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(4) S-4 Chronology
(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 Ninth Marines Command Chronology for period 1-31 January 1966 is submitted.

J. E. GORMAN

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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

2. Reporting Period. 1-31 January 1966

3. Date of Submission. 10 February 1966

4. Commanding Officer.

Colonel John E. GORMAN 1-31 January 1966

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

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

7. Staff Assignments.

a.	Executive Officer	1-31 Jan 1966	LtCol P. C. TRAMMELL
b.	S-1	1-31 Jan 1966	Capt H. B. WEST
c.	S-2	1-31 Jan 1966	Maj C. WARD
d.	S-3	1-21 Jan 1966 22-31 Jan 1966	Maj L. N. ANGELO Maj V. T. BLAZ
e.	S-4	1-31 Jan 1966	Maj R.E. BIDSON

8. Subordinate Commanders

a.	Headquarters Co	1-31 Jan 66	Capt L.D. DERRYBERR
b.	1st Battalion, 9th Mar	1-5 Jan 66 6-31 Jan 66	LtCol V.E. LUDWIG LtCol W.F. DOEHLER
c.	2d Battalion, 9th Mar	1-31 Jan66	LtCol W.F. DONAHUE
d.	3d Battalion, 9th Mar	1-31 Jan 66	LtCol W.W. TAYLOR
e.	3d Battalion, 3d Mar	1-31 Jan 66	LtCol J.W. DORSEY

9. Attachments.

a. Liaison Team, I Corps, RVN 1-31 Jan 1966

b. Interpreter Team, III MAF 1-31 Jan 1966

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10. Command and Control

a. The 3d Bn, 9th Marines was under operational control of III MAF as the DANANG Air Base Defense Battalion during the reporting period of 1-31 Jan 1966.

b. Units in direct support of 9th Marines

(1)	2d Bn (-)(Rein), 12th Marines	1-31 Jan 1966
(2)	Co B, 3d Tank Bn	1-31 Jan 1966
(3)	Co C, 3d AT Bn	1-31 Jan 1966
(4)	2d plt, Co B (-) 1st AMTRAC Bn	1-31 Jan 1966
(5)	3d plt, Co A, 3d MT Bn	1-31 Jan 1966

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1. Personnel

A. Monthly strengths (average)

MC Off	MC Enl	Navy Off	Navy Enl
137	4085	13	229

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b. Battle Casualties

184

Non-Battle Casualties

55

c. Rotation during month

MC Off	MC Enl	Navy Off	Navy Enl
9	194	0	7

d. Replacements received

MC Off	MC Enl	Navy Off	Navy Enl
11	462	1	5

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 — 4 Special Courts-Martial completed and 6 pending

Bn Cmdr OH — 37

Co Cmdr OH — 60

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

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

a. Morale in this command is considered to be good.

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 Manilla are considered adequate.

8. Chaplain Support, Religious Services, Schedules

a. The Regimental Chaplain provided Catholic Divine Services for the following units: Hq, 9th Marines; 2d Battalion, 9th Marines; 3rd Tank Battalion; 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines.

b. He celebrated a total of 13 masses on Sundays with an attendance of 594. 17 Masses were held during the weeks at various Regimental units. Attendance at these weekday services was 448.

c. 5 Protestant Divine Services were held on Sundays at the 9th Marines Headquarters. The average attendance was 17.

d. Religious Instructions were provided at three sessions held in the Chaplain's Office. Two training sessions were held for Mass Commentators.

e. The Chaplain visited Hoa Da Village to determine the needs of the refugee families there and left a small amount of food stuffs donated by 9th Marine Regiment personnel. He also visited Sacred Heart Orphanage in Danang.

f. The Chaplain's office has received several small packages of clothing from the families of 9th Marine Regiment Marines for use by needy Vietnamese. These packages were turned over to the Civil Affairs program.

g. The Chaplain departed Headquarters on 29 January for Operation "Double Eagle." He accompanied 2d Battalion, 9th Marines and was later assigned to "D" Medical Battalion located at the Beach Support Activity.

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 Jan 1966.

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1. Area of Operations.

NOTE: During the period covered by this report there was no change in the Tactical Area of Responsibility assigned this regiment. Paragraphs (a) and (b) below are quoted from the December 1965 Chronology for the convenience of individuals/organizations utilizing this report.

a. Location:

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

(2) The area of operation 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 one hundred twenty nine square miles.

(3) The area of operations includes an estimated population of one hundred sixty 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 commodity, 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 centers. Secondary roads/trails connect the populated areas but usually will accomodate only foot traffic or small "combat" vehicles.

(6) Although the area of operations is traversed north to south by a narrow gauge railroad, Viet Cong destruction of 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 five hundred twenty 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 CUA 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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c. 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, increased in frequency in the latter portion of January. Trafficability improved and, although road surfaces were frequently soft and erroded, all MSR's and most of the major secondary trails/roads were open to all normal traffic. (The exception continued to be the MSR in the 1st Battalion's Zone of Action where traffic along the MSR south of coordinates (BT 067670) remained restricted to tracked vehicles and pedestrians as the result of a persistent flooded condition).

(2) Weather Summary.

Number of days with measurable rainfall	12
Total rainfall received	3.17 in.
Maximum rainfall in a 24 hour period	.48 in.
Maximum temperature during reporting period....	84 degrees
Mimimum temperature during reporting period....	62 degrees
Average winds during reporting period.....	N-5 knots
Number of days with less than 5 miles visibility	16

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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Unit Designation	Estimated Strength	Location	Commanded By	Weapons	Validity
23d Bn	300	(AT 9965)	LE LUYEN	1-81mmMort 1-60mmMort 1-57mmRR 3-LMG's 15-AR's	Confirmed
R-20(MF)Bn	150	(AT9962)	UNK	1-81mmMort 1-60mmMort 1-57mmRR 2-MG's 54-AR's	Probable
Vol Bn	200	(BT0061)	DOAN QUANG TRACH	1-81mmMort 2-60mmMort 2-57mmRR 3-MG's	Possible
H-40 DIEN BAN (LF) Co (AKA) Q-15 Co	120	(BT0362)	PHAN AN NAM	1-81mmMort 1-60mmMort 18-SMG's 1-57mmRR 3-LMG's 15-AR's	Confirmed
343d MF Co (AKA)D-62	120	(AT9762)	SR. CAPT TRAN CAT	1-57mmRR 2-60mmMort 6-AR's 2-81mmMort	Confirmed
345th MF Co (AKA) D-63	120	(AT9359)	MAJ VODE	1-60mmMort 2-LMG's 1-57mmRR 1-81mmMort	Confirmed
Q-16-B (LF) Co	UNK	(BT0368)	UNK	1-60mmMort 2-.30 Cal MG	Probable
H-41 HOA HIEN LF Co (AKA) Q-16 Co	150	(BT0770)	NGUYEN DOA	1-60mmMort 1-57mmRR 30-SMG's 2-LMG's 7-AR's	Probable
U/I Guerr Co	100	(BT0665)	TUYEN	UNK	Probable
TWO U/I Co	UNK	(BT0964)	UNK	UNK	Possible
341st MF Co (AKA) R21 Co	120	(AT9562)	VOXUAN LAM	1-81mmMort 2-LMG's 2-60mmMort 3-AR's 1-57mmRR 1-PRC Radio	Possible
Q-15-B LF Co	90	(BT0060)	BO DE	1-60mmMort 5-AR's	Possible
13th MF Co	135	(BT0469)	PHAM DAI	2-60mmMort 8-AR's SMG's 17-Czech SMG's	Possible

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(2) Of the total forces shown in sub-paragraph (1) above, the maximum Viet Cong strength (less local guerrilla forces) believed to have been operating at any one time in the Ninth Marines TAOR during this reporting period was approximately 2100 men, organized into elements of 3 Battalions (approximately 1150 men), 8 separate companies (approximately 800 men), and several "special mission" units (approximately 200 men).

(3) Local guerrilla forces, organized in irregular units up to company strength (60-120 men), continued to operate in many sectors of the TAOR. There was no significant increase or decrease in what could be identified as guerrilla activity during the reporting period, although the incidence of contacts between friendly and enemy units displayed a substantial increase (see paragraph c. below). Local guerrilla strength is believed to have remained stabilized at approximately six hundred men, reflecting no material increase over previous reporting periods.

c. Tactics.

(1) A review made of all enemy contacts within the TAOR during this reporting period reflected a material increase in the number of incidents when compared to previous reports. Incidents ranging from one round of small arms sniper fire received from unseen Viet Cong, to major unit (company-sized or larger), contacts were compared, so as to provide a basis for evaluation. The following table graphically demonstrates this increase.

	DECEMBER	JANUARY	
Sniping incidents.....	90	99	10% increase
Small-unit contacts.....	81	134	65% increase
Major-unit contacts.....	2	1	50% decrease
Mortar activity.....	4	2	50% decrease
Mines and booby traps.....	13	37	~~66%~~ 184% increase

(2) This substantial increase in the number of enemy contacts is not believed to indicate a material influx of additional Viet Cong forces into the TAOR but rather to reflect increased USMC activities which produced these contacts. It is interesting to note that, while enemy casualties also reflected substantial increases (see paragraph 3.) friendly casualties increased at a significantly lesser rate.

(3) During the period covered by this report, the Viet Cong introduced for the first time into this area a medium-caliber (120[illegible])

mortar and employed it in an inconsequential attack of DA NANG Airbase on 25 January. While the employment of this type of weapon by the Viet Cong had been previously reported in other areas, this incident was the first time its' presence was confirmed in the DA NANG area and it provided the Viet Cong with a substantially increased mortar capability which the regiment must consider. This initial attack produced minimal results (no aircraft or major airfield facilities were destroyed or materially damaged and casualties as the direct result of 120MM mortar fire were few) and reflected what appeared to be hasty and inadequate planning and preparation. The introduction of this weapon was probably facilitated by decreased ARVN vigilance on road-blocks and similar control points during the TET celebration period (20-23 January), and what appeared to be its precipitate employment may indicate that the Viet Cong were not prepared to take advantage of the opportunity when it was presented. Some measure of the potential increased effectiveness that this weapon provides the Viet Cong can be ascertained by a comparison with the 82MM mortar, which was the largest mortar previously employed in this region:

CHARACTERISTICS 82MM MORTAR		CHARACTERISTICS OF 120MM MORTAR	
Caliber:	82mm	Caliber:	120mm
Operation:	Muzzle-loaded, fixed firingpin	Operation:	Muzzle-loaded fixed firingpin
Weight:	56.100 kg/123 lbs(in firing position)	Weight:	265.024kg/606 lbs (in firing positi
Elevation Limits:	45-85 degrees	Elevation:	45-80 degrees
Traverse Limits at 45 degrees:	3 degrees	Traverse:	3 degrees
Effective Range: HE:	3320 yds(max) 110 yds(min)	Range: HE:	6236 yds(max)
Rate of Fire:	25 rds pm	Rate of Fire:	15 rds pm
Sight:	Lens		

(4) While the steps taken by this regiment to nullify the threat that the 120MM mortar presented is properly part of the operational portion of this chronology (S-3), one aspect of that effort deserves commentary in this section. Within nine hours after word had been received that the Viet Cong had employed this new weapon, permission was received to publicize a VN$ 100,000 (approximately US$ 855) reward for information which would lead to the capture or destruction of the mortar. A total of one hundred thirty thousand leaflets announcing this reward were distributed during the next two days as well as frequent announcement via a loudspeaker-equipped helicopter made available by the First MAW. While this activity did

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not produce the mortar, it may invoke an increased reluctance on the part of the Viet Cong to hazard this weapon by employment in an area where such a considerable reward for its capture is offered. In this regard, an examination of the effects of a Viet Cong killed by the 1st Battalion during an action on 27 January revealed one such reward leaflet carefully hidden in an inner portion of the dead man's wallet. Some measure of the temptation that this reward must have offered can be inferred from the realization of the risks taken by this Viet Cong to pick up and retain this paper when the penalty prescribed by the Viet Cong leadership for such an infraction is known to be severe. The response by local villagers was also noteworthy, although the information they provided was unproductive.

3. Viet Cong Casualties.

a. Along with a substantial increase in the incidence of enemy contacts, there was a corresponding increase in enemy casualties. The below table, adjusted so as to reflect activities within the TAOR only (excludes casualties as the result of Operation "HARVEST MOON", 9-18 December 1965), illustrates this increase:

	DECEMBER	JANUARY
KIA(body count)	57	85
KIA(Possible)	20	102
VC Captured	17	37
VC Suspects Apprehended	38	187

4. Sources of Intelligence.

a. While reports of Viet Cong locations, displacements, strengths, and intentions were received with unabated frequency, usable information was the exception and the vagueness and inexactness of the majority of the reports denied confirmation. Reports of the influx of battalion and regimental-sized units continued to be received but could not be confirmed. Several reports were received of ARVN contacts with Viet Cong battalions in the areas to the south of the TAOR, and there is evidence of an increase in enemy strength in that area.

b. The most reliable source of usable intelligence information continued to be Marines in contact with the enemy. In addition to reports of Viet Cong strengths, weapons, locations, movement, and actions based on these contacts, the Marines also recovered documents and other material of intelligence value.

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5. Electronic Surveillance Devices.

a. During January, the regiment employed the following electronic devices, as indicated:

	AN/TPS-21	SID-150	INFRA-RED SIGHTING
Headquarters Co., 9thMar	2	8	6
1stBn., 9thMar	2	22	16
2dBn., 9thMar	2	45	15
3dBn., 9thMar	2	30	17
3dBn., 3dMar	2	30	16

6. Psychological Warfare.

a. The most significant psychological warfare activity in which the regiment was engaged during this reporting period was the program initiated to produce information which might result in the capture or destruction of the medium caliber (120mm) mortar employed by the Viet Cong during the attack on DA NANG Airbase on 25 January. While the actual discovery of the weapon was the primary purpose of this activity, a secondary product was the creation of possible distrust within the Viet Cong ranks itself that this considerable reward might prove sufficient temptation for the less resolute of the Viet Cong membership. In addition, the cooperation elicited from the local villagers may serve to encourage future collaboration and support.

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

Leaflets dropped	350,000
Leaflets handed out	5,000
Posters distributed	1,500
Audio Team presentations	16
Propaganda Section presentations	12

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S-3 CHRONOLOGY

1. NGU-HOANH-SON (Operation Five Mountains). The Ninth Marines continued to support Operation Five Mountains with Engineer support, security for pacification teams in various hamlets, medical aid, and various civil-affairs projects. Plans were made to begin work on the New Life Hamlet. The Ninth Marines will support its construction with any assistance requested by the Vietnamese. The pacification campaign chief stated that Phase I will terminate in May and then Phase II will commence.

2. Area of Operations. The 9th Marines operated within the assigned TAOR and on 31 January occupied positions as shown in Appendix A to Enclosure (3).

3. Significant Events.

1 Jan. Division Reserve Battalion (-) placed on four hour alert status for possible commitment in the HOI AN area.

3-4 Jan. Operation War Bonnet commenced at 030701H and secured 041131H. Total casualties from this operation were 1 VC KIA, two VC WIA and three USMC WIA. (SITREP # 3 and #4)

5-10 Jan. An extensive search and destroy operation was conducted in the CAM NE Complexes. The operation consisted of two companies and elements of the 59th RF Battalion and one company of the 3d Battalion, 51st ARVN Regiment. It resulted in the discovery of extensive tunnels, ambushes, spider traps, and fighting holes which were destroyed. (SITREP #5-10)

8 Jan. Company F, 2d Battalion conducted an extensive search and destroy operation resulting in a total of 12 VC KIA. Numerous fortifications were destroyed.

11 Jan. Company G, 2d Battalion participated in Operation Mallard. (SITREP #11)

15-17 Jan. The 2d Battalion conducted operation Big Lodge. (SITREP #15-17)

15 Jan. Sparrow Hawk is inaugurated (SITREP #17 and Enclosure 5). See Footnote.

17 Jan. A motorized column of seven 6x6 trucks carrying Company E, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines, made contact. No USMC casualties due to ambush and 8 VCS were apprehended in the three hour skirmish. (SITREP #17).

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23 Jan. Forward Battalions executed Hay Day on the night of 23 January. Maximum emphasis was placed on night ambushes.

25 Jan. 1st Battalion and MCB-9 received approximately 62 rounds of incoming mortar fire. 1st Battalion reacted by blocking off avenues of escape and by immediately saturating the area with patrols and ambushe activities. (SITREP #25)

27 Jan. Operation War Bonnet II conducted, resulting in 33 VCS, two VC captured and 15 bunkers destroyed in one day operation. (SITREP# 29).

29 Jan. Second Battalion, 9th Marines OPCON Task Force Delta for Operation Double Eagle.

30 Jan. Company E, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines engaged in extensive fire fight with estimated 50 VC. Eight confirmed VC KIA were the result of ground and air fire power. (SITREP# 30 & 31)

FOOTNOTE. The Sparrow Hawk Concept in the 9th Marines TAOR envisions the employment of a heliborne squad as a separate maneuver element against a small VC unit. The 22 man squad, armed with four M-72 Light Antitank weapons, one M-60 Light Machine Gun, one 3.5 Rocket Launcher, and one 60mm mortar, and transported by three UH-34 helicopters with two armed UH-1E's for support, is landed either behind or to the flank of the enemy in order to fix and destroy him. Presently the Sparrow Hawk squad is located near the Marble Mountain Air Facility and is available for use by any battalion in the 9th Marine TAOR. Since 15 January 1966 the squad has executed 12 missions and is credited with one VC KIA. It has been used primarily to block routes of withdrawal, to close avenues of escape, and to serve as a blocking force for other ground elements.

Appendix A – Operations Overlay [page 3-3]

LOGISTIC CHRONOLOGY

1. S-4 Journal. Attached as APPENDIX "A".

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

3. Herculite Fighting Hole Cover. This plastic fighting hole cover was evaluated by all Battalions of the 9th Marine Regiment and found to be a highly acceptable item with a minimum of modifications. Report was submitted to Division.

4. New 250 Man modified Mess Hall. Mess Hall was completed and put in use during this reporting period.

5. New Shower Facility. Shower building was started and will be completed by 5 February 1966.

6. Ordnance. Battalions have been having a few short rounds with mortar ammunition. Lots are being thoroughly checked and continuing action being taken to prevent future malfunctions.

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

8. Communications. Submitted separately by Regimental CommO.

9. Transportation. N/A.

10. Employment of Indigenous Personnel. RVN civilian war widows are employed as laundry girls. In addition, the Officers Mess and Staff NCO Club have hired women as waitresses.

11. Embarkation. A limited quantity of mount-out boxes have arrived and are being distributed to each Battalion. Regimental Headquarters does not have a school trained Embarkation Officer assigned.

APPENDIX "A" - Copies of S-4 Journal (Jan66)

ENCLOSURE (4)

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AIR SUPPORT CHRONOLOGY

1. Operational Highlights. Concept was developed and utilized where one rifle squad reinforced remains on 15 minute alert at Marble Mountain AF. This squad, utilizing 3 UH-34's and 2 UH-1E's, upon notification of small unit enemy contact, deploys to a predesignated set of coordinates via helicopter and acts as a blocking/pursuing force in order to maintain contact with the enemy. This concept is code worded "SPARROW HAWK". SPARROW HAWK was employed 8 times during January.

2. Facilities Provided.

(a) 9th Marines Headquarters provided one MRC-27 radio jeep and one PRC-10 for augmentation on Operation "BIG LODGE".

(b) 9th Marines continue to provide support for MAG-16 helicopters and personnel when dispersed from Marble Mountain AF.

3. Personnel and Equipment.

(a) Two FAC Teams from the 1st Air Naval Gunfire Company, FMFPAC were utilized periodically by 1/9, 2/9, and 3/3 during this period. These teams worked side by side with battalions' regular FAC Teams attaining on the job training. Upon reaching a state of readiness. The ANGLICO Teams were drawn back to 3d Division to be utilized on large scale operations.

(b) Radio Operations have reached a state of proficiency where all operators can efficiently operate all air nets guarded by the FSCC.

(c) MRC-27 radio jeep problems continue to remain prevalent. Engine and TRC-75 malfunctions are the most common trouble spots.

(d) 3 FAC Teams and 1 ALO TACP were detached to TF Delta for Operation "DOUBLE EAGLE".

4. Helicopter Support.

(a) Although helicopter control within the 9th Marines TAOR is improving, the problem of itinerant helicopters traversing the area still remain a small threat to safety. MAG-16 and the DASC have been repeatedly notified on this matter.

(b) Helicopters for general support has reached an all time low during January. Due to the inclement weather problem and higher priority assignments, support reached the critical stage numerous times this month.

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5. Close Air Support.

(a) TPQ-10 missions were flown for the first time this month. Results were very effective against trench lines and bunker installations south of 1/9's area of responsibility.

(b) Limited CAS was flown due to limited target abailability or low weather ceilings. Several napalm strikes were run with good effect on target. The main problem with napalm has been a high percentage of duds. MAG-11 has been notified of this problem.

6. Miscellaneous. A combined study group headed by BGen DOBSON, USA, from JCS visited the 9th Marines for a briefing/discussion of USMC close air support technique. Meetings were held at the Regimental CP followed by a visit to 2/9 CP where the group interviewed the Company Commander and FAC of Foxtrot Company which had recently utilized USMC CAS on an extensive Air Strike in support of a search and destroy mission.

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MEDICAL AND DENTAL CHRONOLOGY

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. None reported

3. Problem Areas. None reported.

4. MEDCAP.

(a) Treatment of 431 civilian Vietnamese patients in the village of Then Bin Thai accomplished by the medical section. The majority of complaints consisted of ulcerations, skin disorders. lacerations, upper respiratory infections, headaches, and vitamin deficiency.

(b) Monthly requisition for MEDCAP' supplies for use by the Ninth Marines submitted in accordance with current directives to III MAF Civil Affairs Officer. Upon receipt, the medical supplies were distributed to the medical officers of the 1st, 2d, and 3d Battalions, Ninth Marines, and 3d Battalion, 3d Marines according to their requirements.

5. Patient statistical data.

a. Number of patients seen - 110
b. Referrals to "C" Co, 3d Med Bn - 10
c. Consultations to "C" Co, 3d Med Bn - 3
d. Dental referrals - 12
e. Physical examinations - 10

f. Majority of treatment included skin disorders, diarrhea, upper respiratory infections & injuries. However, these disorders have not impaired functional capacity of the unit.

g. Number of emergency treatments and type:

(1) Fracture - 1
(2) Lacerations - 6
(3) Burn -1
(4) Sprain - 1
(5) Contusions - 4

6. Inoculations and prophylactic medicine administered.

a. Immunizations - 130
b. Malaria prophylactic - 1000

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COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS CHRONOLOGY

1. General. During the month of January the Regimental Communication platoon provided radio relay communications to distant outposts due to inability of subordinate units to maintain wire. Additional PU-422 generators were authorized for the support of the ground surveillance radar, AN/TPS-21. Three radio operators were sent TAD to one of the battalions to augment its needs in Operation Double Eagle. Twenty-two men were organized into an Infantry Platoon to be employed as bridge guard for a 20 day period. Wire lines were being installed to relieve existing radio relay shot between Regimental Hdq and Marble Mountain Complex.

2. Personnel. Though there are no critical shortages at present, the expected replacements for people due in February are not coming in. Shortages can be expected in 2531 and 2533 radio operators as well as 2511 wiremen.

3. Equipment. The authorization of two additional generators per AN/TPS-21 radar will insure greater operational use of this equipment. The Regimental Hdq now holds 3 AN/PRC-25 radios which provides a greater flexibility in quality communications support. Presently two of these radios are in direct support of this battalion engaged in Double Eagle while the third one is in operation on the Regimental Tactical Net.

4. Wire. An additional 52 miles of wire has been added to the Regimental Wire Sections system to parallel the Radio Relay link to Marble Mountain. This will insure more flexibility and reliability in the existing links to that battalion.

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ARTILLERY, NAVAL GUNFIRE AND FIRE SUPPORT CHRONOLOGY

1. New Developments: None.

2. Problem Areas

a. Coordination of artillery fire with aircraft continues to present problems. Progress has been made in that, through Division FSCC and DASC, we have been able to route helicopter flights through our TAOR so that artillery missions in progress have not been interrupted. Occasionally, however, intinerant flights enter our TAOR without checking in with the Air Liaison Officer to notify him of their presence. Fortunately, during this reporting period, this has not interferred with artillery fires, as artillery firing was not in progress at the time. But the failure to check in with the air liaison officer poses a potent. l threat to the safety of such aircraft.

b. MEDEVACS. Medevac helos are called for when there has been contact with Viet Cong units and friendly casualties have occurred Usually, as a result of the action, artillery fire support has been requested also. There still remains a problem of closer coordination between the medevac and the artillery mission. If the unit engaged does not have both a forward observer and a forward air controller, it has been almost impossible to cordinate effectively. The medevacs, or the fire mission may have to be effected by relaying through the next higher headquarters. As a result, closer control is impossible, and to be on the safe side, whenever a medevac is called for, they very quickly give cease fire on artillery. The effectiveness of the artillery support is thereby reduced, and the engaged unit is left without artillery support until the medevac is completed. When an FO and a FAC is with the unit, close coordination has approached acceptable levels of coordination. The best solution so far is to control both air and artillery at the Battalion FSCC level. However, the distance from the action limits their ability to provide the degree of coordination that is mandatory at the site of the engagement. A solution for maintaining positive control and coordination at the engaged unit level must be effected. As so many of our confrontations with the Viet Cong occur during squad patrols, the necessary means of control are not present with the unit, and must requests must be relayed.

3. Number and Type of artillery ammunition fired

105mm	5875 HE	191 WP	122 ILL
155mm	1096 HE	8 WP	0 ILL

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4. Number of missions, by type, fired.

a. Observed missions 12
Unobserved missions 2
H&I fires 746
Registrations 43

b. See Appendix I; Artillery missions recapitulated.

5. Naval Gunfire

a. During Operation War Bonnet (I), January 3 and 4, one DD was on station during daylight hours. No missions were fired.

b. During Operation War Bonnet (II), January 29, one DD was on station. No missions were fired.

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Appendix A (Artillery missions fired between 1-31 January 1966)

31 Dec

312320	(AT 941584)	A/W fire 6 rds 105. MG silenced. Obs.
312348	(AT 944577)	For ARVN 6 rds 105. No surv. Unobs mission

1 Jan

0001	(AT 943580)	For ARVN 12 rds 105. Obs mission. No surv.
0925	(AT 965646)	VC w/auto wpns 38 rds 105 firing ceased, good effect on target. Obs.

2 Jan

2035	(AT 967642) (AT 964633) (AT 974631) (AT 962623) (AT 952632)	Interdiction 6 rds of 105 HE on each target area. Unobs.
1700	(AT 980578)	For ARVN 18 rds 105 HE Unobs. No surv.
1723	(BT 013606)	Trench line 2 rds 155 HE AO obs. No surv.
1745	(BT 023603)	8 VC in open 26 rds 155 HE AO Obs. No surv.
1920	(AT 951650)	15 VC A/W fire 14 rds 105 HE excellant effect on TGT. FO Obs.

