H, a Company H operating in the vicinity of grid squares (AT 9959), and (BT 0059) reported the discovery of what was described as an extensive trench system extending from coordinates (AT 990598) to (AT 998595) to (BT 008596). The report indicated that the dimensions of the trench were four feet by two feet The report added that approximately one hundred fighting holes were found along the trench system (size not indicated). The report stated that the trench and fighting holes were destroyed by the Marines.

e. At 311150H, a Company G patrol reported apprehending five Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 000627). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when they were observed attempting to hide from the Marines. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point.

f. At 311307H, a Company G patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 997615) reported receiving thirty to forty small arms rounds from Viet Cong armed with five to six semi-automatic weapons postioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 000617). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds and four 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position, and when the enemy fire continued, mortar support was requested and thirteen 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location. When the enemy fire ceased, the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

g. At 311345H, the Battalion S-3 reported that a USMC helicopter operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 004608) in support of the battalion received small arms fire from Viet Cong armed with two what were identified as caliber .30 machine guns; postioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 005608). The report indicated that the helicopter was struck by the enemy fire but no casualties nor major damage to the aircraft were reported.

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h. At 311500H, a Company H patrol reported thatan explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 007607) when the company was moving into a Bamboo Thicket. The report described the device as an improvised (home-made) mine, similar to a bangalor torpedo, and stated it was positioned three to four feet above the surface of the ground. The report stated that a tripwire was believed employed as an activitor and that a search of the area failed to produce an indications that the mine was electerically detonated. Seven Marine WIA's were reported. The report stated that one of the Marines, located some fifteen meters distant from the point of detonation was wounded as the result of the concussive effect of the detonation. Examination of the crater and other evidence indicated that the mine consisted of approximately twenty to forty pounds of explosive and contained an undetermined quantity of metal fragments. Additional information will be provided when available.

i. At 312045H, a Company G platoon size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 003611) reported receiving forty to fifty small arms rounds from Viet Cong armed with four to five semi-automatic weapons positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 999617). Mortar support was requested and ten 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

j. At 312205H, a Company F platoon-size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 012615) reported receiving what was described as heavy automatic weapons fire from Viet Cong armed with six to eight automatic weapons positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 014609). Artillery support was requested and eighteen 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

k. At 312205H, Company H reported that ten small arms rounds impacted in the company command post positions, coordinates (BT 008604), from Viet Cong armed with two to three semi-automatic weapons positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 008603). The report indicated that the Marines did not return the fire because of the presence of friendly units in proximity to where the fire was emanating.

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(2) 3dBn 3dMar

a. At 311430H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of grid squares (AT 9761) and (AT 9861) reported destroying one tunnel, described as three feet by three feet by six feet in depth at coordinates (AT 976613); and destroying a second tunnel, described as three feet by three feet by six feet in depth at coordinates (AT 983614). The report continued that a trenchline described as two feet in width and four feet in depth, was discovered extending from coordinates (AT 975613) to (AT 978616). The report stated that the trenchline will be destroyed at a later date.

b. At 311732H, a Company L platoon-sized patrol reported discovering an explosive device at coordinates (AT 968590). The report described the device as a U. S. (M-26) grenade and stated that it was rigged to detonate with a trip-wire activator. The device was destroyed by the Marines.

c. At 312015H, Company L reported that Marines manning security positions at the Company Command Post perimeter, coordinates (AT 986588) received two hundred fifty small arms rounds from an estimated twelve Viet Cong positioned at close range to the north, northwest, and west of the Marines' location. The Marines directed five hundred small arms rounds, and twelve 40mm (M-79) rounds at the Viet Cong positions. When the Viet Cong fire continued, twenty four 105mm artillery rounds were fired at the enemy position with a reported excellent effect on target, and the Viet Cong fire ceased. Patrols dispatched to search the area reported negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 010730H, the Battalion S-2 provided additional information regarding a Company L patrol action which occurred on 30 March in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 986605)(See 301140H entry, INTSUM #90). This later report (based on a de-briefing of the patrol, stated that the Marines encountered approximately ten Viet Cong in a trenchline in the area. The report stated that the Marines assaulted the enemy position, killing four Viet Cong (body count), and possibly wounding three Viet Cong. The report indicated that the Marines continued to pursue the fleeing enemy, and upon returning to search the dead Viet Cong discovered that all had been stripped of their equipment and weapons with the exception of one rifle, caliber .30 (M-1), and some equipment which was recovered by the Marines and evacuated for examination. (S-2 Comment: The initial report received of this action indicated that one Viet Cong was KIA as the result of the encounter. Based on this later report, an additional three Viet Cong KIA(body count) and three Viet Cong KIA(possible) will be shown in paragraph D of this INTSUM).

(3) Special Reports.

a. At 311125H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to HQ I AN relayed a report from the National Police that a Viet Cong minefield is located in the area bounded by coordinates (BT 105637), (BT 112628), (BT 110644), and (BT 115637). The report did not indicate the type of mines or the density of the minefield. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the re

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b. At 311220H, G-2 reported the results of an interrogation conducted by the 3d ITT of one DANG HUA (VCC), who was captured by the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines on 30 March at coordinates (AT 972607). The report stated that the captive indicated that a Viet Cong company, identified as the G-15 Company, is operating in DIEN BAN District and is presently deployed around QUANG HIEN hamlet, THANH TRUNG Village, vicinity of coordinates (BT 070632). (S-2 Comment: The above named hamlet does not appear on current operational maps at the coordinates given). The captive stated that this Viet Cong company numbers one hundred twenty men but does not possess crew-served weapons. The report stated however, that there are approximately twenty mines placed in the area in which the company is located. The report provided no additional information but added that the captive from whom this information was obtained was formerly a member of the G-15 Company. The report was not rated by G-2. S-2 rates it F-2.

(4) 3dBn 9thMar

a. At 311920H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 041655) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from an estimated five Viet Cong armed with one automatic weapon positioned at coordinates (BT 039664). The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds and eight 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. At 311935H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 055638) reported observing a boat, with four occupants, moving south on the SONG VINH DIEN, at close range. The report stated that, upon sighting the Marines, the boat occupants attempted to flee, and when the Marines attempted to apprehend them, the Marines received approximately fifty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned on the far side of the river, at two hundred meters range. The report stated that the Marines directed twenty small arms rounds and ten 40mm (M-79) rounds at the craft, killing all four occupants, and sinking the boat. The report indicated that the Viet Cong fire from across the river ceased, and the Marines did not engage this enemy force. No weapons or military equipment were recovered from the river. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were four KIA (body count).

c. At 312030H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 092632) reported receiving twenty to thirty small arms rounds from an estimated six Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 094629). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds and twelve 105mm (artillery) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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d. At 312135H, a Company M listening post positioned at coordinates (BT 070695) reported observing one Viet Cong moving toward their position from a treeline at coordinates (BT 069693). The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds at the Viet Cong who broke contact, withdrawing to the south. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong, but could not regain contact. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 010900H, a Company L squad-sized patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 113635) reported the discovery of one tunnel, described as four feet by four feet by fifteen feet in length, and reinforced with what were described as steel stakes, at coordinates (BT 113 635). The report added that a CHICOM grenade was also discovered by the Marines in this area, but no details were provided regarding emplacement or employment. The report stated that the tunnel and the grenade were destroyed by the Marines.

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

D. Viet Cong casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting period:	Cumulative Since 10Jul65:
KIA (Confirmed)	4	742*
KIA (Possible)	0	983
VC Captured	0	247
VC Captured (WIA)	0	13
VC WIA (Possible)	0	325*
VC Suspects Apprehended	8	1636
Returnees (Since 21Jan66)	0	6

* Increase of three Viet Cong KIA (body count) and three Viet Cong WIA (possible) based on 010730H entry, this INSUM.

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

QUANTITY	ITEM	INSUM ENTRY NUMBER
1	Grenade, U.S. (M-26)	311732H
1	Grenade, CHICOM	010900H

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F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

QUANTITY	ITEM	ITSUM ENTRY NO.
1	Trench system (size not indicated)	311150H
100	Holes, fighting	-do-
2	Tunnel, 3x3x6 Ft	311430H
1	Trenchline (size not indicated)	-do-
1	Tunnel, 4x4x15 Ft	010900H

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By direction

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III MAF	(1)
III MAF POLAD	(1)
G-2	(7)
NCD	(1)
3d Engr	(1)
1/9	(2)
2/9	(2)
3/9	(2)
D/3	(2)
2/12	(2)
FSCC	(1)
S-2	(6)
S-3	(2)
1st AmTrac	(1)
3d Tnk	(1)
3d AT	(1)
B Co Tnk	(1)
C Co AT	(1)
LAG 11	(1)
CO	(1)
3d Mar	(1)

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #92, Period ending 021000H, April 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

a. General: Fair

b. Temperature: High: 88 Low: 75

c. Average Humidity: 75

d. Precipitation: NONE

e. Wind: Easterly at 6 knots

f. Visibility: 7 miles

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

(3) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
3 Apr	0619	0642	1900	1923	1700	0502	3/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 3rdBn, 9thMar.

a. At 011000H, a Company L platoon-sized patrol reported the discovery of a tunnel, four feet by four feet by twenty-five feet in length and reinforced with concrete, at coordinates (BT 114634). The report stated that the tunnel was destroyed by the Marines.

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b. At 011100H, a Company L platoon-sized patrol, reported the discovery of what was described as a bunker, two feet by four feet by six feet reinforced with concrete, at coordinates (BT 105649). The report stated that the bunker was destroyed by the Marines.

c. At 011410H, a Company K squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 034680) reported observing a young Vietnamese male board a boat on the river (SONG VINH DIEN) at coordinates (BT 032682). When the young Vietnamese saw the Marines he attempted to evade them by paddling the boat to the south. The Marines challenged in Vietnamese, when the challenge was ignored the Marines directed five small arms rounds at him, killing him and sinking the boat. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one KIA (body count).

d. At 011845H, a Company L squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 073665) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from an estimated four to five Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 081657). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the southeast. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong, but could not regain contact. Marines casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 111855H, the Company L command post located at coordinates (BT 085658) reported receiving fifty small arms rounds from an estimated ten Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 092660). The report stated that these Viet Cong are believed to be the same enemy force that initiated the 011845H incident listed above. The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. A tank-infantry force consisting of one infantry platoon and two tanks was dispatched to search the area north of CAU HA (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 085664). This tank-infantry force reported detonating an explosive device at coordinates (BT 085665), resulting in one Marine WIA. The device was described as a mine (unidentified) rigged with a trip-wire detonator. The tank-infantry force reported detonating another explosive device at coordinates (BT 084 670), resulting in one additional Marine WIA. This device was also described as a mine (unidentified) rigged with a trip-wire detonator. An aerial observer, operating in the area as a result of the initial Viet Cong contact, reported observing what appeared to be nine men run into the hamlet at coordinates (BT 088665). As a result of this report the Marines apprehended nine Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (BT 085680). The report did not indicate the final disposition of the suspects. At 011910H, a Sparrow Hawk unit was landed at coordinates (BT 083676). The Sparrow Hawk unit reported observing an estimated eight Viet Cong at coordinates (BT 084673). The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the southeast. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position and discovered one bloody shirt and what was described as a coolie-type hat with bullet holes in it, which indicated one Viet Cong KIA (possible). The report added that the Marines have surrounded the vicinity of CAU HA (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 083670) and TRA KHE (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 088673), and will conduct a detailed search

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area at first light. Marine casualties were two WIA. Enemy casualties were estimated as one KIA (possible).

f. At 011915H, a Company M platoon-sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 081670). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended while traveling north in a boat on the SONG CAU BIEN. The report added that it appeared that the suspect had recently left the area of a recent Viet Cong contact (see entry 011855H this INCSUM), and that the suspect had scars on his body which he could not adequately explain. The report did not indicate the final disposition of the suspect.

g. At 011920H, a Company I ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 070623) reported making contact with one armed Viet Cong who entered the ambush position. The Marines directed ten small arms rounds at the Viet Cong, killing him. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one KIA (body count). The report added that the Viet Cong was armed with a CHICOM carbine, 7.62mm Mossin-Nagant Model 53, which was recovered from the body by the Marines.

h. At 011930H, a Company I squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 073622) reported observing two Viet Cong at close range. The report stated that the Viet Cong directed two grenades at the Marines and then withdrew to the west. As they withdrew, however, the Viet Cong inadvertently entered the ambush site of Marine elements positioned at coordinates (BT 070623). The Marines directed five small arms rounds at the two Viet Cong, killing one. The other Viet Cong was captured by the Marines, who recovered one U. S. (M-26) grenade, what was described as one bandolier of 40mm (M-79) rounds, and several documents from the enemy. The report indicated that the Viet Cong Captive would be interrogated by the Battalion S-2 and evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one KIA(body count) and one Viet Cong Captured.

i. At 012000H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 070624) reported receiving approximately one hundred twenty small arms rounds from an estimated ten Viet Cong positioned in a treeline at coordinates (BT 070622). The Marines directed eighty small arms rounds at the enemy position. Artillery and mortar support was requested and twenty four 105mm artillery rounds, three 60mm mortar rounds, and three 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported discovering the body of one Viet Cong. No weapons or equipment were reported recovered. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one KIA(body count).

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(2) 2dBn 9thMar

a. At 011405H, Company H, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 023598), reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 023595). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds and eight 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. At 011445H, Company H, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 024598), reported receiving ten to fifteen small arms rounds from three Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 027599). The Marines directed twenty to thirty small arms rounds and three 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were three Viet Cong WIA (possible).

c. At 011622H, Company H, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 023597), reported receiving twenty-five to thirty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 022603) and (BT 026599). The Marines directed fifty to sixty small arms rounds and four 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong by fire until contact was lost. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 012000H, Marines manning Company K Command Post perimeter positions located at coordinates (BT 012603) reported receiving eight small arms rounds from Viet Cong armed with what was described as one semi-automatic carbine positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 006604). The Marines directed two 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 012015H, a Company F squad size ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 013618) reported receiving ten to fifteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 013617). Mortar support was requested and five 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

f. At 012038H, Marines manning Company H Command Post perimeter positioned at coordinates (BT 014603) reported receiving what was described as one rifle grenade from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 014602). The Marines did not return fire, because the exact location could not be determined. No Marine casualties were reported.

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a. At 012115H, a Company H squad-size ambush element located at coordinates (BT 015605) reported receiving thirty to forty small arms rounds from Viet Cong armed with what was described as one automatic and three to four semi-automatic weapons, positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 020603). Mortar support was requested and eleven 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

h. At 012310H, Marines manning Company H Command Post perimeter positioned at coordinates (BT 014603) reported receiving fifty to seventy five small arms rounds, and what was described as ten 60mm mortar rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 019598). Artillery and mortar support was requested and fifty four 105mm rounds, and twenty 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. The report stated that prior to the mortar attack a Company H ambush patrol had heard talking in the same area suspected of being a mortar position. The report stated that a crater analysis will be conducted and results forwarded when available.

(3) 3dBn 3dMar.

a. At 011000H, a Company L platoon-size patrol operating in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9759) reported destroying one tunnel, three feet by four feet by five feet in length, at coordinates (AT 974595); one punji trap, described as three feet by four feet by five feet in depth, containing five bamboo stakes, at coordinates (AT 974597); one tunnel, described as three feet by four feet by six feet in length, at coordinates (AT 971599); and one tunnel, described as three feet by three feet by four feet in length, at coordinates (AT 964594).

b. At 011050H, a Company L platoon-size patrol operating in the vicinity of grid squares (AT 9558) and (AT 9658) reported destroying what was described as a barricade (size not indicated) made of bamboo and surrounded by numerous punji traps (size not indicated) on the hard surface road at coordinates (AT 963584). The report indicated that, when the barricade was destroyed, a secondary explosion was observed resulting in a crater described as one foot in depth and two feet in diameter. The explosive device was estimated to contain ten to fifteen pounds of TNT. The report also stated that one tunnel, described as two feet by two feet by fifteen feet in length, was destroyed by the Marines.

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c. At 011030H, a Company L platoon conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 957507) reported the discovery of a quantity of expended caliber .30 cartridge casings and one bottle of penicillin. The report stated that the cartridge casings and penicillin were evacuated to the Battalion S-2 for examination. The report added that a tunnel (description not provided) was also found by the Marines in the same area and destroyed.

d. At 011135H, a Company L patrol reported detonating an explosive device at coordinates (AT 966595). The report described the device as an U.S. (M-26) grenade and stated that it was rigged to detonate with a trip wire activator. No Marine casualties were reported.

e. At 011430H, a Company I squad-sized patrol reported that a Marine was wounded when he stepped into a punji trap, described as three feet by four feet by six feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 958605).

f. At 011947H, a Company M platoon positioned at coordinates (AT 954667) reported receiving six small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 957673). The Marines directed twenty-five small arms rounds and one LAAW (M-72) round at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. A search of the area produced negative results.

g. At 012030H, Company L reported destroying an explosive device at coordinates (AT960601). The report described the device as a mine consisting of a gray canister, four feet in length and five inches in diameter, and inscribed with what were identified as U.S. Navy markings. The report indicated that three wires extended from one end of the container into the ground. The report stated that when the device was destroyed, an explosion similar to that of approximately ten pounds of C-4 resulted. No casualties were reported.

h. At 012030, Company L reported destroying twelve fighting holes, approximately five feet in depth and three feet in diameter, at coordinates (AT 959595). The report indicated that one cave, described as two feet by two feet by five feet in depth, was also destroyed at coordinates (AT 959596).

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

D. Viet Cong casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting period:	Cumulative Since 10Jul65:
KIA (Confirmed)	4	746
KIA (Possible)	1	984
VC Captured	1	253*
VC Captured (WIA)	0	13
VC WIA (Possible)	3	328
VC Suspects Apprehended	10	1646
Returnees (Since 21Jan66)	0	6

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* Increase of five Viet Cong ITT Prisoner Interrogation Reports as follows:

ITT Report # 378-3-66
Name: NGUYEN VAN LU
Age: 44
Status: VC Farmer's Association Member
Capturing Unit: H-2-9, on 30Mar66

ITT Report #379-3-66
Name: NGUYEN QUANG THOI
Age: 49
Status: VC Old Man's Association Member
Capturing Unit: H-2-9, on 30Mar66

ITT Report # 3-4-66
Name: PHAN THONG
Age: 43
Status: VC Old Man's Association Member
Capturing Unit: G-2-9, on 311350H Mar 66

ITT Report # 5-4-66
Name: NGUYEN VAN DIEN
Age: 63
Status: VC Old Man's Association Member
Capturing Unit: G-2-9, on 311350H Mar 66

ITT Report # 6-4-66
Name: PHAN VAN AN
Age: 58
Status: VC Old Man's Association Member
Capturing Unit: G-2-9, on 311350H Mar 66

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

QUANTITY	ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER
1	Grenade, U.S. (M-26)	011930H
1	Bandoleer w/several 40mm(M-79) rds	-do-
UNK	Documents, (unevaluated)	-do-
1	Trap, punji (3x4x5 ft)	011000H
1	Barricade (size not indicated)	011050H
1	Device, explosive	012030H

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F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

Quantity	Item	INTSUM Entry Number
1	Tunnel, (4X4X25 Ft)	011000H
1	Bunker, (2X4X6 Ft)	011100H
3	Tunnels, (3X4X5 Ft) (3X4X6 Ft) (3X3X4 Ft)	011000H
1	Tunnel, (size not indicated)	011050H
12	Holes, fighting (5X3 Ft)	012030H
1	Cave, (2X2X5 Ft)	-do-

C. WARD
By direction

DISTRIBUTION:

III MAF	(1)
III MAF POLAD	(1)
G-2	(7)
3dMar	(1)
3dEngr	(1)
EOD	(1)
1/9	(2)
2/9	(2)
3/9	(2)
3/3	(2)
2/12	(2)
ESCC	(1)
S-2	(6)
S-3	(2)
1stAmtrac	(1)
3dTnkBn	(1)
3dAtBn	(1)
B Co, TnkBn	(1)
C Co, AtBn	(1)
MAG 11	(1)
CO	(1)

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #93, Period ending 031000H, April 1966

Encl: (1) Special Interrogation Report dated 2 Apr 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

a. General: Generally fair with light rain commencing late evening

b. Temperature: High: 90 Low: 73

c. Average Humidity: 77

d. Precipitation: .02 inches

e. Wind: SE at 6 knots, gusts of 20 knots

f. Visibility: 7 miles

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

(3) Astronomical Data.

	EMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MCONSET	PHASE
4 Apr	0618	0641	1900	1923	1800	0551	3/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 3dBn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 020835H, Company M reported that an explosive device was detonated in NON NUOC hamlet, coordinates (BM 073703), resulting in four Vietnamese civilians killed and three injured. The report indicated that the device had been positioned in what was described as a "meeting building" and was detonated when a meeting of local barbers was in progress. (A subsequent report indicated that the meeting had been called by the HOA LONG Village Chief, but he himself was not present at this time.)

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The report described the device as a mine, and stated that it was believed to have consisted of forty to fifty pounds of explosives. The report added that approximately 400 meters of communications wire was discovered leading from a treeline to the site of the detonation, indicating that the mine was electrically detonated. Additional details will be provided when available.

b. Late Report. At 020930H, a Company I scout/sniper team positioned at coordinates (BT 065621) reported observing three armed Viet Cong, accompanied by two women, at approximately 200 meters range to the west, coordinates (BT 063621). The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds at the Viet Cong who quickly fled to the west. The report stated that one of the women fleeing with the Viet Cong was struck by the Marines' fire and that the second female attempted to carry off the wounded woman, but abandoned her as the pursuing Marines neared. The Viet Cong succeeded in escaping the Marines by taking cover in the heavy brush in the area. The Marines captured the wounded woman and evacuated her to the U.S. Navy medical facility at DA NANG East for treatment and investigation. No Marine casualties were reported. (S-2 comment: The wounded woman will be shown in paragraph D of this INTSUM as a Viet Cong suspect /apprehended/ until her status is established by 3d ITT).

c. At 021130H, a Company I fire team element traveling aboard a USMC tank in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 071635) reported receiving three small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned to the south. One Marine was KIA as the result of this fire. The report stated that the exact enemy location could not be discerned and the fire was not returned.

d. At 021235H, a Company M patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 088692) resulting in one Marine KIA, and one WIA. The report described the device as a CHICOM grenade and stated it was rigged with a trip wire activator. The report stated that a second grenade (U.S. M-26), also rigged with a trip-wire activator, was discovered in the same area by the Marines and destroyed.

e. At 021330H, a Company K patrol, pursuing a group of from ten to fifteen Vietnamese who fled from XOM HOA BINH hamlet, coordinates (BT 058715), upon the approach of the Marines, reported receiving five small arms rounds from three Viet Cong in a small boat on the SONG CAN BIEN, coordinates (BT 063715). The Marines directed ten small arms rounds and four 40mm (M-79) rounds at the boat occupants, and reported killing all three Viet Cong and sinking the boat. Three Viet Cong suspects were also apprehended in the area and evacuated to 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were three KIA (possible). No weapons or equipment were reported recovered.

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f. At 021415H, a Company I squad-sized element travelling aboard USMC trucks in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 067682) reported receiving approximately fifteen small arms rounds from one Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 068682). The Marines deployed and directed twenty small arms rounds at the Viet Cong who quickly withdrew from the area. A search of the area produced negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

g. At 021830H, a Headquarters and Service Company patrol reported apprehending one suspicious person at coordinates (BT 073649). The report did not indicate the basis for apprehension; stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the local District Headquarters, for investigation.

h. At 030645H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 066632) reported making contact with four Viet Cong, two of whom were armed, who were moving down the same trail along which the Marines were moving. The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds and four 40mm (M-79) rounds at the Viet Cong who returned the fire with two small arms rounds and quickly fled to the west. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong but the enemy succeeded in escaping the patrol. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(2) Special Reports.

a. At 021015H, G-2 relayed a report from HOA VANG District Headquarters that, at 312300H March, ninety Viet Cong, armed with one heavy machine gun, had displaced from THANH TRUNG village area, grid square (BT 0063), to PHONG HO (1) hamlet area, coordinates (BT 050630). The report was rated C-3. S-2 rates the report F-6.

b. At 022030H, G-2 provided information regarding the disposition of Viet Cong guerrilla units in the western portion of the Regiment's area of operation. The report, which appeared to have originated at a GVN source, stated that one squad of Viet Cong guerrillas was located at BO BAY (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 957684). The report stated that one squad of guerrillas was also located at LA CHAU (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 955673). The leader of this guerrilla squad was identified as one Corporal NGUYEN NUOI. The report added that at 020300H, two Viet Cong Main Force platoons had displaced from vicinity of grid squares (AT 9362) and (AT 9461) to grid square (AT 8760). The report stated that two Viet Cong Main Force platoons, armed with five BAR's and one caliber .30 machinegun, remained positioned in CHAU SON (1) hamlet area, coordinates (AT 942610) and HAI CHAU hamlet, coordinates (AT 938623). The report continued that these Viet Cong Main Force platoons were dressed in green uniforms and utilities and wore what were described as red scarves. One of the platoon commanders was identified as one 2d Lieutenant NGUYEN LUONG. The report continued that guerrillas (number not indicated) remained positioned in PHU SON (2), (3), and (4) hamlets, in grid square (AT 9564). The report was rated F-3 by G-2. S-2 rates the report F-3.

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c. At 022235H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to QUANG NAM Special Section Headquarters relayed a report that apparently was passed by the U.S. Army advisor with the 1st Battalion, 51st ARVN Regiment that one Viet Cong company was presently located in the vicinity of CAM NE (3) hamlet area, coordinates (AT 963684). The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-3.

(3) 3rdBn, 3rdMar.

a. At 021037H, a Company 1 platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 974597) reported receiving five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 977598). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds and two 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost. One Marine WIA was reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

b. At 021345H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 957609) reported receiving fifteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 961604). The Marines directed twenty-five small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost in a tree line. The report stated that one Viet Cong Suspect was apprehended in the same area and evacuated to 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point. No casualties were reported.

c. At 021345H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of square (AT 9660) reported detonating an explosive device at coordinates (AT 962605). The report described the device as an U.S. (M-26) grenade and stated that it was rigged to detonate with a trip wire. Two USMC WIA were reported.

d. At 021400H, Company M, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9666), reported destroying one cave, described as six feet by six feet by eighteen feet in length, at coordinates (AT 963669); and eight spider holes, described as two feet by two feet by four feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 963669). The report added that one AN/PRC-10 battery and one hundred feet of communications wire were recovered from the cave at coordinates (AT 963669) prior to destruction.

e. At 021500H, Company I reported that a Vietnamese male approached the Marines at the Company I Command Post, coordinates (AT 969[illegible]), and indicated that he wished to rally (return) to the control of the GVN. The report stated that the returnee displayed a CHIEU HOI pass. The returnee was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for processing.

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f. At 022130H, a Company M five-team listening post positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 954673) reported observing three Viet Cong moving to the north. The Marines directed two grenades at the Viet Cong and requested that the area be illuminated. The report stated that the Marines observed two of the Viet Cong dragging a third man from the area. The Marines directed several small arms rounds at the fleeing Viet Cong and pursued them into the hamlet of LA CHAU (3). The Marines were unable to regain contact but reported that during their search of the village area, an old man came out of his house and set fire to a hay stack, in what was evidently some type of signal. The man was apprehended and will be evacuated to HIEU DUC District Headquarters as a suspicious person. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA(possible).

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(4) 2dBn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 020756H, Company E, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 023604), reported receiving five to six small arms rounds from north east and southeast of the Marines' location. The report stated that although the fire impacted near the Marines' positions, it was ineffective and may not have been directed at the Marines. The Marines did not return the fire as the exact enemy location could not be determined. No Marine casualties were reported.

b. Late Report. At 020850H, Company H, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 023602), reported receiving ten to twenty small arms rounds from three Viet Cong positioned in a trenchline at coordinates (BT 023601). The Marines directed forty to fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased, and the Viet Cong withdrew from position. When the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position they reported finding what were described as blood stains, which indicated that at least one Viet Cong had been wounded. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one WIA (possible).

c. At 021835H, a Company F platoon-size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 023625) reported receiving light small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 028624). The Marines directed fifty to seventy five small arms rounds at the enemy position and requested artillery and mortar support. Twenty six 105mm rounds and seventy one 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location. The report stated that when the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position they discovered the body of one Viet Cong KIA. The report added that one M-1 cartridge belt with ammunination and two CHICOM grenades were recovered from the body of the dead Viet Cong. The report added that blood stains discovered in the area indicated that additional casualties were also inflicted on the enemy. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one KIA (body count) and at least two WIA (possible).

d. Additional Information. At 021945H, the Battalion S-2 provided additional information reguarding the report of mortar rounds impacting in the Company H Command Post positions, Coordinates (BT 014603), on 1 April (see 012310H entry, INTSUM #91). This later report stated that a crater analysis was conducted by the Marines confirmed that the projectiles were 60mm mortar rounds and indicated that the mortar fire emanated from the southeast. (range and azimuth not provided).

e. At 021920H, a Company F patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 031620) reported observing eight Viet Cong emerging from a treeline at coordinates (BT 032620). Mortar support was requested, and twenty seven 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the Viet Cong, who fled the area. The report stated that when the Marines searched the area in which the

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Viet Cong had been sighted, they found the body one Viet Cong KIA, who had evidently been killed by the mortar fire. The report stated that the patrol, in expectation that the Viet Cong might return to retrieve the body of the dead Viet Cong, rigged the site with (illumination) trip flares, and withdrew for a short distance and maintained surveillance of the area. The report continued that, at 022250H, the Marines' vigil was rewarded when a trip flare ignited in the area, revealing six to eight Viet Cong. The Marines quickly requested artillery support and eighteen 105mm rounds were directed at the site. When the Marines searched the area they found four additional Viet Cong KIA, as the result of the artillery fire. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were five KIA (body count).

f. At 021930H, a Company F platoon size patrol located at coordinates (BT 028630) reported receiving thirty six small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 028622). The Marines directed fifty to sixty small arms rounds at the enemy location and requested artillery support. Sixty three 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

g. At 030600H, a Company F platoon size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 027619) reported observing six to eight Viet Cong in a trenchline at coordinates (BT 031621). Artillery support was requested and six 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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

a. See enclosure (1), this INTSUM.

D. Viet Cong casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting period:	Cumulative Since 10Jul65:
KIA (Confirmed)	6	752
KIA (Possible)	4	990*
VC Captured	0	253
VC Captured (WIA)	0	13
VC WIA (Possible)	3	331
VC Suspects Apprehended	5	1651
Returnees (Since 21Jan66)	1	7

* Increase of two Viet Cong based on 3d ITT Prisoner Interrogation Reports as follows:

Name: DANG VAN HUU
Age: 22
Status: Viet Cong District Force Soldier
Capturing Unit: E-2-9 on 300800H Mar 66

Name: NGUYEN NGU
Age: 19
Status: Viet Cong hamlet guerilla
Capturing Unit: 2-9 on 301400 Mar 66

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E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

QUANTITY	ITEM	INTSUM ENTRY NO.
1	Grenade, U.S. (M-26)	021235H
1	Battery, AN/PRC 10	021400H
1	Roll, communication wire (100')	-do-
1	Belt, cartridge w/ammo	021835H
2	Grenades, CHICOM	-do-

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

QUANTITY	ITEM	INTSUM ENTRY NO.
1	Cave, (6x6x18 ft)	021400H
8	Holes, spider (2x2x4 ft)	-do-

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G-2	(7)
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3dEngr	(1)
EOD	(1)
1/9	(2)
2/9	(2)
3/9	(2)
3/3	(2)
2/12	(2)
S-2	(2)
S-3	(2)
FSCC	(1)
1stAmTrac	(1)
3dTnk	(1)
3dAF	(1)
B Co Tnk	(1)
C Co AT	(1)
MAG 11	(1)
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3 April 1966

From: CONFIDENTIAL
To: S-2 9thMAB

Subj: Special Interrogation Report dated 2 April 1966.

Name:	TUONG CHINH
Age:	72
Capturing Unit:	G-2-9
Date and time of capture:	011900H Apr 66
Vic:	(BT 000626)
Circumstances of capture:	Suspect was apprehended while in the act of observing Company G positions.

INFORMATION OBTAINED:

Captive claims he had been wounded by mortar fire at 011700H in Quang Dong (AT 997625) and had been carried to USMC positions by friends at 011830H.

Captive indicated that a fire fight, in which Company G elements engaged VC on the night of 1 April, resulted in the death of 2 VC and the wounding of one. Further, he indicated that three VC were killed on 31 March by Marines at vicinity of (AT 995610) (near the bridge of Quang Dong (5)). One of the VC was killed by a HU-1E. There had been 12 VC living and working in the subject's area of Quang Dong for an undetermined length of time. The USMC operations of 31 March and 1 April had accounted for the death of 3 and the wounding of one.

Captive stated that "3 or 4 weeks ago" 120 uniformed VC had moved into the village of Quang Dong for one or two days. The VC wore mixed uniforms of green, yellow and black. Some wore shorts. He saw 2 mortars, but could not identify the caliber. Subject was made to remain in his house while the VC were in the area. The unit departed his village for about 3 days and returned with only about 70-80 men. They said they had been engaged with U.S. Marines at Phong Thu (1) vicinity (AT 980575) and had received several casualties. (S-2 comment: Company E was in GS (AT 9958) on 20 Mar).

Captive indicated that the VC do not tell the people in his area about the exact location of booby traps that have been set in La Tho Bac (3) vicinity (BT 000615). Captive indicated that several cows and water buffalo were injured from the mines and booby traps, however. The VC in his area are recruiting men at age 16 and imposing a rice tax of 30% of the total crops. Many of the young men in his area are moving to Da Nang or other more secure areas. The subject indicated that people in his area were very poor. The people of his village complain about the heavy taxes and restrictions in movement placed upon them by the VC. If taxes are not paid, the VC take families away "into the mountains". VC elements in La Tho Bac vicinity (BT 000615) come to Quang Dong with non-VC porters to collect rice tax, while the VC in Quang Dong collect rice in Bich Nam vicinity (AT 995635). In the past the VC have always come for tax collections in August and March. They

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have not come to subject's village yet this calender year for the usual collection. Subject believes they may not come due to the lack of rice in his area.

Captive named 4 VC presently in Quang Dong. All are armed with Carbines.

Vo Van Kiem
Hua Quyen
Mr. Trong's son (KIA on 31 March vicinity bridge at AT 995615)
Vo Mua

(Other VC in the area move from village to village and their names are unknown. However the 4 listed above were born in the village and remain there most of the time).

Captive stated VC did not speak of U.S. Aircraft or artillery to villagers. He evaluated VC morale as low, even though the VC claimed they could win the war. The guerrillas in his area feel they have the people on their side. In fact, most of the villagers are afraid of the Marines, but dislike the VC he stated. The dialect, or accent of the VC that come from outside his hamlet is from the south of his area.

Captive indicated he knew of no weapons caches in his area, but that the VC kept such things a secret from the villagers. He said there were many tunnels and trenches in his vicinity, and that the VC had forced the people to help dig them. The Marines however, had destroyed most of them. Subject indicated that this infuriated the VC in that much time had been spent in their construction.

Captive claimed that the VC maintained OP's in hedge rows around the village of Quang Dong. When the Marines were seen approaching, the VC would leave the village from the opposite side. The VC generally departed by a Southerly route.

Captive received medical aid at 2/9 BAS and was forwarded to USOAM hospital at 021330H.

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #94, Period ending 041000H March 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

a. General: Fair

b. Temperature: High: 90 Low: 75

c. Average Humidity: 75%

d. Precipitation: None

e. Wind: Light/Variable

f. Visibility: 7 Miles

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

(3) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
5 Apr	0618	0641	1900	1923	1900	0630	Full

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 2d Bn, 9th Mar.

a. At 031200H, the battalion S-3 reported that resupply helicopters supporting Company G in the vicinity of grid square (BT 0061) received fifteen to twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 995617). A Company G patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 000618) directed three 106mm recoilless rifle rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties nor damage to the aircraft were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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(2) 3rdBn, 9thMar.

a. At 031550H, Marines manning a Company I observation post vicinity coordinates (BT 069704) reported that one Marine, checking the communication line reported being approached by four Vietnamese males whom appeared to be deliberately detaining him. The Marines requested to see the four men's identification cards and they were provided without incident. The report stated that the Marine made an official report of this action to Company I on his return to the observation post and a patrol was dispatched to investigate the area. The patrol reported apprehending fifteen male suspicious persons at a pagoda in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 068704). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended because all the males appeared to be of military age and displayed "freshly shaved heads", to indicate they were monks. Another male was in the process of having his head shaved also. The report stated that all the suspicious persons were evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

b. At 032110H, a Company L squad-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 087695) resulting in one Marine WIA. The report indicated that the device could not be identified but stated that it was rigged with a trip wire activator.

c. At 032225H, a Company M squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 046657) reported observing six Viet Cong positioned sixty meters to the north. The Marines directed seventeen small arms rounds and two 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy location and reported receiving eight small arms rounds from the Viet Cong in return. The report stated that the Viet Cong broke contact and fled to the north. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong by fire until contact was lost. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported finding one Viet Cong KIA. The report stated that one U.S. (M-26) grenade was recovered from the body of the dead Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one KIA (body count).

d. At 040800H, the Battalion S-2 provided additional information which was obtained from two of the Viet Cong Suspects apprehended by Company K on 2 April. (See 021330H entry, IN SUM #93). The report stated that upon interrogation, the suspects identified the following personalities as Viet Cong guerrillas from the HOA PHUNG village area:

NGUYEN IE, 30, armed with rifle and grenades.
LIA, 18, armed with carbine.
VO SU, 20, armed with rifle.
HO HAI, 30, armed with pistol (identified as cadreman)
VO TUC, 30, tax collector.

Battalion S-2 comment: None of these persons have recently been seen in the HOA PHUNG area.

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(3) 3rdBn, 3dMar.

a. Late Report. At 030759H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from an unidentified source at HIEU DUC District Headquarters that a new trench line system (size not indicated) was discovered extending from coordinates (AT 956680) to (AT 959677). No additional information was provided.

b. Late Report. At 030900H, a Company L platoon size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 958598) reported receiving two small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 960595). The Marines directed twelve 60mm mortar rounds, and forty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost in a tree line. One Marine WIA was reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

c. At 032010H, a Company K platoon positioned at coordinates (AT 965632), reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 965637). The Marines directed seventy five small arms rounds and eighteen 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Con broke contact. The report stated that the Marines physically pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost because of darkness. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

C. Reports of information of VC received directed from civilians. No reports were received during this reporting period.

D. Viet Cong casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting period:	Cumulative Since 10Jul65:
KIA (Confirmed)	1	752
KIA (Possible)	0	990
VC Captured	0	253
VC Captured (WIA)	0	13
VC WIA (Possible)	0	331
VC Suspects Apprehended	0	1651
Returnees (Since 21Jan66)	0	7

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

Quantity	Item	INTSUM Entry No.
1	Grenade, U.S. (M-26)	032225H

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

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EOD	(1)
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2/9	(2)
3/9	(2)
3/3	(2)
2/12	(2)
S-2	(6)
S-3	(2)
FSCC	(1)
1stAmTrac	(1)
3dAT	(1)
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5 Apr 66

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #95, Period ending 051000H April 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

a. General: Fair

b. Temperature: High: 94 Low: 75

c. Average Humidity: 78%

d. Precipitation: None

e. Wind: SW 10 knots/gusts to 15 knots

f. Visibility: 7 miles

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

(3) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
6 Apr	0617	0640	1901	1924	1959	0713	3/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 3rdBn, 3rdMar.

a. At 041100H, a Company K platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 960600) reported receiving one small arms round from Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 960596). The Marines directed twenty-five small arms rounds and two 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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b. At 041205H, the Battalion S-2 reported that the villagers of CAM VAN (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 963592) informed the Marines of a Company K patrol that approximately twenty Viet Cong had been in the hamlet during the evening of 3 April and early morning of 4 April. The report stated that the Viet Cong were armed with what were described as U.S. Thompson submachineguns, caliber .45, and Swedish-type carbines (unidentified). No additional information was provided. The Battalion S-2 rated the report F-3. S-2 rates the report F-3.

c. At 041935H, a Company M platoon positioned at coordinates (AT 954673) reported receiving five small arms rounds from one Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 958677). The Marines directed forty small arms rounds and one 81mm mortar round at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 042030H, a Company K ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 965635) reported observing one Viet Cong at close range. The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the enemy and reported killing the Viet Cong. No weapon or equipment was observed. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one KIA (body count).

e. At 050858H, a Company M squad-sized patrol conducting a road sweep reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 947663). The report identified the device as a 3.5 inch (rocket) round, and stated that it was positioned in the ground with the nose pointing upward, so as to function as a mine. The report did not provide additional information nor indicate final disposition of the device.

