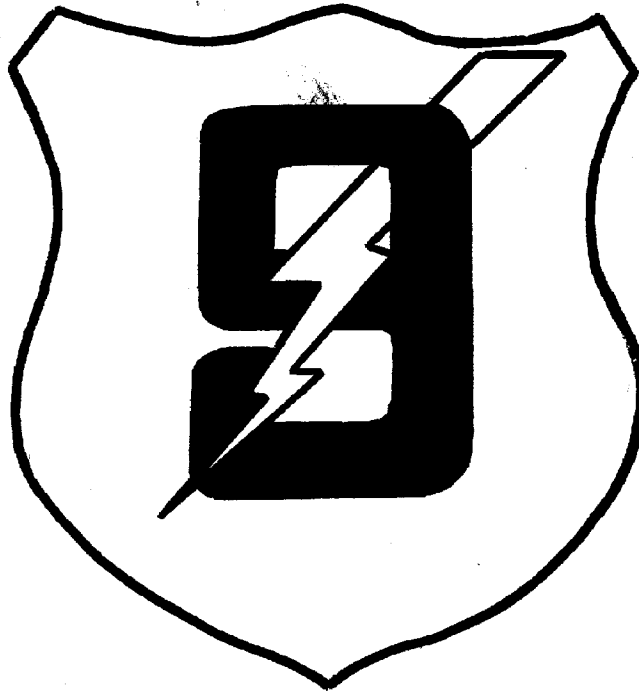


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(5) Air Support Chronology
(6) Medical and Dental Chronology
(7) Communications-Electronics Chronology
(8) Fire Support Chronology
(9) Supporting Documents (with original only)

1. In accordance with reference (a), the 9th Marines Command Chronology for period 1-28 February 1966 is submitted.

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Reporting Unit. 9th Marines (Rein), 3d Marine Division
2. Reporting Period. 1-28 February 1966
3. Date of Submission. 10 March 1966
4. Commanding Officer
 - Colonel John E. CORMAN 1-15 February 1966
 - Colonel Edwin H. SIMONS 16-28 February 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 1-28 February 1966 LtCol P. C. TRAMMELL
 - b. S-1 1-28 February 1966 Capt H. B. WAST
 - c. S-2 1-28 February 1966 Maj C. WARD
 - d. S-3 1-28 February 1966 Maj V. T. BLAZ
 - e. S-4 1-28 February 1966 Maj G. H. GRIMES
8. Subordinate Commanders
 - a. Headquarters Co 1-28 February 1966 Capt L. D. DERRYBERRY
 - b. 1st Battalion, 9th Mar 1-28 February 1966 LtCol W. F. DOERLER
 - c. 2d Battalion, 9th Mar 1-28 February 1966 LtCol W. F. DONAHUE
 - d. 3d Battalion, 9th Mar 1-28 February 1966 LtCol W. H. TAYLOR
 - e. 3d Battalion, 3d Mar 1-28 February 1966 LtCol J. W. DORSEY
9. Attachments
 - a. Liaison Team, I Corps, RVN 1-28 February 1966
 - b. Interpreter Team, III MAF 1-28 February 1966

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SECRET10. Command and Control

a. The 3d Battalion, 9th Marines was under operational control of III MAF as the DANANG Air Base Defense Battalion during the period 1-17 February 1966. 1st Battalion, 9th Marines relieved 3d Battalion, 9th Marines on 17 February 1966:

1-17 February 3d Battalion OPCON III MAF
1st Battalion OPCON 9th Marines

18-28 February 3d Battalion OPCON 9th Marines
1st Bn OPCON III MAF

b. Units in direct support of 9th Marines

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| (1) 2d Bn(-)(Rein), 12th Marines | 1-28 February 1966 |
| (2) Co B, 3d Tank Bn | 1-28 February 1966 |
| (3) Co C, 3d AT Bn | 1-28 February 1966 |
| (4) 2d Plt, Co B(-) 1st Amtrac Bn | 1-28 February 1966 |
| (5) 3d Plt, Co A, 3d MT Bn | 1-28 February 1966 |

S-1 CHRONOLOGY1. Personnel

a. Monthly strengths (average)

<u>MC Off</u>	<u>MC Enl</u>	<u>Navy Off</u>	<u>Navy Enl</u>
141	4025	14	222

b. Battle CasualtiesNon-Battle Casualties

KIA-18	WIA-184	57
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c. Rotation during month

<u>MC Off</u>	<u>MC Enl</u>	<u>Navy Off</u>	<u>Navy Enl</u>
14	364	0	16

d. Replacements received

<u>MC Off</u>	<u>MC Enl</u>	<u>Navy Off</u>	<u>Navy Enl</u>
16	425	0	12

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

f. Periodic Personnel Reports. None.

2. Staff Studies and Estimates. None.

3. Local News Papers. None.

4. Photographs. None.

5. Journal. None.

6. Discipline, Courts-Martial, Office Hours.

a. No unusual disciplinary problems.

b. Courts-Martial

8 Special Courts-Martial
completed; 6 pending

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Bn Cmdr OH

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Co Cmdr OH

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c. There were no Summary Courts-Martial or General Courts-Martial during the month of February 1966.

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

8. Chaplain Support, Religious Services, Schedules.

a. During the month of February, the Regimental Chaplain celebrated 13 Sunday Masses with 454 men attending; 18 Masses were celebrated during the weeks for Regimental Units with an overall attendance of 321.

b. 4 Sunday Masses were offered at the Regimental Headquarters; the average attendance was 45, indicating an increase in attendance at Catholic Services.

c. Protestant Divine Services were held on the 4 Sundays of the month. The average attendance was 16.

d. On 29 January, the Regimental Chaplain and his assistant departed this Headquarters for "Operation Double Eagle" with the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines. Religious services, both Catholic and Protestant were conducted while on the operation with large attendances. The Sacrament of Penance was administered to large numbers of men.

e. On Thursday, 3 February, the Regimental Chaplain was ordered to the Beach Support Activity where he ministered to the casualties brought into the Medical Facility on the Beach. The Last Rites of the Catholic Church were administered to the wounded and dying. He also provided religious services to units of Task Force Delta located in the beach area.

f. On 7 February, Chaplain Patrick DOWD, newly arrived Chaplain for 2d Battalion, 9th Marines relieved the Regimental Chaplain for the remainder of the operation, at which time, the latter returned to Regimental Headquarters and resumed his duties here.

g. On 10 February, the Chaplain celebrated Mass at the Catholic Church in An-Trach (M-3-3) for US Marines, and Vietnamese military personnel and residents of the village. 38 Vietnamese attended the Mass and requested the services of a Vietnamese-speaking priest. The Regimental Chaplain presented this request to the Catholic Bishop of Danang. Arrangements are now being made to have a local priest visit the people of An-Trach and conduct services for them once a month.

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h. The Regimental Chaplain arranged and coordinated the administration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for U.S. Military personnel by the Bishop of Danang, on 19 February at the Air Force Chapel, 19 men received the Sacrament of which 13 were U.S. Marines. The Chaplain prepared and instructed 5 of these 13 men.

i. A program of Religious Instructions in the Catholic Faith was inaugurated at this Headquarters in February. There are presently 5 men enrolled; 8 sessions have been held this month.

j. In order to improve the moral deportment of our men both while on duty at this headquarters and while on liberty, a series of Moral Guidance Lectures was inaugurated in conjunction with the Headquarters Commandant, the Regimental Surgeon and the Chaplain. Three such sessions were held with 28 men attending.

k. Two training sessions in the Religions of Vietnam were held at the Regimental Headquarters for Chaplains in the Regiment and unit Chaplains located nearby. The lectures were given by Chaplain MOLE, who has completed a six months study and research of the subject. Those training sessions are in preparation for the orientation lectures to be given to all U.S. Marine personnel as directed by CG, FMFPAC.

l. During this month, plans were drawn up for the Regimental Chapel and work began on leveling the site of the planned Chapel.

m. The Regimental Chaplain serviced the following units extraneous to the Regiment:

3rd Tank Battalion area
HQ, 2/12
Task Force Delta: (BSA)

n. Two boxes of clothing were received by this office and were distributed to Vietnamese through the Regimental Med-Cap program.

9. Civil Affairs, Military Government, Community Relations, Results of MEDCAP Progress, Supplies Distributed, Projects completed and in Progress.

a. For details of Bn Civil Affairs see the daily Civil Affairs Situation Reports for the month of Feb 1966.

SECRETS-2 CHRONOLOGY1. Area of Operations.a. Location.

(1) During the month of February, the Tactical Area of Responsibility assigned this regiment was modified by excluding that portion of the HOA LONG Village area (Marble Mountain area), north of NUI KIM SON hamlet, coordinates (BT 073709), the excluded area to include the MON KY Mountain region.

(2) The 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 served HIEU DUC District Headquarters, coordinates (AT 942689) to coordinates (AT 898545); the southern boundary generally follows the north shoreline of the SONG KY LAM trace (with exception of the eastern portion where the boundary intersects the seacoast at coordinates (BT 131630); the northern boundary generally follows the trace of the SONG CAU DO.

(3) 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.

(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.

(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. The population includes several ethnic groups, with Vietnamese comprising 85% of the total population, Indonesian Tribal (not

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to be confused with Indonesian Nationals) 8%, Khmer, Cambodians, and Laotians 3%, Chinese 3%, and others 1%. Approximately 80% of the population are Buddhists, 9% are Catholic, and the remaining 11% is distributed within the various Protestants, Mohammedan, and Hindu sects.

(4) Ninety percent of the people earn their living by farming. In addition to tilling the family plot, family industries are the chief means of production. Although rice production is the chief occupation, antiquated farming methods, the influx of large numbers of refugees, Viet Cong interference with transport, and "dual" (GVN and Viet Cong) taxation create hardships, 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 operation, 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, is the major secondary route within the area of operation, connecting HOI AN with the TAM HOA population center. Secondary roads/trails connect the populated areas but usually will accommodate only foot traffic or small "combat" vehicles.

(6) Although the area of operations is traversed north to south by a narrow-gauge railroad, Viet Cong destruction of overpasses and bridges, and removal of track, have rendered the line inoperable.

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

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Unit Designation	Estimated Strength	Location	Commanded By	Weapons	Validity
R-20(MF)Bn Hq	150	(AT 9264)	UNK	1-81mmMort 1-60mmMort 1-57mmRR 2-MG's 54-AR's	Confirmed
1stVolBn	300	(BT 0158)	DOAN QUANG TRACH (AKA-DAM QUANG TAM)	1-81mmMort 1-60mmMort 3-LMG(Russian) 17-AR's 1-57mmRR 1-30Ca MG	Probable
101stVCBn	UNK	(BT 0763)	VO XUAN LAM	UNK	Possible
R-21(MF)Co (AKA: 341stCo, D-61stCo)	100	(AT 9855)	DOAN NGHIEH	1-81mmMort 2-60mmMort 1-57mmRR 2-LMG's	Confirmed
R-22(MF)Co (AKA: 343dCo D-62Co)	120	(AT 9860)	SR CAPT CAT	1-57mmRR 2-60mmMort 6-AR's 2-81mmMort	Confirmed
R-23(MF)Co (AKA: 345thCo D-63dCo)	120	(AT 9862)	MAJ VO DE	1-60mmMort 2-LMG's 1-57mmRR	Confirmed
Q-15(LF)Co (AKA: H-40Co H-35Co; Q-15-B)	120	(AT 9353)	PHAN AN NAM	1-81mmMort 1-60mmMort 1-57mmRR 18-SMG's 3-LMG	Confirmed
Q-16(LF)Co (AKA: H-41Co H-56Co Q-16-B)	150	(AT 9166)	NGUYEN BOA	2-60mmMort 1-57mmRR 30-SMG's 2-LMG's 7-AR's	Confirmed
Guerr(LF)Co	100	(BT 0564)	TUYEN	UNK	Confirmed
U/I VC Co	UNK	(BT 0666)	UNK	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 Ninth Marines TAOR during this reporting period was approximately 1,800 men, organized into elements of 3 Battalions (approximately 1200 men), and 4 separate companies (approximately 600 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

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SECRETc. Weather.

(1) Although the heavy rains which typify the northeast monsoon season have abated, this reporting period had generally poor overall weather. "Crachin" weather (prolonged periods of widespread drizzle or light rain, with low stratus cloud ceilings and restricted visibilities) which began in December, reached a maximum occurrence in late February. Trafficability continued to improve however, and all MSR's and major secondary roads/trails were open to all normal traffic.

(2) Weather Summary.

Number of days with measurable rainfall.....12
 Total rainfall received.....2.43 in.
 Maximum rainfall in a 24 hour period.....1.44 in.
 Maximum temperature during reporting period.....86°
 Minimum temperature during reporting period.....66°
 Average winds during reporting period.....NE 6 kno
 Number of days with less than 5 miles visibility..6

2. Viet Cong Strengths, Dispositions, and Tactics.

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

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 Ninth Marines TAOR during this reporting period consisted of the following:

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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 Ninth 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 disposition, 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 made of all enemy contacts within the operational area during this reporting period reflected a material difference when compared to previous reports. The following table graphically demonstrates this change:

	<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	
Sniping incidents.....	99	68	35% decrease
Small unit contacts.....	134	150	12% increase
Major unit contacts.....	1	0	100% decrease
Mortar activity.....	2	3	50% increase
Mines and booby traps.....	37	88	138% increase

A portion of this change is attributable to February possessing a lesser number of reporting days, but, as the table indicates, the major change was an increase. The number of mines and booby-trap incidents reported during this period increased by 138% reflecting the accelerated tempo of this type of enemy activity.

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SECRET**3. Viet Cong Casualties.**

a. During February, the Ninth Marines inflicted the following casualties on the Viet Cong in operations within the TACOR:

VC KIA(Confirmed) 77

VC KIA(Possible) 146

VC Captured 20

VC Captured(WIA) 4

VC Suspects Apprehended. 227

Returnees 2

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 those Viet Cong who are shown as captured in paragraph 3. above.

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

	<u>AN/TPS-21</u>	<u>SID-150</u>	<u>INT-RED DEVICES</u>
HqCo, 9thMar	2	8	6
1stBn 9thMar	2	22	16
2dBn 9thMar	2	45	15
3dBn 9thMar	2	30	17
3dBn 3dMar	2	30	16

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~~SECRET~~6. Psychological Warfare.

a. Statistical data for psychological warfare operations conducted during this reporting period is as follows:

Leaflets dropped.....	285,000
Leaflets handed out.....	2,500
Posters distributed.....	1,000
Audio Team Presentations.....	16

APPENDIX 1

S-2 INTSUMS No. 32 through 59

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SECRETS-3 CHRONOLOGY

1. Operation Five Mountains. The 9th Marines continued to support the Pacification Program with limited logistical and medical assistance and search and destroy operations. The most noted improvement was in AN TRACH (1) (AT 966663) where Marines, civilians, and pacification cadres combined their efforts to clear the hamlet of excess vegetation and destroy Viet Cong bunkers and tunnels. Viet Cong resistance was noticeably absent during this reporting period.

2. Area of Operations. The 9th Marines operated within its zone of action and on 28 February occupied positions as shown in appendix (1) to enclosure (3).

3. Significant Events

1-15 Feb Command Group and Companies E and H, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines under OPCON Task Force Delta participated in Operation Double Eagle.

3-28 Feb 3d Battalion, 3d Marines conducted mine clearing operations on Hill 55. 31 LVTE-1 line charges resulted in 99 secondary explosions indicating that the hill had been extensively "mined" by the VC.

12 Feb Two platoons, Co E and F, 2d Battalion engaged an estimated VC Company. Three VC KIA, two VC WIA and 12 VC KIL (poss) resulted from ground and air fire power (SITREPS #43 and 44).

14 Feb Forward Battalions executed HAYDAY (maximum ambush activity throughout zone of action) on the night of 14 February. Effort resulted in two VC KIL and one VCS.

17 Feb 1st Battalion, 9th Marines relieved 3d Battalion, 9th Marines as DANANG Air Base Defense Battalion. 3d Battalion, 9th Marines assumed responsibility for eastern sector of 9th Marine Zone of Action.

19-22 Feb OPCON Command Group and Companies E and F, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines chopped to Task Force Delta for Operation Double Eagle. Operation Rough Rider South executed 19 Feb 1966 to facilitate movement.

21 Feb 2d Battalion command post and E btry, 2d Battalion, 12th Marine received approx 33 rounds incoming mortar fire followed by VC ground attack by an estimated VC squad with small arms and satchel charges. Attack repulsed. Minimal damage sustained. (SITREP #52).

22 Feb 3/9 Command Group and Company M helilifted to DIEN BAN (BT 005) to assist Vietnamese forces in contact with an estimated VC Battalion (SITREP #53).

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- 24-25 Feb Conducted Operation COUNTY FAIR, a coordinated USMC-GVN clearing operation. USMC provided infantry and limited administrative and logistics support. GVN officials screened, processed, identified and registered villagers via PHONG BAG (1) (AT 9970) (SITREP #56).
- 25 Feb Company E, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines engaged an estimated VC platoon resulting in 11 VC KIA and 9 VC KIA (poss) (BT 007602).
- 26 Feb Company K, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines and Company F, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines airlifted to HUE-PHU BAI TAOR for operations under OPCON 2d Battalion, 1st Marines.
- 27 Feb 3d Battalion, 9th Marines conducted extensive search and destroy operation resulting in 13 VC KIA, 10 VC captured and 40 VCS (SITREP #58).

Appendix A (Operation Overlay) (page 3-3)

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1. S-4 Journal. Attached as APPENDIX "A"
2. Supply. Priority O2 and O5 requisitions continue to be traced in accordance with current directives to the supply sources who were last known holder.
3. Shower Building. Shower Building has been completed since last report and is now in operation.
4. Butler Building. Construction has commenced on the Butler Building for supply.
5. Evacuation and Hospitalization of POW'S. N/A.
6. Communications. Submitted separately by Regimental CommC.
7. Transportation. N/A.
8. Employment of Indigenous Personnel. RVN civilian war widows are employed as laundry girls. In addition, the Offi Mess and the Staff NCO Club have hired women as waitresses.
9. Embarkation. A shortage still exists in the Regiment for mount-out boxes. Regimental Headquarters does not have a scheduled Embarkation Officer assigned.

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1. Operational Highlights. On 25 Feb the 2d Battalion requested Sparrow Hawk to exploit an enemy contact of approximately 15 VC in the Bn Zone of Action. A request for additional helicopters to transport one rifle company to the same area was fulfilled in a relatively short period of time. Five UH-34's helilifted one rifle company into the area of hostility within one hour after notification. This helilifted company and Sparrow Hawk resulted in inflicting 11 VC KIA by body count and 9 VC KIA possible.

2. Facilities Provided. This headquarters continued to provide security, messing and berthing facilities for MAC-16 personnel and aircraft in support 9th Marines.

3. Personnel and Equipment.

A. Regimental and Battalion TAGP's and FAC Teams were up to T/O strength during this period.

B. Two FAC Teams from 1st ANGELCO, FMFPAC were provided on-the-job training by this regiment during February.

C. A large number of air officers and enlisted personnel are due to be rotated during the next three months which could temporarily have an effect on personnel efficiency.

4. Helicopter Support

A. Helicopter support has improved very noticeably during this reporting period.

B. The main problem that hinders this regiment is when the DASC or Division is unable to inform utilizing units when helicopters have been diverted or will not be able to arrive for support. This matter has been informally reported to higher authorities and will be the subject of formal correspondence requesting that corrective action be taken.

5. GAS and TPQ-10. No support missions were flown during this reporting period.

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MEDICAL AND DENTAL CHRONOLOGY

Subj: Status report of Medical Department for the month of February 1966

1. Significant events.

(a) Due to the unavailability of a medical officer, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines utilized the services of the Regimental Surgeon.

(b) Weekly sanitation inspections of the NINTH Marine CP area were conducted and no major discrepancies were noted.

2. New Developments.

(a) None Reported.

3. Problem Areas.

(a) None reported

4. MEDCAP.

(a) Treatment of 237 civilian Vietnamese patients in the village of Then Bin Thai and treatment of 125 civilian Vietnamese patients at Phong Boc during Operation "County Fair" accomplished by the medical section. The majority of complaints consisted of ulcers, skin disorders, lacerations, upper respiratory infections, headache and stomach disorders.

(b) Monthly requisition for MEDCAP supplies for use by the NINTH Marines submitted in accordance with current directives to the MAF Civil Affairs Officer. Upon receipt, the medical supplies were distributed to the medical officers of each battalion according to their requirements.

5. Patient statistical data.

a. Number of patients seen - 118

b. Referrals to "C" Co, 3d Med Bn - 9

c. Referrals to NSA - 1

Subj: Status report of Medical Department (Continued)

5. Patient statistical data (Continued)

- d. Admissions to Sick List - 1
- e. Dental referrals - 7
- f. Physical examinations - 2
- g. Majority of treatment included skin disorders, diarrhoea, upper respiratory infections, and injuries. However, these disorders have not impaired functional capacity of the unit.

h. Number of emergency treatments and type:

- (1) Gunshot wound, self-inflicted - 1
 - (2) Lacerations - 5
 - (3) Burns - 3
 - (4) Contusions - 2
6. Innoculations and prophylactic medicine administered.
- a. Immunizations - 113
 - b. Malaria prophylactic - 800

SECRETCOMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS CHRONOLOGY

1. General. During the month of February the following significant events took place:

A. AN/MRC-62 radio relay equipment was employed between the Regimental CP and one Battalion CP as terrain characteristics precluded the successful employment of organic radio relay equipment.

B. Covered Radio Teletype circuits were established with all Battalions as back up for existing land lines.

C. Additional AN/PRC-25 radios were authorized, bringing the total quantity to be held by Regiment and Battalion, to eight. In addition AN/GRC-125 vehicular mounted AN/PRC-25 radios were authorized. However, upon receipt, it was discovered that two cable assemblies were missing in each set. These cables are being traced for immediate procurement.

2. Personnel. The personnel situation continues to deteriorate as one Battalion is presently operating without a communication officer and another communication officer is due to leave in March. Within the Regiment a total of 181 radio operators and 91 wiremen are rated. The present shortage is 5 radio operators and 9 wiremen and it is anticipated that an additional 31 radio operators and 14 wiremen will rotate in the next 60 days with no known input at this time.

3. Equipment. Electronics Maintenance support has improved, but engineer maintenance support can not keep ahead of unit demands. The PU-422 generator and the PU-278 generator which provides 400 cycle power to the AN/TPS-21 radar and the AN/TRC-27 radio relay equipment continues to remain below 50% of the rated T/E allowance. Two PU-613 generators have been received as substitutes for the PU-278, but has not yet been given a work out over a sustained period of time to have determine their field dependability.

SECRETARTILLERY, NAVAL GUNFIRE, AND FIRE SUPPORT CHRONOLOGY1. Significant Events.

a. At 210130H, E Btry of the direct support artillery battalion vic (AT 987672) was assaulted by an estimated VC squad. The assault occurred at 210130H Feb behind 60mm mortar and hand grenade fires. Penetration of the position was made through an avenue opened by 82.3mm CHICOM rockets. Satchel charges caused minor damage to one howitzer (wheels blown off). It is noteworthy that although a satchel charge was detonated against an ammo bunker the bunker withstood the explosion and was not damaged. The battery sustained 1 KIA and 7 WIA. Enemy casualties were estimated at 1 KIA and 3 WIA.

b. This is the first incident in the 9th Marines Zone of Action in which the VC's deliberately selected a USMC artillery unit as a target. It seems to point out that artillery fires present such a menace to the VC that they would risk breaking through defensive positions to destroy artillery weapons.

c. Number/Type of missions Fired During February 1966

H&I	3660
Observed Missions	54
Unobserved missions	20
Illumination	3
Registration	68
Supporting ARVN	137

d. Number of rounds fired by 2d Bn, 12th Marines

105mm Howitzer	5683
155mm Howitzer	857

e. Fire missions and surveillance. Two observation posts are employed by 2d Bn, 12th Marines on a 24-hour basis. These OP's are located at coordinates (BT 075710) and (AT 973737).

f. H and I Fires. For the period 1-28 February H and I fires were conducted nightly. Most missions were fired, "1 gun, 1 round," 2 or 3 times at random during the night. About 40% were fired "fuze quick" and 60% were fired "fuze V. T. "

g. Naval Gunfire. One naval gunfire support ship (destroyer) was on station for Operation Rough Rider South on 19 and 20 Feb 1966. No missions were fired.

SECRET3. Problem Area.

Clearance. Procedural mechanics as presently employed for the clearance of preplanned fires are considered inflexible. An illustrative example: An infantry platoon was withdrawn from a strong point. It was suspected that this vacated area would be probed by the enemy. Hence, the company commander wished to employ his 81mm mortars to shoot H&I fires. This request received approval at the Battalion, Regimental and Division FSCC's. However, it was disapproved by QUANG NAM Special Sector (HOI AN) because the VN records showed a VN unit in the vicinity of the target area. Upon examination, it was determined that the nearest RVN unit was 1800 meters from the target!

SECRETSUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

12 Pt I a. S-2 ISUMS . . . 32-59

12 Pt II b. S-3 SITREPS 32-59 (#51 NIF)

c. S-4 Journal 1-28 Feb 1966

d. 1st Bn, 9th Marines Command Chronology Feb 1966

e. 2d Bn, 9th Marines Command Chronology Feb 1966

f. 3d Bn, 9th Marines Command Chronology Feb 1966

g. 3d Bn, 3d Marines Command Chronology Feb 1966

h. 9th Marines Frag Order #6 through 9-66 and 53 through 59-66

S-2 ISUMS

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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #32, Period ending 011000H, February 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	ERCT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
1 Feb	0654	0717	1845	1708	1439	0244	1/2

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn., 9thMar.

a. At 311150H, a Company D platoon-size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 073625) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from three Viet Cong positioned coordinates (BT 073625). The Marines pursued the Viet Cong by fire and maneuver with negative results. Marine casualties were one KIA (Navy). Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. At 311320H, a Company D platoon-size patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 065442). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when one fled into a bomb shelter. As the Marines conducted a search of the bomb shelter, a second Viet Cong Suspect was found, with a gunshot wound. The report stated that one of the suspects was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, and the second suspect (wounded) was evacuated to the 59th ARVN hospital.

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c. At 311710H, a Company D platoon-size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 067629) reported receiving one small arms round (sniper fire) from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 060634). A second Company D patrol operating east of the enemy position, conducted a search of the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 311800H, a Company B platoon size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 043703) reported observing ten armed Viet Cong positions in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 049703). The report continued that the Viet Cong appeared to be carrying mortar tubes strapped to their backs. The Marines were fired at by the Viet Cong by fire. The Viet Cong broke contact withdrawing to the west and north. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were four (one killed, one wounded, one MIA, one Suspect). The report stated that the Viet Cong Suspect (WIA) was evacuated to the U.S. Naval Hospital DANANG (East) (Marble Mountain). The report added that the following material was removed from the bodies of the dead Viet Cong, and will be evacuated to higher headquarters for evaluation: three C-1000 grenades (fragmentation), cartridge belt, one note book, cardboard containers (possible mortar undetermined size), and various documents. The report continued that as the patrol continued its mission, a tunnel, approximately one hundred fifty meters long, lined with bricks was discovered at coordinates (BT 045704), and was reportedly destroyed.

e. At 311800H, a Company A platoon size patrol (reinforced with tanks), reported that one of the tanks detonated a mine (type and size not indicated) at coordinates (BT 093654) with minor damage. Shortly after the mine exploded, the patrol reported receiving fifteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned approximately four hundred meters south of coordinates (BT 093654). The enemy fire was not returned. The report added that perimeter security was established for the disabled tank, until the tank could be towed back to Company A Command Post. Marine casualties reported was two WIA. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

f. At 311840H, a Company A platoon size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 093654) reported receiving one small arms round (sniper fire) from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 093654). The Marines directed twenty five small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

g. At 311840H, a Company A platoon size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 093658) reported receiving six small arms rounds from Viet Cong armed with undetermined automatic weapons positioned at coordinates (BT 095650). The enemy fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

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h. At 311845H, a Company D platoon size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 066629) reported receiving four small arms rounds (sniper fire) from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 070631). The enemy fire was not returned. Marine casualties were one WIA.

i. At 311900H, a Company D platoon size patrol positioned at coordinates (BT 066629) reported receiving twenty to thirty small arms rounds from three Viet Cong armed with high powered rifles positioned at coordinates (BT 067627). The Marines directed eight small arms rounds, four 40mm (M-79) rounds, and one LAW (M-72) round at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. Additional information will be provided when available.

j. At 312000H, a Company A platoon size patrol positioned at coordinates (BT 120643) reported receiving what was described as one 60mm mortar round from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 123632). The Marines directed fifteen 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position resulting in one secondary explosion (intensity and color of smoke not reported), and the enemy fire ceased. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined. Additional information will be provided when available.

k. At 312104H, a Company D platoon size patrol positioned at coordinates (BT 066629) reported receiving five small arms rounds (sniper fire) from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 067627). The enemy fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

l. At 312204H, a Company D platoon size patrol positioned at coordinates (BT 066629) reported receiving twenty to thirty small arms rounds from Viet Cong armed with one automatic weapon positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 066627). The Marines directed an undetermined amount of small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

m. Late Report. At 301640H, a Company A platoon sized patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects (one male, one female) in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 126635). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when the female was observed beating a drum to warn Viet Cong of the patrols' approach. The male was apprehended for attempting to elude the Marines. The report stated that the suspects were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point.

n. Additional Information. At 312200H, Company B provided the following additional information (see 311800H entry, this INSUM). Two figures (dummies) were discovered in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 042706). The report stated that one Viet Cong (actual) was dressed in a mixed green and khaki uniform and the tactics (maneuver) indicated that he had been well-trained. The report added that Company B fired four 81mm mortar (HE) rounds, and two 3.5 inch (HE) rocket rounds at the Viet Cong position. In addition, four hundred small arms rounds were fired at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact.

CONFIDENTIAL(2) 3rd Bn., 3rd Mar.

a. At 310900H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 946632) when a routine examination revealed he lacked adequate identification. The suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

b. At 311140H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 946614) reported receiving five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 943614). The Marines directed twenty five small arms rounds at the enemy position and physically pursued the Viet Cong to the hamlet of CHAU SON (1) where contact was lost. No casualties were reported.

c. At 311305H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 945606) reported receiving an estimated thirty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 943600). The Marines directed approximately two hundred small arms rounds and five 106mm recoilless rifle rounds at the enemy position and physically pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost in a cane field. No USMC casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

d. At 311310H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 954653) reported receiving four small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 954650). The Marines directed twenty five small arms rounds at the enemy position and physically pursued the Viet Cong to a tree line where contact was lost. No casualties were reported.

e. At 311355H, a Company I patrol reported discovering a large tunnel (exact size not indicated) at coordinates (AT 945602). The report stated the tunnel will be destroyed on 1 February.

f. At 311500H, a Company I patrol reported discovering a tunnel two feet by two feet by ten feet long at coordinates (AT 939611) which was destroyed.

g. At 311600H, an LVT operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 032648) in support of Company L reported receiving three rounds small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 033652). The Marines directed approximately one hundred small arms rounds, and five 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position with unknown results. No casualties were reported.

(3) Special Reports.

a. 310845H, the Regimental S-2 received a report from HOA VANG District Headquarters that a villager from CAM SA (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 081684) came to the District Headquarters to report that as of 302030H two estimated Viet Cong companies were located in CAM SA (1) and (2) and PHONG HA hamlet, coordinates (BT 019034). The report indicated that the members of these Viet Cong units spoke with what was described as a QUANG NAM and QUANG TIN dialect but indicated that the force had recently arrived from the mountain area to the west. The report added that the villagers stated that the

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Viet Cong carried many "Heavy bulky" objects hidden by mats and what appeared to be household possessions. The report stated that the villagers were not prohibited from travel out of CAM SA (1) area but the local Viet Cong cadre wanted to know their destinations upon departing. The Villagers stated they were catholic and was departing to attend church. The villager expressed an interest in the "mortar reward" but could not provide information as to the mortar location. HOA VANG rates the report B-2. (S-2 rates the report F-3)

b. At 311027H, the 9th Marines liaison Officer assigned to the 50th GVN Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at MIEU BONG relayed a report from the QUANG NAM Police station that the Viet Cong are operating their own campaign called the "HOA DIEM Campaign". The report stated that the Viet Cong Main Force and guerrilla units are being combined to mortar the DA NANG Air Base and DA NANG East Air Facility. In addition, their mission reportedly included the interdiction of national Highway #1, (specific location not shown). The report was rated C-3 by QUANG NAM Special Sector. (S-2 rates the report F-3).

c. At 311315H G-2 relayed a report from the DIA LOG Special Sector that one Viet Cong battalion, (designation not indicated), armed with two 60mm mortars, one light machine gun, and anti-tank defense weapons was hiding at coordinates (AT 930450) and (AT 930544). The report stated that the Viet Cong were preparing fortified trench positions. The report was rated C-2 by the DAI LOG Special Sector. (S-2 rates the report F-6)

d. At 311415H an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing Viet Cong (number not indicated) at coordinates (BT 000585). (The basis for this identification was not indicated). Artillery support was requested and sixty two 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. Results of the artillery mission was not reported.

e. At 311900H, the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines S-2 reported that a Viet Cong who had been wounded and captured by Company B at 311800H in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 099703) was at the U.S. Navy Hospital at DA NANG (East) and possibly had but a short time to live. The S-2 opined that interrogation should be immediately undertaken but that a competent interrogator was immediately available in the area G-2 was notified and ITT dispatched interrogation personnel to the hospital. During interrogation, the Viet Cong acknowledged being in the area of the fire-fight and observing Viet Cong in the area but did not acknowledge being a member of the Viet Cong. The man stated that he was a resident of BINH KY (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 055699). (S-2 comment: When captured, the prisoner did not possess any identification or personal possessions such a wallet, tobacco etc). During the conduct of the extensive interrogation, the captive made mention of observing a "very large mortar" (S-2 comment: The captive indicated he was familiar with the appearance of mortars and that the mortar was much bigger than any that the ARVN or Marines had), being transported into BINH KY (1) hamlet sometime ago. (S-2 comment: One week ago was suggested by the interrogator and the captive indicated that this time period was probably correct). The captive indicated that this mortar required some twelve men to transport (was not clear whether the twenty men were component parts or one intact weapon). The captive referred to the Viet Cong ordering the local villagers to remain in their homes, presumably so that they would

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not observe the introduction of the weapon into the area. The interrogation was terminated at approximately 312135H, to be continued on 1 February. (S-2 Comment: This report is based on the dialogue between the USMC interrogator, an ARVN interpreter, and the captive, as monitored by the Regimental S-2. The USMC interrogator is to submit a much more detailed (and presumably more accurate) transcript of the interrogation. Paragraph D of this INTSUM will indicate that the captive is a "Viet Cong (confirmed) captive", but this identification may be modified based on the results of further interrogation. As the result of this initial interrogation however, operations were initiated to investigate the localities indicated in the captive's statement as possible hiding places for the 120mm mortar employed on 25 January by the Viet Cong. Additional information will be provided when available.

f. At 311735H, the 9th Marines Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th GVN Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at MI TU BONG relayed a report from the 59th Battalion ARVN Company that one Viet Cong platoon had been displaced to coordinates (BT 032633). The report indicated that the Viet Cong may be planning an ambush in that area. The report was not rated. (S-2 rates the report F-3).

g. At 311615H The Battalion S-2, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines received an interrogation report from HIEU DUC that a Viet Cong Captive, captured on 30 January 1966 stated that he was a member of a (ninety-five man) company which had moved into the CAM NE (3) area with the mission of encouraging the local people to join the guerrillas, fighting in that area. The report stated that the Viet Cong company, armed with seven French automatic weapons, may still be located in the CAM NE area. The report added that some of the ammunition (K-60) captured was dated 1964. HIEU DUC authorities stated a belief that an extensive cave system exists in CAM NE area, and recommended that all "pig pens" be thoroughly checked. The report added that many people in the area were Viet Cong sympathizers. Rifle cleaning rods have been proven to be a very useful probing and sounding instrument tool for locating caves. The report was not rated. (S-2 rates the report F-3)

h. At 311905H, the 9th Marines Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th GVN Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at HIEU BONG relayed a report from the QUANG MAN Police that one Viet Cong battalion, with Battalion Headquarters and commanded by one DAM QUANG TANG were located at coordinates (BT 018600) and (BT 028628) with an estimated strength of three hundred men, armed fourteen automatic weapons, three machine guns (.30 caliber), one machine gun (AA) (believed to be .50 caliber), and one 57mm recoilless rifle. The report stated that the Viet Cong were dressed in grey fatigues and wore steel helmets. The report added that three hundred laborers were accompanying the Viet Cong. The report continued that this Viet Cong unit may be the volunteer battalion that displaced from the north from the vicinity of the SONG GA mountains at coordinates (AT 880620). (S-2 Comment: This unit was previously reported on 29 Jan See 281915H entry INTSUM #29). The report was rated B-2. (S-2 rates the report F-3.)

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i. At 312144H, the 9th Marines Liaison Officer assigned to the HOA VANG District Headquarters relayed a report from secret agents that one Viet Cong platoon has displaced from THANH SON village, coordinates (AT 971613) in DIEN BAN District to coordinates (AT 973680). The report stated that the mission of this unit was that of employing harrassing fire into friendly (ARVN/USMC) positions in that locale. The report was rated B-2. (S-2 rates the report F-3.)

j. At 312200H, the 9th Marines Liaison Officer assigned to the HOA VANG District Headquarters reported that one Viet Cong platoon was located at coordinates (AT 973680) with the mission of making contact with other Viet Cong units. No additional information was provided. The report was rated B-2. (S-2 rates the report F-3.)

k. At 010805H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing what he identified as three Viet Cong, positioned in a trench line at coordinates (BT 068620). The report stated that one Viet Cong was dressed in a green camouflaged shirt, the other two were dressed in black pajamas. The report added that the three Viet Cong ran in a southwest direction upon being spotted by the aerial observer.

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

<u>D. Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour Reporting period:</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	4	501
KIA (Possible)	2	263
VC Captured	0	202
VC Captured (WIA)	0	3
VC WIA (Possible)	0	100
VC Suspects	6	1132
Ralliers (Since 21 Jan 66)	0	2

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material: The following material was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar:
3 - Grenades, CHICOM (Fragmentation)
Assorted printed material


F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications: The following position was destroyed by 1stBn, 9thMar:

1 - tunnel, 150 meters long (brick-lined) (See 311800H entry this entry)

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The following positions were destroyed by 3rdBn. 3rdMar:

- 1 - tunnel (size and extent not indicated) (See 311355H entry this INTSUM)
- 1 - tunnel two meters by two meters by ten meters (See 311500H entry this INTSUM)



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2 Feb 66

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #33, Period ending 021000H, February 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON	PHASE
3 Feb	0649	0716	1845	1908	1614	0450		1/2

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar.

a. Late Report. At 311830H, a Company A platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 092650) reported receiving twenty-five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 093654). The Marines directed eighty small arms rounds and three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. Marine casualties were two WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. Late Report. At 312150H, a Forward Observer (Battery 1, positioned at the Marble Mountain observation post coordinates (BT 050680) reported observing twelve explosions believed to be 81mm mortar detonations approximately 3000 meters west, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 020679). The report indicated that the explosions consisted of six air bursts and six ground bursts. No additional information is available.

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c. At 010900H, a Company A patrol reported apprehending two suspicious persons (females) in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 093654). The report did not indicate the reasons for apprehension. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point.

d. At 011000H, a Company B patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect and one suspicious person at coordinates (BT 054716). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when they were observed attempting to elude the Marines. The report stated that the Viet Cong Suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point and the suspicious person was evacuated to the local District Headquarters. (S-2 Comment: The report did not indicate the basis for identifying one suspect as a "Viet Cong Suspect" while the second person was identified as a "suspicious person").

e. At 011130H, elements of the 1st platoon of Company C reported apprehending one suspicious person (female) at coordinates (BT 070710). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when the HOA NOI Village Chief pointed her out as being a Viet Cong in charge of collecting taxes in the area. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to the local District Headquarters.

f. At 011240H, a Company A platoon-sized patrol located at coordinates (BT 112638) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 110637). The Marines directed a total of six hundred ninety small arms rounds and twenty five 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report continued that a helicopter transporting Marines to blocking positions in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 120634) and (BT 111639) reported receiving fire (undetermined amount) from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 122630). The report stated that, as the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions, they found one twelve year old boy. An ARVN interpreter attached to the platoon, stated that the boy's family was trained by the Viet Cong. The male was evacuated as a suspicious person to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. The report added the search was continued and the following material was discovered: One brown military uniform, one battle of gun powder, assorted documents, one red star cluster, and expended M-1, .50 caliber, 30/06, and 9mm ammunition casing. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

g. At 011615H, a Company D platoon-sized patrol located at coordinates (BT 067627) reported receiving two small arms sniper rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 065627). The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. Marine casualties were one WIA (later reported as a DOW). Enemy casualties were not determined.

h. At 012150H, a Company D platoon-sized patrol positioned at coordinates (BT 067629) reported hearing what was described as the sound of drums for a period of approximately ten minutes. After a brief lull, the Marines reported receiving one hundred small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 069629) and (BT 066629). The report stated that no casualties were sustained and that the Marines did not return the fire because of friendly patrols operating in the area.