3 Jan

1700	(AT 980578)	Trenches/storage dump 18 rds 105. AO Obs. No surv.
1725	(BT 013606)	Trenches/storage area 2 rds 155 HE, 1 WP. AO Obs. No surv.
1745	(BT 023600)	8 VC in trench 26 rds 155 HE. AO Obs. No surv.
1910	(AT 971667)	A/W fire 29 rds 105 HE. FO Obs. No surv.
2125	(AT 949643) (AT 960641)	Susp VC Co For ARVN 18 rds 105 HE. Unobs. No surv.
0750	(BT 013606)	VC in treeline 8 rds HC smoke. 18 rds HE. AO Obs. No surv.
1011	(AT 952651)	3-4 VC snipers 26 rds 105 HE Excellant effect TGT. FO Obs.
1040	(AT 951650)	10 VC w/auto wpns 14 rds 105 HE excellant effect TGT Found blood and parts of body after moving into area. FO Obs.
1149	(AT 957650)	10 VC w/auto wpns. 27 rds WP weapons silenced, excellant effect on target. VC moved across river. No further surv. FO Obs.

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4 Jan

0729	(AT 967635)	10 VC in open	18 rds 105 HE good effect on target.	FC Obs
0755	(AT 967655)	VC in open	26 rds HE 105 excel effect on tgt.	FC Obs
0937	(AT 964642)	Sporadic S/A	2 rds HE 105 firing ceased.	FC Ob
1015	(AT 997646)	S/A fire	64 rds HE 105 good effect on target.	FC Ob
1110	(AT 956645)	S/A & Auto Wpn	68 rds HE 105 excel effect on tgt.	FC Ob

5 Jan

2123	(AT 953580)	Prop team W/VC CO	12 rds HE 105. No surv.	Army f/ARVN
2135	(AT 950578)	Prop team W/VC CO	12 rds HE 105. No surv.	Army f/ARVN
0927	(AT 959585)	VC working on road	16 rds HE 105. 2 bodies obs.	AO Obs
1020	(AT 993635)	Auto Wpn fire	4 WP, 20 HE 105. No surv.	FC Obs

6 Jan

0845	(AT 991624)	20 VC in open	28 rds HE 105. No surv.	AO Ob

7 Jan

1833	(BT 101657)	Susp VC	12 rds HE 105. No surv.	UnObs
	(AT 975597)	Susp VC	12 rds HE 105. No surv.	UnObs

8 Jan

0020	(BT 002607)	LZ prep fire	95 rds HE, 4 rds WP. No surv.	FC Ob
1045	(AT 999607)	VC S/A fire	4 rds HE. No surv.	FC Ob
1045	(AT 964593)	VC company	25 rds HE. No surv.	AO Ob
1216	(AT 959681)	10 VC	14 rds HE, 2 conf KIA, 8 poss KIA, several houses destroyed.	FC Ob
1242	(BT 019598)	30-40 VC	24 rds HE, No surv.	AO Ob
1620	(BT 020623)	S/A fire	38 rds HE, 2 WP. No surv.	FO Ob

9 Jan

2010	(AT 995596)	Susp VC Co	6 rds HE. No surv.	UnObs
2015	(BT 000590)	Susp VC Co	6 rds HE. No surv.	UnObs
2016	(BT 013597)	Susp VC Co	6 rds HE. No surv.	UnObs

10 Jan

2235	(BT 133634)	VC in open 7-8 boats.	8 rds of HE ill. No surv.	FC Obs
2330	(BT 130632)	S/A fire	7 rds ill, 4 rds duds. No surv.	AO Ob
0910	(AT 954639)	5 VC in open	Susp 1 KIA. 22 rds HE.	FC Ob
1440	(BT 103645)	VC firing across river	52 rds HE. Poss 5 KIA.	FO Ob

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11 Jan

1240	(BT 091637)	4-5 snipers in treeline	2 rds HE. No surv.	FO Obs.

12 Jan

0947	(BT 071240)	Machine gun	2 rds HE, 45 WP houses burning. Firing ceased.	Obs.
0947	(BT 06956255)	Auto Wpns	12 rds HE 16 rds WP. Trench line destroyed.	Obs.

13 Jan

NO SIGNIFICANT FIRE MISSIONS ON THIS DAY.

14 Jan

NO SIGNIFICANT FIRE MISSIONS ON THIS DAY.

15 Jan

2030	(AT 928544) (AT 938545) (AT 940556) (AT 936564) (AT 930555)	VC mortar and sniper fire	5 HE on each coord. total 25 HE. No surv.	UnObs, Rec by ARVN.
2120	(AT 928544) (AT 938545) (AT 940556) (AT 936564) (AT 930555)	VC mortar and sniper fire ceased	10 rds on each coord.	UnObs, Rec by ARVN
0728	(AT 970620)	Prep fire	50 HE No Surv	UnObs.
	(AT 970620)	Prep fire	15 HE No Surv	UnObs.
1205	(BT09876266)	6-7 VC w/auto wpns.	28 HE No Surv	FO Obs
0917	(AT98026251)	Susp VC	3 rds. No casualties.	FO Obs
1258	(BT 100630)	Heavy VC fire	20 HE 3-5 KIA.	FO Obs

16 Jan

0100	(AT 987682)	VC probe	13 rds ill.	FO Obs

17 Jan

0715	(BT04326060)	S/A fire	50 HE,6 WP. No surv.	FO Obs.
0958	(BT 090634)	VC in open and tree line.	16 HE, 6 WP. No surv.	FO Obs.

18 Jan

NO SIGNIFICANT FIRE MISSIONS ON THIS DAY.

19 Jan

1945	(BT00246588)	Susp VC	5 ill, 23 HE. No Surv	UnObs, ARVN

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20 Jan

1726	(AT98005765)	VC in trench line	2 houses destroyed, large secondary expl, unk casualties due to veg. 44 HE.	AO Ob
1825	(AT 976578)	Sampans	2 HE. No surv reported.	AO Ob
1833	(AT 976657)	Sampans	1 WP, No surv reported.	AO Ob

21 Jan
22 Jan CEASE FIRE, NEW YEARS.
23 Jan

24 Jan

2132	(AT99716651)	VC plt moving E.	32 rds HE. VC screaming heard.	Obs.
1406	(BT02916210)	Heavy sniper fire.	20 rds HE. Good eff on target.	FO Ob
1455	(BT02506269)	Heavy sniper fire	20 rds HE. Fair eff on target.	FO Ob

25 Jan

0045	(BT 050708)	VC mortar	1 HE. No Surv.	FO Ob
0107	(BT05587099)	VC mortars	7 ill at first coord, 4 HE at 2d	Obs.
	(BT05837093)		No Surv.	
0150	(BT05487085)	Ave of withdrawal	24 HE. No Surv.	UnOb
1640	(BT02336009)	VC firing at AO.	28 HE. 1 house burning.	AO C

26 Jan

1830	(AT98646032)	VC working on trench	54 HE. No KIA-WIA Observed. Excel eff on target.	AO O
1830	(BT02535924)	20 VC in trench	15 rds HE. Excel eff on target.	AO O

27 Jan

1247	(BT 065631)	VC in trench	28 rds HE. Rounds on target.	FO O

28 Jan

0855	(BT09616419)	VC in trench	14 WP, 28 HE. 1 WIA, 1 house burned	AO Ob

29 Jan

NO FIRES OF SIGNIFICANCE ON THIS DAY.

30 Jan

2000	(BT 004615)	Susp VC Bn.	3 ill. No Surv.	AO Ob
2015	(BT 003629)	Susp VC Co.	4 ill at 1st coord, 2 ill at 2d.	AO Ob
	(BT 018605)		No Surv.	
1125	(AT 993623)	20 VC.	2 HE. No Surv.	AO Ob

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1618	(AT 999580)	VC Company	56 HE. Good effect on target.	AO Obs

31 Jan

1415	(AT 998576)	VC in open.	36 HE, 26 WP, ARVN patrol found shoes, clothing, ammo, hand gren.	AO Obs

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

The following documents are submitted with the original copy of the Ninth Marines Command Chronology for January 1966.

TAB

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(5) 2d Bn, Command Chronology Jan 1966 (to be issued)

(6) 3d Bn, 3d Marines Command Chronology Jan 1966

(7) 9th Marines Frag Order 1-66 through 5-66

(8) 9th Marines Situation Reports 1-31 Jan 1966 (original only) #8 NIF

(9) 9th Marines Msg 280749 Z Subj: Alert Company in Support Operation Double Eagle

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #1, Period ending 012400H, January 1966

Encl: (1) Information Report on Viet Cong campaign "Victorious Spring"
(2) Information Report on Viet Cong located at NHI DINH hamlet
(3) Information Report on Viet Cong Guerrilla Platoon at PHU PHONG

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather.

(a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve (12) hours by Regimental S-2.

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
02 Jan	0652	0715	1826	1346	1409	0211	1/2

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO(river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), and the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 063850), the USAF Troposcatter site on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 068853), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708). Company D provided security for the Marble Mountain Air Facility.

a. Late Report: At 312155H, a Company A ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 053743) reported apprehending three males who blundered into the ambuscade. The report stated that the males were not armed and offerred no resistance to apprehension. One of the males lacked adequate identification. The suspects were evacuated to HOAVANG District Headquarters for investigation.

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b. At 011110H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 056640) reported receiving an estimated thirty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of a pagoda, at coordinates (BT 057636). One Marine was WIA. The patrol directed approximately two hundred small arms rounds, five 40mm(M-79) rounds, and one 3.5 inch rocket round at the Viet Cong positions and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report indicated that the area was not searched by the Marines and enemy casualties were not determined. (S-2 comment: The Battalion S-2 stated that the pagoda was not damaged by the Marines' fire).

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to defend the central portion of the Regimental TAOR from, and including, the SONG VINH DIEN(river), west to, and including, the railroad embankment, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707); and provided one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in the vicinity of MIEU DONG (1), coordinates (BT 017668).

a. At 011205H, a Company F squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of HA DONG village, coordinates (AT 997643) reported destroying a booby-trap positioned in a hedgerow at coordinates (AT 996642), and a second booby-trap rigged on a gate at coordinates (AT 997642). The report stated that the booby-traps were believed to have been constructed of a small quantity of black powder explosive encased in a bamboo tube. The detonating device (fuze) could not be determined. One Marine was reported wounded by fragments when the booby-traps were being destroyed. The report added that a tunnel was discovered at coordinates (AT 994643), and a second tunnel discovered at coordinates (AT 998644). The report did not indicate the lengths of the tunnels but added that the tunnels were reinforced with railroad ties. The patrol destroyed the tunnels by demolitions. (No secondary explosions were observed).

(3) 3dBn, 3dMar. Continued to defend the western portion of the Regimental TAOR from, but not including, the railroad tracks west to, but not including, the road passing MIEU DUC District Headquarters, coordinates (AT 942689). Company I provided security for ASP #1, coordinates (AT 985733).

a. At 010400H, Company L reported receiving one small arms round within the company C.P. position, coordinates (AT 962660). The enemy position could not be discerned, and the fire was not returned. No casualties were reported.

b. At 011810H, the Battalion S-2 provided additional details and clarifying information regarding a series of Company M engagements which occurred during the period 010905H-011030H. The reports, shown below, are grouped by participating elements as well as by general chronology.

b. At 010915H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 959657) reported receiving an estimated one hundred small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 958657). The Marines directed approximately one hundred fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. No casualties were reported.

a. At 010945H, this same patrol, now operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 955648), reported receiving an estimated seventy five small arms

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rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 956646). The Marines directed ten 60mm mortar rounds and one hundred rounds small arms fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the south. The report stated that one Viet Cong was observed falling, as if struck by the Marines' fire, and later sighted being dragged by his companions into a canefield as they withdrew. One Marine was WIA. Enemy casualties were estimated to be at least one WIA.

d. At 011000H, this patrol, continuing it's route and now at coordinates (AT 956643), reported finding a large concentration of panji stakes, averaging three feet in length. The report stated that approximately two hundred panji stakes were positioned in this location. The report continued that numerous trenchlines were discovered in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 956648), (AT 960645), (AT 959649), and (AT 961653). The report added that the trenchlines (all located in cane fields) averaged three (plus) feet in depth and two feet in width. The total length of the trenchlines was not provided. The report indicated that the panji stakes and trenchlines were not destroyed, but would be destroyed at a more opportune time.

e. At 010905H, a Company M platoon, positioned at the platoon patrol base, coordinates (AT 970648), reported receiving an estimated two hundred small arms rounds from an estimated four to six Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 966 648). The Marines directed approximately two hundred fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

f. At 010915H, this platoon, still occupying the patrol base, reported receiving approximately ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong located at widely separately positions, at coordinates (AT 975645), (AT 968646), and (AT 967648). The Marines directed small arms fire at the enemy positions, but the Viet Cong fire continued sporadically until 011030H. No casualties were reported.

g. At 010930H, a Company M patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 975645), reported observing four Viet Cong, described as wearing dark gray uniforms, moving in a canefield at coordinates (AT 972645). (The report did not indicate whether the Viet Cong were armed or the basis for the identification). The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds at the Viet Cong location and the Viet Cong force fled to the south. No casualties were reported.

h. At 010940H, a Company M patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 972646), reported receiving an estimated seventy five small arms rounds from three Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 967647). The Marines directed approximately one hundred fifty small arms rounds and two 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and two Viet Cong were observed falling as if struck by the Marines' fire. At least four other Viet Cong were sighted attempting to retrieve the fallen Viet Cong and artillery was requested to interdict the area. Thirty eight 105mm artillery rounds were directed at the enemy position, and, upon the conclusion of the artillery mission, the Viet Cong had broken contact. The report stated that a search of the vacated Viet Cong positions revealed large amounts of blood, what was described as a wrapper for a U.S. manufactured medical dressing (gauze), and indications that bodies had been dragged from the area. The report estimated that at least one Viet Cong KIA and one Viet Cong WIA resulted from this action. No Marine casualties were reported. The report added that, at approximately 011100H, this same patrol discovered a trenchline (length not indicated) at coordinates (AT 971646) which appeared to have been recently excavated.

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At 011715H, a Company D patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 955672). The report stated that the suspect attracted the attention of the Marines by his unusually neat appearance, and closer scrutiny revealed that his physical make-up, especially his hands, was unlike that of a field worker. The report added that the suspect gave the appearance of being approximately thirty years of age, but his identification card stated he was fifty five, giving rise to the suspicion that his credentials were bogus. The suspect was evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

j. At 012230H, a Company M element positioned at a listening post at coordinates (AT 971663) reported that approximately forty Viet Cong, described as armed and wearing black clothing, passed the listening post position within ten meters without detecting the Marines. The report stated that the Viet Cong were headed in a westerly direction.

k. At 011915H, Company M reported receiving a heavy volume of small arms automatic and semi-automatic fire in the company C.P. positions, from a Viet Cong force estimated as approximately ninety men who maneuvered within close range. The report stated that the First Platoon, positioned at coordinates (AT 963660) received an estimated two hundred small arms rounds from an estimated twenty Viet Cong, armed with small arms and automatic weapons (to include one belt-fed machine gun), located to the northeast and southeast at approximately one hundred meters range. The Second Platoon, positioned at coordinates (AT 973662), received a heavy volume of small arms fire from an estimated thirty five Viet Cong who approached to within fifty meters of the southeast portion of the platoon's perimeter. The Third Platoon, positioned at coordinates (AT 971662), reported receiving approximately one hundred fifty small arms automatic and semi-automatic weapons fire (to include at least two machine guns) from an estimated thirty five Viet Cong located to the southeast at less than one hundred meters range. The Marines delivered a heavy volume of small arms fire (estimated as five thousand rounds) at the attacking Viet Cong, effectively halting forward movement. Illumination was requested, and the area was illuminated by six 81mm illumination rounds. The report stated that the Viet Cong broke contact when what was described as white parachute flares (a total of five in number) were fired, presumably by the Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported. Viet Cong casualties were not determined. A total of thirty 105mm HE artillery rounds were directed against probable Viet Cong withdrawal routes.

l. At 012225H, a Company L ambush (squad-sized) element positioned at coordinates (AT 948674) reported making contact with a seven man Viet Cong force. The report stated that the Marines withheld fire until the Viet Cong were at approximately ten meters range, then directed a heavy volume of fire to include five hundred sixty rounds of small arms automatic and semi-automatic fire, twenty 40mm(M-79) rounds, one LAW(M-72), and one fragmentation grenade (M-26). The report did not estimate the volume of Viet Cong fire but indications were that it was ineffective, due to the intensity of the Marines' fire. The report indicated that the area was illuminated by a total of ninety five 81mm mortar illumination rounds to allow the Marines to pursue the Viet Cong attempting to flee the ambush. Two Viet Cong were killed (body count), and four other believed wounded. The report stated that one

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U.S. Pistol, caliber .45, one U.S. (M-26) grenade, one CHICOM grenade, and assorted papers and documents (including what was described as a "new" GVN identification card) was retrieved from the Viet Cong bodies and the site of the ambush. No Marine casualties were reported.

(4) Special Reports.

a. At 012030H, G-2 relayed a report from First Battalion, First Marines, that one Viet Cong battalion, identified as the 44th Viet Cong Battalion, is located within a four thousand meter radius of grid square (AT 9863). The report stated that this battalion has an anti-aircraft capability (additional information not provided). The report added that reports of this battalion's presence at the location indicated have recently been received from five independent sources. The report was rated F-3. (S-2 rates it F-3).

b. At 012145H, G-2 relayed a report from First Battalion, First Marines, that a Viet Cong battalion, identified as the 44th Battalion is operating in PHU SON (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 943652). The report stated that this unit is composed of both North and South Vietnamese soldiers and has been augmented by local guerrilla forces. The report continued that, on 1 January, approximately seventy members of this battalion were located in LA CHAU (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 944685), and approached to within two hundred meters of the pontoon bridge located at coordinates (AT 947699) so as to observe USMC activities. The report stated that the Viet Cong battalion is equipped with three mortars (type and caliber not indicated), two machine guns, automatic rifles, three rocket launchers, and small arms. The report added that this battalion plans to attack the pontoon bridge and USMC forces positioned at Hill 22 (date/time not known). The report was not rated by G-2. (S-2 rates it F-3. See 012030H entry, this INTSUM).

c. At 012150H, G-2 relayed a report from First Battalion, First Marines regarding the location of three enemy battalions. The report stated that the three battalions, identified as the 42d, 43d, and 44th battalion(see 012030H, and 012145H entries, this INTSUM), comprise one regiment,(designation not provided). The report stated that the 42nd Battalion is located in the vicinity of grid square (AT 8382); the 43rd Battalion is located in the vicinity of grid square (AT 7969); and the 44th Battalion is located in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9863). (This 012150H report also included the information that a Viet Cong Regimental Headquarters and one Viet Cong battalion is located at coordinates(AT 970690). Medical personnel , to include doctors and nurses, are reported to be with the battalion. This latter information appears to be a separate report, included with the report of the three enemy battalions, to facilitate dissemination). G-2 rated the report F-3. (S-2 comment: Previous reports regarding the 44th Battalion have indicated that it is a PAVN unit. The 42nd Battalion has been previously reported, but identification was incomplete. The 43rd Battalion has not previously appeared on the Order of Battle listing maintained by the Ninth Marines. There have been recent reports of a PAVN regiment displacing to QUANG NAM Province, but confirmation is lacking. The presence of the 44th Battalion in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9863) is rated F-3. That portion of the report regarding the 42nd and 43rd Battalions is rated F-6. The report of a Viet Cong Regimental Headquarters and a Viet Cong battalion at coordinates (AT 970690) is doubtful, rated F-4).

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

D. Viet Cong casualties:

	For 24 Hourt Reporting period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA(Confirmed)	2	412
KIA(Possible)	1	160
VC Captured	0	165
VC Captured(WIA)	0	3
VC WIA(Possible)	6	29
VC Suspects	1	939

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material: The following material was destroyed by 2ndBn, 9thMar.

2 - Boobytraps(identified as black powder explosive encased in a bamboo tube) (AT 996642)(AT 997642) (see 011205H entry, this INTSUM)

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications: The following positions were destroyed by 2ndBn, 9thMar.

2 - Tunnels(size and extent not indicated) (AT 994643) (AT 998644) (See 011205H entry, this INTSUM)

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INFORMATION REPORT

To: Lt. Col., QUANG NAM Province Chief

From: QUANG NAM Census Grievance Studies Center , dated 27 Dec 1965

TIME AND DATE OF DISPATCH OF INFORMATION: 10:00 hours, 27 Dec 1965
TIME AND DATE OF RECEPTION OF INFORMATION: 08:00 hours, 26 Dec 1965
SOURCE: By Secret Agent 34/517
TYPE OF INFORMATION: Viet Cong Plan of Action
VALUE: B/2
TEXT:

According to information of Secret Agent RV 210 in the enemy area, the Viet Cong have recently declared in NAM KHAI DONG hamlet, HOA LONG township, HOA VANG District, that they will launch a campaign called "Victorious Spring", and forced the people to participate in this campaign as follows:

1. Each family should dig communication trenches and build combat fences.
2. Gardens and houses should be abandoned when GVN or US troops conduct raids.
3. The people are prohibited to contact GVN and US troops and cadre.
4. The people should compete in the efforts of keeping secrecy and keeping watch of spies. The Viet Cong force the people to run and shout "Big Waves" if GVN troops launch operational forces in areas along the coast and shout "Cattle Jumps" if GVN operational forces enter land-locked areas and the people should leave their houses and run for secret caves when hearing the above signals.

According to the Source, the Viet Cong will use NAM KHAI DONG hamlet, HOA LONG Township and XUAN TRA CHAU hamlet, HOA HAI Township, HOA VANG District, as base areas to launch attacks on HOA DA, HOA LONG, HOA PHUNG, HOA HAI, and HOA LAN townships during the Lunar New Year.

COLLATION: Information has been verified by C/G Secret Agent.

C/G OPINIONS: It is suggested that the Lt. Col inform HOA VANG District authorities and Headquarters of the NGU HANH SON Campaign to work out counter measures.

Acting Chief,

NGO HAI QUANG

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HAND-CARRIED MESSAGE

To: Lt. Col., QUANG NAM Province Chief

From: QUANG NAM Census Grievance Studies Center, dated 25 December 1965

FOR INFO: Security Bureau, QUANG NAM Province Headquarters
C/G Advisor, DA NANG

One guerrilla company and two Provincial Main Force companies, clad in yellow khaki and green fatigue and red-blue scarfs, are located at NHI DINH hamlet, KY NGOC township, DIEN BAN District, coordinates (BT 020573). The company commander, one TRAN NGO and Medic PHAN are recognized.

It is possible that the Viet Cong will round up people in KY NGOC and VINH HOA townships to hold a meeting on 25 December 1965 night to celebrate their victory in VINH HOA. The source also confirms that they are planning to attack BINH LONG outpost in the near future. Preventive measures should be taken.

Acting Chief,

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INFORMATION REPORT

To: Lt. Col., QUANG NAM Province Chief

From: QUANG NAM Census Grievance Studies Center

TIME AND DATE OF RECEPTION OF INFORMATION: 22 December 1965
SOURCE: By Secret Agent 37/790
VALUE: B/3
TEXT:

A guerrilla platoon with a strength of thirty six men is under the command of DUONG KHOI. This guerrilla platoon is of PHU PHONG township. This unit has four female nurses and four Popular Forces soldiers of PHU PHONG township who have deserted.

Weapons: One automatic rifle, four Russian-made rifles, three Czech-made sub-machine guns, six carbines, two garants, and assorted rifles and a large quantity of grenades.

This platoon often takes shelter at coordinates (BT 036540), CAM LAU TAY, and usually deploys to coordinates (BT 060559), PHUONG TRA sand dune, to hold study sessions, as this platoon did at 11:00 hours, 20 December 1965.

COLLATION: C/G Secret Agent in enemy area has verified the information to be true.

C/G OPINIONS: It is reported to the Lt. Col., Province Chief, for information.

TIME OF DATE OF DISPATCH OF INFORMATION: 10:00 hours, 27 December 1965

Acting Chief,

NGO HAI QUANG

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

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022400H JAN 1966

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #2, Period ending 022400H, January 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather.

(a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve (12) hours by Regimental S-2.

(b) With the exception of that portion of the First Battalion MSR south of coordinates (BT 078608), which is open to tracked vehicles and foot travel only, all MSR and major roads and trails within the TAOR are open and free of restriction. With the cessation of the heavy rains, the condition of secondary trails has improved, allowing greater latitude for movement.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
03 Jan	0653	0716	1827	1428	1451	0303	3/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO(river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), and the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 063850), the USAF Troposcatter site on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 068853), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708). Company D provided security for the Marble Mountain Air Facility.

a. Late Report. At 011800H, a Company C platoon enroute to a platoon patrol base reported receiving approximately ten small arms rounds when it reached coordinates (BT 052662) from Viet Cong located at coordinates (BT 050660). The Marines returned approximately seventy five small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

b. At 011815H, this same platoon, having reached coordinates (BT 051660) on its movement to the patrol base, reported receiving four small arms rounds from

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Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 050658). The Marines directed two 3.5 inch rocket rounds, two 40mm(M-79) rounds, seven 81mm mortar HE rounds, and approximately one hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

c. At 011825H, this platoon, continuing its displacement and now in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 051657) reported receiving several small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 048654) and (BT 055653). The Marines directed three 81mm mortar rounds and approximately two hundred small arms rounds at the enemy positions and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. The report added that the platoon apprehended one suspicious male at coordinates (BT 051677) when it was observed that he had sustained a recently inflicted gunshot wound. The suspect was evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

d. At 021015H, a Company B patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 088658) when he and an unidentified companion attempted to flee when they sighted the approach of the Marine patrol. The report stated that the Marines warned the fleeing suspects to halt, then fired two small arms rounds over the heads of the pair. One suspect halted and was apprehended. The second suspect escaped apprehension. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

e. At 021115H, Company D reported apprehending two suspicious males at coordinates (BT 071702) when the HOA HAI Village Chief pointed them out to the Marines as Viet Cong. The report stated that one of the suspects was wearing an ARVN field uniform and claimed to be an ARVN soldier. The suspects were evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters when they failed to provide convincing information during interrogation.

f. At 021630H, Company B reported that Marines clearing a portion of road in the vicinity of VIEM DONG village, coordinates (BT 090658) detonated a mine, resulting in one Marine KIA. The report stated that the mine appeared to have consisted of two 105mm artillery shells(duds), rigged with a pressure-type fuze device.