(2) 2ndBn,9thMar.

a. At 041630H, a Company G squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 000619) reported receiving approximately one hundred small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 001617) and(AT 994609). The Marines directed five hundred small arms rounds and ten 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position. When the enemy fire continued, mortar support was requested and twenty-seven 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. Marine casualties were reported as one WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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b. At 041735H, a Company H patrol reported discovering what was described as a forge, (consisting of a large stone pot, twenty four inches in diameter, with six bags of charcoal and one twelve inch hand pan, twelve inches in diameter); one generator, (unidentified); one voltage regulator, (unidentified);two distributors, (identified as Delco Remy); one six-volt battery, described as old and deteriorated; and two cartridges (type not indicated) at coordinates (AT 995619). The report stated that the equipment appeared to have been used in the manufacture of small arms ammunition. The report stated that the equipment was evacuated to the Battalion S-2 for examination. No additional information was provided.

c. At 042355H, a Company G squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 000620) reported receiving five hundred small arms rounds and what was described as five to six 60mm mortar rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 000615). The Marines directed six hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position. When the enemy fire continued, mortar support was requested and forty 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(3) 3rdBn, 9thMar.

a. At 041605H, Company K, participating in operation "GOLDEN FLEECE", reported that an LVTP-5 transporting Marines to their positions detonated an explosive device at coordinates (BT 042678) resulting in one Marine and two Popular Forces soldiers WIA. The report described the device as a pressure-type mine, containing approximately twenty pounds of explosives (type not indicated). The report stated that damage to the LVT was light. Additional details of the explosive device will be provided when available. The report added that one Viet Cong Suspect was apprehended, when a search of a nearby house produced one blasting cap and three 7.62mm rounds. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

b. At 041630H, a Company K platoon-sized patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (BT 037674). The report identified the device as a U.S. (M-26) grenade and stated that it was positioned in the bottom of a punji trap, rigged with a trip wire activator. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

c. At 041630H, a Company L squad-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 106645), resulting in one Marine WIA. The report described the device as a pressure-type mine consisting of approximately twenty pounds of explosives (TNT), and rigged with with a trip wire activator.

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d. At 041720H, a Company M platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 07462) reported receiving approximately fifteen small arms rounds from an estimated two to three Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 076619). Artillery support was requested and fourteen 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report stated that, as the Marines proceeded to search the site of the Viet Cong positions, an additional fifty small arms rounds were received from seven Viet Cong armed with what were described as automatic weapons positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 076619). The Marines directed four hundred small arms rounds and again requested artillery and mortar support. Thirty eight 105mm rounds and fifteen 60mm mortar rounds were delivered into the enemy location. In addition, two 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds and ten 40mm (M-79) rounds were directed at the position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing from the area. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 041900H, Company M reported that a tank operating with the Company detonated an explosive device at coordinates (BT 080631). The report stated that the device was a mine, but provided no additional description. Damage to the tank was reported as moderate. No casualties were reported. Additional details will be provided when available.

f. At 042210H, a Company M platoon, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 083624), reported receiving what were described as five 60mm mortar rounds and light automatic weapons fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 081613) and (BT 076614). The report stated the mortar fire was received from vicinity of coordinates (BT 081613). The Marines directed five hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position. When the enemy fire continued, artillery and mortar support was requested and approximately two hundred 105mm and 155mm artillery rounds were directed at the enemy location and the enemy fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. The report stated that the enemy positions would be searched at first light on 5 April. As of the termination of this INTSUM, no reports had been received.

g. At 042240H, a Company M squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 044650) reported observing six armed Viet Cong moving east along the trail, fifty meters to the north of the Marines' positions. The Marines directed sixty small arms rounds at the enemy, and the Viet Cong fled to the north. The Marines searched the area and reported one Viet Cong KIA and what was described as two distinct sets of blood pools and drag marks indicating two additional WIA(possible). No weapon or equipment was found. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA(body count) and Two Viet Cong WIA(possible).

h. At 042245H, a Company K platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of grid square (BT 0569) reported that a Marine was injured when he fell into a man-trap, described as three feet by three feet by four feet in depth, and rigged with punji stakes at coordinates (BT 052691). The report stated that the Marines destroyed the trap.

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(4) Special Reports.

a. At 041540H, G-2 relayed a report from HIEU DUC District Headquarters that an enemy force consisting of two divisions will attack DA NANG during the period of the new moon (19-23 April). The report indicated that these two enemy divisions originated "in the north", but provided no additional details. The report was rated F-5. G-2 rates the report F-5.

b. At 041920H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the QUANG NAM Special Sector Headquarters reported that authorities at QUANG NAM Special Sector Headquarters had stated that four VNAF helicopters attempting to land at HOI AN at 041600H, were ousted at gun point from the landing zone by ARVN Ranger troops. The report provided no additional details but indicated that the incident was attributable to the political unrest presently prevailing in the area. The report added that a GVN Regional Force Company (unidentified), ordered to displace to the south (origin of order or destination of unit was not indicated) disregarded the order and was observed displacing to the north towards DA NANG city, travelling along highway #1. The report stated that the GVN Regional Force company was accompanied by all but thirteen of the GVN soldiers who normally provide security for the THANH QUIT bridge, coordinates (BT 041621). The report provided no additional details. (G-2 comment: These reports of incidents which are attributable to the political unrest presently prevailing have not been rated. When the reports related an action or movement they are evidently credible, but motivations and/or purposes are too uncertain to be rated by this headquarters).

c. At 042025H, G-2 relayed a report from HIEU DUC District Headquarters that an enemy force consisting of two battalions and a command group is located in the vicinity of grid square (AT 8161). The report identified one battalion as the RAU DONG Battalion (not previously reported), and stated that the second battalion is a NVA unit. The strength of this force is approximately 1500 men, and the report stated that the command group is equipped with a model 600-94 (wireless) telegraph, which has the capability of maintaining communications with HVN. The report was rated F-3. G-2 rates the report F-6.

d. At 042210H, the USMC liaison Officer assigned to the HOA VANG District Headquarters reported that the authorities at the District Headquarters believe that the QNVDD supporters presently in assemblage in proximity to the HOA VANG District Headquarters, plan to march to DA NANG city commencing at 050500H, to participate in a demonstration. The report provided no additional details but indicated that the gathering in the vicinity of the District Headquarters numbered approximately two thousand males. (G-2 comment: Investigation by this Headquarters of the assembley at HOA VANG District headquarters indicated

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that this group included a substantial percentage of GVN soldiers, many of whom were wearing civilian clothing. Several GVN military vehicles were also observed engaged in what appeared to be transporting GVN soldiers, many of them in civilian clothing, to the assemblage site, at District Headquarters. The gat ering was orderly and the speakers, who were utilizing the VIS loud-speaker facilities adjacent to District Headquarters, appeared to be exhorting the audience to support the central goverment and to bring to an end the BUDDHIST/STUDENT agitation. The gathering did not disperse during the night but evidently sought rest in nearby public areas, such as the school yard grounds opposite the District Headquarters. At 050600H, the VIS loudspeakers were again in operation, and the speakers were urging the congregation to march to DA NANG city).

e. At 050100H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the 51th ARVN Regional Headquarters at HO HUNG reported that the GVN soldiers who normally manned the outpost position at VIEM TAY (3), coordinates (BT 033638), had deserted their posts and that the outpost was presently unmanned. The report provided no additional details but indicated that a 51th ARVN Regiment platoon-size element would be dispatched to man the outpost position. (S-2 comment: This incident must apparently be attributed to the political unrest presently prevailing in the area).

f. Late Report. At 041850H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to HOA VANG District Headquarters reported that the District Chief had ordered CAM NE bridge, coordinates (BT 015714) and the PHONG LE bridge (railroad bridge), coordinates (AT 999705) closed to all north-bound traffic. When inquiry at District Headquarters failed to clarify the effect this order was intended to have on necessary USMC operational traffic, two 9th Marines vehicles were dispatched to (non-belligerently) test the consequences of this order. The USMC vehicles were permitted to utilize the bridges without restriction nor hindrance, although discussion with GVN military personnel at both bridges indicated that they had been ordered to halt all GVN military traffic not specifically approved by District Headquarters or I Corps).

C. Report of information of VC received directly from civilians.

a. See 041205H entry, this INTSUM.

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D. Viet Cong casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting period:	Cumulative Since 10Jul65:
KIA (Confirmed)	2	754
KIA (Possible)	0	990
VC Captured	0	253
VC Captured (WIA)	0	13
VC WIA (Possible)	2	333
VC Suspects Apprehended	1	1652
Returnees (Since 21Jan66)	0	7

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

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

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DISTRIBUTION:

III MAF	(1)
III MAF POLAD	(1)
G-2	(7)
3dMar	(1)
3dEngr	(1)
EOD	(1)
MAG 12	(1)
1/9	(2)
[redacted]	(2)
[redacted]	(2)
3/3	(2)
2/12	(2)
FSCC	(1)
S-2	(6)
S-3	(2)
1stAmtrac	(1)
3dTnkBn	(1)
3dAtBn	(1)
B Co, TnkBn	(1)
C Co, AtBn	(1)
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Reinf)(G-2)

Subj: Intelligence Summary [illegible], Period ending [illegible], April [illegible]

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

a. General: Fair

b. Temperature: HIGH: 93 LOW: 73

c. Average Humidity: 79%

d. Precipitation: Not measurable

e. Wind: SW 5 knots

f. Visibility: 6 miles

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

(3) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
7 Apr	0617	0640	1901	1924	2058	0756	FULL

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) Special Reports.

a. At 051115H, G-2 relayed a report from the HIEU DUC District Headquarters that one Viet Cong platoon is located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 930675), (AT 920672), (AT 916668), and (AT 925685), with the mission of attacking USMC patrols in the area and of organizing Viet Cong administration in the HOA PHU village area located in [illegible], grid square (AT 9272). The report added that one Viet Cong platoon is located in the vicinity of LA CHAU (3) hamlet, grid square (AT 9567), with a mission of attacking friendly forces in this area. The report added that this Viet Cong unit may attempt to infiltrate into LA CHAU (1) hamlet, grid square (AT 9468). The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-3.

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b. At 051315H, S-2 relayed a report from the QUANG NAM Special Sector that [illegible] (District not specified but presumably HIEU NHON District) stated that one Viet Cong Battalion (not identified) is located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 155605) and (BT 170600). The report provided no additional details and was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-4.

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c. At 051735H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing several unidentified persons who appeared to be searching through the ruins of the GVN outpost position at GIAO AI, coordinates (AT 947584), which had been recently abandoned and set afire. The report indicated that the people may have been recovering mines from a field believed to have been located in close proximity to the abandoned outpost position, and stated that the people attempted to hide when the USMC aircraft approached. Artillery support was requested and a total of ninety six 105mm rounds were directed at the area. The Aerial Observer reported excellent effect on the target and stated that the entire minefield area was covered by the artillery fire. Casualties were not determined. Additional information will be provided when available.

(2) 2dBn 9thMar

a. At 051815H, a Company F patrol reported apprehending seven Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 032643). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when a routine examination revealed that they lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

(3) 3dBn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 050930H, a Company M squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 070616) reported receiving six to eight small arms rounds from three Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 069613). The Marines directed five 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position and reported discovering six small bamboo-reinforced bunkers, which they destroyed. The Viet Cong had withdrawn from the positions and contact could not be regained. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. At 051110H, a Company L squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 107645) reported receiving six small arms rounds from an estimated three Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 104646). Mortar support was requested and two 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location. When the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions they reported observing one Viet Cong emerge from a nearby treeline who attempted to escape from the Marines. When the man ignored the Marines warnings to stop, they directed ten small arms rounds at him and reported that he was struck by their fire but succeeded in reaching the cover of the treeline. The report continued that when the Marines searched the treeline area they found the body of a male who had been shot and killed by gunshot wounds, presumably as the result of the Marines' fire. One CHICOM grenade and one ammunition magazine (carbine) were recovered from the body. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA(body count).

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c. At 051910H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 034633) reported receiving thirty small arms rounds from an estimated three Viet Cong armed with automatic and semi-automatic weapons positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 036635). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the northeast. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 052145H, a Company M squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 059628) reported receiving fifty small arms rounds and what were described as five 60mm mortar rounds from an estimated four Viet Cong positioned on the far side of the SONG THANH QUIT, coordinates (BT 056628). The Marines directed sixty small arms rounds and one 40mm (M-79) round at the enemy position and requested artillery support. Four 105mm artillery rounds were directed at the enemy location, and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The report indicated that pursuit of the Viet Cong was not effected because of the intervening body of water. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were estimated as one Viet Cong WIA(possible).

e. At 052230H, a Company M squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 058630) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds and three grenades from an estimated six Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 060630). The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds and three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position. Mortar support was requested and three 81mm mortar rounds were directed into the area and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(4) 3dBn 3dMar

a. At 051810H, a Company M squad-sized patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 977674). The report identified the device as a mine, consisting of about ten pounds of explosive in what was described as a shaped-charge container, but stated that it was not armed for detonation. The report stated that the mine was destroyed by the Marines.

b. At 052240H, a Company M patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 974655) resulting in one Marine WIA. The report identified the device as a U. S. (M-26) grenade and stated that it was rigged with a trip-wire activator.

c. At 052330H, a Company M reported that Marines providing security for the bridge at coordinates (AT 963661) received six small arms rounds from two Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 963654) and (AT 960654). The Marines directed one 40mm (M-79) round at the enemy positions and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The report stated that the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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

D. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 66:
KIA(Confirmed)	1	755
KIA(Possible)	0	990
VC Captured	0	253
VC Captured(WIA)	0	13
VC WIA(Possible)	1	334
VC Suspects Apprehended	7	1659
Returnees(Since 21Jan66)	0	7

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

QUANTITY	ITEM	INTSUM ENTRY NO.
1	Grenade, CHICOM	0511?0H
1	Magazine(carbine)	-do-
1	Mine(shaped-charge)	0518?0H

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

6	Bunkers, bamboo-reinforced	0509?0H

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3dMar	(1)	B Co Tanks	(1)
DOD	(1)	C Co AT	(1)
3dRingr	(1)	CO	(1)
MAG-11	(1)		
1/9	(2)		
2/9	(2)		
3/9	(2)		
3/3	(2)		
2/12	(2)		
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From: Commanding Officer
To: ( ) Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (Attn: G-2)

Subj: Intelligence Summary 97, Period ending 0700H, April 1966

1. (U) Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

a. (U) Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

(a) General: Fair

(b) Temperature: High: 88 Low: 71

(c) Average Humidity: 77%

(d) Precipitation: None

(e) Wind: SE 10 knots

(f) Visibility: 7 miles

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

(3) Meteorological Data:

H-HR	SUNRISE	SUNSET	ILLUM	MOONRISE	MOONSET	TWILIGHT
0600	0639	1901	10%	2150	0840	1839

b. Enemy Activities Observed.

(1) Enemy Strength.

a. At 0415H, a company C initiated contact with the 2d Battalion, 4th Marines (2/4) reported consisting [illegible] Contact was broken at 0700H with the enemy [illegible] Contact was broken at 0700H with the enemy [illegible] Artillery support was requested and fired [illegible] Results of the enemy [illegible]

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b. At 061500H, a Company C platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 004612) reported receiving thirty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 005610). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(2) Special Reports.

a. Late Report. At 060810H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the 51st ARVN Regimental Headquarters at BO MENG relayed a report from QUANG NAM Special Sector that a Viet Cong company, commanded by one NGUYEN VAN THE, and armed with one 60mm mortar and one machinegun, is in hiding in the vicinity of HA MY TAY hamlet, grid square (BT 1262). The report stated that this company (which apparently only consists of sixty-eight men) is accompanied by an engineer squad equipped with mines. The report indicated that the company may be an element of the Viet Cong 101st Battalion, and stated that the mission of this unit is to mortar attack friendly (GVN/USMC) units in the CAM MA village area (HOI AN). The report was rated B-2. S-2 rates the report F-3.

b. At 062005H, G-2 relayed a report from the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, that a Viet Cong force of four hundred men is located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 054730), and will remain in that location until 070400H, at which time they will displace to an undetermined location. The report, which apparently originated with HOA LONG Police Chief, provided no additional details. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-4.

(3) 3d Bn, 3d Mar.

a. Late Report. At 060945H, the Battalion S-3 reported that a 3d Tank Battalion vehicle (3/4 ton) enroute to the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines Command Post, detonated an explosive device at coordinates (AT 982624), resulting in two Marines WIA and extensive damage to the vehicle. The report described the device as a mine containing an estimated twenty pound explosive charge, and rigged with what was initially described as a pressure type detonator. The report added that the site of the detonation had earlier been cleared by an engineer unit but had apparently escaped detection.

b. At 061000H, a Company K patrol operating the vicinity of coordinates (AT 947606), reported receiving seven small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 947605). The Marines directed forty small arms rounds at the Viet Cong, who broke contact, withdrawing from position. The Marines pursued until contact was lost in a tree line. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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c. At 061800H, a Company M patrol reported finding a tunnel, described as two feet by three feet by six feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 956683). The report stated that the tunnel was destroyed by the Marines.

d. At 061900H, a Company K patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 952607) reported observing what were described as two armed Viet Cong and one female positioned at coordinates (AT 947607). The Marines directed seventy-five small arms rounds at the enemy location, and the Viet Cong attempted to flee the area. The Marines pursued but the Viet Cong escaped the Marines by taking cover in heavy brush. The report stated that when the Marines searched the area in which the Viet Cong were first sighted, they discovered the woman who had initially been observed with the armed Viet Cong. A second woman was also found in the area, who had evidently been wounded by the Marines' fire. The report indicated that the wounded woman was not involved with the Viet Cong and she was evacuated to a medical facility for treatment. The woman who was initially sighted in the company of the Viet Cong was apprehended as a Viet Cong suspect and evacuated to 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. No Marine casualties were reported.

e. At 062205H, Company K reported that the Marines providing security at the water point, coordinates (AT 973612), heard what was described as sounds of movement on the far side of the river. The report stated that the Marines requested illumination and observed three Viet Cong on the far side of the river, vicinity of coordinates (AT 975609). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds , fifty machinegun (M-60) rounds, and five 40mm (M-79) rounds at the Viet Cong, who fled into the heavy brush in the area. The Marines then received six small arms rounds from the Viet Cong. Mortar support was requested and a total of thirty-six 81mm mortar rounds were delivered into the enemy position. A subsequent search of the area produced negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

f. At 062210H, a Company M squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 958661) reported receiving one grenade from Viet Cong positioned to the south. The Marines directed forty small arms rounds and two grenades at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong location with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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(4) 3dBn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 060900H, a Headquarters and Service Company patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (BT 071652). The report identified the device as an 105mm artillery shell (DUD) and stated that it was found in what was described as a freshly dug hole measuring three feet by by three feet by eighteen inches. The report did not indicate whether the shell was rigged to function as a mine or booby trap. The report stated that the 105mm shell (DUD) was destroyed by the Marines.

b. At 061030H, the Battalion S-2 reported that, based on a report from the HOA HAI Village Chief that thirty Viet Cong were conducting a meeting in TRA KHE (2) hamlets, coordinates (BT 070670). Company I and Company L were dispatched to surround the area. The report stated that the Marines apprehended twenty one Viet Cong Suspects, of which seven were pointed out as Viet Cong and one was pointed out as an ARVN deserter by the HOA HAI Village Chief. The report stated that one of the Viet Cong attacked the HOA HAI Village Chief but was restrained. After preliminary interrogation by the Battalion S-2, thirteen of the suspects were released. The report stated that the remaining eight Viet Cong suspectswere evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for interrogation.

c. At 061500H, a Company K platoon-sized patrol, operating in the vicinity of grid square (BT 0568), reported that a grenade thrown into a bunker at coordinates (BT 050685) resulted in a secondary explosion, (size not indicated). The report stated that what was described as a two-pound explosive charge subsequently detonated inside the bunker also produced a secondary explosion, accompanied by a red flame, and that the far side of the bunker exploded outward. The report stated that the intensity of the explosion resulted in complete destruction of the bunker and caused damage to a nearby vacant house.

d. At 061700H, a Company M platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 078632) reported receiving eight small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 072681), (BT 076627), and (BT 073630). The Marines directed twenty five small arms rounds and five 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy positions and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 061730H, a Company M platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 078632) reported receiving approximately twenty small arms rounds from six Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 082630). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds, six 40mm (M-79) rounds, and twelve 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the south. The Marines pursued the fleeing enemy until contact was lost. A search of the site of the Viet Cong positions produced negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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f. At 061735H, Company E, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of grid squares (BT 0367), (BT 0368), (BT 0467), (BT 0468), and (BT 0568), reported destroying a tunnel, described as eight feet by two feet, with three separate entrances at (BT 043692); a second tunnel, described as two feet by six feet, at (BT 043693); a third tunnel, described as four feet by six feet, at (BT 043694) and a fourth tunnel, described as four feet by four feet, at (BT 036688); a fifth tunnel, described as three feet by six feet by three feet containing what was described as a cooking stove(reportedly still warm), at (BT 035682); one gate (six feet by three feet) at (BT 048678); one bunker (size not indicated) at (BT 040679); a second bunker, (size not indicated) at (BT 040679) and a third bunker, (size not indicated) at (BT 052681).

g. At 062330H, a Company M platoon-sized patrol located at coordinates (BT 043691) reported receiving one grenade from Viet Cong at close range, resulting in one Marine WIA. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

h. At 070550H, a Company M squad-sized ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 054620) reported receiving six small arms rounds from an estimated six to eight Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 046647). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds, four 40mm (M-79) rounds and two grenades at the enemy position. Mortar support was requested and thirty 81 mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported finding the bodies of two Viet Cong KIA. The report added that one CHICOM grenade and several documents (not identified) were recovered from the dead Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were two KIA(body count).

i. At 070945H, a Company M squad-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 051634) resulting in two Marines WIA. The report described the device as a CHICOM grenade and stated it was rigged with a trip-wire activator.

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

D. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA(Confirmed)	2	757
KIA(Possible)	0	900
VC Captured	0	253
VC Captured(WIA)	0	19
VC WIA(Possible)	0	324
VC Suspects Apprehended	9	1618
Returnees(Since 21Jan66)	0	7

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E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

QUANTITY	ITEM	INTSUM ENTRY NO.
1	Shell, artillery, 105mm (DUD)	060900H
1	Grenade, CHICOM	070530H
UNK	Documents (unevaluated)	-do-

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

1	Tunnel, 2x3x6 ft	061800H

ADD: See 061765H entry, this INTSUM, for recapitulation of enemy positions and/or fortifications reported destroyed by the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines, during this reporting period.

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DISTRIBUTION:

III MAF	(1)
III MAF PCLAD	(1)
G-2	(1)
3dMar	(1)
EOD	(1)
3dEngr	(1)
MAG-11	(1)
1/9	(2)
2/9	(2)
3/9	(2)
3/3	(2)
2/12	(2)
FSCC	(1)
S-2	(6)
S-3	(2)
1stAmTrac	(1)
3dTankBn	(1)
3dAAB	(1)
B Co Tanks	(1)
C Co AV	(1)
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein)(G-2)

Subj: Intelligence Summary #98, Period ending 081000H, April 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

a. General: Fair

b. Temperature: HIGH: 90 LOW: 75

c. Average Humidity: 79%

d. Precipitation: None

e. Wind: SE 10 knots

f. Visibility: 7 miles

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

(3) Astronomical Data.

	EENT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
9 Apr	0615	0638	1901	1924	2256	0928	3/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) Special Reports.

a. At 071209H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to QUANG NAM Special Sector relayed a report from (unidentified) villagers that Viet Cong (number not indicated) were located at DUYEN SON (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 942661). The report stated that the Viet Cong were laying mines (type not indicated) along the roads and trails. A subsequent report indicated that a Marine patrol from the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines dispatched to search the area, reported apprehending one suspicious person in that locale. The report indicated that there were no apparent signs of mine laying activity. The report stated that the suspicious person was evacuated to the HIEU DUC District Headquarters for investigation. The initial report was not rated. S-2 rated the report F-6.

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(2) 3dBn 3dMar

a. At 071130H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 964652) reported receiving three small arms rounds from one Viet Cong positioned in a cane field at coordinates (AT 965649). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing from position. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost in a cane field. One Marine WIA was reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

b. At 071423H, a Company M platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 943663) reported apprehending one suspicious person when a routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification. The report indicated that the suspect was evacuated to the HIEU DUC District Headquarters for investigation.

c. At 071605H, a Company K platoon-sized patrol operating in grid square (AT 9761) reported finding and destroying one CHICOM grenade (not rigged to detonate) at coordinates (AT 977613). The report stated that one man-trap, described as three feet by three feet by six feet in depth was filled at coordinates (AT 977613), and ten punji traps (size not indicated) were destroyed at coordinates (AT 977613).

d. At 071700H, a Company K platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 967635) reported receiving twenty five small arms rounds from three Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 964640), (AT 972635), and (AT 963636). The Marines directed one hundred fifty small arms rounds and six 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost in a canefield. One Marine WIA was reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

e. At 071722H, a Company M squad-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 953687) resulting in one Marine WIA(DOW). The report described the device as an U. S. (M-26) grenade and stated that it was rigged with a trip-wire activator.

f. At 080055H, the Battalion S-3 reported that Headquarters and Service Company elements manning security positions at the Battalion Command Post, coordinates (AT 966618) reported receiving one grenade described as "concussion" type, in the Command Post position, from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The report stated that the Marines illuminated the area and searched the suspected area with negative results. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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(3) 2dBn 9thMar

a. At 071300H, a Company G squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of HA DONG hamlet, reported making contact with what was described as a five man Viet Cong group at coordinates (BT 002646). The report indicated that the Marines were alerted to the presence of the Viet Cong when the children in the area were observed crying and indicated by their gestures that something was amiss in a nearby building. As the patrol approached, five men emerged and attempted to escape. The report indicated that two of the men may have been carrying rifles but this was not confirmed. The Marines ordered the men to halt, and, when their warnings were ignored, directed two small arms rounds at the fleeing men, killing one and wounding a second man. The wounded man was apprehended by the Marines but the remaining three fugitives escaped. The report indicated that at least one man escaped by taking cover in the nearby river. The report added that the dead man was subsequently identified by a local GVN official as a Viet Cong, and examination of the body indicated that he lacked identification documents. The report noted that the dead man had a red-colored rubber band around his wrist - an identification device known to have been previously employed by Viet Cong in this area. No weapons or equipment were recovered from the dead man or the apprehended suspect. The wounded man was evacuated to a medical facility for treatment and investigation as a Viet Cong Suspect. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA(body count) and one Viet Cong Suspect apprehended.

b. At 071640H, a Company F platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 018618) reported receiving approximately one hundred small arms rounds from six to eight Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 018614). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position. When the enemy fire continued, artillery support was requested and eighteen 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At 072010H, a Company G element enroute to an ambush position at coordinates (BT 003629) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from one Viet Cong positioned to the south at approximately one hundred meters range. The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the Viet Cong. When the Viet Cong broke contact, fleeing from the area, the Marines directed three 81mm mortar rounds at his route of withdrawal. A search of the area produced negative results. Marine casualties were estimated as one WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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(4) 3dBn 9thMar

a. At 071215H, a Company K patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 045716) reported making contact with one armed Viet Cong at close range. The Marines directed four small arms rounds at the Viet Cong, who apparently was struck by the Marines' fire, but succeeded in escaping the patrol. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong WIA(possible). The report added that a Viet Cong Suspect was also apprehended in the area by the Marines, but a subsequent report indicated that the suspect was released after interrogation.

b. At 071420H, Company L reported that Marines manning an outpost position at coordinates (BT 098656) received three small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 095654). The Marines directed six small arms rounds at the Viet Cong positions and the enemy fire was not repeated. A search of the area produced negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At 071925H, a Company M squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 054649) reported observing two Viet Cong moving in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 053649). The Marines deployed in ambuscade and, when the Viet Cong approached the site, directed twenty small arms rounds and one 40mm (M-79) round at the enemy. The report indicated that both Viet Cong were believed struck by the Marines' fire, but succeeded in escaping from the area. A search of the ambush site revealed blood stains that tended to confirm the report. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were two Viet Cong WIA(possible).

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

D. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA(Confirmed)	1	758
KIA(Poesible)	0	990
VC Captured	0	253
VC Captured(WIA)	0	13
VC WIA(Possible)	2	336
VC Suspects Apprehended	1	1669
Ralliers(Since 21Jan66)	0	7

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E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

QUANTITY	ITEM	INTSUM ENTRY NO.
1	Grenade, CHICOM	071605H

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

1	Trap, man (3x3x6 ft)	071605H
10	Traps, punji (size not indicated)	-do-

C. [illegible]
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DISTRIBUTION:

III MAF	(1)
III MAF POLAD	(1)
G-2	(7)
3dMar	(1)
EOD	(1)
3dEngr	(1)
MAG-11	(1)
1/9	(2)
2/9	(2)
3/9	(2)
3/3	(2)
2/12	(2)
FSCC	(2)
S-2	(6)
S-3	(2)
1stAmTrac	(1)
3dTankBn	(1)
3dAT	(1)
B Co Tanks	(1)
C Co AT	(1)
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein)(G-2)

Subj: Intelligence Summary #99; Period ending 0910CCH, April 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

a. General: Fair

b. Temperature: HIGH: 88 LOW: 75

c. Average Humidity: 78%

d. Precipitation: None

e. Wind: Southeast 10 knots

f. Visibility: 7 Miles

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

(3) Astronomical Data.

	EMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	[illegible]	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
10 Apr	0614	0637	[illegible]	[illegible]	2354	1018	3/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) Special Reports.

a. At 0812CCH, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the 51st ARVN Regimental Headquarters at [illegible] relayed a report from an unidentified ARVN source that two Viet Cong companies were presently located in grid square (BT 0165). The report provided no additional details and was not rated. Sol rates the report F-5.

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b. At 081300H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the 51st ARVN Regimental Headquarters at BO MUNG reported that one Viet Cong Main Force company (not identified) was presently located in THANH TRUNG Village area, coordinates (BT 000635). The report stated that this company was commanded by one LE VAN LAM. The report continued that a second Viet Cong company, commanded by one NGO VAN THANH, was probably located in XUAN SON hamlet, coordinates (AT 965630). The report added that these two Viet Cong companies were armed with two 81mm mortars and four 60mm mortars. The report was not rated but stated that the source was considered "very reliable". S-2 rates the report F-3.

c. At 081917H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the 51st ARVN Regimental Headquarters at BO MUNG relayed a report from an unidentified ARVN source that a Viet Cong killed eight civilians in CAM NE (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 965686) on the night of 7 March. The report stated that three of the civilians were known to be particularly loyal to the GVN. The report continued that, at 081100H, three Viet Cong stopped and searched a civilian bus between VIEM TAY (3) outpost, coordinates (BT 028648) and the THANH QUIT bridge, coordinates (BT 042621). Additional information will be provided when available.

d. At 081950H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental Area of Responsibility reported receiving small arms fire from coordinates (AT 987576). The report indicated that the observer identified the source of fire as possibly being a Viet Cong force of company size and requested an artillery mission be fired into the area. The report provided no additional information nor indicated the results of the artillery fire. No friendly casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported.

e. At 082030H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the 51st ARVN Regimental Headquarters at BO MUNG relayed a report from an ARVN source that one Viet Cong company (not identified) was located at VIEM TAY (4) hamlet, coordinates (BT 015648). The report stated that the mission of this Viet Cong company was to conduct a mortar attack on BO MUNG during the night of 8 April. The report was rated C-3. S-2 rates the report C-3.

f. At 082100H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to HOA VANG District Headquarters relayed a report from villagers (unidentified) at THANH TRUNG Village, grid square (BT 0064), that one Viet Cong battalion is located in the vicinity of DONG TIEN (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 010613). The report stated that this Viet Cong battalion had only recently displaced to the area and that the mission of this unit was not known. The report added that the National Police in DA NANG had been informed that approximately two Viet Cong companies had displaced to TRA KHE (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 080680). No additional information was provided. The report was rated C-3. S-2 rates it F-6.

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g. At 082150H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to HOI ANN reported a report which apparently originated at the 51st ARVN Regimental Headquarters, that one Viet Cong company (not identified), armed with 81mm and 60mm mortars, is presently located in grid square (BT 0764). The report stated that the mission of this Viet Cong company was to conduct a diversionary mortar attack against the 51st ARVN Headquarters while a second Viet Cong company (also unidentified) conducts the main attack against the Headquarters from the northeast. The report stated that upon completion of the attack, the two Viet Cong companies would consolidate and withdraw from the area moving to the southwest. No additional information was provided. The report was rated C-3. S-2 rates it C-3.

h. At 082215H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to QUANG NAM Special Sector at HOI AN reported that two Viet Cong companies were located in grid square (BT 0859); one Viet Cong company was located in grid square (BT 0660); and one Viet Cong company was located in grid square (BT 0456). The report added that contact was made earlier in the day with a Viet Cong force (size not indicated) south of Highway #14 in grid square (BT 0456). No additional information was provided. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-6.

(2) 2dBn 9thMar

a. At 082000H, a company G platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 002678) reported receiving thirty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 002677). Mortar support was requested and ten 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the area of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. At 090500H, a Company F ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 025620) reported observing two armed Viet Cong who were reportedly attempting to infiltrate the Marines' positions. The Marines directed approximately fifteen to twenty rounds small arms at the Viet Cong, killing both of the intruders. The report stated that eight hand grenades were recovered from the dead Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were two Viet Cong KIA(body count).

(3) 3dBn 5thMar

a. Late Report. At 080530H, a Company K patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 967626) reported observing two Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 967628). The Marines directed forty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fled the area. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost in a treeline. No casualties were reported. (The report did not indicate the basis for the identification of the duo as Viet Cong).

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D. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA(Confirmed)	2	760
KIA(Possible)	0	990
VC Captured	0	253
VC Captured(WIA)	0	13
VC WIA(Possible)	0	336
VC Suspects Apprehended	2	1671
Returnees(Since 21Jan66)	0	7

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

QUANTITY	ITEM	[illegible]
1	Grenade, US. (M-26)	080925H
1	Shell, artillery, 105mm (DUD)	081630H
1	Charge (satchel)	-do-

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

2	Tunnels (2x3x5 ft)	081000H

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DISTRIBUTION:

III MAF	(1)	S-2	(1)
III MAF POLAD	(1)	S-3	(2)
G-2	(7)	1stAmtrac	(1)
3dMar	(1)	3d TnkBn	(1)
3dEngr	(1)	3d AtBn	(1)
EOD	(1)	B Co, TnkBn	(1)
MAG 11	(1)	C Co, AtBn	(1)
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2/9	(2)		
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3/3	(2)		
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FSCC	(1)		

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #100, Period ending 101000H, April 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation fro the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

a. General: Fair

b. Temperature: High: 88 Low: 74

c. Average Humidity: 78%

d. Precipitation: None

e. Wind: SE 10 knots

f. Visibility: 7 miles

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

(3) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	[illegible]RISE	MOONSET	PHASE
11 Apr	0613	0636	1901	1924	- -	1110	3/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 3dBn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 081630H, a Company M platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT [illegible]18) reported receiving forty to fifty small arms rounds from three to four Viet Cong armed with what were described as automatic carbines positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 073617). The Marines directed [illegible] hundred small arms rounds and two 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the southwest. [illegible] Marines pursued the Viet

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Cong and reported observing two Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire but the enemy succeeded in escaping the pursuing patrol. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were estimated as two Viet Cong WIA (possible).

b. Late Report. At 090830H, a Company M platoon-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 073628), resulting in one Marine WIA. The report described the device as an U. S. (M-26) grenade and stated it was rigged with a trip-wire activator.

c. Late Report. At 090850H, a Company K squad-sized element providing security for what was described as a civic action patrol in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 039681) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from two Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 037680). The Marines directed ten small arms rounds at the enemy and reported observing both Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported discovering one Vietnamese female who had apparently sustained a gunshot wound during the exchange of fire. One CHICOM carbine, 7.62mm, MOSSIN, NAGENT, Model 53, was also discovered in the vicinity of the enemy positions and the weapon's split stock and other evidence indicated that the Viet Cong who had employed this weapon had been wounded by the Marines' fire. The wounded woman was evacuated to an ARVN medical facility for treatment and investigation as a Viet Cong Suspect. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one Viet Cong WIA (possible) and one Viet Cong Suspect apprehended.

d. Late Report. At 090900H, a Company M patrol reported apprehending four Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 088692). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when a routine examination revealed that they lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

e. At 091105H, a Company L squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 085641) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 080643). The report indicated that the range was excessive for effective small arms fire and the Marines directed four 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

f. At 091130H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 082605) reported observing three armed Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 082595). The Marines directed three 90mm (tank) rounds at the enemy position and reported that the rounds impacted on target. The report indicated that one Viet Cong was believed to have been killed by the tank fire but a search of the enemy site produced negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one Viet Cong KIA (possible).

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g. At 091545H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 076633) reported receiving six small arms rounds from two Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 070631). The Marines directed twenty five small arms rounds and three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

h. At 091445H, Headquarters and Service Company reported that a USMC vehicle (truck, M-35, 6x6) operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 067677) detonated an explosive device resulting in four Marine WIA, and extensive damage to the vehicle. The report described the device as a mine consisting of an estimated twenty pounds of explosives and rigged with a pressure-type detonator.

i. At 091725H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 076633) reported receiving three small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 070631). Mortar support was requested and three 60mm mortar rounds and eighteen 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The report indicated that the Marines assaulted the enemy positions only to find that the Viet Cong had already vacated the positions. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

j. At 091920H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending five male Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (BT 115649). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when they attempted to flee the area upon the approach of the patrol. The Marines ordered the men to halt, and, when their warnings were ignored, directed two small arms rounds at the suspects, wounding one. All five of the men were then quickly apprehended. The report stated that the wounded man was evacuated to a medical facility for treatment and investigation and the other four suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

k. At 091450H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA HAI Village Chief that the Viet Cong mined the following trails during the night of 8 April: from coordinates (BT 081673) to (BT 090664) and from coordinates (BT 079695) to (BT 087670). The report was rated D-3. S-2 rates the report D-3.

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a. Late Report. At 090[illegible]H, [illegible] Service [illegible] [illegible] clearing element [illegible] (AT [illegible]) discovered a detonating device [illegible] a [illegible] consisting of approximately fifteen pounds of [illegible] [illegible] was positioned beneath [illegible] the report indicated [illegible] the mine was destroyed [illegible]

b. At [illegible], a Company M patrol operating [illegible] of coordinates (AT [illegible]) reported receiving fifteen small [illegible] from four Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT [illegible]). [illegible] directed sixty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost in a tree line. No casualties were reported.

c. At 09[illegible]0H, Company K reported that an [illegible] 81mm mortar round impacted at coordinates (AT 935618) and resulted in a secondary explosion, described as being similar to that of several grenades detonating simultaneously. The report stated that the mortar round was part of a harassing/interdiction mission directed at the area and an additional six 81mm mortar rounds were subsequently fired at the same location as the result of the secondary explosion. The report added that a patrol will be dispatched to investigate on 10 April.

(3) 2dBn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 090645H, a Company F patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 047637). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he was observed attempting to hide from the Marines. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

b. At 091130H, a Company F patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (BT 024625). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when a routine examination revealed that they lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

c. At 091530H, a Company F patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 025634). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended as the result of a routine examination which revealed that his name was shown on a black list of known Viet Cong suspects in the area. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

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d. At 100120H, a Company E patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 005631) resulting in one Marine WIA. The report did not provide a description of the device but did state that a trip-wire activator was employed to detonate the device. Additional details will be provided when available.

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

D. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA(Confirmed)	0	760
KIA(Possible)	1	991
VC Captured	0	258*
VC Captured(WIA)	0	13
VC WIA(Possible)	3	339
VC Suspects Apprehended	14	1685
Returnees(Since 21Jan66)	0	7

*Increase of two Viet Cong based on 3d ITT Prisoner Interrogation Reports as follows:

ITT Report #53-4-66 dtd 6 Apr 66

Name: TRAN HY
Age: 76
Status: VC Old Man's Association member
Capturing Unit: K-3-9 on 041115H Apr 66

ITT Report #64-4-66 dtd 6 Apr 66

Name: NGUYEN DAI
Age: 61
Status: VC Farmer's Association member
Capturing Unit: L-3-9 on 051300H Apr 66

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

QUANTITY	ITEM	INTSUM ENTRY NO
1	Carbine, CHICOM, 7.62mm, MOSSIN-NAGENT, Model 53	090850H
1	Mine, Pressure-type detonator (15 lbs TNT)	090925H

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3. Receipt of enemy contacts and/or instructions: No reports received during this reporting period.