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i. At 020100H, a Company L squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 057728) reported receiving two small arms sniper rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 059727). The exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. The Marines searched the site of the suspected positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported.

j. At 020600H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a suspicious person apprehended by the battalion reported that on 25 January 1966, seventy to eighty Viet Cong passed through the vicinity of coordinates (BT 038694). No additional information was provided. The report was not rated.

k. At 020830H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA HAI Village Chief concerning Viet Cong activities. The report stated that there are two companies of Viet Cong in HOA LAN, HOA PHUNG, and HOA HAI village areas. The report continued that, on 1 February in HOA PHUNG village the Battalion killed one Viet Cong Company Commander and one Intelligence officer identified as one LE CU (Company Commander) and PHUNG DAM (Intelligence officer). (See 311800H entry, INTSUM # 32, for an account of the action which probably resulted in these casualties). The report stated that one platoon of Viet Cong is located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 054743), and added that they are disguised as ARVN soldiers. The report continued that one Main Force Viet Cong platoon and two guerrilla squads are located in TRA LO, hamlet, coordinates (BT 08,682). The report also stated that all the Viet Cong forces in this locality are hiding in tunnels. The report added that during the period 29 January - 1 February, a total of thirty one Main Force Viet Cong have been killed in the 1st Battalion area by small arms and artillery fire. The elements of Headquarters and Service company USMC killed the most important of these Viet Cong KIA, a military/political leader of four villagers on 28 January. (See 281230H entry, INTSUM #29, for an account of the Headquarters and Service Company action which resulted in this Viet Cong KIA). (S-2 comment: Based on these reports, ~~twenty-six~~ additional Viet Cong possible KIA will be claimed in paragraph D of this INTSUM, as not having been previously reported). The report was rated D-3 by the Battalion S-2. (S-2 rates it D-3).

(2) 3rdBn, 3rdMar.

a. At 010800H, the battalion S-2 relayed a report from Company E, 2ndBn, 9thMar that an ARVN vehicle travelling in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 028644) reported receiving an undetermined amount of small arms fire from four Viet Cong positioned at close range. Company E dispatched a patrol to search the area, but reported negative results. The report stated that a Vietnamese woman in the area told the Marines she had seen four Viet Cong with weapons heading in a southwesterly direction. No casualties were reported.

b. At 011050H, a Company I patrol reported detonating a booby trap (no description provided) at coordinates (AT 985633). Two USMC WIA were reported. Additional information will be provided when available.

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c. At 011130H, a Company F patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 998638) reported receiving an estimated two hundred automatic and semi-automatic small arms fire from an estimated ten Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 003633). The Marines directed approximately two hundred fifty small arms rounds, thirty 81mm mortar, fifty four 105mm rounds, and an undetermined number of 90mm Tank rounds at the enemy, then physically pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost. A search of the area revealed an undetermined amount of expended cartridges, fifty rounds small arms ammunition, and pools of blood which indicated three Viet Cong possible WIA. The report added that four tunnels were discovered at coordinates (BT 008632) and destroyed. One USMC WIA was reported.

d. At 011220H, a Company M river patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 003653) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned on the eastern bank of the SONG BAU XAU (river) coordinates (BT 003653). The Marines directed approximately forty small arms rounds, seven 40mm (M-79) rounds, and three 106mm recoilless rifle rounds (from a river block at coordinates (BT 031648) at the enemy position and observed one Viet Cong fall as if struck the Marines fire. Further pursuit of the enemy revealed that one Viet Cong was dragging the fallen Viet Cong. The report stated that the Marines directed twenty small arms rounds and three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the fleeing enemy and observed the second Viet Cong fall, but a search of the area revealed negative results. No USMC casualties were reported. One Viet Cong KIA (body count) and one Viet Cong possible WIA was reported.

e. At 011330H, a Company I patrol reported discovering one cave in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 984635) approximately three feet by three feet by four feet, one cave at coordinates (AT 983634), two feet by three feet by five feet, and a third cave at coordinates (AT 986632), four feet by four feet by six feet, all of which were destroyed.

f. At 011600H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of LA BONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 977673), reported observing one Viet Cong enter a tree line at coordinates (AT 980678). The report indicated that five small arms rounds were heard (not directed at Marine patrol) emanating from the same tree line. The Marines advanced on the enemy position, but a search produced negative results.

g. At 011625H, an Aerial Observer operating in the TAOR reported receiving an undetermined amount of small arms rounds from an estimated thirty Viet Cong positioned in tree line at (AT 962648). A armed helicopter (UH-1E) was utilized to strafe the tree line with rockets and small arms rounds and a Company M patrol and Sparrow hawk element were dispatched to close in on the enemy position. The report stated that a search of the area revealed traces of blood indicating two Viet Cong probable WIA. No USMC casualties were reported.

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h. At 011815H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 942650). The report stated that as the Marines approached to make a routine examination, the suspect attempted to flee. The suspect will be evacuated on 2 February to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point when transportation becomes available.

i. At 011930H, a Company E river patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 033654) reported receiving three small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned on the eastern bank of the SONG VINH DIEN river coordinates (BT 033654). The Marines directed seven 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the enemy fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

j. At 012135H, a Company E patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 029640) reported receiving an estimated four hundred small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 023643) and (BT 029641). The Marines directed approximately two hundred fifty small arms rounds, twelve 40mm (M-79) rounds, and twenty six 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy positions. The report indicated that as a medical evacuation helicopter arrived, it received an undetermined amount of what was identified as caliber .50 machine gun fire from the same suspected enemy position. The report stated a reinforced squad with a section of ONTOS were dispatched to assist the patrol. One USMC WIA was reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. The report did not provide any additional details and a follow-up report is anticipated.

k. At 020712H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 955604) reported receiving an estimated fifty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 953603). The Marines directed four hundred small arms rounds and two 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report stated that the Marines were searching the site of the Viet Cong positions at the termination of this reporting period. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

l. At 020750H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 946692). The report did not indicate the basis for this apprehension but stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point.

m. At 020750H, a Company L patrol reported the discovery of what was identified as a CHICO grenade at coordinates (AT 959677). The report did not indicate that the grenade was positioned as a booby-trap but stated that the device was equipped with a "no delay" fuze. The report stated that the grenade was destroyed in place.

n. At 020750H, a Company L patrol reported the discovery of a detonating device at coordinates (AT 959676). The device was described as a U.S. grenade (M-26) which had been rigged as a booby trap. The report stated that the device was destroyed in place.

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c. At 020501H, a Company E (2d Battalion, 3d Marines under OPCON 3d Battalion, 3d Marines) patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 028625) reported receiving small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 026620). The Marines directed small arms fire and reported killing two Viet Cong (body count). The report added that artillery support was requested, and, at the termination of the reporting period covered by this report, the contact was still being maintained. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were two KIA (body count). The report added that one carbine was recovered from the body of one Viet Cong KIA but did not provide sufficient details so that the weapon could be properly identified.

Special Reports

a. At 020820H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing approximately one hundred fifty to two hundred persons congregating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 988581). The Aerial Observer commented that this area is not known as a market place. No additional information is available.

b. At 020815H, G-2 relayed a report from the HOI AM Duty Officer that two huts were located at coordinates (AT 966555). The report stated that one of the huts concealed a concrete bunker underneath which contained typewriters indicating a possible communication center. The report added that one Viet Cong squad was also positioned in that area. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-6.

c. At 011545H, the Regimental S-2 reported observing several Vietnamese men and women loading sacks of what appeared to be rice or corn aboard two busses at a point approximately one hundred fifty meter south of the check point manned by National Policemen and Marines at MIEU BONG hamlet on National Highway #1, coordinates (BT 017681). One vehicle completed its loading and proceeded south on the highway before its contents could be investigated but the Marines succeeded in holding the second vehicle. A check revealed that ten (40 kilo) sacks of corn had been loaded aboard the bus and eight additional sacks were in the process of being loaded. A policeman was summoned and a search made of a nearby building, revealing twenty six additional sacks of corn and unmilled rice. It is estimated that the bus that had already departed carried approximately eighteen sacks of corn. A Vietnamese man in MIEU BONG claimed ownership of the food stuffs which was in burlap sacks imprinted with wording which indicated the foodstuffs originated from the United States. Although the man's claim of ownership could not be ascertained it was established that he did not have the required permit to transport food stuffs out of the district. As the sacks were similar to those provided GVN military units in this area, the U.S. Army advisor at the 59th GVN Regional Forces Battalion Headquarters at MIEU BONG was summoned, and he indicated that the material may have come from local military stores. Disposition of the food stuffs was left to the National Police, with the assistance of the 59th Regional Forces Battalion Headquarters. (S-2 Comment: It could not be established whether the transaction was legitimate, but it appeared that the incident was part of a "black market" type operation. Much of the illegal food stuffs traffic ultimately winds up in Viet Cong hands).

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d. At 011230H, G-2 relayed a report from an unidentified agent that a Viet Cong Regiment, designated as the "1st Regiment", on 21 January 1966 displaced the Regimental Command Post location from DUY XUYEN District to LO TRAO (location unknown - does not appear on situation maps). The report continued that one company of this regiment, identified as the "Reconnaissance and Engineer Company", is located at coordinates (AT 9168). The personnel of this company are reported to rest and sleep in the area known as GO LANG (unknown) where they are hidden from Marine patrols. The report stated that the commander of this regiment is one NGUYEN BA PHAT, and that the mission of this unit is to launch attacks in the HOA VANG and MIU DUC district areas. The report added that the mortars employed in the 25 January attack in the DANANG area (see 250035H entry, INTSUM # 25) were introduced to this locale via a route which passed through THANH TRUONG village area vicinity coordinates (BT 035632), to the vicinity of coordinates (BT 0864), (CAM SA (1) hamlet area). The report provided no additional details. The report was rated F-3. (S-2 Comment: On 31 January 1966, a villager of CAM SA (1) hamlet reported to HOA VANG District Headquarters that an estimated two Viet Cong companies came to CAM SA (1) hamlet, carrying what was described as "heavy bulky" objects hidden by mats. Other reports have also indicated that the CAM SA hamlet area is part of the route presently being utilized by the Viet Cong in transporting men and supplies through the TAOR. (S-2 rates this report F-3.)

e. At 011740H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing six to eight people moving north along a trenchline in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 040646). The report added that, when the aerial observer approached the area, the persons took cover in a treeline. No additional information is available.

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

a. See 010000H entry this INTSUM.

b. See 020600H entry this INTSUM.

D. Viet Cong casualties For 24 Hour Reporting period Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65

KIA (Confirmed)	3	504
IA (Possible)	2	*689
VC Captured	0	202
VC Captured (..IA)	0	3
VC WIA (Possible)	6	106
VC Suspects	3	1136
Refugees (Since 21 Jan 66)	0	2

* Increase of twenty six Viet Cong KIA (Possible) is based on entry 020830H this INTSUM.

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

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Position and/or Fortification</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY</u>
4	Tunnels (size and extent not indicated)	011130H
3	Caves (3X3X4 feet long)	011330H

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1. Summary of the Daily Situation for the period

2. Intelligence Summary #34. Period ending 0000H February 1966

1. Summary of the Daily Situation for the period

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

(b) Trafficability of roads and trails within the FAOR remains unchanged.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	BMCUT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON
4 Feb	0653	0715	1859	1921	1722	0554	54

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn. 9thMar.

a. At 020630H, a Company D platoon-sized patrol located at coordinates (BT 068622) reported observing two Viet Cong emerging from a building at coordinates (BT 068623). The Marines directed five small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing into a tree line located nearby. The report stated that whatever described "screaming and screaming" could be heard, emanating from the treeline; however a search of the area produced negative results. At first light on 3 January, the Marines conducted a second search of the area and reported finding blood spots and a cartridge belt with an attached CHICOM grenade in the vicinity of the building at coordinates (BT 068623). The report continued that the owner of the house was apprehended as a suspicious person when he was unable to produce adequate identification. The report stated the suspect would be evacuated to the local District Headquarters as soon as transportation becomes available. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one WIA (possible). Additional information will be provided when available.

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b. At 021015H, a Company D element positioned at coordinates (BT 073619) reported receiving what was described as one sniper round from Viet Cong positioned in a building at coordinates (BT 073618). The Marines directed a total of fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and observed one Viet Cong fall, as if struck by the Marines fire and when the enemy fire ceased the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one KIA (possible).

c. At 021015H, a Company D element positioned at coordinates (BT 073619) reported receiving what was described as one sniper round from Viet Cong positioned in a building at coordinates (BT 073618). The Marines directed a total of fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and observed one Viet Cong fall, as if struck by the Marines fire and when the enemy fire ceased the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one KIA (possible).

d. At 021007H, Company D elements participating in a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 069617) reported receiving four small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in a building at coordinates (BT 070616). The Marines directed approximately two hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position, resulting in what was described as secondary explosions (size and extent not determined). The Marines searched the immediate area of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one KIA (possible).

e. At 021200H, a Company J platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 085588) reported detonating a booby-trapped grenade positioned on a rice paddy dike. The report stated that, as the column proceeded along the dike, the point detonated a booby trapped grenade, and additional devices positioned at the middle and at the end of the column exploded simultaneously. The report stated that the patrol then received a total of fifty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned approximately 200 meters to north, east and west. The Marines directed a total of three hundred small arms rounds, fifteen 40mm (M-79) rounds and two 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds. Reinforcements were dispatched to assist and a tank/infantry force deployed against the Viet Cong positions. The enemy fire ceased when the tanks fired two 90mm rounds at the enemy positions. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. Marine casualties were two WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

f. At 021240H, a Company D platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 060653) reported observing one armed Viet Cong at coordinates (BT 059534). The Marines directed two small arms rounds at the Viet Cong, who fled, disappearing in a tree line at coordinates (BT 058635). The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong and reported finding a blood trail in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 058635), but the Viet Cong evaded capture. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one WIA (possible).

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g. At 021540H, a Company G squad reported a booby-trapped grenade at coordinates (BT 055604). The report did not provide details as to how the grenade was rigged to function as a booby trap. The report added that, as medical evacuation helicopter approached to land, Viet Cong (undetermined number) positioned southeast in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 055604) directed two small arms rounds at the helicopter, but the fire ceased as the helicopter towed down. The Marines directed fifty five small arms rounds, three 40mm (M 9) rounds, and two 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the enemy position. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and found a second booby-trapped grenade which was reportedly destroyed in place. Marine casualties were three WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

h. At 030600H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA HAI Village Chief that two Viet Cong platoons had arrived in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 068698) on 2 January. The report stated that the Viet Cong were hiding in tunnels and have in their possession one hundred kilos of explosives and an undetermined amount of anti-tank mines. The report added that the Viet Cong may attack the bridge at coordinates (BT 070701). The report continued that one Viet Cong platoon was positioned in HOA PHUNG Village in grid square (BT 0471). The report added that one Viet Cong battalion with an estimated strength of three hundred men with three radios in their possession was positioned in CAM SA area, grid squares (BT 0864) and (BT 0964) and had been there for the past ten days. Reportedly, the mission of these Viet Cong units is to attack the U.S. Forces in the area. The report was rated D-3 by the Battalion S-2. (S-2 Comment: Several reports have been received from independent sources of the presence in the CAM SA area of a Viet Cong force estimated to be from one hundred fifty men to a full battalion in strength. The presence of at least one company in CAM SA is rated D-2. The balance of the report is rated D-3).

(2) 3rdBn, 3rdMar.

a. Late Report. At 011845H, Company I, in position at coordinates (AT 967616), reported observing eight Viet Cong taking refuge in a building on the far side of the DONG AI NGHIA, coordinates (AT 974601). Tanks were employed to deliver a total of eight 90mm (WP) rounds and twenty 90mm (HE) rounds at the enemy position. An aerial observer was utilized to assess the tank fire, and he reported that the rounds impacted on target. Enemy casualties were estimated as eight Viet Cong WIA (possible).

b. At 020712H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 955604) reported receiving an estimated fifty small arms rounds from three Viet Cong positioned at (AT 953603). The Marines directed approximately four hundred small arms rounds and two 3.5 inch (WP) rounds at the enemy position and physically pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost. No USMC casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

c. At 020750H, a Company I patrol reported discovering a booby-trap at coordinates (AT 959676). The report indicated the trap consisted of an M-26 grenade with a trip wire extended across the trail which was destroyed in place. No casualties were reported.

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d. At 020750H, a Company L patrol reported discovering a booby trap at coordinates (AT 959677). The report indicated the trap consisted of a CHICOM grenade with a trip wire extended across the trail which was destroyed in place. No casualties were reported.

e. At 020810H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong suspects at coordinates (AT 950690) when routine examinations revealed they lacked adequate identification. The suspects were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

f. At 020805H, a Company L patrol reported discovering a punji trap (size not indicated) at coordinates (AT 951697) which was destroyed. No casualties were reported.

g. At 020816H, a Company E (2/9) element occupying a blocking position at coordinates (BT 028625) reported receiving ten small arms (carbine) rounds from two Viet Cong observed leaving the hamlet of TANH QUIT (1) coordinates (BT 026620). The Marines directed approximately hundred small arms rounds and three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position killing both Viet Cong (body count). The report indicated that due to their mission the Marines were not in a position to recover the bodies, but a GVN Popular Forces unit operating in conjunction with the Marines recovered both Viet Cong bodies and retrieved one weapon, identified as a carbine (CHICOM, model 53, MOSSIN-NAGENT7). No USMC casualties were reported.

h. At 020821H, a Company L patrol reported discovering a booby trap at coordinates (AT 954682). The report stated the trap consisted of a grenade (possible U.S. M-26 type), with a trip wire extended across the trail. The grenade was destroyed in place by the Marines. No casualties were reported.

i. At 020900H, a Company E patrol operating along the SONG VINH RIVER reporting observing what was described as a "round" boat approximately six feet in diameter and unoccupied, floating down the river in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 034655). The report indicated the boat exploded when a grappling hook was employed to retrieve it. No casualties were reported. The report added that four similar craft were found on the west shore of the river but indicated that these boats were not rigged with explosives.

j. At 020915H, a Company L patrol reported detonating a booby trap at coordinates (AT 957690). The report indicated the device was a U.S. (M-26) grenade with a trip wire extended across the trail. Three USMC WIA were reported.

k. At 020918H, a Company E element occupying a blocking position in grid square (BT 0262) reported receiving an estimated two hundred small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 025621). The Marines directed approximately three hundred small arms rounds, and forty one 105mm artillery rounds at the enemy position and the fire ceased. One USMC WIA was reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined. The report continued that a "SPARKER HAWK" was requested and delivered in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 025621).

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Upon moving to coordinates (BT 021633), this force reported receiving small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of AN TV (1) hamlet, sector 0216 (BT 023657). The Marines returned the fire and reported that one building was afire. An armed helicopter (UH-1E) was employed to deliver a heavy volume of fire on the enemy positions. The report stated enemy casualties were two Viet Cong KIA (body count) and one Viet Cong (possible) WIA. No additional Marine casualties were reported. The report indicated that no weapons or equipment were recovered from the Viet Cong bodies.

l. At 021208H, a Company L patrol reported discovering a booby trap at coordinates (AT 954682). The report indicated the device consisted of an U.S. (M-26) grenade attached to a tree on the far side of the trail by a trip wire which was positioned approximately eight inches above the ground level. The device was destroyed in place. No casualties were reported.

m. At 021216H, a Company L patrol reported discovering a booby trap at coordinates (AT 954679) which was destroyed in place. The report stated the device consisted of U.S. (M-26) grenade placed inside a tin can, so that the grenade would fall out and detonate when the device was disturbed.

n. At 021220H, a Company L patrol reported detonating a booby trap at coordinates (AT 953678). The report indicated the booby trap consisted of a approximately twenty pounds of TNT emplaced in the side of a dike with a large stone and an undetermined amount of clay placed on top to increase the blast effect. The report stated that a bamboo pole extended out from the charge and served to activate the explosive device when pulled by a Marine. Two USMC KIA and four USMC WIA were reported.

o. At 021400H, a Company M sniper positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 023629) reported killing one Viet Cong (observed body count) who had been positioned at coordinates (BT 050630). No equipment was recovered from the dead Viet Cong.

p. At 021450H, a Company "I" patrol reported destroying a tunnel described as 2 feet by 5 feet by 110 feet long and reinforced by bamboo, at coordinates (AT 957603). The report stated that a total of 5 caves, all approximately 2 feet by 3 feet by 8 feet long ('L' shaped), were destroyed in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 956605).

q. At 021800H, a Company "M" platoon positioned at coordinates (AT 970660) reported receiving 4 rounds S/A fire in the platoon command post from VC positioned at coordinates (AT 969659). The fire was not repeated and the exact enemy position could not be determined. No casualties were reported.

r. At 021800H, Company "M", participating in a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of YEN NE (4) hamlet, reported thinning a total of 200 meters of brush, filling 5 fighting holes, thinning 200 meters of bamboo and destroying 1 tunnel 6 feet long in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 975676).

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u. At 022015H, a Company "K" patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 936544) reported observing 1 VC in the vicinity of an M-26 (M-26) grenade with a body which exploded around the time the VC was reported.

v. At 021815H, Company "M", located at coordinates (AT 94652) reported receiving enemy small arms rounds in the company command post position near Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 953659). The exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

w. At 022045H, a Company "L" element occupying a listening post at coordinates (AT 954677) observed movement of 1 VC to the front of their position at close range. The Marines directed 1 M-26 (grenade) at the suspected area, but a search of the area revealed negative results. No casualties were reported.

x. At 022120H, a Company "F" patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 990656) reported observing 6 VC at close range. The Marines directed 50 small arms rounds at the enemy and the VC returned 15 small arms rounds and fled to the south. The Marines physically pursued the VC until contact was lost due to darkness. No USMC casualties were reported. One VC (probable) VC WIA was reported.

y. At 022130H, a Company "N" security element positioned at coordinates (AT 970663) reported detecting movement on a SID. A patrol was dispatched to investigate and reported observing 2 VC running. The Marines directed 10 rounds S/A fire at the fleeing VC with negative results. No casualties were reported.

z. At 022255H, a Headquarters Company, 9th Marines security element positioned on the bridge at coordinates (AT 998706) reported hearing movement in the rice paddy to the south of their position. The Marines directed 2 M-26 grenades, 10 S/A fire, and 2 hand illumination rounds at the suspected enemy position with negative results. No casualties were reported.

aa. At 030015H, a Company "H" ambush element positioned in AN TRACH (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 953653) reported observing 2 VC to the west of their position. At the same time 2 additional VC were spotted approaching the Marines position from the south. The Marines directed 150 rounds S/A fire at the enemy positions and observed 2 VC fall. Marines physically pursued the enemy but lost contact because of darkness and heavy brush. No USMC casualties reported. Two VC (probable) WIA were reported.

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

a. No reports were received in this reporting period.

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	Reported	Confirmed
KIA (Confirmed)	5	501
WIA (Possible)	2	609
VC Captured	0	202
VC Captured (WIA)	0	3
VC WIA (Possible)	15	121
VC Suspects	2	1138
Refugees (Since 21 Jan 66)	0	2

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY NUMBER</u>
1	Belt, Cartridge	020630H
1	Grenade, Chicom (fragmentation)	020630H
1	Grenade, (M-26) (Booby Trapped)	020750H
1	Grenade, Chicom (Booby Trapped)	020750H
1	Grenade, (M-26) (Booby Trapped)	020821H
1	Boat 6 feet in diameter	021203H
1	Grenade (M-26) (Booby Trapped)	020900H
1	Grenade (M-26) (Booby Trapped)	021215H
1	Grenade (M-26) (Booby Trapped)	022010H

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>POSITION AND/OR FORTIFICATION</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY NUMBER</u>
1	Tunnel 2X5X10 feet	021450H
5	Caves 2X3X8 feet	021450H
5	Holes, fighting	021800H
1	Tunnel 6 feet long	022020H

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #35, Period ending 041000H February 1966

Encl: (1) Special Intelligence Report from Military Secret Service dated 3 Feb 66

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EMCT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
5 Feb	0655	0715	1859	1909	1831	0654	FULL

B. Enemy Military Situation

(1) Special Reports

a. Late Report. At 021205H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing what was described as fresh construction work on the trench line at coordinates (BT006570). The report stated that the trench system was approximately 150 meters in length, running north to south. No additional information was provided.

b. Late Report. At 021245H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing recently excavated trenches in the vicinity of TRA KHE (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT082671). No additional information was provided.

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c. Late Report. At 02345H, The National Police Chief of HOA VANG District reported that (unidentified) sources have stated that the Viet Cong have succeeded in extracting the medium mortar (120mm) utilized in the 25 January attack on HA NANG air base from the 9th Marines TAOR. The report stated that the mortar was observed in the HOI VAN area, (grid square AT9492), having been delivered to that area by boat. The Chief commented that a previous report had been received which stated that the mortar had been displaced to the vicinity of HA QUANG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT126636), but that this report was discounted as the source was not considered reliable and the possibility was remote that the Viet Cong had succeeded in moving the weapon despite the intensive USMC patrolling. (Note that HA QUANG (1) is located on the coast). The Chief would not evaluate the report of the mortar's appearance in the HOI VAN area as the original source was not known to him and it has not been confirmed by his own sources. The Chief commented that the report was passed for information only and that National Police sources would continue to investigate. (S-2 rates the report as F-6).

d. Late Report. At 021730H an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing three Viet Cong in a trench line at coordinates (BT 063630). The report stated that the Viet Cong fired two small arms rounds from the direction of the above coordinates, then ran into a building in the immediate vicinity. The Aerial Observer directed two aerial rockets rounds at the structure and set it afire. The report continued that the three Viet Cong were dressed in shorts, shirts, canvas brush hats and were armed (type of weapons was not indicated). Enemy casualties were estimated as three KIA (possible), one the Viet Cong were not observed withdrawing from the building even though it was ablaze.

e. Late Report. At 021925H, Company K, 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines reported the discovery of what was described as an ammunition cache on the top of a temple (pagoda), at coordinates (BT 055704). The report stated that the cache included the following items: ten loaded carbine magazines, nine shot gun shells, three BAR magazines, one WP grenade (US), ninety-three .45 caliber rounds, twenty-five tracer rounds, ninety-one 9mm rounds, one grenade launcher (rifle), twenty four 7.62 (CHICOM) rounds, seven magazines (M-14) loaded, one magazine (thompson sub machine gun) loaded, one grenade push, one hundred 7.62 rounds (linked), four .30 caliber rounds, and three hundred ninety-five 7.62 rounds (loose). The report stated that the materials were recovered and would be evacuated for examination.

f. Late Report. At 022215H a Headquarters and Service Company (9th Marines) patrol reported apprehending one suspicious person at coordinates (BT 078711). 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 local District Headquarters.

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g. At 030955H, G-2 relayed a report from HOA VANG District Headquarters that the mortar attack on DA NANG Airfield on 25 January (see 250035H entry, INTSUM #25) was perpetrated by an eighty man Viet Cong force who were assisted by Chinese advisors. The report stated that the Viet Cong were armed with six 81mm mortars and one 120mm mortar. The report continued that the Viet Cong positioned their weapons in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 046705) for the attack. The report added that, at the termination of the attack, the Viet Cong, assisted by local laborers, carried the weapons out of this area towards DAI LOC (southwest of the 9th Marines TAOR). The report was rated B-2. (S-2 rates the report C-4).

h. At 032220H, G-2 relayed a report from 1st Battalion 1st Marines that two North Vietnamese Battalions (report does not indicate whether battalions are PAVN or Viet Cong organizations composed of personnel from North Vietnam), are deployed in HOA VANG District, east of the SONG VINH DIEN, in the area extending from TRUNG LOUNG village, grid squares (BT 0372), (BT 0472) and south to the vicinity of (BT 0365). The report stated that these enemy units (whose commander is not indicated) have the mission of attacking the airbase (DA NANG or DA NANG EAST). The report continued that these battalions are equipped with three 81mm mortars and five 60mm mortars (the report indicated that these quantities were seen and counted and may not include the full total). The report stated that the enemy troops wear green field uniforms and packs and are also equipped with six French machine guns and "many unknown types of rifles". The report added that the Viet Cong (?) have been announcing within the villages that they will attack their objectives on 11 February 1966. The report was rated F-6. (S-2 comment: The presence of two battalions in the area noted is rated F-4. The presence of perhaps one company in the area to the south, in the vicinity of CAM SA Village area, grid square (BT 0864) is rated F-3).

i. At 040750H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing what was described as "many boats", carrying an undetermined number of people dressed as common villagers' garb, moving east on the SONG BAU XAU, southeast of Hill #55, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 973611).

j. At 031239H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing what was described as "new trenchline extending east to west in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 942592)". The report indicated that the extent of the trench line was approximately two hundred meters.

k. At 031700H the Regimental S-2 received a report from the Police Chief of MIEU BONG that, at 2100 on 18 January 1966, seven sampans containing an unknown number of Viet Cong infiltrated into the HOA DA Village area. The report stated the leader was one HONG MINH. Reportedly the mission of these Viet Cong is to attack and harass the U.S. troops and security elements within the HOA DA Village complex. The report added that two smaller unit leaders (Viet Cong) were positioned in the same sampans during the infiltration. The report was not rated. (S-2 rates the report F-6).

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l. At 031815H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing six Viet Cong in a trenchline at coordinates (AT 946573). Artillery support was requested and eighty 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy position. The Aerial Observer reported excellent effect on the target and estimated enemy casualties as three possible KIA.

m. At 031810H, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines reported that a school house in AN TRAC (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 972662) was reported destroyed by a fire that was started by a Vietnamese boy approximately ten years of age. The report stated that the Vietnamese youth was given (presumably by the Viet Cong) an advance pay at 100 \$VN and promised 900 \$VN more when the school had been destroyed. The report added that all the desks, chairs and equipment were salvaged. The report continued that the Vietnamese boy was evacuated to the local District Headquarters for questioning. Additional information will be provided when available.

n. At 031600H, (G-2) provided an English-language translation of an intelligence report which originated from the Military Secret Service. The report is included in this INTSUM as enclosure (1). S-2 comment: The place names and locations indicated are not clear. The location of the Marine sentry referred to is not known. This report has been brought to the attention of HCA VAIC District Headquarters for their assistance in clarifying the report. Until clarification is received, the report can not be properly evaluated nor acted upon.

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(2) 1stBn, 9thMar.

a. At 030821H, a Company A platoon size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 107645) reported receiving twenty five to thirty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 017643). The Marines directed approximately one hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact withdrawing to the south. The report stated that "Sparrow Hawk" was initiated and a blocking force positioned at coordinates (BT 108634). The Marines swept the area to the vicinity of the blocking force positions but reported negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. At 031220H, a Company B patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 074646) reported observing one Vietnamese male attempting to flee upon the approach of the patrol. The report stated that the patrol challenged the male and order him to halt but the suspect ignored the Marines' warnings and continued his flight. The Marines fired at the fleeing male, killing him. The report added that the dead male's identification card revealed his age as twenty-nine and that he was from the DLA BAN District. It could not be established whether the dead man was a Viet Cong.

c. At 031305H, a Company D patrol operating in the vicinity of PHONG HO (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 067629) reported receiving small arms fire from an estimated six Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 064620). Artillery support was requested and a total of thirty eight 105mm rounds were directed at the location with a reported good effect on the target area. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results.

d. At 031130H, a Company K patrol reported the discovery of two books containing Vietnamese writing at coordinates (BT 055698). The report stated that one notebook contained information on mines and booby traps and the second book contained Viet Cong songs and poems. The report added that a small metal "star" painted red, was also found, which may have been a uniform cap device. The report stated that the material will be evacuated for examination.

e. At 032415, a Company K platoon sized patrol, participating in an operation with Company B in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 045716), reported that, when a grenade was thrown into an abandoned building at the above coordinates, what appeared to be a secondary explosion occurred (size and intensity not indicated). One Marine WIA was reported. The report stated that the grenade was thrown into the structure because the Marines believed it may have been booby-trapped. Additional information will be provided when available.

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f. At 031045H, (G-2) relayed a report from an aerial observer that what appeared to be a dead body was observed at coordinates (BT046709). In response to this report, a patrol was dispatched, and, at 031430H, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT050648), Company D reported finding one dead Vietnamese male, approximately thirty-eight years of age, with what appeared to be a bullet wound in the chest. The report stated that the male appeared to have been dead for more than forty-eight hours. No additional information was reported.

g. Late Report. At 031535H, a Company G patrol reported apprehending five suspicious persons at coordinates (BT076675). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when a routine examination revealed that they were of military age and lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 1st District Headquarters.

h. At 032015H, a Company B platoon sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT068715) reported hearing an explosion, which was described as an 81mm mortar round detonation believed to have emanated from the vicinity of coordinates (BT080644). The report stated that since there was no apparent 81mm mortar firing into the area, it was believed that a Viet Cong mine layer or a Vietnamese civilian may have triggered a Viet Cong booby trap. No additional information was reported.

(3) 3rdLn. 3rdMar.

a. At 031000H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT950656) reported receiving one grenade from two Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed ten small arms rounds at the enemy position and pursued the fleeing Viet Cong, capturing both. No USMC casualties were reported. Two Viet Cong were reported captured (one WIA). The report added that the Viet Cong were given medical treatment and evacuated to 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for interrogation. Equipment taken from the Viet Cong included two cartridge belts, one grenade (unidentified), one small medical kit, two ponchos (Vietnamese plastic), and various documents. The report indicated that initial interrogation revealed that both Viet Cong were local guerrillas; one being a Viet Cong tax collector.

b. At 031000H, a Company I patrol reported discovering a 155mm artillery round (dud) at coordinates (AT983636) which was destroyed in place. The report stated a cave three feet by four feet by five feet long was discovered at coordinates (AT976639), and destroyed.

c. At 031045H, a Company L patrol reported discovering a punji trap at coordinates (AT946674) which was destroyed.

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d. At 031135H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT945650) reported receiving an estimated one hundred rounds automatic and semi automatic small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT957663). The Marines directed approximately fifteen small arms rounds, sixty 60mm mortar rounds, and ten 90mm (tank) rounds at the enemy position and pursued the enemy as they withdrew. At 031149H, the patrol reported receiving thirty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT953657). The Marines directed six 105mm (howitzer) recoilless rifle rounds, three caliber 50 machine gun rounds, sixteen 105mm artillery rounds and seventyfour 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position. Assault Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT945650), began moving toward the enemy position while a Company M element moved into a blocking position at coordinates (AT963660). "Sparrow Hawk" landed in the vicinity of coordinates (AT945650) and immediately received an estimated thirty five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned approximately two hundred meters to the east. A Company E element was landed by helicopter at coordinates (AT950645) in support of Sparrow Hawk. The report indicated that, in the process of sweeping through the enemy position, a Sparrow Hawk element reported detonating a booby-trap, M16 (A-26) grenade (actuated by a trip wire) at coordinates (AT953653). The report added that a Company L patrol detonated a booby trap (unidentified) at coordinates (AT953663). Seven USMC MIA were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined. Additional information will be provided when available.

e. At 031455H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT953654) reported discovering an 81mm mortar round (dud) which was destroyed in place.

f. At 032245H, an Headquarters and Service Company (provisional) platoon operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT962685), reported receiving six what was described as automatic small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT960687). The enemy fire was not repeated, and the exact Viet Cong position could not be determined. No casualties were reported.

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C. Reports of information of Viet Cong received directly from civilians
Reports received during this reporting period.

D. <u>VIET CONG CASUALTIES:</u>	<u>FOR 24 HOUR</u> <u>REPORTING PERIOD:</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u> <u>SINCE 10 JAN 65:</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	0	819
KIA (Possible)	6	797
VC Captured	1	206
VC Captured (WIA)	1	4
VC WIA (Possible)	0	21
VC Suspects	0	120
Ballists (Since 27 Jan 66)	0	7

* Increase of three Viet Cong based on two JTM Inspector Interrogation Report dated 30 Jan 66 and one dated 1 Feb 66.

Name: NGUYEN NGOC WHAI
 Age: 52
 Status: Viet Cong Guard
 Captured by B-1-9 on 311800Z January 1966

Name: MAI CAN
 Age: 72
 Status: Viet Cong Laborer
 Captured by 1-9 on 291230Z January 1966

Name: NGUYEN KIM
 Age: 27
 Status: Viet Cong Guard
 Captured by L-3-3 on 290945Z January 1966

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
1	Notebook (Viet Cong Pass/Signal)	031000Z
1	Notebook (Mines and bomb train timing)	-do-
1	Red Star, Viet Cong metal uniform emblem	-do-
2	Belt, cartridge	031000Z
1	Grenade (unidentified)	-do-
1	Medical kit, small	-do-
1	Poncho (Vietnamese), plastic	-do-
1	Incense burner	-do-
1	Trap, punji	031005Z

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<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>POSITION AND/OR FORTIFICATION</u>	<u>INTERIM ENTRY NUMBER</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>Cave, 3x4x5 feet in length</u>	<u>771505</u>

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1st MAF	(1)
1st MAF POLAD	(1)
G-2	(4)
3d Mar	(1)
1/9	(2)
2/9	(2)
3/9	(2)
3/3	(2)
2/12	(2)
FSCG	(1)
S-2	(6)
S-3	(2)
1st Am Trac Bn	(1)
3d Tnk Bn	(1)
3d Art Bn	(1)
B Co, Tnk Bn	(1)
C Co, AFBN	(1)
CO	(1)

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From: Military Secret Service
 To: North Sector, (NVA NANG Garrison),

Info: HQA VANG Sector
 I Corps G-2

Subj: Infiltration of Viet Cong Assassimators Disguised as Villagers

The Viet Cong have capitalized on the Marines practice of withdrawing the Marine sentry positioned at the DMZ LA crossroads at 1400 daily. The Viet Cong, in the guise of civilians, utilize the Marines absence, to infiltrate the area so as to tighten the Viet Cong infra-structure and solidify control of the populace. The Viet Cong came from the DMZ LA area, coordinates (AT 990703). The Viet Cong who assassinated the BUIYEN LANG, the New Life Market cadre, infiltrated via this route. The following is a list of Viet Cong:

ONG VAN TRUNG	Viet Cong Guerrilla
ONG VAN TOA	Assassination Leader
ONG VAN HUU	Viet Cong Guerrilla
ONG VAN PHAP	Assassinator
NGO BA	Guerrilla Leader
PHAM HUU CHANH	Assassinator

By 1700 hours daily, the Viet Cong have reached HOCHE BAC market, coordinates (AT 985720), enroute to BUI LA, coordinates (AT 980735), and PHUOC TUONG, coordinates (AT 980750). The Viet Cong operate in these areas until 0500 hours, when they withdraw along the same route.

/s/ Major CAO VAN THANH
 Chief of Intelligence
 Military Secret Service

(NOTE: The above report was paraphrased from an English-language translation provided by G-2).

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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HEADQUARTERS
9th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein), MAF
APO San Francisco 96601

2:00:00
3800
5 Feb 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (Attn G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #36 Period ending 051000H February 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
6 Feb	0652	0715	1846	1909	1938	0751	FULL

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn. 9thMar.

a. Late Report. At 031030H, a Company I, 3d Battalion, 9th Marines, patrol reported the discovery of the following items of equipment on the roof of a Temple (Pagoda) located at coordinates (BT047713). The items included: Two sets of (ARVN) field uniforms, body armor (vest) one shelterhalf, one 81mm mortar fin assembly, and forty-four rounds of 9mm ammunition. The material was evacuated for examination.

b. At 041100H, a Company A patrol reported apprehending six suspicious persons in the vicinity of coordinates (BT096655). 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.

c. At 041230H, a Company C squad-sized patrol reported apprehending one suspicious person in the vicinity of coordinates BT084668. The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he attempted to elude the Marines. The report continued that when the suspect was observed, he was in the process of preparing trenches. The report added that, during the preliminary interrogation at the Battalion Command Post, the suspect stated that five Viet Cong, dressed in khaki and black clothing, was in CAU HA (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT084668) from 032000H until 032400H. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to the local District Headquarters.