(2) 2nd8n, 9thMar. Continued to defend the central portion of the Regimental TAOR from, and including, the SONG VINH DIEN(river), west to, and including, the railroad embankment, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707); and provided one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in the vicinity of MIEU DONG (1), coordinates (BT 017668).

a. At 021315H, a Company F patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 994634) reported receiving five small arms sniper rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 991633). The Marines directed seventeen small arms rounds at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The report added that the area of the Viet Cong position was not searched. No casualties were reported.

b. At 021600H, a Company F patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 991633) reported receiving approximately fifty small arms rounds from an

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estimated four Viet Cong armed with automatic and semi-automatic weapons positioned at coordinates (AT 985635). The patrol directed approximately fifty small arms rounds at the enemy fire and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The patrol continued its route, and, a short time later, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 991635), reported receiving an additional ten small arms rounds from the same positions from which the first fire has been received. The patrol directed sixty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire again terminated. No casualties were reported. The Battalion S-2 commented that the patrol could not close with the Viet Cong position because of an intervening body of water(SONG BAU XAU). The report added that numerous holes and trenches were observed along the patrol route.

c. At 022030H, a Company F platoon located in DUONG SON (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 995670), reported receiving three small arms rounds from the direction of coordinates (AT 995663). The Marines directed one 40mm(M-79) round, and eight small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. No casualties were reported.

d. At 022200H, Company F reported that Marines manning an observation post at coordinates (AT 996646) observed two men to north at close range firing into TAN HANH hamlet, coordinates (AT 996654). The Marines directed one 40mm(M-79) round and one rifle grenade at the Viet Cong and reported observing one Viet Cong fall, as if wounded. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties are estimated as <u>one possible Viet Cong WIA</u>.

(3) <u>3dBn, 3dMar</u>. Continued to defend the western portion of the Regimental TAOR from, but not including, the railroad tracks west to, but not including, the road passing HIEU DUC District headquarters, coordinates (AT 942689). Company I provided security for ASP #1, coordinates (AT 985733).

a. <u>Late Report</u>. At 011915H, a Company L platoon positioned at coordinates (AT 962660) reported receiving an estimated thirty rounds automatic and semi-automatic small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 957656) and (AT 961657). The Marines did not return the fire as the enemy fire was not repeated and the exact Viet Cong positions could not be determined. One USMC WIA was reported.

b. <u>Late Report</u>. At 012225H, Company M reported that the Third Platoon, positioned at coordinates (AT 971661), had received an estimated eighty rounds small arms fire from an estimated twelve Viet Cong positioned approximately one hundred meters to the southeast. The Marines directed approximately one hundred rounds small arms fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

c. <u>Late Report. Additional Information</u>. At 021815H, the Battalion S-2 provided additional details and clarifying information regarding a Company L engagement originally reported as entry 012225H, INTSUM #1. The Battalion S-2 stated that at 012225H, a Company L ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 948684) made contact with at least seven Viet Cong who entered into the ambuscade. The Marines withheld their fire until the Viet Cong had approached within ten meters, then directed one hundred fifty rounds small arms fire at the enemy and observed two Viet

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Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. Having compromised their position, the Marines moved two hundred meters to the north where they observed the Viet Cong regrouping. The Marines directed approximately two hundred rounds small arms fire at the enemy group and observed at least six fall as if struck by the Marine fire. A search of the area revealed two Viet Cong KIA(body count). Large blood pools gave indications of additional casualties. While searching the area the Marines were taken under small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned one hundred meters to the west. The Marines directed one hundred fifty rounds small arms fire at the Viet Cong but were forced to return to their patrol base because of a shortage of ammunition. One U.S. caliber .45 pistol, one CHICOM grenade, and three U.S.(M-26) grenades, and documents were taken from the dead Viet Cong and evacuated to the S-2 for evaluation. No USMC casualties were reported. Two Viet Cong KIA(body count), four probable Viet Cong KIA, and six probable Viet Cong WIA were reported. (S-2 comment: In all these reports the volume of enemy fire is not indicated. Indications are that the Viet Cong fire was ineffectual and the volume of fire never became heavy).

d. Late Report. At 012230H, a Company M ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 973656) reported making contact with four Viet Cong who entered the ambush site. The Marines directed twenty rounds small arms fire at the enemy, killing one Viet Cong(body count). The report did not state whether the Viet Cong returned the Marines' fire. No USMC casualties were reported.

e. At 020730H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending one suspicious person at coordinates (AT 956665) when a routine examination revealed he lacked adequate identification. The suspect was evacuated to HIEU DUC District Headquarters for investigation.

f. At 021045H, the Battalion S-3 reported that a local villager(s) from LA BONG area(additional identification not provided) informed a member of a GVN People's Action Team (pacification cadre) that, during the night of 2-3 January, Viet Cong will direct mortar fire at AN TRACH (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 969664). The report continued that three hundred Viet Cong,(one Viet Cong company augmented by local guerrilla force) will attack AN TRACH (1) hamlet on 5 January 1966. The report stated that the Viet Cong will attack from the north-northwest in several attacking waves, and overrun USMC positions in that locality. The report was unevaluated. (S-2 rates it as F-6).

g. At 021245H, a Company M platoon positioned at coordinates (AT 963 660) reported receiving an estimated thirty rounds small arms fire from four Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 961653). The Marines directed eight 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

h. At 021250H, a Company L patrol reported detonating a booby-trap at coordinates (AT 954651). The booby-trap was described as being a M-26 grenade with a trip wire across the trail. One USMC WIA was reported.

i. At 021930H, Company M reported receiving four small arms rounds in position at coordinates (AT 969663) and (AT 974663) from Viet Cong positioned at

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coordinates (AT 967669) and (AT 975664). The report stated that the Marines did not return small arms fire, but requested artillery fire be directed at the Viet Cong positions. A total of twenty nine 105mm artillery rounds were directed at coordinates (AT 971667) and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. No casualties were reported. (S-2 comment: FSCC stated that the target was initially described as a treeline position from which a heavy volume of automatic weapons fire was emanating).

j. At 022218H, a Company I security element positioned in a blocking position on the SONG CAU DO(river), coordinates (AT 971699) reported a small boat approached the vicinity of the Marines' position and was taken under fire. The report did not indicate the total number of occupants but stated that one Viet Cong attempted to abandon the boat and was hit by the Marines' fire. The report added that the boat continued to drift down the river beyond the range of the Marines' weapons. No Marine casualties were reported. Viet Cong casualties were estimated as one possible Viet Cong KIA.

(4) Special Reports.

a. At 021140H, the Ninth Marines Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th GVN Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at MIEU BONG reported that a member of the pacification cadre (further identification not provided), stated that, on 31 December, two Viet Cong companies (strength and designation not provided) displaced from SON GA (does not appear on current operational maps) to BICH BAC hamlet area, coordinates (AT 986634). The report also stated that all the Viet Cong guerrillas operating within DIEN BAN District are presently assembling at THANH SON village, coordinates (AT 973630), and will initiate a campaign of harassing HOA THAI and HOA DA villages. The report was rated C-2 by the 59th GVN Regional Force Battalion. (S-2 rates it F-3).

b. At 021810H, an Aerial Observer operating within the TAOR reported to FSCC that he observed what he described as "Viet Cong in the open" (number not indicated) at coordinates (BT 023603). Twenty six 105mm artillery rounds were directed at the area, and the observer commented that the rounds were on target and the Viet Cong were dispersed. No casualties were indicated.

c. At 021945H, the USMC Liaison Officer at HOA VANG District Headquarters reported that one Viet Cong Battalion (designation not provided) is located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 960653) and (AT 953650). The report continued that one Viet Cong company is located at DIEN SON hamlet (does not appear on current operational maps), which the report stated is in THANH SON village area, grid square (AT 9761). The report stated that this company is equipped with one 81mm mortar, one 60mm mortar, machine guns, and small arms. The report added that the mission of this unit is to attack USMC elements positioned at the schoolhouse in HOA LOI village, grid square (AT 9766), or to attack ARVN forces operating in the vicinity of QUA GIANG village complex, grid square (BT 0165). The report was rated B-2. (S-2 rates it F-3).

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d. At 022035H, the Second Battalion, Ninth Marines S-2 reported that an unidentified member of the GVN Pacification Cadre operating in LA BONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 976674), stated that, at 021400H, one Viet Cong guerrilla platoon displaced to LE SON (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 976647). The report indicated that this platoon has a strength of thirty men, and has the mission of harassing USMC forces operating in the vicinity of AN TRACH (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 965662). (The report also stated that one hundred thirty men (presumably Viet Cong) are located in LA BONG (1) hamlet, but this portion of the report appears unrelated to the balance of the report and may have been erroneously transcribed). The report continued that two "assassination" teams, composed of three men each, have moved into the area to attack (the report stated "snipe at") Marines in the AN TRACH area. The report stated that the villagers of THANH SON village, coordinates (AT 973630), are constructing and assembling stretchers to transport wounded. The report added that the Viet Cong will direct 60mm mortar fire against AN TRACH tonight (2-3 January). The Battalion S-2 rated this report F-3. (S-2 comment: Evaluation of the balance of this report could await the results of the predicted mortar attack on AN TRACH, but S-2 rates the entire report F-3).

e. At 022105H, the FSCC reported that a U.S. Army Advisor assigned to an ARVN force (unidentified but believed to have been the 51st ARVN Regiment) requested that artillery fire be directed against a reported Viet Cong company located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 949643) and a second company reported located at coordinates (AT 960641). Thirty six 105mm artillery rounds were directed at the targets, with undetermined results (the mission was unobserved).

f. At 022[illegible]5H, the Ninth Marines Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th GVN Regional Forces Battalion Headquarters at MIEU BONG reported that a company of the 51st ARVN Regiment made contact with an undetermined number of Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 973690). The report provided no additional details of the action.

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

D. Viet Cong casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA(Confirmed)	1	413
KIA(Possible)	7	167
VC Captured	0	165
VC Capturd(WIA)	0	3
VC WIA(Possible)	3	32
VC Suspects	1	940

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material: The following material was captured by 3dBn, 3dMar.

1 - Pistol,US,caliber .45, model 1911A1 (Ser. No. 1079146) (AT 948674) (See 012225H entry, INTSUM #1)

1 - CHICOM grenade(AT 948674) (See 012225H entry, INTSUM #1)

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1 - Wallet, with papers (AT 948674) (See 012225H entry, INTSUM #1)

1 - Magazine, caliber .45 (AT 948674) (See 012225H entry, INTSUM #1)

1 - Bag, with papers (AT 948674) (See 012225H entry, INTSUM #1)

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

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

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #3, Period ending 032400H, January 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather.

(a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve (12) hours by Regimental S-2.

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
04 Jan	0653	0716	1828	1851	1538	0400	3/A

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO(river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), and the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 063850), the USAF Troposcatter site on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 068853), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708). Company D provided security for the Marble Mountain Air Facility.

a. At 030535H, Company B, (OPCON 2ndBn, 9thMar for Operation WAR BONNET), reported that a tank detonated a mine at coordinates (BT 090640) resulting in one Marine WIA and moderate damage to the tank. The report provided no information regarding the characteristics of the mine but noted that one infantry squad and one tank would be left at the site to provide security for the disabled tank. The Battalion was requested to seek additional information regarding this incident and the results will be forwarded when available.

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(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. The Battalion conducted Operation WAR BONNET, crossing the Line of Departure at 030701H, with companies E and H, augmented by Company K, Third Battalion, Third Marines, and Company L, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines. Company B, First Battalion, Ninth Marines also was OPCON the Second Battalion for the operation, and occupied a blocking position in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 130600). (Companies F and G were OPCON Third Battalion, Third Marines).

a. At 030900H, the Battalion S-2 reported that ARVN personnel (identified only as being present in the battalion C.P.(forward)), stated that a Viet Cong force, estimated to have consisted of from two platoons to one company in strength, is located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 165600). The report provided no additional information and was unevaluated. (S-2 rates it F-6).

b. At 031350H, the Battalion S-2 reported that interrogation of a Viet Cong Suspect indicated that what was described as a large Viet Cong guerrilla force is located in the vicinity of CAM THANH. The report added that this force was armed with rifles and grenades. (S-2 comment: CAM THANH village does not appear on current operational maps).

c. At 031607H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a prisoner (Viet Cong Suspect?) stated that one Viet Cong platoon(?), with a strength of ten to twelve men, were observed moving across a dike in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 132603) at 030800H. The report stated that the Viet Cong were wearing pajama-type clothing and that some had what appeared to be pajama clothing tied around the neck. The report continued that the Viet Cong then moved to a trench-line running east to west, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 142617) to (BT 135605). The report added that the Viet Cong were armed with (U.S.) carbines and Russian (CHICOM copy) carbines. The report was unevaluated. (S-2 comment: A "wrap-up" report submitted by the Battalion S-3 at 032215H, indicated that Company B had captured one Viet Cong but the details had yet to be provided at the termination of this reporting period. It is probable that this report is based on the interrogation of this captive conducted in the field by the Counterintelligence Team).

d. At 031931H, Company E reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 139611), when examination revealed he lacked an identification card. The report indicated that, because of transportation difficulties, the suspect would be retained at the Battalion Prisoner Collection Point and evacuated on 4 January. (S-2 comment: A comprehensive report submitted by the Battalion S-3 at 032012H, covering Operation WAR BONNET, indicated that a total of seventeen suspects were apprehended and screened by the Counterintelligence team in the operational area. The report added that eleven of these suspects were released after screening, two Viet Cong Suspects were evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, and that four Viet Cong Suspects were being retained in the Battalion Prisoner Collection Point awaiting transportation. The report added that Company B (who was OPCON Second Battalion for Operation WAR BONNET, and who maintained a blocking position) apprehended four Viet Cong Suspects and one Viet Cong. The report did not provide additional details and the basis for the identification is not indicated. The report added that the five captives (one Viet Cong and four Viet Cong Suspects) were retained in the Company B C.P. position awaiting transportation. Additional information will be provided when available.

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(3) 3dBn, 3dMar. Company K went under the OPCON of Second Battalion, Ninth Marines and participated in Operation WAR BONNET. Companies F and G of Second Battalion, Ninth Marines came under OPCON of the Third Battalion, Third Marines. There was no change in the missions or locations of Companies I, L, and M.

a. Late Report. Additional Information. At 031750H, the Battalion S-2 provided additional information regarding a Company L patrol which occurred on 2 January 1966. (See 021250H entry, INTSUM #2). According to the Battalion S-2's later report, at 021300H, a Company L patrol reported discovering a booby-trap at coordinates (AT 954652). The booby trap was described as a spring sticking up through the ground. As the Marines began an examination to further identify the booby-trap, they received an estimated two hundred fifty rounds automatic and semi-automatic small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 954651) and (AT 956652). The Marines directed small arms fire, 60mm mortars, and 81mm mortars at the enemy positions and the Viet Cong broke contact. The report indicated four additional possible booby-traps were found in the emmediate area and were the same as the above. One USMC WIA was reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

b. Late Report. Additional Information. On 3 January 1966, the Battalion S-2 provided additional information regarding the Company I action at 022218H, in the vicinity of the river block on the SONG CAU DO(river)(see 022218H entry, INTSUM #2). This later report confirmed that the Viet Cong shown as hit by the Marines' fire was KIA (body count).

c. At 031007H, Forward Observer F-3, assigned to a Company L patrol which was operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 954655), reported that four Viet Cong were positioned in a canefield at coordinates (AT 953652) and were directing fire at the Marines. Artillery support was requested and twenty six 105mm (VT) artillery rounds were directed at the enemy positions. The observer reported that the artillery mission had excellent effect on the target but casualties were not determined.

d. At 031045H, Forward Observer F-3, assigned to a Company L patrol which was operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 953653), reported observing fifteen armed Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 951650). Artillery support was requested and fourteen 105mm (VT) artillery rounds were directed at the Viet Cong position. The report added that when the patrol searched the site of the Viet Cong positions, blood pools and what may have been parts of a human hand were discovered. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 031152H, Forward Observer F-3, assigned to a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 953653), reported observing ten Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 957650). The Forward Observer directed twenty seven 105mm HE (artillery) rounds at the Viet Cong positions with excellent effect. The report did not indicate the volume of the Viet Cong fire but added that the Viet Cong automatic weapons fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not indicated.

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f. At 031545H, Company L reported apprehending one man and three women when they approached the Marines' position at coordinates (AT 954668) and attempted to claim the bodies of the Viet Cong killed by a Company L ambush element on 1 January(see 012225H entry, INTSUM#1). The report stated that they were evacuated to HIEU DUC District Headquarters when the District Chief indicated he wished to interrogate them.

g. At 031500H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 972667) reported finding one U.S. (M-26) fragmentation grenade located in what was described as a firing position concealed by a hay rick at coordinates (AT 972 667). The report stated that this area was the target of artillery fire on the night of 2 January (see 021930H entry, INTSUM #2). The report added that the firing position was destroyed.

h. At 032120H, a Company F (Second Battalion, NinthMarines - OPCON Third Battalion, Third Marines), security element positioned at the HA DONG bridge, coordinates (AT 991642), reported receiving an estimated fifteen to twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong located in at least four positions, extending from the vicinity of BICH NAM (1) hamlet, west to the bank of the SONG BAU XAU(river), vicinity coordinates (AT 995635). The Marines directed fourteen 60mm mortar rounds and approximately thirty five small arms rounds at the enemy positions and the Viet Cong fire ceased. A patrol dispatched to search the area had not reported by the termination of the reporting period. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

i. At 032230H, Company E reported that a AN/TPS -21 positioned at coordinates (AT 953665) detected five to eight people moving in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 953653). Five 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the intruders, with undetermined results.

(4) Special Reports.

a. At 031400H, G-2 reported that a reconnaissance unit (unidentified) observed fifty to one hundred Viet Cong moving south along a trail in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 832586). The report stated that the Viet Cong were travelling in groups of one to five persons, separated approximately twenty five meters apart. The report continued that two small groups preceeded the main body, travelling approximately twenty minutes before the larger force. The report noted that no flank security was provided. The report added that the Viet Cong were armed with rifles and wore a wide variety of clothing, including black, green, khaki, camouflaged, both uniform-type and normal field-worker-type, and had straw and brush hats and plastic raincoats. The report was not evaluated but presumably was based on an actual sighting by a friendly unit.

b. Aerial Observer Reports.

The Aerial Observers operating in the TAOR on 3 January made the following sightings:

Time:	Location:	Sighting:
030755H	(BT 170595)	Three to five armed Viet Cong, wearing helmets and packs, who took cover within a house upon the approach of the Aerial Observer.

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031018H	(BT 150597)	- One Viet Cong, armed with what appeared to be a bolt action or M-1 rifle, and wearing khaki trousers, a black shirt, and headgear with some type of visor. The report added that other persons were observed who sought cover when the A/O aircraft approached.
031116H	Grid square (AT 8757) (Hill # 65)	Two hundred persons observed digging trenches.
031250H	(BT 020605) to (BT 022605) to (BT 023597) to (BT 020597)	Recently excavated trenchline. A/O commented southern portion is new; northern portion is undergoing improvement.
031250H	(AT 993596) to (AT 993598)	Twelve to twenty recently excavated caves in eastern side of railroad embankment and numerous cuts in track area.
	(AT 939581) (Highway #14)	Four cuts approximately three feet wide across roadway.
	(AT 961584) (Highway #14)	Road block constructed of what appeared to be brush.
	(AT 970584) (Highway #14)	One cut across roadway.
	(AT 999569) (Highway #14)	Two cuts across roadway.
	(BT 025574) (Highway #14)	Two cuts partially across roadway.
031630H	(BT 135605)	Trenches observed (extent not indicated)
	(BT 142617)	One bunker observed.
031655H	(BT 131624)	Observed trenches and bunker in middle of roadway.
031715H	(BT 001628)	Fifty meters of trenchline recently added to old trenchlines.

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(5) Late Reports.

a. At 032355H, a Company B scout/sniper team positioned at coordinates (BT 132604) reported observing four armed Viet Cong moving on the trail in the direction of a dike at coordinates (BT 132603). The Marines directed small arms fire at the Viet Cong, killing one(body count), and the other three Viet Cong fled. The report added that one U.S. carbine, caliber .30, (Serial #032350), one cartridge belt, one magazine pouch, first aid pouch, and poncho were recovered from the body of the dead Viet Cong.

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

D. Viet Cong casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA(Confirmed)	2	415
KIA(Possible)	0	167
VC Captured	0	138*
VC Captured(WIA)	0	165
VC WIA(Possible)	0	32
VC Suspects	6	946*

* Does not include VCS or VC reportedly apprehended by Company B as details unclear. Will be claimed when verified by Counterintelligence team or 3dMarDiv Prisoner Collection Point.

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material: The following material was captured by 3dBn, 3dMar.

4 - Cartridges(expended) (AT 969661)

1 - Propaganda leaflet (AT 966667)

Propaganda leaflets (undetermined amount) (AT 975674)

2 - Signs (type not indicated) (AT 965699)

The following material was destroyed by 3dBn, 3dMar.

4 - Booby-traps (type not indicated) (AT 954652) (See 031750H entry, this INTSUM)

1 - Grenade, M-26 fragmentation (AT 972667) (See 031500H entry, this INTSUM)

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications: The following position was destroyed by 3dBn, 3dMar.

1 - Firing position (AT 972667) (See 031500H entry, this INTSUM)

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #4, Period ending 042400H January 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather.

(a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve (12) hours by Regimental S-2.

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
05 Jan	0655	0716	1828	1851	1652	0502	3/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO(river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), and the radar station on HON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 063850), the USAF Troposcatter site on HON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 063853), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708). Company D provided security for the Marble Mountain Air Facility.

a. Late Report-Additional Information. At 041815H, the Battalion S-2 provided additional information regarding a mining incident which resulted in one Marine WIA and moderate damage to a tank at coordinates (BT 090640), originally reported on 3 January (see 030535H entry, INTSUM #3). This later report stated that the size of the mine consisted of approximately thirty five to forty pounds of TNT, and utilized a pressure type detonating device.

b. Late Report-Additional Information. At 041815H, the Battalion S-2 clarified the report, originally received at 031934H, that Company B (OPCON Third Battalion, Third Marines for Operation WAR BONNET), apprehended four Viet Cong Suspects and captured one Viet Cong. This later report confirmed the apprehension of the four Viet Cong Suspects, but refuted the reported capture of the

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Viet Cong. This report added that the four Viet Cong Suspects were apprehended when examination revealed they lacked identification. The four suspects were evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. The source of the original report of the capture of a Viet Cong could not be determined.

c. At 041050H, Company C reported apprehending nine suspicious males in the vicinity of NGAN CAU (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 062658). The report stated that all of the suspects appeared to be of military age and the area in which they were apprehended displayed an unusual amount of activity. The report added that the suspects would be evacuated when transportation became available.

d. At 041145H, a Company C platoon positioned at a platoon patrol base reported observing what was described as a large explosion which occurred about three hundred meters from the platoon's position, at coordinates (BT 096657). A squad dispatched to investigate reported finding a crater which was described as similar to that which would be caused by the detonation of a ten pound explosive charge. The report stated that what appeared to be bits of flesh, entrails and traces of blood were found in the crater. No additional information was available.

e. At 041815H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA HAI Village Chief regarding Viet Cong activities in the TAOR. The report stated that USMC Harassing and Interdicting artillery fires directed into HOA PHUNG village area (a more specific location was not provided) killed two Viet Cong guerrillas on the night of 2 January 1966. (The Battalion S-2 rated this portion of the report C-2). The report continued that many of the Viet Cong killed in the Company B action on 27 December 1965 (see 271336H entry, INTSUM #172) have been buried at NGAN TRUNG (1) hamlet, grid square (BT 0564). (This portion of the report was rated C-2 by the Battalion S-2). The report added that, at the commencement of Operation WAR BONNET (3 January 1966), the Viet Cong in the area of the operation hid their weapons by submerging them in deep water in the vicinity of HOA LAN village, and assumed the guise of local villagers. (The Battalion S-2 rated this part of the report C-3).

f. At 042200H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from a source identified only as a local informer (S-2 comment: The source is believed to be a GVN informer who usually provides his information to the local GVN authorities but occasionally passes information to Marines) that, Company B has killed more than one hundred Viet Cong during the past three week period. As a consequence, the Viet Cong intend to attack Company B, so as to recoup their losses politically and militarily. The report states that one Viet Cong Main Force Battalion, located in the vicinity of NGAN CAU (2) hamlet, grid squares (BT 0666) and (BT 0665), and a second Viet Cong Main Force battalion, located in the vicinity of HA MY TAY (3) hamlet, grid squares (BT 1262) and (BT 1261), will spearhead the attack on Company B. The report also provided what was purported to be details of the Viet Cong attack, including the scheme of maneuver. The Battalion S-2 evaluated the report as C-4. (S-2 rates it F-4).

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(3) 3dBn, 3dMar. Company K went under the OPCON of Second Battalion, Ninth Marines and participated in Operation WAR BONNET. Companies F and G of Second Battalion, Ninth Marines came under the OPCON of the Third Battalion, Third Marines. There was no change in the missions or locations of Companies I, L, and M.

a. At 040715H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 965648) reported observing six Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 965641). The report stated that the Viet Cong were armed and wore black pajama-type clothing. The Marines directed approximately one hundred rounds small arms fire and eighteen 105mm artillery rounds at the enemy position and observed one Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. The Marines pursued the enemy and observed the Viet Cong, carrying their casualty, enter a tree line at coordinates (AT 965642). The Marines directed an additional twenty six 105mm artillery rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, fleeing the position. When the patrol searched the site of the Viet Cong position, they found what was described as a "blood-soaked" pair of pajamas. One Marine was WIA. Enemy casualties were estimated as two possible WIA.

b. At 040810H, a Company M patrol reported detonating a booby-trap at coordinates (AT 970659). The booby-trap was described as a US(M-26) grenade covered with a "C" ration can. The report indicated that the spoon of the grenade was held in place by the can, and when the can was moved the grenade detonated (pin of the grenade had been removed). Two USMC WIA, two ARVN WIA, and one Vietnamese civilian WIA were reported.

c. At 040830H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 964645) reported receiving an estimated twenty five rounds small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed thirty rounds small arms fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. One USMC WIA was reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

d. At 040945H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 964645) reported receiving ten rounds small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 964642). The Marines directed twenty rounds small arms fire and two 105mm artillery rounds at the enemy position. Enemy casualties could not be determined. The report stated that the initial artillery rounds impacted in close proximity to the Marines' location, resulting in one Marine WIA. The Viet Cong fire ceased and the artillery mission was not resumed.

e. At 040950H, a Company F (Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, OPCON Third Battalion, Third Marines) patrol reported detonating a booby-trap (also reported as an electric-detonated mine) at coordinates (AT 995647). Three Marines were WIA. At almost the same time, the patrol received an estimated two hundred small arms rounds from an estimated fifteen Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 997647). The Marines directed approximately six hundred small arms rounds and seventeen 40mm(M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report stated that a few minutes later, the Marines observed four to five Viet Cong maneuvering along the right flank of the patrol, and the Marines directed small

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arms fire at this Viet Cong group. The Marines directed approximately three hundred small arms rounds and seven 40mm(M-79) rounds at the Viet Cong, including Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 996644), who now entered the firefight. One Viet Cong was observed falling as if hit by the Marines' fire. The report stated that the Viet Cong fire ceased and it appeared as if the Viet Cong had withdrawn. The patrol displaced to the vicinity of coordinates (AT 994644), so as to insure a better site for radio transmission. Artillery support was requested, and a total of fifty-two 105mm artillery rounds were directed at the area in the vicinity of HA DONG village, coordinates (AT 996645), where the Viet Cong were believed to now be located. While this engagement was taking place, reinforcing elements, including tanks and ONTOS, were dispatched from Company F C.P. When this reinforcing element arrived at the scene of the action, they were directed to search HA DONG village. The report stated that five caves were discovered within the village, and were destroyed with demolitions. The report continued that, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 998648), what was described as a field hospital site was discovered. Thirty to forty battle dressings, approximately one hundred pieces of blue cloth, and additional material was found, which would indicate that the area was in use as a hospital or dressing station. The report added that two women found at the hospital site attempted to interfere with the Marines' search of the area, but the report did not indicate the disposition made of these otherwise unidentified women. The report made no mention of other persons found in the area of the hospital. The patrol withdrew from the area at 041500H. Additional information will be provided when available.

f. At 041030H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 963645) reported receiving an estimated sixty rounds small arms fire from four Viet Cong positioned two hundred meters to the southwest, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 962643). The Marines directed approximately two hundred rounds small arms fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. Two USMC WIA were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

g. At 041046H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 955653) reported observing one Viet Cong positioned in a cane field at coordinates (AT 958653). The Marines directed ten rounds small arms fire and one W.P. grenade at the enemy position and observed the Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. A search of the area revealed traces of blood, but the Viet Cong eluded capture. No USMC casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one probable Viet Cong WIA.

h. At 041205H, a Company E patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 958674). At 041245H, this same patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 959676), when a routine examination revealed he lacked adequate identification. The report added that both Viet Cong Suspects were evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

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i. At 041600H, Company L reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (AT 952657) and at coordinates (AT 946675). The two suspects were evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

j. At 042100H, a Company L ambush element positioned in the vicinity of LA CHAU (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 946678), reported making contact with three Viet Cong. The report stated that the Marines killed one Viet Cong (body count) but his two companions eluded the Marines, fleeing to the west. The report stated that two fragmentation grenades, one concussion grenade, one cartridge belt, one first aid pouch, one wrist watch, and one khaki trousers were retrieved. The report added that the Viet Cong KIA was carrying a quantity of documents, which were recovered by the Marines and evacuated to G-2.