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CO-10	(1)
MAG-11	(1)
VMF-1/9	(2)
VMF-2/9	(2)
VMF-3/9	(2)
VMF-4/9	(2)
VMF-5/9	(2)
VMF-6/12	(2)
VMTB-232	(2)
VMTB-3	(2)
VMTB-4	(2)
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(5) Astronomical Data.

	RISE	SUNRISE	SUNSET	SET	MORNING	EVENING	MOON
10 Nov	1207	0645	1501	1926	0040	1205	1/2

a. At 1215Z, the USAF Liaison Officer assigned to Nha Trang Air Base reported a report from an unidentified agent source that on the preceding day, the Viet Cong were expanding many documents and writings found previously into the possession from an American Army [illegible]. The report stated that the origins of this propaganda was

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to beef up Viet Cong units and to cause political arrest in the pacification area, as well as to conduct attacks on [illegible] positions. The Viet Cong stated that that [illegible] were returning guerrilla units to the area since US troops had been withdrawn and would no longer be a threat to them or their cause. On 7 April, the Viet Cong appeared in the hamlets of [illegible] (1), coordinates (AT 980659); [illegible] (1), coordinates (BT 017 666); [illegible] (1), coordinates (AT 996687); and [illegible] (2), coordinates (BT 002704). The report stated that the Viet Cong are concentrating their forces (battalion in strength up) to the north and south of the pacification area. The report stated that the primary purpose of this buildup was not known but that the Viet Cong are forcing the local populace to perform labor (type not indicated) and were keeping foot traffic to a minimum. The report was rated S-2 by [illegible] District Headquarters. S-2 rates the report F-3.

[illegible]

[illegible] Artillery [illegible] The [illegible] observer reported excellent effect on the [illegible] structures destroyed and a third damaged. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At [illegible], the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the 51st ARVN Regimental Headquarters at [illegible] relayed a report from an unidentified ARVN source of the [illegible] Company, 1st Battalion, 51st ARVN Regiment, that two Viet Cong platoons were presently located in the [illegible] (1) - [illegible] (3) area, coordinates (AT [illegible]). The report did not indicate armament nor did it indicate the possible mission of this unit. The report was rated F-3. S-2 rates the report F-3.

(2) 3dBn, 3dMar.

a. At 101945H, Company L, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 968603), reported receiving fifteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 968598). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost in a cane field. No casualties were reported.

b. At 102013H, a Company I squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 962607), reported observing two Viet Cong moving in thick brush at coordinates (AT [illegible]). The Marines directed two hand grenades at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fled. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong [illegible] to regain contact. The Marines [illegible] a search of the [illegible] negative results. [illegible]

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c. At 102015H, a Company A 1[illegible] foot positioned at coordinates (AP 965663) heard what was described as sounds of movement at coordinates (AP 965667). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the suspected area and observed Viet Cong (number not indicated) fleeing the area. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong but were unable to regain contact. The report stated that the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported.

d. At 102315H, Company I, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AP 969663), reported receiving one hundred fifty small arms rounds, including ten rounds of 60mm rounds, from Viet Cong located in well defended positions, vicinity five to five hundred meters to the north, northeast, and northwest. The Marines returned fire (number and caliber unknown) with small arms, one (1) 81mm mortar, and forty 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy positions. The report continued that four green star clusters were then observed five hundred meters to the south, two green star clusters were observed two hundred meters to the southeast, and two green star clusters were observed two hundred meters to the southwest, all of which appeared to have been of the type fired by a rifle grenade launcher. The report stated that, when the enemy fire continued, artillery and mortar support was requested and twenty two 81mm mortar rounds were directed at coordinates (AP 976600), twenty six 105mm rounds were directed at coordinates (AP 968597), and twenty six 105mm rounds were directed at coordinates (AP 967597), and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong but were unable to regain contact. No USMC casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

(3) Hill 55thMar.

a. At 101230H, a Company I patrol, operating in the vicinity of TAM KHI (2) hamlet, reported the discovery of a cave, described as approximately eight feet in length, at coordinates (BP 077677). The report stated that the cave entrances, two in number, were pointed out by the HOI HAI Village Chief and the cave was destroyed by the Marines.

b. At 101245H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BP 047654) reported receiving thirty small arms rounds, described as carbine fire, from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BP 048655). The Marines directed sixty small arms rounds and two 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the northwest. The report stated that when the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions, they apprehended one Viet Cong Suspect who had apparently recently sustained a wound (not described) in his ankle and whose body evinced several scars which were identified as the products of "fragmentation-type" wounds. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to 1st Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for interrogation. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined, but one Viet Cong suspect was apprehended.

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[illegible] the discovery [illegible] a bunker [illegible] feet by [illegible] feet, at coordinates ([illegible]). The report [illegible] grenade, [illegible] of a gas grenade body [illegible] explosive, was rigged with a trip wire inside the bunker so that a person entering the bunker would activate the explosive. The report stated that when the bunker was destroyed by the Marines utilizing explosives, a secondary explosion was observed, but the report did not desmribe this secondary detonation.

f. At 101545H, a Company M platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 052656) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from [illegible] Cong position [illegible] in the vicinity of coordinates ([illegible]). The Marines directed [illegible] rounds, three 40mm (L-79) rounds [illegible] mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong [illegible] withdrawing to the [illegible]. The Marines [illegible] the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine [illegible] were reported. Enemy [illegible] were not determined.

g. At 101845H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong [illegible] at coordinates ([illegible]). The report stated that the [illegible] described as a male of about twenty five years of age, was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate [illegible]. The report stated that [illegible] will be evacuated to the 3d Marines [illegible] investigation.

[illegible] a Company [illegible] operating in the vicinity of coordinates ([illegible]) reported receiving five small arms rounds from Viet Cong [illegible] at close range. Mortar support was requested and [illegible] were directed at the enemy location. The [illegible] squad dispatched to search the site of the [illegible] with [illegible] in heavy brush. The [illegible] grenades at the [illegible] grenades, three [illegible] rounds, and one [illegible] small arms rounds. The report continued that when the Viet Cong

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broke contact they split into two groups. The Marines continued the pursuit and reported observing one Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire but the enemy succeeded in escaping the pursuing Marines. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one WIA (possible).

i. At 101947H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA HAI Village Chief that two Viet Cong Main Force companies displaced to the vicinity of grid squares (BT 0366), (BT 0368), (BT 0367), (BT 0468), and (BT 0467) on the night of 9 April. The report provided no additional information and was rated D-4. S-2 rates the report D-4.

j. At 102210H, a Company M squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 042652) reported observing twelve to fifteen Viet Cong moving along a trail at close range. The Marines directed one grenade at the enemy, who quickly broke contact, withdrawing from the area. The report stated that Marines searching the area received three small arms rounds from the southwest, but the exact Viet Cong location could not be determined. The Marines quickly directed one hundred fifty small arms rounds at suspected positions, and the enemy fire was not repeated. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

k. At 110200H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 115648) reported receiving three small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinityof coordinates (BT 111651). The report indicated that the exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. The report added that one Marine was WIA when an explosive device was detonated as the Marines moved through what was apparently a booby-trapped gate. The report indicated that the device was a grenade, but provided no additional information.

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g. At 1021[illegible], a Company F platoon located at a platoon base position at coordinates (AT 994616) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 990612). The exact enemy position could not be determined and the enemy fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

h. At 1023[illegible], Company E platoon occupying a platoon position at coordinates (AT 993620) reported receiving what was described as one 60mm mortar round which impacted in close proximity to the Marines' position. The report stated that the point of origin of the mortar round could not be determined other than that it emanated from the south west. The report indicated that a smaller artillery would be employed on 11 April. No casualties were reported. Additional information will be provided when available.

i. At 1101[illegible], a Company G platoon-size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 994617) reported receiving approximately five hundred small arms rounds and what was described as one recoilless rifle round from an estimated twenty five Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 994612). The report stated that the recoilless rifle round struck a Marine vehicle (ONTOS) inflicting moderate damage including the [illegible] of the vehicles' 106mm recoilless rifles. Two Marines were WIA as the result of the recoilless rifle detonation. The Marines dispersed three hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position. When the enemy fire continued, artillery and mortar support was requested and ten 105mm rounds and thirty two 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location, and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the area of the Viet Cong position with negative results. Marine casualties were two WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

j. At 1104[illegible], Headquarters and Services security elements manning perimeter posts on the Battalion Command Post perimeter, coordinates (AT 992[illegible]) reported receiving one grenade from Viet Cong positioned at close range. One Marine WIA was reported. The exact enemy location could not be ascertained and the enemy fire was not returned. Marine casualties were one WIA.

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

D. Viet Cong casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting period	Cumulative Since 12Jul65:
KIA (Confirmed)	1	761
KIA (Possible)	0	991
VC Captured	0	295
VC Captured (WIA)	0	15
VC WIA (Possible)	2	341
VC Suspects Apprehended	3	1688
Returnees (Since 21Jan66)	0	7

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E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

Quantity	Item	INTSUM Entry NO.
1	Grenade, CHICOM	101255H
1	Grenade (described as home made)	101500H

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

Quantity	Item	INTSUM Entry NO.
2	Structures, destroyed	101230H
1	Structure, damaged	-do-
1	Cave, (8' in length)	101250H
1	Bunker, (6'X6'X4')	101255H
1	Bunker, (6'X6'X3') Brick reinforced	101415H
1	Bunker, (4'X4'X3')	101500H
1	Cave (size not indicated)	100610H
1	Tunnel, (3'X3'X15' in length)	101130H
4	Gates	101725H
5	Caves, (size not indicated)	-do-
1	Tunnel, (3'X4'X35' in length)	101750H

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #102, Period ending 121000H April 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

a. General: Fair

b. Temperature: High: 89 Low: 73

c. Average Humidity: 76%

d. Precipitation: None

e. Wind: Southeast at 10 knots

f. Visibility: 7 Miles

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

(3) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
13 Apr	0612	0635	1901	1924	0140	1258	1/2

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) Special Reports.

a. At 111845H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the 51st ARVN Regimental Headquarters at BO NUOC relayed a report from an ARVN source that a Viet Cong force of approximately ninety men displaced to the vicinity of coordinates (BT 066630). The report stated that this force was transporting a weapon described as being of such a size that it required [illegible] to carry. The report was rated C-3. G-2 rates the report F-4.

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b. At 111845H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the 51st ARVN Regimental Headquarters at BO MUNG relayed a report from an ARVN source that a Viet Cong battalion (unidentified) is presently located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 010613). The report added that two Viet Cong companies (designations not provided) are operating in the vicinity of TRA KHE hamlet, coordinates (BT 080680). The report provided no additional information and was rated B-3. S-2 rates the report F-3.

c. At 111845H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the 51st ARVN Regimental Headquarters at BO MUNG relayed a report from an ARVN source that one Viet Cong company, with an estimated strength of one hundred twenty men, and armed with one 81mm mortar, and one caliber .50 machine gun, is located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 902644) to (AT 953649). The report added that this unit may be the Viet Cong 22d Main Force company which had been previously located at LOC THINH village, coordinates (AT 920603). The report was rated C-4. S-2 rates the report F-4.

(2) 3d Bn, 9thMar.

a. At 111315H, a Company I squad-sized patrol reported apprehending five Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (BT 084704). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when they were observed acting suspiciously and when the Marines approached, two of them attempted to run from the patrol and the remaining three walked hurriedly away. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

b. At 111715H, the battalion S-3 reported that Company M, operating in grid squares (BT 0365) and (BT 0465), discovered what were described as thirty five spider holes (size not indicated), twenty three bunkers (size not indicated), thirteen fighting holes (size not indicated) described as having connecting tunnels, four gates, three hundred fifty feet of trenchline, and what was described as sixty feet of tunnel, in the area. The report stated that all of the positions were destroyed by the Marines who utilized two hundred twenty nine pounds of explosives in accomplishing the destruction.

c. At 111730H, the battalion S-2 reported that a Battery D, (artillery) squad-sized patrol discovered an explosive device at coordinates (BT 064675). The report identified the device as a U.S. (M-26) grenade and stated that it was partially buried with the safety pin removed, in such a way as to detonate if disturbed. The report stated the device was destroyed by the Marines.

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d. At 111830H, the battalion S-2 reported that a Battery D (artillery) squad-sized patrol, operating in the vicinity of NGAM CAU hamlet, coordinates (BT 064675) discovered a tunnel (size not indicated). The report stated that when the tunnel was destroyed by the Marines, a deserted buildin located in close proximity suddenly became aflame and shortly thereafter sounds of what were apparently small arms ammunition detonating as the results of the fire were heard. No casualties were reported.

e. At 112320H, Company I reported that Marines manning positions at the company command post perimeter, coordinates (BT 072702) received six small arms rounds and three grenades from Viet Cong positioned at close range, coordinates (BT 072703). The report stated that almost immediately an additional two hundred small arms rounds was received from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 073704). The Marines requested illumination and directed three hundred small arms rounds at the enemy positions and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects. The report stated that the Viet Cong suspects were apprehended because they were in the area from where the enemy fire had emanated. The report stated that the suspects were evacuated to the Battalion S-2 for preliminary interrogation and will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(3) 3d Bn, 3d Mar.

a. Late Report. At 110745H, a Company L patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 955595), resulting in three Marines WIA (one subsequently DOW). The device was identified as a U.S. anti personnel mine (M16A1) /bounding mine/ and the report indicated that it was rigged with a trip wire detonator.

b. At 111100H, a Company I squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 958603) reported receiving fifty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 957602). The report stated that the Marines directed six 106mm recoilless rifle (ONTOS) rounds, and two 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact , withdrawing from position. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was broken in a cane field. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At 111100H, a Company I patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 956605). The device was identified as a CHICOM grenade, and the report indicated that it was positioned on a gate with a trip wire activator in such a way as to detonate when the gate was disturbed. The device was destroyed by the Marines.

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d. At 111100H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 957602), reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of CAM VAM (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 953603). The report stated that the Marines directed eight 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position, destroying a building in the area and observing a secondary explosion occur within the building. The report indicated that the secondary explosion was of the type caused when small arms ammunition is detonated in bulk. The report stated that the Viet Cong broke contact, pursued by the Marines; but the Marines were unable to maintain the contact. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 111200H, Company L, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 967603), reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 960595), and an additional six small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 981601). The Marines directed ten 40mm (M-79) rounds, two hundred small arms rounds, and sixteen 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy positions. An armed helicopter (UH-1E) operating in the area was contacted and directed rockets and machine gun fire at the target area with excellent effect. The report stated that a search of the area revealed pools of blood and other evidence which indicated that one Viet Cong was possibly KIA and one Viet Cong WIA. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one Viet Cong KIA (possible) and one WIA (possible).

f. At 111200H, a Company L patrol reported discovering one hundred punji stakes, positioned along the sides of a trail in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 968605). The report stated that the stakes were destroyed by the Marines.

g. At 111200H, a Company L patrol reported discovering what was described as a "Malayan whip" device at coordinates (AT 966604). The report stated that the device was rigged so as to strike an unwary intruder at about chest high, inflicting serious injury. The device was destroyed by the Marines.

h. At 111300H, a Company K squad-sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong suspect at coordinates (AT 952647). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended by the Marines after he and a companion had attempted to flee upon sighting the approach of the Marine patrol. The report stated that the Marines pursued the two men and succeeded in apprehending one man. A search of this man revealed that he had in his possession a U.S. (M-26) grenade and various documents. The report added that an (unidentified) Vietnamese boy in the area told the Marines that the two men were both Viet Cong, and that the one man who had escaped had been carrying a weapon. The boy also stated that several Viet Cong had been in PHU SON (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 949643), on the morning of 11 April. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division.

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Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. (S-2 comment: Although it is evident that the captive is a Viet Cong, he will be shown in paragraph D of this INTSUM as a Viet Cong Suspect until his status is confirmed by 3d ITT).

i. At 111600H, Company L reported detonating an explosive at coordinates (AT 957598), resulting in two Marines KIA. The device was described as a U.S. anti-personnel mine (M-16A1) /bounding mine/ and indicated that it was rigged with a trip wire activator.

j. At 111750H, a Company M platoon, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 958652), reported observing one armed Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 955649). The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds at the Viet Cong who quickly fled the area. The report stated that the Marines pursued the fleeing man until contact was lost in a tree line. No casualties were reported.

k. At 111930H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 984620) reported observing what was described as a Viet Cong force of approximately fifteen men, who were apparently armed, moving along the railroad embankment in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 994 623). The report indicated that the patrol was not in a position to engage the enemy force nor to maintain the contact, and artillery support was requested. However, before the fires were initiated, the Viet Cong had disappeared from sight and a suitable target was lacking.

l. At 111930H, a Company M squad-sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 979653). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he was observed running into a tree line in what was apparently an attempt to warn persons in that area of the Marines approach. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

m. At 111945H, a Company M platoon, reported receiving fifty small arms automatic weapons fire in the platoon's positions, coordinates (AT 960649), from an estimated three Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 966648), and (AT 960649). The report stated that the Marines directed fifteen 60mm mortar rounds, five 40mm (M-79) rounds, and fifteen small arms rounds into the target area with excellent effect. A search of the area however, produced negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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n. At 120730H, a Company I patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 955596) resulting in three Marines WIA, (one of whom later died of wounds). The report described the device as an U.S. anti-personnel mine (M-16A1) /bounding mine/ and stated it was rigged with a trip wire activator. The report stated that an additional explosive device, described as an 81mm mortar shell, and rigged with a trip wire activator, was also found in the same locale and destroyed by the Marines. No additional information was provided.

o. At 120745H, the battalion S-3 reported that an USMC engineer element detonated an explosive device at coordinates (AT 954664), resulting in one Marine WIA. The report described the device as either a 105mm or 155 mm artillery shell and stated it was rigged with a pressure-release type detonator. Additional details will be provided when available.

(4) 28th Day:

a. Late Report. At 110955H, a Headquarters and Service Company patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 999684) reported the discovery of a cave (size not indicated) at coordinates (AT 999673). The report stated that the cave was destroyed by the Marines.

b. At 111110H, a Company E patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (ZT 013617) reported receiving four small arms rounds from Viet Cong believed to be positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (ZT 014620). The exact enemy location could not be determined and the enemy fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

c. At 111502H, Marines manning security posts, Company E perimeter, coordinates (ZT 012610) reported receiving approximately twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (ZT 008617). The Marines directed ten small arms rounds and six 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position. When the enemy fire continued, the Marines requested mortar support and twenty-one 81mm Kilbar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the enemy fire ceased. The Marines secured the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported finding one Viet Cong KIA(body count) and apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects who were in the area. The report stated that the two suspects were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. No weapons nor equipment were found on or near the body of the dead Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one KIA(body count) and two Viet Cong Suspects apprehended.

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d. At 111503H, a USMC helicopter operating in the regimental TACA reported receiving a heavy volume of small arms fire from the direction of coordinates (BT 012623). Artillery support was requested and twenty three 105mm rounds were directed at the suspected enemy location. A Company K patrol was dispatched to search the area but reported negative results. No Marine casualties nor damage to the aircraft were reported.

e. At 112044H, the Battalion S-3 reported that Marines manning security posts, Company E perimeter, coordinates (BT 012610) observed what was described as one green star cluster, one red star cluster, one red parachute-type flare, and one white parachute-type flare at coordinates (BT 012607). The Marines requested mortar support and twelve 81mm mortar rounds were directed into the suspected enemy positions. The Marines conducted a search of the area with negative results.

C. Reports of information of Viet Cong received directly from civilians: See 111500K entry, this INTSUM.

D. Viet Cong casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting period	Cumulative Since 10Jul65:
KIA (Confirmed)	1	762
KIA (Possible)	1	992
VC Captured	0	253
VC Captured (WIA)	0	13
VC WIA (Possible)	1	342
VC Suspects Apprehended	11	1699
Returnees (Since 21Jan66)	0	7

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material.

Quantity	Item	INTSUM ENTRY NO.
4	Gates	111715K
1	Grenade, U.S. (M-26) booby trapped	111730H
1	Grenade, CHICOM	111100H
1	Device, Malayan whip	111200H
1	Grenade, U.S. (M-26)	111500H
UNK	Documents (unevaluated)	-do-
1	Shell, 81mm mortar booby trapped	120730H
100	Punji, stakes	111200H

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F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

Quantity	Item	INTSUM ENTRY NO.
35	Holes, spider	111715H
23	Bunkers (size not indicated)	-do-
13	Holes, fighting	-do-
1	Trenchline (300 ft)	-do-
1	Tunnel (60 ft in length)	-do-
1	Tunnel (size not indicated)	111830H
1	Cave (size not indicated)	110955H

C. WARD
By direction

DISTRIBUTION:

III MAF	(1)
III MAF POLAD	(1)
G-2	(7)
3dMar	(1)
3d Engr	(1)
GOD	(1)
MAG 11	(1)
1/9	(2)
2/9	(2)
3/9	(2)
3/3	(2)
2/12	(2)
FSCC	(1)
S-2	(1)
S-3	(1)
1stAmTrac	(1)
3d Tnk	(1)
3d AT	(1)
B Co Tnk	(1)
C Co AT	(1)
CO	(1)

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #103, Period ending 131000H, April 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

a. General: Fair

b. Temperature: HIGH: 90 LOW: 74

c. Average Humidity: 78%

d. Precipitation: None

e. Wind: SE 8 knots

f. Visibility: 7 miles

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

(3) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EMCT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
14 Apr	0611	0634	1901	1924	0226	1351	1/2

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) Special Reports.

a. Late Report. At 120930H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TACH reported observing an assemblage of approximately two hundred people northwest of DIEN BAN District Headquarters at coordinates (BT 067507). The report indicated that the gathering was of local buddhists conducting a protest demonstration. No additional information was provided.

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b. At 121350H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TACR reported observing what was described as a long trench system (size not indicated) containing automatic weapons positions (not occupied) at coordinates (AT 951591). The report added that what was described as six new fighting holes were also observed at coordinates (AT 951590). The report stated that a Marine patrol from the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines was operating in the area and was directed to investigate. No additional information was provided.

c. At 121940H, G-2 relayed a report from the HIEU DUC District Chief that one Viet Cong company with a strength of one hundred men, armed with one 60mm mortar, one caliber .30 machine gun, four BAR's, two 40mm (M-79), and individual weapons were deployed in approximately thirty-man groups at coordinates (AT 945605), (AT 952628), and (AT 956678), with the company command group positioned at coordinates (AT 953601). The report stated that this Viet Cong company was mobilizing the local populace to prepare emplacements (trenches) at coordinates (AT 946674) and added that the mission of this Viet Cong company is to attack the bridge located between coordinates (AT 940673) and (AT 940662). The report was rated B-2 by HIEU DUC. S-2 rates the report F-3.

(2) 3d Bn 3d Mar

a. Late Report. At 120730H, a Company L squad-sized patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 948594). The report identified the device as an 81mm mortar shell and stated that it was rigged with a pressure-type activator. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

b. At 121050H, a Company L squad-sized patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 959597). The report identified the device as an 60mm mortar shell and stated that it was rigged with a trip-wire activator. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

c. At 121410H, Company I reported that a squad-sized element conducting a road sweep in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 962624) reported the discovery of an explosive device. The report identified the device as an 105mm artillery shell (UXO) and stated that it was rigged with a trip-wire activator. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

d. At 121525H, a Company M platoon-sized patrol reported the discovery of seven tunnels, described as being three feet by three feet by fifteen feet in length, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 966648). The report stated that the tunnels were destroyed by the Marines.

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a. At 122022H, Company L, coordinates (AT 967588), reported receiving one hundred small arms rounds and what was described as twelve 60mm mortar rounds from Viet Cong positioned to the east, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 973588). The Marines directed four hundred small arms rounds, twelve 40mm (M-79) rounds, and four LAAW (M-72) rounds at the enemy position. When the enemy fire continued, artillery and mortar support was requested and seventy six 105mm rounds, forty seven 60mm mortar rounds, and two 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location with reported excellent effect on target. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. Marine casualties were reported as three WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined. The report added that the Viet Cong employed a green star cluster pyrotechnic as a signal device during the incident.

(3) 2dBn 9thMar

a. At 121050H, a Company F patrol reported apprehending one suspicious person at coordinates (BT 043632). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the local District Headquarters for investigation.

b. At 121400H, Company E reported apprehending three suspicious persons at coordinates (BT 043632). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when they were observed attempting to hide from the Marines. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the local District Headquarters for investigation.

c. At 122020H, Company H reported that Marines providing security for the bridge at coordinates (AT 999699) received eight to ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed one 40mm (M-79) round at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 122220H, Company E reported that Marines manning positions on the Company Command Post perimeter, coordinates (AT 999615), received ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 999617). Artillery and mortar support was requested and twenty four 105mm rounds and sixteen 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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c. At 13051CH, a Company F platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 026621) reported receiving small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 029616). Mortar support was requested and eleven 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(4) 3dBn 9thMar

a. At 12115CH, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 064626) reported observing three Viet Cong, reportedly wearing black pajama-type clothing and cartridge belts, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 064625). The Marines directed two small arms rounds at the enemy and the Viet Cong fled to the west. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong with negative results. No casualties were reported.

b. At 12135H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 065623) reported observing one Viet Cong (basis for identification was not indicated) at coordinates (BT 066624). The Marines directed seventeen small arms rounds and one 40mm (M-79) round at the enemy who fled to the east. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong with negative results. No casualties were reported.

c. At 12151CH, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 095628) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from one or two Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 096627). The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact withdrawing to the south. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong and reported detonating an explosive device at coordinates (BT 096626), resulting in one Marine WIA. The device was identified as a U. S. (M-26) grenade, rigged with a trip-wire activator. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 12151CH, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 082626) reported observing two Viet Cong (basis for identification was not indicated) in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 084633). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the enemy who withdrew to the northwest. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong with negative results. No casualties were reported.

e. At 12161CH, a Company M platoon occupying positions at coordinates (BT 082626) reported receiving one grenade from Viet Cong who were in hiding in a tunnel located within the platoon's positions. The report stated that the grenade fortuitously struck a bush and rebounded into the tunnel entrance. Two Marines were wounded however, but when the tunnel was searched one wounded Viet Cong was discovered, along with one dead Viet Cong; both casualties evidently the result of the grenade detonation. One CHICOM carbine, 7.62mm, MOSSIN-NAGENT, Model 53, one CHICOM grenade, and a cartridge belt were recovered from the Viet Cong. The report indicated that

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the wounded man (whose wounds were moderate) would be retained at the Battalion Command Post for interrogation and ultimately evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. Marine casualties were two WIA. Enemy casualties were one KIA(body count) and one Viet Cong Captured WIA.

f. At 121615H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 061630) to (BT 066621) reported the discovery of a cache containing one U. S. (M-26) grenade, an (unidentified) uniform shirt, two ammunition magazines (U.S. sub-machinegun THOMPSON), and a quantity of medical supplies. (The exact location of the cache was not indicated). The report stated that the material was recovered and would be evacuated for examination.

g. At 121615H, Company L reported that Marines manning an outpost position at coordinates (BT 094655) received fifteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 093657). The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds and two 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report stated that a tank/infantry element was dispatched to search the area, but reported negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

h. At 121900H, a Company M squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 085618) reported receiving six small arms rounds from three Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 085617). The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds and four 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact withdrawing to the south. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

i. At 130130H, a Headquarters and Service Company squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 076658) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed forty small arms rounds and reported hearing sounds described as "sesame" and "moans". Two men were then observed running from a building in that area, and the Marines pursued the Viet Cong by fire. The Viet Cong succeeded in eluding the Marines. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one Viet Cong WIA(possible).

j. At 130600H, a Company L patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 089629) resulting in one Marine WIA (subsequently DOW), and stated that it was rigged with a pressure-type detonating mechanism. The report added that almost immediately after the explosion, the Marines received ten to fifteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 10762?). The Marines returned two hundred small arms rounds at the Viet Cong positions and the enemy fire ceased. When the Marines searched the enemy positions they discovered one battery (BA-279), but the report did not indicate the condition of the battery or conjecture whether the item had been recently utilized by the Viet Cong. Marine casualties were one KIA(DOW). Enemy casualties were not determined.

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k. At 130820H, a Company M patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 078633). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when it was observed that he had evidently recently sustained a gun shot wound in his left wrist and was unable to explain the circumstances of his injury. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

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

D. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA (Confirmed)	1	763
KIA (Possible)	0	992
VC Captured	0	253
VC Captured (WIA)	1	14
VC WIA (Possible)	1	343
VC Suspects Apprehended	1	1700
Returnees (Since 21Jan66)	0	7

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material.

QUANTITY	ITEM	INTSUM ENTRY NO.
1	Shell, 60mm mortar w/trip-wire activator	121050H
1	Shell, 81mm mortar w/pressure-type activator	120730H
1	Shell, artillery, 105mm (DUD) trip-wire	121410H
1	Carbine, CHICOM, 7.62mm MOSSIN-NAGENT mod 53	121610H
1	Grenade, CHICOM	-do-
1	Belt, cartridge	-do-
1	Grenade, U. S. (M-26)	121615H
2	Magazines, U. S. (Sub-machinegun THOMPSON)	-do-
UNK	Medical supplies	-do-
1	Shirt, uniform (unidentified)	-do-
1	Battery (BA-279)	130600H

D. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

7	Tunnels (3x3x15 ft in length)	121523H

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III MAF	(1)
III MAF POLAD	(1)
G-2	(7)
3dMar	(1)
3dEngr	(1)
EOD	(1)
MAG-11	(1)
1/9	(2)
2/9	(2)
3/9	(2)
3/3	(2)
2/12	(2)
FSCC	(1)
S-2	(6)
S-3	(2)
1stAntiTnk	(1)
3dTankBn	(1)
3dAABn	(1)
B Co Tanks	(1)
C Co AT	(1)
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)

Subj: Intelligence Summary #104, Period ending 141000H, April 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

a. General: Fair

b. Temperature: High: 90 Low: 74

c. Average Humidity: 78%

d. Precipitation: None

e. Wind: SW 6 knots

f. Visibility: 7 miles

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

(3) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
14Apr	0613	0633	1901	1924	0309	1441	1/2

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) Special Reports.

a. At 131640H, G-2 relayed a report from an (unidentified) USMC helicopter pilot operating in the TAOR that an undetermined number of Viet Cong were observed positioned in trenchlines and ditches in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 990597). No additional information was provided.

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b. At 131840H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to HUNG NAM Special Sector at HOI AN relayed a report from HIEU DUC District Headquarters that one Viet Cong company, with an estimated strength of one hundred men and equipped with one 60mm mortar, one caliber .30 machine gun, and four automatic rifles (BAR), has displaced from the vicinity of coordinates (AT 935605) and is now located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 952628). The report indicated that this Viet Cong unit may be the Q-16B company, previously reported as operating in this area. The report was rated C-2. S-2 rates the report C-3.

c. At 131935H, the Regimental FSCC relayed a report from Marines manning an observation post at coordinates (BT 076710) (Marble Mountain Observation Post), that a large group of fishing craft, estimated to consist of from one hundred to two hundred boats, were observed apparently at anchor in the vicinity of grid square (BT 1166). No additional details were provided, and surveillance was maintained with no unusual or suspicious activity observed.

d. At 140905H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the 51st ARVN Regimental Headquarters at BO HUNG reported that elements of the 51st ARVN regiment operating in the vicinity of CAM NE (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 962685), made contact with an undetermined number of Viet Cong, killing two of them and recovering one U.S. (M-14) rifle. The report provided no additional details.

(2) 2dBn, 9thMar.

a. At 132215H, a Company G platoon positioned at coordinates (AT 995631) reported hearing what was described as four mortar explosions which appeared to have emanated in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 005622). Mortar support was requested and seventeen 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the suspected enemy location and the explosions were not repeated. The Marines searched the suspected site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. The report noted that the suspected site of the explosives had been until recently occupied by the Company G platoon and the detonations may have been as the result of an enemy attack of the area predicated on the belief that the position was still occupied by the Marines.

(3) 3dBn 3dMar

a. Late Report. At 130715H, a Company M squad-size patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (AT 978643). The report indicated that the two suspects were discovered in a building in that area. A "returnee" now living in AN TRACH hamlet, grid square (AT 9665), stated that he recognized the two men as Viet Cong. The report stated that during the initial interrogation, the two captives admitted being Viet Cong. The two suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine

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Collection Point. (S-2 comments. Although it appears that the two captives are Viet Cong captured, they will be reported in paragraph D of this INTSUM as Viet Cong Suspects, until their status can be confirmed by 3d IPW).

b. At 131453H, a Company I platoon size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 979606) reported receiving forty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 981608). The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds and ten 40mm (M-79) rounds at the Viet Cong and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost in a cane field. No casualties were reported.

c. At 131706H, Company I, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 977600), reported receiving sixty small arms rounds from an estimated five Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 980599). The Marines directed five hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position. When the Viet Cong fire continued, thirty six 105mm (artillery) rounds and eight 81mm mortar rounds were delivered into the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost in a cane field. One USMC KIA, and one USMC WIA were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 131852H, a Company I squad-size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 973607), reported observing two Viet Cong (one of whom was armed) crossing the SONG AI NGHIA river, at coordinates (AT 967 606). The Marines directed twenty five small arms rounds at the two men and reported killing one Viet Cong (body count). No weapon or equipment was recovered, however.

e. At 131856H, Company I reported that an explosive device was detonated in the Company Command Post position, coordinates (AT 979601), resulting in one Marine KIA, eleven WIA (required evacuation) and two WIA (non-evac). The report identified the device as a U.S. Anti-personnel mine (M-16A1) /bounding mine/ but provided no information regarding positioning of the device or manner of detonation. The report stated that the Marines that were located within the bursting radius of the mine had been assembled for a quick briefing prior to their departure on a night patrol (ambush). The report indicated that while the unit leaders, (platoon commander, platoon guide, squad leader, fire team leaders) were huddled in a slight depression discussing the impending patrol, another member of the unit (not identified) reported finding a punji trap in the area, and several members of the unit evidently moved about searching for additional punji trap positions. Although conclusive evidence is lacking, the device was evidently disturbed and set off by one of the search party. Identification of the device as a U.S. anti-personnel mine (M-16A1) /bounding mine/, is predicated primarily upon X-Ray examination of the fragments lodged

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within the bodies of the wounded, as well as investigation of the wound channels and locations. Many of the casualties sustained facial wounds and extensive wounds of the upper torso, which would indicated that the device detonated above ground level. (S-2 comment: This is the third such detonation reported in the last three days in this area. Total casualties that must be attributed to these "bounding mine" detonations include three KIA and eighteen WIA. The recent introduction of these devices in this area by the Viet Cong should not come as a surprise when it is remembered that among the ordnance material abandoned by ARVN forces when the PHOUNG TU outpost, coordinates (AT 983583), was deserted was more than seven hundred mines of this and other types and some thirteen tons of ammunition (these figures were provided by ARVN sources). In this respect, a Company L contact at 122022H in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 975588), in which the Marines received twelve 60mm mortar rounds in position, resulted in the Marines recovering twenty two 60mm mortar rounds (still in their containers) and a quantity of small arms ammunition. Although the matter is still being investigated, it appears that this ammunition also originated from the stocks abandoned at the PHOUNG TU outpost.

f. At 140305H, Company I reported that twenty five small arms rounds were received in the Company Command Post perimeter, coordinates (AT 987599), from five Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 982597). The Marines directed one hundred fifty small arms rounds and fourteen 105mm (artillery) rounds at the enemy position with reported excellent effect on target, and the Viet Cong fire ceased. When the Marines searched the vacated positions, they discovered blood spots and drag marks which indicated that at least two Viet Cong had been wounded. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were two Viet Cong WIA (possible).

g. At 140630H, a Company K squad-size patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 963664). The report identified the device as a U.S. (M-26) grenade and stated that is was rigged with a trip wire activator. The report stated that the Marines did not immediately destroy the device but set up an ambush in the area. At 0645H, one Viet Cong entered the area and the Marines directed two 40mm (M-79) rounds at him, killing him. Two U.S. (M-26) grenades, one CHICOM grenade, and one identification card, were recovered from the body of the dead Viet Cong. Examination of the identification document revealed that the Viet Cong was twenty six years of age and that he was a resident of LA CHAU area, grid square (AT 9567). The explosive device was ultimately destroyed by the Marines. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count).

h. At 140830H, a Company I element conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 977596) reported that the rear guard element received two small arms rounds from one Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds, three 40mm (M-79) rounds, and one LAAW (M-72) round at the enemy, and reported killing him. A search of the body and surrounding area however, failed to produce the Viet Cong's weapon or any equipment. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one KIA (body count).

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d. At [illegible], Company I conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 980610), reported observing one armed Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 981610). The Marines directed small arms fire at the enemy and reported killing him. The report stated that one rifle (complete identification not provided), two CHICOM grenades, four rifle grenades, one rifle grenade launcher, several crimped cartridges, and miscellaneous documents (Unevaluated) were recovered from the body of the dead Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA(body count). Additional information will be provided when available.

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(4) 3dBn. 9thMar.

a. At 131134H, the Battalion S-2 reported that an Aerial Observer operating in the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines zone of action reported observing one Viet Cong squad moving into a tree line, in advance of a Company L patrol, at coordinates (BT 093635). The report stated one platoon from Company L was dispatched to make contact with the Viet Cong and the remaining elements of Company L and Company M were directed to move in and establish blocking positions at coordinates (BT 093648) and (BT 098644). The report continued that a Sparrow Hawk element was also dispatched to establish blocking positions to prevent the Viet Cong from moving into the area of the "HORSESHOE". The report stated that the Company L patrol moving north in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 093642) made contact the Viet Cong who were positioned at coordinates (BT 093643) and what was described as a heavy volume of small arms fire was exchanged. The report stated that when the Viet Cong fire ceased, the Marines moved into the enemy positions and reported finding two Viet Cong KIA and indications that at least one other Viet Cong had been wounded. The report added that one Viet Cong Suspect was apprehended when discovered in close proximately to the dead and an additional Viet Cong Suspect was apprehended in the area. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. No weapons nor equipment was found on the persons of the Viet Cong nor in the vicinity of the Viet Cong positions. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were two Viet Cong KIA (body count), one Viet Cong WIA (possible) two Viet Cong Suspects apprehended.

b. At 131340H, a Company L platoon-sized element conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of CAM SA (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 098644) reported the discovery of what was described as a tunnel opening. The report stated that when the Marines directed one grenade into the tunnel aperature three Viet Cong emerged and attempted to escape from the Marines. The Marines directed small arms fire at the fleeing enemy and reported killing two and wounding the third man. The report stated that the wounded Viet Cong was evacuated to a medical facility for treatment and interrogation. The report continued that twenty four Viet Cong Suspects were apprehended in the same locale (basis for apprehension not indicated). The report added that two carbines, U.S. caliber .30 (M-1), four grenades, CHICOM, two web cartridge belts, ten carbine magazines, ammunition, caliber .30 (M-1), four grenades U.S. (M-26), two jungle hammocks, and miscellaneous documents (unevaluated) were recovered from the Viet Cong and would be evacuated to the 3d ITT with the captives. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were two Viet Cong KIA (body count), one Viet Cong captured (WIA), and twenty four Viet Cong Suspects apprehended.

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c. At 131415H, a Company K platoon-sized patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (BT 044748). The report identified the device as a home made mine fashioned out of a ration can filled with a small amount of explosives (TNT). The report stated that the mine rigged with a trip-wire activator. The device was destroyed by the Marines.

d. At 131452H, a Company K platoon-sized patrol reported the discovery of three punji traps, described as being approximately three feet in depth with stakes two and one half feet in length, at coordinates (BT 043702). The report stated that the three punji traps were destroyed by the Marines.

e. At 131500H, a Company M platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 047656) reported receiving forty to fifty small arms rounds from three Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 046 654) and (BT 047656). The Marines directed two hundred thirty five small arms rounds and four 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy locations and deployed a fire team to engage each of the Viet Cong positions. The Viet Cong broke contact however, withdrawing to the southwest. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong by fire then searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

f. At 131600H a Company M platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 045658) reported receiving twelve small arms rounds from two Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position. When the enemy fire continued mortar support was requested and twelve 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the southwest. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

g. At 131730H, a Company K platoon-sized patrol reported the discovery of three man traps, described as being two feet by two feet by four feet and containing ten punji stakes each, at coordinates (BT 052712). The report stated that the traps were destroyed by the Marines.

h. At 131745H, the Battalion S-3 reported that Headquarters and Service Company elements manning security positions in the Battalion Command Post perimeter coordinates (BT 076657) reported receiving twenty to thirty small arms rounds from four to six Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 077662). The report stated an Headquarters and Service Company patrol operating in the area reported observing the Viet Cong take cover in a building at coordinates (BT 075653). The patrol directed small arms fire at the Viet Cong and reported killing one. The second Viet Cong succeeded in eluding the Marines. No Marine casualties were reported.