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(2) 3rdBn, 3rdMar.

a. Late Report. At 020655H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 956605) reported receiving approximately five small arms rounds from Viet Cong position in a building in the CHAU SON (3) hamlet in the vicinity of the above coordinates. The report stated that, as the patrol approached, the Viet Cong fled into a cane field. The report added that one Viet Cong suspect was apprehended as he ran from an adjacent building and was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost.

b. Late Report At 021030H, a Company E patrol reported apprehending Two Viet Cong Suspects at a building in the vicinity of coordinates (BT025626). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when the patrol received small arms fire from the area. The report added that a third Viet Cong suspect was apprehended when he lacked proper identification as the patrol departed the area. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point.

c. Late Report At 040150H, a Company E river block positioned at coordinates (BT031648) reported observing three Viet Cong tampering with a communication cable across the SONG VINH DIEN (river). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds and four 40mm (M-79) rounds 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 positions at first light on 4 Jan with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one WIA probable.

d. At 041143H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinated (AT951650) reported receiving one hundred small arms rounds from Viet Cong armed with undetermined number automatic weapons positioned at coordinates (BT953650). The Marines directed one hundred fifty small arms rounds at enemy. In addition, mortar support was requested and seventeen 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy position. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 041200H, a Company E river patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 041701) reported receiving twenty-five small arms rounds from three Viet Cong armed with automatic and semi-automatic weapons, positioned at close range. The Marines directed twenty-five small arms rounds, and three 40MM (M-79) rounds at the enemy position. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy Casualties was one KIA (body count). The report added that one grenade (unidentified), and one cartridge belt was retrieved from the dead Viet Cong. The report continued that the weapon of the dead Viet Cong fell into the river at above coordinates and could not be recovered.

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f. At 041420H, the Forward Observer attached to Company L located at coordinates (AT 921674) reported observing ten Viet Cong in the open at coordinates (AT 953656). Artillery support was requested and forty 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy, with reported good effect on target. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

g. At 041430H, a Company L river patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 962677) reported receiving thirty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned on both sides of the SONG YEN (river) (at close range) in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 962677). The Marines directed one hundred fifty small arms rounds, six 40mm (M-79) rounds, and one 81mm mortar round at the enemy position with unknown results. The report stated that the Marines were unable to pursue the enemy because the LVT's could not beach due to steep banks along the river's edge. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

h. At 041445H, Company L Command Post located at coordinates (AT 953667) reported that a helicopter operating in the immediate vicinity reported receiving one hundred fifty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 951655). Artillery, mortar, and tank support was requested and forty 105mm rounds, eleven 81mm mortar, and seven 90mm (tank) rounds were directed at the enemy location, and 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.

i. At 041500H, a Headquarters and Service Company patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 963685) reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect. The report stated that the suspect had been previously observed at a stream near his home in the vicinity of the above coordinates and was not apprehended at first because no interpreter was available and the man refused to walk with the patrol. The report stated that, as the patrol continued, they came upon what was suspected as being a booby trap. An examination revealed that a C-ration can, containing a grenade (type not indicated), was attached to a vine which was bent toward the ground and attached to a trip wire. The report stated that the grenade was destroyed in place, and the patrol returned and apprehended the above mentioned suspect. A thorough search of the suspect's dwelling revealed one briefcase with miscellaneous maps, papers, books, and a C-ration case of medicines (type unknown). The report stated that the suspect and all captured material was forwarded to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point.

j. At 041600H, Company M conducting a Search and Destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 976677) reported clearing three hundred meters of bamboo and destroying one tunnel three feet by three feet by twenty feet long in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 975675). No additional information was provided.

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k. At 050008H, a tank in support of Company I located at Hill #55, coordinates (AT 970620) reported observing one Viet Cong by using a flood light at coordinates (AT 964620). The Marines directed forty 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and reported excellent effect. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

l. At 050715H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 954607) reported receiving one hundred twenty five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positions at coordinates (AT 956607). The Marines directed three 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds, two hundred small arms rounds, six 106mm recoilless rifle rounds, and seven 90mm (tank) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines physically pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

m. At 050600H, the Battalion S-2 reported that the villagers of AN TRAC (1), coordinates (AT 972662), YEN NE (4) coordinates (AT 976677), and LA BONG (1) coordinates (AT 975675), held a meeting in AN TRAC (1). As a result, the villagers told the Marines, of Company M that they desired to have their three hamlets converted into strategic hamlets. The report indicated the villagers plan to build a fence around the hamlets, made of bamboo and barbed wire, with controlled exits and entrances. The report stated the only assistance they wanted from the Marines was four thousand six hundred feet of barb wire, and help in building the fence. The villagers indicated they plan to organize their own militia for defense against Viet Cong attacks.

(3) Special Reports.

a. At 041730H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing what was described as four to five Viet Cong Suspects wearing equipment, (not specified), in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 084666). The report stated that the suspects ran into a building at the above coordinates as the aircraft approached. No additional information was provided.

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

(1) See 041230H entry, this INTSUM.

(2) See 050600H entry, this INTSUM.

D. VIET CONG CASUALTIES:

FOR 24 HOUR
REPORTING PERIOD:

CUMULATIVE
SINCE 10 JUL 65:

KIA(Confirmed)	1	510
KIA(Possible)	0	797
VC Captured	0	206
VC Captured(WIA)	0	4
VC WIA(Possible)	1	122
VC Suspects Apprehended	5	1143
Ralliers(Since 21Jan66)	0	2

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E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>INTSUM Entry Number</u>
2	Utility set, ARVN	031030H
1	Jacket, Flak	-do-
1	Shelter half	-do-
1	Fin Assembly, 81mm mortar	-do-
44	Rounds, 9mm ammunition	-do-

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>INTSUM Entry Number</u>
1	Tunnel, 3X3X20 feet long	041800H

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III MAF POLAD	(1)
G-2	(4)
3dMar	(1)
1/9	(1)
2/9	(1)
3/9	(1)
3/3	(1)
2/12	(1)
FSCC	(1)
S-2	(6)
S-3	(2)
1stAmtracBn	(1)
3dAtBn	(1)
3dTnkBn	(1)
C Co, AtBn	(1)
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HEADQUARTERS
9th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein), FME

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3800
6 Feb 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (Attn G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #37, Period ending 061000H February 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

- (a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve hours by regimental S-2.
- (b) With the exception of the hard-surfaced portions of the MSR, road surfaces have softened and deteriorated as the result of recent heavy rains. The roads however, remain passable with the exception of that portion of the 1st Battalion's MSR south of coordinates (BT 107655), which is open to tracked vehicles and foot traffic only.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
7 Feb	0653	0715	1859	1921	1840	0713	FULL

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn. 9thMar.

a. At 051230H, a Company B patrol reported apprehending four suspicious persons in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 087698). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when they acted suspicious and refused to cooperate with the Marines. The report continued that a routine examination revealed that they lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspects were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point upon completion of preliminary interrogation by the Battalion S-2.

b. At 051227H, a Company C patrol reported apprehending one suspicious person at coordinates (BT 089673). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point upon completion of preliminary interrogation by the Battalion S-2.

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c. At 051340H, elements of Company D reported that a booby trap, (described as a CHICOM grenade) was destroyed at coordinates (BT037661). The report did not indicate how the booby trap was rigged. The report continued that three camouflaged foot traps, rigged with metal punji stakes, was destroyed at coordinated (BT 044651). No additional information was provided.

d. At 051530H, a Company C patrol reported that a trench line four meters deep, two meters wide and seventy-five meters long was destroyed by the Marines at coordinates (BT 082670). The report stated that the trench line had prepared camouflaged firing positions, with an emplaced three strand barbwire fence. No additional information was provided.

e. At 051545H, a Company A patrol, dispatched to the vicinity of coordinates (BT 089624) to investigate an aerial observer's report of Viet Cong activity, reported observing four armed Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinated (BT 096624). The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds at the enemy and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing into a tree line at coordinates (BT 095625). The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong but the enemy succeeded in evading capture. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties was 1 KIA (body count). The report added that one illumination grenade (US), and one fragmentation grenade (CHICOM) was recovered from the body of the dead Viet Cong. The report continued that a search of the tree line area produced one Viet Cong suspect. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point.

f. At 051600H, Company C reported that engineers operating with the company discovered an 81mm mortar (dud) located in what was described as an Amphibious Tractor trail at coordinates (BT 057655). The report stated that the 81mm mortar round was destroyed in place.

g. At 060600H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA HAI Village Chief that the air strike conducted at 261700H in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 082673) by Sparrow Hawk (see 280930H entry, INTSUM #28), resulted in forty Viet Cong KIA. The report continued that Company C would be dispatched to investigate the accuracy of this report. Additional information will be provided when available. The report was not rated.

(2) 3dBn, 3rdMar.

a. Late Report At 042230H, a Company M squad-size patrol enroute to an ambush site in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 967671) reported observing two Viet Cong entering a building one hundred meters away. The report stated that, as the patrol approached the area, they spotted an additional two Viet Cong in a tree line at coordinates (AT 967672). The Marines directed ten small arms rounds into the tree line and observed one Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. A search of the building and area however, produced negative results. At first light on 5 Feb, a patrol was dispatched to conduct a more thorough search of the area and found drag marks to a boat site on the SON YEN river coordinates (AT 967672). Enemy casualties were one WIA (possible). No Marine casualties were reported.

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b. At 050715H, Company I Marines manning an observation post positioned at coordinates (AT 963609) reported observing two Viet Cong in a boat on the SONG AI NGHIA river at coordinates (AT 963604). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the boat and reported that they then received an estimated twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned on the river bank at coordinates (AT 963603). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds at this enemy position, and a patrol was dispatched to physically pursue the withdrawing Viet Cong. A search of the area revealed two camouflaged boats covered with bamboo and brush. As the patrol returned to Hill fiftyfive, a group of villagers from the vicinity of coordinates (AT 962605) brought a wounded Vietnamese male to the Marine position. The report stated the male was believed to have been one of the Viet Cong, and was evacuated to C'Med. for medical treatment and interrogation. No USMC casualties were reported. One Viet Cong captured (WIA) will be claimed in paragraph D of this INTSUM.

c. At 052105H, a Company L river patrol operating along the banks of the SONG YEN, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 965672) reported receiving ten rounds of what was described as automatic small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 966672). The Marines directed forty small arms rounds and three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the Viet Cong position and the enemy fire ceased. At 052105H, this Marine river patrol reported receiving twenty rounds small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 964674). The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds and four 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 051056H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a Vietnamese village policeman from LA CHAU (1), coordinates (AT 944685), informed the Marines that four Viet Cong had been in LA CHAU (1) ten days ago but had since moved to the hamlet of BO BAN (1), coordinates (AT 954684) and are still there. No additional information was provided.

e. At 051600H, Company K reported that local villagers informed them that five Viet Cong armed with one Sub-machine and two rifles were located at coordinates (AT 966658). A patrol was dispatched to search the area but reported negative results. Villagers encountered on the search told the Marines that the Viet Cong fled into a cane field.

(3) Special Reports.

a. Late Report. At 041830H, The HOA VANG subsector S-2 reported that, on 3 February, what was described as "prominent Viet Cong cadre" were observed travelling aboard a civilian bus, enroute from the HOI VAN area to TRUNG NGAI, coordinates (AT 985781). The report stated that upon arrival at TRUNG NGAI, the three Viet Cong made their way to the vicinity of the coast. The S-2 commented that the Viet Cong may have been reconnoitering the area for possible future Viet Cong operations. The report was rated C-2. (S-2 comment: On 2 February, the National Police Chief of HOA VANG District relayed a report from unidentified sources that the 120mm mortar that had been employed during the 25 January attack on DA NANG Airbase was observed in the HOI VAN area (see 021515H entry, INTSUM #35). It may be that the Viet Cong were investigating the practicality of re-introducing this weapon via the sea into the area in the vicinity of TRUNG NGAI. The report however is rated F-6 by the 9th Marines as the S-2 lacks first hand knowledge of the area indicated or the sources of the report).

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b. At 051310H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing what was described as three Viet Cong suspects at coordinates (BT 082620). The report stated that the suspects, who were carrying heavy loads(not identified), took cover in some brush when the aircraft approached.

c. At 051450H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing what was described as five Viet Cong, wearing green and "dark" clothing, at the intersection of two trails at coordinates (BT 068620). The report added that the Viet Cong took cover upon the approach of the aircraft. The report did not indicate whether the Viet Cong were armed.

d. At 051500H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported receiving small arms fire from an estimated five to seven Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 020605). Artillery support was requested and sixty five 105mm rounds fired. The Aerial Observer reported excellent effect on the target, sighting what he described as "two enemy WIA", and the Viet Cong fled to the south and southwest.

e. At 051640H, G-2 relayed a report from QUANG NAM Special Sector at 201900H January, one Viet Cong company displaced from THANH TRUNG Village area, coordinates (BT 010615) to CO LUU hamlet area, coordinates (BT 077614). The report stated that this company, with a strength of one hundred twenty five, and armed with one 60mm mortar, one machine gun, six automatic rifles, and what was described as "an assortment of rifles", has a mission of attacking the GVN Popular Forces platoon stationed at TAN KY hamlet, coordinates (BT 063592) or to harass friendly forces in the vicinity of THANH THUY hamlet, coordinates (BT 065670). The report was rated F-3. (S-2 rates the report F-3).

f. At 052130H, 3d Marines reported that the TUY LUAN Village Chief (village location (AT 947700) assembled his villagers and informed them that the Viet Cong will attack the pontoon bridge, coordinates (AT 947701) sometime within the next few nights. The report added that, as a result of the Chief's information, GVN Popular Forces soldiers, normally stationed at the village, have been positioned at the bridge there by strengthening the bridge defenses, but weakening the village defenses. The report was not rated. (S-2 rates the report F-6).

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

(1) See 051600H entry, this INTSUM.

D. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour</u> <u>Reporting period:</u>	<u>Cumulative</u> <u>Since 10 Jul 65:</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	0	510
KIA (Possible)	0	797
VC Captured	0	*207
VC Captured (WIA)	1	5
VC WIA (Possible)	3	125
VC Suspect	1	1144
Ralliers (since 21Jan66)	0	2

*Increase of one Viet Cong based on ITT Prisoner Interrogation Reports dated 5 Feb 66.

Name: DINH LIEU
Age: 45
Status: VC Production Man

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<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>INTSUM Entry Number</u>
1	Grenade, (CHICOM) booby trapped	051340H
3	Traps, foot, metal punji	-do-
1	Shell, 81mm mortar (DUD)	051600H

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>INTSUM Entry Number</u>
1	Trench line, 4X2X75 feet long	051530H

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DISTRIBUTION:

III MAF	(1)
III MAF POLAD	(1)
G-2	(4)
3dMar	(1)
1/9	(2)
2/9	(2)
3/9	(2)
3/3	(2)
2/12	(1)
FSCC	(1)
S-2	(6)
S-3	(2)
1stAmtracBn	(1)
3dAtBn	(1)
3dTnkBn	(1)
C Co, AtBn	(1)
B Co, TnkBn	(1)
CO	(1)

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (Attn G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #38, Period ending 071000H February 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
8 Feb	0652	0715	1847	1900	1948	0817	FULL

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar.

a. At 061340H, a Company D patrol reported the discovery of one 105mm round (dud) at coordinates (BT 065645). The report stated that the round was destroyed in place.

b. At 061425H, a Company D patrol located at coordinates (BT 048646) reported receiving small arms rounds (quantity not indicated) from Viet Cong armed with one automatic and eight semi-automatic weapons positioned at coordinates (BT 046647) and (BT 047645). The Marines returned small arms fire and 40mm (M-79) rounds at the two enemy positions. The report added that a helicopter supporting the medical evacuation helicopter, fired two aerial rockets at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report stated that the Marines were unable to search the enemy positions as the enemy was located on the far (west) side of the SONG VINH DIEN (river). Marines casualties were four WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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c. At 061615H, a Company B patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect (male) in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 043718). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he attempted to elude the Marines by hiding along the bank of the SONG VINH DIEM (river). The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, upon completion of preliminary interrogation by the Battalion S-2.

d. At 070600H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report received from a suspect apprehended by Company C at coordinates (BT 889673) on 051227H, that a large force of Viet Cong (size not indicated) were located in AN TRA hamlet, coordinates (BT 082698) and TRA KHE (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 090670). The report stated that they (Viet Cong) were drafting the villagers as laborers to dig trenches and lay mines. The report continued that there was many tunnels in TRA LO hamlet, coordinates (BT 088682). The report included the following list of Viet Cong personalities:

<u>Name:</u>	
TRAN CONG	Platoon leader of Viet Cong in TAN LOU
HUYNH IS	Village level cadreman in AN TRA
HUYNH CAN	Officer in charge while TRAN CONG is on sick leave (CONG has a broken arm).
HUYNH TIEM	Village level cadreman in AN TRA
TRAN CU	Intelligence man at hamlet level
MAI THI KINH	Commanding Officer of women sapper section.

The report was not rated.

(2) 3dBn, 3dMar:

a. At 061115H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (AT 956659). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended because they appeared to be of military age. The suspects were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner collection point for investigation.

b. At 061150H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 960603), reported receiving an estimated thirty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned across the SONG AI NGHIA (river) coordinates (AT 960602). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds, three 3.5 inch rounds, and three 106mm recoilless rifle rounds at the enemy position with unknown results. No casualties were reported.

c. At 061555H, a Company I patrol reported discovering a tunnel at coordinates (AT 948608). The report indicated that the tunnel entrance was one foot high and one foot wide, and located on the bottom of a trench. The Report stated the inside of the tunnel was ten feet wide, twelve feet high, and fifteen feet long. The report continued the the tunnel was destroyed with demolitions.

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d. At 061626H, a Company L river patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 965671) reported receiving an estimated thirty small arms rounds (automatic weapons) from Viet Cong positioned on both sides of the SONG YEN (river) at coordinates (AT 965670), and (AT 966670). The Marines directed eighty small arms rounds, ten 40mm (M-79) rounds, and two 105mm artillery rounds at the Viet Cong positions and physically pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost. A search of the area revealed negative results. NO USMC casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

e. At 061645H, a Company M patrol reported discovering what was described as an anti-personnel mine at coordinates (AT 969667). The report indicated the mine was the size of a sixteen ounce beer can, and contained a pressure type detonator, and had an explosive charge which consisted of approximately two pounds of an unidentified explosive. The report stated the mine will be evacuated to the Battalion S-2 on 7 February for evaluation.

f. At 061830H, a Company K patrol reported detonating a booby trap at coordinates (AT 957679) resulting in two USMC KIA. No description of the booby trap was reported. Additional information will be provided when available.

g. At 061922H, a Company L patrol reported discovering a trench line extending from coordinates (AT 960676) to (AT 964673). Linear size of the trench line was not reported.

h. At 062105H, Company L reported that a M/TPS-21 positioned on Hill #22 detected movement which indicated a possible Viet Cong squad (ten to twelve people) at coordinates (AT 955662). The Marines directed two 90mm (tank) rounds, fifty small arms rounds, and fourteen 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position. A subsequent search of the target area by the M/TPS-21 revealed additional movement, again two 90mm (tank), twenty-two small arms rounds, twenty-one 81mm mortar rounds, and twenty 105mm artillery rounds were directed at the enemy position. A squad-size patrol was dispatched to search the area but reported negative results. A detail search of the area will be conducted at first light on February. The report stated that enemy casualties were estimated as 2M2 (possible) Viet Cong KIA, based on the excellent effect on target of the Marines fire. No USMC casualties were reported.

i. At 070242H, a Company K platoon positioned at coordinates (AT 959685) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds and two grenades or possibly M-79 rounds from Viet Cong positioned to the west (distance not known but may have been close range). The fire was not repeated and the exact enemy position could not be determined. No casualties were reported.

(3) Special Reports.

a. At 061410H, G-2 relayed a report from I Corps G-2 that an agent report (dated 11 December 1965) stated that the 304th Viet Cong Battalion was operating in the vicinity of KY TAN village, coordinates (AT 955675). The report

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continued that a second agent's report (dated 18 December 1965) stated that the 305th Viet Cong Battalion was operating in the vicinity of KY THANH village, coordinates (AT 955575). The report added that one Viet Cong Battalion, designated the V-23 Battalion, is presently operating in the vicinity of KY THANH hamlet, coordinates (AT 932572). The report was not rated. (S-2 rates the report F-3).

b. At 052030H, G-2 relayed a report from the Marine Liaison Officer at HOI AN District Headquarters that during the period of the last several nights the Viet Cong have conscripted some three hundred Vietnamese villagers from the vicinity of KY MINH hamlet, coordinates (AT 932572), KY QUANG village, coordinates (AT 959590), to serve as laborers in the construction of a system of trenches and bunker to be positioned in the area along the SONG HI NGONIA (river) extending from coordinates (AT 975606) to (AT 955597). The report stated that this series of fortifications is to be used in attacks on GVN and USMC forces who may be operating in this area. The report was rated G-3 by HOI AN District Headquarters. (S-2 rates the report F-3).

c. At 052030H, G-2 relayed a report from the Marine Liaison Officer at HOI AN District Headquarters that one Viet Cong Battalion commanded by one NGUYEN NGUYEN HAI, displaced from the area in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 980555) to dispersed positions in the area in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 980555). The report continued that this battalion is equipped with two 81mm mortars, one 60mm mortar, and three (eight) machine guns, and has organized a large number of workers from the KY MINH, KY TAN and KY QUANG village areas into laboring units to assist the Viet Cong. The report added that HOI AN District Headquarters believed that this Viet Cong force may possibly be preparing to attack GVN or USMC units operating in the vicinity of THANH SON, coordinates (AT 973630) GIAO AI, coordinates (AT 960566), and PHONG TAU coordinates (AT 981579) village areas. The report was rated G-3 by HOI AN District Headquarters. (S-2 rates the report F-3).

d. At 070820H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing three Viet Cong in what was described as a trenchline at coordinates (AT 963603). Artillery support was requested and twenty two 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. The report did not indicate the results of the artillery mission nor provide additional details.

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

- (1) See 1stBn, 9thMar 070600H entry, this IWESUM.

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<u>D. Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour Reporting period:</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	0	510
KIA (Possible)	2	799
VC Captured	0	207
VC Captured (WIA)	0	5
VC WIA (Possible)	0	125
VC Suspects	3	1148
Reiller (Since 21 Jan 66)	0	2

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

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>INTSUM Entry Number</u>
1	Tunnel, 10X12X15 feet long	061553H

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DISTRIBUTION:

III MAF	(1)
III MAF POLAD	(1)
G-2	(4)
3dMar	(1)
1/9	(2)
2/9	(2)
3/9	(2)
3/3	(2)
2/12	(2)
FSCC	(1)
S-2	(6)
S-3	(2)
1stAmtraoBn	(1)
3dAtBn	(1)
3dTnkBn	(1)
C Co, AtBn	(1)
B Co, TnkBn	(1)
CO	(1)

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Subj: Intelligence Summary #39, Period ending 081000H February 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

A. Characteristics of the Area of operations.

(1) Weather

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMET</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
9 Feb	0653	0715	1848	1911	2239	1009	FULL

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar.

a. Late Report. At 070910H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing three Viet Cong, positioned in a trenchline in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 963603). A fixed-wing air-strike was directed against the enemy location and a total of eleven five hundred pound napalm tanks were delivered on the Viet Cong position. The report did not indicate the results of the air strike nor estimate Viet Cong casualties.

b. At 070910H, a Company A platoon sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 108636) reported receiving four small arms rounds, described as sniper fire, from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 108633). The report stated that the Viet Cong fire was received while the patrol was searching the village of HA BANG at the above coordinates. The Marines directed small arms fire (amount not indicated) at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines did not pursue the fleeing Viet Cong because of an intervening rice paddy described as being "neck deep". Marine casualties was one WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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c. At 071650H, a Company A patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 097642). The report described the device as a booby-trapped U. S. (M-26) grenade and stated it was rigged with a trip wire. One Marine KIA and two Marines WIA were reported. The report continued that a team of Engineers searched the area and discovered a second booby trap (type not indicated) and destroyed it in place.

d. At 071715H, a Company B patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect. The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 085684), he ignored the Marines challenge (both in English and Vietnamese) and warning shots and attempted to flee. The report stated that the Marines directed small arms rounds (amount not indicated) at the fleeing suspect, wounding him. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to the 59th ARVN hospital for treatment and interrogation.

e. At 071715H, a Company B patrol reported apprehending one suspicious person in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 085684). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to the local District Headquarters.

f. At 072135H, a Headquarters and Service Company patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 074678). The report stated the device was believed to have been a grenade, booby-trapped, U.S. (M-26) and stated it was rigged with a trip wire. Three Marines WIA were reported.

(2) 3rdBn, 3rdMar.

a. At 070740H, Company I reported that a booby-trapped 105mm artillery round was detonated within the Company perimeter. The report indicated the round was buried, and contained a 'pressure-type' detonator. One USMC WIA was reported.

b. At 070800H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Battalion's Zone of Action reported observing a new trench (size not indicated) at coordinates (AT 953651). The report indicated another trench line (size not indicated) was observed at coordinates (AT 953647). The report continued that three Viet Cong wearing green uniforms were observed positioned in a trenchline at coordinates (AT 953603).

c. At 070730H, a Company L patrol reported discovering what was described as a booby-trapped CHICOM grenade at coordinates (AT 956655) which the Marines destroyed in place. The report indicated a trip wire was attached to the grenade and placed across the trail.

d. At 071030H, a Company K patrol reported detonating a booby trap (type not indicated) at coordinates (AT 959681). One USMC WIA was reported.

e. At 071039H, a Company L patrol reported discovering one CHICOM grenade, one rusted canteen, and a small amount of medical supplies at coordinates (AT 975655). The report stated that the material will be evacuated to the Battalion S-2 for evaluation.

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f. At 071410H, a Company F patrol reported detonating a booby trap at coordinates (AT 994624). The report indicated that the device consisted of an U.S. (M-26) grenade with a trip wire extended across the trail. One USMC WIA was reported.

g. At 071525H, an LVT in support of Company F reported detonating a mine at coordinates (AT 985637). The report indicated that the mine employed a pressure type detonator, but no estimate of the size of the explosive charge was provided. No casualties were reported.

h. At 071600H, a Company I patrol reported that seven secondary explosions (size and intensity not indicated), occurred when two line charges was detonated at coordinates (AT 969619) in an effort to clear Hill #15 of emplaced Viet Cong mines. No additional information was provided.

i. At 071920H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (AT 943664) when routine examinations revealed they possessed what was described as a large sum of Vietnamese currency. The report stated that initial interrogation indicated that the two Viet Cong Suspects are supply cadre for the Viet Cong. The suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point on 8 February when transportation becomes available.

j. At 071930H, a Company M squad positioned at coordinates (AT 972652) reported receiving an estimated twenty five small arms rounds from an estimated six Viet Cong located in positions extending from coordinates (AT 971649) to (AT 969655). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds and four 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy positions, but could not physically pursue the Viet Cong because of the necessity of maintaining their position as part of the operation then being conducted. No USMC casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

k. At 071935H, a Company F security element positioned at the HA DONG bridge, coordinates (AT 990620) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 964624). The fire was not repeated, and the exact enemy position could not be determined. No casualties were reported.

l. At 071940H, a Company M platoon positioned at coordinates (AT 972663) reported receiving four small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 972659). The Marines illuminated the area with two 81mm mortar illumination rounds and directed fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position. A patrol was dispatched to physically pursue the withdrawing enemy, but contact could not be regained. A search of the area revealed negative results. No casualties were reported.

m. At 072013H, a Company F security element positioned at the HA DONG bridge, coordinates (AT 990641) reported receiving six small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 985637). The fire was not repeated, and the exact enemy position could not be determined. No casualties were reported.

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n. At 072115H, a Company F ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 003664), reported hearing noises and voices approximately one hundred fifty meters north of their position. The report stated that those sounds indicated a possible Viet Cong counter ambush position. The Marines directed eighty small arms rounds and two U.S. (M-18A1) directional mines at the enemy position. The Marines physically pursued the Viet Cong but were unable to gain contact with the fleeing enemy. A search of the area revealed a trench and various foot prints indicating the possible Viet Cong position. No USMC casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

o. At 072210H, a Marine security element positioned at the bridge at coordinates (AT 999699) reported receiving two small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 996697). The Marines illuminated the area with one 81mm mortar illumination round, and directed two hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong fire was not reported. No casualties were reported.

p. At 080655H, a Company I squad sized ambush element enroute to an ambush site reported receiving small arms rounds (amount not indicated) at coordinates (AT 949609) from Viet Cong located in four widely separated positions, at close range. The Marines established a perimeter defence and directed five hundred small arms rounds and one 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the enemy positions and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. The report did not indicate whether the patrol displaced to its assigned ambush location or returned to friendly positions.

(3) Special Reports

a. At 071030H, 3d Tank Battalion S-2 reported that the PHONG BAC hamlet chief (hamlet is located at coordinates (AT 991705) requested (verbally and in writing) that the 3d Tank Battalion assist the villagers in fortifying the hamlet against Viet Cong depredations. The S-2 commented that approximately fifty percent of PHONG BAC hamlet is a "new life" hamlet, but it is in a poor state of repair. (The report was provided for information only).

b. At 071135H, the Regimental FSCC reported that one hundred twelve 105mm (artillery) rounds were delivered at prepared Viet Cong positions in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 992628). The report stated the mission had good effect on target, but did not specify results. No additional information was provided.

c. At 071240H, The Regimental FSCC reported that twenty four 105mm (artillery) rounds were fired at Viet Cong positions in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 992662) prior to a Marine patrol entering the area. The report stated the mission had good effect on target. No additional information was provided.

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d. At 071994H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing what was described as a "fire-fight" occurring approximately three hundred meters south of the CAM LE bridge, coordinates (BT 018711). Inquiries were made at HOA VANG District Headquarters but the basis for this action was not established. No additional information was provided. (Note: Security at the CAM LE bridge is provided by GVN Popular Forces troops).

e. At 072216H, the 9th Marines Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th GVN Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at MIEU BONG relayed a report from the QUANG NAM Police that one Viet Cong battalion, armed with three mortars (type unknown), three machine guns (caliber unknown) and one AA gun (believed to be caliber .50), was presently located at coordinates (AT 980605). The report stated that the Viet Cong battalion was commanded by one NGO NHU HAI and stated that the mission of this battalion was to mortar and ambush USMC units at BOBO (believed to be Hill #55). The report also included a report attributed to the 59th ARVN battalion S-3 that the Viet Cong may try to ambush LVT'S operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 968698) and in the vicinity of the AN TRAC village complex, grid square (AT 9665).

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

D. <u>Viet Cong Casualties:</u>	<u>For Twenty-four Hour Reporting Period</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA(Confirmed)	0	511
KIA(Possible)	0	799
VC Captured	0	211*
VC Captured(WIA)	0	5
VC WIA(Possible)	0	125
VC Suspects Apprehended	3	1150
Ralliers(Since 21Jan66)	0	2

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY NUMBER</u>
1	Grenade, fragmentation, (M-26)	07165QH
1	Grenade, fragmentation, CHICOM	071013H
1	Grenade, fragmentation, CHICOM	071039H
1	Canteen	-do-
	Medical supplies(small amount)	-do-

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

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*Increase of four Viet Cong based on ITT Prisoner Interrogation Reports.

ITT reports dated 3 Feb 1966

Name: NGUYEN KIEU
Age: 45
Status: VC Farmer's Association Member.
Captured by E-2-9 on 021030 Feb 66

Name: LE PHAN
Age: 55
Status: VC Old Men's Association Member
Captured by E-2-9 on 021030 Feb 66

Name: NGUYEN LUYEN
Age: 58
Status: VC Old Men's Association Member
Captured by I-3-3 on 020655 Feb 66

Name: LAM BUT
Age: 48
Status: VC Farmer's Association Member.
Captured by L-3-3 on 020900 Feb 66

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Subj: Intelligence Summary #40, Period ending 091000H February 1966
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Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

A. Characteristics of the Area of operations.

(1) Weather

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

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	MECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
10 Feb	0654	0714	1848	1911	2334	1050	FULL

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn., 9thMar.

(a) At 081405H, a Company A platoon-sized patrol located at coordinates (BT 094638) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from four Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 099638). Mortar support was requested and fifteen 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location. The Marines, with tank support, searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and discovered what was described as forty "foot traps" with bamboo punji stakes. The Viet Cong however, had withdrawn from the area and contact could not be regained. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one KIA (possible).

(b) At 081530H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA HAI Village Chief that two Main Force Viet Cong platoons were presently located in TAN LUU hamlet, coordinates (BT 078705) and two Main Force Viet Cong platoons were presently located at AN NONG hamlet, (does not appear on current operational maps). The report continued that one Viet Cong doctor was killed in AN NONG on 7 February. The report identified the Viet Cong doctor as one MAI DANG ANH. The report stated that the Viet Cong doctor had returned from the north only five days previous after completing 12 years of medical school. The report was rated D-4. (S-2 rates the report D-4).

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(c) At 081830H, a Company C platoon-sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect (WIA) in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 048682). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he attempted to flee from the patrol. The report stated the suspect appeared to be armed with a weapon, and as he fled from the patrol, the Marines directed small arms fire at him, wounding him. The report stated that when the patrol captured the suspect no weapon could be found. A search of the area also failed to produce the weapon. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated on the first available transportation.

(d) At 090102H, a Company B platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 055704) reported hearing what was described as drums from the west side of KHUE DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 056706). When the drums stopped the patrol reported receiving one grenade (fragmentation) from Viet Cong positioned to the northwest at close range. The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the suspected enemy position. The Marines' fire was not returned and the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(2) 3rdBn. 3rdMar.

(a) Late Report. At 080030H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 957665) reported receiving fifteen small arms rounds from two Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds, and two fragmentation grenades at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines physically pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost in a tree line at coordinates (AT 957664). No casualties were reported.

(b) Late Report. At 080650H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 957665) reported receiving fifteen small arms rounds from an estimated six Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 948608). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds and one 3.5 inch (rocket) round at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines physically pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost. The report indicated that, as the Marines were searching the area, they received an additional fifteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned to the west at close range. The Marines directed one hundred twenty-five small arms rounds at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost in a tree line. A search of the area revealed various documents which were evacuated to the Regimental S-2 for evaluation. No casualties were reported.

(c) At 081040H, a Company E element, positioned at the SONG VINH DIEN, coordinates (BT 032647), reported receiving an estimated thirty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned across the SONG VINH DIEN river at coordinates (BT 033652). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds and one LAW (M-72) round at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. A patrol (with LVT'S) was dispatched, and conducted a search of the area with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. One Viet Cong KIA (probable) was reported as a result of the Marines' fire.

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(d) At 081152H, a Company K patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 955680) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 959678). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report stated that the Marines physically pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost. One Marine WIA was reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

(e) At 081245H, Company I reported that a tank supporting the Company at coordinates (AT 970620) observed one armed Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 971634). The Marines directed three 90mm (tank) rounds at the enemy position and dispatched a patrol to pursue the fleeing Viet Cong. A search of the area revealed negative results. No casualties were reported.

(f) At 081303H, a Company M patrol positioned at coordinates (AT 968648) reported receiving an estimated fifty rounds of what was described as automatic and semi-automatic small arms fire from three Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 968646). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. A patrol reinforced by ONTOS was dispatched to pursue the fleeing enemy. The report indicated that an ONTOS fired four 106mm recoilless rifle rounds at the enemy position and observed one Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. A search of the area revealed negative results. Two Marine WIA were reported. One Viet Cong WIA (possible) was reported.

(g) At 081324H, a Company E platoon-sized patrol located at coordinates (BT 013641) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at close range, coordinates (BT 015640). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds and four 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(h) At 081325H, a Company X patrol reported discovering, what was described as a booby-trapped CHICOM grenade, at coordinates (AT 960676). The report indicated that the grenade was positioned four feet above the ground and had a trip wire placed across the trail. The report stated the trap was destroyed in place. No casualties were reported.

(i) At 081330H, a Company M patrol reported detonating a booby trap at coordinates (AT 971650). The report indicated that the device consisted of an undetermined amount of explosive (believed to have been C-4) with an "igniter blasting fuse". The report stated a trip wire had been placed across the trail. One Marine WIA was reported.

(j) At 081330H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 970620) reported observing one armed Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 971634), moving into a cane field. The Marines directed three 90mm (tank) rounds at the enemy position, then searched the location, but the Viet Cong eluded apprehension. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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(k) At 081425H, a Company E patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 017627) reported receiving an estimated three hundred fifty rounds of automatic and semi-automatic weapons fire from an estimated platoon (number not indicated) of Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 015627). The Marines directed four hundred small arms rounds, twelve 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and maintained the contact until "Sparrow Hawk" units and elements of Company K and Company E arrived to assist. The Marine force directed approximately nine hundred small arms rounds, twenty-four 40mm (M-79) rounds, twenty-six 105mm (artillery) rounds at the Viet Cong. An armed helicopter (UH1E) was also utilized to direct fire at the fleeing enemy. The Marines physically pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost. One Marine WIA was reported. Enemy casualties were reported as three Viet Cong KIA (body count) and two Viet Cong WIA (possible). No equipment was reported having been recovered from the dead Viet Cong. (The Battalion S-2 commented that it was believed the Viet Cong force was a "hard core" unit, since reports indicated that the Viet Cong were wearing green uniforms and helmets).

(l) At 082000H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 972657) reported receiving thirty rounds of what was described as automatic and semi-automatic weapons fire from four Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 973658). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds at the enemy and attempted to envelop the Viet Cong position by fire and maneuver. When the position was entered however, the enemy had withdrawn and the contact was broken. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

(m) At 082135H, a Company M patrol reported having destroyed a bunker at coordinates (AT 972682). The report indicated that the bunker was four feet by three feet by twelve feet long. The report stated that a tunnel twenty feet long was discovered leading off from the side of the bunker. The bunker and tunnel were destroyed with demolitions.

(n) At 082147H, a Company F ambush element moving into position at coordinates (AT 990658) reported receiving one grenade from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed seventy five small arms rounds at the enemy, who fled to the south, and observed one Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. The Marines physically pursued the Viet Cong until contact was lost because of darkness. No USMC casualties were reported. One Viet Cong (probable) WIA was reported.

(o) At 082200H, the Battalion S-3 provided information on a Company L search and destroy operation conducted in the vicinity of DUYEN SON (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 953657). The report indicated that a total of twenty one fighting holes were filled, two hundred meters of trench line filled, and forty small holes (size not indicated) also filled. The report stated that an undetermined number of punji trap holes were discovered and filled.

(p) At 082345H, a Company K patrol operating in the vicinity of the SONG YEN, coordinates (AT 962692) reported receiving two small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 962689). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. Two USMC WIA were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

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(q) At 081845H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a Vietnamese male from the hamlet of DUYEN SON (2), informed a Company L patrol that the Viet Cong had positioned two booby traps at coordinates (AT 957667). In response to this report, the Marines searched the area and did find two U.S. (M-26) grenades laying in a shallow hole with both safety pins extracted. The report indicated that the grenades were positioned so that the body of the grenades held the spoon in place so that the slightest disturbance would detonate them. The report stated both grenades were destroyed in place. (The Battalion S-2 commented that as a result of this report, the battalion paid 500 \$VN to the Vietnamese informer).

(3) Special Reports.

(a) At 081130H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing a recently excavated trenchline positioned along the railroad embankment in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 993596). The aerial observer noted that what was described as a "grass hut" was positioned at one end of the trenchline. The report added that a second trenchline was observed which extended from the vicinity of coordinates (AT 998596) to (BT 005592). The observer commented that no unusual activity was observed.

(b) At 081700H, a National Policeman at MIEU BONG reported that villagers travelling north along Highway #1 from areas to the south have stated that the Viet Cong have recently conscripted several hundred villagers from the vicinity of grid squares (BT 0661) and (BT 0662) to act as laborers during operations to be conducted in the near future. The report did not indicate the location of the expected operations nor provide details as to the size of the Viet Cong force. (S-2 rates the report F-3).