(3) 2ndBn, 9thMar. During the period 040001H-041131H, the Battalion continued its participation in Operation WAR BONNET. The operation secured at 041131H, and all units were then released to return to the positions normally occupied. During this reporting period, the Second Battalion units reported negative contact with Viet Cong, and contributed no information or material of an intelligence nature. (S-2 comment: Companies temporarily under the OPCON of the Second Battalion for Operation WAR BONNET reported Viet Cong contacts and other reportable incidents during this period, and these reports are included in this INTSUM. These reports are shown however, under the heading of the battalion to which the company involved in the incident is normally subordinate to.

(4) Special Reports.

a. At 040758H, G-2 relayed a report that was identified as originating with DA NANG Garrison that one Viet Cong battalion is located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 960635), and that one Viet Cong company is located at coordinates (AT 970625). The report was rated F-3 by G-2. (S-2 comment: At 011915H, Company M, Third Battalion, Third Marines, made contact with an estimated ninety Viet Cong in the vicinity of grid squares (AT 9766) and (AT 9666). While the presence of a Viet Cong battalion positioned in close proximity to USMC units is doubtful, Company M's contact would indicate that a large number of Viet Cong were in the area and they may be the basis of today's report. S-2 rates the reported presence of a Viet Cong battalion in the area indicated as F-4. The presence of a Viet Cong company however, is rated as F-3. The presence of a Viet Cong company in the general area, not necessarily positioned in the coordinates indicated, is rated as F-2).

b. At 041615H, MAG-16 reported that two Viet Cong battalions, identified as "regular" battalions, are located in the area between THANH THUY and HOA HAI villages (S-2 comments area indicated is generally in the southeast portion of the TAOR and the adjoining area to the south (DIEN BAN District). The report added that these Viet Cong battalions plan to attack USMC units at ONG KING Post (location unknown) and USMC artillery units positioned at AP NAM, coordinates (AT 936 824). MAG-16 rated the report C-3. G-2 rated the report F-3. (S-2 rates the report F-3).

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c. At 041945H, G-2 relayed a report from the DAI LOC District Chief that one Viet Cong battalion is located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 940544), (AT 915540), (AT 920544), and (AT 930540). The report added that an air strike had been requested but did not provide additional information. G-2 rated the report F-3. (S-2 rates it F-3).

d. At 042045H, G-2 reported that an (Australian) Advisor with the First Battalion, 51st ARVN Regiment, informed G-2 that three Viet Cong battalions crossed the SONG THU BON(river) in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 903521) (time not indicated) and are now located in the area in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 890510) to (AT 920520). The report stated that the Viet Cong sustained twenty to thirty casualties as the result of air strikes, but provided no details of the action. The report added that these Viet Cong units may displace tonight (4 January) to the vicinity of coordinates (AT 925505). The report was unevaluated. (S-2 rates the report F-6).

e. At 042150H, a US Army Advisor (identified only by the radio call-sign "Antenna Whip 14A") reported that two Viet Cong companies, accompanied by a Viet Cong propaganda team, was located at coordinates (AT 953580) and (AT 950578). USMC artillery delivered a total of twenty four 105mm HE rounds at the target areas, with a reported excellent effect. No additional information was provided.

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

D. Viet Cong casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA(Confirmed)	3	418
KIA(Possible)	0	167
VC Captured	0	3
VC Captured WIA	0	165
VC WIA(Possible)	4	36
VC Suspects	9	955

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material: The following material was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar.

1 - Carbine, US, Cal.30, (SerNo. 3254619) (BT 131602) (See 042105H entry, INTSUM #3)

1 - Belt, web (BT 131602) (See 042105H entry, INTSUM #3)

1 - Packet, first aid (BT 131602) (See 042105H entry, INTSUM #3)

1 - Sheet, plastic (rain gear) (BT 131602) (See 042105H entry, INTSUM #3)

2 - Magazines, carbine, w/30 rounds ammo. (BT 131602) (See 042105H entry, INTSUM #3)

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1 - Pouch, carbine, magazine (BT 131602) (See 042105H, entry INTSUM #3)

Documents, Vietnamese language (including overlays) (BT 131602) (See 042105H entry, INTSUM #3)

Personal Pouch (containing: whistle, cigarette lighter, comb, ball point pen) (BT 131602) (See 042105H entry, INTSUM #3)

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications: The following positions were destroyed by 3dBn, 3dMar.

5 - Caves (size and extent not indicated) (AT 996645) (See 040950H entry, this INTSUM)

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #5, Period ending 051200H, January 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather.

(a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve (12) hours by Regimental S-2.

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	BMOT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EMOT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
06Jan	0654	0717	1829	1831	1938	0629	FULL

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO(river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), and the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 063850), the USAF Troposcatter site on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 068853), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708). Company D provided security for the Marble Mountain Air Facility.

a. Late Report. At 050810H, the Battalion S-2 reported that, at 031315H, Company B apprehended two male Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 128605). The report stated that one of the suspects was apprehended when he was observed partially hidden in a trench and maintaining observation of Marines' activities in the area. The report stated that the suspect attempted to escape apprehension but was pursued and captured. The report added that the second suspect was apprehended when it was noticed that he was of military age. The suspects were evacuated at 041730H, to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. (S-2 comment: The lateness of this report is as the result of Company B coming under the OPCON of Third Battalion, Third Marines for Operation WAR BONNET. The earlier Company B report was overlooked as the battalion assumed it would be reported by Third Battalion, Third Marines).

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b. Late Report. At 041600H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 063651), reported receiving an estimated ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 059649). The Marines directed approximately three hundred small arms rounds, two 3.5 inch rocket rounds, and three 40mm(M-79) rounds at the enemy positions and the Viet Cong fire ceased. A search of the vacated enemy positions produced negative results. No casualties were reported.

c. Late Report-Additional Information. At 050915H, the Battalion S-2 provided additional information regarding the explosion observed at 041145H, in the vicinity of coordinates(BT 096657) (see 041145H entry, INTSUM #4). This later report added that the charge detonated is estimated to have consisted of approximately thirty pounds of TNT, and what was believed to be small pieces of a weapon (carbine) and flesh were found in the crater.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to defend the central portion of the Regimental TAOR from, and including, the SONG VINH DIEN(river), west to, and including, the railroas embankment, and providedsecurity for the bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707); and provided one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in the vicinity of MIEU DONG (1), coordinates (BT 017668).

a. At 050820H, the Battalion Intelligence Chief provided a special report covering Operation WAR BONNET, period 021700H to 041700H. This report is included in this INTSUM as enclosure (1).

The battalion had no Viet Cong contacts or information of intelligence value to report for the period covered by this INTSUM .

(3) 3dBn, 3dMar. Continued to defend the western portion of the Regimental TAOR from, but not including, the railroad tracks west to, but not including, the road passing HIEU DUC District Headquarters, coordinates (AT 942689). Company I provided security for ASP #1, coordinates (AT 985733).

a. At 050800H, a Company L ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 955675) reported apprehending eight Viet Cong Suspects. The report stated that all of the suspects were adult males and would be evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

b. At 050815H, Company K, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of CAM NE village complex, reported receiving an estimated five small arms rounds at coordinates (AT 989687) from Viet Cong positioned approximately one hundred meters within the eastern edge of the village area, coordinates (AT 991 688). The report did not indicate that the Marines returned the fire, but stated that the Viet Cong fire had ceased and the Marines were continuing their movement into the area. No casualties were reported.

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

D. Viet Cong casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA (Confirmed)	0	413
KIA(Possible)	0	167
VC Captured	0	165
VC Captured(WIA)	0	3
VC WIA(Possible)	0	32
VC Suspects	10	950

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

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

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From: S-2, 2nd Bn, 9th Marines
To: S-2, 9th Marines

Subj: Special Intelligence Report, Operation WAR BONNET, (021700H to 041700H Jan 66)

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period. (Operation WAR BONNET)

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather. Partly cloudy with scattered showers.

(2) Trafficability. Remains unchanged.

B. Enemy Situation.

(1) At 030700H, an Am Track at coordinates (BT 090640) hit a mine (approximately 40 pounds of TNT). One USMC WIA, two lost wheil assembly, six torsion bars, and lost track. One WIA was Med Evac. One squad and one Am Track will be left with the damaged Am Track.

(2) At 030810H, The A/O spotted five Viet Cong with packs and rifles at coordinates (BT 170595). A/O received approximately five rounds small arms fire.

(3) At 030815H, H Company reported a mine field at vicinity coordinates (BT 183593). Checked out with negative results.

(4) At 030927H, E Company reported a trench line with double apron of barbed wire from coordinates (BT 176597) to (BT 177598).

(5) At 030935H, E Company reported that an ARVN at their position reported between two platoons to one Company of Viet Cong located in vicinity of coordinates (BT 165600). Battalion S-2 rates this report as F-6).

(6) At 031037H, A/O reported spotting three males in black, one with a poncho, vicinity coordinates (BT 165600). He tried to hide when A/O flew over.

(7) At 031037H, A/O observed trench system from coordinates (BT 159601) and (BT 152605) and fighting holes at coordinates (BT 152601).

(8) At 031155H, E Company found punji trap with a spider trap on side and nail in middle at coordinates (BT 163604). Was destroyed with hand grenade.

(9) At 031230H, E Company found a five strand barbed wire fence at coordinates (BT 163604). Fence rant from east to west, also a trench line running parallel to the fence.

(10) At 031300H, E Company reported interrogation of Viet Cong Suspect revealed large force of guerrillas vicinity CAM THANH, armed with few weapons and hand grenades. CAM THANH is out of our TAOR.

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(11) At 031340H, K Company found four young males at coordinates (BT 129 605). One found hiding in a pagoda dressed in green pajamas. No ID, other three males found in village. One male found at coordinates (BT 120627), no ID, ARVN say first man is a Viet Cong. Will detain all other males until further disposition. Viet Cong Suspect was interrogated by CIT and determined to be Buddhist and were released.

(12) At 031535H, B Company reported information revealed from Viet Cong Suspect, one Viet Cong platoon, estimated strength ten to twenty men, moved east across dike at coordinates (BT 132603) at 030800H. Viet Cong are wearing grey pajamas and some wearing pajamas tied around neck. Viet Cong occupying trenchline running east to west at coordinates (BT 143617) to (BT 136605). Viet Cong are armed with carbines and Russian Rifles. Battalion S-2 rates this report as F-6.

(13) At 031540H, H Company reported a trenchline approximately eighty feet long at coordinates (BT 155603). Runs east and west, is reinforced with dirt bricks, four feet deep and two and one half feet wide.

(14) At 031854H, B Company (1/9) reported at 031315H capturing four Viet Cong Suspects vicinity coordinates (BT 128605). One of the Viet Cong Suspects was found in a house where many spent cartridges were obtained, type of cartridges not indicated. Viet Cong Suspects held at Red Wood Bravo awaiting transportation to ITT.

(15) At 032240H, B Company (1/9) reported Red Wood (2) team spotted four Viet Cong with weapons headed toward dike on trail at coordinates (BT 132603). Ambushed and killed one Viet Cong, others fled. Checked trail with negative results. Captured on US Carbine, cartridge belt with magazine, first aid pouch, and poncho.

(16) At 040905H, K Company (3/3) reported a long trench line running from southeast to northwest at coordinates (BT 134614) for several hundred meters. Have not reached end of trench net works of yet. Trench overlooks river to our west. Does not appear to be recently constructed. Negative enemy contact.

(17) At 041035H, E Company found 3 strands of barbed wire with cactus and punjis at(BT 127628). No action taken.

(18) At 041150 K Company (3/3) reported from(Bt 120628) to(BT124631) two (2) long man made levies (length not indicated) running parallel to seven fighting holes on south end. Levies have cactus plants along top with bamboo fence. Toward the west all lower branches cut off trees. Two (2) metal punji traps and two (2) large bunkers destroyed with TNT.

C. Reports of information of VC received directly from civilians. See entries 10 and 12.

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D. Viet Cong casualties

	For 24 Hour Reporting period:
KIA (Confirmed)	1 (B CO)
KIA (Possible)	0
VC Captured	0
VC Captured (WIA)	0
VC Suspects	13

2 male 031100H vicinity (BT 167601), E Company
4 male 031315H vicinity (BT 128605), B Company
1 male 031400H vicinity (BT 155602), H Company
1 male 031730H vicinity (BT 156596), K Company
1 male 031830H vicinity (BT 142605), H Company
1 male 031900H vicinity (BT 139611), E Company
3 male 041130H vicinity (BT 129629), E Company

Thirteen (13) total to ITT.

E. Destroyed and captured enemy material. One (1) carbine, cartridge belt with magazine, first aid pack, and poncho.

F. Destrouod enemy postions and/or fortifications. Two (2) Bunkers and three (3) punji traps.

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #6, Period ending 061000H, January 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather.

(a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve (12) hours by Regimental S-2.

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EMCT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
07 Jan	0654	0717	1839	1852	1040	0713	FULL

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO(river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071706). Company L, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines provided security for the Marble Mountain air Facility, the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 063850), and the USAF Tropo-scatter site on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 060853). (Company L, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines became OPCON First Battalion, Ninth Marines 051300H).

a. At 050830H, a Company C patrol at coordinates (BT 043662) reported observing a male attempt to hide as the patrol entered the area. The male Viet Cong Suspect was taken to the Company C C.P. and during initial interrogation, it was determined that the Viet Cong Suspect was an ARVN Special Forces Deserter who had been captured by the Viet Cong and held by the Viet Cong for a year and then released. Because of the prolonged period that the soldier was admitted under the control of the Viet Cong, he will be evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

b. At 053030H, a Company C patrol reported apprehending three suspicious males of military age at coordinates (BT 067659). The suspects will be evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

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a. At 051805H, the Second Platoon, Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 033677), reported receiving approximately ten rounds of automatic small arms sniper fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 030673). The Marines returned approximately two hundred small arms rounds and five 40mm(M-79) rounds at the Viet Cong position and the enemy fire ceased. A squad-sized patrol dispatched to investigate the enemy position reported negative results. The enemy fire resulted in two Marine WIA.

b. At 060745H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 047658) reported finding what was described as a"Viet Cong dummy", made of straw and wood, and provided with a wooden stick so as to appear that the figure was armed with a rifle. The report did not state whether the figure was provided with clothing, but added that it was destroyed by the patrol.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to defend the central portion of the Regimental TAOR from, and including, the SONG VINH DIEN(river), west to, and including, the railroad embankment, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707); and provided one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in the vicinity of MIEU DONG (1), coordinates (BT 017668).

a. At 051015H, a Company F squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 990635) reported receiving an estimated fifty small arms rounds from an estimated six to seven Viet Cong armed with automatic weapons at coordinates (AT 993633). The report stated that the disposition of the Viet Cong was such that it appeared that an ambuscade had been prepared, but the Viet Cong had initiated their fire prematurely. The report stated that after the initial burst of fire, the Viet Cong abandoned their positions and withdrew into an adjoining canefield, at coordinates (AT 993635). Artillery support was requested, and a total of twenty four 105mm (HE) rounds were directed into the area. At the termination of the artillery mission the patrol searched the area and observed three Viet Cong at close range. The Marines directd approximately twenty five small arms rounds at the Viet Cong who attempted to flee. (The report indicated that the Viet Cong were not attempting to return the Marines' fire). One Viet Cong was observed falling as if struck by the Marines' fire, but the Viet Cong broke contact and eluded the pursuing patrol. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one probable Viet Cong WIA. The report added that villagers in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 990637) informed the Marines through an ARVN soldier that many Viet Cong (strength not indicated) operate in the area in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 993 635). The report also stated that a total of twelve fighting holes and one "man trap" (3x4x6 feet in depth) were discovered and destroyed in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 989638).

b. At 051845H, a Company G patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 030646), reported receiving five what was described as carbine rounds from Viet Cong positioned with TU CAU (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 034650) (on the opposite shore of the SONG VINH DIEN). The Marines directed approximately three hundred small arms rounds at the Viet Cong position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. No casualties were reported. The report added that the patrol could not pursue the contact due to the intervening body of water.

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c. At 052323H, a Headquarters and Service Company wire team, returning to the Battalion Command Post, reported receiving five small arms rounds when at coordinates (AT 999699). One Marine was wounded. The report stated that, although the Marines were able to locate the source of the fire (coordinates (BT 000701)), the fire was not returned, as it was believed that ARVN soldiers at that location had mistakenly fired the rounds.

(3) 3dBn, 3dMar. Continued to defend the western portion of the Regimental TAOR from, but not including, the railroad tracks west to, but not including, the road passing HIEU DUC District Headquarters, coordinates (AT 942689). Company I provided security for ASP #1, coordinates (AT 985733). Company E, Second Battalion, Ninth Marines came under Third Battalion, Third Marines' OPCON at 050400H, for duration of search and destroy operation in the vicinity of CAM NE (1), (2), and (5) hamlets.

a. At 050801H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 947676). The suspect was evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. (The report did not state the basis for the apprehension).

b. At 050815H, Company K, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of CAM NE (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 989687), reported receiving five rounds small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 988688). The enemy fire was not repeated and the exact Viet Cong position could not be determined. The Marines searched the area with negative results. No casualties were reported.

c. At 051320H, Company E (Second Battalion, Ninth Marines) reported destroying one 105mm artillery round (dud) in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 985 693). No casualties were reported.

d. At 051506H, Company E (Second Battalion, Ninth Marines) reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of CAM NE (1), coordinates (AT 985693). The suspect was evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. (S-2 comment: Initial report identified the suspect as a "Viet Cong" and the Ninth Marines SITREP #5 so reported the incident. A subsequent report modified the identification to read "Viet Cong Suspect")

e. At 051700H, the Battalion S-3 provided information pertaining to the search and destroy operation being conducted by Company E (Second Battalion, Ninth Marines) and Company K in the vicinity of CAM NE (1), coordinates (AT 985693), and CAM NE (2), coordinates (AT 988688). The report indicated that, as of 051700H, a total of one hundred thirty seven family shelters had been destroyed (by demolitions), thirty nine fighting holes filled, two hundred sixty meters of bamboo cleared, one hundred fifty feet of trenchline filled, and one gate destroyed. No casualties were reported.

f. At 051600H, a Company M patrol reported discovering one spider hole (size not indicated) which led into a tunnel seven meters long at coordinates (AT 958682). The report stated that the Marines also discovered a spider hole (size not indicated) which led into a tunnel three meters long at coordinates (AT 960683). The report continued that these fortifications will be destroyed at a later date.

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(4) Special Reports.

a. At 051030H, the Ninth Marines Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th GVN Regional Forces Battalion Headquarters at MIEU BONG, reported that a culvert under Highway #1 at coordinates (BT 038626) had been destroyed (blown by demolitions) by Viet Cong and the Highway was temporarily impassable for large vehicles (trucks). The report provided no additional information. (S-2 comment: Highway is open tovehicles).

b. At 060835H, the Aerial Observer operating in the TAOR reported observing approximately fifty meters of recently excavated trenchline in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 993618). The report described the trench as being approximately four feet in width and six feet in depth and ran in a north to south direction. The report continued that the trenches in the vicinity of LA THO BAC hamlet, coordinates (BT 002629) evinced numerous recent improvements. The report stated that what was described as a large foxhole had recently been excavated at coordinates (AT 994628). The report stated that, at coordinates (AT 993564) a cut described as approximately fifteen feet in length, four feet in width, and six feet in depth, has recently been excavated across the top of the railroad embankment. The report added that heavy logs are being placed across the top of this cut, presumably to transform it into a fighting position.

c. At 060850H, the Aerial Observer operating in the TAOR reported observing two or th se Viet Cong positioned in a trenchline at coordinates (AT 990623). (S-2 comment: Before the observer could direct artillery fire at the target, fuel shortage forced him to return to base. No additional information was available by the termination of this reporting period).

C. Reports of information received directly from civilians: See 051015H entry, this INTSUM.

D. Viet Cong casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA(Confirmed)	0	1418
KIA(Possible)	0	4,63
VC Captured	0	168*
VC Captured(WIA)	0	3
VC WIA(Possible)	1	37
VC Suspects	3	558

*Increase of three Viet Cong based on ITT Prisoner Interrogation Reports as follows:

ITT Report dated 1 Jan 66

Name: PHUNG COI
Age: 53
Status: VC Fishermans's Association Member, HA QUANG, Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector

Captured by 1stBn, 9thMar, 30 Dec 65

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ITT Report dated 1 Jan 66

Name: DINH KIEM
Age: 58
Status: VC Guard, HA QUANG, Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.

Captured by 1stBn, 9thMar, 30 Dec 65.

ITT Report dated 1 Jan 66

Name: NGO DOI
Age: 36
Status: VC Guard, HA QUANG, Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.

Captured by B-1-9, 30 Dec 65.

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material: The following material was destroyed by 1stBn, 9thMar.

1 - Dummy(made of straw and wood) (BT 047658) (See 060745H entry, this INTSUM)

The following material was destroyed by 3dBn, 3dMar.

1 - Artillery round,105mm(dud) (AT 985693) (See 051320H entry, this INTSUM)

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications: The following positions were destroyed by 2ndBn, 9thMar.

25 - Fighting holes(size and extent not indicated) (AT 989638)(See 051015H entry, this INTSUM)

1 - Mantrap (3x4x6 feet in depth) (AT 989638) (See 051015H ehtry, this INTSUM)

The following positions were destroyed by 3dBn, 3dMar.

39 - Fighting holes(size and extent not indicated) (AT 988688) (See 051700H entry, this INTSUM)

159' Trenchline (AT 988688) (See 051700H entry, this INTSUM)

1 - Gate(not booby-trapped) (AT 988688) (See 051700H entry, this INTSUM)

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #7, Period ending 07100CF, January 1968

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for period

A. Characterization of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather.

(a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve (12) hours by Regimental S-2.

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	SUNSET	SUNRISE	BMCF	EMCF	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
08 Jan	0684	0717	1830	1858	1928	0817	FULL

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) Intel Summary. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DOI (river) in the northwest portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 0711 00); and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 0711 08). Company L, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines provided security for the Dunbie Mountain Air Facility, the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 0838 30), and the USAF Troposcatter site on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 0838 3).

a. Late Report. At 0600CF, a Company B patrol reported apprehending two suspicious persons at coordinates (BT 0806 36). The report stated that one suspect was apprehended when the patrol found him hiding in a house in an obvious attempt to avoid the Marines, and the second suspect was apprehended when he attempted to flee when he sighted the patrol. The two suspects were evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

b. At 0600CF, a Company C patrol reported apprehending a total of five suspicious persons in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 0456 71). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when routine examination revealed they lacked adequate identification and were were of military age. The suspects were evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

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c. At 061600H, a Company G patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 04[illegible]59) reported receiving an estimated ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong armed with what was described as a "small caliber weapon", positioned at coordinates (BT 04[illegible]56). The Marines directed two 40mm(M-79) rounds, and approximately two hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong fire ceased. A subsequent search of the Viet Cong positions produced negative results. No casualties were reported.

d. At 0[illegible]00H, the Battalion S-2 received a report from the HOA THI Village Chief that one Viet Cong platoon is located at THA LAI hamlet, coordinates (BT 08[illegible]84); a second Viet Cong platoon is located in what was described as Upstream THA MIH (2)", coordinates (BT 08[illegible]); one Viet Cong platoon described as an "assassination platoon", with a mission of killing D-3 officers, is dispersed within the Battalion's zone of action (specific locations not provided); a Viet Cong battalion, designated the "1st Volunteer Battalion", is dispersed throughout the battalion zone of action; and one Viet Cong company, commanded by one NGUYEN HIN, is located in HOA LAI and HOA PHUONG villages (generally situated east of the SONG VINH LINH and southwest of the Marble Mountain area). The report added that this company is expected to remain in the area until 21 January 1966. The Battalion S-2 rated this report D-3. (S-2 rates it D-3. It is interesting to note that this source is now rated "D" by the battalion).

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to defend the central portion of the Regimental TAOR from, and including, the SONG VINH LINH (river), east to, and including, the railroad embankment, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 993[illegible]07); and provided one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway 1, in the vicinity of MIEU DONG (1), coordinates (BT 0[illegible]). [illegible]

a. At 0616[illegible]H, a Company G security element at a blocking position on the SONG VINH LINH (river), coordinates (BT 0[illegible]49), reported receiving a total of eight small arms rounds from an estimated four Viet Cong positioned on the opposite shore of the river at coordinates (BT 0[illegible]). The Marines directed a total of twenty small arms rounds at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines didn't search the positions because of the intervening body of water. No casualties were reported.