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Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count). No weapons or equipment were recovered from the dead Viet Cong. The report added that, apparently as the result of this action, two hundred to three hundred villagers left their village of CAU KAY, coordinates (BT 074654) and congregated at the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines Command Post. Upon questioning by the Civil Affairs Officer, the villagers stated that they desired protection. A subsequent report indicated that the villagers decided to return to their homes at 151500H. Additional information will be provided when available.

i. At 132250H, a Company M platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 053640) reported receiving one grenade from Viet Cong positioned at close range, resulting in one Marine WIA. The report stated that although the Marines searched the area, the exact enemy location could not be determined and the Viet Cong was not engaged.

j. At 132255H, a Company M platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 053640) reported observing two Viet Cong moving east to west, approximately eighty meters south of the Marines positions. The report stated that when the Viet Cong ignored the Marines challenges to halt, eighty small arms rounds were directed at the two men. The report stated that the Viet Cong fired ten small arms rounds in return and then fled the area. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong and searched the area with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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

D. Viet Cong casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting period	Cumulative Since 10Jul65
KIA (Confirmed)	9	772
KIA (Possible)	0	992
VC Captured	0	253
VC Captured (WIA)	1	13
VC WIA (Possible)	5	348
VC Suspects Apprehended	27	1727
Returnees (Since 21Jan66)	0	7

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E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

Quantity	Item	ITISUM Entry No.
1	Grenade U.S. (M-26)	140630H
1	Grenade, CHICOM	-do-
1	Card, identification	-do-
1	Rifle (not identified)	140914H
2	Grenades, CHICOM	-do-
4	Grenades, rifle	-do-
1	Launcher, rifle grenade	-do-
UNK	Cartridges, crimpted	-do-
UNK	Documents, unevaluated	-do-
2	Carbines, U.S. caliber .30 (M-1)	131340H
4	Grenades, CHICOM	-do-
2	Belts, cartridge	-do-
UNK	Ammunition, caliber .30 (M-1)	-do-
4	Grenades, U.S. (M-26)	-do-
2	Hammocks, jungle	-do-
UNK	Documents, unevaluated	-do-
1	Device, explosive	131415H
3	Traps, punji	131450H
3	Traps, Man	131730H

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

DISTRIBUTION:

III MAF	(1)
III MAF POLAD	(1)
G-2	(7)
3dMar	(1)
3dEngr	(1)
EOD	(1)
MAG 11	(1)
1/9	(2)
2/9	(2)
3/9	(2)
3/3	(2)
2/12	(2)
FSCC	(1)
S-2	(6)
S-3	(2)
1stAmTrac	(1)
3dTnk	(1)
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)

Subj: Intelligence Summary (10), period ending 151000H, April 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characterization of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

a. General: Fair

b. Temperature: High: 90 Low: 65

c. Average Humidity: 90%

d. Precipitation: NONE

e. Wind: 4 @ 10 knots

f. Visibility: 7 Miles

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

(3) Astronomical Data.

	EENT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	BMCT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
16 Apr	0610	0652	1901	1924	0547	1530	1/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) Special Reports.

a. At 141600H, the S-2 of the 9th Motor Transport Battalion reported that Marines of that organization, questioning villagers of PHONG LE (2) hamlet, coordinates (BF 005702), regarding the theft of two ammunition magazines from a USMC vehicle parked in the area, were informed by the villagers that approximately twelve Viet Cong had been in the hamlet and had departed the hamlet just a short time prior to the arrival of the Marines. No additional information was provided and the report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-3.

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b. At 141725H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to QUANG NAM Special Sector at HOI AN relayed a report from an ARVN source that the Viet Cong are assembling approximately one hundred fifty persons (unidentified) at coordinates (BT 053628) for a meeting which is to take place at 141700H. The report did not indicate the purpose of the assemblage nor provided additional details. The report was rated B-2. S-2 rates the report F-6.

c. At 141910H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to HOA VANG District Headquarters relayed a report from an unidentified GVN source that one Viet Cong company (designation not provided) is deployed in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 033669), (BT 038673), and (BT 034661). The report provided no additional details and was rated C-3. S-2 rates the report C-4.

(2) 26th Marines

a. At 141110H, Company E, positioned at coordinates (BT 013638) reported hearing sounds similar to that of the detonation of mortar rounds which appeared to be originating from the vicinity of coordinates (BT 013630). The report stated that EOD personnel dispatched to the site to investigate found craters which, when analyzed, indicated that from five to seven 60mm mortar rounds had impacted at this location. The crater analysis indicated that the mortar itself was located on an azimuth of 280° to 285° from the impact site which would place the tubes in the vicinity of BICH NAM (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 990635). Additional information will be provided when available.

b. At 141230H, a Company F patrol operating along the northern bank of the SONG LA VINH, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 012612), reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned to the south of the river in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 010605). Mortar support was requested and twenty 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location, and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report stated that the Marines did not search the area because of the intervening body of water. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At 141236H, a Company F patrol reported apprehending four Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 036622). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when they were observed attempting to elude the Marines and they could not adequately explain their presence in the area. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point. The report added that one of the suspects was listed on the local Black List as a Viet Cong.

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d. At 141845H, a Company F platoon size patrol operating along the western banks of the SONG VIEM DIEN in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 048631) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned to the east of the river in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 057 635). Artillery support was requested and sixteen 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location, and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report stated that the Marines could not pursue the withdrawing Viet Cong because of the intervening body of water. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 142015H, a Company F patrol operating in the vicinity of DONG TIEN (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 016616) reported that several local villagers informed the Marines that, at 140140H, approximately eighty Viet Cong moved into DONG TIEN (2) hamlet, and remained in this area until 140630H, when they departed in the direction of the foot bridge located at coordinates (BT 007608). The report stated that four or five of the Viet Cong carried carbines, and the others each carried four hand grenades. The report added that the Viet Cong shouted and made other loud noises and assembled the villagers for a propaganda session. The report provided no additional details and was rated F-2. S-2 rates the report F-2.

(3) 3dBn, 9thMar.

a. At 141400H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 044656) reported receiving twenty five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 045658). The Marines directed one hundred fifty small arms rounds and twenty 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. At 141615H, Company L positioned at coordinates (BT 133630) reported observing eight Viet Cong putting out to sea in two boats in the vicinity of grid square (BT 1363). The report indicated that a patrol, dispatched to make contact with the Viet Cong, received thirty to forty small arms rounds from the boat occupants, but the ocean swells and surf rendered the enemy fire inaccurate and ineffective. The Marines directed four 90mm (TANK) rounds and what was described as a heavy volume of caliber .50 machine gun rounds at the craft, and reported sinking both boats. An armed helicopter (UH-1E) operating in the area also delivered aerial rockets and machine gun fire at the boats and occupants. The report stated that surveillance was maintained of the area, but no survivors were sighted. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as eight KIA (possible).

c. At 141800H, Company L, conducting a search operation in the vicinity of HA QUANG (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 135625) reported apprehending twenty eight Viet Cong Suspects in the area. The report did not indicate the basis for apprehension, but stated that eight of the suspects were identified as Viet Cong by a CVN official accompanying the Marines. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

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d. At 141010H, the Battalion S-3 provided information regarding a Company M platoon operation in the area, vicinity coordinates (BT 060631) to (BT 060620). The report stated that the Marines discovered and destroyed a total of thirty four covered fighting holes, twelve bunkers (dimensions not indicated), and fifty feet of tunnels. The report also stated that one CHICOM grenade, and two 60mm mortar rounds (DUD), were discovered in the area by the Marines. The report did not indicate whether the explosive devices were positioned or rigged for detonation but stated that they were destroyed by the Marines.

e. At 141830H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 082624) reported observing three or four Viet Cong, one of whom was armed, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 082618). The Marines directed one 90mm (TANK) round at the enemy location and the Viet Cong quickly withdrew from the area. The Marines searched the area with negative results. No casualties were reported.

f. At 141945H, a Company M listening post position at coordinates (BT 063645) reported receiving one grenade in position, from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed ten small arms rounds at the suspected enemy location and the grenading was not repeated. The Marines searched the area with negative results, and displaced to an alternate position. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

g. At 150140H, a Company M listening post positioned at coordinates (BT 063645) reported observing one Viet Cong at close range. The Marines threw one grenade at the intruder, who quickly fled the area. The report stated that the Marines would search the area at daylight, but no subsequent reports were received. Enemy casualties were no determined.

h. At 150830H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA HAI Village Chief that a Viet Cong Battalion, designated the K-41 Battalion, is deployed with one company in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 058705) to (BT 041690), to (BT 047676); one platoon is at (BT 089682), one platoon is at (BT 093658); one platoon is at (BT 092689); two companies equipped with two 60mm mortars and four caliber .30 machine guns, are located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 093659), to (BT 092643), to (BT 116633). The report stated that the battalion has a strength of three hundred twenty men and is commanded by one HUYNH DUC THAI. The report was rated D-3. (S-2 comment: HUYNH DUC (THAI) has been previously reported as a commpany commander in this area and the designation K-41 appears on the COB on a company-size unit. S-2 rates the report D-4).

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(A) 7th Mar

a. At 142330H, Company I, located at coordinates (AT 901618), reported receiving eight mm 11mm rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 902615). The report stated that the fire was ineffective and appeared to be an enemy attempt to force the Marines to disclose their deployment and positions, and the Marines did not return the Viet Cong fire. No Marine casualties were reported.

b. At 150130H, a Company I listening post positioned at coordinates (AT 902620) reported observing six persons moving along the river bank approximately twenty five meters to the east of the Marines' position. The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds and one grenade at the intruders, who quickly fled the area. The Marines searched the area at daylight, with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At 150820H, a Company I patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 900625), resulting in one Marine KIA. The report described the device as an 155mm artillery shell, positioned to function as a mine, and stated it was rigged with a pressure-type detonator.

d. Additional Information. At 150350H, the Battalion S-2 provided additional information regarding a Company L action which occurred on 12 April in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 975588) (see 122020H entry, INTSUM 7-103). This later report stated that a search of the Viet Cong positions on 13 April revealed two 60mm mortar sites, containing a total of twenty two 60mm mortar rounds (some still within their cardboard containers). The report continued that approximately two hundred caliber .45 cartridges, over four hundred caliber .30 cartridges, clothing, two bamboo signalling devices (drums), and documents were also found in the area. The report added that blood pools, drag marks and other evidence indicated that fifteen or more Viet Cong may have been killed by the Marines' fire during this encounter, and their bodies were evidently evacuated by Viet Cong prior to the arrival of the pursuing Marines. (S-2 comment: The abandonment of the ammunition stocks, especially the mortar rounds, may be indicative of a relatively high percentage of Viet Cong casualties requiring evacuation. As the result of this report, paragraph D of this INTSUM will be adjusted to reflect fifteen additional Viet Cong KIA (possible).

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

See 141600H entry, this INTSUM.

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D. Viet Cong casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting period	Cumulative Since 10Jul65:
KIA (Confirmed)	0	772
KIA (Possible)	23	1015
VC Captured	0	253
VC Captured (WIA)	0	15
VC WIA (Possible)	0	346
VC Suspects Apprehended	32	1759
Returnees (Since 21Jan66)	0	7

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

Quantity	Item	INTSUM Entry No.
1	Grenade, CHICOM	141810H
2	Shells, mortar 60mm (DUD)	-do-
22	Shells, 60mm mortar	150830H
200	Cartridges, caliber .45	-do-
400	Cartridges, caliber .30	-do-
UNK	Documents, unevaluated	-do-

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

See 141810H entry, this INTSUM, for recapitulation of enemy positions and/or fortifications reported destroyed by 3d Battalion, 9th Marines, during this reporting period.

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MAG 11	(1)
1/9	(2)
2/9	(2)
3/9	(2)
3/3	(2)
2/12	(2)
FSCC	(1)
S-2	(6)
S-3	(2)
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To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)

Subj: Intelligence Summary #106, Period ending 161600H, April 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

a. General: Fair

b. Temperatures: High: 88 Low: 74

c. Average Humidity: 80%

d. Precipitation: None

e. Winds: S at 10 knots

f. Visibility: Unrestricted

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

(3) Astronomical Data.

	EMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
17 Apr	0609	0632	1902	1925	0424	1618	1/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 3d Bn, 9thMar.

a. At 151005H, Company L platoon-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was discovered at coordinates (BT 117634). The report described the device as a 105mm (artillery) shell (DUD) and stated that it was not positioned nor rigged for detonation. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

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b. At 151005H, a Company L platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 108637) reported observing two young Vietnamese males in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 108636), who appeared to be attempting to elude the Marines. The report stated that the Marines directed four small arms rounds at the men who fled to the south. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At 151115H, a Company L platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 108462) reported receiving two small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of VIEM TAY (4) hamlet area, coordinates (BT 105644). The Marines directed ten small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 151715H, the Battalion S-2 provided information regarding a Company L search and destroy operation conducted in the vicinity of grid squares (BT 1163), (BT 1164), and coordinates (BT 112635) on 15 April. The report stated that the Marines discovered and destroyed one 105mm artillery round (DUD) at coordinates (BT 115634); one U.S. (M-26) grenade with trip-wire at coordinates (BT 108643); one 81mm mortar shell with pressure release detonating mechanism at coordinates (BT 113647); and one U.S. (M-26) grenade, rigged with a trip wire activator, at coordinates (BT 112635.

e. At 151720H, the Battalion S-3 reported that Marines manning security positions on the Battalion Command Post perimeter, coordinates (BT 075644), received two small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 075662). The Marines directed five small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the north. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

f. At 151812H, Company C (1st Battalion, 4th Marines under the OPCON of the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines), located at coordinates (BT 086 697), reported receiving small arms rounds from three Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 087697). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds and one 3.5 inch (rocket) round at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the east. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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a. At 152040H, the Regimental FSCC reported that an ARVN source (unidentified in the report) requested artillery fire be directed at a Viet Cong force of company size reportedly moving in open terrain in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 035585), (BT 030580), (BT 030576), and (BT 035572). USMC artillery delivered a total of thirteen 105mm (HE) rounds at the target areas, with unassessed results. No additional inform tion was provided.

(3) 3dBn,3dMar.

a. At 151035H, a Company L reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 913565). The report identified the device as a "surprise firing device" (apparently a cartridge trap) and stated that it was rigged with a caliber .50 cartridge. The report indicated that the location of the device was disclosed by local villagers (unidentified), but whether the device was recovered or destroyed was not stated.

b. At 151700H, Company L conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 908855) reported receiving what was described as light small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 912555). The Marines directed a heavy volume of small arms fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. The report added that a USMC helicopter operating in the area had earlier reported receiving small arms fire from the same location.

(4) 2dBn,9thMar.

a. Late Report. At 150920H, a Company F platoon-sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 054632). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

b. At 151345H, a Company F platoon-sized patrol located at coordinates (BT 013621) reported receiving two hundred small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 016620). Artillery support was requested and one hundred thirty 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the south and southwest. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong by fire but the Viet Cong succeeded in eluding the Marines. The report stated that information was received from the villagers of PHONG LUC (3) hamlet, that forty Viet Cong had been seen in the area and had withdrawn to the south and southwest. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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c. At 151945H, a Company F platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 015614) reported receiving approximately ten to twelve small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 013615) and (BT 009617). The report indicated that the enemy fire appeared to be intended to cause the Marines to disclose their positions by returning the fire. Artillery and mortar support was requested and twenty six 105mm rounds and fourteen 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 152200H, a Company F reported receiving what was described as one round of 81mm mortar into the Company Command Post positions, coordinates (BT 016657) from Viet Cong positioned to the northeast. The report stated that the enemy mortar site could not be located and the fire was not returned by the Marines. No Marine casualties were reported. Additional details will be provided when available.

e. At 160015H, a Company F platoon patrol base, coordinates (BT 013615) reported observing five Viet Cong in a tree line in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 013616). Artillery support was requested and thirty eight 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location withdrawing from their position. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong with negative results and reported that a more extensive search will be conducted at first light on 16 April. No additional information was provided as of the termination of this INTSUM reporting period. Enemy casualties were not determined.

f. At 160240H, a Company F located at coordinates (BT 016 637) reported receiving twenty one small arms rounds in the Command Post perimeter, from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 019616). Mortar support was requested and seven 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

g. At 160405H, the Battalion S-2 reported that Company H positioned at coordinates (AT 979585) reported receiving what was described as an extremely aggressive attack by one hundred fifty to one hundred seventy five Viet Cong dressed in khaki uniforms and blue/black pajamas, and all wore cartridge belts and helmets , advancing from the east. The report stated that the Viet Cong also utilized hand grenades extensively during the attack, which was repelled, resulting in an unknown number of Viet Cong casualties. The report stated that when the main attack failed to dislodge the Marines, the Viet Cong organized into small elements and

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attempted to probe the Company H perimeter. The report indicated that when the Viet Cong elements attempted their probe, they moved around the outer perimeter from east to south. At this time, Company H reported receiving approximately one hundred fifty - 60mm mortar, 81mm mortar rounds, and forty - 57mm recoilless rifle rounds. The report stated that the Company sustained direct hits in one 60mm mortar and one 81mm mortar position. Commensing at 0410H, artillery support, an aerial observer and a flare ship were requested. The report stated that the Viet Cong mortar firing positions were estimated to be to the east in the vicinity of the railroad tracks at coordinates (AT 994584) and (AT 993577). Artillery support was requested and the Viet Cong mortar fire ceased. The report added that Viet Cong small arms fire was received from the position of the fort at coordinates (AT 991583). A total of three hundred ninety 105 mm rounds and seventy two 105mm illumination rounds were fired by the 2d Battalion, 12th Marines. Marine casualties were seven KIA and thirty seven WIA. Enemy casualties were estimated as twelve Viet Cong KIA (body count). The report added that the Marines recovered one 40mm (M-79) round, two carbines, U.S. caliber .30 (M-1), one Thompson, submachine gun, caliber .45, one submachine gun, CHICOM, K .50/PPSH .41 modified, one rifle K-44 (not fully identified), seventy five to one hundred grenades (various types), and eleven 57mm recoilless rifle casing in the area.

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

See 151035H entry, this INTSUM.
See 151345H entry, this INTSUM.

D. Viet Cong casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting period	Cumulative Since 10Jul65:
KIA (Confirmed)	12	704
KIA (Possible)	0	1015
VC Captured	0	253
VC Captured (WIA)	0	15
VC WIA (Possible)	0	346
VC Suspects Apprehended	1	1760
Returnees (Since 21Jan66)	0	7

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E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

Quantity	Item	INFSUM Entry No.
1	Shell, artillery 105mm (DUD)	151005H
1	Shell, artillery 105mm (DUD)	151715H
2	Grenades, U.S. (M-26)	-do-
1	Shell, 81mm mortar	-do-
1	Device, explosive (surprise firing device)	151035H
1	Round, 40mm (M-79)	160405H
2	Carbines, U.S. caliber .30 (M-1)	-do-
1	Submachinegun, Thompson caliber .45	-do-
1	Submachinegun, CHICOM K-50/PPSH .41 modified	-do-
1	Rifle, K-44 (not fully identified)	-do-
75-100	Grenades (various types)	-do-
11	Shells, 57mm recoilless rifle casings	-do-

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

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #107, Period ending 171000H, April 1966

Encl: (1) Special Report of Company D, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines engagement of 160410H April 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

a. General: Fair

b. Temperature: High: 90 Low: 74

c. Average Humidity: 80%

d. Precipitation: None

e. Wind: SE 6 knots

f. Visibility: 7 miles

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

(3) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
18 Apr	0600	0631	1902	1925	0459	1704	1/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 2d Bn, 9th Mar.

a. At 161225H, a Company E patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at HA QUANG (4) hamlet, coordinates (BF 111649). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he was identified by the ROK LNO Village Chief as the father of three known Viet Cong Main Force [illegible]. The report did not indicate the ultimate disposition of the captive.

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will probably be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

b. At 161415H, a Headquarters and Service Company squad-sized patrol reported that a Marine was wounded when he stepped on a punji stake at coordinates (BT 049658).

c. At 161650H, a Company I squad-sized patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (BT 081691). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when they were observed attempting to elude the Marines. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation after initial interrogation by the Battalion S-2.

d. At 161745H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of TRA LO hamlet, coordinates (BT 086678) reported receiving six to eight small arms rounds from an estimated four Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 085678). The Marines directed forty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 161820H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 086678) reported receiving six small arms rounds. The report stated that the exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported. The report added that shortly thereafter, the Marines were approached by a group of Vietnamese civilians who sought medical assistance for one woman and two children who had been wounded, reportedly by the Viet Cong fire. The injured Vietnamese were evacuated to a medical facility for treatment.

f. At 161830H, a Company M platoon, occupying positions at coordinates (BT 044649) reported receiving twenty to thirty small arms rounds from an estimated four Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 045648) and (BT 045650). The Marines directed six small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

g. At 162010H, Company L reported that Marines manning two outpost positions at coordinates (BT 093664) and (BT 099657) received a total of twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned to the North-west and southeast of the Marines' locations. The report stated that the Marines directed forty small arms rounds in the general area of the source of the fire but the exact locations of the Viet Cong positions could not be discerned. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. The report added that the outposts were subsequently relocated.

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b. At 162130H, a Company M platoon occupying positions, on the eastern bank of the SONG VINH DIEN at coordinates (BT 044649) reported observing four Viet Cong who were apparently attempting to swim across the river utilizing lily pads for concealment. The Marines directed twenty six small arms rounds at the Viet Cong in the water, and reported killing three of the men. The fourth Viet Cong reached the far shore of the river and escaped. No Marine casualties were reported. The report indicated that the bodies were sufficiently observed to insure that the men were dead, but that no weapons or equipment were recovered. The fourth man was believed to have been wounded by the Marines' fire. Enemy casualties were three KIA (body count) and one WIA (possible).

(2) Special Reports.

a. At 161020H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing Viet Cong (strength not indicated) at coordinates (AT 970553). Artillery support was requested and forty two 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. The Aerial Observer reported excellent effect on the target but did not indicate enemy casualties.

b. At 162145H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to HOA VANG District Headquarters reported that one Viet Cong platoon was located in PHOUNG BAC hamlet, grid square (AT 9970). The report provided no additional information and was not rated. (S-2 comment: An earlier report from HOA VANG indicated that a Viet Cong element of approximately platoon strength entered PHOUNG BAC hamlet at 142100H, and departed at 150030H. The report stated that the Viet Cong, identified as cadremen and guerrillas, expressed interest in the defenses of the PHONG LE bridge, coordinates (AT 999706). The report is rated C-3).

(3) 3d Bn, 3dMar.

(S-2 comment: The following Late Reports were not included in INTSUM #106 because communications difficulties resulted in the reports being received too late for inclusion).

a. Late Report. At 151000H, Company L, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 913565), reported observing two Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 910560). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds and three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the Viet Cong who fled the area. The Marines pursued until contact was lost in a treeline. No casualties were reported.

b. Late Report. At 151000H, Company L reported destroying an U.S. (M-26) grenade, rigged with a pressure detonator, at coordinates (AT 910559).

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c. Late Report. At 151200H, Company L, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 908559), reported receiving seven small arms from Viet Cong positioned to the south (coordinates not provided). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. Late Report. At 151500H, Company L, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 908559) reported receiving six small arms rounds from one Viet Cong positioned to the southeast of the Marines' position (coordinates not indicated). The Marines directed twenty five small arms rounds at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. Late Report. At 151740H, Company L, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 908556), reported receiving six small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned on the far side of the river at coordinates (AT 905555). The Marines directed approximately one hundred small arms rounds , fifteen 60mm mortar rounds, and one round LAAW (M-72) at the enemy position and reported observing one Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. The Viet Cong fire ceased and the enemy broke contact. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one Viet Cong WIA (possible).

f. Late Report. At 151815H, Company L, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 908555), reported receiving eighteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 908548). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds and eight 155mm artillery rounds at the enemy position, and reported observing two Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. When the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions, they discovered blood stains and drag marks which indicated that at least two Viet Cong were KIA. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as two Viet Cong KIA (possible).

g. Late Report. At 151840H, Company L reported that a USMC helicopter supporting the company received an estimated one hundred twenty five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 900555), and in several other locations to the north, east, and south of the Company L position, coordinates (AT 908555). The Marines directed two hundred fifty small arms rounds, and nine 40mm (M-79) rounds at the Viet Cong positions. Fixed wing aircraft were requested, and a total of thirty two aerial (ZUNI) rockets and five hundred 20mm rounds were directed by the aircraft at the enemy position with a reported excellent effect on target. The report indicated that at least eight Viet Cong were probably KIA as a result of the coverage of the target by the air strike. The report stated that a detailed search of the area will be made as first light on 16 April. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as eight Viet Cong KIA (possible).

h. Late Report. At 160840H, Company K, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 917556), reported receiving what was reported as long range harassing small arms fire from Viet Cong positions to the north. The report stated that the exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

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i. At 161030H, the Battalion S-3 relayed a report from the DAI LOC District Chief that three Viet Cong were KIA as the result of the Company L action in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 908555) at 151815H. (The initial report estimated enemy casualties as two Viet Cong KIA (possible). Paragraph D, this HUTSUM, will be adjusted to reflect an increase of one Viet Cong KIA (possible).

j. At 161100H, Company L, operating to the north of the SONG TAU BUN, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 914546) reported observing five Viet Cong to the south of the river in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 910538). Artillery support was requested and fifteen 155mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. The report stated that the artillery fire was on target and estimated enemy casualties as three Viet Cong WIA. (The report indicated that the Marines could not search the area because of the intervening body of water). No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as three VIA (possible).

k. At 161900H, a Company I element positioned at a block on the SONG AI NGHIAI, coordinates (AT 973611), reported observing one Viet Cong on the far side of the river at coordinates (AT 976611). The Marines directed fourteen 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy and observing the Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one WIA (possible).

l. At 162200H, a Company M platoon, positioned at coordinates (AT 963657), reported receiving fifteen small arms rounds from one Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 959657). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds and five 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

m. At 170900H, the Battalion S-3 reported that helicopters transporting Marine elements from DAI LOC District Headquarters into the "KINGS" operating area, received a heavy volume of small arms and automatic weapons fire from several widely scattered Viet Cong positions. Five helicopters were reported struck by the fire and one air crewman wounded. The report stated that a fixed wing airstrike was directed at coordinates (AT 933549) to suppress enemy fire emanating from the area. No additional information was provided.

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(4) 2dBn 9thMar

a. Late Report. a Company F patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 025632). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

b. At 161000H, a Company F patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 051633) resulting in one Marine WIA. The report described the device as an U. S. (M-26) grenade and stated it was rigged with a trip-wire activator.

c. At 161010H, Company G operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 982565), reported observing eight Viet Cong in a canefield at coordinates (AT 982568). Artillery support was requested and a total of ten 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. The report indicated that two of the artillery rounds were not on target but it impacted in the Company G positions wounding six Marines. The Viet Cong fled the area with no reported casualties.

d. At 161015H, Company H, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 979585) reported receiving one hundred fifty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed three hundred twenty five small arms rounds at the enemy who broke contact. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 161238H, Company G reported that a Marine was wounded when he stepped on a punji stake at coordinates (AT 981565).

f. At 161300H, Company H interrogation of local villagers in the vicinity of PHOUNG TU indicated that Viet Cong forces involved in the Company H action at 160405H in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 979585)(See 160405H entry, INTSUM #106), consisted of one local guerrilla company and approximately one hundred villagers who functioned as porters. The report stated that the Viet Cong force displaced from the PHOUNG TU area at first light on 16 April, carrying twenty bodies. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-6. (S-2 Comment: A separate report received regarding this action stated that local villagers indicated that the Viet Cong forces involved were located at coordinates (AT 997553) and (AT 966575). Artillery fires were directed at these locations with undetermined results).

g. At 161725H, a Company G patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 998577). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he was discovered hiding in a bunker and attempted to flee when confronted by the Marines. The report indicated that the suspect was wounded during apprehension and was evacuated to a medical facility for treatment and investigation.

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h. At 161725H, a Company G patrol reported that a Marine was wounded at coordinates (AT 998577) when he stepped on a punji stake.

i. At 162200H, Company G reported that Marines providing security at the bridge coordinates (AT 994684) reported receiving small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 990685). The report stated that the exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported. (S-2 Comment: The initial report indicated that six detonations, believed to be 60mm mortar rounds occurred in the Marines' position, but the origin of these detonations were not determined.

j. At 162230H, Company H reported receiving one hundred fifty small arms rounds and what were described as three 40mm (M-79) rounds in the Company Command Post position, coordinates (AT 990592) from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 984594). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position. When the enemy fire continued, artillery support was requested and eighteen 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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

a. See 161300H entry, this INTSUM.

D. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA(Confirmed)	3	787
KIA(Possible)	10	1089*
VC Captured	0	253
VC Captured(WIA)	0	15
VC WIA(Possible)	6	352
VC Suspects Apprehended	5	1765
Returnees (Since 21Jan66)	0	7

* Increase of one Viet Cong KIA(Possible) based on 161030H entry, this INTSUM.

Increase of sixty three Viet Cong KIA(Possible) based on enclosure (1) this INTSUM.

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

QUANTITY	ITEM	INTSUM ENTRY NO.
1	Grenade, U. S. (M-26)	151000H

ADD: See enclosure (1) this INTSUM for recapitulation of captured enemy material captured by Company H, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines as result of enemy action on 160410H Apr 1966.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
2d Battalion, 9th Marines
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines

Subj: Company H engagement of 160410H; report of

1. Not a shot had been fired prior to attack. At 160400 attack commenced with 81mm and 60mm mortars, 57RR and automatic weapons. Ground attack started at same time from a distance of 200 meters in S.E. area and 300 meters in S.W. area. Attack force from S.W. ran into ambush and was stalled and stopped. Ambush elements state they shot 12 to 15 VC for sure - most likely more. Had 2 bodies in morning-took no casualties, remained in pen throughout. Attack force from S.E. reached north side of Highway 14 very close to 2d Plt perimeter but did not penetrate. Assault was preceeded by what was thought to be a large amount of hand grenades but what later proved to be M-79 grenades from vicinity of 60mm mortar position S.E.

2. Platoon states that as assault force crossed Highway 14, VC were like ducks in shooting gallery. Many VC were shot as they crossed road and went down into paddy in front of 2d Plt. At one point, 22 VC bodies could be counted in that vicinity. Other VC were shot as they attempted to remove the bodies. During lulls in illumination, bodies would be removed and as more VC would cross road, there would be more bodies. The impeters of the assault was actually dissipated by the act of removing bodies. At dawn 7 bodies were found in area north of road and on road.

3. At beginning of attack friendly artillery was called in on pre-planned concentrations and adjustments were made to engage the targets to the east. A total of 323 HE rounds and 72 illumination rounds were fired. At dawn 3 bodies were found in eastern area.

4. At beginning of attack, 81 section commenced firing and one gun having fired 4 rounds, received a direct hit on the tube by what was later identified as a 57RR round. The 60mm mortar section received one incoming 60 or 81mm mortar round in the gun pit. A total of 150 to 160 incoming 60 or 81mm mortar rounds were received, including 10 81mm WP rounds, in the first 15 to 20 minutes of the attack. Upon arrival on station of several observers and commencement of artillery fire, the mortar and 57RR fire ceased.

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5. After the failure of the main assault, the VC appeared to have broken up into small groups and made probing attacks all along the S.E. and south portion of the perimeter. This most likely was to cover the collection of VC casualties and the withdrawal of the main force.

6. USMC casualties were 7 KIA's and 37 WIA's. VC casualties were 12 KIA's (BC) and 63 KIA's (probable) (in S.E. area in vicinity of VC 60 mortar pits, meat and blood and scattered equipment was found which indicates artillery caused casualties).

7. VC equipment and ordnance captured was:

1 M-79, Ser# 6818
2 US M-1 Carbines, Ser# 3695910, and 6569741
1 K-50 Sub MG, Ser# 2576-364474
1 K-44 Carbine, Ser# C7302
1 THOMPSON Sub MG, Ser# 410988
31 Grenades, hand (9 duds)
2 Trip flares
35 magazines, (7 Carbine, 14 BAR, 12 K-50, 2 THOMPSON)
15 Cartridge belts
5 Canteens
9 Entrenching tools
1 Pack
15 Magazine pouches, (3 Carbine, 8 K-50, 1 M-14, 6 BAR)
2 Wire cutters
12 57mmRR rounds (Lot #52A)
1 60mm mortar round
1 81mm mortar round
5 M-79 rounds
10 Bags of rice
7 Bottles of medicine
16 Battle dressings, 4 pair
1 Shape charge
Approx 500 rounds assorted ammo

/s/W. F. Donahue
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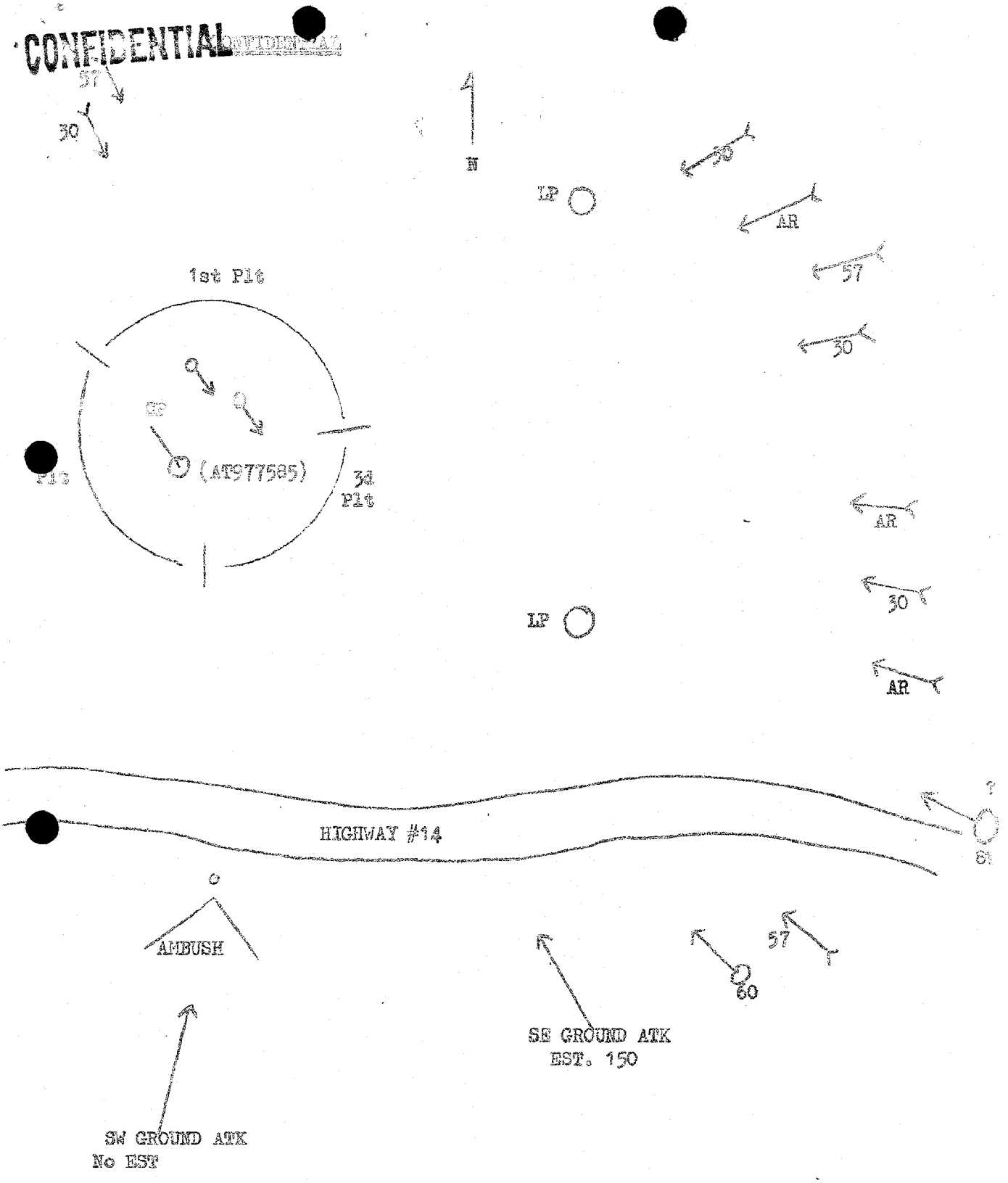

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9th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO San Francisco, Calif 96602

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10 Apr 66

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #108, Period ending 181000H, April 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period:

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

a. General: Fair

b. Temperature: High: 90 Low: 75

c. Average Humidity: 60%

d. Precipitation: None

e. Wind: SW 5 knots

f. Visibility: 7 Miles

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

(3) Astronomical Data.

	EMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EENT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
19 Apr	0608	0631	1902	1925	- - -	- - -	- - -

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 2dBn,4thMar.

a. Late Report. At 170945H, Company F reported apprehending [redacted] Viet Cong Suspects (female) at in the vicinity of coordinates [redacted]. The report stated that the suspects were apprehended in response to the recommendations of a local village official (unidentified) who stated that the women had been attempting to incite a riot. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation. Additional information will be provided when available.

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b. At 171635H, Company E, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 052712), reported the discovery of two explosive devices. The report identified the devices as a U.S. (M-26) grenade, rigged with a trip-wire activator, and a 40mm (M-79) round, positioned in such a way so as to cause the primer to detonate when the device was stepped upon (cartridge trap type device). The report stated that both the devices were disarmed and recovered.

c. At 171935H, Company E, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 053713), reported the discovery of a total of three explosive devices in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 053713). The report stated that two of the devices were 40mm (M-79) rounds rigged so that the primer would detonate when the device was stepped upon (cartridge trap type device). The third device was also identified as a cartridge trap device (7.62mm cartridge). The report stated that the devices were disarmed and recovered. (S-2 comment: The efficacy of a cartridge trap-type device employing a 40mm (M-79) round is questionable, as fragmentation should not occur if the shell remains static).

d. At 172200H, a Headquarters and Service Company ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 067710) reported hearing sounds of movement in close proximity to the Marines' position. The Marines directed forty to fifty small arms rounds at the Viet Cong, estimated to consist of twelve to fifteen men, who returned the fire with approximately fifty small arms rounds. The report indicated that the Viet Cong broke contact, and a search of the ambush site produced negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 171500H, the Battalion S-3 relayed a report from Company F, positioned at coordinates (BT 072702), that a local village official (not identified but believed to have been the HOA HAI Village Chief) warned the Marines that a large group of villagers were enroute to the vicinity of the company's position to protest civilian casualties allegedly as the result of Marines activities in the area on 16 April. At 171600H, the Battalion S-2 reported that GVN military personnel (Popular Forces), dispatched to the vicinity of coordinates (BT 074701) in response to the earlier report of a protest demonstration occurring in the area, dispersed the crowd (size of the assemblage was not indicated but the report indicated that it consisted of several small groups) by firing warning shots into the air. The report indicated that the GVN Popular Forces soldier's firing did not result in any casualties, but that one man was injured when he was struck on the side of the head with the stock of a carbine as he attempted to wrest the weapon away from the GVN soldier. The extent of the injury was not indicated but the report stated that the man was evacuated to a medical facility for treatment. No additional information was received regarding this incident. (S-2 comment: The incident referred to in which the civilian casualties were allegedly inflicted apparently was a Company F action in the vicinity of the NON NUOC village area, coordinates (BT 072702), at 161945H, in which two 60mm mortar rounds were directed at Viet Cong positions. This action was not reported in the 9th Marines INTSUM #107. Additional information will be provided when available).

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(2) 3dBn, 3dMar.

a. Late Report. At 170805H, Company L, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9454), reported observing one Viet Cong at close range. The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds at the enemy and reported killing him. The report stated that one CHICOM grenade, one U.S. (M-26) grenade, and a cartridge belt were recovered from the body of the dead Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one KIA (body count).

b. Late Report. At 170940H, Company L, conducting a search and destroy mission in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9454) reported apprehending two suspicious persons in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 940 544). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when a routine examination revealed that they lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspects were evacuated to the DAI LOC District Headquarters, and were subsequently identified by the District Chief as Viet Cong.

c. Late Report. At 170950H, Company K, conducting a search and destroy operation, reported apprehending two suspicious persons at coordinates (AT 939556). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when a routine examination revealed that they lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the local District Headquarters, for investigation.

d. At 171100H, Company K reported apprehending three suspicious persons in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 928546). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when a routine examination revealed that they lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspects were evacuated to the DAI LOC District Headquarters, where they were identified by the District Chief as Viet Cong.

e. At 171135H, Company L reported apprehending three suspicious persons in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 920544). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when a routine examination revealed that they lacked adequate identification and were of military age. The report stated that the suspects were evacuated to the DAI LOC District Headquarters, where the District Chief identified them as Viet Cong.

f. At 171235H, an Aerial Observer operating in the TACR reported observing what were described as extensive trenchlines, caves, and fortifications in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9151). The report continued that, at coordinates (AT 912517), one man was observed entering a cave. The report added that the observer received one small arms round from the vicinity of coordinates (AT 911526), and observed three persons running in that area, although it could not be determined whether the men were armed.