(c) At 081850H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing four to five armed Viet Cong positioned in a trenchline at coordinates (BT 015621). Armed helicopters (UH10) were requested to strike the enemy position, and a heavy volume of machinegun fire and aerial rockets (2.75 inch) were directed at the location by the aircraft. The aerial observer reported two Viet Cong KIA (KBA body count). The Aerial Observer noted that the Viet Cong withdrew into a treeline at coordinates (BT 015620). The observer reported receiving several rounds of small arms fire from the direction of this new Viet Cong location and requested an artillery fire mission, which was disapproved because of the proximity of a populated village. The observer later reported that the bodies of the two Viet Cong KIA had been retrieved, presumably by the Viet Cong. No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported. Enemy casualties were two KBA (body count).

(d) At 082115H, the 9th Marines Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th GVN Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at MIEU BONG relayed a report from the DA NANG North-Sub-Sector that, on 4 February, one Viet Cong battalion, designated the 523d battalion, was operating in the vicinity of HOA HAI and by DURING village areas (east of Highway #1 and west of Marble Mountain area). The

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report continued that this force is equipped with seven 61mm mortars and one 120mm mortar. The report stated that it is believed that this battalion was responsible for the 25 January attack on DA NANG Airbase. The report added that it is expected that this battalion would be very active on 8 February as this day is a Viet Cong holiday (?). The report was rated B-3. S-2 rates the report F-4.

(e) At 082128H, the 9th Marines Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th GVN Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at MIEU BONG reported that a Viet Cong force estimated to approximate one thousand men displaced on 24 January from the mountain areas to the west and moved into several village areas in DIEN BAN District. The report stated that elements of this force are positioned in PHI BINH (does not appear on current operational maps), KY LA (does not appear on current operational maps), KHUE DONG, coordinates (BT 050715), TUNG LAM, coordinates (BT 035703), and QUA GIANG, coordinates (BT 016667). The report added that it is expected that this force will be very active (?) on 8 February as that date is a Viet Cong holiday (?). The report was rated C-3. S-2 rates the report F-4.

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

(1) See 081845H entry, this INTSUM.

D. VIET CONG CASUALTIES:

FOR 24 HOUR
REPORTING PERIOD

CUMULATIVE
SINCE 10 Jul 65

KIA(Confirmed)	5*	516
KIA(Possible)	4	803
VC Captured	0	211
VC Captured(WIA)	0	5
VC WIA(Possible)	2	127
VC Suspects Apprehended	1	1151
Ralliers(Since 21Jan66)	0	2

* Includes two KBA(See 081850H entry, this INTSUM.)

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

1 Grenade, CHICOM (booby-trapped) See 081325H entry,
this INTSUM

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

See entries 082135H and 082200H, this INTSUM.

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On 2 February 1966, a fairly reliable medium level official (C) within the Military Security Service (MSS), Army Republic of Vietnam (ARVN), furnished the following information, considered probably true (3), concerning one (1) Viet Cong (VC) battalion located at O-gia Hamlet, AT015556 (3dMar Area) Loc-phuoc Villiage, Dai Loc District, Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam (RVN).

According to a report received 31 January 1966, there was one (1) VC battalion, unit designation and commander unknown, stationed at O-gia Hamlet, Loc-phuoc villiage. This VC regular battalion consisted of three (3) companies and was armed in the following manner: one (1) 81 millimeter mortar, four (4) 60 millimeter mortars, four (4) heavy machine guns, an undetermined number of medium machine guns, and an undetermined number of individual weapons. This battalion, also, has a number of short mattocks and hammocks. The members of the battalion were wearing yellow khaki uniforms. O-gia Hamlet was divided into two sections: Northern and Southern. At the time of this report, two (2) VC companies were dispersed amongst the villager's houses, three (3) VC per house.

The VC were planning to attack the ARVN unit located at hill #60 (AT880575) and Loc An Village Council House, Dai Loc District, Quang Nam Province.

AGENT'S NOTES: Hill #60 is called Nui Lo Post and is occupied by a Popular Force unit. Attention is invited to Agent Report, Subject and file number same as above dated 30 November 1965, when it was reported that the VC would attack this post. At approximately 2330 hours, 6 December 1965, the VC attacked Nui Lo Post, causing structural damage but no casualties.

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On 1 February 1966, a fairly reliable medium level official (C) furnished the following report, considered the truth of which cannot be judged (6), concerning the presences of a volunteer Viet Cong (VC) regiment, commanded by Ha Ky Ngo, in the Phu Ky area, Dien Ban District, Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam (RVN). The report read substantially as follows:

On 29 January 1966, one (1) volunteer VC regiment, commanded by Ha Ky Ngo, moved from Duy Nuyan District, Quang Nam Province, in the direction of Thanh Son Village (AT973630), Dien Ban District, Quang Nam Province.

On 30 January 1966, one (1) inter-region main force battalion, commanded by Vo Zuan Lam and Nguyen Van Chau, Deputy was stationed at Phu My Village (AT970550 and Phu Tan Village (AT980530), Phu My area, Dien Ban District, Quang Nam Province. The strength of this battalion was about three-hundred (300) men, and it was armed as follows: one (1) 120 millimeter mortar, one (1) 57 millimeter recoilless rifle, twelve (12) medium machine guns, and an undetermined number of individual weapons. The mission of this battalion was not known.

Additionally, one (1) district main force company, commanded by Dinh Ngo, usually hides at Thang Phong village (BT004600), Dien Ban District, Quang Nam Province. The strength of this company was about one-hundred (100) men, and it was armed as follows: one (1) 60 millimeter mortar, one (1) heavy machine-gun, seven (7) medium machine guns, and an undetermined number of individual weapons. This company has the mission of holding Thanh Phong Village and harrassing National Route #1 from Thanh quat (BT040625) to Nhi Giap (BT050603) with sniper fire.

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Subj: Intelligence Summary #41, Period ending 101000H February 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

A. Characteristics of the Area of operations.

(1) Weather

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

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

(2) Astronomical Data

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

(1) Special Reports

a. At 091700H, the Marine Liaison Officer assigned to HOA VANG District Headquarters reported agent reports plus interrogations of suspects at District Headquarters have established that Marines conducting operations in the vicinity of the SONG VINH DIEN on 6 February 1966, (see 061425H entry INTSUM #38 for the account of the 1st Battalion action which probably resulting in these Viet Cong casualties), killed five Viet Cong (body count). The report stated that one of the Viet Cong that were killed was the Viet Cong Deputy Village Chief of HOA PHUNG Village, and added that the bodies of the dead Viet Cong are presently in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 054713). The report stated that the HOA VANG District Chief requested that the Marines search for enemy weapons in the vicinity of that location. S-2 comment: Based on this report, five Viet Cong KIA (Possible) will be shown in paragraph D, this INTSUM.

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b. At 091645H, the 9th Marines Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th GVN Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at MIEU BONG relayed a report from the QUANG NAM Special Sector that three Viet Cong battalions displaced to QUANG NAM from the north (area not indicated) on 28 January. The report stated that one battalion, designated the 954th (type of battalion not indicated), was commanded by one HUYEN BA DUNG. A second battalion, designated the 637th (type of battalion not indicated) was commanded by one TRAN XUAN THAI. The report continued that no designation nor commander was given for the third battalion. The report stated that one battalion (not specified) was located at coordinates (BT 060660). A second battalion (not specified) was located at coordinates (AT 980680); the remainder of this second battalion was reportedly employed at coordinates (AT 975655). The report did not indicate the location of the third battalion. The report was rated C-3 by QUANG NAM Special Sector. S-2 comment: The presence of three Viet Cong battalions in the locations given is rated F-4 although several reports received of Viet Cong battalion-sized units located to the south indicates that a build-up of enemy forces may be occurring.

c. At 091745H, G-2 relayed a report from III MAF that an unidentified U.S. Navy corpsman was informed by some unidentified children that the Viet Cong would attack AFZ 30 (the report stated that this designation may identify a troop ship) on the night of 9 February. The report did not provide additional information but added that appropriate precautions would be exercised.

d. At 091810H, I CORPS reported that the Liberation Front Committee of the QUANG NAM Province dispatches commercial cadre from various districts within the QUANG NAM area to the DAP VAN TRACH area, coordinates (AT 956637) to purchase food and supplies. The report did not provide additional details nor elaborate on what type of supplies purchased. The report was rated C-1 by I Corps. S-2 rates the report F-6.

e. At 091810H, the 9th Marines Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th GVN Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at MIEU BONG reported that a Viet Cong Battalion (designation not indicated) displaced from the vicinity of SON GA (mountain area to the west) to the vicinity of coordinates (BT 003613), (AT 993620), (AT 997643), and (AT 997605). The report indicated that the objective of this move was to position the Viet Cong force so it could control traffic on Highway #1, in the vicinity of VINH DIEN, coordinates (BT 058575) to MIEU BONG, coordinates (BT 017679). The report added that the commander of this battalion is one DAM QUANG TRACH. The report included a comment that this region is the operating area of a North Vietnamese battalion under the command of one DAM TUAN TANG, which has the mission of thwarting the pacification program. (The report stated that the presence of this North Vietnamese battalion is confirmed). The report was rated B-3. (S-2 comment: The presence of a Viet Cong force of company strength in the area indicated is rated F-3; the presence of one or more battalions is rated F-4, although battalion sized forces are known to be located farther to the south).

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f. At 091810H, the 9th Marines Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th GVN Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at MIEU BONG relayed a report from what was identified as a secret agent that had been dismissed from his connection with the pacification program that a Viet Cong battalion is presently located in the vicinity of THANH SON, coordinates (AT 973630), and is utilizing local guerrillas to infiltrate the area undergoing GVN pacification in HOA THAI and HOA CHAU. The report stated that the Viet Cong attack friendly units in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 982683) and (BT 003666); attack during the hours of darkness and withdrawing to hidden locations before dawn. The report was rated B-2. (S-2 comment: The presence of a Viet Cong force of company strength in the area indicated is rated F-3. A battalion-sized force operating in that area is doubtful, F-4).

g. At 091810H, the 9th Marines Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th GVN Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at MIEU BONG relayed a report from HOA VANG District Headquarters that one Viet Cong company had displaced from the vicinity of LOC CHANH Village, coordinates (AT 926609) to coordinates (AT 950620) and (AT 955627). Reportedly the mission of this Viet Cong company is to attack friendly (US/GVN) units in the HOA LOI area. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-3.

h. At 092100H, G-2 relayed a report from 1st Battalion, 1st Marines that an unidentified civilian informed friendly personnel operating in the vicinity of the pontoon bridge, coordinates (AT 946700), that a Viet Cong force of one hundred forty men is dispersed in the area from grid squares (AT 9370) to (AT 9669). The report was rated F-6. (S-2 rates the report F-6).

i. Late Report. At 081530H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing thirty-five to forty Viet Cong, dressed in what was described as green, khaki and black uniforms and wearing helmets, in a trenchline in PHONG LUC (3) hamlet, coordinates (BT 015627). No additional information was available.

(2) 1stBn. 9thMar.

a. At 090835H, a company A platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 106645) reported observing six to seven armed Viet Cong at coordinates (BT 106545). The Marines directed a heavy volume of small arms rounds at the enemy and initiated an assault of the Viet Cong position. A "Sparrow Hawk" element was dispatched to exploit the contact and landed at coordinates (BT 103642). The Viet Cong attempted to break contact fleeing to the south. Blocking positions were established and the "Sparrow hawk" element conducted a sweep to the northeast with negative results. The report continued that one suspicious person was apprehended at coordinates (BT 104642) when a routine examination revealed he lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspicious person had an old healed wound believed to have been caused by USMC mortar fire. The suspicious person was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for interrogation. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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b. At 090910H, Company B, investigating intelligence reports of enemy activities in the vicinity of AN TRA hamlet, coordinates (BT 083698) and TRA KHE hamlet, coordinates (BT 097670) reported no enemy contact during a three-day operation conducted in that locality. The report stated however that a number (not indicated) of fighting holes were discovered and filled in. No additional information was provided.

c. At 091025H, a Company D platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 048647) reported observing two armed Viet Cong, standing by a trail at coordinates (BT 049649). The Marines directed small arms rounds 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 positions and found the dead body of an old Vietnamese female believed to have been struck by a stray round. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 091100H, a Company B platoon-sized patrol reported the results of the patrol's activities in destroying enemy positions and obstacles in the vicinity of KHUE PONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 055715). The report stated that fifteen fighting holes were filled in the area. The report continued that, when a hollowed-out tree was destroyed by demolitions, a secondary explosion (size and intensity not indicated) occurred. The report continued that four multiple cartridge traps, described as pits rigged with as many as thirty carbine small arms rounds and using nails as firing pins, were destroyed at coordinates (BT 056706). The report added that several (amount not indicated) punji traps, described as being reinforced with "C" ration cans, were found in a tree line in the vicinity of KHUE DONG (1) hamlet, and were destroyed. The report continued that, as the result of the Marines search, assorted documents were recovered from structures within the hamlet. No additional information was provided.

e. At 091600H, a Company B platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 054699) reported finding what was described as Viet Cong propaganda. The report added that a miscellaneous assortment of drugs (seven bottles) were found in a building at coordinates (BT 054697) during the conduct of a search. No additional information was provided.

f. At 091815H, a Company D platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 047653) reported receiving fifty small arms rounds from five to seven Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 042650). The report continued that a short time later, the patrol received ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned across the SONG VINH DIEN river at coordinates (BT 044647) and five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at close range, to the east of coordinates (BT 047653). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds and ten 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy positions and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines conducted a search of the site of the enemy positions at coordinates (BT 042650) with negative results. One Marine WIA was reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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g. At 092020H, a Company D platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinated (BT 035662) reported contacting three Viet Cong. The report indicated that the Marine patrol caught the enemy unaware and delivered small arms fire at the Viet Cong resulting in two Viet Cong KIA (body count). The report added that one US pistol, caliber 45, model 1911A1 (damaged by rifle fire), one cartridge belt, two grenades (CHICOM), one flash light, and one, what was described as a log book, was taken from the bodies of the dead Viet Cong. The report stated that the third Viet Cong succeeded in evading capture by the Marine patrol. No Marine casualties were reported.

h. At 092335H, a Company A listening post positioned at (BT 102656) reported receiving one grenade in position (the report indicated that the direction from which the grenade was received was not noted). The report stated that the detonation of the grenade resulted in one Marine WIA. The Marines could not determine the location of the enemy and no fire was delivered.

i. At 100835H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a follow-up investigation of the Company B action which occurred in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 049703) on 31 January (see 311800H entry, INTSUM# 32) revealed that Viet Cong casualties totalled six KIA (body count), and added that the six bodies were interred at coordinates (BT 047708). (S-2 Comment: The original report indicated four Viet Cong KIA (body count) and two Viet Cong KIA (possible). Based on this subsequent report, paragraph D of this INTSUM will be adjusted to reflect the correct totals).

(3) 3rd Bn., 3rd Mar.

(a) At 090912H, a Company L patrol reported discovering two tunnels, three feet by three feet by six feet long, at coordinates (AT 950638), which were destroyed by the Marines.

(b) At 091100H, a Company E patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 010644) reported receiving eight what were described as small arms rounds from one Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 007645). The Marines directed fifteen small arms rounds and fifteen 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the fire ceased. A search of the area revealed negative results, and contact with the enemy could not be regained. No casualties were reported.

(c) At 091145H, a Company K patrol reported detonating a booby trap at coordinates (AT 959678), resulting in one USMC WIA. The report did not indicate the type of booby trap. Additional information will be provided when available.

(d) At 091150H, a Company E patrol reported discovering several tunnels and caves (size/number not indicated) in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 008648). The report stated the tunnels and caves will be destroyed on 10 February.

(e) At 091200H, a Company K patrol reported detonating a booby trap at coordinates (AT 959677). The report indicated that the device consisted of a U.S. (M-26) grenade placed on the side of a trail with a trip wire extending across the trail. Three USMC WIA were reported.

(f) At 091215H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 974674), reported receiving one small arms round from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 977674). The enemy fire was not repeated, and the exact Viet Cong position could not be determined. No casualties were reported.

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(g) At 091600H, a Company K patrol reported discovering two booby traps in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 958682) which the Marines destroyed in place. The report indicated both booby traps consisted of U.S. (M-26) grenades with trip wires extended across a trail. No casualties were reported.

(h) At 091230H, a Company E patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 010640) reported observing eight Viet Cong positioned in a trench line in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 008634). The Marines directed hundred fifty small arms rounds, fourteen 81mm mortar rounds, two 3.5 inch (rocket) W.P. rounds, and three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position, and reported observing two Viet Cong fall as if strick by the Marines' fire. The Marines physically pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost in a cane field. A search of the area revealed several documents and maps which will be evacuated to the Battalion S-2 for evaluation. No USMC casualties were reported. Two Viet Cong probable WIA were reported.

(i) At 091600H, a Company K patrol reported discovering a tunnel three feet by three feet by five feet long at coordinates (AT 961679) which the Marines destroyed.

(j) At 091845H, the Battalion S-3 provided information on a search and destroy operation being conducted by Company L in the area south of Hill 22, coordinates (AT 953667) to the vicinity of coordinates (AT 950622). The report stated that two trench lines approximately two hundred meters in length were discovered and filled in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9564). The report stated that a bunker (size not indicated) was destroyed at coordinates (AT 950638) and a cave three feet by three feet by eight feet long was destroyed at coordinates (AT 953629). The report continued that an undetermined number of fighting holes were discovered in the area extending from coordinates (AT 951630) to (AT 954629) and will be filled on 11 February.

(k) At 100100H, an AN/TPS-21 positioned on Hill 22 detected movement approximately two hundred meters to the south. The Marines directed six 81mm mortar illumination rounds and hundred rounds machine gun fire at the suspected enemy position and dispatched a patrol who searched the area with negative results. No casualties were reported.

(l) At 100120H, a Company K element positioned at coordinates (AT 961688) reported receiving one small arms sniper round resulting in one USMC WIA. The enemy fire was not repeated and the Viet Cong position could not be determined.

(m) Late Report. At 092140H, a Company K patrol operating along the banks of the SONG YEN in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 962689), reported receiving twenty small arms rounds and one grenade from Viet Cong positioned on the west side of the river, at coordinates (AT 961687). The Marines directed hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position and enemy fire ceased. No USMC casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

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 PERIODCUMULATIVE
SINCE 10 Jul 65

KIA (Confirmed)	4	520*
KIA (Possible)	5	806*
VC Captured	0	211
VC Captured (WIA)	0	5
VC WIA (Possible)	2	129
VC Suspects Apprehended	0	1151
Ralliers (Since 21 Jan 66)	0	2

* Includes an increase of two Viet Cong KIA (body count) and an decrease of two Viet Cong KIA (Possible) as the result of a "follow-up" investigation. See entry 100835H, this INTSUM.

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

- (1) See 091620H, entry this INTSUM
- (2) See 092020H, entry this INTSUM

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

- (1) See 090912H, entry this INTSUM
- (2) See 091150H, entry this INTSUM
- (3) See 091600H, entry this INTSUM
- (4) See 091845H, entry this INTSUM

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To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (Attn G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #42, Period ending 111000H February 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

A. Characteristics of the Area of operations.

(1) Weather

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

(2) Astronomical Data

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
12 Feb	0654	0714	1848	1922	0030	1214	1/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 3dBn, 3dMar.

a. At 100800H, a Company F patrol reported detonating a booby trap at coordinates (AT 996646). The report indicated that the device consisted of a grenade (type not known) rigged with a trip wire. The report stated that the grenade was destroyed in place. One USMC WIA was reported.

b. At 100800H, a Company F patrol reported discovering a booby trap at (AT 996643). The report indicated that the device consisted of a grenade (type not known) rigged with a trip wire. The report stated the grenade was destroyed in place. One USMC WIA was reported.

c. At 100912H, a Company K patrol reported discovering, what was described as three spider traps in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 964687). The report indicated the traps were four feet deep, two feet wide, and four feet long and were reinforced by bamboo. The report stated that the traps were destroyed by demolitions (C-4).

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d. At 101300H, a Company I patrol reported detonating a booby trap at coordinates (AT 985635). The report stated the booby trap consisted of what appeared to be a home made grenade with a trip wire extended across the trail. Two Marine WIA were reported.

e. At 101600H, the Battalion S-3 reported that explosive line charges fired by LVT's operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 963609) resulted in ten secondary explosions. The report did not provide details of the size or descriptions of the detonations.

f. At 101600H, a Company I patrol reported discovering a tunnel two feet by two feet three feet long at coordinates (AT 986632). The report stated that the tunnel was destroyed with what was described as C4/CW. The report indicated a second tunnel four feet by four feet by four feet long was discovered at coordinates (AT 989625) and destroyed.

g. At 101730H, a Company K patrol reported detonating a booby trap (AT 957682). The report stated that the device consisted of grenade fragmentation (M-26), with a trip wire that was placed under water in a stream. One Marine KIA and two Marine WIA were reported.

h. At 101730H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 963628), reported receiving an estimated one hundred seventy small arms rounds from approximately ten Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 963627). The Marines directed approximately two hundred fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines physically pursued the enemy by fire and maneuver until contact was lost. At first light a search of the area was initiated and at the termination of this reporting period still underway. Additional information will be provided when available. No casualties were reported.

i. At 110815H, the Battalion S-2 provided details of two reports received from the villagers from the hamlets of LUYEN SON (2), coordinates (AT 957665) and LA CHAU (5), coordinates (AT 958667). The villagers informed Company L that there are Viet Cong in their hamlets. The report stated that in response to this report Company L is in the process of establishing a signal system whereby the villagers can inform the Marines when the Viet Cong are in the area. The report indicated that this is the first time the villagers have admitted that Viet Cong are operating in their hamlets.

j. At 110850H, a Company K squad-sized patrol reported that a booby trap was discovered at coordinates (AT 959687). The report described the device as a booby trapped grenade (M-26) and stated it was rigged with a trip wire. The report stated that the booby trap was destroyed in place. No casualties were reported.

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k. At 110920H, a Company M platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 969643) reported discovering 2,800 pounds of rice. The report stated that the rice will be evacuated by helicopter. No additional information was provided.

(2) 1stBn. 9thMar.

a. At 100701H, a Company A platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 106645) reported receiving what was described as seventy five small arms rounds from five to seven Viet Cong armed with automatic weapons positioned at close range, coordinates (BT 106645). The Marines directed four hundred small arms round, seventeen 40mm (M-79) rounds, two 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds one LAW (M-72) rounds twenty-six grenades at the enemy position, then assaulted, and the Viet Cong broke contact. The report continued that, at 101020H, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 106663), the patrol received fifty small arms rounds from five to seven Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 104643) and (BT 107663). Mortar support was requested and three 60mm mortar rounds were directed at the new enemy location. The Marines, in conjunction with "Sparrow Hawk", searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. Marine casualties were two WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. At 101120H, a wounded Vietnamese male, approximately thirty years of age, was brought to the Battalion C. P. as a Viet Cong suspect. The male claimed he had been wounded by fragments at 10400H while in the village of UAM HAI, grid square (BT 1262). The report stated the male was evacuated to the 59th ARVN hospital as a Viet Cong suspect.

c. At 101955H, a Company C platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 083694) reported receiving three rifle grenades from Viet Cong positioned at close range, coordinates (BT 082694). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds and two 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. Artillery support was requested and eight 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. Marine casualties were six WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(3) Special Reports

a. At 101155H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing five armed Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 104628). Artillery support was requested and forty-two 105mm rounds were directed at the suspected enemy location. The Aerial Observer reported excellent effect on the target, sighting one building destroyed and three burning. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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b. At 101310H, the HOA CHAU Village Police Chief (MAIEU BONG hamlet) relayed a report from an unidentified agent that one Viet Cong Main Force battalion is located in dispersed locations in the vicinity of KY MINH village area, coordinates (AT 9859), HA THANH village area (does not appear on current operational maps), and LA HUAN village area, coordinates (AT 983608). The report stated that the commander of this battalion is one NGUYEN NHU HAI, and the battalion command post is established in the vicinity of LA HUAN village. The report added that this battalion plans on attacking USMC forces positioned on Hill #55, coordinates (AT 970620), or forces positioned in the vicinity of the HA DONG bridge, coordinates (AT 990641) during the period of the dark of the moon. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-3.

c. At 101418H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental MAOR reported observing an undetermined number of Viet Cong moving in an open area in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 113625) and reported receiving ten small arms rounds from the same locality. Artillery support was requested and one 155mm (artillery) round was directed at the enemy position. Enemy casualties were not determined. No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported.

d. At 101745H, The Marine Liaison Officer assigned to the HOA VANG District Headquarters relayed a report from QUANG NAM Province Headquarters that gave details of a Viet Cong meeting that occurred in KHAI DONG hamlet, coordinates (BT 078695), at 011030H, December. According to this report, the following Viet Cong members attended:

MAI DANG CHON	VC Province Delegate
LUU BICH KHOA	VC District Delegate
HUYNH BA MY	VC Political Cadre
HUYNH DA CAN	HOA MY's VC Chief
NGUYEN TRONG HIEP	HOA PHUNG's VC Chief
HUYNH BA MINH	HOA LONG's VC Chief
PHAM TONG	HOA HAI's VC Chief
NGUYEN KHANH	HOA LAN's VC Chief
PHI HUNG	Leader of "suicide troops"
HUYNH CUU	Leader of "assassination troops"
HUYNH TA	Children's leader at HOA HIEP and HOA HAI village.

The report stated that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss the plan to utilize children in a terrorist campaign during the period 1 December 1965 to 15 May 1966. The report added that a scale of rewards for activities ranging from the theft of a weapon to the poisoning of the water supply was established. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-6.

e. At 101800H, the Marine Liaison Officer assigned to the HOA VANG District Headquarters relayed a report from the HOA VANG District Special Sector that the Viet Cong District Chief of HOA VANG, is planning to install mines, described as DD-X4, at the "ferry point" at coordinates (BT 033734) in order to sabotage ARVN and allied forces vehicles utilizing this area for cleaning vehicles. The report was rated B-2 by HOA VANG. (S-2 Comment: No information is available as to the description or characteristics of the DD-X4 mine, but it is believed to be an underwater demolition type mine. S-2 rates the report F-6).

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a. See 101030H entry, this INTSUM.

D. Viet Cong Casualties:

For 24 Hour

Reporting Period:

Cumulative

Since 10 Jul 65

KIA(Confirmed)	0	520
KIA(Possible)	0	806
VC Captured	0	212*
VC Captured(WIA)	0	5
VC WIA(Possible)	0	129
VC Suspects Apprehended	1	152
Refugees(Since 21 Jan 66)	0	2

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

2,800 lbs rice (See 110920H entry, this INTSUM).

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

1	Spider trap 4x2x4 ft long	See 100912H entry, this INTSUM
1	Tunnel, 2x2x3 ft long	See 101600H entry, this INTSUM
1	Tunnel, 4x4x4 ft long	See 101600H entry, this INTSUM

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Subj: Intelligence Summary #43, Period ending 120000 February 1966
Encl: ✓(1) Military Security Service Intelligence Reports dtd 6 Feb 1966
1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

A. Characteristics of the Area of operations.

(1) Weather

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

(2) Astronomical Data

	<u>RMC</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>RMC</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
13 Feb	0651	0714	1849	1923	0119	1257	1/4

B. Enemy Military Situation

(1) 1st Bn. 9th Mar.

a. At 111100H, a Company A platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 107547) reported observing four armed Viet Cong, dressed in black pajama-type clothing, positioned in a trenchline on high ground at close range. The report stated that the patrol then received ten small arms rounds from this Viet Cong group. The Marines returned the fire with small arms and requested mortar support. Eight 61mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location, and the patrol initiated an assault of the Viet Cong position. The Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the east. The report stated that a "Sparrow Hawk" was transported to the area to assist, and observed one armed Viet Cong at coordinates (BT 109645). The Marines fired coalitions at this enemy, but reported negative results. The Marines continued the search but contact could not be regained. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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At 110100Z, a Company I patrol reported that an exchange of small arms fire was observed and that the Viet Cong were in the vicinity of the 30th VNM BATT. The report would provide the status of activity and was seeking information. At 110200Z, the Co reported that the location of the fire fight was computed as being in the west of the 30th VNM BATT, across the river from MAF CAMP (1) (Landing, coordinates (BT 035609)). The participants in this action however, were still not identified. Marines manning an observation post on Hill 5847, coordinates (BT 071713), also reported observing an exchange of small arms fire, but identified the site as being in the vicinity of "the main bridge going to the Marble Mountain area". Inquiries were made at local ARVN unit headquarters with negative results. At the termination of this reporting period, the participants in, and exact location of this action had not been identified. (Co's Comment: It is probable that a GVN Regional Forces or Popular Forces unit operating in the area as part of the pacification program was engaged in an exchange of fire with a second unit. Whether this second unit was Viet Cong or another GVN force remains to be determined.)

(2) MRM, 30th BATT.

a. At 110300Z, a Company I patrol reported discovering a land mine at coordinates (BT 966718) which the Marines destroyed in place. The mine indicated that the device consisted of an U. S. (M-2) grenade with a trip wire extended across the trail. No casualties were reported.

b. At 110920Z, a Company H patrol reported discovering a cache containing an estimated 3,000 pounds of rice at BMT CAMP (1) (Landing, coordinates (BT 969543)). The report stated that approximately 1,500 pounds of rice was left for the villagers use, and the remainder evacuated by helicopter to the Company H command post to be safeguarded against Viet Cong confiscation. The report continued that the rice will be redistributed to the villagers as the need arises.

c. At 111030Z, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental F402 reported receiving an estimated twenty five pounds of what was described as small arms fire from one Viet Cong dressed in a green uniform positioned at coordinates (BT 022636). A patrol from Company H was dispatched to assist, but a search of the area revealed negative results. No casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported.

d. At 111100Z, a Company Y patrol reported discovering a mine at coordinates (BT 961873). The report indicated that the mine was approximately six inches in height, three inches in length, and two inches in width, with what appeared to be a friction-type fuse mechanism. The report stated that the mine will be evacuated to the Regimental S-2 for evaluation on 12 February.

e. At 111400Z, a Company H patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 964643) reported observing an estimated ten Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 983678). Artillery support was requested and sixty 105mm (artillery) rounds was directed at the enemy positions. The report stated that two Viet Cong were observed falling as it struck by the Marines' fire. The Marines moved through the enemy position, but a search of the area revealed negative results, and contact with the enemy could not be reported. No Marine casualties were reported. Two Viet Cong KIA (probable) were reported.

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f. At 111405H, a Company L patrol reported discovering two what were described as "man size" punji traps at coordinates (AT 965664). The report stated that the traps were destroyed by the Marines.

g. At 111415H, a Company K patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 970683) reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect. The report stated the suspect was apprehended when he attempted to elude the Marines. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point on 12 February for investigation.

h. At 111420H, a Company E patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 015636) reported receiving an estimated fifty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 015637). The Marines directed approximately four hundred fifty small arms rounds, twelve 81mm mortar rounds, ten (40mm M-79) rounds, and two LAW (M-72) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report stated that the Marines physically pursued the fleeing Viet Cong and received an additional ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 021630). The Marines directed four 81mm mortar rounds, three hundred fifty small arms rounds, two LAW (M-72) rounds, and five 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and observed two Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. The Marines physically pursued the Viet Cong until contact was lost in the hamlet of AN TU (1), coordinates (BT 024639). A search of the area revealed negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Two Viet Cong (probable) WIA were reported.

i. At 111420H, a Company E patrol reported discovering two tunnels, four feet by four feet by six feet long, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 021639), which the Marines destroyed by demolitions.

j. At 111600H, The Battalion S-3 provided information on a Company M search and destroy operation conducted in the vicinity of LE SON (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 968642). The report indicated that four bunkers (size not indicated) were destroyed at coordinates (AT 964641), and two fighting holes killed at coordinates (AT 969641). The report continued that an explosive device (booby trap) was discovered and destroyed at coordinates (AT 968642). The report described the device as being six inches high, eight inches in diameter, cone shaped, and weighing approximately eight pounds. The report continued that the body of the device was constructed of metal, and was equipped with a pressure-type fuse mechanism positioned on the top of the device.

k. At 111630H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 968641) reported receiving three small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 967638). The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds, and two 105mm recoilless rifle (OWTOS) rounds at the enemy position and physically pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

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1. At 112110H, a Company K element manning a listening post at coordinates (AT 961673) reported receiving one hand grenade from Viet Cong positioned to the south at close range. The Marines directed ten small arms rounds, one grenade, and one 40mm (M-79) round at the enemy position but reported negative results. One Marine WIA was reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

m. Late Report. At 120835H, the Battalion S-2 reported that, at 101000H, what was identified as a Viet Cong rallier surrendered to members of the GVN People's Action Team which were located at the Company M Command Post, coordinates (AT 972662). The report stated that the People's Action Team leader intended to evacuate the rallier through GVN channels, but retained him at the Company M Command Post when the rallier indicated that perhaps two additional Viet Cong were considering rallying and might appear on 11 or 12 February. The report added that the People's Action Team has agreed to evacuation of the rallier through USMC channels on 12 February, so that the Marine units operating in this locality may have immediate access to whatever information the rallier may provide. (The Battalion S-2 previously reported that a rallier had surrendered himself to the GVN People's Action Team, but this was not included in the INTSUM for 10 February as the report remained unconfirmed and it appeared that the processing of the purported rallier would be a GVN action only).

(3) Special Reports.

a. At 111935H, the 9th Marines Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th GVN Regional Force Headquarters at NIEU BONG relayed a report from the QUANG NAM Special Sector that a Viet Cong unit with a strength of one hundred men and equipped with 60mm mortars and caliber .30 machine guns was displacing from the vicinity of LOC CHANH village area, and moving to coordinates (AT 150620) and (AT 955627). The report stated that the probable mission of this unit is to attack GVN and USMC units operating in the HOA LOI village area. The report added that this unit is commanded by one NGO CHAU HOANG and may be the Q-16-B (Main Force) company of HOA HINH. (An almost identical report, believed to have originated at the same source, was provided by G-2, at 111856H). The report was rated C-2. (S-2 Comment: Q-16-B company was previously reported commanded by one BO DIE and is believed to be a local force unit. The presence of a Viet Cong force of one hundred men in the location indicated is rated C-3).

b. At 112306H, G-2 relayed a report from HOA VANG Special Sector that Viet Cong guerrilla forces operating in the vicinity of HOA LOI and HOA LUONG village areas intend to attack USMC units patrolling the river between the villages of CAM BINH and CAU MOI (neither hamlet appears on current operational maps). The report was rated B-2 by HOA VANG. G-2 rates the report F-6. S-2 rates the report F-6.

c. At 114400H, G-2 provided copies of five intelligence reports which originated at Military Security Service Headquarters. These reports are included in this INTSUM as enclosure(1).

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

D. <u>Viet Cong Casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour</u> <u>Reporting Period:</u>	<u>Cumulative</u> <u>Since 10 Jul 66</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	0	520
KIA (Possible)	2	888
VC Captured	0	212
VC Captured (WIA)	0	5
VC KIA (Possible)	2	131
VC Suspects Apprehended	1	1153
Refusers (Since 21 Jan 66)	1	7

E. Captured and destroyed enemy materials:

- a. See 110830H entry, this INTSUM.
- b. See 110920H entry, this INTSUM.
- c. See 111110H entry, this INTSUM.
- d. See 111600H entry, this INTSUM.

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

- a. See 111405H entry, this INTSUM.
- b. See 111420H entry, this INTSUM.
- c. See 111600H entry, this INTSUM.

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6 February 1966

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On 4 February 1966, a fairly reliable medium level official (C) within the military Security Service (MSS), Army Republic of Vietnam (ARVN), furnished the following report, considered probably true (S), concerning one (1) Viet Cong entertainment company operating in DIEN BAN District, QUANG NAM Province, Republic of Vietnam. The report read substantially as follows:

One (1) Viet Cong entertainment company, unit designation unknown, was operating at VIEN MINH TRUNG and NGAN HA hamlets (BT 060655), THAI THUY village, DIEN BAN District. They will organize a performance at VIEN MINH TRUNG (BT 070635) on 3 February 1966, and NGAN CAU hamlet (BT 065632) on 2 February 1966. The purpose of this entertainment company was to praise Viet Cong victories and spread Viet Cong propaganda. Probably, this entertainment company was to be sent to the area for the Viet Cong TET celebrations.

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SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES OF THE VIET CONG (U)

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On 5 February 1966, a fairly reliable medium level official (C) within the Military Security Service (MSS), Army Republic of Vietnam (ARVN), furnished the following report, in which the reliability can not be judged (6), concerning Viet Cong efforts to adversely affect the economy of the Republic of Vietnam (RVN). The report read substantially as follows:

At this time in the non-secure areas of DIEN BAN, DAI LAC and QUANG DIEN Districts, QUANG NAM Province, Republic of Vietnam, the Viet Cong have directed the local people to refrain from spending the following bank notes issued by the RVN government: Five (5) and twenty (20) piaster notes, red color; and, one hundred (100) piaster notes, light green color. The local people have attempted to circumvent this Viet Cong directive by taking the bank notes to the government controlled controlled areas and exchange them on the market.

The purpose of this Viet Cong directive was probably two-fold: (1) to undermine the confidence of the local people in the government-controlled sector of the economy; and (2) by injecting counterfeit notes into the local economy, to allow the local people, unwittingly, to take those notes to government controlled areas to be changed, thereby stimulating an inflationary trend.

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REBINARY ORGANIZATION OF THE VIET CONG (U)

6 February 1966

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On 4 February 1966, a fairly reliable medium level official (C) within the Military Security Service (MSS), Army Republic of Vietnam (ARVN), furnished the following report, considered probably true (3), concerning Viet Cong road signs along National Route #1. The report read substantially as follows:

In the HUONG AN area (BT 140465), the Viet Cong have put up road signs forbidding traffic along National Route #1 from DA NANG going south from 2 February until 5 February 1966. The plan and purpose of this VC activity was unknown.

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QUANG NAM Province

7 February 1966

One (1) Province Main Force Company, 4 Feb 66, (BT 035524)

5 Feb 66, (DA NANG)

This report was received from a guided source (C), we obtained it through several casual sources (F), residents of XUYEN TRUONG District, DUY XUAN District, who obtained it through personal observation.

1. (K) One (1) Viet Cong Province Main Force Company has been located at DUY DONG (BT 035524) since 24 Jan 66. The strength of this company is over one hundred men and is equipped with one (1) .30 caliber machine gun, six (6) automatic rifles, quantity of submachine guns and rifles of various types. Signal equipment consist of one (1) AN/PRC-10 radio. The uniforms consists of khaki uniforms, black rubber sandals, and scarves of parachute material, mixture of black berets and field caps. Each man also carries gray rucksacks.

2. (K) This company is operating in DUY XUYEN and DIEN BAN Districts, QUANG NAM Province, and is coordinating with the local guerrillas of the XUYEN MY, XUYEN CHAU, XUYEN TRUONG, PHU PHONG, and BAI LOC Sub Districts. The strength of these guerrilla units is not known, but each man is armed with one to three potato-masher type grenades, but only a small number of them have Russian rifles or carbines.

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QUANG NAM Province

7 February 1966

TWO (2) VC MAIN FORCE COMPANIES

3 February 1966

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This information was received from a coded source (C), who obtained it from another coded source (C), who obtained it through personal observation.

1. At 1200 hours, 2 February 1966, two (2) Viet Cong Main Force companies arrived at Hamlet #2 (BT 072465), XUYEN TRA Sub-District from QUE SON District. The two companies are accompanied by NGUYEN DUNG and NGUYEN HUA. Both NGUYEN DUNG and NGUYEN HUA had gone to North Vietnam in 1954 for regroupment and are now their own company. The strength of the two companies combined is approximately 200 men and are equipped with two (2) 60mm mortars, one (1) .50 caliber machine gun, 12 automatic rifles, 25 Czech sub-machine guns, 40 Thompson sub-machine guns, 25 rifles (U. S. Cal. 30 M-1), which six of these are equipped with grenade launchers, and approximately 100 carbines and Russian rifles. Each man carried two (2) to three (3) potato-masher type grenades. Signal equipment consisted of two (2) AN/PRC-10 radios. Uniforms consisted of grey cotton uniforms, grey berets, black rubber sandals, and scarves of parachute material.
2. Each family in Hamlet #2 was required to harbor three (3) to five (5) Viet Cong soldiers of these Viet Cong Main Force companies. Soldiers were seen mingling with the local populace.
3. There was a sentry element posted at (BT 072472).