(3) 1st Bn, 3rdMar. Continued to defend the southern portion of the Regimental TAOR from, but not including, the railroad tracks east to, but not including, the road passing MIEU DUC District Headquarters, coordinates (AT [illegible]). Company I provided security for ASP #1, coordinates (AT [illegible]). Company B, Second Battalion, Ninth Marines returned 0700H Second Battalion, Ninth Marines 0[illegible]AM.

e. Late Report. At 0[illegible]00H, Company K reported apprehending one suspicious person at coordinates (AT [illegible]) from a routine examination revealed he lacked adequate identification. The suspect was evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

f. At 0[illegible]00H, Company M reported that Vietnamese villagers from the hamlet of AN THAOR (3), coordinates (AT [illegible]) brought two wounded villagers to the Company M platoon positioned at coordinates (AT [illegible]). The villagers had

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sustained a gunshot wound and fragmentation wounds. While receiving medical treatment, the villagers were questioned regarding the origin of their wounds but could not provide satisfactory answers. The suspects were evacuated to Third Medical Battalion for additional medical treatment and investigation.

b. At 0412[illegible]H, a Company M patrol reported discovering a cave at coordinates (AT 9[illegible]), The report stated that People's Action Team members working with the Marines directed a young villager to search out the tunnel, which he did, reporting the tunnel unoccupied. As the boy was emerging from the tunnel however, he suddenly started to run and a grenade was thrown from within the tunnel. The young villager and one member of the People's Action Team were killed and one People's Action Team member was wounded. The report indicated that three Viet Cong then emerged from the tunnel and attempted to flee, but were killed by Marines' small arms fire(body count). A search of the tunnel revealed one suitcase, with clothing, one block of explosive (TNT), and miscellaneous documents. The report continued that one Viet Cong Suspect was apprehended in the area of the cave for refusing to cooperate with the Marines. The suspect was evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation along with the material found within the tunnel and on the dead Viet Cong. No equipment or weapons were captured and no USMC casualties were reported.

d. At 0612[illegible]H, a Company M patrol reported that, as they were entering the hamlet of LA BONG (1) from the south, coordinates (AT 974671), they received three rounds small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 974674). The Marines pursued the enemy and observed two Vietnamese fleeing to the northwest across a rice paddy. When a challenge from members of a People's Action Team attached to the Marines failed to halt the fleeing suspects, the Marines fired ten small arms rounds, wounding both suspects. The two Viet Cong Suspects were given medical treatment and evacuated to an ARVN hospital. No USMC casualties were reported.

e. At 0516CCH, the Battalion S-3 provided information pertaining to the search and destroy operation conducted by Company E (Second Battalion, Ninth Marines) and Company K in the vicinity of CAM NE (1), coordinates (AT 985695), and CAM NE (2), coordinates (AT 98[illegible]). The report stated that during the two day operation, a total of two hundred ninety five shelters and bunkers were destroyed, fifty eight fighting holes filled, three hundred fifty meters of bamboo cleared, two hundred twenty five feet of trenchline filled, and one gate destroyed. (S-2 comment: These totals include those mentioned in 0[illegible]CCH entry, INTSUM #6).

f. At 0[illegible]H, a Company M ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 978667) reported observing two armed Viet Cong at close range. The Marines directed approximately fifty rounds small arms fire at the enemy position and observed one Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. A search of the area revealed a trail of blood, but the Viet Cong could not be found. No USMC casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one Viet Cong WIA(Probable).

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(4) Special Reports.

a. At 061015H, an Aerial Observer operating within the TAOR reported observing approximately twenty Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 990623). Artillery support was requested and a total of twenty eight 105mm (HE) rounds were directed at the target area. A Company F (Second Battalion, Ninth Marines) patrol was dispatched to search the area and assess Viet Cong casualties, but the patrol reported negative results.

b. At 061635H, an Aerial Observer operating within the TAOR reported receiving one small arms round from the direction of coordinates (BT 009569). No casualties or damage to the aircraft was reported.

c. At 061830H, an US Army Aerial Observer, supporting ARVN forces operating in the vicinity of National Highway #14, reported observing one Viet Cong battalion-sized force in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 965603) and (AT 975597). USMC artillery support was requested and a total of twenty four 105mm (HE) artillery rounds were directed at the target areas, with undetermined results. (S-2 comment: A subsequent report received from G-2 indicated that this Viet Cong force was originally reported by an intelligence agent to ARVN authorities and the Aerial Observer's flight confirmed the presence of the Viet Cong. The time of the intelligence report and the time of the actual aerial observation flight were not provided, but the later information included reference to an ARVN fixed-wing air strike and artillery interdiction of the area, so it is likely that the report received by the Mariner at 061830H was already several hours old).

d. At 070835H, an Aerial Observer operating within the TAOR, reported sighting a trenchline which had been excavated across the railroad embankment at coordinates (AT 992565), (the extent of the trenchline was not indicated). The report continued that, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 993597), four or five bunkers (dimensions were not provided but the bunkers were described as "small") were positioned. The Aerial Observer's report added that many foxholes were observed in the vicinity of grid squares (AT 9962) to (AT 9963) but that they did not appear to be of recent construction.

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

D. Viet Cong casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA(Confirmed)	5	421
KIA(Possible)	0	167
VC Captured	0	168
VC Captured(WIA)	0	5
VC WIA(Possible)	1	38
VC Suspects	3	961

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

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications: The following positions were destroyed by 3dBn, 3dMar.

66 - Feet of trenchline(size and extent not indicated) (AT 988688) (See 061600H entry, this INTSUM)

58 - Bunkers(size and extent not indicated)(AT 988688) (See 061600H entry, this INTSUM)

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #8, Period ending 081000H January 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather.

(a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve (12) hours by Regimental S-2.

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

(2) Astronomical Data

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
9 Jan	0654	0717	1831	1854	2054	0919	FULL

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708). Company L, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines provided security for the Marble Mountain Air Facility, the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 063 850), and the USAF Troposcatter site on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 068853).

a. At 070845H, Company D reported that a Company D fire-team sized security element accompanying a five-man engineer detail sweeping the road east of the French Bunker, coordinates (BT 081696), to the beach, coordinates (BT 088 698), made contact with an estimated thirty Viet Cong in the vicinity of AN TRA (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 087698). The report stated that as the Marines approached AN TRA (2) hamlet, they observed that the hamlet appeared to be deserted. Especially noticeable was the absence of the children, who normally greeted their arrival. The report stated that the unusual reception alerted the Marines, who deployed with an automatic rifleman in the point position to scout out forward. As the Marines were moving through a shallow draw, described as approximately one hundred meters wide, the automatic rifleman, moving slightly ahead and already

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advancing on the high ground bordering the eastern edge of the draw, observed at least one Viet Cong, and commenced firing. The Viet Cong was killed (body count), but the brief burst of fire precipitated a heavy volume of fire from an estimated thirty Viet Cong deployed in what was described as an ambuscade positioned in a "Vee" which extended from coordinates (BT 087699), to (BT 088698), to (BT 087698). The Viet Cong fire killed three Marines and the balance of the Marine force withdrew approximately twenty five meters to the high ground to the west of the draw and established a hasty defensive position. The report stated that the Viet Cong were armed with at least seven automatic weapons (types not indicated), grenades, and possibly one Grenade Launcher (M-79). The Marine patrol leader dispatched two Marines to inform Company D of the situation and to return with assistance. The three remaining Marines remained in position and provided covering fire and prevented the Viet Cong from reaching the bodies of the Marine casualties. The report stated that the Viet Cong force displayed a discipline and control which was unusual in guerrilla or local force units, indicating that this unit may have been a Main Force group. The report added that whistle signals were extensively used by the Viet Cong to control maneuver as well as the volume of fire. Two attempts to envelope the Marines' position were prevented by the Marines fire, but the Viet Cong did succeed in reaching the body of the most forward Marine casualty and the automatic rifle was captured. The contact was maintained until 070940H, when the Viet Cong who appeared to be the leader of the unit exposed himself to throw a grenade and was hit by the Marines' fire. The grenade exploded within the Viet Cong position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the east. When the Marines entered the positions vacated by the Viet Cong, they found the body of the Viet Cong leader, which had been extensively mangled by the explosion of the grenade he had been preparing to throw when hit by the Marines' fire. A second Viet Cong body was also discovered. One CHICOM 7.62mm Submachine gun, type 50, one CHICOM-copy of the MOSSIN-NAGANT, 7.62mm Model 53 carbine, and four CHICOM stick-type fragmentation grenades were recovered from the Viet Cong bodies. The report added that the area was littered with (expended) caliber .45, 7.62mm, and caliber .30 cartridge cases. Two cartridge belts, and two cigarette lighters, one with the numerals "403" and the second with the numerals "504" stamped on the side, were found on the Viet Cong bodies. Viet Cong casualties totalled two KIA (body count).

b. At 071215H, a Company B patrol, searching in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 086665), observed a male fleeing to the southwest. The Marines ordered the man to halt, and then fired several warning shots. When the fleeing man ignored the warning, the Marines fired at the man, and killed him (body count). A search of the body revealed two CHICOM fragmentation grenades. The report added that, although there was no evidence that this Viet Cong had participated in the earlier engagement, his flight and location raises the possibility.

c. At 071546H, a Company A patrol searching for traces of the Viet Cong force which had earlier engaged an eight-man Company D and engineer group, found a dead male at coordinates (BT 090690). The report stated that, although no weapons or equipment were found on the body, it is believed that the man was a Viet Cong who succumbed to wounds received earlier at coordinates (BT 087698). The report added that the man died from a gunshot wound, and will be claimed as Viet Cong KIA (body count).

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d. At 070900H, the Battalion S-3 reported that engineers clearing the road in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 070695) discovered a mine. The report described the mine as a "shoe-box" type and stated that it contained approximately five pounds of TNT. The report did not provide details as to how the mine was positioned or the type of detonating device (fuze) employed. The report added that the engineers disarmed the mine and evacuated it (presumably to the Third Engineer Battalion Headquarters for examination).

e. At 071400H, Company A reported finding a booby-trapped CH700M fragmentation grenade positioned at coordinates (BT 089570). The report did not indicate how the grenade was positioned, but added that the grenade was destroyed. No casualties were reported.

f. At 071455H, a Company B platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 105645) reported detonating a mine, resulting in one Marine WIA. The report stated that the mine consisted of at least fifteen pounds of TNT rigged with a pressure type firing device, and added that an 81mm mortar round may have been positioned as part of the device. Additional information will be provided when available.

g. At 071730H, the Battalion S-2 reported that battalion elements searching the area extending from grid line 64 north to grid line 70 in the vicinity of the coastal strip (as the result of the Viet Cong contact in this area earlier in the day- see 070845H entry, this INTSUM), screened a total of ninety six suspicious persons, apprehending a total of three Viet Cong Suspects as the result of the screening conducted by the Battalion S-2 personnel and local GVN officials. The three Viet Cong Suspects were evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

h. At 071820H, a Company C patrol located at coordinates (BT 050 562) reported receiving seven small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 048661). The Marines directed one 3.5 inch (rocket) round, seven 40mm(M-79) rounds, and approximately two hundred small arms rounds at the enemy positions and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing from the positions. A search of the vacated positions produced negative results.

i. At 071810H, the Battalion S-2 reported that the manager of the leprosarium (located at coordinates (BT 099664)) came to the Second Platoon, Company B Command Post position, coordinates (BT 068715), and stated that Viet Cong have positioned squads in many hamlets in HOA HAI village area. The source added that these squads will position booby-traps and conduct ambushes in the area. The Battalion S-2 rated this report C-3. (S-2 rates it C-3).

j. At 071545H, a Company B patrol reported finding a booby-trap positioned at coordinates (BT 081674). The report described the booby-trap as consisting of two U.S. (M-26) grenades, rigged with a trip-wire and added that they were destroyed in place.

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k. At 072200H, the Battalion S-2 provided Regiment with a copy of Special Intelligence Report 1-66, compiled by the Battalion S-2 and containing information regarding Viet Cong activities in the battalion zone of action. This report is shown in this INTSUM as enclosure (1).

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to defend the central portion of the Regimental TAOR from, and including, the SONG VINH DIEN(river), west to, and including, the railroad embankment, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707); and provided one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in the vicinity of MIEU DONG, coordinates (BT 017668).

a. At 071120H, a Company F patrol reported detonating a booby-trap at coordinates (AT 998638) resulting in one Marine WIA. The report added that the booby-trap consisted of an U.S.(M-26) grenade, rigged with a trip-wire.

b. At 071845H, a Company F patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 983661) reported receiving four to six small arms rounds which appeared to be coming from the vicinity of coordinates (BT 003657). No Marine casualties were reported. The report stated that sounds of what was believed to be a fire-fight were emanating from that location, and the rounds received by the Marines appeared to be stray rounds not directed at the patrol. (S-2 comment: Investiation failed to establish the participants in the reported fire-fight. Additional information will be provided when available).

c. At 071850H, a Company H platoon Command Post located at coordinates (BT 045718) reported receiving an estimated ten what was described as carbine rounds in the Command Post position, from Viet Cong armed with two weapons, positioned at coordinates (BT 048716). The Marines directed a total of six 40mm (M-79) rounds, and approximately one hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report added that, after the initial burst of Marine fire, sounds described as "screams" were heard emanating from the enemy positions. After additional fire was delivered into the area, the screams ceased. The report added that the positions will be searched during daylight hours on 8 January. (No subsequent report received by the termination of the reporting period). No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not estimated.

d. At 080745H, a Company E patrol reported finding a booby-trap positioned at coordinates (AT 993664). The report stated that the booby-trap consisted of a CHICOM fragmentation grenade rigged with a trip-wire. The device was destroyed in place. A subsequent report added that, when the booby-trap detonated, a secondary explosion occurred, which wounded one Marine. The size and additional details of the secondary explosion were not provided.

(3) 3dBn, 3dMar. Continued to defend the western portion of the Regimental TAOR from, but not including, the railroad tracks, west to, but not including, the road passing HIEU DUC District Headquarters, coordinates (AT 942689). Company I privided security for ASP #1, coordinates (AT 985733).

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a. At 071020H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 953648), reported receiving anestimated one hundred rounds automatic and semi-automatic small arms fire from an estimated ten Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 952648). The Marines directed approximately two hundred rounds small arms fire and 40mm(M-79) rounds (undetermined amount) at the enemy location and the Viet Cong broke contact. A search of the area revealed negative results. No casualties were reported.

b. At 071128H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 958682) reported receiving an estimated two hundred rounds automatic and semi-automatic small arms fire from an estimated fifteen Viet Cong armed with from five to seven automatic weapons, positioned at coordinates (AT 957684). The Marines directed approximately two hundred fifty rounds small arms fire, eight 40mm(M-79) rounds, and 81mm mortar fire (number of rounds not indicated) on the target area. UH-1E (armed) aircraft directed a heavy volume of fire at the enemy positions and the Viet Cong broke contact, abandoning their positions. The report stated that Marines could not pursue the enemy since the Viet Cong were positioned on the other side (western) of the SONG YEN(river). One USMC KIA, and one USMC WIL were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

c. At 071140H, Company L reported that a vehicle proceeded in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 948678) received small arms fire from four Viet Cong, one of which was described as wearing a uniform (type or description not provided) located at close range. The report stated that no casualties resulted and the vehicle sped past the point before the Marines could return the fire.

d. At 071530H, a Company L patrol reported discovering one USMC utility jacket, one USMC utility cover, three ammunition cans of rice (size not indicated), and one 81mm mortar canister of rice at coordinates (AT 954683). The report indicated that all the items were destroyed.

e. At 071706H, a Company L patrol reported <u>apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect</u> at coordinates (AT 944688). The report indicated tha ARVN interpreter attached to the patrol believes the suspect lied during interrogation and could possibly be a Viet Cong. The suspect will be evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation on 08 January when transportation becomes available.

(4) <u>Late Report</u>. At 061010, the Battalion S-3 relayed a report from HIEU DUC District Headquarters that a mine was detonated at coordinates (AT 957687). The mine was believed to have been electrically detonated, and created a crater approximately six feet deep and twelve feet in diameter. The report stated that the mine was detonated as a USMC vehicle (PC) passed the area, resulting in one USMC KIA, and three USMC WIA.

C. <u>Reports of information received directly from civilians:</u> See 071810H entry, this INTSUM.

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D. Viet Cong casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA(Confirmed)	4	422
KIA(Possible)	0	167
VC Captured	0	170*
VC Captured(WIA)	0	3
VC WIA(Possible)	0	33
VC Suspects	4	972

*Increase of two Viet Cong based on ITT Prisoner Interrogation Reports as follows:
ITT Report dated 6 Jan 66

Name: NGUYEN THI KIEU
Age: 20
Status: VC Guard, CAM NE, sent to HOA VANG District Headquarters

Captured by E-2-9 on 5 Jan 66

ITT Report dated 5 Jan 66

Name: NGUYEN THANH
Age: 25
Status: VC Worker, THANH QUE, Sent HIEU NHON District Headquarters

Captured by B-1-9 on 03 Jan 66

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material: The following material was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar.

1 - CHICOM 7.62mm Submachine gun, Type 50, (BT 087698) (See 070845H entry, this INTSUM)

1 - CHICOM, MOSSIN NAGANT 7.62mm Model 53 carbine. (BT 087698) (See 070845H entry, this INTSUM)

4 - Grenades, CHICOM (stick type) (BT 087698) (See 070845H entry, this INTSUM)

2 - Cigarette Lighters (with numerals "403" and "503") (BT 087698) (See 07-845H entry, this INTSUM)

1 - Mine (Shoe-box) (BT 070695) (See 070900H entry this INTSUM)

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The following material was destroyed by 1stBn, 9thMarines.

2 - Grenades , CHICOM fragmentation (BT 086665) (See 071215H entry, this INTSUM)

1 - Grenade,CHICOM,fragmentation(booby-trapped)(BT 089670) (See 071400H entry, this INTSUM)

2 - Grenades,M-26 Fragmentation (booby-trapped) (BT 081674) (See 071545H entry, this INTSUM)

The following material was destroyed by 2ndBn, 9thMar.

1 - Grenade,CHICOM fragmentation(booby-trapped) (AT 953664) (See 080745H entry, this INTSUM)

The following material was destroyed by 3dBn, 9thMar

1 - Utility Jacket,USMC (AT 954683) (See 071530H entry, this INTSUM)

1 - Utility Cover,USMC (AT 954683) (See 071530H entry, this INTSUM)

3 - Ammunition cans with rice (AT 954683) (See 071530H entry, this INTSUM)

1 - 81mm mortar canister with rice (AT 954683) (See 071530H entry, this INTSUM)

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

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From: S-2, 1stBn, 9thMar.
To: S-2, 9thMar.

Subj: Special Intelligence Report 1-66, dated 7 Jan 66

1. Black list of the important Viet Cong cadre of HOA LONG, HOA HAI, HOA LAN, and HOA PHUNG Villages.

a. HO THANG HAI (THEEP)
b. HUYNH VINH
c. NGUYEN MINH
d. NGUYEN LIA
e. NGUYEN VAN SON
f. NGUYEN PHU THUY
g. NGUYEN HUU LANH
h. TRAN KIEN
i. TRAN CHAU
j. HO PHUC
k. PHAM THAI

2. Casualty report of last year.

a. HOA HAI - Many Viet Cong were killed and wounded.
b. HOA PHUNG - Cadre activity was in constant danger because of USMC presence.
c. HOA LAN - Very little contact was made.
d. HOA LONG - Cadre movement was active without contact.

3. There are forty Viet Cong cadre who just came out of the Assassination School after two months of training. This assassination team is armed with automatic weapons, pistols, bayonets, and grenades. They are divided into four villages, one squad for each village. They use children to inform them of approaching Marines by yelling "hello, hello" to the Marines.

The Assassination team members are offered thirty thousand piasters for dead American officers and Vietnamese cadre and forty five piasters alive.

4. A second Viet Cong battalion will be coming into the HOA LAN Village as soon as possible. The Viet Cong will hide in houses using the village children as guards against approaching Marines. They have ordered every family to give at least fifty kilos of rice and money to take care of their troops during the ARVN operation HOA VANG NGU HANH SEN (Five Mountains).

This information was received from the police chief leader of southeast HOA VANG and is rated C/3 by the Battalion S-2.

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #10, Period ending 101000H, January 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather.

(a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve (12) hours by Regimental S-2.

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	EMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
11 Jan	0655	0718	1831	1859	2257	1052	FULL

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 3dBn, 3dMar. Continued to defend the western portion of the Regimental TAOR from, but not including, the railroad tracks, west to, but not including, the road passing HIEU DUC District Headquarters, coordinates (AT 984869). Company I provided security for ASP #1, coordinates (AT 985735). Company D, First Battalion, Ninth Marines became OPCON this battalion 090630H.

a. At 090945H, Company D (OPCON Third Battalion, Third Marines) reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in CAM NE (4) hamlet, coordinates (AT 969695). The report did not indicate the basis for apprehension nor disposition of the suspect. Additional information will be provided when available.

b. At 090745H, a Company L blocking element positioned from coordinates (AT 943689) to (AT 965670) reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (AT 964667). The report stated that they appeared to be of military age and could not provide acceptable answers to questions regarding their activities. The report stated that two additional Viet Cong Suspects were apprehended at coordinates (AT 964667) when the Marines found the suspects hiding in brush near the Marines' position. The report stated that, during interrogation at the point of

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capture, one of these two suspects admitted being a Viet Cong guerrilla. The report continued that a physical examination of this suspect revealed shoulder bruises apparently from firing a rifle. The four Viet Cong Suspects were evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. (S-2 comment: The Battalion claimed one suspect as a Viet Cong captive but the Regimental tally will show him as a Viet Cong Suspect until his status is established by ITT).

c. At 091130H, Company D, (First Battalion, Ninth Marines), conducting a search and destroy mission in the vicinity of the CAM NE complex, reported apprehending twelve Viet Cong Suspects during the operation. The report stated that the suspects were apprehended for being of military age and failing to provide adequate identification. The suspects were evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

d. At 091130H, Company D (First Battalion, Ninth Marines) reported locating and destroying a total of six bunkers, four tunnels (size not indicated), and filling ten fighting holes in the CAM NE complex.

e. At 091130H, Company I, conducting a search and destroy operation, reporting apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 957684) when the suspect attempted to elude the Marines. The suspect was evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

f. At 091305H, Company D (First Battalion, Ninth Marines) reported discovering twelve hundred pounds of rice at coordinates (AT 963678). The rice was evacuated to CAM NE (2) to be distributed to friendly Vietnamese villagers.

g. At 091430H, a Company I patrol reported detonating a booby-trap at coordinates (AT 958679). The booby-trap was described as being a grenade (type not determined) attached to a tree (waist high) with a trip wire attached to a vine extending across the trail. One USMC WIA was reported.

h. At 091800H, a Company L patrol reported observing two Vietnamese villagers carrying what was identified by the villagers as a dead Viet Cong in the vicinity of BO BAN (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 958684). The report stated that the villagers admitted that the Viet Cong had been killed by fragmentation(type not indicated) on 7 or 8 January. One Viet Cong KIA (body count) is reported.

i. At 091830H, Company K, continuing its search and destroy mission in CAM NE (2), reported destroying twenty three bunkers, filling sixty two fighting holes, filling fifty three feet of trenchline, and destroying three hundred twenty five feet of tree line during the hours of 090700H to 091700H.

j. Late Report. Additional Information. At 100815, the Battalion S-2 reported that two Viet Cong Suspects were apprehended by Company M at 081710H, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 968658), as the result of a search conducted in that area after a firefight with an undetermined number of Viet Cong. (See 081710H entry, INTSUM #9). The suspects were evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

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k. At 100900H, Company L, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 954652), reported receiving three rounds of what was described as "long range" small arms fire from Viet Cong located on the far (east) side of the SONG YEN(river). The Marines returned the fire with ten rounds small arms fire and requested support. Six 60mm mortar rounds and twenty two 105mm (HE) artillery roundswere directed at the target area with reported "good effect". The report stated that the Viet Cong fire ceased but that pursuit of the enemy could not be accomplished due to the intervening body of water. The report claimed one probable Viet Cong KIA. No Marine casualties were reported.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to defend the central portion of the Regimental TAOR from, and including, the SONG VINH DIEN(river), west to, and including, the railroad embankment, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707); and provided one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in the vicinity of MIEU DONG (1), coordinates (BT 017668).

a. At 091500H, a Company F platoon, engaged in a search and clear operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 996635) reported receiving three small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 989638). The Marines directed fifteen small arms rounds at the enemy positions and the Viet Cong fire ceased. A search of the area produced negative results. No casualties were reported.

b. At 091850H, Company E, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 045714), reported receiving two small arms rounds from Viet Cong believed to be located in the vicinity of a hamlet (map identifies this hamlet as CHAU VAN LANG but this name is not recognized by the local villagers) at coordinates (BT 046716). No casualties were sustained. The Marines could not discern the Viet Cong position, and a fire-team sized element was dispatched to hide in the hamlet so as to engage the sniper if he were to re-appear. At 091930H, this fire team reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the hamlet when he attempted to elude the Marines. The report stated that the suspect would be evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

c. At 092300H, a Company F ambush element returning to the platoon C.P., reported making contact with Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 996644). The report stated that the point-man of the Marine unit detected a Viet Cong force positioned in ambush at close range and the Marines initiated their fire before the commencement of the Viet Cong fire. The Marines fired approximately two hundred small arms rounds and the Viet Cong returned the fire with an estimated one hundred twenty small arms rounds from eight weapons (including one automatic rifle). Reinforcements, including tanks, were dispatched, but the Viet Cong broke contact before their arrival. A search of the area produced negative results. No casualties were reported.

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d. Late Report-Additional information. At 091445H, the Battalion S-3 provided additional details regarding a Company G report of an ambush element receiving unidentified mortar (or 40mm) rounds in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 029641) on 8 January (See 082120H entry, INTSUM #9). This later report established that the fire was friendly 81mm mortar fire (harassing and interdictory) and was the product of the Marine ambush element positioning itself in an incorrect location. (S-2 comments: No casualties were received).