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g. At 171300H, Company K, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 925553), reported observing one Viet Cong running across a field at coordinates (AT 922555). The Marines directed ten small arms rounds at the enemy, and reported observing him fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. When the Marines searched the area, however, the Viet Cong could not be found. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one WIA (possible).

h. At 180153H, a Company H patrol, (2d Battalion, 4th Marines, under OPCON this battalion) operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 964697), reported receiving twelve small arms rounds from one Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 965696). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the enemy location and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing from position. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(3) 2d Bn, 9th Mar.

a. At 171405H, a Company M squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 042657) reported receiving what was described as forty automatic small arms rounds from three to four Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 046659). The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds and six 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy location. When the enemy fire continued mortar support was requested and thirty 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The report stated that the Marines pursued the Viet Cong by fire, then searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. At 171430H, a Company M platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 057635) reported receiving what was described as ten to fifteen automatic carbine small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 059635). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. The report stated that as the patrol continued on its route, they observed six to eight Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 061629). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds, three 90mm (tank) rounds and one 90mm (tank) cannister rounds at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fled the area. The Marines searched the enemy location with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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c. At 171520H, a Company L platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of HA QUANG (3) hamlet, coordinates (BT 115633), reported receiving two small arms rounds from one Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 112632). The Marines directed six small arms rounds at the enemy, who broke contact, withdrawing from his position. When the Marines searched the vacated enemy position, they found a blood trail which led them to a bunker located at coordinates (BT 112632). The Marines destroyed the bunker and adjacent tunnel, utilizing demolitions, and reported discovering the body of the (dead) Viet Cong in the bunker debris. No weapons or equipment were reported recovered. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count).

d. At 171830H, Company K reported that Marines manning security positions on the Company Command Post perimeter in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 044653) received forty to fifty small arms rounds from an estimated fourteen to fifteen Viet Cong armed with automatic weapons positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 044685). The Marines directed three hundred small arms rounds and ten 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the enemy location. Artillery and mortar support was requested and fourteen 105mm rounds and ten 60mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The report stated that the Marines observed two Viet Cong run into a building in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 044685) and the Marines directed one 3.5 inch (rocket) round at the structure and reported a direct hit. A search of the area however, produced negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. The report indicated that a Vietnamese language loudspeaker broadcast was delivered, advising the villagers that when the Viet Cong use them as shields to fire upon the Marines, the Marines have no choice but to return the fire and may inadvertently injure the villagers. The broadcast emphasized that it was Viet Cong who were the cause of the civilian casualties.

e. At 171920H, a Company I platoon size patrol reported apprehending one suspicious person in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 068693). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he was found hiding in a building and examination indicated that he was of military age. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the local District Headquarters, for investigation.

f. At 171930H, a Company M platoon size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 068630) reported receiving approximately thirty small arms rounds from six to eight Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 068628). The Marines directed forty small arms rounds at the enemy location and the Viet Cong broke contact withdrawing to the southwest. The report stated that the Marines pursued the Viet Cong until contact was lost. A search of the site of the Viet Cong position produced negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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c. At 180530H, a Company M squad-size ambush element position at coordinates (BT 067630) reported observing eight to ten Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 069628). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds at the Viet Cong position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The report stated that the Marines re-located to an alternate position and a short time later observed Viet Cong direct approximately one hundred fifty small arms rounds into the positions previously occupied by the Marines. The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds at the Viet Cong and requested mortar support. One hundred fourteen 81mm mortar rounds were delivered into the enemy position, and the enemy fire ceased. When the Marines search the site of the Viet Cong positions, they found two Viet Cong KIA (body count). No weapons or equipment were reported recovered from the Viet Cong bodies. The report stated that the Marines then sighted a group of persons attempting to flee the area. The Marines pursued this group and apprehended two males, both of whom had sustained recent wounds - probably during the earlier action. The two captives were evacuated to the Battalion Command Post for medical treatment and initial interrogation. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were two KIA by body count. S-2 comment: The two captives are likely Viet Cong but they will be shown in paragraph 3 of this INTSUM as Viet Cong Suspects until their status can be established by the Battalion's interrogation or 3d ITT.

h. At 180800H, the Battalion S-2 reported that during the period 170900H to 171230H, thirty to forty Vietnamese civilians assembled in NON NUOC, coordinates (BT 072702), apparently to protest Marine mortar fires which allededly had resulted in civilian casualties, on 16 April. The report stated that the demonstrators displayed the bodies of four children and one adult male. When they claimed had been the victims of the mortar fire. (The report indicated however that three of the bodies displayed only missile-type wounds). The report indicated that the action which may have precipitated this demonstration was a Company F action in the AN TRA Village area, coordinates (BT 076699), at 161945H in which the Marines had fired two 60mm mortar rounds at the Viet Cong position. The report added that the HOA HAI Village Chief pointed out four females, who appeared to be the leaders of the demonstration, as possible Viet Cong, and they were apprehended as Viet Cong Suspects. The report stated that the suspects would be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

(4) Special Reports.

a. At 171010H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to QUANG NAM Special Sector at HOI AN relayed a report from an ARVN source that one Viet Cong battalion, designation not provided, is located in the area bounded by grid squares (AT 9351), (AT 9353), (AT 9651), and (AT 9653). The report was rated C-2. S-2 rates the report C-3.

b. At 171930H, the Regimental FSCC reported that Battery E, positioned at coordinates (AT 979642), received twenty small arms rounds in the battery's position. (The location of the Viet Cong position was not indicated). The report stated that the Marines returned twelve small arms rounds but terminated their fire because of the possible presence of friendly patrols in the area. The report indicated that one USMC vehicle was struck by the enemy fire but that no Marine casualties were sustained.

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f. At 171107H, Company G, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 986590), reported the discovery of two explosive devices. The report identified both the devices as CHICOM grenades, and stated that they were rigged with trip wire activators. The report stated that the two devices were destroyed by the Marines. The report added that two Marines were wounded when they stepped upon punji stakes which were also discovered in the area.

g. At 171215H, a Company E, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 003633), reported the discovery of three explosive devices. The report identified all three devices as CHICOM grenades, and stated that they were rigged with trip-wire activators. The report stated that the three devices were destroyed by the Marines.

h. At 171415H, a Company F squad-sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 032653). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination disclosed that his name appeared on the local Blacklist of known Viet Cong. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

i. At 171500H, Company G, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 988605), reported observing four Viet Cong, armed with what were described as automatic weapons, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 984606). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds and twelve 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fled the area. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong until contact was lost. The report added that the villager of CHAU LAU hamlet, coordinates (AT 988605), informed the Marines that, during the night of 16 April, fifty Viet Cong had moved through the hamlet area and had crossed the SONG LA THO, moving in a northerly direction. No Marinecasualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

j. At 171515H, a Company E squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 002620) reported receiving twenty to thirty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 006615). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position. When the enemy fire continued mortar support was requested and twenty four 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

k. At 171530H, a Company F squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 020610) reported receiving ten to fifteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong believed to be positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 029610). The exact enemy location could not be discerned and the enemy fire was not returned.

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(5) 2dBn.9thMar.

a. Late Report. At 170900H, Company G, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 998587), reported receiving small arms fire from two Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 994590). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report stated that the Marines pursued the Viet Cong until contact was lost. A search of the site of the Viet Cong positions produced negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. A later report stated that at 170950H as Company G continued its operation, one Viet Cong (VIA) (DOW) was apprehended after a brief fire fight. The report stated that the Viet Cong VIA was evacuated to the 3d Medical Battalion thence to an ARVN Hospital where he died of wounds. No weapons nor equipment was recovered from the Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count).

b. Late Report. At 170912H, Company H, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 990580), reported receiving fifteen small arms rounds and what was initially described as one 3.5 inch W.P. (rocket) round from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 985580). The Marines directed one hundred twenty five small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report indicated that the Viet Cong withdrew from their positions, pursued by the Marines' fire. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At 171000H, a Company F platoon-sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 028641). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification and that his name was on the local Blacklist of Known Viet Cong. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for investigatio

d. At 171055H, a Company E squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 005635) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds and ten 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. Marine casualties were two WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 171055H, a Company E squad-sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 005 635). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification and could not adequately explain his presence in the area. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

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l. At 171530H, a Company E squad-sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 991636). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification and could not adequately explain his presence in the area. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

m. At 171550H, a Company F platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 034623) reported receiving fifty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 035618). The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds and one 3.5 inch (rocket) round at the enemy position. When the enemy fire continued mortar support was requested and thirty one 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report indicated that the Marines could not search the site of the Viet Cong positions because of an intervening body of water (SONG LA THO). No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

n. At 171745H, a Company G squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 985592) reported receiving fifteen to twenty small arms rounds from two Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 989598). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. Marine casualties were two WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

o. At 172200H, the Battalion S-2 reported that Marines manning security positions on the Battalion Command Post perimeter coordinates (AT 989583) received seven small arms rounds from one Viet Cong positioned at close range. The report stated that the exact enemy location could not be discerned and the enemy fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

p. At 180020H, Company H reported that an explosion, initially identified as an 60mm mortar round detonation, occurred in close proximity to the Company Command Post position coordinates (AT 989583). The report stated that artillery support was requested and eight 105mm rounds were directed at a suspected enemy mortar position at coordinates (AT 999581), and the enemy fire was not repeated. A subsequent report stated that a search of the area where the explosion occurred failed to produce a crater or fragments, and the origin of the explosion has not been conclusively determined. No casualties were reported.

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

a. See 171500H entry, this INTSUM.

D. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:	Cumulative Since 10Jul65:
KIA (Confirmed)	5	792
KIA (Possible)	0	1089
VC Captured	0	253
VC Captured (WIA)	0	15
VC WIA (Possible)	1	353
VC Suspects Apprehended	12	1777
Returnees (Since 21Jan66)	0	7

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

QUANTITY	ITEM	INTSUM ENTRY NO.
1	Grenade, U.S. (M-26)	171635H
1	Shell, 40mm (M-79)	-do-
1	Shell, 40mm (M-79)	171935H
1	Trap, cartridge (7.62mm)	-do-
1	Grenade, CHICOM	170805H
1	Grenade, U.S. (M-26)	-do-
2	Grenades, CHICOM	171107H
3	Grenades, CHICOM	171215H

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

QUANTITY	ITEM	INTSUM ENTRY NO.
1	Bunker (size not indicated)	171520H
1	Tunnel (size not indicated)	-do-

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G-2	(7)	3/3	(2)	B Co,Tnk	(1)
3dMar	(1)	2/4	(2)	C Co,At	(1)
3dEngr	(1)	2/12	(2)	CO	(1)
EOD	(1)	FSCC	(1)		
MAG 11	(1)	S-2	(6)		
MAG 12	(1)	S-3	(2)		
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To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)

Subj: Intelligence Summary #109, Period ending 191000H, April 1966

Encl: (1) ✓Special Intelligence Report: Ordnance Remaining in Deserted ARVN Fort (AT 984583)

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

a. General: Clear

b. Temperature: High: 90 Low: 75

c. Average Humidity: 80%

d. Precipitation: None

e. Wind: SE 12 knots

f. Visibility: 7 miles

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

(3) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	AECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
20Apr	0607	0630	1903	1926	- - -	- - -	NEW

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) Special Reports.

a. At 181640H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TACR reported observing ten Viet Cong positioned in open terrain at coordinates (BT 010605). Artillery support was requested and sixty four 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. The Aerial Observer reported excellent effect on the target. Enemy casualties however, were not determined.

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(2) 3dBn,9thMar.

a. At 181530H, a Company M platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 067633) reported receiving two small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 064633). The Marines directed forty small arms rounds and one 40mm (M-79) round at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. Marine casualties were two WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(3) 2dBn,9thMar.

a. Late Report. At 171530H, a Company F platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 020610) reported receiving small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 029610). The Marines directed twenty four 106mm recoilless rifle rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated . The report stated that the area was searched utilizing binoculars and fifteen bodies were observed along the far (south) bank of the SONG THANH QUIT river. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were fifteen KIA (possible).

b. Late Report. At 171800H, Company H conducting a search and destroy operation reported apprehending one suspicious person at coordinates (AT 986582). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he could not adequately explain his presence in the area. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

c. Late Report. At 172300H, Company C elements manning security positions on the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines (OPCON 2dBn,9thMar) Command Post perimeter, coordinates (AT 983694) reported hearing what was described as movement in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 984695). The Marines directed approximately ten small arms rounds into the general area and the movement ceased. The Marines searched the site and reported negative results. The report stated that as the Marines were returing to their positions, an explosion described as a hand grenade, was heard to their rear. The Marines returned to the area where the explosion had emanted and reported finding one Viet Cong KIA (body count). The report indicated that the Viet Cong KIA was a victim of his own grenade, believed to have been dropped in his attempt to direct it at the Marines.

d. Late Report. At 180235H, Headquarters and Service Company elements manning security positions on the Battalion Command Post perimeter, coordinates (AT 990678) reported detecting movement on the Seismic Intrusion Device (SID) in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 989678). The Marines illuminated the area with hand illumination flares and observed two men. The Marines then directed two small arms rounds at the enemy location and observed one man fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. The Viet Cong broke contact and withdrew from the area. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualites were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong WIA (possible).

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e. At 181040H, a Company E platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 993617) reported receiving one hundred small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 995615) and (BT 000617). The Marines directed seven hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

f. At 181130H, Company H conducting a search and destroy operation reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 986582). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that he was of military age and could not adequately explain his presence in the area. The report added that a sum of MPC was found on the person of the suspect and was evacuated along with the suspect. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

g. At 181158H, Company H conducting a search and destroy operation reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 989585) resulting in six Marines WIA. The report described the device as an U.S. M-16A1 AP bounding mine and stated it was rigged with a trip wire activator.

h. At 181220H, Company G conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 002585) reported receiving fifteen to twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 002587). The Marines directed fifty to seventy five small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the north. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong and searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

i. At 181430H, a Company H patoon-size patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 975584). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he was observed attempting to elude the Marines and could not adequately explain his presence in the area. The report added that the suspect displayed impressions on his shoulders indicating that a pack had recently been carried. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

j. At 181510H, Company G conducting a search and destroy operation reported that the forward elements, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 001600) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from four Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 005604). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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k. At 181535H, Company G conducting a search and destroy operation reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 005608) resulting in four Marines WIA. The report described the device as an U.S. M-16A1 anti personnel bounding mine and stated it was rigged with a trip-wire actigator.

l. At 182050H a Company G squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 005620) reported receiving forty to fifty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 006627). The Marines directed one hundred fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position. When the Viet Cong fire continued mortar support was requested and ten 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

m. At 182249H, a Company G squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 000637) reported receiving fifty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned to the south of the Marines positions at close range. The Marines directed seventy to one hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines did not pursue the Viet Cong but continued on their mission. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

n. At 182300H, Company G conducting a search and destroy operation, coordinates (BT 007617) reported receiving ten to fifteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 005610). The Marines directed one hundred twenty five small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines did not pursue the Viet Cong but continued on their mission. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

o. At 182305H, Headquarters and Service elements manning security positions on the Battalion Command Post perimeter, coordinates (AT 992678) reported receiving five to ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 998679). The Marines directed two 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

p. At 190010H, Company G 2d Battalion, 4th Marines (OPCON 2dBn,9thMar) manning bridge security positions, coordinates (AT 998707) reported hearing what was described as small arms fire in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 001715). The report added that no small arms rounds impacted on or near the bridge and no casualties were reported.

q. At 190900H, a USMC helicopter operating in the 2d Battalion, 9thMarines zone of action at coordinates (BT 002642), reported receiving fifteen small arms from the direction of coordinates (BT 000641). The report stated that a squad-sized patrol was dispatched to search the area which produced negative results. No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported.

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a. At 181100H, Company I reported destroying a man trap described as four feet by four feet by six feet in depth at coordinates (AT 950608). The report stated that the trap was rigged with an 81mm mortar (WP) round rigged to detonated with a pressure type detonator.

b. At 181100H, a Company H 2d Battalion, 4th Marines (OPCON 3d Battalion 3d Marines) squad size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 957683) reported the discovery of what was described as four punji pits positioned along the side of the trail. The report did not indicate size nor depth of these pits. The report stated that the pits were destroyed by the Marines.

c. At 181250H, Company I conducting a search and destroy operation reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 955606). The report identified the device as a U.S. (M-26) grenade, and stated that it was positioned on a fence line and rigged with a trip wire activator. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

d. At 181650H, a Company H 2d Battalion 4th Marines (OPCON 3d Battalion 3d Marines) patrol reported destroying an unidentified explosive device at coordinates (AT 961671). The report indicated the Marines noted a small bundle of clothes lying on the side of the trail. The report stated that when the Marines attached a hook to the clothing, and pulled the unidentified explosive detonated. The report indicated the explosion was greather in intensity than that of an U.S. (M-26) grenade. (S-2 comment: The device was most likely a home made type mine utilising explosives (TNT).

e. At 181830H, a Company I platoon positioned at coordinates (AT 955610) reported receiving fifteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 955606). The Marines directed one hundred fifty small arms rounds , three 90mm (tank) rounds, two LAAW (M-72) rounds at the enemy position. In addition a HUIE airstrike was conducted at the enemy position and the enemy fire ceased. The report stated that a search of the area will be conducted at first light on 19 April. No casualties were reported.

f. At 190822H, Company H 2d Battalion 4th Marines (OPCON 3d Battalion 3d Marines) manning blocking positions at coordinates (AT 957683) reported receiving six small arms rounds from two Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 958684). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds and two U.S. (M-26) grenades at the enemy position and observed one Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines fire. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position and reported finding what was described as blood on the trail. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong WIA (possible).

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No enemy contacts were reported during this reporting period.

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

D. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:	Cumulative Since 10Jul65:
KIA (Confirmed)	0	792
KIA (Possible)	16	1105
VC Captured	0	253
VC Captured (WIA)	0	15
VC WIA (Possible)	1	354
VC Suspects Apprehended	2	1779
Returnees (since 9Jan66)	0	7

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

QUANTITY	ITEM	INTSUM ENTRY NO.
1	Trap, man (4X4X6 ft)	181100H
4	Pits, punji	-do-
1	Grenade, U.S. (M-26)	181250H
1	Device, explosive (unidentified)	181653H

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

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By direction

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3dEngr	(1)
EOD	(1)
MAG 11	(1)
MAG 12	(1)
1/9	(2)
2/9	(2)
3/9	(2)
3/3	(2)
2/4	(2)
2/12	(2)
FSCC	(1)
S-2	(6)
S-3	(2)
1stAmtrac	(1)
3dTnkBn	(1)
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines

Subj: Ordnance remaining in deserted ARVN fort at (AT 984583); report of

1. Company H found the following ordnance remaining in the deserted ARVN fort at (AT 984583) when it arrived there on 15 April:

250 rounds 40mm
200 rounds 60mm
85 rounds 57mm
45 M-16 mines

2. Much of the ordnance was found lying hapazardly around the fort, and an undetermined amount appears to have been blown. Boxes were found scattered about and burned. The M-16 mines recovered were found stacked in one of the houses; some appear to have been dug from the mine field.

3. Information obtained from local villagers indicates the VC moved into the fort on the afternoon of the 9th, following the ARVN withdrawal at 0912OCH. Villagers indicate ordnance was taken from the fort in 38 baskets by an undetermined number of VC. The containers were used to carry the Cal. .30 ammunition, the 60mm mortars, and the 57mm recoilless rifle rounds. The villagers report the VC recovered 50 M-16 mines from the minefield around the fort. (The 45 minesrecovered by Company H were found stacked in a pile in one of the houses). A few of the stacked mines had dirt on them and appeared to have been dug from the minefield.

4. According to villagers' reports, three to five VC have entered the fort almost daily since the ARVN departure. Five VC have been in the fort during daylight hours for the past two days. On 14 April an undetermined number of people were heard moving West on Highway #14 at (AT 984583).

5. There was no evidence of any ordnance being destroyed by USMC fire into the fort. Some remaining ammunition appeared to have been blown by the VC however. Boxes were scattered throughout the area in a burned and unserviceable condition.

6. The buildings were found to be 50% destroyed. Holes and fortifications were 50% destroyed. The tactical wire and minefield appears to be 100% intact. The defensive potential of thefort is assessed as being approximately 75% of that prior to USMC shelling. Nearly all structures were damaged or leveled. Most of the bunkers were damaged in places.

7. The area beyond the minefield has not been searched for ordnance at the present time.

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #110, Period ending 201000H, April 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

a. General: Fair

b. Temperature: High: 90 Low: 75

c. Average Humidity: 80%

d. Precipitation: NONE

e. Wind: S 3to5 knots

f. Visibility: 7 Miles

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

(3) Astronomical Data.

	EMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
21Apr	0607	0630	1903	1926	- - - - -	- - - - -	NEW

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 3d Bn, 3dMar.

a. At 192008H, a Company H,2d Battalion, 4th Marines (OPCON to 3d Battalion, 3d Marines) platoon occupying a position in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 953667) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 953663). The report stated that the exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

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b. At 192145H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from DAI LOC District Headquarters that one Viet Cong Battalion (designation and strength not indicated) recently displaced from the vicinity of grid square (AT 8260) and moved to the area in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 896604) to (AT 875597). The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-3.

(2) Special Reports.

a. At 192130H, the 3d Marines S-2 relayed a report from an unidentified HIEU DUC agent that a Viet Cong force totaling approximately eighty men, consisting of two Viet Cong "hard core" platoons, augmented by one guerrilla platoon, is located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 949 631) and (AT 955628). The report indicated that this Viet Cong force, commanded by one NGUYEN THANH, are establishing defensive strong points in the vicinity of the PHU SON hamlet area, coordinates (AT 952641), and (AT 948635), and may choose to defend in this area if the Marines initiate operations in this region. The report was rated C-2. S-2 rates the report C-3.

(3) 2dBn,4thMar.

a. At 192130H, a Company E squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 066717) reported observing two Viet Cong at close range. The Marines directed thirty machine gun rounds and four 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy, and reported that both of the Viet Cong may have been killed by the Marines' fire. The report stated that the Marines heard sounds of movement which they interpreted as indicating the presence of a Viet Cong force, and therefore withdrew from the area without being able to confirm the enemy casualties. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as two KIA (possible).

(4) 2dBn,9thMar.

a. At 191140H, a Company G patrol reported the discovery of two explosive devices in grid square (BT 0063). The report identified the devices as U.S. (M-26) grenades and stated that they were rigged with trip wire activators. The report stated that the devices were destroyed by the Marines. The report added that a total of sixteen gates (the report did not indicate if the gates were booby-trapped) were also discovered by the Marines and destroyed.

b. At 191900H, Company E, positioned at coordinates (AT 995 624), reported observing one Viet Cong approximately one hundred meters from the Marines' positions. The Marines directed five small arms rounds at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fled the area. The report stated that, as the Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong, an additional four Viet Cong were observed at coordinates (AT 991624). The report stated that one of the Viet Cong was armed with what was described as a BAR and the remaining three with automatic carbines. The Marines directed five small

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arms rounds at the enemy location and observed one Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. The report stated that the enemy broke contact, with the wounded Viet Cong heading in a southerly direction and the remaining three heading west. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong but were unable to maintain the contact. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one WIA (possible).

c. At 191930H, Company F elements manning an observation post at coordinates (BT 020617) reported observing fifteen to twenty Viet Cong positioned in a treeline at coordinates (BT 027618). Mortar support was requested and thirty four mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fled the area. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 192245H, a Headquarters and Service Company fire-team sized listening post positioned at coordinates (AT 993678) reported observing two persons, in what were described as crouched positions, near the defensive wire. The intruders were challenged by the Marines and the men fled the area. The report stated that the area was illuminated utilizing hand illumination flares and the Marines directed seven small arms rounds at the fleeing enemy. The report stated that the Viet Cong were heading toward the village of DONG SON (2), coordinates (AT 995678). The report added that one of the Viet Cong was dressed in khaki uniform and was carrying what was described as a long, thin, light-weight tube (bangalore torpedo?).

e. At 192250H, Company G, positioned at coordinates (BT 000 640), reported receiving one hundred fifty small arms rounds and what was described as fifteen to twenty 60mm mortar rounds in the Company Command Post position. The report indicated that the Viet Cong who were delivering the small arms fire were positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 002 628) and (BT 006633) and that the suspected mortar position was located in grid square (BT 0061). (A subsequent crater analysis confirmed that the rounds were 60mm mortar rounds and emanated from the vicinity of grid square (BT 0061)). The report added that artillery and mortar support was requested and seventy 105mm and thirty two 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the suspected enemy mortar and troop locations and the enemy fire ceased. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

((5) 3dBn.9thMar.

a. At 191015H, a Company M platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 064633) reported receiving small arms fire from four to six Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 062629). The report indicated that mortar support was requested but the Viet Cong withdrew from the area before the Marine mortar fire could be initiated. No casualties were reported.

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b. At 191310H, a Company M patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 066628), resulting in one Marine KIA, and three WIA. The report described the device as a 60mm mortar shell and stated it was rigged with a pressure-release detonating mechanism.

c. At 191350H, a Company L squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 033681) reported observing one armed Viet Cong moving in the direction of the Marines at close range. The report stated that the Marines established a hasty ambush, but the Viet Cong sighted the Marines and fired a four-round burst of automatic weapons fire before the Marines' fire struck and killed him. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one KIA (body count). One U.S. Submachinegun (THOMPSON) and two ammunition magazines were recovered from the body of the dead Viet Cong. The report added that one Viet Cong Suspect was apprehended in the area (basis for apprehension was not indicated) and would be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Collection Point, for investigation.

d. At 191445H, a Company I patrol reported the discovery of two explosive devices at coordinates (BT 069681). The report identified the devices as an 155mm artillery shell (DUD) and a rifle grenade (ENERGA). The report did not indicate whether the ordnance was rigged or positioned for detonation. The report stated that the devices were destroyed by the Marines.

e. At 191620H, a Company L platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 041670) reported observing three Viet Cong taking cover in a trench line in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 043 670). The Marines directed small arms fire and one 40mm (M-79) round at the enemy and searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No casualties were reported.

f. At 191830H, a Company K platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 098625) reported receiving five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned to the west. No Marine casualties were reported. The report stated that the exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned.

g. At 192220H, a Company K listening post positioned at coordinates (BT 109624) reported observing six Viet Cong located one hundred meters to the south of the Marines' positions. The report indicated that the Marines withdrew a safe distance and requested artillery support. A total of eight 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. The report continued that, as the Marines returned to the area to search the site, they made contact with six to ten Viet Cong. The report indicated that the Marines again withdrew, closely pressed by the Viet Cong. Artillery support was again utilized, and a total of twenty three 105mm rounds were delivered into the target area. The report indicated that the second contact interrupted the Viet Cong attempts to evacuate casualties inflicted

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by the artillery fire. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as two WIA (possible).

h. During the period 200115H to 200255H, a Company K platoon occupying platoon positions at coordinates (BT 109624) reported receiving what was described as sporadic small arms fire from an estimated platoon of Viet Cong located in widely separated positions to the north, west, and south. The Marines returned the small arms fire and requested artillery support. The report stated that artillery support was rendered the Marines until 200330H, when the Viet Cong harassing attack had ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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

D. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting period:	Cumulative Since 10Jul65:
KIA (Confirmed)	1	795
KIA (Possible)	2	1107
VC Captured	0	253
VC Captured (WIA)	0	15
VC WIA (Possible)	3	357
VC Suspects Apprehended	1	1779
Returnees (since 21Jan 66)	0	7

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

Quantity	Item	INTSUM Entry No.
2	Grenades, U.S. (M-26)	191140H
16	Gates (Type not indicated)	-do-
1	Submachine gun, U.S. (Thompson)	191350H
2	Magazines, U.S. submachinegun (Thompson)	-do-
1	Shell, artillery 155mm (DUD)	191445H
1	Grenade, U.S. (ENERGA)	-do-

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

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #111, Period ending 211000H, April 1966

Encl: (1) Viet Cong Captured as result of 3d IIT Reports

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

a. General: Fair

b. Temperature: High: 90 Low: 73

c. Average Humidity: 76%

d. Precipitation: Trace

e. Wind: SE at 10 Knots

f. Visibility: 5 to 7 Miles

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

(3) Astronomical Data.

	EMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
22 Apr	0606	0629	1903	1926	---	---	NEW

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) Special Reports.

a. At 201124H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the 51st ARVN Reigmental Headquarters at BO MUNG submitted the final report on Operation "County Fair" conducted in the HA DONG hamlet area, coordinates (AT 996643), during the period 19-20 April. The report stated that there were four Viet Cong KIA (body count), twelve Viet Cong captured, and ten Viet Cong Suspects apprehended. The report stated that these twelve Viet Cong were identified

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from documents discovered on the bodies of the dead Viet Cong, and included five females, and seven males with duties ranging from Viet Cong hamlet chief to supply sergeant. The report added that one U.S. carbine, caliber .30 (M-1), serial number 506506, one bag of medicines (unidentified), two bags of documents (unevaluated) and one SONY radio was recovered during the operation. In addition, the report stated that a total of eight tunnels were destroyed. The report stated that the tunnel in which the Viet Cong took refuge and in which they were killed was approximately fifty meters in legth and contained three levels as determined from a document translated by an ARVN official. Among the Viet Cong captured was one NGUYEN MUNG, age 55, identified as the Viet Cong Committee Chief of HA DONG.

b. At 201700H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the QUANG NAM Special Sector at HOI AN reported that several agents (unidentified) on five different occasions (Apr 11-14-16-17-19) informed QNSS that a Viet Cong unit identified as the 70th Battalion was presently deployed in the viminity of grid square (AT 9552). The report also stated that another Viet Cong battalion (unidentified) was located west of Hill 65, coordinates (AT 878577). The report was rated F-3. S-2 rates the report F-3.

c. At 201855H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the 51st ARVN Regimental Headquarters at BO MUNG relayed a report from an unidentified ARVN source that the Viet Cong would initiate what was described as a new tactic in the employment of their mortars in the attack phase in that they would concentrate five to ten mortars in one central location, fire a prescribed number of rounds per mortar in quick succession, then quickly disassemble the mortar and vacate the area before counter mortar fire could be brought to bear against the firing site. The report was rated B-3. S-2 rates the report F-3.

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(2) 3dBn 9thMar

a. At 210050H, a Company M squad-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 047652) resulting in one Marine WIA. The report described the device as an U. S. (M-26) grenade and stated it was equipped with a trip wire activator.

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(3) 3dBn, 3dMar.

a. At 201000H, Company K, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 913591), reported receiving fifty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 910597). The Marines directed one hundred fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position. When the Viet Cong fire continued, forty 105mm artillery rounds were delivered into the target area, and the Viet Cong broke contact. The report indicated that the Marines pursued until contact was lost. One Marine WIA was reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

b. At 201045H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 973611), reported receiving one round of what was described as carbine fire from one Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 974608). The Marines directed fifteen small arms rounds and seven 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy, who fled the area. The report indicated that the Marines pursued until contact was lost in a tree line. One Marine WIA was reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

c. At 201115H, Company K reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 913591). The device, described as a 105mm artillery shell rigged to detonate with a trip wire activator, was destroyed by the Marines.

d. At 201215H, Company K, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 912593), reported receiving twenty five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 905596). The Marines directed seventy five small arms rounds at the enemy position, and when the Viet Cong fire continued, requested artillery support. A total of eighteen 105mm artillery rounds were directed at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines physically pursued the fleeing enemy until contact was lost in a treeline. The report stated that a search of the area revealed blood stains which indicated that one Viet Cong was wounded. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one Viet Cong WIA (possible).

e. At 201230H, Company K, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of the SONG AI NGHIA, reported discovering approximately one ton of rice in a building at coordinates (AT 914593). The report stated that the rice was turned over to the DAI LOC District Chief for appropriate disposition.

f. At 201415H, Company I reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 985635). The device, described as a 105mm artillery shell (DUD) positioned in a punji trap ten feet by ten feet and rigged to detonate with a trip wire activator, was destroyed by the Marines.

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g. At 201500H, Company K reported destroying a bamboo barricade (size not indicated) which was reinforced with steel fence stakes at coordinates (AT 927610).

h. At 201515H, Company K reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 923618).. The device, described as a 105mm artillery shell (DUD), rigged to detonate with a trip wire activator, was destroyed by the Marines.

i. At 201600H, Company K reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 927615). The device was described as a 105mm artillery shell (DUD) rigged to detonate with a trip wire activator. The device was destroyed by the Marines.

j. At 201800H, a Company H (2d Battalion, 4th Marines under OPCON this battalion) platoon operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 925605) reported receiving four small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 924605). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds and three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong broke contact. The report indicated that the Marines pursued the withdrawing enemy until contact was lost in thick brush. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

k. At 202058H, a Company L patrol reported that an explosion at (972651) occurred approximately fifteen meters to the right front of the patrol's point man. The detonation, which did not result in casualties, was of undetermined origin, and the report did not provide sufficient description to provide identification. Additional information will be provided when available.

l. SPECIAL REPORT. At 201610H, the Battalion S-3 provided the results of the Company I operation conducted in the vicinity of CHAO AI outpost, coordinates (AT 947583), during the period 200700H - 201325H. The report stated that, at 200700H, a destruction airstrike was conducted against the abandoned outpost using eight 1000 pound MK-83 bombs (two were DUDS). The airstrike practically demolished the outpost with little remaining but mounds of dirt and twisted wire. At 200845H, Company I (-) with six engineers attached departed Hill 55 in two LVTE-1's (with four line charges) and five LVTP-5's. Three EOD personnel were helicopter lifted in and joined the column enroute. At 200955H, the column reached the outpost without incident. Platoons were dispatched to the east and west for security and one line charge was laid on each side of the outpost triangle with the 4th line charge laid across the outpost compound. The air strikes had been on target and the outpost had been reduced to little more than rubble. On detonation of the line charges, five large secondary explosions were observed. Small secondary explosions could not be seen or heard because of the force of line charges. After detonation of the four line charges, engineer and EOD personnel entered the outpost, found and destroyed four 60mm mortar DUDS, three 40mm (M-79) rounds, two M16A1 mines (unearthed by line charge but not detonated), one M-26 grenade. The outpost was reported to be reduced to rubble. One woman was injured apparently by bomb fragments in the arm, and was med-evacuated to the ARVN hospital, DA NANG. The operation was concluded at 201325H, and the units returned to Hill 55.

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(4) 2dBn,9thMar.

a. No enemy contacts reported nor any information of intelligence value received.

(5) 2dBn,4thMar.

a. At 202115H, a Company F fireteam-sized listening post enroute to their position at coordinates (BT 066713) reported hearing movement in close proximity to the Marines' location. The report stated that one Viet Cong was observed at twenty meters distance to the south. The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds and two 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy location and observed the Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire, but he was able to elude the Marines. The report indicated that the Marines did not pursue the Viet Cong but continued to their assigned positions. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one VC (possible).

b. At 202150H, a Company M (3d Battalion, 9th Marines under OPCON 2dBn,4thMar) fireteam-sized listening post positioned at coordinates (BT 062659) reported observing two Viet Cong moving toward the Marines' positions. The report stated that, when the Viet Cong moved to within sixty meters of the Marines' location, the Marines directed fourteen small arms rounds and one M-26 grenade at the enemy and observed one Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. The report added that the Viet Cong broke contact and fled to the west. The report indicated that the Marines did not pursue the Viet Cong but displaced to an alternate position. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong WIA (possible).

c. At 210645H, a Company M (3d Battalion, 9th Marines under OPCON 2dBn,4thMar) platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 070623) reported encountering one Viet Cong attempting to hide in a hole in that area. The Marines directed ten small arms rounds at the Viet Cong killing him. The report stated that, as the Marines were searching the area, a second Viet Cong emerged from a nearby hole and threw one grenade at the Marines, wounding one. The Marines directed five small arms rounds and one M-26 grenade at the Viet Cong and reported killing the second Viet Cong. The report indicated that three CHICOM grenades, one cartridge belt and miscellaneous documents (unevaluated) were recovered from the bodies of the dead Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were two Viet Cong KIA (body count).

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(6) Late Reports.

a. At 201200H, Company K, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, conducting a search and destroy operation, reported apprehending three suspicious persons in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 916592). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when a routine examination revealed that they lacked adequate identification and attempted to elude the Marines. The report stated that the suspects were delivered to the Commander of a Popular Force platoon operating in the immediate area.

b. At 201940H, Battery E, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines elements manning security positions on the Command Post perimeter, coordinates (AT 985644) reported receiving small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 983642). Artillery support was requested and twenty six 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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

D. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:	
KIA(Confirmed)	2	795	
KIA(Possible)	0	1107	* Increase of nine Viet Cong captured based on Encl(1)
VC Captured	0	262*	
VC Captured(WIA)	0	15	
VC WIA(Possible)	3	360	
VC Suspects Apprehended	0	1779	
Returnees (Since 21Jan66)	0	7	

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

QUANTITY	ITEM	INTSUM ENTRY NO.
1	Shell, artillery 105mm (DUD)	201115H
1	Rice (1 Ton)	201230H
1	Shell, artillery 105mm (DUD)	201415H
1	Shell, artillery 105mm (DUD)	201515H
1	Shell, artillery 105mm (DUD)	201600H

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

1	Barricade, bamboo, size not indicated	201500H

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ITT Report # 187-4-66

Name: DUONG HANG
Age: 28
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Capturing Unit: I-3-9 on 16 Apr 66

ITT Report # 190-4-66

Name: PHAM LAI
Age: 41
Status: VC Guard
Capturing Unit: I-3-9 on 16 Apr 66

ITT Report # 184-4-66

Name: TRAN VAN LIEU
Age: 49
Status: VC Farmer's Association Member
Capturing Unit: I-3-9 on 16 Apr 66

ITT Report # 189-4-66

Name: TRAN GIAP
Age: 46
Status: VC Farmer's Association Member
Capturing Unit: I-3-9 on 16 Apr 66

ITT Report # 195-4-66

Name: NGUYEN PHU SINH
Age: 46
Status: VC Farmer's Association Member
Capturing Unit: I-3-9 on 16 Apr 66

ITT Report # 196-4-66

Name: NGUYEN TY aka TUNG
Age: 41
Status: VC Farmer's Association Member

ITT Report # 191-4-66

Name: NGUYEN SONG
Age: 47
Status: VC Fisherman's Association Member
Capturing Unit: I-3-9 on 16 Apr 66

ITT Report dtd 19 Apr 66

Name: DANG NAM
Age: 19
Status: VC School Teacher
Capturing Unit: K-3-9 on 18 Apr 66

ITT Report # 98-4-66

Name: NGUYEN TIEN
Age: 29
Status: VC Sub-Hamlet Chief
Capturing Unit: K-3-9 on 11 Apr 66

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Subj: Intelligence Summary #112, Period ending 221000H, April 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

a. General: Fair

b. Temperature: HIGH: 90 LOW: 73

c. Average Humidity: 75%

d. Precipitation: trace

e. Wind: SE 10 knots

f. Visibility: 7 miles

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

(3) Astronomical Data.