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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein)(G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #44, Period ending 131000H February 1966
Encl: ✓ (1) 3d Battalion, 3d Marines Special After-Action Report
1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

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

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHA</u>
14 Feb	0650	0713	1850	1913	0221	1345	$\frac{1}{4}$

B. Enemy Military Situation.(1) 1stBn., 9thMar.

a. At 121445H, a Company D squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 051647) reported observing three armed Viet Cong in the vicinity of TU CAU (4) hamlet, coordinates (BT 049647). The Marines directed small arms rounds at the enemy position and reported killing one Viet Cong (body count). The report continued that the Marines physically pursued the two remaining Viet Cong who had fled heading in a southwest direction, until contact was lost. The report stated that one cartridge belt, and one explosive device, described as a manufactured shaped charge of approximately fifteen pounds size, was retrieved from the body of the dead Viet Cong. (S-2 comment: The initial report also indicated that one rifle, (caliber 30 (U.S. Carbine) M-1 was retrieved from the dead Viet Cong).

CONFIDENTIAL(2) Special Reports.

a. At 121355H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing a total of seven boats on the west bank of the SONG LA THO (river) in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 009607). The report noted that no occupants were observed but that about half of the craft contained cargo (not identified). The report added that a number of boats (number not provided) were observed in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 008609) on the south bank of the river. This report also noted the absence of boat occupants and the presence of cargo.

b. At 121356H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing what was described as the movement of Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 009607). Artillery fire was requested and thirty two 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location with unknown results. Enemy casualties were not determined. No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported.

c. At 121448H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported receiving small arms fire while operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 985584). The Viet Cong location could not be discerned and no action was taken to counter the enemy fire. No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported.

d. At 121520H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing a total of six or seven Viet Cong positioned in a trenchline at coordinates (BT 012600). Artillery support was requested and eleven 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. The observer did not provide details of the results of the artillery fire and enemy casualties were not determined.

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e. At 121800H, G-2 relayed a HOA VANG Sub-Sector report that a villager (unidentified, except that HOA VANG S-2 stated the villager is known to local GVN officials as usually reliable source) has notified GVN authorities in HOA DA village that last night (11 February) he observed what he estimated as one company of Viet Cong equipped with at least one 120mm mortar and several of lesser caliber located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 013616) and (BT 015620). The villager stated that the Viet Cong are allowing the villagers from the surrounding areas to evacuate to the area where the Viet Cong are presently positioned, but the villager could not explain the purpose of this Viet Cong tactic. The report stated that this same villager informed the HOA DA authorities that he observed a second Viet Cong force estimated to be of company strength in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 060635). HOA VANG rated the report B-2. G-2 rated the report F-3. S-2 rates the presence of a Viet Cong company as F-2. Presence of a 120mm mortar as F-4.

f. At 121800H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing four young males in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 072669), who appeared to be positioning what may have been mines on a trail at that location. The report stated that as the aircraft made a low pass at the site, the men quickly fled from the area, abandoning a shovel and what appeared to be a mine. A short time later, the observer reported observing one man return and retrieve the material.

g. At 121800H, the Regimental S-2 received a report from G-2 III MAF that on the celebration of Army Day (15Feb) all Viet Cong personnel located throughout the DA NANG area have been instructed to annihilate every American serviceman in any way they can. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-3.

h. At 130134H, a Company L, 3d Battalion, 9th Marines listening post positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 060758) reported receiving twenty to thirty small arms rounds and four fragmentation grenades from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 061757). The Marines directed thirty to forty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(3) 3dBn., 3dMar.

a. Late Report. At 111920H, a Company E river patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 035683) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at

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coordinates (BT 034682). The Marines proceeded ashore, and directed one hundred eighty small arms rounds, and twenty five 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the enemy fire ceased. The Marines physically pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost because of darkness. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

b. At 120615H, a Company I patrol reported discovering a booby trap at coordinates (AT 965625) which was destroyed in place. The report stated that a description of the mine could not be given due to darkness. The report indicated that the Marines discovered a trip wire leading into a bamboo thicket. The report stated that after taking cover, the Marines pulled the trip wire, detonating the explosive. No casualties were reported.

c. At 120800H, a Company E river block positioned at coordinates (BT 031648) reported receiving three small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 034653). The Marines directed three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

d. At 120905H, a Company E patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 016638) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 006633). The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds and one 3.5 inch (rocket) round at the suspected Viet Cong position. When the Marines assaulted the enemy position, they found that the Viet Cong had withdrawn. A search of the area revealed negative results. No casualties were reported.

e. At 120930H, Company M reported a Viet Cong came to their Command Post at coordinates (AT 972662) and surrendered. The report stated that the rallier had fled to the mountains with the Viet Cong when the Marines came to the AN TRAC area several months ago, and since that time was a laborer for the Viet Cong. The rallier was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for processing.

f. At 121020H, a Company E patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 015627) reported receiving four hundred fifty automatic and semi-automatic small arms rounds from an estimated twenty Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 018625) and (BT 015623). The Marines directed five thousand small arms rounds, one hundred seven 40mm (M-79) rounds, eleven 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds, fourteen 60mm mortar rounds, eleven LAW (M-72) rounds, and forty 105mm (artillery) rounds at the enemy positions and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines physically pursued the fleeing Viet Cong by fire and maneuver until contact was lost. A search of the area revealed blood stains and evidence of at least one Viet Cong

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being carried off. The report stated that one Viet Cong Suspect was apprehended in the area and evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. Two Marine WIA were reported. Enemy casualties were reported as one Viet Cong WIA (possible)

g. At 121253H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 954629) reported receiving one small arms round from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 954633). The Marines directed twenty five small arms rounds, two LAW (M-72) rounds and five 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and reported observing two Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. The Marines could not pursue the enemy because the Viet Cong were on the far side of the SONG YEN river. One Marine WIA was reported. Enemy casualties were reported as one Viet Cong KIA (body count) and one Viet Cong WIA (possible).

h. At 121325H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 956659) reported observing one Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines deployed and advanced on the Viet Cong, capturing him. One CHICOM grenade, various documents, and a small suit case containing medical supplies were recovered from the captive. The report indicated that initial interrogation identified the Viet Cong as a corpsman. The CHICOM grenade was destroyed and the Viet Cong and equipment were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

i. At 121340H, a Company L platoon positioned at coordinates (AT 953629) reported receiving fifteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned on the east side of the SONG YEN river at coordinates (AT 953663). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report indicated that the Marines could not pursue the Viet Cong because of the intervening body of water (SONG YEN). No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

j. At 121408H, a Company I patrol reported destroying a tunnel two feet by three feet by eight feet in length at coordinates (AT 953604), and a second tunnel two feet by three feet by five feet in length at coordinates (AT 950640). The report stated that at coordinates (AT 950640) the Marines sighted one armed Viet Cong running in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 951605). The Marines directed ten small arms rounds at the fleeing enemy and physically pursued the Viet Cong until contact was lost in heavy brush. No casualties were reported.

k. At 121600H, the Battalion S-3 provided additional information on a Company E search and destroy operation conducted in the vicinity of grid square (BT 0064) on 9 February. The report stated that a total of thirty two tunnels, approximately six feet by

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six feet by six feet in length, one tunnel six feet by six feet by twenty feet in length, and three bunkers, one of which was reinforced by railroad ties, and one reinforced by bamboo, were destroyed by demolitions.

1. At 121655H, Company L reported filling twenty fighting holes located along a trail extending from coordinates (AT 949629) to (AT 954629).

m. At 121700H, a tank positioned at coordinates (AT 956609) in support of Company I reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 953608). The Marines directed four small arms rounds at the suspected enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

n. At 121730H, a Company E patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 016646) reported receiving sixty small arms rounds from an estimated six Viet Cong, dressed in black and armed with carbines, positioned at coordinates (BT 017639). The Marines directed three hundred small arms rounds, ten 40mm (M-79) rounds, four 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds, eighteen 81mm mortar rounds, and thirty eight 105mm (artillery) rounds at the enemy position. When the Viet Cong attempted to break contact, the Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong by fire and maneuver until contact was lost. A search of the area revealed one Viet Cong KIA (body count) (reported shot by a scout/sniper). No equipment was reported recovered from the body of the dead Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported.

o. At 121900H, a Company E patrol reported destroying what was described as a freshly dug trench line extending from coordinates (BT 014617) to (BT 011617). The report also stated six bunkers, four feet by four feet, were destroyed in the same vicinity, and a tunnel (size not indicated) was destroyed at coordinates (BT 016618). The report stated a secondary explosion occurred while destroying the tunnel at coordinates (BT 016618), resulting in two Marine WIA. The report stated that a large volume of black smoke was produced by the secondary explosion.

p. At 122005H, a Company K platoon positioned at coordinates (AT 961673) reported receiving one grenade from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the suspected enemy position, but a search of the area revealed negative results. No casualties were reported.

q. At 122130H, a Company K patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates, reported receiving an estimated twelve small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at close range (100 meters). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds and three grenades at the enemy position and physically pursued the Viet Cong until contact was lost because of heavy brush and darkness. One Marine WIA was reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

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r. At 130600H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from Company M that the villagers of LE SON (5) hamlet, coordinates (AT 955635) reported (to the USMC and PAT) that two Viet Cong were KIA by Company M Marines on the afternoon of 11 February. The villagers of LE SON (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 975647) reported (to the USMC and PAT) that they saw one Viet Cong WIA as a result of the action on 11 February. (Two Viet Cong KIA(possible) and one Viet Cong WIA(possible) will be shown in paragraph D based on information contained above).

C. Report of Viet Cong received directly from civilians:

a. See 130600H entry, this INTSUM.

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

KIA(Confirmed)	6	526
KIA(Possible)	12	822*
VC Captured	1	213
VC Captured(WIA)	0	5
VC WIA(Possible)	41	173*
VC Suspects Apprehended	1	1154
Ralliers(Since 21Jan66)	1	4

* Increase of two KIA(Possible and one WIA(Possible) based on 130600H entry

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

(this INTSUM)

a. See 120615H entry, this INTSUM.

b. See 121325H entry, this INTSUM.

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

a. See 121408H entry, this INTSUM.

b. See 121600H entry, this INTSUM.

c. See 121635H entry, this INTSUM.

d. See 121900H entry, this INTSUM.

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G-2	(4)	2/9	(2)	FSCC	(1)	3dTankBn	(1)	CO	(1)
		3/9	(2)	S-2	(6)	3dATBn	(1)		

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a. At 122100H, the Battalion S-3 provided information on a Company F operation conducted between 120730H and 121900H, in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9665) to (BT 0265) south to the SONG LA THO river. The following is a summary of events:

(1) At 120830H, while reconing by fire from (BT 002638), received ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 006633). One Viet Cong WIA(possible) was reported. No Marine casualties were reported.

(2) Entered hamlet of LA THO BAC (1), coordinates (BT 006631) where villagers told the Marines that the Viet Cong had just left with one Viet Cong KIA and one Viet Cong WIA. Villagers also stated there had been approximately sixty Viet Cong in an ambush position at coordinates (BT 005638) but had split up into three groups and headed in a southerly direction on three separate trails. The Marines fired an undetermined amount of 81mm mortar rounds at the suspected Viet Cong locations at coordinates (BT 006624) and (BT 007623), and observed two Viet Cong run into a cane field at coordinates (BT 007623). The Marines directed artillery and small arms rounds at the enemy position and pursued the fleeing Viet Cong to coordinates (BT 002610). A search of the area revealed two Viet Cong KIA(body count) and pools of blood indicating five Viet Cong KIA(possible), and sixteen Viet Cong WIA(possible). No Marine casualties were reported.

(3) An Aerial Observer reported spotting eight Viet Cong in a trench line at coordinates (BT 009608). The Marines directed small arms rounds at the enemy position with excellent effect on target resulting in two Viet Cong KIA(possible), and six Viet Cong WIA(possible). No Marine casualties were reported.

(4) An Aerial Observer reported twenty Viet Cong moved into a building at coordinates (BT 006605). Marines directed an air strike (HUIE and fixed wing) at the enemy position destroying the building, resulting in three Viet Cong KIA(possible) and nine Viet Cong WIA(possible). No Marine casualties were reported.

(5) Marines in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 006633) reported receiving heavy small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 004628), (BT 005629), and (AT 996632). The Marines returned heavy small arms fire, 81mm mortar fire, 90mm (tank) fire, LAW (M-72) fire, and 40mm (M-79) rounds with excellent effect on target. Six Viet Cong WIA(possible) were reported. No Marine casualties were reported.

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Three Viet Cong (body count), twelve Viet Cong KIA (Possible), and thirty nine Viet Cong WIA (possible) were reported. No Marine casualties were reported. (The above figures are total casualties for the operation).

The Viet Cong force engaged during the operation was believed to have been of company size or approximately one hundred thirty Viet Cong. The reports indicated that the Viet Cong were dressed in khaki uniforms and were armed with automatic and semi-automatic weapons.

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14 Feb 66

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (Attn G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #45, Period ending 141000H February 1966
Encl: ✓(1) Military Security Service Report dated 10 Feb 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
15 Feb	0649	0713	1850	1914	0715	1434	$\frac{1}{4}$

B. Enemy Military Situation.(1) 1st Bn. 9thMar.

a. At 130920H, a Company D platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 860634) reported observing one Vietnamese male, who attempted to flee upon sighting the approach of the patrol. The report stated the Marines ordered the suspect to halt but the man ignored the warning and continued his flight. The Marines directed small arms rounds at the fleeing male, which struck and killed him. Upon examining the body of the dead Viet Cong suspect, it was observed that the male, approximately thirty years of age, was dressed in black shirt and grey trousers (with black shorts underneath). The report stated that the male had no identification papers on his person but that miscellaneous documents and papers were recovered from the body of the dead Viet Cong suspect. No Marine casualties were reported.

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b. At 131930H, a Company C platoon-sized patrol reported that a booby trap was detonated at coordinates (BT 039669). The report described the device as an explosive charge consisting of approximately ten pounds of TNT, and believed to have been rigged with an electrical detonating mechanism, since no troops were moving in very close proximity of the device at the time of detonation. Three Marine WIA were reported. The patrol searched the area for materials or suspects with negative results.

c. At 132430H, a Company B platoon-sized patrol reported apprehending one suspicious person in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 056705). The report stated that the patrol members also noted a peculiar "musty" odor on the body of the suspicious person which may have indicated that he had been hiding for some time in a hole or similar place. The report stated the suspicious person was evacuated to the Battalion S-2 for interrogation. No additional information was provided.

d. At 140815H, a Company D squad-sized patrol reported that a booby trap was detonated at coordinates (BT 043665). The report described the device as a M160M grenade and stated that it was rigged with a trip wire. Two Marine WIA were reported.

(2) 3dBn., 3dMar.

a. At 130700H, Company K provided additional information regarding a Company K patrol conducted on 12 February which resulted in an enemy contact (See 122130H entry, INTSUM #44). The report indicated that a search of the area, coordinates (AT 956678), produced one U. S. (M-26) grenade, and an undetermined number of expended (M-14) cartridges, found in what was described as a concealed position that had been possibly occupied by the Viet Cong.

b. At 130830H, a Company I patrol reported destroying a tunnel at coordinates (AT 957603) described as approximately two feet by two feet by fifteen feet in length. The report stated the Marines also destroyed two punji traps (size not indicated) at coordinates (AT 957605). No casualties were reported.

c. At 131015H, a Company E patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 020639), reported observing three Viet Cong running in the vicinity of PHONG LUC (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017639). The Marines directed seven 81mm mortar rounds at the area and physically pursued the fleeing enemy but were unable to maintain contact. A search of the area revealed negative results. No casualties were reported.

d. At 131400H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 961609) reported receiving three small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 961608). The enemy fire was not repeated, and the exact Viet Cong position could not be determined. A search of the area revealed one Viet Cong Suspect, apprehended because he lacked identification papers, who will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point on 14 February when transportation becomes available. No casualties were reported.

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e. At 131400H, a Company I patrol reported destroying four tunnels (size not indicated) in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 961608).

f. At 131445H, Company L conducting a search and destroy operation, reported filling sixty three fighting holes in the vicinity of PHU SON (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 952644).

g. At 131520H, a Company E patrol reported discovering eighteen rounds of what was described as carbine ammunition in a cave four feet by six feet by ten feet long at coordinates (BT 014653). The report indicated the cave was destroyed with demolitions (C-4) and the ammunition will be evacuated to the Battalion S-2 for evaluation.

h. At 131530H, a Company M security element providing security for approximately one hundred villagers of AN TRAC (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 971657), who were assisting the Marines in clearing bamboo and brush, reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from two Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 968654). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds and pursued the enemy until contact was lost. A search of the area revealed five fighting holes along the SONG YEN river which were destroyed by demolitions (C-4). The report stated the initial Viet Cong fire was directed primarily at the villagers in what appeared to be an attempt to discourage them from assisting the Marines. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined. One Vietnamese civilian was wounded and evacuated to the DA NANG hospital.

i. At 132055H, a Company E ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 011635) reported observing three Viet Cong at close range. The report stated that the Marines remained hidden until the Viet Cong proceeded to within five feet of their position, then challenged the intruders. The report indicated there was no response, and the Marines fired approximately fifty small arms rounds killing two Viet Cong (body count) and possibly wounding the third. An ARVN interpreter who examined the personal effects of the dead Viet Cong stated that the photographs on their identification cards had been altered. The report continued that no weapons or equipment were recovered from the dead Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported.

j. At 140305H, a Company L Seismic Intrusion Device (SID) monitored at coordinates (AT 953667) detected movement of an undetermined number of persons in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 950667). The Marine directed five 81mm mortar rounds (illumination) and six 40mm (M-79) rounds at the suspected enemy position. A subsequent search of the area using a tank searchlight revealed negative results. The report indicated movement was again detected, this time at coordinates (AT 947667). The Marines directed eight 105mm (artillery) rounds at the suspected enemy position and dispatched a patrol to search the area. The patrol reported

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apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect found in the area who had no identification card. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined. The Viet Cong Suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point on 14 February.

k. At 140920H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol reported the discovery of a booby trap at coordinates (AT 967637). The device was described as a 105mm (artillery) round, but did not indicate how the device was rigged as a booby trap. The report stated that the device was disarmed by engineers and evacuated for examination.

(3) Special Reports.

a. At 131500H, G-2 provided the regiment with a copy of a Military Security Service report of Viet Cong activities. This report was not rated but is rated F-4 by S-2 (The presence of a company-sized force in the locations indicated is rated F-3). This report is included in this INTSUM as enclosure (1).

b. At 131551H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported receiving undetermined small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 011607). Artillery support was requested and thirty two 105mm rounds were directed at the suspected enemy location. The Aerial Observer reported excellent effect on the target and stated that one building and a trenchline located in the area was destroyed. Enemy casualties were not determined. No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported.

c. At 131945H, the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines S-2 relayed a report from the Headquarters, 31st ARVN Regiment that two Viet Cong companies are located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 984614) and a third company is located at coordinates (BT 002614). The villagers of TAN HANH, (AT 993642), HA DONG, coordinates (AT 998642), and HA TAY, coordinates (BT 010644), were instructed by the Viet Cong to displace to the MIEU BONG hamlet area, vicinity of grid square (BT 0168). The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-3.

C. Reports received directly from civilians:

a. See 140310H entry, this INTSUM.

D. <u>Viet Cong Casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour Reporting Period:</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:</u>
KIA(Confirmed)	2	523
KIA(Possible)	0	322
VC Captured	0	214*
VC Captured(WIA)	0	5
VC WIA(Possible)	0	175
VC Suspects Apprehended	2	1156
Refugees(Since 21 Jan 66)	0	4

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* Increase of one Viet Cong Captured based on ITT Prisoner interrogation report dated 13 February 1966.

NAME: TRAN TIU
AGE: 65
STATUS: VC Laborer

CAPTURING UNIT: E-2-9 on 12 Feb 1966

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

- a. See 131520H entry, this INTSUM.
- b. See 130700H entry, this INTSUM.
- c. See 140920H entry, this INTSUM.

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

- a. See 131445H entry, this INTSUM.
- b. See 131520H entry, this INTSUM.
- c. See 131530H entry, this INTSUM.

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QUANG NAM PROVINCE

10 Feb 1966

One Viet Cong Battalion (Volunteer Battalion) 5 Feb 66

5 Feb 66 (AT 992626) and (AT 996609)

9 Feb 66 (DA NANG)

This information was provided from a coded source (C), who obtained it from a casual source (F), who gained it through personal observation.

1. One Viet Cong Battalion designated as "TIEU DOAN CHI NGUYEN QUAN" (Volunteer Battalion) is deployed in QUANG DONG Hamlet (AT 992626) and LA THO NAM Hamlet (AT 996609), and is commanded by DOAN QUANG TRACH.

2. (K) The strength of this battalion is over four hundred men and is equipped with one (1) 81mm mortar, two (2) 60mm mortars, four (4) MG's, 12 automatic rifles, plus quantity of submachine guns and rifles. Signal equipment consist of six (6) AM/PRC-10 radios. Uniforms consist of a mixture of gray uniforms, green fatigues, and black pajamas.

3. (K) The mission of this Volunteer battalion is to combat the allied forces in the "NGU HANH SON" Campaign (Five "Mountain Chain" Campaign).

(typed copy of Military Security Service Report)

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3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMF

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #46, Period ending 151000H February 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>TIME</u>
16 Feb	0649	0712	1850	1913	0409	1526	1/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn., 9thMar.

a. At 141500H, a Company A platoon-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 105646). The report described the device as a mine and stated that it was rigged with what was described as an electrical pressure-type firing device. The report stated that the crater caused by the mine detonation measured approximately five feet by five feet by three feet and the mine was believed to have consisted of approximately forty pounds of TNT. The report continued that a search was conducted in the area and four booby trapped fragmentation grenades and two booby trapped white phosphorous grenades were discovered and destroyed in place. One Marine KIA was reported.

CONFIDENTIAL(2) 3dBn., 3dMar.

a. At 140945H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 960639) reported receiving one small arms round from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 960646). The Marines directed one 3.5 inch (rocket) round at the suspected enemy position and the enemy fire ceased. A search of the area revealed negative results.

b. At 141000H, a Company E patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 030635) reported receiving seven small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 025634). The Marines directed twenty five small arms rounds, fifteen 40mm (M-79) rounds, two LAW (M-72) rounds, and twenty seven 105mm (artillery) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines physically pursued the fleeing enemy until contact was lost in heavy brush. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

c. At 141010H, a Company F patrol reported detonating a booby trap at coordinates (AT 996656). The report indicated that the device consisted of a hand grenade rigged with a trip wire extending across the trail. The report stated that the grenade probably was a concussion type grenade, since no fragmentation injuries resulted to the Marines who were in close proximity to the explosion. No Marine casualties were reported.

d. At 141015H, a Company F patrol reported an explosion occurred in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 996656). The report did not provide details of the type of explosion but stated that the charge was probably TNT. The report stated that a search of the area revealed communication wire which led to a building approximately one hundred fifty meters to the west. The report stated that as the Marines were approaching the building, they received ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 992656). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact withdrawing from the position. The Marines physically pursued the Viet Cong until contact was lost in a cane field. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

e. At 141045H, a Company I patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 958638). The report indicated that the suspect was apprehended because he appeared to be of military age. The report indicated that the suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

f. At 141200L, a Company I patrol reported destroying a tunnel described as being approximately two feet by two feet by four feet in length at coordinates (AT 964644).

g. At 141200H, a Company F patrol reported destroying what was described as twelve punji traps (size not indicated), two man traps (size not indicated), and two tunnels approximately five feet by ten feet in length in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 997644).

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h. At 141500H, a Company M element occupying a blocking position at coordinates (AT 969649), reported destroying five tunnels (size not indicated) in the vicinity of their position. The report indicated that one tunnel was booby trapped with what was described as a grenade and rigged with a trip wire which was destroyed in place. No Marine casualties were reported.

i. At 141600H, the Battalion S-3 provided information on a Company K element occupying a blocking position at coordinates (AT 959682) to (AT 962687) in conjunction with a combined USMC/ARVN search and destroy operation conducted in the area during the period 140530H to 141030H. The report indicated that at 140530H, the Marines received thirty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned on the western side of the SONG YEN river at coordinates (AT 960687). The Marines did not return the fire because friendly troops were known to be operating in the area. The report stated that at 140830H, the Marines received fifteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 957682). This fire was also not returned because of friendly troops operating in the area. The report continued that the Marines destroyed a booby trap described as an (M-26) grenade rigged with a trip wire at coordinates (AT 959682), and two caves (size not indicated) at coordinates (AT 956678). The report added that three Viet Cong Suspects were apprehended in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 962689) when it was noted that they were of military age and could not provide adequate answers to questions asked. The suspects were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. No casualties were reported.

j. At 141755H, a Company I security element positioned at coordinates (AT 970620) reported observing an estimated twelve Viet Cong swimming across the SONG YEN river (west to east) at coordinates (AT 948618). The report stated that the men were followed by a boat (sampan). When the swimmers reached the eastern bank of the river, occupants of the boat began handing clothing and equipment to them and they attempted to leave the area. The Marines quickly directed ten 90mm (tank) rounds, fifty nine 105mm (artillery) rounds, and fourteen 81mm mortar rounds at the location and reported killing two Viet Cong (body count). No Marine casualties were reported.

k. At 142145H, a Company F patrol reported detonating what was described as a booby trap at coordinates (AT 993655). A description of the trap could not be provided because of darkness. No casualties were reported.

l. At 142200H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 955666) reported receiving one grenade from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines requested 81mm mortar illumination and directed two hand grenades at the suspected area, but a search of the area revealed negative results. No casualties were reported.

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l. At 142155H, a Company F ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 993655) reported observing movement in heavy brush approximately ten meters away. The Marines directed thirty five small arms rounds at the area and reported that they received one grenade in return. The enemy fire was not continued and the Marines conducted a search of the area which produced negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

m. At 142215H, a Company F ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 993656) reported observing one armed Viet Cong evacuating a trenchline approximately twenty meters to the south. The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds at the Viet Cong who fled from the area. The Marines physically pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost because of darkness. No casualties were reported.

n. At 150530H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 958626) reported receiving one hand grenade and ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned twenty five meters south from the patrol's position. The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost because of darkness. The report stated that as the Marines approached the hamlet of XUAN DIEM (2), coordinates (AT 963629), they heard what were described as Viet Cong signal drums emanating from within the village. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

(3) Special Reports.

a. At 141300H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing a trenchline, described as running east to west, which had been excavated in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 942591) to (AT 944591). The report added that what was described as an automatic weapons position was observed at coordinates (AT 941591). The position was part of a trenchline system which extended to coordinates (AT 940588). No additional information was provided.

b. At 141330H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing three persons excavating and camouflaging a trench at coordinates (BT 106637). The Aerial Observer initially requested clearance to conduct a rocket strike at the positions but later decided against it (reason not indicated). No additional information was provided.

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c. At 141740H, the 9th Marines Liaison NCO assigned to the 59th GVN Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at BO MUNG relayed a report from an unidentified special agent that two Viet Cong companies (designation and commanders not indicated) had displaced to the vicinity of coordinates (AT 985612) and (BT 006612). The report stated that villagers from HA DONG hamlet, coordinates (AT 997642) and HA TAY hamlet, coordinates (BT 017682), had evacuated their homes and displaced to MIEU BONG hamlet, coordinates (BT 010645) because of the Viet Cong presence. The report stated that the area outlined by the above coordinates was confirmed to be a hiding and operating area for a "battalion-sized" Viet Cong force. The report stated that the two Viet Cong companies operating in this area were prepared to attack USMC/ARVN units in the area. The report was rated F-3. (S-2 Comment: There have been several reports received recently of the presence of Viet Cong units in the area indicated. The presence of one Viet Cong company is rated F-3. The reported displacement of villagers to MIEU BONG has not been confirmed by MIEU BONG hamlet officials).

d. At 142155H, G-2 relayed a report from the DA NANG Garrison that one Viet Cong company was presently located in the vicinity of the SONG BAU XUA and SONG LA THO river junction, at coordinates (AT 985612). The report continued that a second company was located near DONG TIEN (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 006612). The report stated that the mission of these two Viet Cong companies is to attack USMC units and the 59th GVN Regional Force Battalion units operating this area. The report was rated F-3 by G-2. S-2 rates the report F-3 (See 141740H entry, this INTSUM).

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:
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KIA(Confirmed)	2	530
KIA(Possible)	0	822
VC Captured	0	214
VC Captured(WIA)	0	0
VC WIA(Possible)	0	174
VC Suspects Apprehended	4	1160
Relliers(Since 21Jan66)	0	4

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

6	Grenades(booby trapped)	See 141500H entry
12	Traps(punji)	See 141200H entry
2	Traps(man)	See 141200H entry
1	Grenade(M-26)	See 141600H entry

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

2	Tunnels(both 5x10 feet long)	See 141200H entry
5	Tunnels(size and extent not indicated)	See 141500H entry
2	Caves(size and extent not indicated)	See 141600H entry
1	Tunnel(2x2x4 feet long)	See 141200H entry

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #47, Period ending 161000H February 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the area of operations.

(1) Weather.

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
17 Feb	0647	0711	1850	1914	0459	1618	1/4

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

a. At 150015H, the 9th Marines Liaison NCO assigned to the 59th GVN Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at BO MUNG relayed a report from an unidentified secret agent that one Viet Cong Main Force company (designation not provided) is operating in the area extending from the HOI LAN village complex coordinates (BT 035688) to the vicinity of coordinates (BT 043690). The report stated that Viet Cong guerrillas (strength not indicated) are hiding in the vicinity of HOA DA village, coordinates (BT 030693), with a mission of observing USMC/ARVN units operating within the HOA DA village area, and to serve as the point in an attack against these units. The report was rated B-2. (S-2 Comment: A Viet Cong Local Force company, designated Q-16-B has been previously reported as operating in this area (F-3). The presence of a Main Force company in the same area is doubtful (F-4). The report may be referring to elements of the Local Force company).

CONFIDENTIAL(2) 1stBn., 9thMar.

a. At 141550H, the Battalion S-3 reported that a tank operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 058661) detonated an explosive device, resulting in one Marine WIA. The report described the device as an anti-tank mine and estimated that the explosive charge consisted of approximately forty pounds of TNT. (The initial report indicated that the mine was electrically detonated but this has not been confirmed). Damage to the tank was described as moderate, and the report stated that it was able to return to its base under its own power.

b. At 151845H, a Company D platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 079633) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from eight Viet Cong, dressed in camouflaged field uniforms and wearing helmets, positioned at coordinates (BT 070632). The Marines directed approximately seventy five small arms rounds and six 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the southwest. The report stated that the Marines pursued the Viet Cong by fire and observed one Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. Marine casualties were reported as one WIA. Enemy casualties were estimated as one WIA (possible).

(3) 3dBn., 3dMar.

a. At 150910H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 956604) reported one Marine was WIA resulting from a punji trap.

b. At 150935H, a Company I patrol reported locating and destroying ten metal punji spikes (size not indicated) positioned at coordinates (AT 955604). No casualties were reported.

c. At 151315H, the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines S-2 relayed a report from Company M that a villager from AN TRAC hamlet, coordinates (AT 972662) informed the Marines that he knew where a Viet Cong weapons cache was hidden. The report stated that a squad-sized patrol was dispatched to the area indicated, vicinity of coordinates (AT 960653), to search for the cache but reported negative results.

d. At 151445H, a Company E patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 011637) reported receiving approximately thirty small arms rounds from an estimated six Viet Cong armed with automatic weapons and positioned at coordinates (BT 007634). The Marines directed five hundred small arms rounds, thirty two 40mm (M-79) rounds, and forty four 105mm (artillery) rounds at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost in a cane field. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

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d. At 151821H, the Battalion S-3 provided information on a search and destroy operation conducted by Company L during the period 150940H to 151800H. The following is a summary of events:

- (1) Destroyed a tunnel six feet by eight feet long at coordinates (AT 985659).
- (2) Destroyed two caves four feet in depth at coordinates (AT 957657).
- (3) Reported observing an explosion (unidentified) which occurred at coordinates (AT 952653). The report indicated that it may have possibly been a grenade but examination of the area for indications produced negative results.
- (4) Discovered and disarmed four bear traps (size not indicated) at coordinates (AT 955654).
- (5) Discovered eight trench lines (extent not indicated) in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9565), which will be filled on 16 February. The report indicated that the local villagers have offered to help the Marines fill the trenches.
- (6) Destroyed a tunnel four feet in depth (extent not indicated) at coordinates (AT 955654).
- (7) Discovered what was identified as an 81mm mortar firing table at coordinates (AT 955654). The report stated that the document is marked "RT 81V" and dated 10 July 1953. (The firing table will be evacuated to G-2 for evaluation).

(4) 2dBn., 9thMar.

a. At 152015H, a Company F ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 004652) reported making contact with two Viet Cong who entered the ambush position. The Marines directed forty small arms rounds at the Viet Cong killing one (body count) and possibly wounding one other. The report added that no weapons or other military equipment was retrieved from the body, but two blood stained conical (straw) hats were found in the area, as well as a trail of blood leading from the ambush site. No Marine casualties were reported.

b. At 152235H, Company F reported receiving approximately fifty small arms rounds and several grenades (may have been rifle grenades) in the company Command Post perimeter, from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 995673). The Marines directed approximately two hundred small arms rounds and seven 40mm (M-79) rounds at the suspected position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

CONFIDENTIAL(5) Late Entry

a. At 160150H, The Regimental FSCC reported that Marines manning observation posts at Marble Mountain, coordinates (BT 075709), and Hill #327, coordinates (AT 971738), had observed what appeared to be mortar fire impacting in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 055659). A heavy exchange of small arms fire was also reported occurring in that area. A short while later, the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines S-3 reported that an ARVN unit occupying what was described as an outpost position at coordinates (BT 036636) was under attack and had requested mortar support. At 160300H, the Regimental FSCC reported that USMC artillery support was being provided the beleaguered outpost, and an ARVN military force had moved into the area to assist. At 160330H, artillery fire was directed on possible routes of enemy withdrawal, at the request of the ARVN forces. At 160615H, elements of the ARVN force which reached the outpost position reported that eleven ARVN had been KIA, eight WIA, and two MIA. Enemy casualties were not determined. (S-2 Comment: At the termination of the reporting period of this INTSUM, this report still remained incomplete and is included for information only. The size of the Viet Cong force involved has not been determined. The original locations, reported by Marines manning observation posts, were erroneous. Total USMC artillery support rendered was four 105mm (illumination) rounds, and eighty-three 105mm (HE) rounds. Additional information will be provided when available.

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

a. See paragraph 151315H entry, this INTSUM.

D. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA(Confirmed)	1	531
KIA(Possible)	0	822
VC Captured	0	214
VC Captured(WIA)	0	5
VC WIA(Possible)	2	176
VC Suspects Apprehended	0	1160
Ralliers(Since 21Jan66)	0	4

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

4	Traps(bear)(size not indicated)	See 151821H entry, this INTSUM
1	Firing Table, 81mm mortar, (possible Viet Cong property)	See 151821H entry, this INTSUM

CONFIDENTIALF. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

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| 10 | Spikes, punji, metal | See 150935H entry, this INTSUM |
| 1 | Tunnel, 6x8 feet in length | See 151821H entry, this INTSUM |
| 2 | Caves, 4 feet in depth | -do- |
| 1 | Tunnel, 4 feet in depth | -do- |
| 8 | Trenchline Sections | |
| | (extent not indicated) | -do- |

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Reference
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 34 Marine Division (Rein)(4-2)

Subj: Intelligence Summary #48, Period ending 170000Z February 1966

Encl: (1) Interrogation of Viet Cong Prisoners conducted 16 Feb 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. General characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	SUNRISE	SUNSET	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
16 Feb	0647	0711	1851	1915	-- --

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 162100H, 2000H.

a. At 161300H, Company D reported that a tank detonated an explosive device at coordinates (BT 062633). The report described the device as an anti-tank mine and stated it was rigged with a pressure-type firing mechanism. The report stated that the tank sustained only minor damage, and that the crater caused by the detonation was approximately four feet in depth. No additional information was provided. No casualties were reported.

(2) 2000H, 2000H.

a. At 162100H, a Company F listening post positioned at coordinates (AT 994573) reported receiving six small arms rounds (described as one line) from four Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed eight small arms rounds and three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the suspected enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report stated that the Marines heard sounds described as "muzzling" and believed that at least one Viet Cong had been wounded. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy description and estimate are as follows:

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b. At 161225Z, a Company K patrol reported destroying ten fighting holes (mine and edged not indicated) at the coordinates (AF 956338), and four tunnels, approximately two feet long, in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 956330).

(3) 34Kas. 34Kas.

a. At 160835H, a Company K patrol reported detecting an explosive device, described as a booby trap, (mine and type not indicated), at coordinates (AF 956676). No casualties were reported.

b. At 160900H, a Company K patrol reported detecting an explosive device at coordinates (AF 956676). The report stated that the device consisted of a quantity of explosives (TNT) which appeared to have been electrically detonated. Three Marine KIA were reported. (S-2 Comment: The report identified the device as a "booby trap" but the description provided indicated that a mine, perhaps home-made, was encountered.)

c. At 161235H, Company H reported destroying two tunnels, described as approximately two feet by five feet by ten feet in length, at coordinates (AF 956640), one tunnel two feet by three feet by twenty feet in length at coordinates (AF 956647), two tunnels approximately two feet by three feet by six feet in length at coordinates (AF 956649), one tunnel approximately two feet by three feet by six feet in length at coordinates (AF 956648), and one tunnel approximately two feet by three feet by six feet in length at coordinates (AF 956647).

d. At 161220H, Company I, positioned on Hill #22, reported that a Vietnamese boy detonated an explosive device at coordinates (AF 956662), killing him. The report indicated that the device consisted of approximately ten pounds of explosives with a pressure-type detonating mechanism and was presumably positioned by the Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported.

e. At 161700H, a Company K patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 957677). The report stated that one suspect was apprehended because he did not possess adequate identification, while the second suspect was apprehended when examination revealed a bruised right shoulder, as if from firing a shoulder weapon. The suspects were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

f. At 161700H, a Company I patrol reported destroying a tunnel approximately four feet by four feet by ten feet in length at coordinates (AF 974611). The report stated that the tunnel was located in the southern bank of the SONG AI NGUA river, and was reinforced by collapsed trees.

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g. At 161900Z, Company I, positioned on Hill 555, coordinates (AF 971621), reported observing what was described as an unidentified raft of Viet Cong on a raft on the SONG BAY KAU river, coordinates (AF 951401). A patrol, reinforced by tanks, was dispatched to the vicinity of the coordinates (AF 951621), to investigate and directed five hundred caliber .50 caliber machine rounds at the raft, destroying it. The report stated that the Marines were unable to sight the Viet Cong and no casualties were reported. (S-2 Comment: The initial report indicated that an Aerial Observer was requested to investigate the raft and occupants, but reported negative results because of darkness).

h. At 162020Z, a Company I ambush element positioned at coordinates (AF 951670) reported that movement was detected on a hill. The Marines directed two grenades at the suspected area and illuminated the site with flamethrower illumination rounds and reported observing two Viet Cong who withdrew in a westerly direction. The Marines directed twenty five small arms rounds at the Viet Cong and physically pursued them until contact was lost due to darkness. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

i. At 162030Z, a Company K patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 955582) reported receiving one grenade from an estimated three Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the suspected enemy position and reported that the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines pursued the fleeing enemy until contact was lost in heavy brush. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

(4) Special Reports.

a. At 161550Z, the 9th Marines Liaison NCO assigned to the 59th GVN Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at BO MUONG relayed a report from the National Police at HOA VANG that the Viet Cong have scheduled a meeting (time not indicated) to be conducted at the HOA MAI village, coordinates (BT 065670). The report stated that those persons to attend would be one LUU DICH HONG and one MAI DANG CHON, identified as Province Commissioners; one VAN DICH and one MAI HONG BX, identified as "Special Missions" platoon leaders. The report stated that, on 5 February, the areas of HOA CUONG, coordinates (BT 030740), and HOA THUON, coordinates (AF 965710), were reconnoitered by Viet Cong agents for possible use as mortar emplacements during a mortar attack which is scheduled for the middle of February (specific date not indicated) with DA NANG Airfield as the target. The report indicated that the size of the Viet Cong unit to be employed in the attack of the DA NANG Airfield would only be a platoon. The report was rated B-3 by BO MUONG. S-2 notes the report Y-6.