(3) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO(river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708). Company L, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines provided security for the Marble Mountain Air Facility, the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 063850), and the USAF Troposcatter site on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 068853). Company D became OPCON Third Battalion, Third Marines at 090630H.

a. At 091145H, a Company A platoon located at coordinates (BT 115648) reported receiving three small arms rounds from one Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 114645). The report stated that the Viet Cong sniper was observed fleeing to the west but that he disappeared from sight before the Marines could initiate their fire. No casualties were reported.

b. At 090930H, a Company C squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 068642) reported receiving small arms fire from what was described as a brick building at coordinates (BT 061637). The patrol attempted to envelop the building and received small arms fire from PHONG HO (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 061633). The patrol directed approximately three hundred small arms rounds, two LAW(M-72) rounds, two 3.5 inch HE (rocket) rounds at the enemy location. When the Viet Cong fire continued a mortar fire mission was requested and ten rounds of 81mm and ten rounds of 60mm were directed at the target area. Two tanks and two squads of infantry were dispatched to assist and fired two thousand rounds of small arms, forty six 40mm(M-79)rounds, twenty three 90mm (tank) rounds and four thousand machine gun rounds during their sweep through the hamlet area. The report stated that several blood trails were found in the hamlet at coordinates (BT 060634). The report added that one female in the village reported that the Viet Cong fled south carrying seven Viet Cong KIA. Another female reported that four Viet Cong WIA were carried off, and other villagers indicated that there were at least nine other Viet Cong WIA. The encounter resulted in one Marine WIA, seven Viet Cong KIA(probable), and thirteen Viet Cong WIA(probable).

c. At 091840H, the Battalion S-3 provided information pertaining to the Company B search and clear operation conducted during the period 091000H-091430H. The report stated that six suspicious persons were apprehended in the vicinity of TRA KHE (3) hamlet, coordinates (BT 075675). The report continued that engineers attached to the company destroyed one bunker at coordinates (BT 076680) which resulted in a secondary explosion approximately 3-5 seconds after the initial detonation. The report stated that the secondary explosion was of medium force

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and produced black smoke (no fragmentation). The report added that four "small" tunnels and twelve fighting holes were also destroyed. (S-2 comment: A subsequent report stated that the six suspicious persons were released upon identification by the HOA HAI Village Chief).

d. At 091300H, a Company C patrol reported destroying twelve punji traps in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 049648). The traps contained bamboo punji stakes.

e. At 091300H, a Company C patrol reported apprehending two suspicious males at coordinates (BT 047658), when a routine examination disclosed they lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspects would be evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation. The report added that the patrol apprehended one suspicious person at coordinates (BT 063638) when he could not explain his presence so far from his residence (unknown). The report stated that this suspect would also be evacuated.

f. At 091330H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 066634) reported receiving eight to ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 068633). The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds at the Viet Cong position and deployed so as to engage the enemy at closer range. Almost immediately, the patrol received an additional two hundred rounds of small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 068629) and (BT 071631). Support was requested and 81mm mortar fire was directed at the Viet Cong positions. The enemy fire ceased. When the patrol displaced to search the area, it was again taken under fire, by Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 065 634), (BT 068629), and (BT 071631). Tanks were dispatched to assist the patrol and the Viet Cong broke contact. The report stated that three Viet Cong were observed being struck by the Marines' fire and additional casualties were probable as the result of the mortar and tank fire. The report added that eight buildings, eight family-type shelters, four fighting holes were destroyed by the Marines. Estimated Viet Cong strength was thirty to forty men and Viet Cong casualties were three probable WIA. No Marine casualties were reported.

g. At 091430H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 067635) reported receiving approximately ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 069631). Fourteen 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy positions and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The report stated that, when the patrol commenced to search the Viet Cong positions, they were brought under fire by Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 066632). The Viet Cong fire was estimated as two hundred rounds of semi-automatic and automatic weapons fire. The Marines returned the fire with approximately two hundred fifty small arms rounds. Reinforcements, including tanks, were dispatched to assist and the Viet Cong broke contact. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not estimates.

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h. At 092222H, an artillery observer (FO D-1) assigned to the battalion reported observing seven or eight small boats moving in a southerly direction down the coast in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 126636). The area was illuminated with artillery illumination and six 105mm (VT) rounds were delivered into the target area with "fair" effect. No additional information was provided.

i. At 100855H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA HAI Village Chief that two Viet Cong platoons, equipped with two AT mines, are located at TRA KHE (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 072688). (S-2 comment: A search and clear operation was conducted today in this hamlet by Company B with no Viet Cong contact). The report continued that the majority of the 1st Viet Cong Volunteer Battalion is dispersed in a wide area, including HOA LAN and HOA PHUNG village areas, BOI AN, KHAI TAY, KHUE DONG, and MAN QUAN areas. (S-2 comment: The areas indicated are too vague and too extensive to allow utilization of this information. More specific locations have been requested). The report also stated that the Viet Cong would attack the Marble Mountain Air Facility with artillery (?) or mortars during the period extending to 24 January. The report added that CAM SA (coordinates were not indicated but CAM SA (1) is located at coordinates (BT 085643) and CAM SA (2) is at (BT 095643)), is occupied by a Viet Cong company designated as H-41. The commander of this company is one MAN. (S-2 comment: The Viet Cong H-41 company has been previously reported as operating in the vicinity of grid square (BT 0770). The presence of this Viet Cong company is the DA NANG TAOR is accepted and frequent displacement to new locations is probable. S-2 rates this portion of the report as F-3).

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(4) Special Reports.

a. At 091215H, the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines S-3 provided information regarding an operation conducted by GVN Popular Force troops from HIEU DUC District in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9368). The report stated that the Popular Force soldiers made contact with twelve VC located in caves in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 935684) and (AT 937679). Seven VC were killed, and five captured. The report stated that weapons (including one U.S. rifle, (M-14, SerNo. 426702)), grenades, and documents were recovered. The report added that this VC group was believed to have been the one responsible for the destruction of a USMC vehicle by a mine on 7 January (See 061010H entry INTSUM No. 8) and recently kidnapped a GVN hamlet chief.

b. At 092000H, G-2 relayed a report from an intelligence agent (unidentified) that two Viet Cong platoon may displace into the area in the vicinity of CAM NE (6) hamlet, coordinates (AT 977688). The report added that the mission of these platoons would be to mortar attack USMC positions in the area. G-2 rated the report F-3. (S-2 comment: The area indicated is within a few hundred meters of a USMC unit, and would afford an excellent geographical position to initiate a mortar attack. Its location however, offers several drawbacks, especially the probability of detection when moving into the position, disclosure by the local inhabitants to the Marines (or GVN personnel) daily operating in this area, and the ease with which the Marines could react to this type of attack initiated in close proximity to USMC positions. For the above reasons, the displacement of mortar-equipped Viet Cong platoon-sized forces into CAM NE (6) hamlet is doubtful (F-6), but appropriate alert was disseminated to the Marine units concerned to guard against the possibility).

C. Reports of information received directly from civilians: (See 090930H entry, this INTSUM)

D. Viet Cong casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA(Confirmed)	8	438
KIA(Possible)	14	189
VC Captured	0	176
VC Captured(WIA)	0	3
VC WIA(Possible)	3	37
VC Suspects	21	996

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material: The following material was captured by 2nd Bn, 9th Mar.

1 - Book, VC songs and poetry (

1 - Request, for admittance to VC Party (AT 968658) (See 081710H entry, INTSUM)

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1 - Biography (AT 968658) (See 081710H entry, INTSUM #9)

The following material was captured by 3dBn, 3dMar.

1 - Sign, VC propaganda.

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

12 - Traps, punji (BT 049648) (See 091300H entry, this INTSUM)

4 - Holes, fighting (BT 071631) (See091330H entry, this INTSUM)

8 - Buildings,(type not indicated) (BT 071631) (See 091330H entry, this INTSUM)

The following positions were destroyed by 3dBn, 3dMar.

6 - Bunkers, CAM NE complex (See 091130H entry, this INTSUM)

4 - Tunnels- CAM NE complex (See 091130H entry, this INTSUM)

10 - Holes, fighting -CAM NE complex (See 091130H entry, this INTSUM)

53 - Trenchline (AT 988688) (See 091830H entry this INTSUM)

62 - Holes, fighting (AT 988688) (See 091830H entry, this INTSUM)

23 - Bunkers (AT 988688) (See 091830H entry, this INTSUM)

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #11, Period ending 111000H, January 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather.

(a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve (12) hours by Regimental S-2.

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
12 Jan	0655	0718	1833	1856	2354	1134	3/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO(river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708). Company L, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines, provided security for the Marble Mountain Air Facility, the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 063850), and the USAF Troposcatter site on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 068853). Company D returned to OPCON First Battalion, Ninth Marines at 091700H.

a. At 100930H, a Company B patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 037681), reported observing a male sitting approximately one hundred meters to the south wearing dark green clothes. As the patrol approached to investigate, the male stood up and fled to the east-southeast. The patrol pursued with five rounds of small arms fire with negative results. A search of the area where the man had been sitting produced one M-26 grenade. The report added that the patrol heard a drum sounding in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 032680). The patrol moved east-southeast and at coordinates (BT 048685), a concrete reinforced bunker was found. Several anti-American leaflets were found in the vicinity of the bunker. Engineers destroyed the bunker with demolitions.

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b. At 101410H, the Third Platoon, Company A located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 094643), reported receiving ten to fifteen rounds of small arms fire from three Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 094645). The Marines directed a total of seven hundred rounds of small arms fire, seven 40mm(M-79) rounds, eight 60mm (WP) mortar rounds, two 60mm (HE) mortar rounds, one 3.5 inch (HE) rocket round, and one 3.5 inch (WP) rocket round at the enemy position. Thirty 105mm (HE) artillery rounds were also fired into the target area. The Viet Cong fled south or southwest. No Marines casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not estimated. A search of the area produced thirty one punji traps and a trench running east-west with a buried entrance to the village twenty to thirty meters behind it.

c. At 101500H, the Third Platoon, Company A, located at coordinates (BT 094643), reported receiving five to ten rounds of sniper fire from at least six Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 102642). Artillery support was requested and a total of fifty two 105mm (HE) rounds were directed at the Viet Cong location. The platoon reported the enemy fire ceased and that there was negative movement. No USMC casualties were reported. (Initial reports indicated that five Viet Cong were probably KIA as the result of this action).

d. At 101630H, the Third Platoon, Company C, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 061632) reported receiving fifty to sixty rounds of automatic fire from four Viet Cong weapons positioned two hundred meters south of the Marine position, coordinates (BT 061630). The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds, seven 40mm(M-79) rounds, and one 3.5 inch rocket round at the Viet Cong positions, suppressing the enemy fire. The report stated that the platoon assaulted the enemy position and the enemy fled to the south. Enemy casualties were not determined. The report stated that the Viet Cong position was well constructed with four dug-in positions and included a bamboo fence below the position which extended along the hill for approximately one hundred twenty meters. Several expended cartridges of what appeared to be 7.62mm of an unfamiliar type were found along with a carbine magazine. A division photographer attached to the platoon detonated a booby-trapped grenade beside the fence resulting in two Marine WIA. An investigation of the fence produced another booby-trapped grenade, and the fence was destroyed with sixteen rounds of 81mm mortar fire.

e. At 101750H, the Battalion S-3 reported that a Company B patrol apprehended one Viet Cong Suspect at 101430H, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 066 662); a second Viet Cong Suspect at 101515H, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 067 673); and a third Viet Cong Suspect at 101610H, at coordinates (BT 068678). The report stated that the suspects attracted the attention of the Marines because they appeared to be of military age, and examination revealed they lacked adequate identification. The report added that one suspect had scars which appeared to have been caused by gunshot wounds. The suspects were evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. (S-2 comment: A subsequent report stated that the suspect with the gunshot scars was evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters as a suspicious person.

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f. At 101905H, the Second Platoon, Company C, located at coordinates (BT 047649), reported receiving approximately fifty rounds of small arms fire from Viet Cong located at close range to the south, east, and west. The platoon returned fire with two hundred small arms rounds, six 40mm(M-79) rounds, and two 3.5 inch rocket rounds and the enemy fire ceased, the Viet Cong withdrawing from position. One Marine WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

g. At 102030H, a First Platoon, Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 061633) reported an individual stumbled into the patrol as it was proceeding on its route and the Marines opened fire with ten small arms rounds and two rounds of twelve gauge OO shot. The fire was not returned and examination revealed that the intruder was a Vietnamese female who was wounded in the leg by the Marines fire. The patrol attempted to bring the woman back for treatment but had to leave her when drums and noises were heard immediately south. The report stated that the patrol then received nine rounds of what was described as carbine fire from coordinates (BT 059632) but did not return fire. No Marine casualties were reported.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to defend the central portion of the Regimental TAOR from, and including, the SONG VINH DINH(river), west to, and including, the railroad embankment, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707); and provided one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in the vicinity of MIEU DONG (1), coordinates (BT 017688).

a. At 100830H, Company F reported receiving a heavy volume of small arms fire in position at coordinates (AT 999636). The report stated that the Viet Cong strength was not determined but the Viet Cong fire was estimated to total approximately five hundred rounds, and the Viet Cong were armed with at least one machine gun. The report stated that the Viet Cong were deployed in positions in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 001634),(BT 003631) and (BT 002630). The Marines directed approximately three hundred fifty small arms rounds at the enemy positions, and, when the Viet Cong fire continued, twenty six 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location. The report continued that one Viet Cong body could be seen laying exposed in a rice paddy. The enemy fire ceased and a Marine patrol was dispatched to search the area and recover the Viet Cong body. Two Marines were WIA. Viet Cong casualties were one Viet Cong KIA(body count). No estimate was provided of probable enemy casualties. (S-2 comment: No additional details were provided by the termination of this reporting period).

b. At 100900H, a Company F platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 998670) reported receiving one round sniper fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 001669). The report stated that the enemy position could not be located and an ARVN patrol was requested to investigate the area. No additional information was available.

c. At 101310H, a Company F patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 991636) reported receiving one round small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 991633). The Marines directed fifteen rounds small arms

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fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report added that when the patrol searched the area, they found fresh blood, indicating that the Viet Cong had been wounded. (One Viet Cong probably WIA).

d. At 101530H, a Company E patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 030647) reported receiving three small arms rounds from Viet Cong located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 028642). The Marines returned fifteen small arms rounds and maneuvered into the area where the fire had emanated. The enemy fire was not repeated. A search of the area was conducted with negative results. The report added that during the search, wooden stakes approximately two inches in diameter were found to be buried across the width of the trail in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 029641). The report stated that the stakes protruded about four inches out of the deck and may have been intended as a vehicle obstacle.

e. At 102310H, a Company F ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 004643), reported receiving approximately ten rounds of small arms fire from Viet Cong located in at least three different positions in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 004642). The Marines directed forty small arms rounds and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The area was searched with negative results.

(3) 3dBn, 3dMar. Continued to defend the western portion of the Regimental TAOR from, but not including, the railroad tracks, west to, but not including, the road passing HIEU DUC District Headquarters, coordinates (AT 942689). Company I provided security for ASP #1, coordinates (AT 985733). Company D, First Battalion, Ninth Marines returned OPCON First Battalion, Ninth Marines 091700H.

a. Late Report. At 100805H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 952640) reported receiving three rounds small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 952644). The Marines directed five rounds small arms fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. No casualties were reported.

b. At 100955H, a Company L patrol reported discovering a freshly dug trenchline extending from coordinates (AT 953647) to (AT 954650). The report indicated the trench was too large to fill or destroy, and will be destroyed at a later date.

c. At 101900H, Company K, continuing its operation in CAM NE (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 992698), reported clearing five hundred meters of bamboo, destroying thirty one bunkers, filling thirty four fighting holes, and filling fifty five feet of trenchline.

d. At 101900H, Company M reported that a young boy (unidentified) informed members of a People's Action Team operating in the vicinity of AN TRACH (1) hamlet, that ten Viet Cong were located in a house at coordinates (AT 971668). A patrol dispatched to investigate reported that occupants of the house stated that four Viet Cong (the occupants of the house identified them as "local" Viet Cong), carrying weapons (not described), had departed the area headed to the northwest.

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The report did not state how long ago the four Viet Cong had departed. The report added that the area was thoroughly searched and the local villagers questioned with negative results. (S-2 Comment: The report also stated that follow-up operations will be conducted).

e. At 101935H, a Company M listening post positioned at coordinates (AT 969659) reported receiving four rounds small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 965656). The Marines directed four 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No USMC casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

f. At 101930H, a SID-150 positioned at the Company M C.P., coordinates (AT 972661), detected movement of two or three persons. The Marines directed approximately fifty rounds small arms fire at the suspected enemy location and received four small arms rounds in return from the same area (close range). The contact was lost with no reported casualties. At 101935H, the same SID-150 again detected movement in the same area. The Marines directed approximately fifty rounds small arms fire at the suspected Viet Cong position with unknown results. No casualties were reported.

g. At 102010H, Company M reported that a SID-150 located at the C. P. perimeter detected movement. The area was illuminated with 81mm mortar illumination and four 60mm mortar HE rounds were directed into the suspected area with undetermined results. A patrol was dispatched to search the area and reported negative results.

h. At 102100H, Company L reported receiving 5 rounds small arms fire in their C. P. position coordinates (AT 954669) from Viet Cong positioned at (AT 955673). The Marines directed 4 40mm (M-79) rounds, and 4 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

i. At 110755H, a Company M ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 961654) reported observing two armed men moving in a cornfield at coordinates (AT 961651). The Marines directed eight 60mm mortar rounds at the Viet Cong, who fled, headed south. A patrol was dispatched to regain the contact, with negative results.

j. At 110915H, Company L reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (AT 953655). The report stated that one man was wearing a cartridge belt (report did not indicate if belt contained cartridges). The report added that although both men possessed what appeared to be valid identification cards, they would be evacuated for investigation. Additional information will be provided when available.

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(4) Special Reports.

a. At 101120H, An aerial observer operating within the TAOR reported observing what was described as "new" trenches, extending along the river bank from coordinates (AT 954645) to (AT 953637). The report added that a second trenchline was sighted extending from coordinates (AT 956643) to (AT 955637).

b. At 101300H, G-2 relayed a report from MIEU NHON District Headquarters that a Viet Cong company arrived in HA MY hamlet area, coordinates (BT 135616), on 10 January. The report stated that this company, with a strength of ninety six men and equipped with seven (Russian) machineguns, and six weapons identified only as "RF" (possibly recoilless rifles?), would be augmented by two Viet Cong guerrilla platoons for an ambush of USMC forces at CAM HAI village area at coordinates (BT 125625). The report was rated F-3 by G-2. (S-2 comment: Area indicated for ambush site is infrequently patrolled by Marines and is a poor choice for a planned ambush of USMC forces. This portion of the report is doubtful (F-4). The presence of a Viet Cong company in the area indicated is possible (F-3).

c. At 102017H, the 9th Marines Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th GVN Regional Forces Battalion Headquarters at MIEU BONG relayed a report from the Commander of Regional Forces company 703 that the villagers of LE BONG (1) hamlet coordinates (AT 975675), have stated that three Viet Cong platoons are located in the vicinity of LE BONG (1) hamlet. (S-2 comment: Frequent contacts with the Viet Cong in the vicinity of YEN NE, CAM NE, and LE BONG village complex substantiate the presence of Viet Cong in this area. The reported strength of three platoons, in one hamlet area, is considered doubtful for tactical reasons, and frequent displacement makes the continued presence of other than small Viet Cong guerrilla groups at one location also doubtful. Company M, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, is conducting a search and destroy operation in this area on 11 January and results will be reported when received).

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

D. Viet Cong casualties:	For 24 Hour Period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA(Confirmed)	1	439
KIA(Possible)	5	194
VC Captured	0	180*
VC Captured(WIA)	0	3
VC WIA(Possible)	1	38
VC Suspects	4	1000

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*Increase of four Viet Cong based on Prisoner Interrogation Reports as follows:

ITT Report dated 08 January 1966

Name: PHUNG CUU
Age 55
Status: Member VC Farmer's Association, AN NONG, Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector

Captured by 1stBn, 9thMar, date of capture unknown.

ITT Report dated 08 January 1966

Name: HUYNH QUY
Age: 69
Status: Member VC Old Men's Association, KHAI DONG, Sent to HOA VANG District Headquarters.

Captured by D-1-9, on 07 Jan 1966

ITT Report dated 06 January 1966

Name: NGUYEN HUY
Age: 33
Status: VC Laborer, XUAN DIEM, Sent to I CORPS

Captured by M-3-3, on 05 Jan 1966

ITT Report dated 08 January 1966

Name: MAI NGAN
Age: 50
Status: Member VC Farmer's Association, AN NONG, Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.

Captured by 1stBn, 9thMar. on 07 Jan 1966

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E. Captured and destroyed enemy material: The following material was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar.

2 - Leaflets, propaganda (BT 045666)

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

1 - Bunker, concrete, reinforced. (BT 048685)(See 100930H entry, this INTSUM)
1 - Fence, booby-trapped (BT 061630)(See 101630H entry, this INTSUM)

The following positions were destroyed by the 3dBn., 3dMar.

31 - Bunkers, coordinates (AT 992688)(See 101900H entry, this INTSUM)
34 - Fighting Holes, coordinates (AT 992688)(See 101900H entry, this INTSUM)
51 - Trenchline, coordinates (AT 992688)(See 101900H entry, this INTSUM)

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #12, Period ending 121000H, January 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather.

(a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve (12) hours by Regimental S-2.

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
13 Jan	0655	0718	1833	1856	----	1214	3/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO(river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708). Company L, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines, provided security for the Marble Mountain Air Facility, the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 063850), and the USAF Troposcatter site on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 063853).

a. At 110545H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 108646) reported observing a boat with one occupant moving south on the SONG HA XAU(river). The boat was challenged several times but continued to proceed south. The report stated that the Marines then directed thirty small arms rounds at the boat and reported that the occupant appeared struck by the Marines' fire and fell out of the boat into the water. The boat was recovered and was found to be empty. The body of the intruder could not be found.

b. At 110830H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 055645) reported apprehending one suspicious person when he attempted

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to flee as the patrol approached. The suspect was evacuated to the Battalion S-2 for initial interrogation and eventually evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

c. At 111000H, at coordinates (BT 042677), (KHAI TAY (2) hamlet), Company B reported finding two bunkers. The report stated that one bunker was six feet by four feet by three feet deep; the other was "L" shaped and was ten feet by fifteen feet by three feet deep. Both of the bunkers were reinforced with concrete brick and bamboo and were well camouflaged. The entrances to the bunkers were located on the side nearest the hamlet. Attached engineers from the Third Platoon, Company C, Third Engineers destroyed both bunkers with a total of ten pounds of TNT.

d. At 111240H, a Company A patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 094637) reported receiving approximately thirty small arms rounds from eight to ten Viet Cong armed with at least two automatic weapons positioned at coordinates (BT 091637). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds, thirty machine gun (M-60)(link) rounds, one 81mm mortar round, and two HE 105mm artillery rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report added that the Viet Cong fled towards the northwest. No casualties were reported. (S-2 comment: The initial report stated that the Viet Cong were located eight hundred meters distant, but a subsequent report by the Battalion S-2 provided more accurate coordinates).

e. At 111350H, a Company A patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 094637) reported receiving one round of sniper fire from the direction of coordinates (BT 094634). The Marines directed fifteen small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. No casualties were reported.

f. At 111645H, a Company A platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 085643), reported observing two men at approximately one hundred meters range, who began running when they sighted the Marines. The Marines fired two small arms rounds in the direction of the fleeing duo, and one man stopped and was apprehended. The second man continued his flight and eluded the Marines. The report added that examination revealed the man lacked adequate identification and was evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

g. At 111900H, a Company A patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 092642), reported receiving four small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned to the west at approximately three hundred meters range (coordinates (BT 089 642)). The Marines displaced to a suitable position and directed two 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds, and one LAW (M-72) round at the enemy location. The Viet Cong fire was not repeated and the Marines advanced and searched the area with negative results. No casualties were reported.

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h. At 112145H, a Company C patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 053654) when he was observed engaged in what appeared to be signalling of some type using a lantern in a window of his home. When the suspect was investigated, two GVN National identification cards were found on his person. The report stated that the Viet Cong Suspect would be evacuated on 12 January, when transportation becomes available.

i. At 120500H, at coordinates (BT 092642), the Third Platoon, Company A reported detonating one booby-trapped grenade resulting in one Marine WIA. The report added that one to two minutes after the detonation, the Marines received two to three rounds small arms sniper fire from the east, coordinates (BT 094642). The enemy position could not be located and the fire was not returned.

j. At 120700H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of PHONG HO (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 066634), reported making contact with a Viet Cong force, and, in the resulting firefight, five Viet Cong were killed (body count). The report indicated that when contact was made, the Viet Cong were a short distance away, coordinates (BT 065634). The report stated that local villagers interfered with the patrol by attempting to recover the Viet Cong bodies. A reserve unit, including tanks was dispatched to the area, and the Marines entered the hamlet to search for additional Viet Cong. A subsequent report (120800H) indicated that the Marines had again made contact with a Viet Cong force of undetermined size within the hamlet and had them engaged. At the termination of the reporting period, the Battalion S-3 stated that the contact was being maintained and additional information would be provided when available. (S-2 comment: The initial report stated that the Marines made contact with five Viet Cong. The total Viet Cong casualties, five KIA by body count, would indicate that the entire Viet Cong group was killed. The subsequent contact within PHONG HO (1) hamlet would indicate the presence of a second force. Additional information and clarifying details will be provided when a follow-up situation report is issued by the Battalion).

(2) 2nd Bn, 9th Mar. Continued to defend the central portion of the Regimental TAOR from, and including, the SONG VINH DIEN (river), west to, and including, the railroad embankment, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707); and provided one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in the vicinity of MIEU DONG (1), coordinates (BT 017688).

a. Late Report-Additional Information. At 111512H, the Battalion S-2 provided additional information regarding a Company F patrol (original report did not identify participating unit as patrol) action in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 999636), which was originally reported in INTSUM #11 (see 110830H entry). This later report stated the patrol displaced, and, in the vicinity of BICH NAM (2), coordinates (BT 004638) was again taken under fire by Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 010639). The Marines returned the fire with approximately seventy five small arms rounds and one LAW (M-72) round. The report stated that the LAW round resulted in one Viet Cong KIA. The enemy fire ceased and the Marines entered the hamlet to search for Viet Cong. The report continued that the Marines searching BICH NAM (2) hamlet, then received a heavy volume of fire from the direction of HA DONG hamlet, coordinates (AT 996634). The Marines directed approximately one

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thousand small arms and machine gun rounds, two hundred fifty caliber .50 (machine gun) rounds, seven 90mm (tank) HE rounds, and fifteen 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The patrol which was originally engaged at 110830H, was withdrawn to the company command post and a reserve force was dispatched to continue the search of the area. This Marine patrol reported finding a blood trail at the site of the abandoned enemy position which led to a cave. The entrance of the cave could not be penetrated by the Marines and the cave was destroyed by the use of grenades. (The report claimed one probable Viet Cong KIA). When the Marines were de-briefed following this action, a forward observer stated that one 81mm mortar round impacted in what he believed to have been a machine gun position and four Viet Cong bodies erupted from the position. The observer stated that these four Viet Cong were undoubtedly killed by the detonation. (S-2 comment: One Viet Cong KIA(body count) was included in INTSUM #11 report. An additional one Viet Cong KIA(body count), and five probable Viet Cong KIA are to be included in paragraph D., this INTSUM, based on this later report).

b. At 112005H, a Company E element dispatched to the vicinity of VIEM TAY (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 030644), reported observing villagers running about and shouting. The Marines could not determine the cause of the disturbance but theorized that it was connected with the block of Highway #1, by Viet Cong, which resulted in at least two Vietnamese youths and one GVN soldier being abducted. (S-2 comment: At 111915H, the Ninth Marines Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th GVN Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at MIEU BONG, reported that a report was received from local villagers that an undetermined number of Viet Cong forcibly halted a vehicle proceeding south on Highway #1 and abducted two Vietnamese youths and one member of the GVN Popular Forces and confiscated a quantity of rice. The Company E element referred to in the 112005H report had been dispatched to investigate).

c. At 120600H, Company E reported that a grenade positioned as a booby-trap (warning device) by engineers at a river block position, coordinates (BT 031649), detonated, alerting the Marines to the presence of intruders. The area was illuminated by 81mm mortar illumination but nothing could be observed. A subsequent search of the area produced negative results.

d. At 120515H, a Company F ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 997647) reported making contact with Viet Cong at close range who appeared to be attempting to establish an ambuscade of their own. The Marines directed approximately sixty small arms rounds at the Viet Cong, who were able to return but a few rounds before the Marines' fire forced them to break contact. The report stated that two Viet Cong were observed falling as if struck by the Marines' fire. The Marines continued to fire at the fleeing Viet Cong, but the Viet Cong escaped. A search of the ambush site, revealed one hat (described as a "coolie-type" hat) and surface markings (drag marks) which indicated at least two Viet Cong casualties. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as two probable WIA.