	EENT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
23 Apr	0606	0629	1904	1927	---	---	NEW

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 2dBn 4thMar

a. Late Report. At 210925H, a Company M patrol (3dBn,9thMar under OPCON this battalion) operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 068 838) reported receiving thirty small arms rounds from an estimated four Viet Cong armed with automatic and semi-automatic weapons positioned in

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the vicinity of coordinates (BT 070627). The Marines directed fifteen small arms rounds and four 4Omm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. At 211528H, a Company E patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 046719) resulting in one Marine WIA. The report described the device as "home made" but provided no description other than indicating that it employed a trip wire activator. Additional details will be provided when available.

c. At 211910H, a USMC helicopter operating in the Regimental CACR reported receiving small arms/automatic weapons fire from the direction of coordinates (BT 076656). The report indicated that elements of Headquarters and Service company positioned at coordinates (BT 074656) delivered thirty to forty small arms rounds at the suspected Viet Cong location. The helicopter delivered machine gun fire at the area and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. Enemy casualties were not determined. No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported.

d. At 211945H, a Company M (3dRn,9thMar under OPCON this battalion) listening post positioned at coordinates (BT 058637) reported receiving one grenade from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed approximately thirty small arms rounds and four 60mm mortar rounds at a suspected enemy location and the Viet Cong grenading was not repeated. When the Marines searched the suspected area, they reported destroying four bunkers, the detonation of one resulting in a secondary explosion (not described). No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 212030H, Company E reported apprehending one Viet Cong suspect in the vicinity of the company command post perimeter, coordinates (BT 044709). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

f. At 212000H, Company K (3dRn,9thMar under OPCON this battalion) listening post positioned at coordinates (BT 097654) reported receiving thirty to forty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned to both the north and south of the Marines' location at approximately two hundred meters range. The Marines directed fifty to sixty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report indicated that the Marines were retracted to the Company Command Post positions after this encounter. The report added that the Marines observed two red star clusters and two green star clusters fired in the area, presumably by the Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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(2) 2d Bn 9th Mar

a. At 211020H, a Company E patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 005634) resulting in one Marine WIA. The report described the device as a U.S. (M-26) grenade rigged with a trip wire activator and stated it was positioned on a rice paddy dike.

b. At 211125H, a Company C (1st Bn, 4th Mar under OPCON this battalion) patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 984696) reported the discovery of a cave, described as seven feet by four feet by three feet in size. The reported stated that engineers were requested and dispatched to destroy cave.

c. At 211835H, a Company E element occupying an outpost position at coordinates (BT 000635) reported observing four Viet Cong, positioned in a canefield in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 000630). Mortar support was requested and twenty two 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fled the area. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 211945H, a Company E element occupying an outpost position at coordinates (AT 998628) reported observing what was described as "enemy movement" in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 997626). The report stated that mortar support was requested and five 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 220610H, Company H maintaining a cordon as part of a "County Fair" operation with ARVN forces around AN TU (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 024634) reported observing one Vietnamese male running from the hamlet apparently in an attempt to escape the ARVN soldiers searching the area. The report stated that the Marines ordered the man to halt, then fired three warning shots into the air. When the fleeing man ignored the warnings, the Marines shot and killed him. The report stated that a search of the body indicated that the man was a Viet Cong courier. No weapons or equipment were reported recovered from the body, but documents (unevaluated) were retrieved and will be evacuated to G-2 for examination. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one KIA (body count).

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(5) 4thBn 3dMar

a. Late Report. At 202000H, a Company K (2d Battalion, 4th Marines under OPCON this Battalion) platoon positioned at coordinates (AT 925805) reported directing twenty 105mm (artillery) rounds at a suspected Viet Cong troop movement at coordinates (AT 929805). The report indicated that the rounds were on target but stated that a subsequent search of the area produced negative results. (S-2 Comment: The report did not elaborate on the suspected troop movement and temporary communications difficulties hindered the acquisition of additional information).

b. At 211230H, Company H (2d Battalion, 4th Marines under OPCON this Battalion) operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 924605), reported directing thirty seven 105mm (artillery) rounds at a suspected Viet Cong observation post at coordinates (AT 915615) with a reported excellent effect on target. No casualties were reported. (The report did not indicate the basis for the suspicion, but aerial surveillance of this area had previously indicated that defensive works had been prepared at this location).

c. At 211945H, a Company H (2d Battalion, 4th Marines under OPCON this Battalion) platoon positioned at coordinates (AT 926606) reported receiving one hundred small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 926604). Artillery support was requested and a total of nineteen 105mm (artillery) rounds were directed at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines conducted a search of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 212050H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 973618) reported receiving three small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 977620). The report stated that the area was illuminated with three 81mm mortar illumination rounds and two Marines directed six small arms rounds at the suspected enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. No casualties were reported.

e. At 212140H, a Company H (2d Battalion, 4th Marines under OPCON this Battalion) platoon-sized patrol reported that one Marine received minor wounds when he stepped on a punji stake at coordinates (AT 955664). The trap was described as one foot by one foot by one foot in depth and covered with weeds.

f. At 220700H, the Battalion S-3 reported that an engineer element accompanied by a 3d Battalion, 3d Marines security element conducting mine clearing operations of the road in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 973614) reported that, what was described as a fifteen pound CHICOM shaped charge was discovered buried below the surface of the roadbed. The report stated that the device was rigged with a pressure-type activator. The report indicated that the device was destroyed in place by the Marines.

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[illegible] Operation [illegible] conducted at [illegible] with the mission of locating Hostile Forces and Group "B" in assigned areas in the CHARLIE area of operation. At 220700H, 3rd Bn, 9th Marines submitted the following summary (INCSUM) of activities during the period 210600H to 220600H:

(1) At 210845H DUC DUC District Chief expressed desire to have all males between the ages of twenty and fifty years old apprehended as Viet Cong are known to use ARVN identification cards.

(2) At 211020H, recon reported four Viet Cong with three rifles and one carbine dressed in blue and green going into a house at coordinates (AT 925185). Fired artillery mission, rounds on target unable to determine effect.

(3) At 211037H, recon reports thirty people in field at coordinates (AT 893521) dressed in black, blue and white PJ's.

(4) At 211045H recon reports ten males in what appeared to be a class, one dressed in gray uniform, others in black PJ's.

(5) At 211445H, recon reports two Viet Cong with carbines at coordinates (AT 821490) moving northeast.

(6) At 211500H, recon reports two Viet Cong in [illegible] and black PJ's with rifles at coordinates (AT 932468) moving south.

(7) At 211420H, an Army advisor reported on results of ARVN operation in grid squares (AT 9249) to (AT 9349), the village in grid squares (AT 8750), (AT 8849), and (AT 8850). Thirteen friendly WIA, two friendly KIA, two Viet Cong KIA, captured four Viet Cong, three carbines, and one K-50 sub-machine gun.

(8) At 211505H, Aerial Observer reported village at coordinates (AT 952494) has extensive trenches, caves and fighting holes. One trench line running from coordinates (AT 925494) to (AT 939498), the village is heavily fortified.

(9) At 211415H recon reports two Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 928477) in black and blue PJ's camouflaged. At 200435H, it was reported that two Viet Cong armed with rifles and carbines were moving northeast.

(10) At 211530H, Aerial Observer reports camouflaged bunker at coordinates (AT 863505), with small trenches close by with no activity seen.

(11) At 211600H, air strike called on Viet Cong base camp and rice storage vicinity of coordinates (AT 915420) with good effect on ranges.

(12) At 211745H, recon reported twenty Vietnamese, some with rifles on packs crossing ridgeline on trail VBC (AT 2052) to (AT 2054) heading north.

(13) At 211820H, Company L platoon at coordinates (AT 91[illegible]) received fifteen rounds carbine fire from coordinates (AT 901402) returned [illegible] rounds 60mm artillery, no further fire received. Searched area with negative result.

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

D. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA (Confirmed)	1	796
KIA (Possible)	0	1107
VC Captured	0	262
VC Captured (WIA)	0	15
VC WIA (Possible)	0	360
VC Suspects Apprehended	1	1780
Returnees (Since 21 Jan 66)	0	7

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

QUANTITY	ITEM	INTSUM ENTRY NO.
1	Shaped charge, GRICOM (15 lbs TNT)	220700H
UNK	Documents, unevaluated	220610H

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

1	Bunker (size not indicated)	211945H
1	Cave, 7x4x3 ft	211125H

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DISTRIBUTION:

III MAF	(1)
III MAF POLAD	(1)
7-2	(7)
5th Mar	(1)
3d Mar	(1)
MCD	(1)
MAG-11	(1)
MAG-16	(1)
1/9	(2)
2/5	(2)
3/9	(2)
3/3	(2)
2/4	(2)
2/12	(2)
VSCC	(1)
G-2	(6)
G-3	(2)
1st Tk Bn	(1)
3d Tk Bn	(1)
3d Amtrs	(1)
5 Gr Tanks	(1)
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein)(G-2)

Subj: Intelligence Summary #113, Period ending 231000H, April 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

a. General: Fair

b. Temperature: HIGH: 90 LOW: 75

c. Average Humidity: 72%

d. Precipitation: Trace past 24 hours

e. Wind: SE 8 knots

f. Visibility: 10 miles

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

(3) Astronomical Data.

	EMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
24 Apr	0605	0628	1904	1927	0849	2219	1/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) Special Reports.

a. At 221010H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the QUANG NAM Special Sector at HOI AN relayed a report from an unidentified ARVN source that one Viet Cong battalion (identification not provided) with a strength of three hundred men and armed with one 81mm mortar, three 60mm mortars, and one PRC/10 radio has displaced from coordinates (ZC 190505) to (AT 843543). The report did not indicate the mission of this Viet Cong unit. The report was rated C-3. S-2 rates the report F-3.

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At [illegible], the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the 51st [illegible] at HOI AN relayed a report from an unidentified [illegible] Viet Cong Main Force platoons and one Viet Cong guerrilla platoon were presently located at coordinates (AT 949631) and (AT 955628). The report indicated that these three Viet Cong platoons were organized into what was believed to be a company under the command of one NGUYEN THANH. The report stated that these Viet Cong were armed with four AR's and sub-machine guns (number not indicated). The report stated that the Viet Cong operate in the PHU SON (1), (2), (3), and (4) hamlets area, in grid squares (AT 9463), (AT 9464), and (AT 9465), and were preparing trenches, fence lines and establishing observation posts. The report was rated C-2 by HIEU DUC District Headquarters. S-2 rates the report F-3.

c. At 222200H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the QUANG NAM Special Sector at HOI AN relayed a report from an unidentified ARVN source that three Viet Cong battalions are located in close proximity to the 9th Marines ZOA as follows: One Viet Cong battalion (unidentified) is located at coordinates (BT 010550) and (BT 008535); one Viet Cong battalion (unidentified) located at coordinates (BT 026540) and (BT 043546); one Viet Cong battalion is (unidentified) is located at coordinates (BT 066539) and (BT 070544). No additional information was provided. The report was rated C-3. S-2 rates the report F-3.

(2) 3dBn 3dMar

a. At 222020H, Company L elements manning security positions on the Command Post perimeter, coordinates (AT 972662), reported receiving fifty small arms rounds, described as automatic and semi-automatic weapons fire, from an estimated eight Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 972660) and (AT 974660). The Marines directed four hundred twenty five small arms rounds, twenty 40mm (M-79) rounds, and three LAAW (M-72) rounds at the Viet Cong positions. When the enemy fire continued, mortar support was requested and seventeen 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the enemy fire ceased. The report stated that one LAAW (M-72) round was observed making a direct hit on one Viet Cong firing position, and what were described as screams were heard emanating from the struck position. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (possible).

(3) 2dBn 9thMar

a. At 221030H, a Headquarters and Service Company squad-sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 000638). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

b. At 221130H, Company G (2d Battalion, 4th Marines under OPCON this battalion) fire team-sized river patrol operating aboard a boat on the SONG YEN in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 963676) reported receiving approximately one hundred fifty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 965672). The report stated that the enemy broke contact and fled the area before the Marines could maneuver their river craft into position and the enemy fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

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[illegible]1325H, a Company E platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 998620) reported receiving what was described a moderate volume of small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 998618). The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 222250H, a Company E platoon-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 995634) resulting in three Marines WIA. The report described the device as an U. S. (M-26) grenade and stated it was positioned on a rice paddy dike and rigged with a trip wire activator.

e. At 230000H, a Company H squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 997634) reported receiving ten to fifteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 002692). Mortar support was requested and twenty five 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(4) 2dBn 4thMar

a. Late Report. At 220950H, a Company M (3d Battalion, 9th Marines under OPCON this battalion) platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 063628) reported hearing what was described as the sounds of a drum beating in close proximity to the Marines' positions. The report stated that almost immediately, the Marines received twenty to twenty five small arms rounds from an estimated four Viet Cong positioned at close range on both flanks of the Marine patrol. The report stated that one Viet Cong, presumably the sentinel who had signalled the approach of the Marines by the drum sounds, was observed running from a building in the immediate area. The Marines directed twenty to thirty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The report indicated that a search of the enemy positions produced one Viet Cong KIA. No weapons or equipment were reported recovered from the dead Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA(body count).

b. At 221055H, a Company M (3d Battalion, 9th Marines under OPCON this battalion) platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 064629) reported receiving five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at close range, coordinates (BT 064623). The Marines directed five small arms rounds and five 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect. The report stated that the suspect was apprehended because of his presence in the area from where the enemy fire had emanated. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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(5) 3dMn 9thMar

a. Operation GEORGIA continues with Command Group "B", accompanied by Companies F (2d Battalion, 9th Marines) and M (3d Battalion, 3d Marines) moving towards Objective A along both banks of the SONG VU GIA. At 230950H, the Battalion S-2 provided a resume of activities which occurred during the period 220600H to 230600H. The report stated:

(1) At 221030H, an Aerial Observer operating in the GEORGIA area reported observing trenches, fighting holes and (unmanned) anti-aircraft weapons positions in the vicinity of the area extending from grid square (AT 8640), along the road southeast to (AT 9338).

(2) At 221100H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the I CORPS Intelligence Team operating in the Operation GEORGIA area that the village of XUYEN PHU, grid square (AT 8949) has been developed by the Viet Cong into what was described as a "tactical village", with a extensive communications trenches, mines, bamboo fencing etc. The report added that fifteen Main Force Viet Cong, armed with three anti-tank weapons (57mm) displaced from coordinates (AT 917488) to (AT 902508) on 15 April. The report indicated that this information was received from a Viet Cong Suspect during interrogation.

(3) At 221240H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Operation GEORGIA area reported observing what were described as anti-aircraft weapons positions (unmanned) in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 888389) and (AT 911 383). The report indicated that an air strike was directed at the area in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 806502), but did not indicate the nature of the target or the results of the strike.

(4) At 221315H, the Battalion S-3 reported that one Marine was injured as the result of a secondary explosion which occurred when a bunker was being destroyed at coordinates (AT 905539). No additional details or description of the secondary explosion were provided.

(5) At 221345H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 915482). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification and he was observed attempting to hide from the Marines. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

(6) At 221453H, Company I operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 953496) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from three to four Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 947499). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds and three 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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At 221510H, Company L reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 870500). The report identified the device as a CHICOM grenade and stated that it was positioned on a gate so as to detonate when the gate was disturbed. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

(9) At 221550H, The DUC DUC District Chief informed the Battalion S-2 that, as Marines and ARVN elements entered THU BON (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 875505), a Viet Cong force estimated as one platoon in strength (twenty five men) fled to the vicinity of coordinates (AT 880500) to (AT 887502). The report added that an aerial observer was dispatched to visually search the area, but reported negative results.

(9) At 221555H, a Company I patrol, operating in the vicinity of CHAU PHUOC (4) hamlet, reported the discovery of two bunkers, at coordinates (AT 928508) and (AT 927504). The report stated that the bunkers were destroyed by the Marines.

(10) At 221625H, Company M, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 947527), reported receiving six to eight small arms rounds from Viet Cong. The report did not indicate the location of the enemy position but stated that the Marines directed three hundred machine gun rounds at the enemy, who broke contact. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong with negative results. No friendly casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(11) At 221720H, a Company L patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 871503). The report identified the device as a U. S. anti-personnel (M-16E3) bounding mine but provided no additional information nor details.

(12) At 221910H, a Company I patrol reported that one Marine was WIA when he stepped on a punji stake at coordinates (AT 936519).

(13) At 221930H, a Company D (3d Reconnaissance Battalion) element reported observing two men, wearing black pajama-type clothing, occupying what was described as an observation post position, coordinates (AT 828524). The report stated that, based on this report, an artillery mission was directed at the observation post position, but the results of the artillery fire were not indicated.

(14) At 222530H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from an unidentified U. S. Army Advisor that one Viet Cong battalion is located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 905402) to (AT 906400). The report indicated that, based on this report, harassing and interdictory artillery fires were directed at this area with undetermined results. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-3.

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(15) At 1307[illegible]H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a Marine [illegible] Reconnaissance Battalion, was WIA when an explosive device was detected at coordinates (AT 916475). The report did not provide a description of the device nor provide additional details.

(16) At 230945H, the Battalion S-2 commenting on the progress of Operation GEORGIA, stated that indications are that the majority of the Large Main Force Viet Cong elements have displaced to the area bounded by north-south grid lines 83-07, and east-west grid lines 35-40 (outside of the GEORGIA operational area). The report stated that aerial surveillance of this area revealed extensive activity and construction of fortified villages and other defensive works. The report continued that only platoon-sized Viet Cong elements are believed to have remained in the GEORGIA area and have restricted their operations to long-range "harassing" fires. The report added that booby traps presently constitute a greater hazard than concerted enemy action, although the Viet Cong retain the capability of introducing battalion-sized units at the time and place of the enemy's choosing.

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

D. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA (Confirmed)	2	798
KIA (Possible)	1	1108
VC Captured	0	262
VC Captured (WIA)	0	15
VC WIA (Possible)	0	360
VC Suspects Apprehended	6	1786
Returnees (Since 21 Jan 66)	0	7

E. Captured and Destroyed Enemy Material:

QUANTITY	ITEM	INTSUM ENTRY NO.
1	Grenade, CHICOM	221510H
1	Device, explosive, U.S. APMine M16E3	221720H

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F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

Quantity	Item	INTSUM Entry No.
1	Bunker, (size not indicated)	221315H
2	Bunkers, (size not indicated)	221555H

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DISTRIBUTION:

III MAF	(1)
III MAF POLAD	(1)
G-2	(7)
3dMar	(1)
3dEngr	(1)
EOD	(1)
Mag 11	(1)
Mag 16	(1)
1/9	(2)
2/9	(2)
3/9	(2)
3/3	(2)
2/12	(2)
FSCC	(1)
1stAMtrac	(1)
3dTnk	(1)
3dAT	(1)
B Co Tnk	(1)
C Co AT	(1)
S-2	(6)
S-3	(2)
C9	(1)

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #114, Period ending 241000H, April 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather:

a. General: Fair

b. Temperature: High: 91 Low: 73

c. Average Humidity: 83%

d. Precipitation: None

e. Wind: E at 7 Miles

f. Visibility: 7 Miles

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

(3) Astronomical Data.

	MOON	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EENT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
25 Apr	0624	0627	1904	1927	0913	2320	1/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) Special Reports.

a. At 231055H, the USMC Liaison NCO assigned to DAI LOC relayed a report from an unidentified MACV source that one Viet Cong Company (not indentified) with a strength of one hundred men and armed with one 60mm mortar, one light machine gun and automatic rifles was presently located in VC MINH hamlet, coordinates (AT 860540). The report stated that this Viet

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[illegible] booby-trapping mines (type and quantities not indicated) and preparing punji traps (size and type not indicated) in the deserted buildings in LOC [illegible], grid square (AT 8454); LOC HOA, grid square (AT 8754); LOC DUOC, grid square (AT 8954); LOC PHANH, grid square (AT 8151) and LOC QUI, grid square (AT 8751). No additional information was provided. The report was rated F-3. S-2 rates the report F-3.

b. At 231450H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the QUANG NAM Special Sector at HOI AN relayed a report from an unidentified ARVN source that a number (not indicated) of Viet Cong Political Cadre have infiltrated into the HOI AN area, grid square (BT 1558), with the mission of inciting the populace to riot and demonstrate against the Government of Vietnam. The report stated that the Viet Cong may take advantage of the present political instability to launch an attack against the Marble Mountain Air Facility or other Marine targets within the immediate vicinity. The report was rated C-2 by HOI AN. S-2 rates the report F-3.

(2) [illegible]

a. At 231145H, a Company I element occupying a blocking position on the [illegible] in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 974611) reported receiving five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 976613). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds and three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The report indicated that the Marines pursued the Viet Cong with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. At 231057H, a Company H element providing security for an engineer mine clearing detail reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 942662). The report identified the device as a rudimentary mine, consisting of approximately ten pounds of explosives wrapped in paper and contained in a cardboard box. The report indicated that the mine was positioned below the surface of the ground and was rigged with a pressure-type detonator. The report stated the when the mine was destroyed by the Marines, a secondary explosion occurred approximately twenty five meters to the southeast, but did not provide any additional details.

c. At 231800H, A Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 963677) reported that an (unidentified) Vietnamese boy informed the Marines that he had observed five Viet Cong, armed with sub-machine guns, and wearing black and yellow (khaki?) clothing, moving in the direction of LA BONG(3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 962677). The report did not indicate the time that the boy made his sighting, but did state that a Marine patrol was dispatched to investigate, with negative results.

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d. At 240624H, a Company H (2dBn, 4thMar under OPCON this [illegible] occupying a blocking position on the CONG TEN at coordinates (AT 961675), reported receiving small arms fire from an estimated three Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 958677). The Marines returned the fire with small arms fire and 40mm (M-79) rounds and the Viet Cong broke contact. The report indicated that one Viet Cong was observed falling as if struck by the Marines' fire and was carried off by other Viet Cong. The report indicated that the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions, with negative results. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were estimated as one WIA (possible).

e. At 240810H, a Company I patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 945607) resulting in one Marine WIA. The report described the device as a 105mm artillery round (DUD) and stated it was rigged with a pressure-type detonator, but provided no additional details. The report added that three Viet Cong Suspects were apprehended in the area and would be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

(3) 2dBn 9thMar

a. At 230900H, a Company E platoon-sized patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (BT 002628). The report identified the device as an 60mm mortar shell (DUD) and stated that it was positioned in the middle of rice paddy and rigged with a trip wire activator. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

b. At 232200H, a Compnay G (2dBn, 4thMar under OPCON this battalion) [illegible]-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 982698) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 982701). The report indicated that the Marines fired a pyrotechnic identifying device (green star cluster) because of the possible presence of friendly troops in the area, then illuminated the area with three hand illumination flares and the small arms fire ceased. The report stated that the Marines did not search the area but continued on the patrol route. No Marine casualties were reported.

c. At 232320H, a Headquarters and Service Company fireteam-sized listening post positioned at coordinates (AT 989678) reported observing two figures moving south in close proximity to the Marines positions. The report stated that a few moments later the Marines received ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 990679). The report stated that illumination was requested and three 81mm mortar illumination rounds were directed at the suspected area but the illumination

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failed to disclose the presence of Viet Cong in the area and the enemy fire was not returned. The Marines conducted a search of the area with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 240825H, a Company E platoon-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 994624) resulting in two Marines WIA. The report described the device as a crude grenade (a small tin can, probably a ration can, containing a small quantity of explosives and a conglomeration of metal pieces, nails, rocks etc) and stated it was rigged with a trip wire activator. The report added that at 240835H a second explosive device was detonated in the same location, resulting in one additional Marine WIA. The report stated that this second device was also a crude grenade and rigged with a trip wire activator. The report continued that, as a USMC helicopter was effecting a medical evacuation of a wounded Marine, at coordinates (AT 994618), seven small arms rounds were received from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 994622). Artillery support was requested and twenty six 105mm rounds were delivered at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The report indicated that the suspected Viet Cong positions would be sepproched by the Marines. The report also indicated that the medical evacuation continued without incident. No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft was reported as a result of the fire directed at the helicopter. A later report (at 241125H) reported the results of the search conducted in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 994622). The report stated that one Viet Cong KIA was discovered and that one U. S. (M-26) grenade, one pack containing personal arkicles, and ten K-44 small arms rounds were recovered from the body of the dead Viet Cong. The report added that two Viet Cong Suspects were apprehended in the area when they could not adequately explain their presence and acted evasively. Enemy casualties were reported as one Viet Cong KIA(body count).

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a. At 230825H, a Company M (3dBn, 9thMar under OPCON this battalion) platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 072628) reported receiving six small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in a building in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 072629). The report stated that, as the Marines assaulted the building, two armed Viet Cong, dressed in what was described as khaki colored uniforms, were observed escaping to the north. The report added that the fleeing Viet Cong were not pursued but that a search was conducted in the building revealing one Viet Cong Suspect. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. No casualties were reported.

b. At 230955H, a Company M (3dBn, 9thMar under OPCON this battalion) platoon-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 067630), resulting in one Marine WIA. The report described the device as an U.S. (M-26) grenade and stated it was rigged with a trip wire activator.

c. At 231010H, a Company M (3dBn, 9thMar under OPCON this battalion) platoonsized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 063637) reported observing two armed Viet Cong at close range. The Marines directed six small arms rounds at the enemy location and reported killing both Viet Cong. The report stated that one U.S. carbine, caliber .30 (M-1), one U.S.(Thompson)submachine gun, caliber .45, two cartridge belts (with ammunition), two CHICOM grenades and a quantity of documents (unevaluated) were recovered from the bodies of the dead Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were two Viet Cong KIA (body count).

d. At 231615H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a Company K (3dBn, 9thMar under OPCON this battalion) fireteam-sized element providing security for a survey team from a civilian construction firm under contract to the U.S. Naval Support Activity (DA NANG) was attacked by three Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 091693). The report stated that the Marines directed small arms fire at the enemy position and reported killing one Viet Cong. The report stated that three civilians were wounded and one civilian was KIA, (all Vietnamese nationals). The report added that three Marines were also WIA. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count) No weapons nor equipment were recovered from the dead Viet Cong. (S-2 comment: The survey team was apparently investigating the site of a Naval Support Activity project in the Marble Mountain area. Although this team had been working in the area on an irregular basis, there is no indications that the Viet Cong anticipated their presence and ambushed the detail. The

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[illegible] both the Vietnamese survey team and the Marines were riding evidently stalled in the area of the encounter and the men were debarking from the vehicle when the Viet Cong initiated their attack. The report indicated that the Viet Cong employed submachine guns in the attack, although the doctor who treated the wounded reported that one man also suffered fragmentation wounds).

e. At 251330H, Company K (3dBn, 9thMar under OPCON this battalion) reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 083628). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he apparently attempted to elude the Marines by changing clothes (from black pajamas to white). The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

f. At 251900H, a Company M (3dBn,9thMar under OPCON this battalion) platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 072682) reported observing six armed Viet Cong, dressed in what was described as khaki uniforms, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 073632). Artillery and mortar support was requested and twelve 105mm rounds, four 90mm (tank) rounds, five 60mm mortar rounds and four 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location. The report indicated that three secondary explosions were observed in the impact area which emitted what was described as a black column of smoke. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong location and reported observing several pools of blood and drag marks indicating at least three Viet Cong KIA. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as three Viet Cong KIA (possible).

g. At 252100H, a Company M (3dBn,9thMar under OPCON this battalion) squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 073624) reported that, while attempting to search an area in which Viet Cong were previously sighted and into which artillery had been directed, received small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed fifteen small arms rounds, and two (M-26) grenades at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the west. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported finding blood stains which indicated that at least one Viet Cong was wounded. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong WIA (possible).

h. At 252235H, a Headquarters and Service Company fireteam-sized listening post positioned at coordinates (BT 083690) reported observing four armed Viet Cong positioned fifty feet to the northeast. The Marines directed eighty small arms rounds and four 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported finding drag marks which indicated that at least two Viet Cong were KIA. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as two Viet Cong KIA (possible).

i. At 240930H, a Company K (3dBn,9thMar under OPCON this battalion) squad-sized patrol reported the discovery of two explosive devices at coordinates (BT 096661) and one explosive device at coordinates (BT 094669). The report identified the devices as two 81mm mortar rounds (UXOS) and a 105mm (artillery) shell (UXO). The report stated that all three of the devices were rigged with trip-wire activators, and all were destroyed in place by the Marines.

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(5) 3dBn 9thMar

a. At 240910H, the Battalion S-2 reported a resume of activities in the Operation GEORGIA area which occurred during the period 230600H to 240600H. The report stated:

(1) Late Report. At 230715H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Operation GEORGIA area reported observing trenchlines which extended from coordinates (BT 008529) to (BT 017520), and from (BT 017518) to (BT 021517). The report continued that the eastern portion of TRO SON hamlet, coordinates (AT 933517), is heavily fortified (no details provided), and that CHIEN SON (3) hamlet, coordinates (BT 013517), is but lightly fortified. No additional information was provided.

(2) Late Report. At 230750H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Operation GEORGIA area reported observing one Viet Cong in what was described as an anti-aircraft weapon emplacement at coordinates (AT 945503). The report indicated that no anti-aircraft type weapons were observed but provided no additional details.

(3) Late Report. At 230750H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Operation GEORGIA area reported observing what were described as fighting holes, positioned at fifteen to twenty meter intervals, on a trail extending from coordinates (AT 810483) to (AT 840495). The report added that an automatic weapons position (unoccupied) was sighted in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 807483).

(4) Late Report. At 230840H, a USMC helicopter operating in the Operation GEORGIA area reported receiving small arms automatic weapons fire from the direction of grid square (AT 8851). No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported.

(5) Late Report. At 230957H, a USMC helicopter operating in the Operation GEORGIA area reported receiving ten to fifteen small arms automatic weapons fire from the direction of coordinates (AT 915521). No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported. The report added that a Marine patrol dispatched to search the area reported negative results.

(6) At 231000H, Company I, investigating a report from (unidentified) villagers of PHU LAC (6) hamlet, coordinates (AT 926528), that the Viet Cong had mined the hamlet, reported that the detonation of a small explosive charge in a building suspected of being booby-trapped resulted in what was described as a "large" explosion. The report provided no additional details, but stated that ten villagers, classified as "refugees", were evacuated to DUC DUC District Headquarters.

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(7) At 231105H, Company I, conducting a search and destroy operation, reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 926526) resulting in nine Marine WIA. The initial report described the device as a 105mm artillery shell (DUD) but a later report indicated that the device was a mine fashioned from a length of (lead pipe), containing an undetermined explosive charge, and rigged with a pressure-type detonating device. Additional details will be provided when available.

(8) At 231115H, a Company L patrol reported the discovery of a total of four explosive devices in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 881502). The report identified the devices as three U. S. (M-26) grenades and one U.S. anti-personnel (M16E3) 'bounding' mine. The report stated that the grenades were positioned so as to function as "booby-traps", but provided no additional details. The report stated that the devices were destroyed by the Marines.

(9) At 231300H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the DUC DUC District Chief that two Viet Cong Main Force companies were located in the vicinity of grid square (AT 8244). The report indicated that an aerial observer was dispatched to investigate, but reported negative results. The report added however, that an artillery mission was directed into the suspected area, with undetermined results. A subsequent investigation by an aerial observer again produced negative results. The report also stated that the DUC DUC District Chief informed the Marines that one Viet Cong local Force platoon is located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 850480).

(10) At 231330H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 886514) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 886516). The report stated that artillery support was requested and twenty 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. No Marine casualties were reported. The report stated that the artillery mission impacted directly on target, and estimated enemy casualties as two WIA(possible). (The report indicated that the Marines could not search the area because of the intervening body of water (SONG THU BON). Enemy casualties were estimated as two Viet Cong WIA(possible).

(11) At 231440H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Operation GEORGIA area reported observing what was described as extensive fortifications (no further descriptions provided) on all the hill areas in the vicinity of grid square (AT 8551). No additional information was provided.

(12) At 231500H, Company F (2d Battalion, 9th Marines under OPCON this battalion) reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 903519) resulting in one Marine WIA. The report described the device as an U. S. (M-26) grenade and stated it was rigged with a trip-wire activator.

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(13) At 231545H, a Company L patrol reported sighting two water wheels, described as approximately thirty inches in diameter, at coordinates (AT 865502). The report indicated that the Marines could not physically examine the equipment due to the intervening body of water (SONG THU BON).

(14) At 231612H, a Company L platoon, participating in a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of the south bank of the SONG THU BON, reported that examination of the rubble of a tunnel they had just destroyed with demolitions at coordinates (AT 874504), revealed the bodies of three Viet Cong who had evidently sought refuge in the tunnel upon the approach of the Marines. The report provided no additional details and no weapons or equipment were reported recovered from the bodies of tunnel site. Enemy casualties were three Viet Cong KIA(body count).

(15) At 231830H, Company D (3d Reconnaissance Battalion under OPCON this battalion) reported observing eight armed Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 944476). The report did not indicate the coordinates of the Marines location. Artillery support was requested and twelve 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location, with a reported good effect on target. When the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions they discovered the bodies of two Viet Cong, and blood trails and other marks which indicated that at least three Viet Cong were carried away. No weapons or equipment were reported recovered. Enemy casualties were two KIA(body count), and three KIA(possible). No Marine casualties were reported. A subsequent report stated that what were described as "flashing lights" were observed in this area at 232150H, and a second artillery mission was directed into the area, and the lights were extinguished. No additional details were provided.

(16) At 231930H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 908505) reported receiving approximately fifteen small arms rounds and one grenade from two Viet Cong positioned at close range, coordinates (AT 908506). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds and two 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(17) At 232333H, the Battalion S-3 provided the results of the Battalion search and destroy operation conducted this day in grid squares (AT 0951), (AT 9650), (AT 8949), (AT 9049), (AT 9050), and (AT 9051). The report stated that a total of one hundred forty five bunkers, thirteen punji traps, ninety meters of trenchline, and seven tunnels, were discovered and destroyed by the Marines.

(18) At 240805H, a Company D (3d Reconnaissance Battalion under OPCON this battalion) squad-sized element manning an observation post, at coordinates (AT 944481) reported observing ten to fifteen Viet Cong at close range. Artillery fire was directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fled the area. The report stated that the artillery fire impacted on target and two Viet Cong were reported killed and an additional three Viet Cong possibly killed. (The report indicated that two Viet Cong were observed lying in the impact area). No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were two Viet Cong KIA(body count) and three Viet Cong KIA(possible).

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a. See 231800I entry this INTSUM.

b. See 231900I entry this INTSUM.

D. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:	Cumulative Since 10Jul65:
KIA (Confirmed)	11	809
KIA (Possible)	5	1113
VC Captured	0	262
VC Captured (WIA)	0	15
VC WIA (Possible)	10	570
VC Passports Apprehended	7	1793
Returnees (Since 21Jan66)	0	7

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material.

QUANTITY	ITEM	INTSUM ENTRY NO.
1	Device, explosive, mine (10 lbs TNT)	231057H
1	Shell, 60mm mortar (DUD)	230900H
1	Grenade, U. S. (M-26)	240825H
1	Pack w/personal articles	-do-
10	Rounds, K-44	-do-
1	Carbine, U. S. Caliber .30 M-1	231010H
1	Sub-machinegun, THOMPSON Caliber .45	-do-
2	Belts, cartridge	-do-
2	Grenades, CHICOM	-do-
UNK	Documents (unevaluated)	-do-
2	Shells, 81mm mortar (DUD)	240920H
1	Shell, 105mm artillery (DUD)	-do-
3	Grenades, U. S. (M-26)	231115H
1	Device, explosive, AP Mine (M16E3)	-do-
13	Troops, punji	232333H

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

1	Tunnel (size not indicated)	231612H
145	Bunkers (size not indicated)	232333H
1	Trenchline (90 meters in length)	-do-
7	Tunnels (size not indicated)	-do-

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Subj: Intelligence Summary #115, Period ending 251000H, April 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

a. General: Fair

b. Temperature: High: 90Low: 75

c. Average Humidity: 75%

d. Precipitation: None

e. Wind: S 5-8 knots

f. Visibility: 7 miles

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

(3) Astronomical Data.

	EMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
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B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 3dMar 3dMar

a. Late Report. At 240755H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 946607) reported receiving one small arms round from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 948607). The Marines directed approximately two hundred small arms rounds and three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines pursued the withdrawing Viet Cong until contact was lost in a treeline. No

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casualties were reported.

b. At 241047H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of LE SON (4) hamlet, coordinates (AT 962646), reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates, (AT 946644). The Marines directed eight 40mm (M-79) rounds, thirty small arms rounds and two 106mm recoilless rifle (ONTOS) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost in heavy brush. No casualties were reported.

c. At 241200H, Company K, operating in the vicinity of TICH PHU (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 925596), reported discovering and destroying a punji pit, described as two feet by two feet by two feet in depth, rigged with a CHICOM grenade fixed to detonate with a trip wire activator. The report also stated that a second pit, also two feet by two feet by two feet in depth, was discovered and destroyed in the area at coordinates (AT 925 596). The report indicated that destruction of the pit by demolitions resulted in a secondary explosion which appeared to have consisted of an estimated one pound of TNT. No additional information was provided.

d. At 241350H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 944594) reported observing two men at close range who appeared to be attempting to evade the Marines. The Marines challenged the men, and ordered them to halt. When the men ignored the Marines' warnings and attempted to escape by swimming across the river (SONG AI NGHAI) at coordinates (AT 945593), the Marines directed small arms fire at the fleeing men, killing one. The second man immediately halted, and was apprehended. No weapons or equipment were recovered from the body of the dead Viet Cong or from the captive. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count). (Although the captive is probably also a Viet Cong he will be shown in paragraph D of this INTSUM as a Viet Cong Suspect (apprehended) until his status is confirmed by 3d ITT.)

e. At 241800H, Company L relayed a report from CVN Pacification Cadre operating in the area that thirty Viet Cong were located in the vicinity of AN TRACH (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 959650). The report stated that Company L dispatched a two platoon (-) force, in conjunction with a Company K blocking element, to investigate, but a detailed sweep through the suspected area failed to reveal any evidence of Viet Cong activity. The report stated that, while operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 963648), Company L received one small arms round from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 957650). The Marines directed twenty five small arms rounds and three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The report indicated that the Marines pursued the Viet Cong but were unable to maintain contact. No casualties were reported.

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f. At 241825H, a Company L patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 961654), resulting in one Marine WIA (medical evacuation not required). The report identified the device as an U.S. (M-26) grenade, rigged to detonate with a trip wire activator.

g. At 250400H, a Company I platoon positioned at coordinates (AT 963609) reported receiving two small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 963614). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the fire was not repeated. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were not reported.

h. At 250900H, a Company H (2dBn, 4thMar under OPCON this battalion) patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong suspects (female) at coordinates (AT 963677). The report stated that the women were apprehended because they were suspected of providing food and supplies to Viet Cong operating in the area. (The basis for the suspicion was not indicated). The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

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(2) 2dBn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 231600H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a young Vietnamese female (unidentified) informed the Marines of a Company E platoon-sized patrol that the Viet Cong were concentrating their efforts on positioning mines and booby traps in the area between BICH NAI (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 995635), LA THO BAC (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 006634) and QUANG DONG (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 997627). (Battalion S-2 comment: A number of explosive devices have been encountered in these areas during the past week and the report is rated F-2.). /S-2 rates the report F-2/.

b. At 241140H, a Company E platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 993622) reported receiving seven small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 993621). Artillery support was requested and twenty four 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects. The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when they were discovered in the area where the Viet Cong fire had emanated from and could not explain their presence there. The report stated that the suspects were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At 250830H, a Company E platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 001634) reported receiving thirty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 996632). The Marines directed ten small arms rounds and one 40mm (M-79) round at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. The report added that approximately one hour later, one Vietnamese male displaying gunshot wounds believed to have resulted from the earlier encounter, entered the Company E Command Post seeking medical assistance. The report stated that upon inquiry as to the origin of wounds, the male refused to discuss them and was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point as a Viet Cong Suspect. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(3) 2dBn 4thMar

a. At 241035H, a Company M (3d Battalion, 9th Marines under OPCON this battalion) squad-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 064631) resulting in two Marine WIA. The report described the device as a CHICOM grenade and stated that it was rigged with a trip-wire activator.

b. At 242310H, Company F reported that Marines manning a security position on the Company Command Post perimeter, coordinates (BT 070704) observed a moving object described as a male on the skyline fifty meters to the southeast of the Marines' position. The Marines directed two small arms rounds at the intruder, who quickly disappeared from sight. The Marines searched the site and reported negative results. No casualties were reported.

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(4) 4th Bn 9th Mar

a. At 250900H, the Battalion S-2 reported a resume of activities in the Operation GEORGIA area which occurred during the period 240600H to 250600H. The report stated:

(1) Late Report. At 240730H, Company D (3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), reported sighting eight to ten men, wearing black clothing, assembling then moving off in a group from coordinates (AT 955484) in the direction of (AT 948481). Artillery support was requested and an unspecified quantity of artillery fire was directed at the enemy location with a reported excellent effect on target. Enemy casualties were estimated as three Viet Cong WIA(possible).

(2) Late Report. At 240805H, Company D (3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), reported sighting ten to fifteen armed Viet Cong, wearing black uniforms, moving in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 948481). Artillery support was requested and delivered with a reported excellent effect on target. The report indicated that the bodies of five Viet Cong KIA could be observed. Enemy casualties were five Viet Cong KIA(body count).