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b. At 161700N, the 9th Marine Division HHC assigned to the 9th GVN Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at BO WMA, relayed a report from the 51st ARVN regiment that one Viet Cong Main Force company (designation not indicated), commanded by one GVN, and equipped with 90mm mortars, 82mm mortar (quantity not indicated) and small arms, displaced from coordinates (BT 050814) and moved to the vicinity of coordinates (BT 050856). The report continued that a second Viet Cong company (designation not provided), commanded by one GVN, displaced from coordinates (BT 050814) to the vicinity of coordinates (BT 050816). The report continued that these Viet Cong units have a mission of harassing the GVN forces engaged in pacification efforts in the NCA B1 village area. The report added that the Viet Cong units infiltrate the area by moving along the SCRG WMA BWM to the area in the vicinity of BWM 0510 village center, grid square (BT 0508) or B1 BWM bullet, grid square (BT 0508). The report did not indicate when the reported displacement by these units occurred. The report was noted B-2. B-2 notes the report C-1.

c. At 161830N, the 9th Marine Division HHC assigned to the 9th GVN Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at BO WMA reported that two members of a Viet Cong guerrilla force, one with a broken foot, the other with a broken shoulder bone, regularly receive medical treatment from a Marine Corps medical facility, identified in the report as a medical aid station maintained by the 1st Amphibious Reconnaissance Battalion in THUAN BO and CA BWM, (location location appears on current operational map). The report stated that the guerrillas, identified as one NAME NAME and one NAME NAME, disguise themselves as local villagers when seeking medical assistance.

d. At 161830N, the 9th Marine Division HHC assigned to the 9th GVN Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at BO WMA provided additional information regarding the Viet Cong attack on the GVN Regional Force outpost at coordinates (BT 053614) on 15 February. The report stated that the Viet Cong force is estimated to have consisted of one company (reinforced), and was equipped with an estimated two 82mm mortars, two 60mm mortars, one 57mm recoilless rifle, and semi-automatic and automatic small arms. The report indicated that the Viet Cong fired approximately one hundred mortar rounds in the attack and a large volume (quantities not indicated) of small arms. The report stated that friendly casualties were seven KIA, six WIA, and twelve MIA. Enemy casualties were not clear, but the report indicated that five Viet Cong were killed (body count). Additional information will be provided when available.

e. At 161830N, the Regimental Intelligence Group, assigned to the 9th GVN Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at BO WMA, provided information of an interrogation of one Viet Cong prisoner in which he stated that he was captured at 161830N. The prisoner, one NAME NAME, was captured in the area of BWM 0510 and coordinates (1).

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

D. <u>Viet Cong Casualties:</u>	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA(Confirmed)	0	854
KIA(Possible)	0	824
VC Captured	0	814
VC Captured(WIA)	0	9
VC WIA(Possible)	1	177
VC Suspects Apprehended	2	1152
Refillies(Since 21 Jan 66)	0	4

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

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

a. See 161325H entry, this INTERUM.

b. See 161255H entry, this INTERUM.

c. See 161700H entry, this INTERUM.

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INTERVIEW OF VIET CONG MILITARY (2), CONDUCTED DURING THE PERIOD
161755N - 161900N, AT USMC HEADQUARTERS, DA NANG.

Interviewer: (Not indicated)

Interviewee: Captain P. HUGHES, US, W Company, 3d Battalion, 5th Airborne
Division, Sergeant G. R. HUGHES, S-3 Chief, 3d Battalion

Interviewee: Major Sergeant HUGHES

During in-depth questioning, the military stated that they had been Viet Cong guerrillas and that they had been members of a guerrilla unit which operated in the vicinity of BICH BINH hamlet, grid square (16 1755N, 161900E), grid square (16 1755N, 161900E). The military stated that they were part of a group of six guerrillas currently living in BICH BINH hamlet, coordinates (16 1755N, 161900E). The military stated that a Viet Cong cadre currently of the northern front command in BICH BINH hamlet, coordinates (16 1755N, 161900E). The mission of this cadre group was to supervise the sowing and planting of rice and bushy crops in the area. The military stated that the Viet Cong positioned the rice and bushy crops usually at noon under the canopy while the villagers were working in their fields. The military further stated that one VIET CONG cadre group, with a strength of 100-120 men, was currently located in the area between BICH BINH (1) hamlet, coordinates (16 1755N, 161900E) and BICH BINH (2) hamlet, coordinates (16 1755N, 161900E). The military stated that this cadre unit conducted operations to the north and northeast of their base but always returned to the same location. The military stated that this cadre force was armed with two 50mm mortars and heavy machine. The military stated that they themselves were not armed because the Viet Cong leaders did not want them. The military stated that USMC F-4 artillery and mortar fire had caused Viet Cong leaders to keep considerably. The military were cooperative but refused to volunteer to return to their hamlets under flying escort or make a pay-war wage for aerial bombardments in order to encourage other Viet Cong or Viet Cong guerrillas to surrender, as they feared Viet Cong reprisals against their families. When questioned about recent USMC-Viet Cong encounters in the BICH BINH area, the military stated that they knew nine Viet Cong were KIA on 13 February and that the Viet Cong told the villagers that only three or four were KIA, so as to minimize the propaganda effect of casualties.

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HEADQUARTERS
9th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO San Francisco, Calif 96601

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #49, Period ending 181000H February 1966
Encl: (1) Special Agent Report (Intelligence) dtd 15 Feb 1966
(2) National Police Service Report #1342
(3) National Police Service Report #1344

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations

(1) Weather

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

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

(1) Special Reports

a. At 171100H G-2 relayed a report from the I CORPS TOC that a twenty five man "Regular Force" patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 134464) engaged with the Viet Cong (number not indicated) in a small skirmish. Regular Force casualties were reported as eight KIA and one WIA. The report added that the Regular Force reported a loss of eight rifles (type not indicated) and one PRC-10 radio. Enemy casualties were reported as one KIA.

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b. At 171600H, The Regimental S-2 received a report from the Police Chief of MIEU BONG that Viet Cong guerrillas operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 990725), (BT 000723), (AT 976702), and (BT 003710). The names of the guerrillas were reported as follows:

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| 1. Ong-Van-Trung | 2. Ong-Van Ha |
| 3. Ong-Van-Phu | 4. Ong-Van-Phap |
| 5. Ngo-Ha | 6. Ong-Van-Than |
| 7. Ong-Van-Ton | 8. Ong-Van-Giap |
| 9. Ong-Van-Di | 10. Ngo-Van-Lang |
| 11. Ngo-Van-Lang | 12. Ngo-Van-Don |
| 13. Phung-Thieu | 14. Phung-Can |
| 15. Phan-Chuan | 16. Phan-Huu-Nhan |
| 17. Le-Tuu | 18. Dang-Cong-Ba |
| 19. Pham-Tinh | 20. Pham-Tuy |
| 21. Pham-Tu | 22. Ong-Van-Thuong. |

The report stated that the guerrillas were armed with sub-machine guns, rifles, and hand grenades (type and quantity not indicated). The report stated that the guerrillas stay in various hamlets with in the area bounded by the above coordinates and seek information of USMC/ARVN activity. The report continued that at night, the Viet Cong guerrillas infiltrate the hamlets of PHONG B.C, coordinates (AT 975702) to murder government official, destroy facilities and re-supply, The report was not rated.

c. At 161720H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TACR reported observing seven Viet Cong digging what was described as a trenchline at coordinates (BT 066623). No further information was provided.

d. At 171740H, the ~~the~~ Marine Liaison Officer assigned to HOA VANG District Headquarters provided information from a Viet Cong rallier, identified as the LB DUC THANH, that one Viet Cong main force squad (strength not indicated) reinforced by one Viet Cong guerrilla squad (strength not indicated) was presently operating in the vicinity of MAN QUAN (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 035680). The report stated that the Viet Cong units were equipped with grenades and rifles (type not indicated) and what was described as K-50 machine guns (number not indicated). The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-6

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e. At 171835H, the ~~3d~~ Marine Liaison Officer assigned to HOA VANG DISTRICT relayed a report from a secret agent that one Viet Cong recon squad, commanded by one PHAN NGOC LAN, had displaced from HOA PHUNG, grid square (BT 0469) and HOA HAI, grid square (BT 0867) to an undisclosed location. The mission of this squad was reportedly to harass ARVN/US forces operating in the area. The report added that one Viet Cong guerrilla platoon and a Viet Cong Regular Force were centrally located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 044665), and are presently preparing to move to the vicinity of KHAI TAI, coordinates (BT 045684) and NAN QUANG (BT 033685). The mission of these two units was reported to be to make the people of the area attend meetings (type not indicated but believed to be either propaganda, or instructions in the making of booby traps). The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-3.

f. At 172130H, G-2 relayed a report from the FSCC of the 51st ARVN Regiment that one platoon of Viet Cong were presently deployed in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 030637) and (BT 032633). Marine Artillery support was requested and twelve 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy positions. No casualties were reported.

(2) 3dBn 3dMar.

a. At 171300H, a Company I patrol reported destroying two booby traps in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 983630). The report indicated that one trap consisted of an 81mm mortar round with a trip wire extended across the trail, while the second trap consisted of a 60mm mortar round with a trip wire across the trail. No casualties were reported.

b. At 171420H, a Company K patrol reported apprehending one suspicious person at coordinates (AT 953686) when a routine examination revealed she lacked adequate identification. The report indicated that two books on Viet Cong mine warfare and booby traps, plus an undetermined amount of medical supplies were discovered in the female's house, and will be evacuated to the Battalion S-2 for evaluation. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

c. At 171630H, a Company M security element positioned at coordinates (AT 971661) reported receiving one round caliber .30 machine gun fire, and one 40mm (M-79) round from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 971658). A patrol was dispatched but was unable to gain contact with the Viet Cong. The report stated that as the Marines were searching the area, they received three additional rounds, caliber .30 machine gun fire from an undisclosed location. The fire was not repeated, and the exact enemy position could not be determined. No casualties were reported.

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d. At 171925H, a tank positioned at coordinates (AT 963609) in support of Company I, reported observing two Viet Cong (one armed with a rifle) in a sampan moving southwest on the SONG AI NGHIA at coordinates (AT 963609). The Marines directed three 90mm tank rounds at the enemy and reported sinking it. No Marine casualties were reported. Two Viet Cong KIA (body count) were reported.

(3) 2d Bn 9th Mar.

a. At 171010H, an Aerial Observer operating in the 2d battalion zone of action reported observing people (number not indicated) digging what was described as trenches in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 984684) and (AT 984687). An Headquarters and Service Company patrol was dispatched to search the area and reported negative results.

b. At 171011H, a Company F patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 999637). The report described the device as a booby trapped fragmentation grenade (M-26) and stated it was rigged with a trip wire. One Marine WIA was reported.

c. At 171416H, a Company E patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 011651) reported that a villager informed them that two Viet Cong had passed earlier in the day heading in a northerly direction. The report stated that the Marines conducted a search of the area with negative results. The report stated that the patrol continued and reported receiving two small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 011641). The Marines directed fifteen small arms rounds at the suspected enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines conducted a search of the site and recovered propaganda leaflets and one 60mm mortar dud (described as being of Chinese manufacture) at coordinates (BT 032645). The report stated that the 60mm mortar dud was destroyed by engineers. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 171835H, a Company E squad-size patrol operating with an amphibious tractor in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 033658) reported receiving six hundred small arms rounds and one 57mm recoilless rifle round from Viet Cong armed with automatic and semi-automatic weapons (quantity not indicated) and positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 034658). The Marines directed twenty five small arms rounds and requested artillery and mortar support which directed twenty 81mm mortar rounds and seventy two 105mm rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The ARVN operating in close proximity to the Marines reported Viet Cong (number not indicated) was located in an open area, coordinates (BT 036664). The Marines directed forty 81mm mortar rounds and thirty six 105mm artillery rounds at the suspected site. Five Marine WIA were reported. The report stated that the LVT sustained only light damage. Enemy casualties were not determined.

CONFIDENTIAL(4) 3rdBn, 9thMar.

a. At 171500H, prior to effecting a relief of lines, a Company C 1st Battalion 9th Marines patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 088674) reported observing ten Viet Cong at coordinates (BT 084674) moving in a westerly direction. The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds, fifteen 40mm (M-79) rounds and three 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact withdrawing to the southwest. As the enemy fled the report stated that the Marines observed two Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines fire. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong by fire with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as two Viet Cong WIA (possible).

b. At 171720H, an Aerial Observer operating in the 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines zone of action reported observing seven persons improving a trench system described as running north west to southwest. No additional information was provided. The trench was located at (BT 056

c. At 171845H, a Company K patrol located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 053715) reported observing one armed Viet Cong who exited a building at coordinates (BT 057716) and headed in an easterly direction. The Marines directed four small arms rounds at the fleeing enemy. The Marines physically pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 171846H, a Company I patrol reported apprehending one suspicious person at coordinates (BT 054642). 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 was released after interrogation by the Battalion S-2.

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

a. See 171416H entry this INTSUM

D. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	2	533
KIA (Possible)	0	824*
VC Captured	0	214
VC Captured (WIA)	0	5
VC WIA (Possible)	2	179
VC Suspects Apprehended	0	1162
Refugees (Since 21Jan66)	0	4

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

ITT report dated 15 Feb 66

Name: TRAN DICH
Age: 46
Status: VC Farmers Asst
Captured by I-3-3 on 141130H Feb 66

ITT report dated 16 Feb 66

Name: NGUYEN TAO
Age: 46
Status: VC Guard
Captured by A-1-9 on 141130H Feb 66

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

- 2 Books, VC mine warfare and booby traps, See 171420H entry
- Medical supplies (undetermined amount) -do-
- 2 Traps, booby (M-26)grenade See 171300H entry

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

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15 Feb 1966

SPECIAL AGENT REPORT

On 10 Feb 1966, the following report was forwarded by an informant of VC regular unit stationed in Cam Thanh area.

According to the sources, on 26 Jan 1966, one VC regular battalion had moved to Cam Thanh hamlet, at (BT 065463) at 1800, led by one THANH, Battalion Commander, a North Vietnamese; the name of the unit was reported unknown.

The Viet Cong Headquarters was reportedly located at coordinates (BT 184569) and is equipped with one .30 caliber machine gun, one 57mm cannon, and one anti-aircraft heavy machine gun.

One of the Viet Cong companies is located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 189561) is equipped with one .30 caliber machine gun and one 60mm mortar.

Another company is located at coordinates (BT 186577). The VC of this company have gathered a number of men and women (about 185 persons) to transport their ammunition and rice Quang Tin Province. They reportedly crossed the river at 2000 on 21 Jan 1966 at coordinates (BT 168574). The villagers (185) were released after reaching the destination.

One VC company located at coordinates (BT 173575) is equipped with two BAR's (24x29) positioned at the coconut plantation near the river bank.

On 28 Jan 1966, mortars from Hoi An were fired on the VC positions from 1900 to 2100. The above VC company withdrew at approximately 0100 on 28 Jan 1966 and proceeded westward.

One VC regular company reinforced with local VC guerrillas were still reported in this area. They are equipped with two BAR's (24x29) and individual weapons. They deployed along the river bank and withdrew to coordinates (BT 185565) (for this area is planted with coconut trees) to hide in the coconut plantation when they were shelled.

According to the sources, on the night of 5 Feb 1966, an ambush was established by junk forces at coordinates (BT 180576) and reportedly killed one VC assistant company commander whose name was THOI, and a member of the Quang Nam Liberation Front unit.

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MESSAGE

FROM: NATIONAL POLICE SERVICE, Q'NAM TR V.
 TO: Q'NAM PROVINCIAL HQ'S/SECURITY OFFICE
 Q'NAM S.S/G-2 & G-3
 MIL. SECURITY SERVICE APO 3549
 INTEL.COMBAT SECTION, Q'NAM PROV.
 INFO: DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF NATIONAL POLICE, SAIGON
 DIRECTORATE OF NATIONAL POLICE, HUE

1342/ADW/HE/A/P.

Agent source valued B/3 provided by HV/HV/MBV on 1. Feb 66 there was one VC Battalion, designation is LD/105, armed with 1 mortar 81mm, 1 mortar 60mm, 9 BAR's and fully individual weapons, commanded by PHAN-HUY, alias NAM and named LE-TY is Bn Executive officer, includes 3 companies as follows:

- * 1 Dien-Ban district company, commanded by named NGUYEN-KINH.
- * 1 Hoa-Vang dist. company, commanded by named NGUYEN-HUU-THANH.
- * 1 Duy-Xuyen dist. company, commanded name isn't known yet.

The Battalion CP is locating at Quang-Hien hamlet vic (BT 0061) and La-Tho hamlet vic (BT 0060) of Thanh-phong village, Dien-Ban district.

The source revealed that they might be studies the plan which will attack Bo-Bo outpost is locating at Duc-Ky hamlet of Thanh-bo village and Bou-Sou outpost is locating at Bieu-Tram hamlet of Thanh-Trung village on next following dark nights.

It's concerned to message # 1145/ADW/EL/A/P, dated 4 Feb 66 of National Police Service. It should has defending process.

Hoi-An, dated list February 66
 Police Chief
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MESSAGE

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Agent source valued G/1, provided by EV/ETN/LVB-18 on 11 Feb 66 that on 4 Feb 66, VC had held a meeting at Hoa-Hai Village via (BT 005670) of Hoa-Vang dist. Participates included names: LUU-BICH-KHON, HAI-DANG-CHON who are Provincial Committee Members, TRAN-VIET-HIEN who's DANANG Committee Cadre, CUC-VIET-TRINH, a las TRUNG and named HAI-HANG-DY alias PHI-KHONG are Sapper Section Leaders, a number of Self-Admi. Cadres of the villages which are belonging to Khai-Dong area of Hoa-Vang Dist. and 50 guerrillas.

Next day i.e 5 Feb 66, named CHON, KHON and TRINH were guided by number of cadres of locality went to observe the terrain and situation at Hoa-Cuong (BT 030740) and Hoa-Tho villages (AT 985710).

The source revealed that the purpose of observation of VC Headmen studied plan going to attack into Danang airport on last week of February 66. Specially, there is one suicide platoon will be participating in this mission. It must be continued following up to confirm.

Hoi-An, dated 11st February 66
 Police Chief
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #50, Period ending 191000H February 1966
Encl: (1) QUANG NAM Special Sector Intelligence Report #452

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations

(1) Weather

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>RICE</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
20 Feb	0648	0711	1851	1914	-----	-----	-----

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 3d Bn., 3d Mar.

a. At 180930H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 956639) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 967638). The Marines directed sixty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines physically pursued the Viet Cong until contact was lost in the tree line. No casualties were reported.

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b. At 181305H, a Company I river block reported apprehending two suspicious persons at coordinates (AT 973621) when a routine examination revealed that the suspects were carrying a quantity of what was described as medical supplies. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters on 19 February when transportation becomes available.

c. At 181830H, a Company H platoon positioned at coordinates (AT 963659), reported receiving two small arms rounds from one Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 962656). The Marines directed ten small arms rounds, five 60mm mortar rounds, and one recoilless rifle round at the enemy position, then physically pursued the Viet Cong until contact was lost in a tree line. No casualties were reported.

d. At 181900H, Company L reported the results of the company's operations this date in the DUYEN SON (3) hamlet area. The report stated that approximately hundred meters of trench line extending from coordinates (AT 959658) to coordinates (AT 959659) was filled. The report added that additional fifty meters of trench line was filled at coordinates (AT 959660).

e. At 181955H, Company I reported that a tank positioned at coordinates (AT 963603) reported observing a boat (sampan) with what was identified as one Viet Cong occupant, on the river at coordinates (AT 965605). The Marines directed ten machine gun (cal. 50) rounds, and twenty five small arm rounds (caliber .30) at the boat, sinking it and killing the Viet Cong (body count).

f. At 182025H, Company M reported that three tunnels two feet by three feet by four feet long were destroyed at coordinates (AT 978647), and approximately seven hundred meters of brush was cleared in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 967661) and coordinates (AT 973657), by Company M Marines in today's operations.

g. At 190700H, a Company I platoon occupying a blocking position at coordinates (AT 963625) reported making contact with a Viet Cong force in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 968628). The report stated that the Marines fired ten small arms rounds at three Viet Cong, killing one of the Viet Cong (body count). The report continued that two remaining Viet Cong evaded capture but one may have been hit by the Marines' fire. No Marine casualties were reported. The report added that one rifle, (M-14 modified); three magazines (M-14, loaded), one grenade fragmentation (CHICOM), and one cartridge belt was recovered from the body of the dead Viet Cong. Enemy casualties were one KIA (body count) and one Viet Cong WIA (possible). S-2 Comment: At the termination of this reporting period.

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h. Late Entry. At 181730H, an Aerial Observer operating in the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines zone of action reported observing four Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 983619). In response to this report the Marines directed five 90mm (tank) rounds at the enemy position. The aerial observer then reported eight Viet Cong running toward what was described as "fighting holes" at coordinates (AT 983620). The Marines then directed five 90mm (tank) rounds at this enemy position, and reported scoring direct hits on the positions. The aerial observer, however, could not determine enemy casualties.

(2) 2d Bn., 9th Mar.

a. At 181700H, a Company H squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 012632) reported receiving approximately one hundred fifty small arms rounds from an estimated fifteen to twenty Viet Cong positioned in a trenchline in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 008632). The Marines directed a heavy volume of small arms fire, five 40mm (M-79) rounds, two 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds, on the enemy position when the enemy fire continued. Artillery and mortar support was requested, and a total of six 81mm rounds and six 105mm artillery rounds were delivered into the target area and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report stated that the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(3) Special Reports.

a. At 181055H, G-2 relayed a report from QUANG NAM Special Sector that the Viet Cong plan to place explosives at the fishing pier in DANANG and also at the vehicle washing site (water point) at coordinates (BT 032732). (S-2 Comment: Similar reports of Viet Cong plans to sabotage vehicles at the water point have been received in the past, and personnel frequenting this location are periodically advised of the possibility. The presence of Vietnamese nationals, mostly children, makes such a Viet Cong undertaking possible F-3).

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b. At 181100H, the 9th Marines Liaison NCO assigned to the 59th Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at BO MUNG relayed a report from QUANG NAM Administration Building that one Viet Cong Main Force Battalion, commanded by one HA, is deployed as follows:

Battalion Headquarters - coordinates (AT 998600) in the home of one NGUYEN QUI.

Companies - in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 018536).

Observation Posts - coordinates (AT 983609) and (AT 983618).

The report stated that the mission of this battalion is to attack convoys proceeding on highway #14, between BINH LONG hamlet, coordinates (BT 012568) and PHONG THU hamlet, coordinates (AT 984594). (S-2 Comment: Neither hamlet appears on current operational maps. The presence of a battalion-sized Viet Cong force in this area was previously reported and is rated F-3).

c. At 181540H, G-2 relayed a report from an unidentified agent that one Viet Cong company, commanded by one NGO CHOV HICANG had relocated to the vicinity of DONG THU village area, coordinates (AT 948620). The report stated that this company is equipped with one 60mm mortar, six automatic rifles, and individual weapons. (The report indicated that this company had previously been located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 971613). The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-3.

d. At 181635H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported receiving small arms/automatic weapons fire from the direction of coordinates (BT 006633). No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported.

e. At 181655H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported receiving small arms/automatic weapons fire from the direction of coordinates (BT 001627). Artillery support was requested and twenty two 105mm rounds were directed at the suspected enemy location. The Viet Cong fire ceased but enemy casualties could not be determined. No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported.

(4) 3rdBn, 9thMar.

a. At 180740H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Battalions zone of action reported receiving five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 059633). No additional information was provided. No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported.

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b. At 181030H, a Company "M" patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 093643). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification. The report continued that in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 091692) while the Viet Cong Suspect was being evacuated by the patrol, one small arms round was received from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 089695) wounding the Viet Cong Suspect. The report added that the exact Viet Cong position could not be determined, and the Marines did not return the fire. The wounded Viet Cong Suspect was evacuated to the 59th ARVN hospital for treatment and interrogation. No Marine casualties were reported.

c. At 181100H, a Company "L" squad-size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 092692) reported receiving four small arms rounds from one Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 094642). The Marines directed ten small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact withdrawing to the southwest. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong and, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 081646) shot and killed him. When the Marines examined the body of the Viet Cong they recovered one U.S. fragmentation grenade (M-26) and a small coil of wire. The weapon which the Viet Cong had been armed with could not be found. Enemy casualties were 1 KIA (body count). The report added that a "safe conduct pass", serial # 614457, and what was identified as an ITT captive tag, marked "426-9-65", was found on the body of the Viet Cong KIA. No Marine casualties were reported.

d. At 181345H, a Company "L" platoon-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 105645). The report stated that the device may have been an 81mm mortar round rigged with a pressure-type firing mechanism to operate as a mine. Two Marine WIA were reported (one Marine later died of wounds). No additional information was provided.

e. At 181530H, a Company "L" patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 106637) reported receiving approximately twenty-five small arms rounds from the Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 100633). The Marines direct one hundred small arms rounds and three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased, The Viet Cong withdrawing from position. The Marines physically pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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f. At 181530H, a Company M patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 051685). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when the HOA HAI Village Chief informed the Marines that he was a Viet Cong. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to CIT for interrogation.

g. At 181548H, an Aerial Observer operating in the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines zone of action reported observing one man digging what was described as foxholes at coordinates (BT 081609).

h. At 181730H, an Aerial Observer operating in the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines zone of action reported receiving thirty small arms rounds and automatic weapons fire from the direction of coordinates (BT 006633). The report indicated that the Viet Cong were positioned in a building, rice paddy and trench at that location. No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported.

i. At 182150H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 072683) reported receiving forty small arms rounds and what was initially identified as three grenades from an estimated three Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 076683). The Marines directed seventy small arms rounds and six 40mm (M79) rounds at the enemy position killing one Viet Cong (body count). The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong by fire. The report stated that one U.S. sub-machine gun, caliber .45, and two grenades (CHICOM) were recovered from the body of the dead Viet Cong. (As of the termination of this reporting period, the weapon has not been evacuated nor completely identified). No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one KIA (body count).

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

D. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	4	537
KIA (Possible)	0	824
VC Captured	0	214
VC Captured (MIA)	0	5
VC MIA (Possible)	0	179
VC Suspects Apprehended	2	1164
Refugees (Since 21 Jan 66)	0	4

CONFIDENTIALE. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

- a. See 181100H entry, this INTSUM
- b. See 182150H entry, this INTSUM

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

- a. See 181900H entry, this INTSUM
- b. See 182025H entry, this INTSUM

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INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION

TYPE: VC Military Activities
SOURCE: POW
RATE: C/2
RECEIVING DATE: 12 Feb 1966

SCOPE OF THE INFORMATION:

POW BIOGRAPH: Named Le Kha Ngoc, born in 1943, son of Mr Le Kha Phuong and Mrs Nguyen Thi Lan, home address Ha Khe (in the Danang suburb).

INFORMATION DEVELOPMENT: The captive stated that when heard that authorities would come in the area to conscript youths who were of draft age, he and other youths living in the area, named Khoi, Ban, and Nam, left the area to join VC. They enlisted in a unit that had the designation of H.21 (Provincial Regular Forces). The captive stated that the strength of this unit was about 400 men, most of whom were inhabitants of Quang Nam province. The commander of this unit was one Ngo, (Bn commander) one Ban, (deputy commander) and one Thanh, (Bn Political Agent).

WEAPONS/EQUIPMENT:

1 81 mm mortar
 3 rocket launchers 3.5
 4 60mm mortars
 Remaining weapons were Russian MG and individual weapons of all types.

This unit was composed of 4 companies as follows:

- Co 1 - commanded by one Duong, about 35 years old.
- Co 2 - commanded by one Ngoc, about 35 years of age.
- Co 3 - commanded by one Hien, about 30 years of age.
- Co 4 - commanded by one Men, about 25 years of age.

The zone of activity of this unit recently was the area of Thanh Minh, Thanh Thuy, Thanh Trung, Hoa Da, Cam Nam, and Cam Bac. Four days prior to its attack at the Hai Van pass, this unit displaced from Cam Bac village, and travelled over mountain trails to reach the area of Nam Yen - (Approx. AT 850867) at 2000 10 Feb 66. The unit was to be in position to operate in the Hai Vna area (approximately AT 922930) at 0700 12 Feb 66. The mission of this unit was to deliver fire at American vehicles travelling through the Hai Van pass.

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:

This is considered reliable information because it corresponds with the information that was received on the occasion of the Binh Ngo TET. The latter report indicated that about 300 VC dispersed in groups of three, taking shelter in home of inhabitant of the area of Thanh Trung, Thanh Minh, and Hoa Da.

APD 6083 13 Feb 1966
 Lt Col Tran Huu Tu
 Commanding Officer
 North Sector/Quang Nam Spl Sector

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #53, Period ending 20:00H, February 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMST</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
21 Feb	0647	0710	1852	1915	- - -	- - -	- - -

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

a. At 191135H, G-2 relayed a report from the 3d Marines that a local district chief (S-2 comment: unidentified, but presumably the HLEU DUC District Chief) has stated that recent USMC operations in this area have caused the Viet Cong to displace to the area in the vicinity of DAI LOC district. The report added that the Viet Cong are believed to be hiding in caves in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9362). (S-2 Comment: The HLEU DUC District area is normally the operating area of the Viet Cong Q-45-B company. This company was reported to be operating to the east on 15 February in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 036680). The presence of Viet Cong in caves in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9362) is rated F-6).

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b. At 191034H, G-2 relayed a report from the HOI AN District Headquarters that a GVN Popular Forces platoon was in contact with a Viet Cong force of undetermined size in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 915558). The report indicated that the contact resulted in an exchange of a heavy volume of fire but provided no additional details. (S-2 Comment: At the termination of this reporting period, no additional information had been received).

c. At 191608H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing two buildings on fire in HA QUANG (4) hamlet, coordinates (BT 101641). The cause of the fire was not known and additional details were not provided.

(2) 21Bn., 9thMar.

a. During the period covered by this summary, this battalion reported no enemy contact nor activities or incidents of intelligence value. The reasons for the absence of Viet Cong activity in this central portion of the TAOR is not known. The most recent significant contact in this area was on 15 February when a Viet Cong force estimated as one company (reinforced) in strength attacked a GVN Region Force platoon occupying an outpost position at coordinates (BT 033634). On 17 February, one Viet Cong Main Force battalion (designation not indicated) was reported to be deployed in the southern portion of the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines zone of action, in the vicinity of highway #14. (This report was rated F-3).

(3) 33Bn., 3dMar.

a. At 190700H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 963625) reported observing two armed Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 965628). The Marines directed approximately one hundred small arms rounds and two 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position, and observed two Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. The Viet Cong withdrew from the position, with the Marines in pursuit. A search of the area that the enemy had occupied, revealed one Viet Cong KIA (body count), and a blood trail indicating at least one additional Viet Cong WIA (possible). One U. S. rifle (M-14) 7.62 mm (modified), four ammunition magazines, one hundred rounds 7.62 ammunition, and various documents were recovered from the Viet Cong and evacuated for examination. No Marine casualties were reported.

b. At 190745H, a Company I patrol reported apprehending fourteen Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of the earlier encounter with Viet Cong, coordinates (AT 964627) (See 190700H entry, above). The suspects were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

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c. At 191425H, Company L reported that two hundred meters of trenchline, and two fighting holes two feet by two feet by four feet deep were filled by the Marines in grid square (AT 9565).

d. At 191615H, a Company I security element positioned at coordinates (AT 979623) reported observing a boat carrying what was described as one Viet Cong ferrying back and forth across the SONG AI NGHIA at coordinates (AT 980620). An attached tank fired seven caliber .50 rounds close to the craft as a warning, but the occupant ignored the warning and attempted to escape. The report stated that the tank then fired forty five cal. 30 and caliber .50 rounds at the boat killing the Viet Cong (body count). A squad dispatched to investigate (positioned at coordinates (AT 976615)), reported observing a second Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 975614) who, when spotting the Marine patrol, dove into the river and attempted to escape. The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds at the swimmer, killing him (body count). No weapons or equipment were recovered from the Viet Cong bodies. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were reported as two Viet Cong KIA (body count).

e. At 191705H, a Company I patrol reported discovering an explosive device at coordinates (AT 953686). The report indicated that the patrol activated the detonating mechanism (fuse) but did not detonate the main charge which consisted of what was described as a seven pound shaped-charge. The report stated that the device was rigged to be activated by pressure, or electrically (by battery or generator). The report stated that a wire was traced to a trenchline approximately seventy five meters away. The device will be evacuated to the Battalion S-2 for evaluation. No casualties were reported.

f. At 191830H, a Headquarters and Service Company element occupying a blocking position on the SONG CAN DO at coordinates (AT 971699) reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 980702). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when investigation revealed that he had recently sustained severe lacerations on his right hand possibly from shell fragments. The report indicated that the suspect could not account for his injuries and was evacuated to the 3d Medical Battalion for medical treatment and subsequent questioning by IPT.

g. At 192010H, Company M reported receiving twenty rounds of what was described as automatic and semi-automatic small arms fire directed at the school house in LE SON (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 972662). The report indicated that the fire emanated from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 973662), (AT 971658), and (AT 971657). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the enemy positions, and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing from their position. The Marines physically pursued the Viet Cong until contact was lost because of darkness. The report stated that

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one Vietnamese civilian (boy) was killed in the exchange of fire, but that it could not be determined whether this death was attributable to the fire of the Viet Cong or the Marines.

h. At 192041H, a Company L ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 954686) reported observing one Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds killing him (body count). The report continued that as the Marines were searching the area, they received an estimated forty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 956686). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds and four 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy position, and reported sighting two Viet Cong falling as if struck by the Marines' fire. The report stated that a search of the area will be made at first light on 20 February. One carbine (U.S.), one (U.S.) M-26 grenade, one cartridge belt, and various documents were recovered from the dead Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were reported as one Viet Cong KIA (body count) and two Viet Cong WIA (possible).

i. At 192050H, a Company M patrol reported detonating an explosive device (believed to be an M-26 grenade) at coordinates (AT 961653), resulting in three Marine WIA. The report stated that as the Marines were moving to a helicopter landing area to effect evacuation of the wounded, at coordinates (AT 963658), they received twenty small arms rounds from three Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 964655). The Marines directed twenty 60mm mortar rounds, twenty four 81mm mortar rounds and one 106mm recoilless rifle round at the enemy position, then moved through the Viet Cong position but the enemy had withdrawn and the Marines were unable to regain contact. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

j. At 192143H, Company L reported that a Seismic Intrusion Device (SID) positioned at coordinates (AT 951666) detected movement. The Marines activated a claymore mine positioned to cover the area, and immediately dispatched a patrol to search the site. The search however, produced negative results.

(4) 3dBns. 9thMar.

a. At 190825H, a Company L squad-sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 094659). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification. At 190900H, the patrol reported apprehending a second Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 085665), when investigation revealed he lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

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b. At 191030H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA HAI Village Chief that Viet Cong operating in the vicinity of TRA KHE (2) hamlet, position mines in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 073685) at approximately 1800H daily, and remove them at approximately 0500H each morning. The report also stated that, on 18 February, a platoon-sized Viet Cong force displaced into the area of grid square (BT 0768). The Battalion S-2 rated this report E-3. (S-2 rates it D-3). At 191445H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a second report from the HOA HAI Village Chief that the Viet Cong are assembling their forces in an undisclosed area to the south, but could not provide more specific locations or additional information. The report was rated D-3 by the Battalion S-2. (S-2 rates the report D-3).

c. At 191200H, a Company L patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 105645) when a member of the patrol activated the device by stepping on the pressure-type detonating mechanism while in pursuit of two Viet Cong. The report stated that the device was believed to have been an 81mm mortar round rigged with a detonator to operate as a mine. Two Marine WIA were reported, (one Marine subsequently died of wounds). The report added that the two Viet Cong whom the patrol were pursuing eluded the Marines.

d. At 191725H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported receiving one small arms round from the direction of coordinates (BT 046644). The aircraft directed approximately twenty small arms machinegun rounds at the suspected position, and the enemy fire was not repeated. The Aerial Observer reported that one Viet Cong may have been wounded as the result of the Marines' fire. No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one Viet Cong WIA (possible).

e. At 191450H, Marines positioned at the Observation Post at coordinates (BT 076710) reported observing an estimated twenty five armed Viet Cong at coordinates (BT 089632) moving in a northwest direction. An Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR was requested to investigate, and reported observing a total of forty three unidentified men clustered in groups of two or three in a tree line in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 090615). A platoon-sized patrol was dispatched to investigate, but reported negative results.

f. At 191950H, a Company I patrol reported that an attached tank detonated a mine at coordinates (BT 059661). The report did not describe the mine but stated that the detonation resulted in a crater four feet by four feet. The report added that the device was rigged with a pressure-type mechanism. The report stated that damage to the tank was considerable and that the tank required towing for removal from the area.

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g. At 192215H, Company I occupying a patrol base at coordinates (BT 089614) reported receiving thirty small arms rounds from Viet Cong armed with at least one automatic weapon positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 088611). Artillery support was requested and twelve 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. The Viet Cong fire ceased, but enemy casualties were not determined. No Marine casualties were reported.

h. At 200205H, a Company M squad-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 067681). The report stated that the device was believed to have been a grenade (unidentified) rigged with a trip wire. One Marine WIA was reported.

i. At 200535H, Company M reported receiving one small arms round in a company M platoon patrol base at coordinates (BT 082698) from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 083697). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. Marine casualties were one WIA. 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)	4	541
KIA(Possible)	0	824
VC Captured	0	214
VC Captured(WIA)	0	5
VC WIA(Possible)	4	183
VC Suspects Apprehended	17	1181
VC Rallyers(Since 21 Jan 66)	0	4

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

1	Rifle, U.S. 7.62mm(M-14)modified	See 190700H entry, this INTSUM
4	Magazines, ammunition	-do-
100	Cartridges, 7.62mm	-do-
UNK	Documents, miscellaneous	-do-
1	Rifle(carbine) U.S. cal.30(M-1)	See 192041H entry, this INTSUM
1	Grenade, U.S.(M-26)	-do-
1	Belt, cartridge, web	-do-
UNK	Documents, miscellaneous	-do-

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200 meters Trenchline

See 191425H entry, this INTSUM

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #52, Period ending 211000H, February 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

(b) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
22 Feb	0648	0709	1853	1914	- - -	- - -	- - -

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

a. At 201720H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported what was described as "numerous" foxholes excavated in the area in the vicinity of QUANG DONG (1) hamlet coordinates (AT 992608), and QUANG DONG (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 994620). The report added that a trenchline has been recently constructed in the area extending from coordinates (BT 016606) to (BT 016604).

b. At 202055H, G-2 relayed a report from an American Advisor to the 51st ARVN regiment that one Viet Cong battalion, designation not provided, is located in the area of grid squares (AT 9559), (AT 9557), (AT 9658), and (AT 9657). The report stated that this battalion is accompanied by what was identified as a Chinese Communist military advisor. The report added that elements of this battalion were scheduled to displace to the northeast on the night of 20 February 1966. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-3.

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a. At 201030H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing one person who appeared to be attempting to hide in a trenchline located at coordinates (BT 035630). The report added that several other persons were observed standing around the trench.