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(3) 3dBn, 3dMar. Continued to defend the western portion of the Regimental TAOR from, but not including, the railroad tracks, west to, but not including, the road passing HIEU DUC District Headquarters, coordinates (AT 942689). Company I provided security for ASP #1, coordinates (AT 985733).

a. At 111200H, a Company L patrol reported discovering and destroying an undetermined number of fighting holes at coordinates (AT 95762).

b. At 111300H, Company K, continuing to operate in the CAM NE complex, reported clearing three hundred sixty five feet of tree line, destroying six bunkers, and filling seventy five feet of trenchline.

c. At 111515H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 959659). The report stated that the suspect was discovered attempting to transport two women across the SONG YEN at that point. (S-2 comment: Ferrying points are controlled and restricted). The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated when transportation becomes available on 12 January. The status and disposition of the two passengers was not indicated.

d. At 111945H, Company M reported receiving fifteen rounds automatic and semi-automatic small arms fire in the Company C.P. position, coordinates (AT 971661). The enemy fire was not repeated and the exact Viet Cong position could not be determined. No casualties were reported.

e. At 112115H, a Company K ambush element moving into position at coordinates (AT 975685) reported hearing movement at close range. The Marines directed ten rounds small arms fire at the suspected Viet Cong position and heard what sounded like someone running down the trail. The Marines directed ten rounds small arms fire at the suspected Viet Cong, but a search fo the area revealed negative results. No casualties were reported.

(4) Special Reports.

a. At 112140H, the Headquarters Commandant of the Ninth Marines reported receiving a total of four small arms rounds in the Regiment C.P. position, coordinates (AT 996725). The report stated that the rounds appeared to have emanated from a complex of shed-like building located approximately three hundred meters south of the C.P. main gate, at coordinates (AT 997721). (S-2 comment: The buildings are not occupied at present, serving as emergency refugee shelters, when the need arises. The presence of these un-occupied buildings constitutes a security problem and there have been previous reports of small arms fire having emanated from that location). Surveillance was maintained on the suspected area and the fire was not repeated. No casualties were reported.

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

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D. Viet Cong casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA(Confirmed)	6	445
KIA(Possible)	5	199
VC Captured	0	180
VC Captured(WIA)	0	3
VC WIA(Possible)	2	40
VC Suspects	3	1003

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material: The following material was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar.

1 - Book, Vietnamese language (BT 112649)

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

2 - Bunkers(one "L" shaped, 10'x15'x3'deep) (one 6'x4'x3'deep) (BT 042677) (See 111100H entry, this INTSUM)

The following positions were destroyed by 3dBn, 3dMar.

Holes, fighting (undetermined amount) (AT 957682) (See 111200H entry, this INTSUM)

6 - Bunkers(CAM NE complex) (See 111300H entry, this INTSUM)

75'-Trenchline(CAM NE complex) (See111300H entry, this INTSUM)

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #13, Period ending 131000H, January 1966
Encl: ✓Company G Operation from 120700- 121200H
1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather.

(a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve (12) hours by Regimental S-2.

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
14 Jan	0655	0718	1833	1856	0[illegible]	1254	1/2

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO(river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708). Company L, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines, provided security for the Marble Mountain Air Facility, the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 063850), and the USAF Troposcatter site on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 068853).

a. At 120730H, Company A reported finding a mine at coordinates (BT 092 642). The mine was identified as an anti-personnel type, and described as having a metal body approximately eight inches in length, two inches in diameter, and was colored green with a blue band. The mine was destroyed by attached engineers. (S-2 comment: At 120500H, Company A reported detonating a booby-trapped grenade at the same location as in the above report. One Marine was WIA. The presence of a second explosive device at the same location may indicate that the first device may also have been an anti-personnel mine of the type reported above. Additional details will be provided when available).

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b. At 120915H, at coordinates (BT 065673), a Company B patrol reported observing a male approximately one hundred twenty five meters distant who fled to the north as the patrol approached. The patrol pursued and apprehended the man and discovered he possessed invalid identification. The suspect was evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

c. At 120930H at coordinates (BT 065673), a Company B reported apprehending one suspicious male when a routine inspection revealed he lacked adequate identification. The suspect was evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

d. At 120945H at coordinates (BT 058647), a Company C patrol reported apprehending one suspicious female who ran when she sighted the approach of the patrol. The female was evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

e. At 121135H at coordinates (BT 089691), a patrol from the Third Platoon, Company B reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect. The report stated that the suspect attempted to evade the Marines. During the interrogation by the Battalion S-2, the suspect admitted that his brother is a Viet Cong. The Viet Cong Suspect was evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

f. At 121235H, Company B reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect when he was pointed out by the HOA HAI Police Chief as a Viet Cong. The report stated that, during interrogation, what was believed to be a Viet Cong gas mask, a notebook, one thousand six hundred forty piastres, and miscellaneous papers and documents were discovered. The suspect and material were evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. (S-2 comment: The Battalion S-2 reported that, during interrogation, information was elicited which indicated that the captive is a member of the QUANG DA Viet Cong (Main Force) 26th Company. The report added that, according to the prisoner, the Company Commander is one MAC-NHU TRUNG; the second in command (and Fourth Platoon Commander) is one PHAN TIENG. While this information almost conclusively establishes that the captive is a Viet Cong, he will be reported as a Viet Cong Suspect (paragraph D), until his status is confirmed by ITT).

g. At 121300H, Company G reported apprehending three suspicious males in the vicinity of grid square (BT 0664) when routine examination revealed they lacked adequate identification. The three suspects were evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

h. At 121530H, Company B reported apprehending one male Vietnamese at coordinates (BT 037680) when examination revealed he possessed an invalid identification card. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

i. At 130720H, a Company A squad-sized patrol reported detonating a booby-trapped grenade positioned in a tree line at coordinates (BT 093645). Two Marines were WIA. The report stated that a total of four booby-trapped grenades were discovered in the same location. The other three grenades were distroyed by the Marines.

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j. At 130820H, the Battalion S-2 provided the details of a Company C action which occurred during the period 120700H-121100H, (originally reported as 120700H entry, INTSUM #12). The Battalion S-2 report is included in this INTSUM as enclosure (1).

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to defend the central portion of the Regimental TAOR from, and including, the SONG VINH DIEN(river), west to, and including, the railroad embankment, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707); and provided one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in the vicinity of MIEU DONG (1), coordinates (BT 017688).

a. At 121245H, a Company F patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 996634) reported finding one CHICOM grenade and a quantity of what appeared to be maps, letters, and overlays. The material was recovered and evacuated for evaluation. The report added that five steel punji traps, twenty three tunnels(two hundred fifty feet long), and five gates were destroyed in this location.

b. At 121500H, a Company H patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in a building at coordinates (BT 044725). The report stated that two children informed the patrol of the whereabouts of the suspect and examination of the building revealed him hiding under a bed. The Viet Cong Suspect was evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. (S-2 comment: The Battalion S-2 reported that a member of a GVN People's Action Team identified the suspect as a Viet Cong from the LO GIANG village area, grid square (BT 0371). At 130753H, as a follow-up to the apprehension of the Viet Cong Suspect on 12 January, Company H dispatched another patrol to investigate the same area, and reported apprehending another Viet Cong Suspect in the same building. The report stated that this captive was believed to be a Viet Cong Tax Collector. The captive was evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. Until the status of the captives is established by IPT, they will be shown as Viet Cong Suspects (paragraph D.).

c. At 121615H, a Company E patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 028640) reported discovering numerous punji stakes and fighting holes. The report added that what appeared to be "towel" rods, protruding eight inches above the ground, were found in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 026638). The area was probed for mines with negative results.

d. At 122215H, Headquarters and Service Company reported that three bursts of automatic weapons fire (approximately four to five rounds per burst) were received in the Battalion C.P. position, coordinates (AT 993679) from the direction of coordinates (AT 993683). Illumination was provided by 81mm mortar illumination, but the enemy position could not be located. No casualties were reported.

(3) 3dBn, 3dMar. Continued to defend the western portion of the Regimental TAOR from, but not including, the railroad tracks, west to, but not including, the road passing HIEU DUC District Headquarters, coordinates (AT 942689). Company I provided security for ASP #1, coordinates (AT 985733).

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a. At 121530H, a Company L platoon positioned at coordinates (AT 9[illegible] 660), reported observing a boat (sampan) with two occupants attempting to cross the LSONG KEM (river) at coordinates (AT 96366[illegible]). The report stated that the Marines challenged the two persons and finally fired two warning shots into the air, to halt the progress of the boat. Instead of halting, the people attempted to elude the Marines by paddling rapidly to the north. When the boat approached the shore, one occupant jumped out and fled on the eastern bank of the river, at coordinates (AT 96366[illegible]). The Marines directed ten small arms rounds at the fleeing man and at the boat occupant who had not succeeded in disembarking from the craft. The person in the boat was hit by the Marines' fire and killed. The second person escaped. Examination revealed the dead boat occupant was a Vietnamese woman. No weapon or equipment was found on the dead person or the boat or in the boat.

b. At 1210[illegible]H, Company K continuing to operate in the DAM BI complex reported filling eight fighting holes, and filling nine feet of trench line.

c. At 121515H, Company K reported receiving an estimated twenty rounds automatic and semi-automatic small arms fire in their Company C.P. position in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 970563), from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT [illegible] 665). The Marines directed ten rounds small arms fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. A patrol was dispatched to search the area with negative results. No casualties were reported.

d. At 122040H, Company K, operating in the CAM NE complex, reported hearing two explosions (no description reported) which appeared to have occurred in the hamlet of YEN NE (2), coordinates (AT 98[illegible]). The area was illuminated with six 81mm mortar rounds, with negative results. No casualties were reported.

e. At 122045H, Company K relayed a report received from the HOA THUI Village Chief that friendly units should apprehend all Vietnamese females of a fighting age (same age group as Vietnamese males), and all Vietnamese males fifteen years or older in the CAM NE area. The report stated that that HOA THUI chief believes that Vietnamese females are frequently Viet Cong guerrillas and are responsible for sniping at friendly units in the area. This report is rated B-2 by the Battalion S-2. (S-2 comment: The arbitrary apprehension and evacuation as Viet Cong Suspects of women and young boys is contrary to the policy of this, and higher headquarters. All persons suspected of Viet Cong affiliations or activities will be apprehended, but wholesale apprehension is neither desirable nor productive. Screening should be performed at the lowest possible level to separate civilians ~~from~~ Viet Cong Suspects).

f. At 122100H, a Company H listening post moving into position at coordinates (AT 968065) reported hearing an estimated five Viet Cong at close range. The Marines continued their deployment, and threw one M-26 grenade at the Viet Cong position. The report stated that, when the Viet Cong heard the spoon of the grenade pop, they began firing at the advancing Marines. The detonation of the grenade caused the Viet Cong fire to decrease. The report stated that, as the Marines continued their advance, toward the now withdrawing Viet Cong, they received an estimated twenty rounds small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 96[illegible]). The Marines directed approximately eighty five small arms rounds at this Viet Cong position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines pursued the withdrawing Viet

Cong by fire until the Viet Cong could no longer be located. No USMC casualties were reported. Three Viet Cong probable WIA were reported.

g. At 122100H, Company M reported that two SID-150's positioned at coordinates (AT 969662) and (AT 968664) simultaneously detected movement in their locations. The Marines directed approximately one hundred rounds small arms fire at the suspected Viet Cong positions and received an estimated one hundred fifty rounds automatic and semi-automatic small arms fire from an estimated six Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 969662) and an estimated three Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 968664). The Marines directed approximately two hundred rounds small arms fire and two 81mm mortar rounds at the Viet Cong positions and the enemy fire ceased. Surveillance was maintained on the suspected areas but Viet Cong activity was not repeated. The report stated that three Viet Cong were probably WIA but the basis of this report was not indicated. No USMC casualties were reported.

h. At 122358H, a Company L platoon positioned at coordinates (AT 956 669) reported hearing movement to the front of their position at close range. The Marines directed two granades and one 40mm(M-79) round at the suspected Viet Cong position and the movement ceased. The area was illuminated with eight 81mm mortar illumination rounds and a patrol searched the area with negative results. No casualties were reported.

i. At 121945H, Company M relayed a report from the villagers in AN TRACH (2), coordinates (AT 967661) that the Viet Cong have a booby-trapped grenade positioned at coordinates (AT 982684), and a mine (type not indicated) positioned at coordinates (AT 973655). The report indicated the Viet Cong told villagers of CAM NE (3), coordinates (AT 963685) to take six days of food and move to another village. The report stated that between now and the 21st of January, the Viet Cong will attack AN TRACH (1), with a company augmented by local Viet Cong guerrillas. The Battalion S-2 rated this report F-3, and added that the information is being carefully investigated. (S-2 rates the report F-3).

j. At 130840H, Company K reported apprehending one suspicious male at coordinates (AT 949699) when examination revealed that his personal appearance was not in agreement with his claimed occupation as a farmer. The report stated that the male would be interrogated and that the assistance of the local authorities would be requested to help identify him. The disposition and status of the suspect was not established by the termination of the reporting period.

(4) Special Reports.

a. Late Report. At 120950H, an Aerial Observer operating in the TAOR reported receiving fire from Viet Cong armed with automatic weapons positioned in the vicinity of QUANG LOC DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 065614). Artillery support was requested and a total of fourteen 105mm (HE), and five (WP) rounds were delivered on the target area with reported excellent results. The report stated that a trench believed to have been occupied by the Viet Cong was destroyed, as were five buildings in the area. The Viet Cong fire was not repeated.

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b. At 121340H, G-2 relayed a report from HOA VANG District Headquarters that one Viet Cong company displaced to HOA LAN village area, vicinity of coordinates (BT 042694), (BT 035688), (and (BT 030687). The report stated that this company is equipped with machine guns, automatic rifles, and normal arms (rifles). The report continued that the Viet Cong told the people that they will attack troops (GVN?) in HOA DA village. This report also stated that a Viet Cong unit of undetermined strength has moved into HA DONG village, coordinates (BT 010645). The report added that this unit, commanded by one TIEN, may be planning to attack GVN pacification cadre operating in GIANG DONG hamlet, coordinates (BT 008678). HOA VANG District Headquarters rated this report B-2. G-2 rated this report F-3. (S-2 rates it F-3).

C. Reports of information received directly from civilians: See 121500H entry this INTSUM; 121945H entry, this INTSUM.

D. Viet Cong casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA(Confirmed)	8	453
KIA(Possible)	0	199
VC Captured	0	183*
VC Captured(WIA)	0	3
VC WIA(Possible)	8	48
VC Suspects	3	1006

*Increase of three Viet Cong based on ITT Prisoner Interrogation Reports as follows:

ITT Report dated 9 Jan 66

Name: NGUYEN NHO
Age: 34
Status: VC Worker, QUANG DONG, sent to DIEN BAN Dist. Hq.

Captured by F-2-9, on 08Jan66

ITT Report dated 09Jan66

Name: NGUYEN QUAN
Age: 49
Status: VC Worker, CHAU LAU, sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.

Captured by F-2-9, on 08Jan66

ITT Report dated 09Jan66

Name: NGUYEN TOAN
Age: 40
Status:, VC Guard, YEN NE, sent to HOA VANG Dist. Hq.

Captured by D-1-9, on 09Jan66

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E. Captured and destroyed enemy material: The following material was destroyed by 1stBn, 9thMar.

1 - Mine (AP) (BT 092642) (See 120730H entry, this INTSUM)

The following material was destroyed by 2ndBn, 9thMar.

1 - Grenade, CHICOM, fragmentation (AT 996634) (See 121245H entry, this INTSUM)

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications: The following positions were destroyed by 2ndBn, 9thMar.

5 - Traps, punji, steel (AT 996634) (See 121245H entry, this INTSUM)

23 - Tunnels (total length 250') (AT 996634) (See 121245H entry, this INTSUM)

Holes, fighting,(undetermined amount) (BT 028640) (See 121615H entry, this INTSUM)

Stakes, punji, (undetermined)amount) (BT 028640) (See 121615H entry, this INTSUM)

Rods, Dowel, wood (BT 028640) (See 121615H entry, this INTSUM)

The following positions were destroyed by 3dBn, 3dMar.

9'- Trenchline , CAM NE complex (See 121847H entry, this INTSUM)

8 - Holes, fighting, CAM NE complex, (See 121847H entry, this INTSUM)

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2/12	(6)
FSCC	(1)
S-2	(9)
S-3	(1)
1stAmtracBn	(1)
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3dAtBn	(1)
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From: S-2, 1stBn,9thMar
To: S-2, 9th Mar

Subj: Company C operation from 120700 to 121200H

At 0700 at coordinates (BT 064635), a Company C ambush position reported observing five armed Viet Cong on the high ground at coordinates (BT 064632). The Marines fired five hundred small arms rounds and twenty four 40mm (M-79) rounds resulting in three Viet Cong KIA and two Viet Cong WIA. No enemy fire was returned. The Marines requested two tanks and an additional squad as reinforcement and two fire teams from the ambush position searched out the enemy position. They found eight fighting holes, one bunker, blood stains, bandages, numerous boot prints on the reverse slope, and evidence of bodies being dragged away into the hamlet by the wounded.

At 120800H, the two squads mounted on two tanks and at (BT 067627) received approximately fifty small arms rounds of automatic carbine fire from (BT 066624). The squad dismounted and then received four small arms semi-automatic rounds from coordinates (BT 071625). The Marines returned two hundred fifty small arms rounds and ten 40mm (M-79) rounds, eight hundred .30 caliber rounds, one hundred forty .50 caliber rounds, and fourteen canister (HE). All enemy fire ceased and a search of the enemy positions produced negative results.

Prepatory to sweeping THONG HO (1), a twenty seven 81mm mortar mission was fired from (BT 063623) to (BT 065626). The tank/infantry team then swept from (BT 067627) to (BT 062632) with negative contact.

At 121030H upon completion of the sweep, the Aerial Observer reported receiving fifty small arms rounds of automatic fire from (BT 072623) which impacted on the wing and fuselage. The tank/infantry team moved to (BT 066629) and directed seventy five small arms rounds and four 90mm (WP) rounds at the suspected enemy position. The tanks then reported observing twenty five to thirty Viet Cong and fired an additional twenty one 90mm rounds and fifty .50 caliber rounds resulting in nine Viet Cong KIA (body count by AO). The Viet Cong then fled to the woodline, coordinates (BT 072622). Six 81mm mortar rounds were then fired into the tree line and, approximately thirty minutes later, twelve 105mm (HE) and twelve 105mm (WP) rounds were fired on coordinates (BT 073622). One three hundred foot trench line was reported destroyed and six to eight huts were demolished. No further movement was observed.

The encounter resulted in a total of thirteen Viet Cong KIA and two Viet Cong WIA, however, it is belived several more casualties were inflicted on the Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported.

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #14, Period ending 141000H, January 1956
Encl: (1) Company C Operation from period 130600H-131430H.
1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather.

(a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve (12) hours by Regimental S-2.

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
15 Jan	0653	0715	1850	1912	0742	1524	1/2

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO(river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071704). Company L, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines, provided security for the Marble Mountain Air Facility, the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 0630[illegible]), and the USAF Troposcatter site on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 0786[illegible]).

a. At 130715H, a Company B patrol reported apprehending four male Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 070686). The report stated one suspect was apprehended when an examination revealed he lacked adequate identification; another was apprehended in a boat when examination revealed the suspect to be of military age. The third Viet Cong Suspect produced an identification card, but the picture on the identification card appeared to be not that of the suspect. The fourth Viet Cong Suspect had identification which stated he was born in 1912, but he appeared to be much younger. All of the suspects were evacuated to the Battalion C.P. for initial interrogation, and will be evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation when transportation becomes available.

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b. At 130750H, a Company B ambush element reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the area of the squad ambush site coordinates (BT 077665). The report stated that examination indicated that the suspect was an ARVN soldier but because of the suspect's extreme nervousness and his inability to explain his presence in the area, he will be evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

c. At 130830H, a Company A patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 110623) reported receiving ten to fifteen small arms rounds, from an estimated two Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 113627), and (BT 119619). The Marines directed approximately two hundred small arms rounds, at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong broke contact, fleeing to the southwest. A search of the suspected Viet Cong positions produced negative results. No casualties were reported.

d. At 131045H, a Company A patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 110635) reported receiving two hundred small arms rounds, from an estimated two to three Viet Cong with two automatic weapons positioned at coordinates (BT 103624). The Marines directed approximately two hundred small arms rounds, and two 3.5 inch HE (rocket), rounds at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong broke contact withdrawing from their positions. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong by fire, then searched the area with negative results.

e. At 131050H, a Company A squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of the SONG HA XAU, coordinates (BT 098630) reported observing one armed Viet Cong on the far side of the river at coordinates (BT 095630). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the Viet Cong, and observed him fall, as if struck by the Marines' fire. The Marines were unable to immediately recover the body or weapon of the dead Viet Cong (body count) because of the intervening body of water. The report added that, approximately ten minutes later, another Viet Cong was observed dragging the body and weapon of the Viet Cong into the bushes. No Marine casualties were reported.

f. At 131055H, Company G, conducting a search and clear operation in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 074628), reported receiving fire to six small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned to the southeast at a distance of two hundred fifty meters, coordinates (BT 076626). The Marines directed twelve small arms rounds, at the enemy position, and a search of the area of the Viet Cong positions revealed negative results.

g. At 132000H, a Company B squad-sized ambush element, positioned at coordinates (BT 034683) reported receiving three to four rounds sniper fire from one Viet Cong armed with what was described as a "high powered" rifle located at coordinates (BT 033683). The Marines directed five rounds small arms fire and pursued the Viet Cong as he withdrew, but lost the contact. The report added that the Marines then heard what appeared to be drum signals and shouting from the area of MAN QUAN (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 035689).

(2) 2nd Bn, 9th Mar. Continued to defend the central portion of the Regimental TAOR from, and including, the SONG VINH DIEN (river), west to, and including, the railroad embankment, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707); and provided one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in the vicinity of HIEU DONG (1), coordinates (BT 017688).

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a. The battalion did not report any enemy contact or information of an intelligence nature during the period covered by this INTSUM.

(3) 3dBn, 3dMar. Continued to defend the western portion of the Regimental TAOR from, but not including, the railroad tracks, west to, but not including, the road passing HIEU DUC District Headquarters, coordinates (AT 942689). Company I provided security for ASP #1, coordinates (AT 985733).

a. At 131400H, the Battalion S-3 reported that the Vietnamese woman reported shot and killed by Marines as she attempted to escape from a Company L patrol (see 121530H entry, INTSUM #13) did not succomb to her wounds and is presently at the USOM hospital in DA NANG receiving treatment.

b. At 131615H, a Company M patrol reported discovering a recently dug trench line three feet deep, four feet wide, and forty feet long, at coordinates (AT 972662) which the Marines destroyed. The report stated that a tunnel (size not indicated) was destroyed by demolitions at coordinates (AT 977646). The report continued that the Marines discovered a booby-trapped 60mm mortar round at coordinates (AT 973652) which was buried nose down on a trail. The report continued that when the booby-trap was destroyed in place, a secondary explosion was observed, indicating that several pounds of TNT had been buried beneath the mortar round. No casualties were reported. The battalion commented that the booby trap is believed to be the one reported by villagers in AN TRACH (1) hamlet on 12 January (see 121945) entry INTSUM #15). The Battalion S-2 added that since this discovery tends to prove the validity of the report, the Battalion S-2 reevaluates the original report received from the villagers as C-3 (vice F-3).

c. At 131910H, a Marine security element positioned on the SONG CAU DO (river) at coordinates (AT 971699) reported observing a boat (sampan) in the river at coordinates (AT 972699). The Marines directed four rounds small arms fire and three 40mm(M-79) rounds at the boat which sank. No casualties were reported. (An earlier report indicated that this security element was receiving sporadic sniper fire from the northwest, but that the enemy position could not be located. Later inquiry indicated that this fire may have originated from ARVN troops located at the HOA CAM Training Center and the fire was unintentionally impacting near the Marines).

(4) Special Reports.

a. At 131910H, a report was received from the Second Battalion, Ninth Marines that an (unidentified) wounded U.S. Army Officer contacted Company E Marines in position at coordinates (BT 031649), and notified them that he and two companions had been ambushed by Viet Cong as they were proceeding north on Highway #1, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 033643). The officer stated that his two companions, one U.S. staff sergeant, and an Australian Warrant Officer, were dead. A patrol was dispatched to the site and reported that the vehicle was demolished and burning, the two occupants were dead, apparently as the result of small arms fire, and the weapons and other personal possessions and equipment appeared to have been captured by the Viet Cong. No additional details were provided.

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

D. Viet Cong casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA(Confirmed)	1	454
KIA(Possible)	0	199
VC Captured	0	183
VC Captured(WIA)	0	3
VC WIA(Possible)	2	50
VC Suspects	5	1011

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material: The following material was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar.

6 - Leaflets, propaganda (BT 051645)

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

15 - Shelters, VC (BT 065625) (See enclosure #1)

- Holes, fighting(undetermined amount) (BT 065625) (See enclosure #1)

10'- Trench (BT 064625) (See enclosure #1)

1 - Gate, booby-trapped (BT 058624) (See enclosure #1)

7 - Bunkers (BT 064625)

The following position was destroyed by 3dBn, 3dMar.

1 - Tunnel(size and extent not indicated) (AT 977646) (See 131615H entry, this INTSUM)

40'- Trenchline(3'deep x 4' wide) (AT 972662) (See 131615K entry, this INTSUM)

1 - Mortar, 60mm(booby-trapped) (AT 973652) (See 131615H entry, this INTSUM)

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From: S-2 1stBn, 9thMar
To: S-2 9th Mar

Subj: Company C operation from 130600H to 131430H

At 131045H at coordinates (BT 065630), the 1st platoon Company C reported receiving two rounds of sniper fire from (BT 062631). The Marines observed four males at the enemy position and tanks returned seventy five .30 caliber rounds and thirty .50 caliber rounds. Two males were observed to fall, but the four Viet Cong evaded capture. (Two Viet Cong were probable WIA).

At 131100H at coordinates (BT 058634), 1stPlt, Company C reported receiving three rounds of sniper fire from the vicinity of (BT 058632). The Marines returned fire with fifty rounds of small arms, one 3.5 inch WP rocket and four 40mm (M-79) rounds with unknown results. At coordinates (BT 064625), Company C reported blowing a hole and locating a ten pound metal case and a shape charge.

At 131115H at coordinates (BT 062630), the 2ndPlt, Company C reported receiving nine rounds of small arms fire from (BT 065625). The Marines returned two hundred rounds of small arms, six rounds of 40mm (M-79), one 60mm mortar round, hundred rounds of tank .30 caliber, and ten rounds of tank .50caliber. The enemy fire ceased and a search of enemy position produced negative results.