(3) Late Report. At 240820H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from an unidentified Vietnamese refugee that a Viet Cong food cache, consisting of four tons of rice, is hidden in seven buildings, guarded by two Viet Cong platoons, at coordinates (AT 901535). The report also stated that the Viet Cong maintain a training and detention camp in the same area. The report added that four Viet Cong guerrillas operate in DHU LOC hamlet, coordinates (AT 930515), and hide in caves located in close proximity to the hamlet. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-6.

(4) Late Report. At 240953H, Company M reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 894544). The report did not indicate the basis for apprehension, but stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

(5) At 241040H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Operation GEORGIA area reported observing what was described as a "U" shaped trenchline, approximately three hundred meters in length, extending from coordinates (AT 852509) to (AT 854508).

(6) At 241330H, Company D (3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion) reported sighting fifteen to twenty men, five of whom were bearing weapons, moving north along a trail in the vicinity of grid squares (AT 7948) and (AT 7949). The report stated that the men sought cover upon the approach of an USMC aerial observation aircraft.

(7) At 241400H, Company D (3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), reported sighting twenty armed Viet Cong, wearing black clothing, moving across an open field in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 791489). The report stated that an airstrike was delivered against the area, but the results of this strike were not indicated.

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(8) At 241630H, Company D (3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), reported sighting five Viet Cong, carrying rifles and wearing cartridge belts, moving north in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 984481).

(9) At 241700H, Company D (3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), reported sighting two armed Viet Cong, wearing packs (haversacks), moving east in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 955479).

(10) At 241715H, Company I reported the results of the company's search and destroy operation in the vicinity of grid squares (AT 8949), (AT 9049), (AT 8948) and (AT 9048), this date. The report stated that a total of eighteen bunkers, one hundred fifteen feet of tunnels, three punji pits, and fifty punji stakes, were discovered and destroyed by the Marines. The report added that one explosive device, described as a grenade rigged with a trip wire activator, was discovered and destroyed at coordinates (AT 884475).

(11) At 241715H, Company D (3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), reported sighting approximately forty armed men, presumably Viet Cong, moving in a column, at coordinates (AT 949465) to (AT 947456). Artillery support was requested and four 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location with a reported excellent effect on target. The report stated that thirteen (?) Viet Cong were in the area where the artillery rounds impacted, but casualties could not be determined due to the heavy foliage in the area. Based on later report, enemy casualties were thirteen KIA (possible).

(12) At 241715H, Company D (3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), reported sighting twenty five men in the area coordinates (AT 949465) to (AT 947456). Artillery support was requested and a total mission of seventy six 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location with a reported excellent effect on target. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(13) At 241715H, Company M reported the results of the search and destroy operation conducted this date in the vicinity of grid squares (AT 8848), (AT 8849), (AT 8948), (AT 9050), and (AT 9151). The report stated that a total of fourteen bunkers, and eleven tunnels (lengths not indicated) were discovered and destroyed by the Marines. The report added that two 155mm (artillery) shells (DUD), one 3.5 inch (rocket) round (DUD), and two 40mm (M-79) rounds were also discovered and destroyed, but the report did not indicate whether these devices were rigged or positioned so as to function as a mine or booby-trap.

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(14) At 241740H, Company D (3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), reported sighting twenty to twenty five armed Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of a village at coordinates (AT 803489). The report stated that a fixed wing air strike was requested and a total of eight five hundred pound NAPALM tanks and a quantity of aerial rockets were delivered into the area. The report indicated that five buildings were destroyed at coordinates (AT 803489), five buildings destroyed at coordinates (AT 806498), seven buildings destroyed at coordinates (AT 805498) and a trenchline and bunker destroyed at coordinates (AT 805498). Enemy casualties were estimated as ten KIA (possible).

SPECIAL REPORT - ANALYSIS OF OPERATION GEORGE SITUATION (submitted by 3rd Bn, 9th Mar S-2)

The majority of observed enemy movement continues to be concentrated in foot hills to SW and SE and outside our ZOA. Groups of two to fifteen men, some with weapons, have been observed moving NW, in the extreme western limit of ZOA starting in the foot hills and taking cover whenever an AO flies over. Approved arty missions are fired on these sightings, resulting in enemy casualties being taken. Actual enemy contact remains minimal. The few contacts follow the pattern of quick short harrassing fire, with enemy immediately breaking contact. Intelligence reports (241500H) from adjacent district to our east (DUY XUYEN District Headquarters location (BT 067511)) indicates Main Force units have left our ZOA with possible exception of one Main Force Company. The Main Force unit is located in the vicinity of (BT 0451). This unit is reportedly armed with three automatic rifles and varying kinds of individual weapons (no mortars). Strength of this unit is approximately one hundred men. Unit is said to have identification cards and/or papers which they made themselves or took from the civilians. Todays operation is scheduled for the area in the vicinity of this unit. DUY XUYEN District Chief also reports the location of a Viet Cong Prisoner of War Compound at (BT 950415). This area is where the Viet Cong take their captives for "re-education" and training. There is also a reported rice storage of approximately eight tons here. One platoon of approximately thirty men maintain security.

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

a. See 231600H entry, this INTSUM.

b. See 240820H entry, this INTSUM.

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D. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour # Reporting Period:	Cumulative # Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA(Confirmed)	1	803
KIA(Possible)	0	1110
VC Captured	0	263*
VC Captured(WIA)	0	15
VC WIA(Possible)	0	365
VC Suspects Apprehended	6	1798
Returnees(Since 21Jan66)	0	7

* Increase of one Viet Cong based on 3d ITT Prisoner Interrogation Report # 271-4-66 dtd 23 Apr 1966.

Name: PHAM DI
Age: 47
Status: VC Farmers Association Member
Capturing Unit: M-3-9 on 230825H Apr 1966

E. Operation GEORGIA VC Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:	Cumulative Since 21 Apr 66:
KIA(Confirmed)	5	12
KIA(Possible)	23	26
VC Captured	0	0
VC Captured(WIA)	0	0
VC WIA(Possible)	3	8
VC Suspects Apprehended	2	3
Returnees(Since21Apr66)	0	0

F. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

QUANTITY	ITEM	INTSUM ENTRY NO.
1	Pit, punji	241200H
1	Grenade, CHICOM w/trip-wire	-do-
3	Pits, punji	241715H
50	Stakes, punji	-do-
1	Grenade (not identified)	-do-
2	Shells, artillery, 155mm (DUD)	-do-
1	Round, 3.5 inch (rocket)(DUD)	-do-
1	Round, 40mm (M-79)(DUD)	-do-

NOTE: # Does not include Operation GEORGIA casualty totals.

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C. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

QUANTITY	ITEM	INTSUM ENTRY NO.
10	Bunkers (size not indicated)	241715H
	100 ft tunnels (size not indicated)	-do-
14	Bunkers (size not indicated)	-do-
11	Tunnels (size not indicated)	-do-
17	Buildings (not identified)	241720H
1	Trenchline (size not indicated)	-do-
1	Bunker (size not indicated)	-do-

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DISTRIBUTION:

III MAF	(1)
III MAF POLAD	(1)
G-2	(7)
3dMax	(1)
3dEngr	(1)
EOD	(1)
MAG-11	(1)
MAG-12	(1)
1/9	(2)
2/9	(2)
3/9	(2)
3/3	(2)
2/4	(2)
2/12	(2)
FSCC	(1)
S-2	(6)
S-3	(2)
1stAmTrac	(1)
3dTankBn	(1)
3dATBn	(1)
B Co Tanks	(1)
C Co AT	(1)
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)

Subj: Intelligence Summary #116, Period ending 261000H, April 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

a. General: Fair

b. Temperature: High:91 Low: 75

c. Average Humidity: 75%

d. Precipitation: Trace

e. Wind: W at 5 knots

f. Visibility: 7 Miles

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

(3) Astronomical Data.

	NIGHT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EENT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
27 Apr	0603	0626	1905	1928	1143	0020	1/2

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) Special Reports.

a. At 251144H, G-2 relayed a report from an unidentified ARVN source at [illegible] AN that one Viet Cong battalion was presently located at coordinates (AT 980534), (AT 986533), and (AT 990530), and a second Viet Cong battalion was located at coordinates (BT 000530), (BT 006535), and (BT 007527).

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(2) 2dBn 9thMar

a. At 251300H, Company G, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of LA THO BAC hamlet, reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 004625) resulting in five Marines WIA. The report described the device as an U. S. M-16-type bounding mine and stated that it was rigged with a trip-wire activator. The report added that the mine detonation caused an U. S. (M-26) grenade and a white phosphorous grenade carried by a Marine to also detonate, contributing to the casualty toll.

b. At 252230H, Company G, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 000618) reported receiving approximately fifteen small arms rounds from one Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 000627). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and reported killing the Viet Cong. When the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions, they found the body of the dead Viet Cong and one U. S. Rifle, caliber .30 (M-1), Serial Number 2978553, one cartridge belt containing five clips of caliber .30 ammunition, one medical pouch containing unidentified medicines, and one CHICOM grenade. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA(body count).

c. At 252300H, a Company E squad-sized ambush element reported that two explosive devices were discovered at coordinates (BT 005631). The report described the devices as a CHICOM grenade, and what was described as a caliber .50 round packed in (Composition 4) explosives, and stated that both devices were rigged with trip-wire activators. The report added that the two devices were destroyed in place by the Marines.

(3) 3dBn 3dMar

a. Late Report. At 250900H, Company H (2d Battalion, 4th Marines under OPCON this battalion) reported destroying three caves, each described as four feet by four feet by eight feet in depth, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 962675).

b. At 251450H, Company K reported the results of the screening by the DAI LOC District Chief of some two hundred villagers collected on 24 April by Company K. The report indicated that one male was a Viet Cong Youth Leader, one female was a Viet Cong Youth Leader, three females were Viet Cong Cadre, and one female was identified as Viet Cong Suspect (basis for this identification was not provided).

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a. At 252000H, a Company H (2d Battalion, 4th Marines under OPCON this battalion) patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 956663) reported receiving twenty five small arms rounds, described as carbine fire, from an estimated two Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 957662). The report stated that the Marines directed eight 40mm (M-79) rounds and twenty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines pursued the withdrawing Viet Cong until contact was broken in thick brush. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 252017H, a Company L platoon positioned at coordinates (AT 962660), reported receiving forty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 960655). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position. When the enemy fire continued, mortar support was requested and eight 60mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost in a treeline. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 252017H, Company L reported receiving fifteen small arms rounds in the Company Command Post positions, coordinates (AT 972662) from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 972660). The Marines directed sixty small arms rounds, one rifle grenade, four 40mm (M-79) rounds, and nineteen 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong fire ceased. A subsequent search of the area from which the enemy fire had emanated failed to reveal any indications of Viet Cong casualties. No Marine casualties were reported.

(4) 2dBn 4thMar

a. At 251020H, a Headquarters and Service Company patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 071655). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

b. At 251050H, a Company K (3d Battalion, 9th Marines under OPCON this battalion) element occupying an outpost position at coordinates (BT 095660) reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect. The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he was observed taking what was described as undue interest in the Marines activities and appeared to be attempting to hide from the Marines. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

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c. At 251550H, a Company K (3d Battalion, 9th Marines under OPCON this battalion) squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 090690) reported observing one Vietnamese male at coordinates (BT 090690). The report stated that the man appeared to be of military age and the Marines approached to question him. When the man attempted to evade the patrol, the Marines ordered him to halt. Warning shots were fired into the air, and the Marines finally fired at the fleeing man when he ignored the Marines' warnings. The patrol's fire killed the man, and an examination revealed that he lacked identification documents. No weapons or equipment were reported recovered. (Because the man lacked identification and attempted flight, the man will be shown in paragraph D of this INTSUM as a Viet Cong KIA/body count/).

d. At 251755H, a Company K (3d Battalion, 9th Marines under OPCON this battalion) patrol reported apprehending three Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 088689). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when they were observed attempting to elude the Marines. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

e. At 251600H, a Company K (3d Battalion, 9th Marines under OPCON this battalion) platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 119639) reported observing two Viet Cong (basis of identification was not indicated) who were apparently attempting to flee upon the approach of the Marines. The Marines directed small arms fire at the two Viet Cong, and reported wounding one man, but the enemy succeeded in reaching HA QUANG (3) hamlet and escaped apprehension. The Marines searched the area, and HA QUANG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 128635), with negative results and could not renew the contact. The report added that a quantity of propaganda material and one caliber .30 (carbine) cartridge were discovered in HA QUANG (3) hamlet. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong WIA(possible).

f. At 251815H, a Company K (3d Battalion, 9th Marines under OPCON this battalion) patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 040668) reported receiving two hundred small arms rounds from six Viet Cong armed with automatic and semi-automatic weapons positioned at close range. The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds, six 40mm (M-79) rounds and six LAAW (M-72) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. A subsequent report indicated that two Vietnamese women were wounded during the exchange of small arms fire, and required evacuation to a medical facility for treatment.

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[illegible] At [illegible], a Company M (3d Battalion, 9th Marines under OPCON [illegible]) patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 058638) reported receiving six small arms rounds from two Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and [illegible] was not reported. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

a. At [illegible], a Company M (3d Battalion, 9th Marines under OPCON [illegible]) [illegible]-mined patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates [illegible] (in the vicinity of the SONG NONG DIEN) reported observing four men in a small boat that were attempting to cross the river. The Marines challenged [illegible] men, then fired three warning shots into the air, but the men ignored the [illegible] and attempted to flee. The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the craft and occupants, but the boat [illegible] in reaching the far shore [illegible] the men quickly fled the area. The report stated that, when the Marines [illegible] the far shore and examined the boat, they found traces of blood, which indicated that at least one man was wounded by the Marines' fire. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one Viet Cong WIA [illegible].

[illegible] At [illegible], a Company M (3d Battalion, 9th Marines under OPCON [illegible]) patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at [illegible] [illegible] reporting in [illegible] [illegible] report described the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with a trip-wire [illegible].

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a. At 260830H, the Battalion S-2 reported a resume of activities in the Operation GEORGIA area which occurred during the period 250600H to 260600H. The report stated:

(1) At 250630H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), reported sighting a total of one hundred sixty men moving in three separate groups into a valley at coordinates (ZC 208493). The report stated that an aerial observer dispatched to investigate received what was described as a large volume of small arms fire from the area, and an air strike was directed at the enemy locations. The report indicated that two thousand 20mm rounds and a quantity of aerial rockets were delivered with a reported good effect on target. Enemy casualties were estimated as ten KIA (possible).

(2) At 250745H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), reported sighting three armed men, moving south in the direction of a small isolated building, at coordinates (AT 967462). No additional information was provided.

(3) At 250915H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), reported sighting three men, one of whom was porbably armed, moving southeast along a trail, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 962458). The report stated that the men were wearing khaki and black uniforms and were carrying rucksacks.

(4) At 250950H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), reported that the hamlet of PHU LOC (3), coordinates (AT 967458) is evidently controlled by the Viet Cong. The report stated that a number of men wearing khaki or green uniforms and green berets, were observed in the hamlet. The report added that, based on this report, an airstrike was directed at the hamlet, with a reported excellent effect on target. The report indicated that six buildings were observed burning and that small arms ammunition could be heard exploding as the result of the air strike, and added that the hamlet may have served as a Viet Cong arsenal. The report did not assess enemy casualties.

(5) At 251020H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), reported sighting six armed Viet Cong moving from a small building in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 962459). Based on this report, twelve 105mm artillery rounds were directed against the area with a reported excellent effect on target. Enemy casualties were five KIA (body count- the report indicated that the bodies could be observed).

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(6) At 251205H, an aerial observer operating in the Operation GEORGIA area reported receiving small arms/automatic weapons fire from the direction of coordinates (AT 968461). An air strike was directed against the enemy positions, and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report indicated that eight bunkers were observed burning; and three secondary explosions ignited. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(7) At 251223H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 1st Recon Bn. under OPCON this battalion), reported sighting three armed Viet Cong occupying what was believed to be an observation post at coordinates (AT 960935). The report indicated that no action was initiated as the Viet Cong were both out of range and out of the Operation GEORGIA area.

(8) At 251225H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 1st Recon Bn. under OPCON this battalion), reported sighting five armed Viet Cong moving east in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 971462).

(9) At 251225H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 1st Recon Bn. under OPCON this battalion), reported receiving one small arms round, believed to be sniper fire, from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 971474). No casualties were reported. A short time afterwards, this reconnaissance element reported observing one what was believed to be the Viet Cong sniper, and a Marine sniper directed one small arms round at the enemy, and reported observing him fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one KIA (possible).

(10) At 251430H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 1st Recon Bn. under OPCON this battalion), reported sighting three men, one of whom was armed, entering a small building at coordinates (AT 960457).

(11) At 251436H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 1st Recon Bn. under OPCON this battalion), reported sighting two men, one of them was carrying a spear, moving along a trail at coordinates (AT 971472).

(12) At 251515H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 1st Recon Bn. under OPCON this battalion), reported sighting people (numbers not indicated) moving east and northeast from BHU LOC (5) hamlet, coordinates (AT 968465), in the direction of hamlets situated at coordinates (AT 982475) and (AT 982473). The report indicated that some of the persons were Viet Cong but provided no additional information.

(13) At 251545H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 1st Recon Bn. under OPCON this battalion), reported sighting two men, carrying packs and wearing what was described as foliage for camouflage, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 971462). No additional information was provided.

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(14) At 251545H, the Battalion S-2 reported that an unidentified station broadcasting Vietnamese music was interfering with transmission on the Division Air Observers' radio net. No additional information was provided.

(15) At 251630H, an aerial observer operating in the Operation GEORGIA area reported that the hamlet of NAM AN (4), coordinates (AT 816 518), contains many trenches, foxholes and caves. The aerial observer added that the people in this hamlet apparently took shelter in caves when the aircraft approached.

(16) At 252000H, the Battalion S-2 reported that Vietnamese (civilian) guards occupying an observation post at coordinates (AT 900470) observed four small detonations, believed to be rifle grenades, impacting within one hundred meters of the guards' location. No casualties were reported. The report stated that twenty four 105mm artillery rounds were directed at an area suspected to be the point of origin of the rifle grenades, but no estimation of enemy casualties were provided. (The report added that an U.S. Army advisor stated that this type of enemy action, described as harassing fire, occurred frequently in this area).

(17) At 252000H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3R Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), reported receiving one small arms round from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 813454). The report indicated that a Marine sniper directed one small arms round in return and observed the Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one WIA (possible).

(18) At 260830H, the Battalion S-2 provided the results of the battalion search and destroy operations conducted in the Operation GEORGIA area during the period 250600H to 251300H. The report stated that the Marines destroyed a total of eighty six bunkers, thirty four tunnels (extent not indicated), nine caves, and nine fighting holes. The report also stated that a quantity of documents, one (utility-type) uniform, and a quantity of other clothing were discovered and recovered, but provided no additional information.

(19) At 260830H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a total of eighty one Viet Cong Suspects were apprehended in the GEORGIA operational area during the period 250600H to 251300H. The report did not indicate the disposition of the suspects nor provide additional details.

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

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D. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour # Reporting Period:	Cumulative # Since 10Jul65:
KIA (Confirmed)	2	805
KIA (Possible)	0	1110
VC Captured	0	263
VC Captured (WIA)	0	15
VC WIA (Possible)	2	367
VC Suspects Apprehended	5	1803
Returnees (Since 21Jan66)	0	7

E. Operation GEORGIA VC Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:	Cumulative Since 21Apr65:
KIA (Confirmed)	5	17
KIA (Possible)	10	36
VC Captured	0	0
VC Captured (WIA)	0	0
VC WIA (Possible)	2	10
VC Suspects Apprehended	0	3
Returnees (Since 21Apr66)	0	0

F. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

Quantity	Item	INTSUM Entry No.
UNK	Documents (unevaluated)	260830H
1	Uniform (utility type)	-do-
UNK	Clothing	-do-
1	Rifle, U.S. caliber .30 (M-1)	252230H
1	Belt, cartridge	-do-
1	Pouch, medical supplies	-do-
1	Grenade, CHICOM	252300H
1	Device, explosive (caliber .50 round padded in C-4)	-do-
UNK	Documents (unevaluated)	-do-
1	Cartridge, caliber .30 carbine	-do-

NOTE: # Does not include Operation GEORGIA casualty totals.

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G. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

Quantity	Item	INTSUM Entry No.
5	Caves, 4x4x8 ft	250900H
05	Bunkers, (size not indicated)	260830H
3x	Tunnels, (size not indicated)	-do-
1	Caves, (size not indicated)	-do-
5	Holes, fighting (size not indicated)	-do-

C. [illegible]
By direction

DISTRIBUTION:

[illegible]	(1)
[illegible]	(1)
[illegible]	(1)
3dMar	(1)
3dEngr	(1)
[illegible]	(1)
[illegible]	(1)
[illegible]	(1)
1/9	(2)
2/9	(2)
3/9	(2)
3/3	(2)
2/12	(2)
[illegible]	(1)
[illegible]	(6)
[illegible]	(2)
1stAmTrac	(1)
3dTnk	(1)
3dAT	(1)
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)

Subj: Intelligence Summary #117, Period ending 271000H, April 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

a. General: Fair

b. Temperature: HIGH: 95 LOW: 79

c. Average Humidity: 65%

d. Precipitation: None

e. Wind: SE 10-20 knots

f. Visibility: 7 Miles

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

(3) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
28 Apr	0603	0626	1905	1928	1245	0116	1/2

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 2dBn 4thMar

a. At 260845H, a Company M (3dBn, 9thMar under OPCON this battalion) platoon-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 046653) resulting in One Marine WIA. The report described the device as an U.S. (M-26) grenade and stated it was rigged with a trip-wire activator.

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b. At 261300H, Company K (3dBn, 9thMar under OPCON this battalion) reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 098659). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he was observed lurking in the brush and taking undue interest in a Marines' position. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

c. At 261745H, a Company M (3dBn, 9thMar under OPCON this battalion) platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 046654) reported observing three armed Viet Cong one of whom was armed with a carbine, one hundred meters south of the Marines' positions. The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds and one 40mm (M-79) round at the enemy position and reported observing one Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. The report stated that the Viet Cong broke contact and withdrew to the west. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (possible).

d. At 262015H, a Company K (3dBn, 9thMar under OPCON this battalion) fireteam-sized observation post positioned at coordinates (BT 097658) reported observing three armed Viet Cong at coordinates (BT 097 659) moving toward the Marines' position. The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds and three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact and withdrew. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported discovering blood stains and drag marks indicating at least one Viet Cong was KIA. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one Viet Cong KIA (possible).

e. At 262115H, Company K (3dBn, 9thMar under OPCON this battalion) elements manning security positions on the Command Post perimeter, coordinates (BT 097658) reported observing five Viet Cong at coordinates (BT 100658). The Marines directed forty small arms rounds, ten 40mm (M-79) rounds, and six 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact and withdrew from the area. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

f. At 262200H, a Company M (3dBn, 9thMar under OPCON this battalion) platoon positioned at coordinates (BT 058629) reported receiving five to ten small arms rounds described as tracer rounds immediately followed by what was described as eighteen to twenty 60mm mortar rounds from Viet Cong positioned to the north of the Marines' positions. The report indicated that, based upon frequency and interval between rounds, it was believed the Viet Cong were employing two mortars. The report indicated that flashes

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from the mortar positions were observed in grid square (BT 0662). Artillery and mortar counter fire was requested and one hundred fourteen 105mm rounds and seventy 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong mortar fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. The report stated that a search of the area would be conducted on 27 April. No additional information was received as of the termination of this INTSUM. Additional details will be provided when available.

g. At 270930H, Company M (3dBn, 9thMar under OPCON this battalion) reported apprehending three Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 066629). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when one attempted to elude the Marines, and the remaining two acted suspiciously and appeared to be of military age and deliberately avoided what was described as booby trapped grenade in the immediate vicinity. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

(2) 3dBn 3dMar

a. At 262030H, a Company M platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 963609) reported observing one Viet Cong (basis for identification not indicated) positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 963605). The Marines requested illumination and six 81mm mortar illumination rounds were directed over the enemy location. The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds and twenty five 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. At 270800H, Company H (2dBn, 4thMar under OPCON this battalion) conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 953627) reported the discovery of a punji trap. The report stated the trap was destroyed by the Marines.

c. At 270840H, Company H (2Bn, 4thMar under OPCON this battalion) conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 952632) reported the discovery of a cave, described as three feet by three feet by five feet in depth. The report stated that the cave was destroyed by the Marines.

(3) 2dBn 9thMar

a. At 262115H, the Battalion S-2 report the following results of a Company G search and destroy operation conducted on 26 April in the vicinity of grid square (BT 0061). The report stated that eight hundred meters of trenchline, seventy meters of treeline and thirty fighting holes were destroyed by the Marines.

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b. At 262220H, Company C (1st Battalion, 4th Marines under OPCON this battalion) elements manning security positions on the Command Post perimeter, coordinates (AT 978658) reported receiving four small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicintiy of coordinates (AT 980658). The report stated that since the enemy fire was not repeated the exact enemy location could not be determined and the enemy fire was not returned. The Marines did not search the site of the Viet Cong position, but remained in their security positions. No Marine casualties were reported.

c. At 270140H, Company C (1st Battalion, 4th Marines under OPCON this battalion) elements manning security positions on the Command Post perimeter, coordinates (AT 978697) reported receiving three small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 980696). The report stated that the enemy fire was not repeated and the exact enemy location could not be determined and the enemy fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

d. At 270910H, a Company E platoon-size patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 995636) resulting in four Marines WIA. The report described the device as a U.S. M-16 type bounding mine and stated it was rigged with a trip-wire activator.

(4) Special Reports.

a. At 261410H, the 3d CIT relayed a report from what they described as a confidential source that the Viet Cong have at least one 81mm mortar positioned in THI AN hamlet area coordinates (BT 029668) and (BT 038672). No additional information was provided. The report was rated F-6. S-2 rates the report F-6.

b. At 261615H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the 51th ARVN Regimental Headquarters at BO HUNG relayed a report from two Viet Cong defectors (unidentified) that one Viet Cong Main Force battalion was located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 047647). The report did not indicate the organization nor mission of this Viet Cong force. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-3.

c. At 261630H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to HOA VANG District Headquarters relayed a report from an ARVN secret agent (unidentified) that four Viet Cong, described as secret agents, were observed in the vicinity of LIEM LAC (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 025684), on 26 April 1966. The report stated that these four Viet Cong agents were identified as participants in the mortar attack on DA NANG Airbase last July. No additional information was provided. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-3.

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d. At 261700H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to HOA VANG District Headquarters relayed a report from an unidentified GVN source that approximately two Viet Cong platoons and a number (not indicated) of Viet Cong cadre are operating in the Villages of HOA THAI, grid squares (AT 9868), (AT 9869), and (AT 9967); HOA LOI, grid squares (AT 9666), (AT 9765), and (AT 9766); and HOA CHAU, grid squares (BT 0067), (BT 0070), and (BT 0170). The report stated that these Viet Cong forces hide in the vicinity of XUAN DIEM (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 968638). The report indicated that these Viet Cong have prepared a number of propoganda slogan banners and leaflets (type not indicated) for distribution on 1 May, and had stored them in the home of one DUC in DIEM SON hamlet (does not appear on current operational map). The report was rated B-2. S-2 rates the report F-3. A subsequent report indicated that the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines dispatched a patrol at 262035H to search the area but reported negative results.

e. At 261700H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to HOA VANG District Headquarters relayed a report from an unidentified GVN source that approximately ninety Viet Cong were presently in hiding in the PHONG HO (1) hamlet area, coordinates (BT 065630). The report continued that, on the night of 25 April 1966, one Viet Cong squad was dispatched to the AN LUU hamlet area, coordinates (BT 034683), with the mission of reconnoitering the area (PHONG HO (1)/AN LUU), and observing USMC/ARVN movements and activity in these areas. The report was rated C-3. S-2 rates the report F-3.

f. At 262240H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to HOA VANG District Headquarters reported that, at 262125H a six man patrol from the Combined Action Company, DA NANG Airbase, was attacked by an estimated ten Viet Cong positioned in what was described as ambuscade at coordinates (BT 036743). The report indicated that the patrol was moving toward the northeast when they received small arms fire from the front and both flanks. The report initially indicated that the ambush was possibly made up of ARVN Rangers but a subsequent report refuted this. No casualties were reported. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-3.

g. At 270800H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the 51st ARVN Regimental Headquarters at BO MUNG reported the following results of a joint USMC/ARVN County Fair operation being conducted in the vicinity of THANH QUIT area, coordinates (BT 05#635). The report stated that, as of 261800H, thirty two Viet Cong were KIA (body count) made by U.S. Advisors) thirty seven Viet Cong were KIA (body count) according to ARVN. The report added that twelve Viet Cong (males) and one Viet Cong (female) (identified) as a nurse) were captured. The report added that when captured, these Viet Cong had twenty four thousand Vietnamese piasters in their possession. The report

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added that one thousand pounds of rice, and nine civilian radios were confiscated from a total of twenty five caves used by the Viet Cong. Among the documents recovered were two sketch maps of the DA NANG Airbase. The report stated that all twenty five caves were destroyed. The report continued that a total of fourteen weapons were captured as a result of the operation. The weapons include: three U.S. carbines, caliber .30 (M-1), one rifle described as a K-44, one rifle described as a MAUSER, one U.S. THOMPSON sub-machine gun caliber .45, two pistols (not identified), two U.S. pistols, caliber .45, one grease gun, submachine gun caliber .45, one U.S. rifle caliber .30, Model .03, and two rifles (not indentified). At 270826H, the Marine Liaison Officer reported that an additional two Viet Cong (one male, one female, identified as a nurse and possessing National Liberation From identification documents) were killed when a cave was destroyed in the THANH QUIT hamlet area.

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

D. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:	Cumulative Since 10Jul65:
KIA (Confirmed)	0	805
KIA (Possible)	1	1111
VC Captured	0	263
VC Captured (WIA)	1	16
VC WIA (Possible)	0	367
VC Suspects Apprehended	4	1807
Returnees (Since21Jan66)	0	7

E. Captured and Destroyed Enemy Material:

Quantity	Item	INTSUM Entry No.
1	Trap, punji	270800H

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

1	Cave, 3x3x5 ft	270840H

See 262117H entry, this INTSUM, for recapitulation of enemy positions and/or fortifications reported destroyed by Company G, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines, during this reporting period.

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #118, Period ending 281000H, April 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

a. General: Fair

b. Temperature: High: 95 Low: 76

c. Average Humidity: 75%

d. Precipitation: None

e. Wind: SE 10 knots

f. Visibility: 7 miles

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

(3) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
29 Apr	0602	0625	1905	1928	1347	0209	1/2

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) Special Reports.

a. At 272050H, G-2 relayed a report from the HOA HAI Village Chief that on 24 April at 1630H, the Peoples' Forces Struggling for Revolution (SIC) had conducted a meeting in the Buddhist Temple located

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in the Marble Mountain area, grid square (BT 0770) /specific location or identification of the temple was not provided/. The report stated that eight Viet Cong guerrillas were among those attending the meeting, and indicated that the GVN military and/or civil authorities did not attempt to apprehend the guerrillas because of the political unrest between the struggle committee and the government. (S-2 comment: The basis for this statement was not indicated and the implications may have been as the result of an erroneous assumption or interpretation). The report also stated that a second local official, the HOA LONG Village Chief, reported that the Viet Cong has positioned one 81mm mortar in THI AN hamlet, HOA HAI Village, coordinates (BT 029668) and (BT 038672) in what was described as another attempt to attack the DA NANG East Air Facility or the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines units. The report added that there are presently twenty Viet Cong guerrillas located in the DAI HAI hamlet, HOA LOI Village (does not appear on current operational maps). The report stated that this Viet Cong force attended meetings in the Buddhist Temple at Marble Mountain (presumably the meeting referred to in the beginning of this report). The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-3.

b. At 280240H, an (unidentified) U.S. Army Advisors assigned to DIEN BAN District Headquarters reported that a total of twenty four 81 mm mortar rounds had impacted in the vicinity of DIEN BAN District Headquarters, including four rounds which impacted within the compound itself, at coordinates (BT 063580). The report indicated that a heavy volume of small arms fire had also been received from an unknown number of Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 064594) and (BT 053590). Artillery support was requested and a total of seventy eight 105mm rounds and eleven 105mm artillery illumination rounds were directed at the suspected enemy locations, and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report stated that the Viet Cong withdrew to the southwest. Friendly casualties were one KIA and four WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(2) 2dBn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 270915H, Company G, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of grid square (BT 0061), reported the destruction of four hundred seventy meters of trenchline.

b. At 271430H, a Company E platoon-sized patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 989634). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when they attempted to elude the Marines. The report added that a quantity of trip wire was discovered in the home of one of the suspects, identified as one TRAN CHUAN, age, thirty nine.

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c. At 271430H, a Company G (1st Battalion, 4th Marines under OPCON this battalion) elements providing security for the bridge at coordinates (BT 021680), reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect. The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he could not adequately explain [illegible] in the area. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

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d. At 271430H, a Company E platoon-sized patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 989634). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when they attempted to elude the Marines. The report added that a quantity of trip wire was discovered in the home of one of the suspects identified as one TRAN CHUAN, age thirty nine. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

e. At 271715H, a Company E platoon-sized patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 991631). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when they were observed attempting to elude the Marines. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

f. At 280900H, the Battalion S-2 provided the results of a Company G search and destroy operation conducted on 27 April. The report stated that five explosive devices was discovered in grid square (BT 0061). The report identified the devices as one (unidentified) anti-tank mine, rigged with a pressure-release type detonating mechanism, and four U. S. (M-26) grenades, rigged with trip-wire activators. The report stated that all five devices were destroyed by the Marines. The report added that, upon destruction of the devices by demolitions, a secondary explosion occurred emitting what was described as a column of black smoke. Examination of the crater caused by the destruction of the AT mine indicated that the mine consisted of approximately twenty five pounds of explosives.

(3) 3dBn 3dMar

a. Late Report. At 270800H, Company H (2d Battalion, 4th Marines under OPCON this battalion) reported destroying a punji trap, described as four feet by three feet by three feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 953624).

b. Late Report. At 270820H, a Company H (2d Battalion, 4th Marines under OPCON this battalion) reported discovering what was described as a possible Viet Cong meeting place in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 954624). The report described the site as approximately twelve feet by fourteen feet, and stated that it was camouflaged with foliage. The report stated that the brush within the site had evidently been cleared or thinned out and the area evinced signs of recent occupancy, and use. No equipment or materials of significance were reported found in the area. No additional information was provided.

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c. Late Report. At 270840H, Company H (2d Battalion, 4th Marines under OPCON this battalion) reported destroying a cave, described as three feet by five feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 952632).

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d. Late Report. At 270905H, Company H (2d Battalion, 4th Marines under OPCON this battalion) reported destroying a cave, described as three feet by three feet by five feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 948621).

e. At 271000H, Company H (2d Battalion, 4th Marines under OPCON this battalion) reported destroying a cave, described as three feet by three feet by five feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 947621). The report indicated that the cave had been recently occupied, and was camouflaged with foliage.

f. At 271130H, a Company L patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 977648) resulting in one Marine WIA. The device was identified as a CHICOM grenade and was reportedly rigged to detonate with a trip wire activator. The report indicated that three U. S. (M-26) grenades, rigged to detonate with trip wire activators were also discovered and destroyed in the same vicinity.

g. At 271400H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 960643) reported receiving ten small arms rounds, described as automatic weapons fire, from three Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 958636). The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds, five 40mm (M-79) rounds, and eight 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The report indicated that the Marines pursued the Viet Cong until contact was broken in a tree line. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

h. At 271540H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 956652), reported receiving eight small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 961649). The Marines directed seventeen 81mm mortar rounds and four 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong until contact was lost in a tree line. No casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

i. At 271400H, Company L reported destroying a gate rigged with a U. S. (M-26) grenade set to detonate with a trip wire activator, at coordinates (AT 955645).

j. At 271540H, Company L reported that (unidentified) villagers of AN TRACH (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 960655), informed the Marines that on the night of 25 April two Viet Cong were wounded by USMC mortar fire delivered during Company L action (See 252017H entry, INTSUM #116, for an account of this action. Paragraph D of this INTSUM will be amended to include two Viet Cong WIA(possible) as the result of this report).

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k. At 271905H, Company I reported that four Viet Cong, identified as "returnees" turned themselves in to the Marines at the Company Command Post position, coordinates (AT 973662). The report indicated that the ralliers stated that an additional fifteen Viet Cong may rally on 28 April. No weapons or equipment were reported recovered from the returnees. (S-2 comment: A subsequent report on 28 April indicated that at least one additional returnee had presented himself at the Company Command Post and efforts were being made to encourage other possible Viet Cong in the area to benefit by the example of these five returnees and also rally to the GVN. Additional information will be provided when available.

l. At 271910H, Company I patrol reported apprehending four Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (AT 963626). The report indicated that the suspects were apprehended when they tried to elude the Marine patrol. The report stated that during initial interrogation, one suspect informed the Marines that one Viet Cong had come to XUAN DIEU (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 963628), and ordered the people to kill all dogs in "two or three days". The suspect did not provided any additional information. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

m. At 280915H, the Battalion S-2 provided information pertaining to the results of a Company H (2d Battalion, 4th Marines under OPCON this battalion) search and destroy operation conducted on 27 April. The report stated:

(1) The Marines destroyed ten fighting holes, described as three feet by three feet by four and one half feet in depth, in DONG PHU (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 953628).

(2) GVN military forces (from HIEU DUC District Headquarters, participating in this operation) apprehended one suspicious person, identified as a Vietnamese male whose daughter is believed to work for the Viet Cong, at coordinates (AT 950631). The report stated that the suspect was sent to HIEU DUC District Headquarters for investigation.

(3) The population in HAI CHAU hamlet, coordinates (AT 973620) consists primarily of women and children, and they appear to be very friendly. The report added that no fortifications were noted in the hamlet area.

(4) Two trenchlines, described as three feet wide by four feet in depth and approximately one hundred fifty meters in length, were discovered in PHU SON (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 952619). The report stated that the trenchlines will be destroyed at a later date.

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a. At 271030H, Company I (3d Battalion, 9th Marines under OPCON this battalion) conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of grid square (BT 0668) reported apprehending three Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (BT 066629). The report stated that one of the suspects was apprehended when he acted suspiciously and attempted to evade the advancing Marines (the report indicated that this suspect had been apprehended at least once previously by the Marines). The two other suspects were apprehended with examinations indicating that they were of military age and could not adequately explain their presence in the area. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

b. At 271820H, a Company M (3d Battalion, 9th Marines under OPCON this battalion) patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 056628) reported observing twenty five to thirty armed Viet Cong moving north in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 057620). Artillery and mortar an post was requested and eighteen 105mm rounds and seventy 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location with a reported excellent effect on target. The report stated that a tank-infantry element was dispatched to maintain contact with the Viet Cong but the enemy succeeded in evading the Marines. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At 271845H, a Company M (3d Battalion, 9th Marines under OPCON this battalion) patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 040671) reported receiving eight small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 040675). The Marines directed small arms fire at the enemy and searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualities were not determined.

d. At 272040H, a Company I ambush element moving to positions at coordinates (BT 046716) reported observing four Viet Cong in the visinity of coordinates (BT 046715). The Marines directed ten small arms rounds at the Viet Cong who quickly withdrew from the area. No casualities were reported.

e. At 272050H, a Company M (3d Battalion, 9th Marines under OPCON this battalion) listening post positioned at coordinates (BT 061649) reported observing five Viet Cong at coordinates (BT 059649), moving in the direction of the Company Outpost. The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds and ten 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy who broke contact, withdrawing from the area. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No casualities were reported.

f. At 272200H, a Company M (3d Battalion, 9th Marines under OPCON this battalion) patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 063641) resulting in two Marines WIA. The report described the device as a U. S. (M-26) grenade but provided no additional information.

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(5) 3dBn 9thMar

a. Because of communications difficulities the Operation GEORGIA INTSUM for the period 260600H to 270600H was not received in time to be included in 9thMarines INTSUM #117. When received the INTSUM indicated enemy casualties for the period, as follows:

KIA (Confirmed)..... 12
VC WIA (Possible)..... 2
VC Suspects Apprehended..... 104

These totals will be included in the cumulative casualties figures shown in paragraph E, this INTSUM.

b. At 280900H, the Battalion S-2 reported a resume of activities in the Operation GEORGIA area which occurred during the period 270600H to 280600H. The report stated:

(1) At 270705H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), reported sighting four men, wearing black pajama-type clothing, engaged in what appeared to be the camouflaging of two boats, at coordinates (AT 975470). No additional information was provided.

(2) At 270740H, Company I reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 908482) resulting in two Marines WIA. The report did not identify the device nor provide additional details. Additional information will be provided when available.