(2) 3dBn., 3dMar.

a. At 200838H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 962651) reported observing two Vietnamese approaching their position from the direction of coordinates (AT 964648) carrying white flags. The report stated that, when the Marines indicated to the men to continue their approach, the men took a few additional steps and then began fleeing toward a nearby cane field. The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the fleeing men; then physically pursued them into the cane field. The Marines then reported receiving an estimated two hundred fifty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 966647), (AT 964645), and (AT 960648). The Marines directed four hundred small arms rounds at the enemy, and when the Viet Cong fire continued, thirty 81mm mortar rounds, and twenty six 105mm artillery rounds were directed at the enemy positions. With the assistance of reinforcements dispatched from the Company M Command Post, the Marines physically pursued the fleeing enemy by fire and maneuver until contact was lost. The report stated that an ONTOS participating in the action detonated what was identified as a U. S. AP (bounding) mine at coordinates (AT 970649). A search of the area revealed one 105mm artillery round (dud) which had been apparently been placed under the mine. The report continued that the artillery round (dud) was not rigged to detonate, but did contain a friction type fuse. The artillery round was destroyed in place by the Marines. One Marine WIA was reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

b. At 201030H, Company M reported that two tunnels, two feet by three feet by seven feet in depth at coordinates (AT 968670), and (AT 968688), were discovered and destroyed by the Marines.

c. At 201045H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 946643) reported receiving an estimated one hundred fifty rounds automatic small arms fire (believed to have been sub-machineguns or M-14 rifles) from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 946640). The Marines directed three hundred small arms rounds, and four 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and reported observing two Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. Along with reinforcements dispatched from the Company L Command Post the Marines physically pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost. A search of the area revealed several expended M-14 cartridges, one M-14 magazine, several smaller caliber

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and what was described as pools of blood. A continued examination of the area revealed one U. S. (M-26) grenade, various documents (unevaluated), and two entrenching tools. No Marine casualties were reported. Two Viet Cong KIA(possible) were reported.

d. At 201130H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 963609), reported receiving two small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned to the south. The fire was not repeated, and the exact enemy position could not be determined. No casualties were reported.

e. At 201245H, Company L reported that a trenchline two meters by four meters by one hundred meters in length at coordinates (AT 961660) was filled by the Marines.

f. At 201510H, a Company L patrol reported discovering and destroying a small tunnel (size and extent not indicated) in a cattle pen at coordinates (AT 954670). The report stated that when destroying the tunnel three small secondary explosions were observed. The site of the explosions were examined with negative results.

g. At 201700H, a Company I security element positioned at coordinates (AT 970620) reported observing (through BC scope) four armed Viet Cong dressed in Khaki uniforms, and carrying packs, moving southwest to the south of the SONG LA THO at coordinates (AT 985601). The report stated that the Marines directed five 90mm (tank) rounds at the enemy location, killing the four Viet Cong (body count). The report stated that the bodies could not be recovered since the Viet Cong were located on the far side of the river.

h. At 201700H, Company I elements occupying a river block reported destroying two tunnels four feet by four feet by eight feet in depth at coordinates (AT 972611).

i. At 201745H, a Company L patrol reported destroying what was described as a booby trapped illumination canister at coordinates (AT 947660). No further description of the device was provided. Additional information will be provided when available. No casualties were reported.

j. At 201945H, Company M patrol reported detonating an explosive device at coordinates (AT 971660). The device was identified as an 81mm mortar round, rigged with a trip wire and fuse mechanism. Three Marine WIA were reported.

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k. At 210007H, a Company I ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 942647) reported observing four Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 944649). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds and four 40mm (M-79) rounds at the position, and illuminated the area with sixty three 81mm mortar illumination rounds. When the Viet Cong broke contact, the Marines physically pursued them until contact was lost in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 944653). The report stated that a search of the area revealed pools of blood indicating one Viet Cong WIA (possible).

l. At 210215H, a Company I element occupying a river block at coordinates (AT 973612) reported receiving two small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 975616). The Marines directed two 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position with reported good effect on target. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

m. Late Entry. At 201630H, the Company I river patrol positioned on the SONG LA THO, at coordinates (AT 973611) reported discovering what was described as a shaped-charge positioned near the anchor on the south side of the river block. The report indicated communication wire was attached to the device and led to a position along the river bank. The report stated that the explosive was positioned so as to inflict casualties on Marine personnel and would probably not damage the anchor. The explosives were removed and destroyed.

n. Late Entry. At 201630H, a Company I patrol investigating the area in which communication wire attached to an explosive charge at coordinates (AT 977613) led to, (see 201630H entry, this INTSUM), reported receiving two small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 979612). The report stated that the Marines observed one Viet Cong armed with an M-1 rifle at that position, who directed three rounds at the advancing Marines. The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds and five 40mm (M-79) rounds at the Viet Cong, who fled, disappearing into heavy brush. No casualties were reported.

(3) 2dBn., 9thMar.

a. At 201530H, a Company H patrol operating in the vicinity of AN TU (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 024636) reported discovering and destroying fourteen fighting holes, fifty feet of trenchline, one grenade (type not indicated), and two gates.

b. At 210130H, Headquarters and Service Company elements positioned at coordinates (AT 995689) reported receiving an estimated ninety small arms rounds, one grenade, and what was described as eight 60mm mortar rounds. The report indicated that the small arms was being fired by Viet Cong positioned at close range.

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The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds and requested illumination of the area. Six 81mm mortar illumination rounds were fired and the Viet Cong broke contact. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At 210155H, the Battalion S-3 reported that Battery E, positioned at coordinates (AT 987677) received an undetermined amount of small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned outside the battery's perimeter, at coordinates (AT 981678). The report stated that an estimated twenty five rounds of 81mm mortar (HE) had also impacted in the battery's position. The Marines directed approximately three hundred small arms rounds at the Viet Cong positioned at the battery's perimeter and the small arms fire ceased. Illumination was requested and forty 105mm illumination rounds and fifteen 81mm mortar illumination rounds were directed in suspected enemy mortar sites. An infantry patrol was immediately dispatched to search the area, but reported negative results. Marine casualties were one KIA and four WIA (all from Battery E). One 105mm howitzer was reported damaged by the enemy fire. Enemy casualties were not determined. In a subsequent report at 220435H, E Battery reported finding one explosive charge, described as a "satchel charge" (size not indicated), one rifle grenade launcher (type not indicated), and one fragmentation grenade in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 986677). The report stated that the satchel charge and grenade would be destroyed by the engineers at first light. The grenade launcher was evacuated to the Battalion S-2 for evaluation.

d. At 210150H, an Headquarters and Service Company patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 990677) reported observing fifteen to twenty Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 991676). The Marines directed approximately one hundred twenty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong force withdrew. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. Late Report. At 210735H, the Battalion S-2 provided the results of the crater analysis conducted by Battery E Marines of the mortar rounds which impacted in the battery's position (see 210155H entry, this INTSUM). The report indicated the rounds followed a back azimuth of 3394 to 3794 mils. The Battalion S-2 commented that the evidence indicated that the Viet Cong employed the mortars from a site probably in the vicinity of LA BONG (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 971668) or AN TRACH (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 970664). Additional information will be provided when available.

CONFIDENTIAL(4) 3dBn., 9thMar.

a. At 200930H, a Company M squad-sized patrol reported apprehending two suspicious persons at coordinates (BT 055672). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when a routine examination revealed that they appeared to be younger than their photographs on their identification cards. A subsequent report stated that the suspects were released after preliminary investigation at the Battalion S-2.

b. At 200945H, a Company L platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 115633) reported receiving four small arms rounds from Viet Cong believed to be positioned at coordinates (BT 114633). The report stated that Marines manning a blocking position at coordinates (BT 113631) observed one man running from what was described as a shelter at coordinates (BT 113632). The Marines pursued the fleeing man and ordered him to halt. The Marines observed the man throw an unidentified object in a nearby rice paddy, and when he ignored their warnings to halt, shot and killed him. When the Marines searched the "shelter" from which the man had ran, they discovered one grenade (WP), which the Marines destroyed. A search was conducted of the paddy area into which the dead man had thrown the unidentified object, but the search produced negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count).

c. At 201130H, a Company I patrol reported the discovery of two explosive devices at coordinates (BT 092607). The devices were identified as U. S. "Butterfly Bombs" (bomb, fragmentation, M-83). The report stated that the devices were destroyed in place. The report added that two positions, described as "machinegun-type bunkers" were destroyed by the Marines in the same location.

d. At 201212H, a Company I patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 093615). The report stated the 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.

e. At 201230H, a Company L patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (BT 105632). The device was identified as an U. S. (M-26) grenade, rigged with a trip wire positioned across the trail. The report stated that a second grenade similarly rigged, was discovered at coordinates (BT 101629). The report stated that both devices were destroyed in place.

f. At 201430H, a Company M platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 056664) reported sighting ten Viet Cong at coordinates (BT 052662). The Marines pursued the Viet Cong towards the southwest, and, in the vicinity of TU CAU (3) hamlet, coordinates (BT 050656) directed thirty small arms rounds at the enemy but the contact was lost with no reported casualties.

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g. At 201445H, Company I reported receiving an estimated thirty small arms rounds in the company command post perimeter, coordinates (BT 064644), from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 061649). The report stated that a squad-sized element dispatched to the area from which the enemy fire had emanated sighting six or seven Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 053653). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact withdrawing to TU CAU (3) hamlet, coordinates (BT 053655). The Marines searched the hamlet and reported finding one dead civilian described as an elderly male. The report added that one Viet Cong suspect was apprehended in the hamlet when he attempted to elude the Marines. 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.

h. At 202215H, Company I reported observing two detonations described as 81mm mortar rounds, impacting in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 063645) and (BT 065646). Investigation indicated that no friendly units were firing at that time. No additional information was available.

i. At 202245H, Company I reported that USMC H and I mortar fires impacting in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 105645) caused what was described as a secondary explosion of undetermined origin. No additional information was available.

j. At 210830H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA HAI Village Chief that two Viet Cong platoons, commanded by one HUYNH CUU and one LE CU, equipped with one 60mm mortar, two machineguns, and four automatic rifles, is located in the vicinity of the wooded area, coordinates (BT 083673). The report also stated that one Viet Cong platoon, including one sapper (mine-laying) squad, is located in TRA KHE (2) hamlet, grid square (BT 0760). The Battalion S-2 rated the report E-3. S-2 rates the report D-3.

k. At 210845H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from Company L that, during an operation conducted 201100H to 201500H in HA QUANG (4) hamlet, coordinates (BT 108644), a group of local women (numbering approximately twenty) informed the Marines that, on 15 February, a Viet Cong force of about twenty to thirty entered HA QUANG (4) hamlet and conducted a meeting of the villagers. The report stated that the Viet Cong instructed the villagers not to use local trails as they would be mined, and to stay in the family protective shelters instead of the houses during the hours of darkness. The Viet Cong also ordered the villagers to kill dogs in the area. The report continued that the women informed the Marines that the Viet Cong usually

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position the mines at night, then remove them in the morning. The report was rated F-2 by the Battalion S-2. S-2 rates it F-3.

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

a. See 210845H entry, this INTSUM.

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

KIA(Confirmed)	5	546
KIA(Possible)	2	826
VC Captured	0	214
VC Captured(WIA)	0	5
VC WIA(Possible)	1	184
VC Suspects Apprehended	2	1183
VC Ralliers(Since 21 Jan 66)	0	4

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

1	Grenade(type not indicated)	See 201530H entry, this INTSUM.
1	Grenade, U.S.(M-26)	See 201945H entry, this INTSUM.
UNK	Documents, miscellaneous	-do-
2	Shovels, entrenching tools	-do-
1	Shell, dud, 105mm artillery round	See 200838H entry, this INTSUM.
1	Charge, explosive(shaped-charge)	See 201630H entry, this INTSUM.
1	Charge, explosive(satchel charge)	See 210155H entry, this INTSUM.
1	Launcher, rifle grenade(type not indicated)	-do-
1	Grenade, fragmentation	-do-
1	Grenade (WP)	See 200945H entry, this INTSUM.
2	Bombs, U.S.(Butterfly)(M-83)	See 201130H entry, this INTSUM.
2	Grenades, U. S.(M-26)	See 201230H entry, this INTSUM.

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2	Tunnels, 2x3x7 feet long	See 201030H entry, this INTSUM.
1	Tunnel, (size not indicated)	See 201510H entry, this INTSUM.
2	Tunnels, 4x4x8 feet long	See 201700H entry, this INTSUM.
14	Holes, fighting	See 201530H entry, this INTSUM.
	50 feet trenchline	-do-
2	Gates, (type not indicated)	-do-
	100 meters trenchline	See 201245H entry, this INTSUM.
2	Positions, bunkers	See 201130H entry, this INTSUM.

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Subj: Intelligence Summary #53, Period ending 221000H, February 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

(b) Astronomical Data.

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B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 3dBn. 3dMar.

a. At 210700H, a Company I patrol reported apprehending a total of five Viet Cong Suspects; four of the suspects were apprehended at coordinates (AT 987634), and one suspect was apprehended at coordinates (AT 974627). The report indicated that the suspects were of military age, and were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

b. At 211140H, a Company I river block positioned at coordinates (AT 973611), reported observing two boats approaching the Marines' position, each craft containing one occupant, identified in the report as Viet Cong. The report stated that when the Viet Cong spotted the Marines, the Viet Cong attempted to escape back to the South. The Marines dispatched a patrol along the river bank, and made contact with the Viet Cong. The patrol challenged the Viet Cong and fired several warning shots. When the Viet Cong failed to stop, the Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the two craft and occupants, killing one Viet Cong (body count), and wounding the second Viet Cong, who was evacuated to the 3d Medical Battalion for treatment and internment. (The wounded man will be classified as a suspect until his status is determined by ITT).

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c. At 211530H, the Battalion S-3 reported that a villager from the AN TRACH (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 968662) informed the Marines that four Viet Cong were setting what was described as a booby trap at coordinates (AT 968657). A Company M patrol was immediately dispatched to investigate this report but a search of the area revealed negative results. A subsequent report stated that, as this patrol was returning after searching for the Viet Cong reportedly setting the devices, the Marines received twenty five small arms rounds from an estimated four Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 966648), (AT 962653), and (AT 969648). The location of the Marine patrol at this time was shown as in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 966644). The Marines directed two hundred fifty small arms rounds at the enemy positions, and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

d. At 220830H, the Battalion S-2 provided additional information regarding a Company L action which occurred at 210007H in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 942647), (See 210007H entry, INTSUM #52). According to this later report, debriefing indicated that the Marines saw two Viet Cong fall as the result of their fire, and two trails of fresh blood were found while the Marines were searching the area. One additional Viet Cong WIA (possible) will be claimed in paragraph D of this INTSUM, as the result of this later report.

(2) 2dBn 9thMar.

a. At 211915H, the Battalion S-3 reported that Marines from the Regimental Headquarters Company providing security for bridge #3, coordinates (AT 994687) received three small arms rounds from Viet Cong armed with what was believed to have been an semi-automatic weapon positioned at coordinates (AT 999685). The exact enemy location could not be discerned and the Marines did not return fire, nor search the area. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. At 220335H, the Battalion S-3 reported that Marines 679) manning bunkers #3 and #4 in the Battalion Command Post, coordinates (AT 994687) reported sighting one man, about thirty feet from the perimeter wire. Marines took the intruder under fire with approximately fifteen small arms rounds, and the man fled. No casualties were reported.

(3) 3dBn 9thMar.

a. At 211320H, a Company M patrol reported apprehending ten suspicious persons in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 055673). The report did not indicate the basis for apprehension but stated that eight of the suspects were released after initial interrogation. The report stated that the other two suspects provided information of Viet Cong activities in the HOA LAN village area. The suspects stated that one NGUYEN TRUNG was the Viet Cong village and hamlet chief of HOA LAN. The suspects added that the following were Viet

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Cong personnel who were presently living within HOA LAN village area:

NGUYEN CHIEM
 NGUYEN LAN
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 VO CHAU
 HUYNH NHAN

The report stated that the two Viet Cong suspects were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

b. At 211400H, a Company L patrol reported than an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 082658). The report described the device as a U. S. (M-26) grenade and stated it was rigged with a trip wire activator. The report stated that the patrol fortunately sustained no casualties as the result of the detonation.

c. At 211700H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 081654) reported observing a man who was attempting to evade the Marines by fleeing across a rice paddy dike. The report stated that the Marines ordered the fleeing man to halt and fired two warning shots in his direction. When the man ignored the Marines' warnings, the Marines shot and killed him. When the Marines searched the area from which the man had fled, they found two men hiding in hay ricks. The report stated that one of the suspects attempted to escape by wresting the weapon away from a Marine, but was subdued. The report stated that a quantity of medical supplies, a shirt (khaki in color), a pair of boots, a can of liquid, identified as rifle oil, and miscellaneous documents were found in a building in close proximity to the suspects. The suspects and material were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. Based on the evidence of his flight and ignoring the Marines' warnings, as well as his proximity to the other suspects and their suspicious materials, the dead man will be shown in paragraph D of this INTSUM as one Viet Cong KIA (body count). The two suspects were evacuated for investigation.

d. At 220950H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA HAI Village Chief that a Viet Cong Battalion identified as the H-41 Battalion, displaced into the battalion's zone of action on 20 February. The report stated that two companies of this battalion are deployed in the vicinity of NGHAN TRUNG hamlet, grid square (BT 0564), one company is deployed in the vicinity of TU CAU (4) hamlet, grid square (BT 0464), and one company is deployed in the vicinity of VIEM DONG hamlet, grid square (BT 0965). The report stated that the mission of this battalion is to confiscate the products of the rice harvest which will begin in March, and to harass USMC units operating in this area. The report continued that the commander of this battalion is one HUYNH NHAN, and the battalion is equipped with one 60mm mortar, one machine gun, and four automatic rifles. The Battalion S-2 rated this report E-5, and commented that

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an H-41 Company was reported as operating in this area on 2 January. The Battalion S-2 stated that the presence of a smaller force in the area noted is probably true. (S-2 rates the report D-4).

(4) Special Reports.

a. At 211830H, G-2 relayed a report from an unidentified ARVN source that one Viet Cong Main Force Battalion reportedly accompanied by Chinese Communist advisors were in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 995575) and moving to the north. In response to this report, an aerial observer was dispatched to the area to investigate, but the observer reported negative contact, and could not discern any evidence of enemy presence or unusual activity. The report was rated B-2 by the ARVN source. (S-2 rates the report F-4).

b. At 220400H, G-2 relayed a report from QUANG NAM Special Sector that an estimated two companies of Viet Cong had attacked GVN forces in the vicinity of the BINH LONG bridge, coordinates (BT 013568). The report stated that the Viet Cong were employing small arms and mortars in the attack, but provided no additional details of the progress of the encounter. An earlier report (220300H), stated that, in addition to the BINH LONG bridge, GVN forces at DAI LOC District Headquarters, THANH QUIET bridge area, coordinates (BT 042621), and an GVN Regional Force outpost in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 035635), were also receiving what was described as "harassing fire". As of the termination of this reporting period, the complete account of this series of actions was not available, and the encounter in the area of BINH LONG bridge had not yet terminated. Additional information will be provided when available.

c. At 212225H, the Regimental S-3 provided information regarding a GVN 594 Regional Force Company ambush element, positioned at coordinates (BT 017668). According to the report, this ambush force sighted an undetermined number of Viet Cong and took them under small arms fire. The area was illuminated by 81mm mortar illumination rounds and a total of thirty four 81mm mortar (HE) rounds delivered into the suspected area by the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines, providing support to the GVN Regional Force unit. The report did not indicate friendly or enemy casualties. Additional information will be provided when available.

d. At 211900H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported receiving small arms automatic weapons fire from the direction of coordinates (BT 002610). The aerial observer directed twenty eight aerial rockets at the enemy position and reported excellent effect on the target. No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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e. At 211430H, G-2 relayed a report from QUANG NAM Special Sector that a Viet Cong force of approximately one company is operating in the HOA LAN village area, coordinates (BT 035688), to (BT 043690). The report stated that the mission of this Viet Cong force is to attack GVN Pacification cadre in the vicinity of HOA DA village. The report was not rated by G-2. (S-2 rated the report F-3. See 220950H entry, this INTSUM for a report of a Viet Cong force, estimated as one Battalion in strength, operating in this same general area).

f. At 211430H, G-2 relayed a report from HOA VANG Sub-Sector that a Viet Cong defector (rallier) has stated that a Viet Cong Main Force unit estimated to be one squad, augmented by one guerrilla squad, are operating in the vicinity of MAN QUANG hamlet area, coordinates (BT 035680). The report stated that this Viet Cong force is armed with one submachine gun, one grenade launcher (unidentified), and rifles. The report was not rated by G-2. S-2 rates the report F-2.

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

a. See 211530H entry, this INTSUM

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

KIA(Confirmed)	2	548
KIA(Possible)	0	826
VC Captured	0	214
VC Captured(WIA)	0	5
VC WIA(Possible)	0	184
VC Suspects Apprehended	8	1191
VC Ralliers(Since 21 Jan 66)	0	4

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

UNK	Medical supplies	See 211700H entry, this INTSUM
1	Shirt, khaki	-do-
1	Boots, pair	-do-
1	Oil, can, rifle	-do-

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


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Encl: (1) Special Intelligence Report 4-66; Possible attack on
DA NANG Air Base during the period 22 Feb - 28 Feb 1966

1. Summary of the enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
24 Feb	0647	0709	1853	1914	0930	2159	1/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) Special Reports.

a. At 221100H, G-2 relayed a report from ARVN sources that an ARVN Ranger Battalion, identified as 3d Battalion, 7th Regiment, made contact with a Viet Cong force, initially estimated as one battalion in strength, in the vicinity of BINH LONG bridge, grid square (AT 9957)(See 220400H entry, INTSUM #53, for report of earlier encounter in this locality which resulted in this subsequent action). The report stated that the ARVN force had received mortar and recoilless rifle fire and had established a perimeter defense awaiting assistance. A later report (unofficial but from a reliable U. S. Military source) stated that approximately one hundred Viet Cong were KIA (body count), the majority as the result of air strikes conducted in support of the ARVN unit. This report also stated that fifty seven weapons had been retrieved from the site of the encounter; including one 60mm mortar and seven submachine guns (unidentified). The report

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stated that local villagers had estimated total Viet Cong KIA as approximately three hundred, with the majority of these casualties having been evacuated from the area by the Viet Cong prior to breaking contact. Friendly casualties were reported as twelve KIA, and forty nine WIA. Additional information will be provided when available. (Note: A report received at 222030H from G-2 indicated that the Viet Cong force located in the area of this action may be two battalions in strength.

b. At 221715H, the HOA VANG Sub-Sector S-2 reported that one Viet Cong company (not identified) is deployed in the vicinity (AT 992635). The report stated that this force had but recently displaced to the location indicated, after having been operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 955645) for several days. This report added that one Viet Cong company is presently located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 095655). The reports were not rated. S-2 rates the report F-3.

c. At 221715H, the HOA VANG Sub-Sector S-2 reported that approximately forty Viet Cong, armed with two 60mm mortars and what was described as a 3.5 inch mortar (? - may be 81-82mm mortar or 3.5 inch rocket launcher), displaced into the vicinity of AN LUU hamlet, coordinates (BT 035680), at 212200H. The report stated that the members of this Viet Cong force were wearing what was described as khaki uniforms, and that the enemy group were still in hiding at the indicated location as of 221530H. The report was rated B-2. S-2 rates the report F-3.

d. At 221930H, a source identified as an U. S. Army advisor assigned to the GVN 591st Regional Forces Company reported that one Viet Cong company is located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 974685), and a second Viet Cong company is located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 974678). The report provided no additional details and was not rated as to credibility. S-2 Comment: The presence of two Viet Cong companies in the location indicated is doubtful (F-4). The presence of Viet Cong in platoon (or less) strengths in this area is rated F-3.

(2) 3dBn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 220830H, a Company I patrol reported apprehending one suspicious person at coordinates (BT 041702). 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. Late Report. At 220900H, a Company I patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT C.3704). 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 interrogation.

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c. Late Report. At 220915H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported receiving small arms automatic weapons fire from the direction of coordinates (BT 003677). No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported.

d. Late Report. At 220930H, a Company I patrol reported that a tank accompanying the patrol detonated an explosive device at coordinates (BT 071655). The report described the device as an anti-personnel mine but provided no additional identification. The report stated that the tank received no damage and no casualties were sustained. Additional information will be provided when available.

e. At 221130H, Headquarters and Service Company personnel manning a check point at coordinates (BT 071708) reported apprehending one suspicious person. 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.

f. At 221130H, Headquarters and Service Company personnel manning a check point at coordinates (BT 071708) reported apprehending one suspicious person (female). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that she lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the local District Headquarters.

g. At 221400H, Company I reported that a villager (unidentified) presented a quantity of documents to the Company I Command Post (BT 071708). The documents were in Vietnamese language, and have yet to be evaluated. The report stated that the documents will be evacuated to ITT for examination and evaluation.

h. At 221445H, a Company K patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 041702). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he was observed attempting to elude the Marines. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for interrogation.

i. At 221550H, Company M, dispatched to the vicinity of coordinates (BT 044594) to support ARVN forces engaged with Viet Cong in that locality, reported receiving an estimated fifty small arms rounds from two or three Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 042596). The Marines directed approximately one hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

j. At 221615H, Company M, continuing its advance in support of ARVN units engaged with Viet Cong forces in the vicinity of DIEN BAN District Headquarters reported receiving an estimated one hundred small arms rounds at coordinates (BT 035594) from an estimated five Viet Cong

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positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 033597), (BT 031593, and (BT 034593). The Marines directed approximately five hundred small arms rounds, ten 40mm (M-79) rounds, and three 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

k. At 221630H, a Company L patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (BT 083644). The device was identified as a grenade (WP) rigged with a trip wire activator. The report stated that the device was destroyed in place.

(3) 3dBn 3d Mar

a. Late Report. At 220020H, a Company L ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 944608), reported receiving twelve small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 949607). The Marines directed two hundred fifty small arms rounds, two grenades, and three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The report stated that the Marines physically pursued the enemy until contact was lost because of darkness. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

b. Late Report. At 220800H, a Company I scout/sniper team operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 943608) reported receiving twenty four small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 943605). The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At 221230H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect and one suspicious person in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 944663). The report indicated that the suspicious person was apprehended when examination revealed he lacked adequate identification, and the suspect was evacuated to HIEU DUC District Headquarters for investigation. The Viet Cong Suspect was apprehended when local villagers indicated to the Marines that the man was a Viet Cong guerrilla. The Viet Cong Suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

d. At 221304H, a Company L patrol reported destroying a gate suspected of being booby trapped, at coordinates (AT 952640). The report indicated that a wooden sign with the word "min"(mine) was found on the fence, in close proximity to the gate. The report stated that no secondary explosion occurred when the gate was destroyed by demolitions.

e. At 221312H, Company L reported that five fighting holes and approximately twelve meters of trench line located at coordinates (AT 960660) were filled by the Marines.

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f. At 221443H, the Battalion S-2 reported that villagers residing in the vicinity of the crossroads at DUYEN SON (4) hamlet, coordinates (AT 944663) informed GVN People's Action Team members operating in the area that approximately twenty Viet Cong passed through this locality on 20 February headed in a southerly direction. The report stated that these Viet Cong had established a road check point approximately five kilometers to the south of the crossroads, and were examining all persons using the road (trail). The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-6.

g. At 221555H, a Company L patrol reported detonating an explosive device at coordinates (AT 950650), resulting in one Marine WIA. The report indicated that the device was probably a CHICOM grenade, but provided no details as to how the device was rigged for detonation.

h. At 221630H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 950650) reported observing one Vietnamese male at coordinates (AT 953653) who fled when he sighted the Marine patrol. The Marines challenged the suspect, and fired two warning shots at the fleeing suspect. When the man ignored the Marines warnings, they directed four small arms rounds at him and observed him fall as if struck by the patrol's fire. The Marines followed a blood trail which led to a nearby stream, and found the dead man. The report stated that the man was not armed, but that various documents, including tax receipts, recovered from the body of the man indicated that the man was a Viet Cong. The documents will be evacuated to ITT for evaluation. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count).

i. At 222200H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 955669) reported receiving an estimated eighty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in LA CHAU (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 955678). The Marines directed two hundred fifty small arms rounds and five 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position. When the Viet Cong fire continued, twenty four 81mm mortar rounds were delivered into the area. When the Viet Cong fire ceased the Marines physically pursued the fleeing enemy until contact was lost. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

(4) 2dBn 9thMar

a. At 221900H, Headquarters and Service Company Marines manning bunker #7, the Battalion Command Post perimeter, coordinates (AT 990678) reported observing the ignition of several illumination grenades in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 994678). The report stated that USMC helicopters were then engaged in retracting Marine units into the battalion helicopter landing zone, and the illumination grenades were believed to be a device to distract or hinder the helicopter's operations. The report stated that a patrol was dispatched to investigate, but produced negative results.

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b. At 222145H, the Battalion S-3 reported that Marines providing security for bridge #2, coordinates (AT 999699), observed that a truck convoy proceeding north on highway #1, halted approximately eighty meters to the south of the bridge approach and fired approximately six small arms rounds at two unidentified men revealed by the lights from tanks positioned in the vicinity of the bridge. No casualties were reported and no additional information was provided.

c. At 222219H, a Headquarters and Service Company patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 998687) reported receiving twenty to thirty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 999687). The report stated that the Marines established a defensive perimeter and maintained surveillance of the area, but did not return the fire.

d. At 222315H, Headquarters and Service Company personnel manning positions on the Battalion Command Post perimeter coordinates (AT 994689), reported hearing movement to the front of their position. The report stated that the Marines directed two 40mm (M-79) rounds into the suspected area and illuminated the area with 81mm mortar illumination with negative results.

e. At 230030H, a Headquarters and Service Company ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 995679) reported observing three Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 995678). The Marines directed seventy five small arms rounds and one grenade at the Viet Cong who broke contact. The report stated that one Viet Cong was observed falling, as if struck by the Marines' fire, but the Marines did not attempt to pursue because of the possibility of a Viet Cong ambush. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one WIA (possible).

f. At 230140H, a Company G patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 997644). The report described the device as a grenade and stated it was rigged with a trip wire across the trail. One Marine WIA was reported. (The initial report stated that two Marines were WIA and indicated that the patrol withdrew to the patrol base after the detonation of the device.)

g. At 230515H, a Company H ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 020654) reported observing three Viet Cong at approximately one hundred meters range, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 020654). The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds at the Viet Cong who broke contact. A search of the ambush site produced 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 221230H entry, this INTSUM.

b. See 221400H entry, this INTSUM.

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

KIA (Confirmed)	1	585
KIA (Possible)	0	826
VC Captured	0	217*
VC Captured (WIA)	0	5
VC WIA (Possible)	1	185
VC Suspects Apprehended	3	1194
VC Rallyers (Since 21 Jan 66)	0	4

*Increase of three Viet Cong based on ITT Prisoner Interrogation Reports.

ITT Report dated 20 Feb 66

Name: TRAN THI SU
 Age: 53
 Status: VC Sympathizer
 Captured by: I-3-3 on 181300H Feb 66

ITT Report dated 20 Feb 66

Name: BO THON
 Age: 54
 Status: VC Old Man's Association
 Captured by: I-3-3 on 190645H

ITT Report dated 22 Feb 66

Name: NGUYEN HA (AKA) THIEN
 Age: 48
 Status: VC Farmer's Association
 Captured by: I-3-3 on 210735H

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

1 grenade (WP), booby-trapped See 221630H entry, this INTSUM.
 1 Sign, wood Vietnamese lang. See 221304H entry, this INTSUM.

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1 Gate (type not indicated) booby-trapped

See 221304H
entry, this
INTSUM.

5 Holes, fighting

See 221312H
entry, this
INTSUM.

12 Meters trenchline

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HEADQUARTERS
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21 Feb 1966

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From: Intelligence Officer
To: Commanding Officer

Subj: Special Intelligence Report 4-66; Possible attack on DA NANG
Air Base during the period 22 Feb - 28 Feb 1966

1. The following reports have been received by this Headquarters:

a. Possible existence of a reconnaissance group of the 5th VC Regiment located five kilometers northwest of the DA NANG Air Base. Rated F-3. Mission: Recon route to the Air Base.

b. Possible existence of the 278th Engineer (Sapper) Company located approximately 15 kilometers northwest of the DA NANG Air Base. Rated F-3.

c. Agent report which indicate the desire of the Viet Cong to strike the DA NANG Air Base during the new moon phase or shortly thereafter. Rated F-3.

2. If an enemy attack were to materialize against the DA NANG Air Base, it would probably take the following form:

a. Mortars located south of the field would fire on the troop positions in the Uniform and Victor sectors, and the Air Force Class V(A) dump near the 1-9 Command Post. This would be used as a diversion tactic.

b. One or two engineer platoons (sapper) would then strike the Tank Farm on the northwest perimeter and the aircraft of MAG-11 (a covered route of approach exists between the northwest perimeter and the MAG-11 aircraft).

/s/John M. MATTIACE
JOHN M. MATTIACE

(Typed copy of Special Intel Report 4-66)

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ENCLOSURE (1)
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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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24 Feb 1966

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #55, Period ending 241000H, February 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
25 Feb	0645	0707	1854	1915	1005	2248	1/4

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

a. Late Report. At 230840H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing what was described as fresh digging at coordinates (AT 924557) and (AT 963555). The Aerial Observer also reported that an extensive trench system was observed extending from coordinates (AT 953549) to (AT 923545).

b. At 231045H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported that while distributing psy-war leaflets in the vicinity of HA QUANG (2) hamlet grid square (BT 1362) the aircraft received six small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the area. The Aerial Observer reported that one round hit the helicopter but damage was insignificant. No casualties were reported.

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c. At 231709H, G-2 relayed a report from the 51st ARVN regiment at HOI AN that three Viet Cong battalions were presently located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 980570), (AT 983592), and (AT 957575). The report did not indicate the designation, strength, armament nor mission of these three battalions. (S-2: There is not sufficient evidence to indicate whether these forces are organized into three battalion organization with battalion/echelon command structure and support weapons). S-2 rates the report F-6.

d. At 232115H, G-2 relayed a report from an unidentified GVN Popular Forces source, that sixty Viet Cong, armed with two automatic weapons (unidentified), had displaced from the CAM NE area grid square (AT 9769) to BA BAN (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 966698) at 231830H. The report stated that three Viet Cong had moved from CAM NE (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 9668) to DUONG LAM (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 955690). The report continued that twelve Viet Cong armed with one automatic weapon and one rifle (M-1) with an attached grenade launcher had displaced from LA BONG (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 965676) to LA CHAU (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 945685) at 231900H. Twelve Viet Cong armed with carbines displaced from AN TAN hamlet, coordinates (AT 915703) at 231800H. The report added that one Viet Cong company armed with one light machine gun, one 81mm mortar and three 57mm recoilless rifles had displaced from DUC KY (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 965608) to DONG PHU (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 940620). The report also stated that twelve Main Force advisors were accompanying this Viet Cong force. The report was rated F-6. S-2 rates the report F-6.

e. At 231425H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing eight armed Viet Cong dressed in what was described as green uniforms, positioned in a trench line at coordinates (BT 051638). The Aerial Observer reported receiving several small arms rounds from the direction of the above coordinates. No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported.

(2) 3dBn 3dMar

a. At 230750H, a Company L patrol reported destroying what was described as a booby trapped punji pit at coordinates (AT 952651), and a second such position at coordinates (AT 954653). The report indicated that both cases, a U. S. (M-26) grenade had been positioned in the bottom of the pit with the safety wire removed so as to detonate when disturbed. The report stated both devices were destroyed in place.

b. At 230933H, a Company I patrol reported detonating an explosive device at coordinates (AT 966635). The device was described as a 105mm artillery shell (dud) rigged as a mine. One Marine WIA was reported.

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c. At 231115H, Company M reported locating and destroying a U. S. (M-26) grenade rigged with a trip wire at coordinates (AT 959 655). The report stated that as the grenade was being destroyed in place by the Marines, another explosion, believed to have been another grenade occurred simultaneously at close range. The report continued that approximately four seconds later, a third explosion occurred, also at close range which was also believed to have been a grenade. No casualties were reported. Additional information will be provided when available.

d. At 231140H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at (AT 944633). No reason indicated for the apprehension. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

e. At 231152H, a Company I patrol operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 970648) reported receiving two small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 969648), and an additional twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 969646). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds, and two 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy positions, and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines physically pursued the Viet Cong until contact was lost in a cane field. No casualties were reported.

f. At 231412H, a Company I security element positioned at coordinates (AT 962609) reported receiving five small arms rounds. The fire was not repeated, and the exact enemy position could not be determined. No casualties were reported.

g. At 231505H, an Aerial Observer reported observing what he described as a new "T" shaped trench line, two hundred fifty meters by three hundred fifty meters, was sighted under construction at coordinates (AT 983618).

h. At 231730H, Company I reported locating and destroying two tunnels at coordinates (AT 977628) and (AT 977648). The report also stated that one fighting hole was filled by the Marines at coordinates (AT 961629). The report added that an 81mm mortar shell, rigged to operate as a mine, was discovered and destroyed at coordinates (AT 998629).

i. At 240700H, Company K, participating in a search and clear operation in the vicinity of PHONG BAC hamlet, coordinates (BT 002722), reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects. The suspects were observed attempting to escape an area cordoned by the Marines as part of the operation. The report stated that one suspect admitted to the Marines that he had worked with the Viet Cong until several months ago, when he returned to his family prior to the TET celebrations. The report added that the suspects were turned over to intelligence agents of HOA VANG District who were interrogating suspects apprehended during this operation.

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a. At 231500H, Company E patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 000664) reported discovering and destroying seven tunnels, described as two feet by three feet by five feet in length, in the area of the patrol's operation.

(4) 3dBn 9thMar

a. At 231030H, Company I Marines manning an observation post in the vicinity of the company Command Post, coordinates (BT 062643) reported observing a Vietnamese woman handing what was described as a rifle to a second Vietnamese woman at coordinates (BT 055642). The report stated that a Marine patrol immediately dispatched to investigate reported apprehending three women in a house in that area as Viet Cong Suspects when a search for the weapon revealed a sum of money, believed to be North Vietnamese currency. The report added that one camouflaged field uniform jacket, one note book containing unidentified names, and two expended cartridges (7.62mm) was also unearthed by the search. The report stated that the weapon was not found. The report stated that the three Viet Cong Suspects (females) were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

b. At 231145H, a Company M patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 095664). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

c. At 231245H, a Company L squad-sized patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (BT 090633). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when they attempted to hide from the Marines. The report indicated that one Viet Cong suspect was discovered in a tunnel and the second Viet Cong suspect was discovered in a family-type shelter. According to the report, a thorough search of the shelter revealed one wooden box containing miscellaneous documents, one laundry bag containing clothing (unidentified), several pieces of bamboo containing documents, electrical equipment (type not indicated) one roll of fishing line, one roll of wire, one U. S. fragmentation grenade, one CHICOM grenade, and one basket containing miscellaneous materials (not identified). The report went on that a search of the tunnel revealed one expended hand-held pyrotechnic cylinder (U. S.) which contained what was described as a "Certificate of Merit" to the people of "Eastern Hamlet, CAM SA Village" for ten years of service for warning and protecting the village cadre. The report added that both the tunnel and shelter were destroyed. The two Viet Cong Suspects and materials were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

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d. At 231430H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 057638) reported observing what was described as seven to eight Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 057635). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds, two 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds, and four 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fled to the southwest. The Report stated that the Marines pursued the Viet Cong by fire but the contact was lost. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 231900H, a Company I ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 058635) reported receiving approximately one hundred twenty small arms rounds from an estimated ten to twelve Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 060629) and (BT 060628). The Marines directed a heavy volume of fire and six 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. 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 <u>Reporting Period:</u>	Cumulative <u>Since 10 Jul 65:</u>
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KIA(Confirmed)	0	585
KIA(Possible)	0	826
VC Captured	0	218*
VC Captured(WIA)	0	5
VC WIA(Possible)	0	185
VC Suspects Apprehended	7	1201
VC Rallyers(Since 21Jan66)	0	4

*Increase of one Viet Cong based on ITT Prisoner Interrogation Report.

ITT report dated 22 Feb 66

Name: NGUYEN VAN BO
Age: 17
Status: VC Youth Group Member
Captured by E-2-9 on 211215H Feb 66

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

1 Pit, punji (booby trapped)	See 230750H entry, this INTSUM.
1 Grenade, U.S. (M-26) (booby trapped)	See 231115H entry this INTSUM.
1 Shell, 81mm mortar (dud) (booby trapped)	See 231730H entry, this INTSUM.

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2	Tunnels, (size and extent not indicated)	See 231730H entry this INTSUM.
1	Hole, fighting	-do-
7	Tunnels, 2X3X5	See 231500H entry, this INTSUM.
1	Tunnel, (size and extent not indicated)	See 231245H entry, this INTSUM.
1	Shelter	-do-

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25 Feb 1966

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein)(G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #56, Period ending 251000H, February 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
26 Feb	0644	0706	1854	1915	1041	2339	1/4

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

a. At 240645H, Company K, providing the blocking force for a search and clear operation in the vicinity of PHONG BAC hamlet, reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects who appeared to be of military age and were turned over to the Prisoner Collection Point established for the operation. The report stated that one suspect admitted having been with the Viet Cong, and knowing of the "open arms" program. After initial interrogation, one suspect was cleared and released and the other suspect, a CHIEU HOI rallier on temporary absence from the CHIEU HOI Center in HOI AN, was turned over to the local GVN officials for transportation back to the center.

b. At 240940H, a Company I patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 972635) when a routine examination revealed he lacked adequate identification. The suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

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c. At 241055H, a Headquarters and Service Company element operating in the vicinity of the SONG CAU DO, reported apprehending one suspicious person in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 998698). The report stated that the suspect (female) was apprehended when she was observed attempting to hide from the Marines. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the local District Headquarters for investigation.

d. At 241500H, the Battalion S-3 provided information on a Company M patrol conducted during the period 240900H to 241130H. The report included the following incidents:

(1) Destroyed four tunnels, approximately two feet by three feet by five feet in depth, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 966647).

(2) Destroyed three U. S. (M-26) grenades, rigged with trip wires, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 966647).

(3) Destroyed one explosive device in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 966647), believed to have been a mine. The mine was destroyed with demolitions and the report stated that a secondary explosion occurred which produced a crater four feet in diameter and two feet deep. The report stated that the device consisted of a piece of tubing, one inch in diameter and fourteen inches in length, containing an unidentified explosive. No casualties were reported.

(4) The patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 966647), reported receiving eight small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 966647) and (AT 967654). The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds, twenty one 40mm (M-79) rounds, five 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds, and six 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines physically pursued the enemy until contact was lost in heavy brush. No casualties were reported.

e. At 241337H, an Aerial Observer operating in the battalion's zone of action reported a new trench line extending from coordinates (AT 933603) to (AT 934604). The observer also indicated sighting what was described as an automatic weapons position (unoccupied) at coordinates (AT 934602).

f. At 242145H, Company I reported that a tank positioned on Hill #55 in support of Company I, sighted one Viet Cong carrying what was described as a rifle at coordinates (AT 963625). The report stated that when the tank's light was directed at the Viet Cong he quickly discarded what he was carrying. The report indicated that the light was then turned off for approximately thirty seconds, and when turned back on, the Viet Cong was observed retrieving what appeared to be the weapon. The Marines directed three 90mm (tank) rounds at the intruder, and a patrol was dispatched to search the area, but the Viet Cong evaded the Marines. No casualties were reported.

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a. At 240930H, a Company E patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 992737) reported receiving approximately ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 993634). Artillery support was requested and a total of twelve 105mm (artillery) rounds were directed at the enemy location with undetermined results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. At 241030H, Company E, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 002629), reported receiving approximately thirty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 003628). The Marines directed a total of twenty six 105mm (artillery) rounds at the position and the enemy fire ceased. No additional information was provided. No casualties were reported.

c. At 241520H, a Company F security element positioned at Bridge #3, coordinates (AT 999688), reported receiving three small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 991689). The report stated that the Marines did not return the fire and that no casualties were reported.

d. At 242015H, Company E reported receiving an estimated two hundred small arms rounds, three grenades, and what was described as six 60mm mortar rounds, in the Company Command Post positions, coordinates (BT 006633), from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 010634), (BT 005630), and (BT 001635). The Marines directed approximately one thousand three hundred small arms rounds, fifty two 40mm (M-79) rounds, one 3.5 inch (rocket) round, and nine 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 242120H, a Company F security element positioned at Bridge #3, coordinates (AT 999688), reported hearing firing approximately three hundred meters to the east of that position in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 002688). No additional information was provided.

f. At 242345H, a Company F security element positioned at Bridge #3, coordinates (AT 999688), reported receiving three rounds of small arms fire from the vicinity of coordinates (AT 996687). The report stated that the Marines did not return fire due to friendly units in the area. The report added that the Marines providing security for Bridge #2, coordinates (AT 999699), also reported receiving ten small arms rounds from the vicinity of coordinates (AT 990688). The report stated that the Marines did not return this fire because of the presence of friendly units in this area, also.

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g. At 250220H, a Headquarters and Service Company patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 994678), reported receiving one round of small arms fire from the south. The report indicated that the exact enemy location could not be discerned and the fire was not returned.

(3) Special Reports.

a. At 240945H, the 9th Marines Liaison NCO assigned to the 59th Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at BO MUNG relayed a report from the 592d GVN Regional Force Company that aerial photos and intelligence reports indicate that the area in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 035680), (BT 030685), and (BT 035690), is presently undergoing what is described as an extensive build-up, with numerous defensive positions, including foxholes, trenches, and mortar and crew-served weapons sites, being constructed. The report continued that a Viet Cong force of perhaps two-platoon strength, equipped with 60mm mortars (undetermined amount) is located within this area. The report added that this build-up is for the purpose of providing a secure area for the assemblage of a larger Viet Cong force which plans to attack DA NANG and MY THI (Marble Mountain) Airfield and to attack friendly units engaged in the pacification effort in this area. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-3.

b. At 241715H, The Marine Liaison Officer assigned to HOA VANG District Headquarters relayed a report from an agent source that one Viet Cong battalion is presently in hiding in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 035688), (BT 033673), and (BT 055657), and an additional two Viet Cong platoons are located at coordinates (AT 962690) and (AT 955688). HOA VANG rated the report C-3. S-2 Comment: The presence of a Viet Cong force of up to one company strength in the area where the reports indicate the presence of a battalion, is rated F-3. The presence of a larger force in this vicinity at this time is doubtful (F-4).

c. At 241842H, the 9th Marines Liaison NCO assigned to the 59th Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at BO MUNG relayed a report from an unidentified source that one Viet Cong company is presently located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 036664). The report stated that this company is equipped with six machine guns, one 81mm mortar, and one 57mm recoilless rifle. The report was not rated. S-2 Comment: The presence of a Viet Cong company in the location indicated is rated F-4. The presence of Viet Cong of platoon strength is rated F-2.

d. At 242030H, G-2 relayed a report from DA NANG Garrison that captured enemy intelligence documents indicate that the Viet Cong intends to launch simultaneous attacks on several GVN and U. S. installations in the DA NANG area. These documents listed as probable targets

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(1) Shell Fuel storage facilities in the vicinity of I CORPS Headquarters; (2) Esso Fuel storage facilities in the LIEN CHIEU area; (3) the "White Elephant" area (U. S. Navy facility/headquarters) in DA NANG; and (4) U. S. Military (officer and enlisted) billets in the DA NANG area. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-6.

e. At 242030H, G-2 relayed a report from a GVN source that a group of unidentified boats have been making frequent crossings of the SONG CAU DO in the vicinity of the ferry crossing point at grid square (BT 0373), during the period 2000-2100H, when the river patrol craft are absent from the area. The report stated that these craft may be transportation for the Viet Cong cadre and indicated that the local GVN (District) Headquarters had been alerted to thwart this operation. The report was not rated.

f. At 242110H, the 9th Marines Liaison NCO assigned to the 59th Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at BO MUNG reported that an GVN Regional Forces vehicle (1/4 ton 4x4), travelling on Highway #1 in the vicinity of the CAM LE bridge, coordinates (BT 016705), was ambushed by a Viet Cong force of undetermined strength, resulting in one friendly KIA and one WIA. The report stated that the vehicle was enroute to bridge #1 to pick up the 59th GVN Regional Force Battalion Commander at the time of the incident. The report indicated that the Viet Cong were armed with at least two automatic weapons but provided no additional details.

(4) 3dBn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 240745H, Headquarters and Service Company Marines manning a check point reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 071708). 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. Late Report. At 240800H, a Company L patrol reported the discovery of a fortified position (bunker) at coordinates (BT 091652). The bunker was described as approximately thirty feet by three feet by two feet in size, constructed of brick and cement. The report stated that the position was destroyed by the use of demolitions.

c. At 241015H, Headquarters and Service Company Marines manning a check point reported apprehending one suspicious person at coordinates (BT 071708). 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.

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d. At 241330H, a Company L patrol reported the discovery of what was described as a man trap at coordinates (BT 093672). The report also stated that a punji trap was located in the same area. The report stated that the traps were destroyed by demolitions.

e. At 241340H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 121628) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 123627), (BT 120625), and (BT 123630). The Marines directed seventy five small arms and machine gun rounds, fifteen 40mm (M-79) rounds, and ten 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 finding three separate blood pools which indicated that the enemy had sustained casualties. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as three WIA (possible).

f. At 241340H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 121628) reported receiving twenty five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 123627), (BT 120625), and (BT 123630). The Marines directed seventy five small arms and machine gun rounds, fifteen 40mm (M-79) rounds, and ten 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 finding three pools of blood. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as three WIA (possible).

g. At 241355H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 081666) reported receiving approximately fifteen small arms rounds from two or three Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 083668). The Marines directed a heavy volume of small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact withdrawing to the south. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

h. At 241420H, a Company L patrol reported the discovery of a U. S. (M-26) grenade at coordinates (BT 109638). The report stated that the grenade was positioned with a trip wire detonating device. The report stated that the device was destroyed in place.

i. At 241545H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 088668) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from three Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 088666). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact withdrawing to the southwest. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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j. At 241615H, a Company L patrol engaged in a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of HA QUANG (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 123627), reported receiving fifty small arms rounds from an estimated six Viet Cong armed with automatic and semi-automatic weapons positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 120620). The Marines directed one hundred fifty small arms rounds, fifteen 40mm (M-79) rounds, and one 3.5 inch (rocket) round at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported finding pools of blood and what was described as drag marks. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one WIA (possible).

k. At 241630H, Company L reported the results of a search and destroy operation conducted in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 115628). The report stated that a total of four bunkers, (two bunkers reinforced with stone, one bunker reinforced with what was described as steel beams, and one bunker lined with aluminum sheeting, were discovered by the Marines and destroyed by demolitions. The report indicated that these positions were not of the kind usually constructed by the villagers as family protective shelters.

l. At 241700H, a Company M element positioned at coordinates (BT 080663) reported receiving twenty five small arms rounds from an estimated six Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 082663). The Marines directed sixty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact withdrawing to the southeast. The report added that one Viet Cong was observed falling as if struck by the Marines' fire and that one battle dressing was found at the site of the Viet Cong position. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one WIA (possible).

m. At 241800H, Company M, occupying a defensive position at coordinates (BT 067670) reported hearing a loud detonation which appeared to emanate from close by (less than one hundred meters distance). A patrol was dispatched to investigate and reported finding evidence of what appeared to be a mine explosion. The report stated that blood-soaked and tattered pieces of what was described as human tissue (flesh) were found at the site. The report did not indicate the size of the detonation but added that the explosion may have been the result of a mishap experienced by a Viet Cong while positioning a mine. Additional information will be provided when available.

n. At 242000H, the Battalion S-3 reported the results of the Company K operation conducted during the period 240715H - 241600H, in the vicinity of MAN QUANG (1) hamlet, grid square (BT 0368). The report stated that a cave, containing three separate cubicles, was found at coordinates (BT 035688). The report also stated that a tunnel, sixteen feet long, a total of twenty three fighting holes, and seven bunkers (not described) were also discovered in the same area. The report added that a food cache consisting of approximately two thousand pounds of rice was also discovered. The rice was evacuated by the Marines and turned over to local GVN authorities for disposition.

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

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

KIA(Confirmed)	0	585
KIA(Possible)	0	826
VC Captured	0	218
VC Captured(WIA)	0	5
VC WIA(Possible)	5	190
VC Suspects Apprehended	2	1203
VC Ralliers(Since 21Jan66)	0	4

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

3 Grenades, U. S. (M-26)(rigged with trip-wire) See 241500H entry, this INTSUM.

1 Explosive device (probably mine) See 241500H entry, this INTSUM.

1 Grenade, U. S. (M-26)(rigged with trip-wire) See 241420H entry, this INTSUM.

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

4 Tunnels, 2x3x5 feet in length See 241500H entry, this INTSUM.

1 Bunker See 240800H entry, this INTSUM.

1 "Man-trap" See 241330H entry, this INTSUM.

1 Punji trap -do-

4 Bunkers See 241630H entry, this INTSUM.

(ADD: See 242000H 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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To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein)(G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #57, Period ending 261000H, February 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

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

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

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

a. Late Report. At 250730H, a Company I patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 977649). The report did not indicate the basis for apprehension, but stated that the suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

b. Late Report. At 250730H, a Company I patrol reported locating and destroying three explosive devices positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 977649). The report indicated that two of the devices were grenades (CHICOM), and one a grenade (WP), and that all were rigged with trip wires.

c. At 252000H, Company M reported receiving thirty small arms rounds in the company command post positions at coordinates (AT 971661) from three Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 971659). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds, and five 40mm (M16).

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rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The report stated that the Marines physically pursued the Viet Cong until contact was lost because of darkness. No casualties were reported.

d. At 260400H, a Company I element manning a river block at coordinates (AT 973612) reported hearing a swimmer in the river. A moment later a grenade was thrown into this position, resulting in one Marine WIA. The exact location of the enemy could not be determined and the Marines withheld their fire. The report added that during evacuation of the WIA by helicopter, the aircraft received two small arms rounds from the direction of coordinates (AT 976608). The Marines returned fire with sixty rounds of machine gun fire and eight 40mm (M-26) rounds, and the enemy fire was not repeated. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 260830H, a Company M patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 972657), resulting in three Marines WIA. The report described the device as a U. S. (M-26) grenade and stated it was rigged with a trip wire.

f. At 260830H, a Company M squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 963646) reported sighting two Viet Cong running in a cane field at coordinates (AT 963645). The Marines directed approximately twenty small arms rounds at the fleeing Viet Cong, and pursued them to the vicinity of coordinates (AT 965645). The report stated that the Marines temporarily lost sight of the enemy but discovered what was described as a "spider hole" in that location. Recent footprints at the entrance to this position indicated that the hole might have been occupied, and the Marines employed smoke to flush out their quarry. When the occupants did not emerge, two grenades (M-26) were thrown in the aperture. A search produced the bodies of two males, eighteen to twenty years of age, killed by the grenade fragments. The report stated that documents recovered from the bodies indicated that the men were Viet Cong. No weapons were found in the position. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were reported as two Viet Cong KIA (body count).

(2) 2dBn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 250735H, Company E, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 013613) reported receiving five small arms rounds described as carbine fire from Viet Cong positioned at close range, coordinates (BT 013617). The Marines directed eight 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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b. Late Report. At 250800H, Company E, continuing its search and destroy mission in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 005620) reported receiving a heavy volume of small arms rounds and what was described as seven 60mm mortar rounds from Viet Cong positioned in a trenchline at coordinates (BT 010609). The Marines returned the enemy fire with small arms and requested mortar support when the enemy fire continued. The report stated that 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location, and "Sparrow Hawk" assistance was requested. The report stated that helicopters (UH1E) directed fire at the area to prepare the site for "Sparrow Hawk" exploitation. Marine casualties were four WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At 250915H, Company E, moving south from coordinates (BT 012615), (north of the SONG LA THO), reported receiving small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in a trenchline which extended from the vicinity of coordinates (BT 000607) to (BT 010606), (south of the SONG LA THO). The Marines returned the fire and a company F platoon was helo-lifted into the area, south of the river, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 007605), to engage the enemy. No casualties were reported. The report stated that the "Sparrow Hawk" element, converging on the site of this action, encountered a Viet Cong group at coordinates (BT 007608), killing two Viet Cong by small arms fire. The report stated that the dead Viet Cong were wearing black pajama-type clothing and what was described as camouflaged brush hats and neckerchiefs. No weapons were found at the site, but the report indicated that ammunition bandoliers, containing 7.92mm ammunition (unidentified) were recovered from the bodies. Company E, moving towards the SONG LA THO, also reported finding the bodies of two Viet Cong KIA, at coordinates (BT 004612). The report stated that these two Viet Cong bodies also wore black pajama-type clothing and were not armed. The report indicated that these two Viet Cong casualties were as the result of the fire initially delivered into the area by Company E.

d. At 250900H, a Company H platoon occupying blocking positions at coordinates (BT 025673) reported receiving three small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 022674). The Marines directed fifteen small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 251000H, Company E reported making contact with an estimated thirty Viet Cong positioned in a trenchline in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 993609). The report stated that aerial support was requested, and a fixed wing airstrike was directed against the enemy positions. A total of twelve two hundred fifty pound aerial bombs were delivered into the target area by two USMC F-4 aircraft. The report stated that when the enemy fire ceased, a Company F element moved into the area to continue the contact. In the vicinity of coordinates (AT 999607), these Marines reported finding the body of one Viet Cong KIA. The report added that this body was also wearing black pajama-type clothing and carried a bandolier of 7.92mm ammunition. No weapon was found with the body. No Marine casualties were reported.

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f. At 251050H, Company E, located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 003610) reported again making contact with a Viet Cong force positioned in a trenchline in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 004608). The report stated that elements of Company F were transported to the locality by helicopter and joined the "Sparrow Hawk" element in a sweep of the trenchline area. The report did not depict the extent of the resulting firefight but stated that Company F elements killed three Viet Cong (body count), and recovered one CHICOM MOSSIN-NAGENT Model 53, carbine, 7.62mm, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 000606). The report continued that "Sparrow Hawk" Marines killed an additional three Viet Cong (body count) in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 003609). Six packs (haversacks), two mines (unidentified), one grenade, and one bandolier of 7.62mm ammunition was reported retrieved from the bodies of these dead Viet Cong. The report added that a total of nine additional Viet Cong were observed falling as if struck by the Marines' fire. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were Six Viet Cong KIA (body count) and nine Viet Cong KIA (possible). S-2 Comment: The battalion S-2 recapitulated the total enemy casualties for this series of encounters as eleven Viet Cong KIA (body count), and nine Viet Cong KIA (possible).

g. At 251600H, a Company G patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 996644). The report described the device as an U. S. (M-26) grenade but did not indicate the manner that the grenade was rigged for detonation. One Marine WIA was reported.

h. At 251900H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a Company H patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 993645) found one leather cartridge belt, two pouches containing twenty five rounds of caliber .30 and 7.62mm ammunition, one mask (plastic), two masks (cloth), (believed used by Viet Cong as gas masks), two rifle grenades (unidentified), one flashlight, and a quantity of crimped cartridges (unidentified). The report stated that the material would be evacuated to S-2 for evaluation.

(3) Special Reports:

a. At 251010H, a U. S. Army Aerial Observer (radio call sign: ANTENNA WHIP 17), reported that what was described as an Viet Cong anti-aircraft gun (type not indicated) position was located at coordinates (AT 975545). Artillery support was requested and nineteen 105mm rounds were delivered into the target area with two rounds reportedly landed within the position. The Aerial Observer reported sighting troops dispersing from the area. Enemy casualties were not determined. No additional information was provided.

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b. At 241210H, MAG-16 provided information regarding air activities within the TAOR during the period 250930H - 251100H. The report stated that an aerial observer operating in the area reported observing six to eight armed Viet Cong, wearing green colored uniforms in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 996607). The report stated that an airstrike was directed at the location, and aerial bombs (number and size not indicated) delivered into the target area with good effect. Enemy casualties were not determined. The report continued that an estimated twenty armed Viet Cong were observed in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 988609), fleeing in a westerly direction. The report stated that these Viet Cong were wearing khaki colored uniforms and black colored pajama-type clothing. Armed helicopters (UH1E) and 51 Wing aircraft (unidentified) were employed to take this enemy group under fire. The report did not estimate enemy casualties nor indicate the manner in which this action was terminated. The report also stated that four Viet Cong were observed in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 002600), but the enemy succeeded in escaping further surveillance.

c. At 251610H, G-2 relayed a report from the HOI AN Liaison Officer that a Viet Cong force, estimated as approximately two hundred, were attacking the bridge located at coordinates (AT 948583). The report was not rated, and no additional information was provided. (S-2 Comment: As of the termination of this reporting period, no additional information has been received regarding this encounter).

d. At 251800H, the 9th Marines Liaison NCO assigned to the 59th Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at BO MUONG relayed a report from a GVN military intelligence source that one Viet Cong company, commanded by one DIEU had displaced from NGAN CAU (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 068649) to the vicinity of TU CAU (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 037665). The report stated that the probable mission of this Viet Cong company was to attack GVN/USMC positions, utilizing mortars. (This portion of the report was rated B-2). The report added that two Viet Cong companies (not identified) of the 37th Viet Cong Battalion has displaced from XUYEN THANH hamlet area, coordinates (AT 951504) to the vicinity of THO SON village, coordinates (AT 987517). The report stated that the mission of these two companies was not known. (This portion of the report was rated C-3). The report continued that the 20th Viet Cong Battalion had recently occupied positions in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 927553). The report stated that only one company of the 20th Viet Cong Battalion remains in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 006584). The report indicated that this one company (not identified) was assigned the mission of searching for the weapons and bodies of their dead. No additional information was provided. S-2 Comment: S-2 rates the entire report F-3. The reference to the Viet Cong 20th Battalion as the unit probably engaged by GVN military forces in the vicinity of the BICH LONG bridge on 24 February (See 240400H entry, INTSUM #53), tends to confirm earlier information which identified the unit as the DOC LAP Battalion, which is an AKA for the 20th Battalion).

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e. At 252230H, the 3d Marine Division FSOC relayed a report from an unidentified source at HOI AN that one Viet Cong company (designation, strength, and armament, not indicated) was presently located at coordinates (BT 028624) and (BT 026622). The report stated that artillery support was requested but the results of this fire was not indicated.

f. At 260110H, G-2 relayed a report from I CORPS TOC, that a GVN military outpost positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 065582) received 60mm mortar fire (amount not indicated). The report did not indicate the strength of the Viet Cong or the friendly forces engaged. The report stated that friendly casualties were one KIA and seven WIA. No additional information was provided. The report was not rated.

g. At 260700H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported that the village of XOM TRUNG HOA, coordinates (BT 052717) appeared to be completely deserted. The observer commented that all other hamlets in the area appeared to be carrying on normal activities. No additional information was provided.

(4) 3dBn 9thMar

a. At 250900H, the Battalion S-2 reported that one Viet Cong Suspect was apprehended by Headquarters and Service Company Marines in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 072712). 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 251000H, a Company I patrol reported apprehending two suspicious persons in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 035666). The report stated that the suspects (female, each accompanied by a child), were apprehended because they continued to follow the Marine unit, causing a disturbance and a distraction. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

c. At 251100H, a Company M patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 083674). The report described the device as a fragmentation grenade and stated that it was rigged so as to operate as a mine. The report did not indicate the manner in which it was rigged or positioned. One Marine WIA was reported.

d. At 251300H, a Company I patrol reported sighting a man at coordinates (BT 039668), who was apparently attempting to evade the Marines. The report stated that the Marines attempted to apprehend the suspect, but the man ignored the Marines warning and ran. The Marines directed small arms fire at the fleeing suspect, and killed him. The report stated that the man appeared to have been approximately twenty years of age, and that a search of the body indicated that he did not

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have identification papers. (one Viet Cong KIA (body count) will be shown in paragraph D of this INTSUM as the result of this incident).

e. At 251510H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 095632) reported receiving eight small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in what was described as a bunker at coordinates (BT 094630). The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds, five 40mm (M-79) rounds, and two 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the enemy position. The report stated that no casualties were sustained but no additional information was provided.

f. At 251620H, a Company L patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 103628). The report described the device as an 81mm mortar round and stated it was rigged with an electrical detonator. The report added that approximately thirty feet of wire was found leading to the site of the detonation. One Marine KIA was reported.

g. At 251715H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 103628) in the vicinity of the SONG HA XAU river, reported finding three positions, described as "bunkers", six feet by four feet by four feet. The report stated that the bunkers, which were reinforced with bricks, were destroyed by the Marines. The report added that a small bridge found in the vicinity was also destroyed.

h. At 251855H, a Company M element, occupying a square defensive position located at coordinates (BT 084698) (old French bunker) reported receiving small arms rounds from an estimated six to eight Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 086696). The Marines directed approximately one hundred small arms and machine gun rounds and two 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. Marine casualties were reported as two WIA. The report continued that a Company M patrol dispatched to assist the Marines detonated an explosive device at coordinates (BT 088695), resulting in three additional Marines WIA. The device was described as a cluster of two or three fragmentation grenades. The report added that this patrol had previously apprehended two Viet Cong Suspects in this area, and one of the suspects was also wounded by the detonation. The report did not indicate the basis for apprehension and did not provide information regarding the disposition of the second suspect.

i. Late Entry. At 251440H, Company I, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 035666) reported apprehending eight Viet Cong Suspects. 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.

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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)	14	599
KIA(Possible)	9	835
VC Captured	0	218
VC Captured(WIA)	0	5
VC WIA(Possible)	0	190
VC Suspects Apprehended	12	1215
VC Ralliers(Since 21 Jan 66)	0	4

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

2 Grenade(CHICOM)	See 250730H entry, this INTSUM.
1 Grenade(WP)	-do-
UNK Documents, misc. uneval.	See 260830H entry, this INTSUM.
UNK Bandoliers(containing 7.92mm ammunition)	See 250915H entry, this INTSUM.
1 Carbine, CHICOM, Mossin-Nagant, Model 53 7.62	See 251050H entry, this INTSUM.
6 Packs(haversacks)	-do-
2 Mines(unidentified)	-do-
1 Grenade	-do-
1 Belt, cartridge, leather	See 251900H entry, this INTSUM.
1 Pouch, ammo, leather	-do-
2 Masks, plastic (VC gas masks)	-do-
2 Masks, cloth (VC gas masks)	-do-
2 Grenades, rifle(unidentified)	-do-
1 Flashlight	-do-
UNK Cartridges, crimped, 7.62mm	-do-

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

3 Bunkers, 6x4x4 feet	See 251715H entry, this INTSUM.
1 Bridge (not described)	-do-

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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein)(G-2)
 Subj: Intelligence Summary #58, Period ending 271000H, February 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

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

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

(b) Trafficability of roads and trails within the TAOR
remain in favorable condition.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
28 Feb	0644	0706	1854	1915	1207	0030	1/2

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

a. At 261005H, an Aerial Observer operating in the
Regimental TAOR reported observing what was described as an extensive
trenchline system to the north, south, and east sides of PHU TAY (1)
hamlet, coordinates (AT 953549). The report added that a second trench
line system was observed on the northern periphery of PHU DONG (1)
hamlet, coordinates (AT 975545).

b. At 261930H, G-2 reported that Battery E, positioned
within the 9th Marines' TAOR, received an estimated thirty to forty
small arms rounds in the battery's position, coordinates (AT 988672).
from Viet Cong located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 985681). The
report stated that the Marines directed five small arms rounds and five
caliber .50 machine gun rounds at the Viet Cong position and the enemy
fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

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c. At 262025H, the 9th Marines Liaison NCO assigned to the 59th Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at BO MUNG relayed a report from an U. S. Army advisor assigned to that unit that one Viet Cong company is presently located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 010645). The report did not provide any additional details nor indicate the original source of the report. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-4.

d. At 261150H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported receiving small arms and automatic weapons fire from the direction of coordinates (AT 032672). The report stated that the aircraft directed two aerial rockets and approximately one hundred small arms machine gun rounds at the suspected location and the enemy fire ceased. Enemy casualties were not determined. No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported.

e. At 261510H, the 9th Marines Regimental FSCC reported that the 51st ARVN Regiment had reported the presence of a Viet Cong force estimated as one platoon in strength at coordinates (BT 004630) and had requested that USMC artillery engage the target. The FSCC report stated that a total of fifty eight 105mm (HE) rounds were delivered into the area with a reported "good effect" on target. The report did not indicate the extent of enemy casualties nor provide information regarding the basis of the report (i.e. contact, intelligence report, aerial observation, etc.). Additional information will be provided when available.

f. At 261300H, G-2 relayed a report from a GVN military intelligence source that the Viet Cong are utilizing the herdsmen supervising the cattle grazing on the periphery of the DA NANG Airbase as cover to ascertain the extent of the airbase' defenses, positions of sentries, and location of minefields. The report indicated that the local (district) GVN officials will be requested to forbid the grazing of cattle on the airbase perimeter area as a security measure. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-6.

(2) 2d Bn 9th Mar

a. At 261350H, a Company H patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 024635) reported receiving one small arms round from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 025633). The report stated that the exact enemy location could not be discerned and the fire was not returned. No casualties were reported.

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b. At 261950H, the Battalion S-3 reported that an estimated twenty five small arms rounds were received in the Battalion Command Post perimeter, coordinates (AT 990670) from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 984680). The Marines directed approximately fifty small arms rounds at the suspected location and the fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. The report added that inquiry at the 59th GVN Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at BO MUNG indicated that friendly forces may have been operating in the area from which the fire was received, but the source of the small arms fire could not be determined.

c. At 261405H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from Company H that an unidentified villager in PHENG LUC hamlet, coordinates (BT 012639), informed Marines during interrogation that the Marines had killed thirty six Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 018636) during the extended contact in that area on 25 February (See INTSUM #57 for account of the action which may have resulted in this report). The report provided no additional information nor indicated the disposition of the villager who provided this information.

(3) 3dBn 3dMar

a. At 261155H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 944597) reported receiving two small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned on the far (southwest) side of the SCLG YEA in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 935596). The Marines directed approximately eighty small arms rounds at the suspected Viet Cong position. The enemy fire was not repeated. One Marine WIA was reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

b. At 261155H, a Company I patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (AT 953607) when a routine examination revealed that they lacked adequate identification. The suspects were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

c. At 261155H, a Company I patrol reported destroying two tunnels, approximately six feet by four feet by four feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 946607), and one tunnel eight feet by four feet by four feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 946603). The report stated that two 155mm (artillery) rounds (duds) were discovered at coordinates (AT 948606) and (AT 948602) and were destroyed by the Marines. The report indicated that one round was rigged with a trip wire actuator, and the second artillery round was positioned in the bottom of a punji trap so as to serve as a mine. The report did not provide details as to the type of detonating mechanisms employed.

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d. At 261945H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 953684) reported receiving one small arms round from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 953685). The Marines directed ninety rounds small arms, and two 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The report stated that the Marines' physically pursued the Viet Cong until contact was lost in heavy brush. No casualties were reported.

e. At 261945H, a Company M security element positioned at coordinates (AT 972663), reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 972657). The Marines directed two 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

f. At 262048H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 957685), reported observing one Viet Cong who took refuge in a treeline at coordinates (AT 955683) when he sighted the Marines. The Marines directed two 40mm (M-79) rounds at the location, and physically pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost due to darkness. No casualties were reported.

g. At 262300H, a Company I element occupying a river block positioned at coordinates (AT 973611) reported hearing what was described as Vietnamese voices emanating from a loudspeaker unit positioned to the south. The report stated that the phrase "The South Vietnamese people want to live at peace with the Americans" was heard in English. The Battalion S-2 commented that members of the 51st ARVN Regiment stated that the Viet Cong frequently position loudspeakers in a village, and then broadcast from a covered position some distance away.

h. At 270100H, a Company L patrol reported detonating an explosive device at coordinates (AT 953676) resulting in three Marine KIA. The report indicated that the device was an U. S. (M-26) grenade positioned in a tin can, so as to detonate when disturbed.

(4) 3dBn 9thMar

a. At 261135H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 110647) reported observing a Viet Cong force, estimated as ten to fifteen men, in the vicinity of EA BANG hamlet, coordinates (BT 108632). The Marines requested mortar assistance, and a total of twenty two 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location, and the Viet Cong were observed dispersing in the village area. Enemy casualties were not determined. The report added that a "Sparrow Hawk" was dispatched to regain contact with the Viet Cong force.

b. At 261135H, a Company L patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 113635). The report described the device as a type of mine, and estimated its explosive force as similar to that of an 81mm mortar round. The report stated

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that the device was positioned in a trench line in such a way that the explosive force was channelized in one direction. Three Marine WIA were reported.

c. At 261230H, the Battalion S-3 reported that the "Sparrow Hawk" element, moving in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 108628), received a heavy volume of small arms fire from an estimated ten Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of HA BANG hamlet, coordinates (BT 108628). An armed helicopter (UH1E) providing support to the "Sparrow Hawk" element directed a total of eight aerial rockets at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report stated that when the "Sparrow Hawk" Marines entered the area, they found the body of one Viet Cong presumably killed by the aerial rocket attack. The report indicated that no weapons or equipment was found with the body, and that the body did not possess an identification card. The report added that, when Marines searched the area, they discovered a total of seventeen males gathered together in one building in the hamlet. The report indicated that the males were all between the ages of eighteen and twenty five and appeared to have but recently arrived in the building as was indicated by their sweaty and fatigued appearance. No weapons or other incriminating material was found but the suspects were all apprehended and evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point as Viet Cong Suspects. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were reported as one Viet Cong KIA (body count).

d. At 261335H, a Company K patrol, dispatched to the vicinity of AN LUU hamlet, coordinates (BT 033675) in response to a report that an aerial observation helicopter had received small arms fire from that location, reported sighting a figure running across a rice paddy in what appeared to be an attempt to evade the Marines. The Marines directed ten small arms rounds at the fleeing figure, killing the person. Examination disclosed that the dead person was a woman. . but provided no additional information. The report added that the Marine patrol apprehended one male Viet Cong suspect in the same area when he attempted to evade the patrol. The suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

e. At 261815H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a total of sixty four Vietnamese males were apprehended by Company L in the vicinity of the "Horse Shoe area" grid squares (BT 1063), (BT 1064), (BT 1163), and (BT 1164), during the operation conducted on 26 February in this region. The report stated that all the suspects apprehended were males and that all will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. The Battalion S-2 commented that the area of Company L's operation has been a frequent site of Viet Cong contacts and that there are indications that this locality is utilized by the Viet Cong as a rest and assembly area.

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a. See 261405H entry, this INTSUM.

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

KIA(Confirmed)	1	600
KIA(Possible)	0	835
VC Captured	0	219*
VC Captured(WIA)	0	5
VC WIA(Possible)	0	190
VC Suspects Apprehended	84	1299
VC Ralliers(Since 21Jan66)	0	4

*Increase of one Viet Cong based on ITT Prisoner Interrogation Report dated 24 Feb 1966:

Name: DONG NGA
Age: 30
Status: VC Arwa Leader

Capturing Unit: L-3-9 on 231300H February 1966

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

2 Shells, artillery (dud) 155mm See 261155H entry, this INTSUM.

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

2 Tunnels, 6x4x4 feet See 261155H entry, this INTSUM.
1 Tunnel, 8x4x4 feet -do-

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1/9	(2)	3d AT Bn	(1)
2/9	(2)	B Co Tanks	(1)
3/9	(2)	C Co AT	(1)
3/3	(2)	CO	(1)
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To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein)(G-2)

Subj: Intelligence Summary #59, Period ending 281000H, February 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

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

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

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
1 Mar	0642	0705	1855	1918	1257	0131	1/2

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

a. Late Report. At 270700H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 988623) reported observing one male, described as a Viet Cong, dressed in a green field uniform, shirt, and black trousers, running in the direction of a cane field at coordinates (AT 980625). The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds at the man, and physically pursued him until contact was lost. No casualties were reported.

b. At 272215H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 954682) reported hearing what was described as movement in heavy brush to the Marines' front. The Marines directed a grenade at the suspected Viet Cong position and searched the area with negative results. No casualties were reported.

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a. At 271115H, Company H, occupying a blocking position in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 054640), reported receiving three small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 052643). The report indicated that the exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

b. At 271142H, Company H, occupying a blocking position in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 054640) reported receiving an estimated eighty small arms rounds from two Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 052643). The Marines directed one 3.5 inch (rocket) round at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At 271350H, Company H, maintaining its blocking position in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 054640) reported receiving one small arms round from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 052643). The report stated that the exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. Marine casualties were one WIA.

d. At 272310H, a Company G ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 993655) reported that an unidentified male entered the ambush site and was shot and wounded by the Marines. The report stated that the intruder was not armed, but indicated that the man was in violation of the curfew regulations and did not carry a lantern or light as required. The wounded man was evacuated to an ARVN medical facility for treatment.

e. At 280050H, the Battalion S-2 reported that Marines providing security at bridge #2, coordinates (4T 999699) detected what was described as movement beneath the bridge. The area was illuminated with 81mm mortar illumination rounds, and the marines directed two grenades into the suspected area, with negative results.

a. At 271015H, the Regimental FSCC reported that a U. S. Army Advisor (identified only by the radio call-sign "ANTENNA WHIP 38"), had reported that a GVN military force at (BT 01163 (unidentified) received small arms fire from a Viet Cong force estimated as one platoon in strength. The report provided no additional details but stated that USMC artillery support was requested. A total of twenty eight 105mm (HE) rounds were directed at the target area with a reported "good effect". Enemy casualties were not determined.

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b. At 272215H, G-2 reported that a GVN Popular Forces ambush element (parent organization not identified) received small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in DUONG LAM (3) hamlet, grid square (AT 9569). The report did not indicate the results of this action nor provide additional details. The report continued that (Popular Forces ?) security forces positioned at the pontoon bridge, coordinates (AT 946700), received one grenade in position. The report provided no additional information regarding this incident. The report also stated that one Viet Cong company was driven in the direction of the bridge (pontoon bridge ?) but gave no details of this engagement nor identified friendly forces involved. G-2 did not rate this report. S-2 rates it F-6.

c. At 280115H, the 3d ITT relayed information received from a Viet Cong Suspect during interrogation. According to the report, the suspect, who was apprehended by the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines on 26 February, stated that the Viet Cong had positioned mines (unidentified) in the area extending from the eastern edge of HA BANG and HA GIA hamlets, grid square (BT 1063) to the sea coast, and on three major trails (unspecified) leading from these hamlets inland (to the west). The report noted that Marines have recently operated in this area and have in fact detonated explosive devices in the locality indicated. The report was not rated.

(4) 3dBn 9thMar

a. At 270950H, Company I, participating in a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 066635), reported that an explosive device was detonated, resulting in one Marine WIA. The report provided no details as to the type of device encountered. Additional details will be provided when available.

b. At 271025H, Headquarters and Service Company Marines manning a check point at coordinates (BT 071708) reported apprehending one suspicious person (female). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that she lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the local District Headquarters for investigation.

c. At 271105H, the Battalion S-2 reported that Battery D had apprehended one Viet Cong Suspect at 261830H, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 067680) and had delivered the suspect to the battalion Command Post for interrogation and evacuation. The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he was observed loitering in the vicinity of the artillery position and it was noted that he appeared to be a stranger to 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 280215H, the Battalion S-2 provided a recapitulation of the results of the battalion (-) search and destroy operation conducted during the period 270600H - 271700H in the area bounded by coordinates (BT 053644), (BT 066644), (BT 072607), and (BT 083614). The report stated that Company I destroyed a total of eighty two bunkers, three CHICOM grenades (rigged with trip wires), six gates (believed to have been booby-trapped, but no secondary explosions reported), seventeen fighting holes, eleven tunnels, two what was described as Viet Cong meeting places (no description given), and three 105mm (dud) artillery rounds (found gathered together but the report did not indicate that the shells had been rigged so as to operate as mines. The report stated that Company I killed nine Viet Cong (body count), captured two (wounded) Viet Cong, and apprehended a total of thirty three Viet Cong Suspects in its operations. The report added that Company I also recovered a quantity of what was believed to be Viet Cong documents and clothing and would evacuate the material for evaluation. The report continued that at 270855H, Company L, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 053639), made contact with a Viet Cong force estimated as ten men. The report stated that the Viet Cong had been positioned in holes in the ground and attempted to flee upon the approach of the Marines. The Marines directed three 90mm (tank) canister rounds at the fleeing Viet Cong, killing four Viet Cong (body count), and probably wounding the other six Viet Cong. The report continued that at 271427H, Company L made contact with a Viet Cong force in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 068608). The report stated that the Marines killed one Viet Cong (body count) and captured three Viet Cong. The report noted that all four Viet Cong were armed with grenades, and wore cartridge belts. The report added that one Viet Cong directed the Marines to the hiding place of a carbine (unidentified). The report stated that Company L apprehended a total of sixteen Viet Cong Suspects during its operation. In addition, thirty four bunkers were destroyed by Company L Marines. (S-2 Comment: At the termination of this reporting period, communications difficulties had interfered with the receipt of additional information regarding this action. A more detailed report will be provided when information becomes 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	Cumulative
	<u>Reporting Period:</u>	<u>Since 10 Jul 65:</u>

KIA(Confirmed)	14	614
KIA(Possible)	0	835
VC Captured	3	12
VC Captured(WIA)	2	7
VC WIA(Possible)	6	196
VC Suspects Apprehended	51	1350
VC Rallyers(Since 21Jan66)	0	4

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

3 Shells, 105mm (dud) See 280215H entry, this INTSUM.
 3 Grenades, CHICOM -do-
 UNK Documents, (unevaluated) -do-
 1 Rifle, carbine(type not indicated) -do-

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

a. See 280215H 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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