(3) At 270935H, a reconnaissance element(Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), reported sighting two men, carrying what were described as heavy loads, moving on a trail in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 974462). The report indicated that the men were acting very suspiciously and appeared to be concerned whether someone was following them.

(4) At 270940H, the Battalion Executive Officer reported observing two or three men occupying what was described as an observation post positioned at coordinates (AT 925486). Artillery support was requested and six 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location with a reported excellent effect on the target. Enemy casualties were estimated as two WIA (possible).

(5) At 271027H, Company M (3dBn, 3dMar under OPCON this battalion) reported observing ten Viet Cong, wearing green uniforms and carrying packs, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 948467). Artillery support was requested and sixteen 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location with a reported good effect on the target. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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(6) At 271153H, Company M (3dBn, 3dMar under OPCON this battalion) reported receiving small arms fire from the direction of buildings located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 982498). The report indicated that an air strike (aircraft and/or ordnance was not specified) was directed at the enemy location with good effect. Three buildings were reported burning, and the resultant black smoke indicated that a fuel supply had been destroyed. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(7) At 271330H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), reported sighting three Viet Cong, (one carrying a weapon) in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 981467). No additional information was provided.

(8) At 271404H, Company I reported that (undentified) villagers informed the Marines that a Viet Cong force numbering approximately five hundred men, armed with four 57mm Recoilless Rifles and three (undentified) mortars, are located within grid square (AT 9845). The villagers' report also indicated that in grid square (AT 9853) there are located an additional one hundred twenty Viet Cong. The report stated that an aerial observer was dispatched to investigate these areas, but could not detect any signs of Viet Cong presence or activities. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-6.

(9) At 271420H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), reported sighting a total of eleven Viet Cong, wearing black, blue and green clothing, with foliage serving as camouflage, moving to the northwest in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 814493). No additional information was provided.

(10) At 271514H, a USMC helicopter operating in the Operation GEORGIA area reported receiving small arms fire from the direction of coordinates (AT 982515). No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported.

(11) At 271532H, Company I reported that (undentified) villagers informed the Marines that, what were described as a "few hundred" Viet Cong, had been in the area, coordinates (AT 937498), during the morning (27 April), but had displaced moving in a southeasterly direction towards the mountains. The reportewas rated F-6. S-2 rates the report F-6.

(12) At 271630H, Company I, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 947506) reported receiving eight small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 947509). The Marines directed twenty five small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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(13) At 271700H, a Company I platoon reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 960498) resulting in one Marine WIA. The report described the device as a U.S. (M-26) grenade and stated it was rigged with a trip wire activator.

(14) At 271715H, an aerial observer operating in the Operation GEORGIA area reported receiving small arms fire from the direction of coordinates (AT 872502). Artillery support was requested and eighteen 105mm rounds were directed at the suspected enemy location, with a reported good effect on the target. Enemy casualties were not determined. No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported.

(15) At 271845H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), reported sighting two Viet Cong moving to the northeast at coordinates (AT 994508). No additional information was provided.

(16) At 271845H, a USMC helicopter operating in the Operation GEORGIA area reported receiving an estimated fifty small arms rounds from the direction of coordinates (AT 984516). A Company M element in the area delivered fifty small arms rounds and thirteen 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(17) At 280815H, the Battalion S-2 commenting on Operation GEORGIA activities during this reporting period, stated that the search and destroy operation which commenced on 27 April was meeting only sporadic harassing fire, with the enemy breaking contact immediately after the initiation of return fire by the friendly forces. The Battalion S-2 stated that the situation remains static, with most reports of significance indicating the presence of Viet Cong outside of the Operation GEORGIA area. The Battalion S-2 added that it appears that the Viet Cong has chosen not to engage the Marines in any determined action and has withdrawn into the more mountainous areas to the south and east.

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

a. See 271404H entry, this INTSUM.

b. See 271532H entry, this INTSUM.

c. See 271540H entry, this INTSUM.

D. Viet Cong Casualties:	For 24 Hour # Reporting Period:	Cumulative # Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA(Confirmed)	0	805
KIA(Possible)	0	111?
VC Captured	0	263
VC Captured(WIA)	0	16
VC WIA(Possible)	0	367
VC Suspects Apprehended	14	1621
Returnees(Since 21Jan66)	3	12

E. Operation GEORGIA VC Casualties:	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:	Cumulative ## Since 21Apr66:
KIA(Confirmed)	0	29*
KIA(Possible)	0	36
VC Captured	0	0
VC Captured(WIA)	0	0
VC WIA(Possible)	2	14**
VC Suspects Apprehended	0	107***
Returnees(Since 21Apr66)	0	

NOTE: # Does not include Operation GEORGIA casualty totals.

Includes following casualties for period 261000H - 271000H, not shown in INTSUM #117.

* Includes an increase of 12 VC KIA(Confirmed) for period 260600H - 270600H.

** Includes an increase of 2 VC WIA(Possible) for period 260600H - 270600H.

*** Includes an increase of 104 VC Suspects Apprehended for period 260600H - 270600H.

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F. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

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QUANTITY	ITEM	INTSUM ENTRY NO.
1	Device, explosive (unidentified AT mine)	280900H
4	Grenades, U. S. (M-26)	-do-
1	Trap, punji, 4x3x3 ft	270800H

G. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

1	Trenchline (470 meters in length)	270915H
1	Cave, 3x3x5 ft	270840H
1	Cave, 3x3x5 ft	270905H
1	Cave, 3x3x5 ft	271000H
1	Gate, booby trapped	271400H
10	Holes, fighting 3x3x4½ ft	280915H
2	Trenchlines 3x4x100 ft	-do-

C. WARD
By direction

DISTRIBUTION:

III MAF	(1)
III MAF POLAD	(1)
G-2	(7)
3dMar	(1)
3dEngr	(1)
HOD	(1)
MAG-11	(1)
MAG-16	(1)
1/9	(2)
2/9	(2)
3/9	(2)
3/3	(2)
2/12	(2)
2/4	(2)
FSCC	(1)
S-2	(6)
S-3	(2)
1stAmTracBn	(1)
3dTankBn	(1)
3dATBn	(1)
B Co Tanks	(1)
C Co AT	(1)
CO	(1)

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C O N F I D E N T I A L
INTSUM N UMBER SIXTY SEVEN PERIOD COVERNING FROM 260600H TO 270600H
1. ENEMY SITUATION
A. 260730H RECON REPORTS THREE (3) MEN IN BLACK PJ'S MOVED BY TRAIL AND MET BOATS AT (945475).
B. 260705H RECON REPORTS ONE (1) MAN IN BLACK PJ'S MOVING WEST WITH WEAPON (AT 946478).
C. 260705H CO F-2/9 AND RF COMPANY KILLED EIGHT (8) VC (BODY COUNT) (AT 815467).
D. 260845H CO F-2/9 CAPTURED THREE (3) VCC AND ONE (1) VCO WIA (AT 946473).
VCO WIA WAS DOA AT THIS CP.
E. 260905H RECON REPORTS NINE (9) MEN WITH WEAPONS MOVED INTO MOUNTAIN WASH (AT 811453).
F. 261000H RECON REPORTS TWO (2) MEN WITH WEAPONS MOVING NE (AT 946478).
G. 261030H RECON REPORTED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A MAIN TUNNEL AND TRENCH LINE COMPLEX (AT 816457). (AT 810460) LEADING DOWN TO (AT 816457) MAKES A HINTY DEGREE TURN DUE SOUTH THEN GOES DOWN (AT 815455) AND BRANCHES OFF TO TWO TRAILS DOWN (AT 813450) WHICH LEADS UP TO THE HILLS. TWO RDS WERE FIRED AT HELOS FROM ABOVE COMPLEX. HOWEVER UPON INVESTIGATION BY A RIFLE COMPANY IT TURNED OUT TO BE A WASH AND STREAM BED. OVER GROWN.
H. 261110H RECON REPORTS FIVE (5) MEN MOVING EAST ON TRAIL (AT 976462) CARRYING BASDETS. THEY DODGED INTO BUSHES WHEN AIR CRAFT FLY OVER.
I. 261255H RECON REPORTS (AT 965475) TWO MEN WEARING BLACK PJ'S PICKED UP PACKS IN VILLAGE THAT WAS BOMBED YESTERDAY (AT 967464).
J. 261309H RECON REPORTS FOUR (R) MEN WITH WEAPONS (AT 796495).
K. 261315H RECON REPORT TWO (2) MEN ON TRAIL WITH WEAPONS (AT 965455).
L. 261320H AO REPONTS CAVE AT (AT 799449).
M. 261405H RECON REPONTS NINE (9) MEN (AT 805989) FIVE (5) MEN WITH WEAPONS AND PACKS. ARTY CALLED GOOD TARGET COVERAGE. THREE (3) VC KIA (BODY COUNT) TWO (2) POSSIBLE VC WIA.

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N. 261420H AO REPORTS WHAT APPEARS TO BE 15TO 20
CAVES WITH GOOD TRAILS LEADING TO EACH CAVE FROM
(AT 804432) TO (AT 815440).
WOOD IS STACKED UP IN FRONT OF SOME CAVES. THREE (3) TO FOUR (4)
RECENTLY CAVES.
XWM 260600H TO 261900H S AND D OPERATION CONDUCTED IN GRID SQUARES
8148, 7545, 8246, 8247, 8248, 6347, 8349, 8348, 8447, 8448, 8449,
8448, 8449, 8548, 8549, MENZR THE FOLLOWING:
A. 101 VCS APPREHENDED (25 TURNED OVER TO
PF COMPANY FOR EVALUATION).
B. 63 BUNKERS BLOWN. (REINFORCED WITH BAMBOO AND STEEL)
C. 545 FEET OF TUNNEL BLOWN.
D. 3 FIGHTING HOLES BLOWN.
E. 1 TRIP WIRE RIGGED WP GRENADE BLOWN.
F. 1-1-16 (TOMATO CAN BOOBY TRAP BLOWN).
G. 1-MAKESHIFT BOOBY TRAP PRESSURE TYPE BLOWN
H. 2- MEDIUM SIZED WATER PUMPS. (ENGINE OPERATED) ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION WILL BE FORWARED THIS DATE
I. NINE (9) VC KIA (BODY COUNT)
J. 101 VCS APPREHENDED
TOTAL VC CASUALTIES
A. TWELVE (12) VC KIA
B. THREE (3) VCC
C. 101 VCS APPREHENDED
ANALYSIS
THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE SINCE LAST REPORT IN THE PATTERN
OF ENEMY ACTIVITY. INTELLIGENCE REPORT INDICATE THE PRESENCE
OF GUERRILLAS IN JUST ABOUT ALL VILLAGES IN THIS ZONE.
IN THE AREA OF THE S AND D OPERATION BEGINNING TODAY. INTELLIGENCE
REPORTS INDICATE A GUERRILLA PLATOON TO BE LOCATED (AT 987497). AT
HEAVILY FORTIFIED VILLAGE (AT 987496) FROM WHICH VC OP'S HAS BEEN
DISPATCHED AND THEN LATER GAVE RETURN TO SAME VILLAGE.
AND ARMS CACHE ARE REPORTEDLY LOCATED (AT 983483).
ALL THE ABOVE REPORTS ARE INCLUDED FOR THE OPERATION
TODAY.
A LATE REPORT RECEIVED INDICATED THAT THE VC HAVE BEGUN
TO IMPLOY THEIR OWN CIVIL ACTION TEAMS. CONDUCTING
SICK CALLS: IN AN ATTEMPT TO COUNTER OUR EFFORTS
ALONG THESE LINES
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)

Subj: Intelligence Summary #119, Period ending 291000H, April 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

a. General: Fair

b. Temperature: High: 95 Low: 75

c. Average Humidity: 75%

d. Precipitation: None

e. Wind: SW at 6 to 8 knots

f. Visibility: 7 Miles

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

(3) Astronomical Data.

	EMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
30 Apr	0601	0624	1905	1928	1449	0254	1/2

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) Special Reports.

a. At 280900H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the DUY XUYEN District Chief that one Viet Cong Main Force battalion tentatively identified as the 5th Bn (AKA V 25 Battalion) is enroute to the east along grid lines 55 and 52, intending to gain the beach area along the coast east

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b. At 282117H, G-2 relayed a report from HIEU DUC District Headquarters that GVN/US forces should be cautious when accepting what may purport to be the surrender of small groups (two to three men) of Viet Cong. The report stated that there have been several recent incidents (not cited) in which Viet Cong have surrendered (sic) so as to gain entry into friendly positions and then attacked their so-called captors with grenades and small arms weapons. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-6.

c. At 282250H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to QUANG NAM Special Sector at HOI AN relayed a report from an unidentified GVN (Intelligence) source that one Viet Cong Battalion is presently located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 995582) to (BT 020585) to (BT 020573). The report provided no additional information regarding this Viet Cong force and was rated F-3. The report added that a meeting of Viet Cong (unidentified) was to occur at 282100H, in an area in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 037583), (BT 027590), or (BT 022564). No additional information was provided. This portion of the report was also rated F-3. S-2 rates the entire report F-3.

d. At 290300H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the 51st ARVN Regimental Headquarters at BO MUNG reported that the 2d Company, 1st Battalion, 51st ARVN Regiment, positioned at coordinates (BT 004661), had received an estimated fifty rounds of what was tentatively identified as 81mm mortar fire and 57mm recoilless rifle fire. The report stated that the Viet Cong force, estimated as two companies in strength, was positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 000661), (BT 000653), and (BT 000654). The report continued that USMC artillery elements directed a total of one hundred forty seven 105mm artillery rounds at the enemy positions and probable routes of withdrawal. The report indicated that the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the south. ARVN casualties were nine WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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e. Late Report - Additional Information. At 281630H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the 51stARVN Regimental Headquarters at BO MUNG provided additional and rectifying information regarding the COUNTY FAIR operation conducted in the HA DONG hamlet area, coordinates (AT 996643) during the period 19-20 April. (See 201124H entry, INTSUM #111, for account of this operation). This later report stated that interrogation of the suspects apprehended during this operation served to identify five persons as Viet Cong. The report identified these Viet Cong as:

NGUYEN BIEN..... Village/hamlet education cadre leader

NGUYEN BOI..... Chief of Intelligence team

NGUYEN THI CHIA..... Administrative clerk

NGUYEN THI NHU..... Young Women's Group Assistant leader

NGUYEN QUA..... Village/hamlet water supply supervisor

The report stated that all five Viet Cong Captives are in GVN custody and are undergoing further investigation. (S-2 comment: The initial report received regarding this operation stated that a total of twelve Viet Cong (Confirmed) had been captured. This correction is evidently based on extensive interrogations conducted by I CORPS intelligence personnel which served to establish the innocence of some of those persons initially identified as Viet Cong).

(2) 2dBn 9thMar

a. At 281315H, a Company G platoon, conducting a search and clear operation in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 053638) reported receiving approximately twelve small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 057638). The report stated that the enemy fire was not repeated and the exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. At 281500H, the Battalion S-3 reported that Headquarters and Service Company elements, manning security positions on the Command Post perimeter, coordinates (AT 994673) apprehended one suspicious person. The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he ignited a fire which burned through the perimeter mine field. The report stated that this action was believed to have been Viet Cong directed. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the local District Headquarters, for investigation.

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c. At 282340H, a Company E squad-sized ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 990663) reported observing three armed Viet Cong who entered the ambush position. The Marines directed fifteen small arms rounds and four grenades at the Viet Cong. When the Viet Cong fled from the ambush area, twenty one 81mm mortar rounds were directed alorg the route of withdrawal and into an area where the Viet Cong fled. The report stated that the Marines pursued but a search of the site produced negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 290315H, Company H reported that Marines manning security positions on the Company Command Post perimeter, coordinates (BT 019637), received what were described as five 60mm mortar rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 017623). Mortar support was requested and thirty two 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong mortar fire was not repeated. The Marines did not search the site of the Viet Cong locations but remained in their security positions. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. (S-2 comment: See 290300H entry, this INTSUM, for an account of yet another mortar incident which occurred to the northwest of this area at about the same time).

e. At 290830H, a Company E platoon-sized patrol reported an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 002638) resulting in seven Marines WIA. The initial report did not indicate the type of device, intensity of the explosion, or method of detonation. Additional information will be provided when available. A subsequent report increased the casualty totals to one Marine KIA and nineteen WIA (fifteen required medical evacuation). This later reported provided additional information regarding this incident and proffered tentative identification of the explosive device encountered. The report stated that a Company E platoon was enroute from the vicinity of BICH NAM (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 997636), towards PHONG LUC (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 020638), when the detonation occurred. One squad was in the porcess of deploying so as to cover the movement across an open area by a second squad sized element. When the detonation occurred, the second squad was "passing through" the cover squad, and the large number of casualties is attributable to the temporary congestion that ensued. Based on examination of the site, and the accounts provided by Marines in the platoon the device appears to have been a U.S. anti-personnel mine (M-16E3). The device evidently exploded in the air, (head height), and fragments were diffused over a thirty meter radius. The witnesses stated that a smaller explosion preceeded the major detonation (the propelling charge) and there was a conspicuous absense of any crater. Fragments were described as being small, uniform in size, and of the type found in U.S. anti-personnel mines of the "bounding" type.

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(3) 2dBn 3dMar.

a. At 281445H, a Company H (2d Battalion, 4th Marines, under OPCON this battalion) platoon-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 955685) resulting in one Marine WIA. The report described the device as a 20mm round (aircraft ordinance ?) and stated it was rigged with a pressure type activator (cartridge trap device), and positioned in the bottom of a punji pit, described as two feet by two feet by two feet in depth.

b. At 281456H, Company L reported that one Viet Cong "returnee" came into the Command Post positions, coordinates (AT 973662). The report stated that the returnee would be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisioner Collection Point on 29 April. No additional information was provided. (S-2 comment: This is the sixth returnee (rallier) to have turned himself in to this Marine unit in the last two days. To encourage additional potential returnees reported to be in the area, the initial four returnees were requested to delay their evacuation to 3d ITT and to work with the Marines and CVN People's Action Teams members. The returnees acquiesced, and returned in Company L positions until 29 April, when they were evacuated to 3d ITT for processing as ralliers.

c. At 281920H, Company L reported that Marines manning security positions on the Company Command Post perimeter, received fifty small arms rounds from four Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 969664). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds, six 40mm (M-79) rounds, and three LAAW (M-72) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported finding blood stains which indicated that at least one Viet Cong was wounded in the encounter. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong WIA (possible). At 290644H, a subsequent report indicated that Company L dispatched a squad sized patrol to search the area a second time (during daylight hours) and the patrol reported the discovery of two explosive devices at coordinates (AT 959655). The report identified the devices as a U. S. (M-26) grenades and stated they were placed in what was described as "C" ration cans and rigged with pull-type trip wire activators. The report stated that the two devices were destroyed by the Marines.

d. At 281020H, a Company L platoon-sized element positioned at a river block at coordinates (AT 963661) reported receiving approximately two hundred small arms rounds and what were described as ten rifle grenades from an estimated ten Viet Cong positioned in widely separated positions located one hundred fifty to two hundred meters east, southeast, and south of the Marines positions. The Marines directed three thousand small arms

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rounds, described as M-60 machine gun fire, four hundred fifty small arms (rifle) rounds, fifty 40mm (M-79) rounds and three 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report stated that three Viet Cong were observed falling as if struck by the Marines fire. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were three Viet Cong WIA (possible).

e. At 281925H, a Company H, (2d Battalion, 4th Marines under OPCON this battalion) squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 956667) reported receiving fifteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 955662). The Marines directed sixty small arms rounds and six 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The report stated that the Marines pursued the Viet Cong until contact was lost in a tree line. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

f. At 282240H, a Company L squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 958650) reported receiving one grenade from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong action was not repeated. The report stated that the Viet Cong broke contact and fled the area. The Marines pursued until contact was lost due to darkness. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(4) 29 Apr. 4th May.

a. Late Report. At 280900H, a Company K (3d Battalion, 9th Marines under OPCON this battalion) platoon-sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 094665). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when observed following the patrol and appeared to be of military age. The report also stated that a routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

b. At 291315H, a Company M (3d Battalion, 9th Marines under OPCON this battalion) fire team-sized element manning an observation post operating in the vicinity at coordinates (BT 062650) reported observing two armed Viet Cong moving along a tree line in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 058649). The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the NGAN TRUNG (?) hamlet, coordinates (BT 055648). A Marine fire team accompanied by two vehicles (ONTOS) were dispatched to search the hamlet area which produced negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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c. At 281630H, a Company M (3dBn, 9thMar under OPCON this battalion) squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 045656) reported receiving two small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 047654). The Marines directed one hundred twenty small arms rounds and one 40mm (M-79) round at the enemy position and reported killing one Viet Cong. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported recovering documents identified as possible propaganda, on the body of the dead Viet Cong. No weapons or equipment were recovered. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count).

d. At 282000H, a Company K (3dBn, 9thMar under OPCON this battalion) platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 091650) reported observing one Vietnamese male acting suspiciously in the treeline in close proximity to the Marines positions. The report stated that the male attempted to evade the patrol and the Marines directed small arms fire at the fleeing man, killing him. The report identified the male as a Viet Cong (basis for this identification was not provided). No weapons nor equipment were recovered from the dead Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count).

e. At 282040H, Company K (3dBn, 9thMar under OPCON this battalion) elements manning an observation post in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 096660), reported receiving twelve small arms rounds described as semi-automatic fire from Viet Cong believed to be positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 096661). The report stated that the exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

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(5) 3dBn 9thMar

a. At 290900H, the Battalion S-2 reported a resume of activities in the Operation GEORGIA area which occurred during the period 280600H to 290600H. The report stated:

(1) At 280944H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), reported sighting three Viet Cong moving east on a trail at coordinates (AT 973472). No additional information was provided.

(2) At 280952H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), reported sighting four Viet Cong, reportedly carrying bundles (not described), at coordinates (AT 974472).

(3) At 280955H, Company I operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 960501) reported observing eight to ten Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 957519). Artillery support was requested and eight 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location with reported good effect on target. The report stated that three buildings were destroyed. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as two Viet Cong KIA (possible) and two Viet Cong WIA (possible).

(4) At 281045H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 002494) reported sighting four Viet Cong, three of which were dressed in what was described as black pajama type clothing and one dressed in what was described as khaki colored clothing at coordinates (BT 011529).

(5) At 281206H, Company I operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 970520) reported observing one Viet Cong squad in the LE NAM (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 965522). Artillery support was requested and directed at the enemy location, when the artillery fire lifted Company I entered the village. The report stated that the villagers informed the Marines that thirty Viet Cong had been in the hamlet during the artillery fire but had fled to the northwest. No casualties were reported. The report added that the road leading north from LE NAM (2) hamlet was reported mined.

(6) At 281454H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), reported sighting three Viet Cong moving toward the south at coordinates (AT 968477). The report stated that one of the Viet Cong was armed with what was described as a rifle.

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(7) At 281530H, Company M, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 846457), reported observing fifteen Viet Cong who were attempting to cross the SONG KY LAM, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 991 544). Artillery fire was directed at the enemy with a reported excellent effect on target. Enemy casualties were reported as five Viet Cong KIA (body count). The report did not indicate that any weapons or equipment were recovered.

(8) At 281535H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned at coordinates (AT 966 475), reported sighting two Viet Cong moving east in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 970470). Artillery support was requested and three 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location with a reported excellent effect on target. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(9) At 281620H, Company I operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 973519) reported observing six Viet Cong positioned in a trenchline at coordinates (AT 991544). Artillery support was requested and three 8 inch howitzer rounds were directed at the enemy location with reported good effect on target. The report stated that one 8 inch round made a direct hit in the trenchline. Enemy casualties were six Viet Cong WIA (possible).

(10) At 281625H, Company F (2dBn, 9thMar under OPCON this battalion) reported observing ten armed Viet Cong moving in an easterly direction on the far (north) bank of the SONG THEN YEN, coordinates (AT 847 475). No additional information was provided.

(11) At 281704H, Company I reported receiving thirty small arms rounds described as automatic weapons fire, from andestimated three Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 976528). Artillery support was requested and twenty four 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location, with reported excellent effect on target. Enemy casualties were estimated as one Viet Cong KIA (possible) and three Viet Cong WIA (possible).

(12) At 281800H, Company L, located at coordinates (AT 9975%), reported receiving six to eight small arms rounds from an estimated two to three Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 999513). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds and three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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(13) At 281800H, Company I, located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 001518), reported receiving fifteen small arms rounds from two Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 007518). (The report stated that one of the Viet Cong was armed with a rifle equipped with a telescopic sight). The Marines directed one hundred fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and reported observing one Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. The report stated that artillery support was requested and directed into the enemy positions. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong WIA (possible).

(14) At 282102H, Company I reported observing six Viet Cong moving through an open area, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 973522). Artillery support was requested and fourteen 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location, with a reported excellent effect on target. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count). No weapons or equipment were reported recovered.

(15) At 282116H, Company I, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 001518), reported receiving two grenades from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed small arms fire and 40mm (M-79) rounds and 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines searched the area with negative results. Marine casualties were three WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(16) At 290205H, Company I positioned at coordinates (AT 972 518), reported receiving what were described as ten to twelve 60mm mortar rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 967524). Artillery and mortar support was requested and a total of twelve 105mm rounds and (undetermined amount of) 81mm mortar rounds were directed at suspected enemy locations. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(17) At 290258H, Battery F, (2dBn, 12Mar operating in the Operation GEORGIA area in support of this battalion) positioned at coordinates (AT 907477) reported receiving what were described as fifteen 81mm mortar rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 906482). Artillery support was requested and 105mm artillery rounds were directed at the enemy location and the enemy mortar fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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

a. See 281206H entry, this INTSUM.

D. Viet Cong Casualties:	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:	Cumulative Since 10Jul65:
KIA (Confirmed)	2	807
KIA (Possible)	0	1111
VC Captured	0	263
VC Captured (WIA)	0	16
VC WIA (Possible)	1	368
VC Suspects Apprehended	1	1822
Returnees (Since 21Apr66)	1	13

E. Operation GEORGIA VC Casualties:	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:	Cumulative Since 21Apr66:
KIA (Confirmed)	6	35
KIA (Possible)	3	39
VC Captured	0	0
VC Captured (WIA)	0	0
VC WIA (Possible)	12	26
VC Suspects Apprehended	0	107
Returnees (Since 21Apr66)	0	0

F. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

Quantity	Item	INTSUM Entry No.
2	Grenades, U.S. (M-26)	281920H

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G-2	(7)
3dMar	(1)
3dEngr	(1)
EOD	(1)
Mag 11	(1)
Mag 16	(1)
1/9	(2)
2/9	(2)
3/9	(2)
3/3	(2)
2/12	(2)
FSCC	(1)
S-2	(6)
S-3	(2)
1st AmTrac Bn	(1)
3d Tnk	(1)
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B Co Tnk	(1)
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Subj: Intelligence Summary #120, Period ending 301000H, April 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

a. General: Fair

b. Temperature: HIGH: 95 LOW: 60

c. Average Humidity: 70%

d. Precipitation: Thunder Showers after 1500H

e. Wind: Variable 5-10 knots

f. Visibility: 7 miles

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

(3) Astronomical Data.

	EMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	LMCT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
1 May	0600	0623	1906	1729	1546	0341	3/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) Special Reports

a. At 291700H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the 1st ARVN Regimental Headquarters at BO MUNG relayed a report from a CIA source (unidentified) associated with the NSO in SON Pacification Operation.

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that a Viet Cong force consisting of one Main Force company (unidentified) and one guerrilla company will attack friendly elements (unidentified) located in the HOA DA village area. The report stated that these units, commanded by two Viet Cong "regular" (sic) officers and one BAY HINH, described as the Viet Cong District Chief, are presently located in the vicinity of HOA LAN village, coordinates (BT 044688), and HOA PHUNG village, coordinates (BT 055700). The report added that a Viet Cong cadre (unidentified) is serving as liaison for the two Viet Cong units and operates in the vicinity of TUNG LAM (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 034702), and CO MAN hamlet, coordinates (BT 027689). The report was rated C-3. S-2 rates the report C-3.

b. At 291835H, G-2 relayed a Prisoner Interrogation Report from 3d ITT that a Viet Cong mine field may be located on what was described as a knoll, one kilometer west of AN HT (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 932613). The report porvided no additional details, and was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-3.

c. At 292335H, the Regimental FSCC relayed a report from an U.S. Army Advisor (unidentified) (the report evidently was processed through the Division FSCC) that a GVN military element providing security for the bridge at THANH QUIT, coordinates (BT 041621), was receiving mortar fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 037622), (BT 032623), and (BT 034624). Artillery support was requested and a total of thirty 105mm rounds directed at the enemy positions. A subsequent report indicated that no mortar rounds had been received, but that the GVN military element had received a heavy volume of small arms fire and several grenades in position. No GVN military casualties were reported. Two civilians were reported wounded. Enemy casualties were not indicated.

(2) 3dBn 3dMar

a. At 291308H, a Company H (2dBn, 4thMar under OPCON this battalion) squad-sized patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 964699). The report identified the device as a U.S. (M-26) grenade and stated that it was rigged with a trip-wire activator. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

b. At 291315H, a Company H (2dBn, 4thMar under OPCON this battalion) squad-sized patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 949682). The report identified the device as a 60mm mortar round positioned to function as a mine, and stated that it was rigged with a pressure-type detonating mechanism. The report stated that the devke was destroyed by the Marines.

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c. At 291405H, a Company I platoon located at coordinates (AT 983604) reported that a USMC helicopter transporting elements of the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, effecting a relief for the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, received sporadic small arms rounds from Viet Cong believed to be positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 988604). The report stated that the enemy fire was ineffective and the aircraft nor occupants sustained casualties or damage.

d. At 300720H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 968634) reported receiving two small arms rounds from Viet Cong believed to be positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 970640). The report indicated that the exact enemy location could not be discerned and the Viet Cong fire was not returned; however, the Marines searched the suspected site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported.

(3) 2dBn 4thMar

a. At 290945H, the Battalion S-3 reported that two small arms rounds impacted in the vicinity of the Battalion Command Post perimeter, coordinates (BT 066654), from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 067654). The report stated that the exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. The Marines searched the suspected area with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported.

b. At 291135H, a Company M (3dBn, 9thMar under OPCON this battalion) patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 047647). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

c. At 291450H, a Company M (3dBn, 9thMar under OPCON this battalion) patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 092652) reported observing three men at coordinates (BT 094653), who quickly turned and ran upon the approach of the patrol. The report stated that the Marines ordered the fleeing men to halt, then fired several warning shots into the air. When the men ignored the warning, the Marines directed small arms fire at the men, and reported killing one man. The other two men then ceased their flight and were apprehended. The report stated that the dead man lacked identification and was carrying (unevaluated) documents. The two men will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point as Viet Cong Suspects. In a subsequent report (291545H), Company K reported that a wounded Vietnamese male was carried by unidentified villagers into the Company Command Post. The report indicated that the man may have sustained his wounds as the result of the earlier incident which resulted in one

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Viet Cong KIA, and apprehension of two Viet Cong suspects. The wounded man was evacuated to an ARVN medical facility for treatment and investigation. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one KIA (body count) and three Viet Cong Suspects (including one wounded man) apprehended.

d. At 291515H, a Company K (3dBn, 9thMar under OPCON this battalion) patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (BT 095656). The report identified the device as a rudimentary mine, consisting of a quantity (not indicated) of explosives in a tin can container, and stated that it was rigged with a trip-wire activator. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

e. At 292055H, a Company M (3dBn, 9thMar under OPCON this battalion) patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 078627), reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 074621). The report stated that mortar support was requested and twenty 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(4) 2dBn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 290700H, Company G, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 979573), reported receiving what was described as a heavy volume of small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 982575). The Marines directed small arms rounds at the enemy position. When the enemy fire continued, artillery support was requested and seventy one 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. Late Report. At 290805H, Company G, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 984566), reported receiving what was described as sniper fire from Viet Cong positioned in a tree line in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 983563). Artillery support was requested and twelve 155mm rounds were directed at the enemy location with reported good effect on target. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported finding blood stains and drag marks indicating at least three Viet Cong KIA. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were three Viet Cong KIA(possible).

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c. At 291016H, Company H, conducting a search and destroy operation, reported killing one Viet Cong when he attempted to escape the Marines after being apprehended as a Viet Cong Suspect because he lacked sufficient identification. The report stated that the suspect was initially apprehended in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 979577). The report added that, during evacuation, the suspect broke loose from the Marines and attempted to escape. When the suspect ignored the Marines' warnings to halt, small arms fire was directed at the fleeing man, killing him. No weapons or equipment was recovered from the dead Viet Cong. (S-2 Comment: In light of the dead man's actions in resisting apprehension, his flight, and his lack of identification, paragraph D of this INTSUM will reflect him as a Viet Cong KIA(body count).

d. At 291045H, a Company G patrol reported apprehending three Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 978570), when a routine examination revealed that they lacked adequate identification and could not adequately explain their presence in the area. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

e. At 291100H, Company C (1st Battalion, 4th Marines under OPCON this battalion) reported receiving twelve small arms rounds in the company command post positions, coordinates (AT 980698), from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 984698). The report stated that the exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

f. At 291127H, the Battalion S-2 reported that the villagers of PHONG THU (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 978573), informed the Marines that thirty Viet Cong, wearing what was described as green uniforms, had passed through their hamlet on 28 April. Direction of movement, armament nor identification was not provided. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-6.

g. At 292045H, Company E reported receiving ten small arms rounds in the company command post positions, coordinates (AT 990642) from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 990638). Mortar support was requested and thirty 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The report stated that the Marines did not search the site of the Viet Cong positions but remained in their security positions. No Marine casualties were reported.

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h. At 292100H, a Company E fire team-sized listening post positioned just forward of the Company Command Post perimeter, coordinates (AT 990640), reported observing five Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 991638). The Marines directed ten small arms rounds, one 3.5 inch (rocket) round, and twelve 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong withdrew from the area. The Marines later searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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i. At 292300H, Company C (1st Battalion, 4th Marines under OPCON this battalion) reported receiving twelve small arms rounds in the Company Command Post perimeter, coordinates (AT 979648), from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The report stated that the exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. The report stated that a patrol was dispatched to search the site of the suspected enemy location but reported negative results. No Marine casualties were reported.

(5) 3dBn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 290830H, the Battalion S-3 reported that one man was injured and required medical evacuation when he stepped on a punji stake at coordinates (AT 995526). The report provided no additional details.

b. Late Report. At 290845H, an aerial observer operating in the Operation GEORGIA area reported receiving small arms fire from an estimated ten Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 973530). Artillery support was requested and eight 105mm rounds from LVTH-6 were directed at the enemy location. The aerial observer reported excellent effect on the target and estimated enemy casualties as two KIA (possible) and three WIA (possible). No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported.

c. At 291050H, Battery F (2dBn, 12thMar supporting this battalion in Operation GEORGIA) reported the results of a patrol dispatched to search the areas from which mortar fire was believed to have emanated on 29 April (see 290258H entry, INTSUM #119, for an account of this action). The report stated that what was identified as an 60mm mortar position was found at coordinates (AT 911483) and an 81mm mortar site at coordinates (AT 912484). The report added that a document believed to possibly be an enemy "frag" order pertaining to the mortar attack, was discovered in the area.

d. At 291200H, an aerial observer operating in the Operation GEORGIA area reported observing Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 955533), who were apparently directing small arms fire at yet another helicopter. Artillery support was requested and forty eight 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location with a reported excellent effect on the target. The report indicated that two buildings were destroyed. Enemy casualties were estimated as one WIA (possible). No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported.

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e. At 291200H an aerial observer operating in the Operation GEORGIA area reported observing Viet Cong (number not indicated) moving across a bridge in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 944474). Artillery support was requested and twenty 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. Enemy casualties were not determined.

f. At 291200H an aerial observer operating in the Operation GEORGIA area, reported observing what was described as a camouflaged boat on the CAY KHE VINH TRINH, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 941475). Artillery support was requested and thirty 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. The report did not indicate the effect of the artillery mission.

g. At 291300H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 993495), reported sighting three armed Viet Cong moving to the east in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 994505). The report stated that Marine snipers with the reconnaissance element directed four small arms rounds at the Viet Cong, and one Viet Cong was observed being struck by the Marines' fire and carried away by his withdrawing comrades. Enemy casualties were estimated as one WIA (possible).

h. At 291545H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion) located at coordinates (AT 993495), reported sighting one armed man walking into a hamlet at coordinates (BT 011484). No additional information was provided.

i. At 291800H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from (unidentified) villagers from PHU NHUAN (3) hamlet (the report was evidently relayed by the DUC DUC District Chief) that twelve Viet Cong were killed by Marines when they destroyed tunnels and caves in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 902508), on 22 April. The report indicated that the villagers had stripped the Viet Cong bodies of their possessions, and the whereabouts of weapons and equipment has not been determined. (S-2 comment: Based on this report, paragraph E of this INTSUM will reflect twelve additional Viet Cong KIA (possible).

j. At 291830H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), located at coordinates (AT 924464) reported sighting fourteen men moving along a trail in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 927475). The report stated that several of the men were carrying mats on their backs, and one man was armed. No additional information was provided.

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k. At 291930H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 004481), reported sighting six armed Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 012482). The report stated that the Marines received one small arms round from this Viet Cong group. Artillery support was requested and seven 8 inch artillery rounds were directed at the enemy location with a reported excellent effect on target. Enemy casualties were three KIA (possible).

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l. At 292000H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from an U.S. Army Advisor with the ARVN forces in the Operation GEORGIA area that one Viet Cong Main Force company was located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT900489). The report stated that, based on this report, an ARVN artillery mission was delivered into the area with undetermined results. No additional information was provided.

m. At 292250H the Battalion S-3 reported that four Viet Cong Suspects were apprehended during the search and destroy operation conducted this day in the Operation GEORGIA area. The report did not indicate the basis for apprehension, nor provide the locations where the apprehensions occurred. (S-2 comment: This report also stated that the totals for Viet Cong Suspects apprehended during Operation GEORGIA has now reached two hundred eight. Paragraph E of this INTSUM will be adjusted to reflect this total although the official count, determination of status (Viet Cong Suspect, suspicious person, Viet Cong Confirmed, released, etc.,) must await a more detailed report from the 3d ITT element operating in the (forward) Prisoner Collection Point in the Operation GEORGIA area).

n. At 300647H, a Company F (2dBn, 9thMar, under OPCON this battalion) reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 909492), resulting in damage to an LVT. The report described the device as a mine but provided no additional details. Additional details will be provided when available.

o. At 300715H, Company F (2dBn, 9thMar under OPCON this battalion), reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 909487), resulting in five Marines WIA and moderate damage to the LVT in which they were riding. The report described the device as a mine but provided no additional details. The report continued that, as the Marines debarked from the disabled LVT, they received eight to ten small arms rounds from two or three Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 952492). /S-2 comment: The location shown for the enemy position would indicate an exchange of small arms fire at four thousand three hundred meters range,

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and is patently erroneous, but communications difficulties hindered clarification of this report/. The report stated that the Marines deployed to engage the Viet Cong and the Viet Cong broke contact. No casualties were reported as the result of the small arms fire.

p. At 300915H, Company L, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 948521) reported receiving thirty to forty small arms rounds from an estimated five to seven Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 950519). The Marines returned the fire and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the southwest. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No casualties were reported.

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

(1) See 291127H entry, this INTSUM.

(2) See 291800H entry, this INTSUM.

D. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour# Reporting Period:	Cumulative# Since 10Jul65:
KIA (Confirmed)	2	809
KIA (Possible)	3	1114
VC Captured	0	263
VC Captured (WIA)	0	16
VC WIA (Possible)	0	368
VC Suspects Apprehended	7	1829
Returnees (Since 21Jan66)	0	13

E. Operation GEORGIA VC Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:	Cumulative Since 21Apr66:
KIA (Confirmed)	0	35
KIA (Possible)	17	56
VC Captured	0	0
VC Captured (WIA)	0	0
VC WIA (Possible)	5	31
VC Suspects Apprehended	4	192
Returnees (Since 21Apr66)	0	0

NOTE: # Does not include Operation GEORGIA casualty totals.

* Cumulative total adjusted so as to agree with information reflected in 292250H entry, this INTSUM.

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F. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

Quantity	Item	INTSUM Entry No.
1	Grenade, U.S. (M-26)	291308H
1	Shell, 60mm mortar	291315H
1	Device, explosive	291515H

G. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:
None reports received during this reporting period.

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III MAF	(1)
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G-2	(7)
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2/9	(2)
3/9	(2)
3/3	(2)
2/4	(2)
2/12	(2)
FSCC	(1)
G-2	(6)
G-3	(2)
1stAmfrac	(1)
3dTnk	(1)
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