At coordinates (BT 065625), Company C reported locating and destroying a possible Viet Cong camp. The area contained fifteen shelters, two large hollow trees, and several fighting holes. The Company destroyed a ten foot trench at (BT 064625), and a booby trapped gate (grenade), coordinates (BT 058625), and seven bunkers at coordinates (BT 064625).

At 131200H at coordinates (BT 060622), the 1stPlt, Company C reported receiving four rounds of sniper fire from (BT 060620). The Marines returned fire with twenty five rounds of small arms, one round of 40mm (M-79), and one 3.5 inch WP rocket. The area was searched with negative results.

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary # 15, Period ending 151000H, January 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather.

(a) Temperature 84 degrees maximum 71 degrees minimum. Clouds scattered, varible broken to 6000 feet. Visibility 10 miles, reduced to 2-3 miles in fog. Winds easterly 5 knots. Low level stratus and early morning fog.

(b) Forecast for next 6 hours. Maximum temperature 85 degrees minimum 72 degrees. Clouds scattered to 15,000, 2000 broken. Visibility 7 miles, reduced to 4 miles in rain showers. Winds northeast at 5 knots. Predicted rain-showers.

(c) Trafficibility. Roads in the TAOR remain unchanged with the exception of that portion of 1stBn, 9thMar MSR south of coordinates (BT 067670), where trafficibility is restricted to foot troops and tracked vehicles.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
15 Jan	0655	0718	1834	1857	0142	1334	3/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU SO(river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708). Company L, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines, provided security for the Marble Mountain Air Facility, the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 063850), and the USAF Troposcatter site on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 068853).

a. Late Report. Company A reported apprehending three suspicious males at 141350H at coordinates (BT 125636) when they attempted to elude a patrol.

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Two of the males were approximately 26 years old and the third was a boy about 14 years old. The two men claimed they had been discharged from the ARVN forces. During interrogation, the boy reported thirty Viet Cong in HA QUANG (2) five days ago, wearing gray uniforms and equipped with one 60mm mortar. (F-2)

b. At 141240H L/3/9 OPCON to 1stBn, 9thMar reported apprehending seventy six civilians from coordinates (BT 055740) south to (BT 065715). The suspicious persons were screened by the Bn S-2 and one male Viet Cong Suspect was determined. The Viet Cong Suspect could not explain his presence in the area and his identification says he is 38 years old. The man appears to be about 20 years old and will be released to Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for further interrogation as a Viet Cong Suspect. The seventy five civilians were released by the Bn S-2.

c. At coordinates (BT 058729) and (BT 065715), L/3/9 reported finding two manufactured plastic AP mines. The mines were 3.5 inches in diameter and contained approximately the same explosive charge as a hand grenade. The mines were also reported as being shape charges when they were blown in place.

d. At coordinates (BT 055729), elements of L/3/9 reported finding two hundred copies of a Viet Cong newspaper in a hollowed out section of a rice paddy dike. The papers were forwarded to regiment.

e. Company L reported that during the sweep they destroyed thirty five boats which was done to discourage boat traffic that is believed to be transporting Viet Cong at night.

f. At 141420H at coordinates (BT 076632) a patrol from C/1/9 reported receiving two rounds of sniper fire from coordinates (BT 076630). The patrol returned ten rounds of small arms and the area was searched with negative results.

g. At 141435H at coordinates (BT 058662), a Company B patrol reported wounding one suspicious female with small arms fire. She fled from the patrol and ignored the challenge and warning shots by the Marines. The female had no ID card and had papers with "Viet Cong" which have not yet arrived at this Headquarters. The suspicious WIA was evacuated to the USOM Hospital.

h. At 141435H at coordinates (BT 116648), a Company A patrol reported the area was very quiet and suspicious. The patrol then observed one male who fled east upon seeing the patrol. The patrol challenged and attempted to run down the male but finally fired warning shots which the male ignored. Small arms fire was directed at the fleeing Vietnamese resulting in one suspicious WIA. The WIA was evacuated to the 59th ARVN hospital.

i. At 141600H at coordinates (BT 073633), a patrol from 1stPlt, Company reported receiving fifteen to twenty small arms fire from approximately five Viet Cong at coordinates (BT 069632),(BT 073630),(BT 073632), and (BT 077634). A squad and two tanks were dispatched to assist the patrol. The Marines fired four hundred rounds small arms fire, eight 40mm(M-79) rounds, five 3.5 inch WP (rocket) rounds, nine 90mm WP tank rounds, one 90mm tank canister round, sixteen 90mm HE rounds, two hundred .50 caliber rounds, and five hundred .30 caliber rounds. The enemy fire ceased and a search of the area produced negative results.

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j. At 141614H, at coordinates (BT 061745), a Company C squad providing security for a resupply run reported receiving three rounds of small arms sniper fire from coordinates (BT 059645). The squad returned fire at a fleeing figure and, upon searching the area, found one six year old boy wounded in the leg and stomach. The boy was evacuated to the 59th ARVN hospital.

k. At 141710H at coordinates (BT 093645), the 1st Plt, Company A reported receiving three sniper rounds from the vicinity of coordinates (BT 090643). The fire resulted in one Marine WIA who was wounded in the jaw. The Marines returned fire with one hundred small arms rounds, seventy five M-60 rounds, five 40mm(M-79) rounds, and six rounds 60mm mortar. The area was searched with negative results.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to defend the central portion of the Regimental TAOR from, and including, the SONG VINH DIEN(river), west to, and including, the railroad embankment, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707); and provided one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in the vicinity of MIEU DONG (1), coordinates (BT 017688).

a. At 141330H, an E/2/9 patrol operating on the Anderson Trail, coordinates (BT 025638) and (BT 029641), received six rounds of sniper fire from coordinates (BT 029635). The fire was returned with seven 40mm(M-79)rounds with unknown results. Investigation revealed several thousand punji stakes, foot traps, and three 60mm mortar duds. The punji stakes and mortar duds were destroyed.

b. At 142130H, a squad ambush from E/2/9 located at coordinates (BT 032 648) observed a man at coordinates (BT 033649). Marines fired two 40mm(M-79) rounds and the man was observed to go down. The area was illuminated at the time. The area could not be investigated due to the intervening body of water. One possible Viet Cong KIA was reported.

c. At 141145H, a patrol from F/2/9 operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 991641) reported tripping an M-26 fragmentation grenade rigged as a booby-trap. The area was searched with negative results.

d. At 141510H, a patrol from F/2/9 operating in DUONG SON (3), vicinity of coordinates (AT 994672) were approached by villagers who stated that there are many Viet Cong in HA DONG, coordinates (AT 996643), TAN HANH, coordinates (BT 000655), and NHON THOC (1), coordinates (BT 000662).(F-3).

e. At 141820H, a patrol from G/2/9 operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 992645), destroyed a booby-trap. No other details are available.

f. At 120230H, G/2/9 reported two rounds of HE mortar fire(size unknown) vicinity (BT 000635). It could not be determined if they were fired at G Company or not. Five rounds of small arms fire was received vicinity of coordinates (AT 991643) from (AT 993640). Fire was not returned.

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g. At 150917H, E/2/12 fired three rounds of 105mm HE at suspected Viet Cong positions. AO reported good effect on target.

h. At 150835H, I/3/3 (Opcon to 2/9) reported destroying a tunnel approximatley five feet long at coordinates (AT 969645).

(3) 3dBn, 3dMar. Continued to defend the western portion of the Regimental TAOR from, but not including, the railroad tracks, west to, but not including, the road passing HIEU DUC District Headquarters, coordinates (AT 942689). Company I, provided security for ASP #1, coordinates (AT 985733).

a. At 140710H, a patrol from L/3/3 reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (AT 954654). The suspects had smooth hands and did not appear to be the usual Vietnamese farmer. The suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

b. At 141035H, a patrol from L/3/3 reported two USMC PC's detonated a mine at coordinates (AT 932624). The report stated the explosion resulted in a crater six feet wide and three feet deep. The type of mine is unknown.

c. At 142020H, Company L reported receiving five rounds small arms fire in their C.P., coordinates (AT 953667) from Viet Cong positions at coordinates (AT 955665). Three M-79 rounds were directed at the Viet Cong position and the fire ceased. The report states that noise was heard from villagers in the area of the Viet Cong position and the AN/TPS-21 picked up movement of an estimated three persons in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 955665) to (AT 950663). The area was illuminates with three 81mm rounds and a tank flood light. At this time a group of Vietnamese civilians were observed approaching L Company positions carrying torches and several wounded villagers. Three Vietnamese civilians were treated for gunshot wounds, one of which was evacuated. The Marines reported that they fired no small arms at the Viet Cong during the skirmish. No firendly casualties. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

(4) Special Reports.

a. At 141700H, the S-2 officer of the Ninth Marines received a report from the MIEU BONG Police Chief that a Viet Cong regular battalion had moved to KY LAM, coordinates (BT 001560), KY QUAN, and KY MINH (does not appear on current operational map), Reportedly, this unidentified battalion was reinforced by a second unidentified battalion and was displacing to THANH QUIT, coordinates (BT 040 625), THANH TRUTG, coordinates (BT 049637), and THANH MINH, (does not appear on current operational map), armed with unknown types and quantity of small arms. Reportedly, this mission is to attack PHONG THU (2) and USMC units with mortars prior to the beginning of [illegible]. (S-2 rates the report D-4).

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b. At 150310H, the Ninth Marines Liaison Officer attached to the 59th ARVN Battalion reported that an estimated two Viet Cong companies armed with small arms and automatic weapons attached the 594th Company, coordinates (BT 002667) from a westerly direction. The report added that the estimated strength of the Viet Cong was from thirty to forty. The report further stated that a unit (size not indicated) from the Second Battalion, Ninth Marines displayed as a blocking force at coordinates (BT 005660) to render assistance. Initial reports stated that one ARVN was KIA and three ARVN WIA. Additional information will be provided when available. This report was unevaluated.

C. Reports of information received directly from civilians:

(1) See paragraph 1B(1)a, this INTSUM

(2) See paragraph 1B(2)d, this INTSUM

(3) On 14 January, the intelligence officer of the First Battalion, Ninth Marines received a report from the HOA HAI Village Chief that one Main Force Viet Cong platoon was located at TRA LO, coordinates (BT 085682). The report continued that there were twenty eight important Viet Cong cadre located at TRA KHE (2), coordinates (AT 076685) with the mission of visiting Viet Cong families during the Vietnamese holidays. The report is rated D-3 by First Battalion. (S-2 rates it D-3)

(4) At 141600H, the intelligence officer of the First Battalion, Ninth Marines received a report from the SON THUY AP hamlet chief that the Viet Cong were using boats to cross the SONG CAN BIEN (river) from KHUE DONG, coordinates (AT 057705) to AP NUOC MAN, (does not appear on current operational map). The Battalion S-2 rated this report F-2. (S-2 rates it F-3).

D. Viet Cong casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA (Confirmed)	0	454
KIA (Possible)	1	200
VC Captured	0	183
VC Captured (WIA)	0	3
VC WIA (Possible)	0	50
VC Suspects	3	1014

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material: The following material was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar

4 - Signs, propaganda (BT 093631)

The following material was captured by 2ndBn, 9thMar

Leaflets, propaganda (AT 998644)

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

2 - Mines, AP, plastic (BT 065715) (See 141240H entry, this INTSUM)

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35- Boats, (type not indicated) (See paragraph 1B(1)e, this INTSUM)

The following positions were destroyed by 2ndBn, 3thMar.

Stakes, punji(undetermined amount) (BT 029635) (See 141430H entry, this INTSUM

3 - Duds, 60mm mortar (BT 029635) (See 141430H entry, this INTSUM)

Foot trapa(undetermined amount) (BT 029635) (See 141430H entry, this INTSUM)

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #16, Period ending 161000H, January 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather.

(a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve (12) hours by Regimental S-2.

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
17 Jan	0655	0718	1836	1859	0331	1500	1/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO(river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708). Company D, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines provided security for the Marble Mountain Air Facility, the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 063850), and the USAF Troposcatter site on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 068853).

a. At 150800H, a Company A scout-sniper team positioned at coordinates (BT 102651) reported observing one Viet Cong on the far side of the SONG HA XAU (river) at coordinates (BT 095645) who appeared to be observing the Marines' positions in the area. The Marines directed one small arms round at the Viet Cong, who was observed falling, as if struck by the Marines' fire. The report added that the Marines could not examine the body or search the area because of the intervening body of water. Enemy casualties were estimated as one KIA.

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b. At 150915H, a Company A scout-sniper-team positioned at coordinates (BT 092632) reported observing one Viet Cong in a trench line at coordinates (BT 092620). The Marine sniper fired one round and reported hitting the Viet Cong in the abdomen. A squad dispatched to recover the body and search the area reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 092620). The Marines directed a total of five hundred seventy five small arms rounds, twelve 40mm(M-79) rounds, one 3.5 inch (rocket) round, and one 60mm mortar round at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported finding blood traces and foot prints which indicated the Viet Cong had withdrawn to the south. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one KIA.

c. At 150915H, a Company B patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 048672). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when they were observed attempting to hide from the Marines. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point. The report added that the area in which the suspects were apprehended has been the scene of frequent sniper activity.

d. At 150930H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 063625) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 061622). The Marines directed three hundred small arms rounds, seven 40mm(M-79) rounds, and two 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the south. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 151030H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 066629) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 077643). One Marine was WIA and assistance was requested. Company C dispatched one squad with two tanks to reinforce the patrol. (See below).

f. At 151145H, the Company C squad-sized reinforcing unit with tanks, dispatched to assist the patrol located at coordinates (BT 066629) reported observing eight armed Viet Cong in a tree line at coordinates (BT 070623). The tanks directed fifty caliber .50 rounds, five 90mm (HE) rounds, and five 90mm(WP) rounds at the enemy position. Mortar support was requested but cancelled due to poor observation. No additional Marine casualties were reported. The report stated that six Viet Cong were killed (body count-viewed through the tank sights). (See below).

g. At 151225H, the Company C squad-sized reinforcing unit, with tanks, initiated a tank/infantry sweep of the area in which Viet Cong activity had been observed and Viet Cong fire received, coordinates (BT 065628) to (BT 072623). In the vicinity of coordinates (BT 069628), the Marines reported receiving what was described as light to heavy small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 065625), (BT 068623), and (BT 073624). The Marines directed a total of approximately three thousand small arms and machine gun rounds, sixty three 40mm(M-79) rounds, eighteen 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds, one LAW(M-72) round, two grenades, one

thousand caliber .30 (tank) machine gun rounds, twenty four 90mm (tank) rounds, and one hundred caliber .50 (tank) machine gun rounds at the enemy positions. The report stated that blood pools and surface markings indicating that bodies had been dragged were found at coordinates (BT 070623). Punji and man traps were found in the area, as well as a Vietnamese-language sign which was translated as meaning "minefield". No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. (See below).

h. At 151410H, the Company C unit, with tanks, conducting the tank/infantry sweep in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 065628) to (BT 072623), reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in QUANG HA (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 072623). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a young Vietnamese girl (additional identification not provided) approached the Marines and informed them that a Viet Cong was hiding in what was described as a bomb shelter. The Marines investigated and found a male, approximately twenty years of age. An old man in the village also identified the suspect as a Viet Cong and stated that he had assisted in carrying away Viet Cong casualties. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point.

i. At 151400H, a Company A patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 095639). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that he had received a gunshot wound approximately one month ago and he was unable to adequately explain the origin of his wound. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point.

j. At 151200H, a Company A patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 091631) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong armed with one automatic and four semi-automatic weapons positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 094630). The report stated that the Marines directed a heavy volume of small arms fire at the enemy position and requested artillery support when the Viet Cong fire continued. Twenty eight 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location, with a reported "good effect". The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions but found no bodies or equipment. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. (See below).

k. At 151250H, the Company A patrol searching the site of Viet Cong positions at coordinates (BT 095630) which had received friendly artillery fire reported receiving additional small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 100630). Artillery support was requested and twenty 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. The Marines also directed long range small arms fire at the Viet Cong position and reported observing one Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as six KIA. The report added that the area could not be searched due to the intervening body of water (SONG HA XAU).

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l. During the period 151615H to 151900H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 065628) reported receiving intermittent sniper fire (totalling approximately twenty rounds) from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 069623). The report stated that, at 151845H, two Viet Cong were observed running from a hut at that location, and the Marines directed approximately one hundred fifty small arms rounds at the Viet Cong and reported that one Viet Cong was hit and presumed killed. The report added that the body of the Viet Cong was kept under observation but the Viet Cong did not attempt to recover it. No weapon could be observed. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA, body count.

m. At 151745H, a Company A patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 095639) reported receiving five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 094632). The Marines directed eighty small arms rounds and two 40mm(M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

n. At 152030H, Battery D, located at coordinates (BT 063680) reported receiving twelve small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned to the south at coordinates (BT 063678). The exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

o. At 152030H, a Company B patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 076671) reported receiving an undetermined amount of small arms rounds and one grenade from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 067669). The Marines directed approximately one hundred small arms rounds and two 40mm(M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact and attempted to flee. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong by fire and reported killing one Viet Cong(body count). No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one KIA, body count. The report added that when the patrol received the fire, they had just departed a house at coordinates (BT 067671) where they had apprehended a Viet Cong Suspect who attempted to hide from the Marines. A search of the house revealed one US(M-26) grenade. The suspect was evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

p. At 152200H, a Company B patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 067671) reported hearing movement to the west at close range. The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the suspected location and commenced to search the area, vicinity of TRA KHE (3) hamlet. Almost immediately the Marines received a heavy volume of automatic weapons fire from the northwest portion of the hamlet. When the Marines returned the fire, an explosion occurred within one building. The enemy fire ceased and the Marines continued their search of the area. The report stated ten straw-filled figures (dummies), with pieces of wood to represent weapons, were discovered at this location. Because of the danger of mines or booby-traps in the vicinity of these dummies, the area was covered with twenty five 81mm mortar rounds. As the 81mm mortar rounds were impacting in the area, a forward

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observer reported observing four men fleeing to the west. The report stated that, before the men could clear the area, they were observed being struck by the mortar fire. The report stated that the area is still suspect, and will be examined during daylight hours. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as four KIA.

q. At 152205H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 065628) reported receiving six small arms rounds from Viet Cong armed with two automatic weapons at coordinates (BT 065630). The report stated that, at first, the Marines did not return the Viet Cong fire, in order not to disclose their position. After five minutes lapse of time, seventy three small arms rounds, six 40mm(M-79) rounds, and two fragmentation grenades were directed at the enemy position. The Marines withdrew approximately three hundred meters and mortar support was requested and five 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. The report added that the Viet Cong were armed with at least two automatic weapons and small arms and were using whistle signals for control and coordination.

r. At 160010H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA HAI Village Chief that one NGUYEN XUNG, forty six years of age, is a Viet Cong cadre in HOA HAI village. XUNG's mission is to direct the villagers to construct trenchlines and positions for use by the Viet Cong. The report added that the following are also Viet Cong cadre in HOA HAI village:

TRAN CHAT
DOAN TAM
MAI DUOC
PHAM TONG
PHAM MAN
NGUYEN DAI

The report was rated D-3 by the Battalion S-2. (S-2 rates it D-3).

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(2) 2nd Bn, 9th Mar. Continued to defend the central portion of the Regimental TAOR from, and including, the SONG VINH DIEN (river), west to, and including, the railroad embankment, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707), and provided one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in the vicinity of MUEU DONG (1), coordinates (BT 017686).

a. At 151630H, a Company I patrol reported the discovery of one 105mm, two 155mm, and one 60mm mortar round at coordinates (AT 953617), and (AT 948617). The rounds were described as duds rigged as booby traps. The report stated that the devices were destroyed in place.

b. At 151650H, a Company H patrol reported the discovery of one 105mm round at coordinates (AT 981624). Identified as a booby trapped 105mm round. The report stated that the device was destroyed in place.

c. At 151620H, Company E, positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 980620), reported observing four Viet Cong in a boat at coordinates (AT 980620). The Viet Cong tried to escape by jumping into the river. The Marines directed an undetermined amount of small arms rounds and undetermined amount of .50 caliber machinegun fire at the enemy positions. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined, however large pools of blood were observed.

d. At 150630H, a Company H patrol reported that a booby trapped grenade was detonated at coordinates (AT 986626). The report described the device as a M-26 grenade. Three Marine WIA were reported.

e. At 151930H, a Company F patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 946591). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he attempted to hide in a hole. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the Battalion Collecting Point for investigation.

f. At 151407H, Company E reported the discovery of approximately eighteen hundred pounds of rice at coordinates (AT 988624). The report stated that the rice will be evacuated.

g. At 151152H, an Engineer unit reported the discovery of a booby-trapped 105mm round at coordinates (AT 967616). The device was described as a 105mm round in the ground, upright with two pieces of catgut attached to the fuze. A piece of wood covered the pressure type fuze. The report stated that the device was destroyed in place.

h. At 151300H, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines reported the discovery of approximately one ton of rice at coordinates (AT 935626). The report added that the rice was evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters.

(S-2 comment: The above reports were received from the area in which the battalion was conducting Operation "BIG LODGE". The heavy volume of radio traffic emanating from the operational area made reporting difficult and queries regarding additional information must await the availability of a more complete "situation report" presently being prepared by the Battalion S-2. This report will be forwarded to G-2 immediately upon receipt.)

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(3) 3dBn, 3dMar. Continued to defend the western portion of the Regimental TAOR from, but not including, the railroad tracks, west to, but not including, the road passing HIEU DUC District Headquarters, coordinates (AT 942689). Company I provided security for ASP #1, coordinates (AT 985733).

a. At 151020H, a Company L reported the discovery of a possible booby-trap at coordinates (AT 951642). The device was identified as a box with a string attached. The report stated that the device was destroyed in place.

b. At 151030H, Company L reported the discovery of a booby-trap at coordinates (AT 951642). The device was described as a can emplaced over a grenade . The report stated that the device was destroyed in place.

c. At 151130H, Company L reported that a booby-trap was detonated at coordinates (AT 951638) when an interpreter tripped a booby-trap. The report described the device as an M-26 grenade under a tin can, with a stick protruding through the side. One ARVN WIA was reported.

d. At 151220H, Company L reported discovering a freshly dug trench line extending through the hamlet of DONG PHU (1), coordinates (AT 950629). The direction and size of the trench line was not indicated but the report stated it was filled.

e. At 151220H, Company L reported the discovery of five hundred pounds of rice at coordinates (AT 951635). The rice was destroyed in place due to the unavailability of helicopters for liftout.

f. At 151430H, Company L reported the discovery of six thousand pounds of rice at coordinates (AT 949629). The rice was destroyed in place due to the time required to evacuate it.

g. At 151506H, a Company K patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 978689) reported observing activity in a house positioned at close range. The report indicated that as the Marines approached the house to make a routine examination, one Viet Cong was observed fleeing from the rear of the house. Not responding to two Marine challenges (in Vietnamese) the Marines fired two rounds small arms fire, wounding the Viet Cong. The wounded Viet Cong continued to flee and was then killed by Marine small arms fire (three rounds). The dead Viet Cong was dressed in a green uniform with black pajamas under the uniform. The dead Viet Cong also had a picture of the Vietnamese(?) money. An old woman living in the above mentioned house stated the dead Viet Cong was her son, and was a Viet Cong. A second woman in the house, identified as the sister of the dead Viet Cong, said her brother had been to see her earlier in the day and had two armed Viet Cong with him, (including one female). She further stated the two other Viet Cong were wearing cartridge belts with grenades. When they left, they were seen going south to YEN NE. The sister then led the Marines to a tunnel at coordinates (AT 974682), but the search revealed negative results, and the tunnel was destroyed. The sister said she knew where the female Viet Cong lived and led the Marines to a house at coordinates (AT 983683) where a search revealed the female Viet Cong, who was apprehended. The

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search also uncovered about two hundred pins and two wire hooks, which would be used to place booby-traps. The female Viet Cong will be evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point. The Battalion S-2 commented that the mother and sister of the dead Viet Cong were not apprehended because of the possibility of obtaining additional information on Viet Cong activities in the future.

h. At 151555H, a Company L patrol reported discovering three to four hundred pounds of rice at coordinates (AT 955627). The rice was destroyed in the cave due to the inability to evacuate it.

i. At 151840H, Company L reported that a mine was detonated at coordinates (AT 934628) when a tank/infantry patrol was moving up. The report described the device as about forty pounds of explosive. No casualties were reported. The report added that damage to the tank was moderate. Examination of the crater and other evidence indicated that the mine consisted of approximately forty pounds of explosives.

j. At 151915H, Company M operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 963660) reported receiving approximately fifty small arms rounds from an unknown number of Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed two hundred twenty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the fire was not repeated. A fire-team was dispatched to search the area with negative results. Additional information will be provided when available.

k. At 152100H, Company M positioned at coordinates (AT 972662) reported receiving small arms rounds from Viet Cong armed with semi-automatic weapons positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 973659). The Marines directed fifteen small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

l. At 152130H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 945610) reported killing one Viet Cong, whose body resulted in a secondary explosion, indicating grenades were on his person. While investigating the body the patrol reported heavy small arms fire from Viet Cong armed with an undetermined number of automatic and semi-automatic weapons in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 945 610). The withdrew , were reinforced, and returned to the area. The area was searched with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported.

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(4) Special Reports.

a. At 151435H, G-3 relayed a report from QUANG NAM Special Sector that the railroad cars located in the general area of coordinates (AT 995619) have been mined with anti-personnel mines. The report added that Hill #42, coordinates (AT 948598), has been frequently used as an artillery registration point and there may be unexploded artillery (dud) rounds in this area. The report was not rated by G-3. (S-2 rates the report F-3).

b. At 151445H, 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 933627). Surveillance was maintained but the gathering dispersed without any suspicious activity.

c. At 151720H, the HOA VANG District S-2 relayed a report from an unidentified agent that the Viet Cong force that attacked the 594th GVN Regional Forces companies with mortars and automatic weapons in the vicinity of QUA GIANG, coordinates (BT 002667), on 15 January, (see 150310H entry, INTSUM #15), had displaced from the vicinity of KY LONG village area, grid square (AT 9855), proceeded north on a route to the east of and parallel to the railroad embankment, crossed the river in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 007657), and approached the Regional Forces companies locations from the south and west when they attacked. The report stated that the Viet Cong force engaged was of approximately battalion strength, but that a battalion designation was lacking, indicating perhaps that the force was a provisional force brought together for this mission. The commander of this Viet Cong force was reported to be one LE TAN HOANG. The agent reported that, after the attack on the Regional Forces companies, the Viet Cong dispersed, with the majority taking cover in local hamlets among Viet Cong sympathizers. The agent report, received by HOA VANG at 151500H, stated that some of the Viet Cong were in hiding in BICH NAM (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 002640), and THAI CAM (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 978665), where the local villagers would provide concealment. HOA VANG rated this report as C-3, and added that additional information was expected. (S-2 rates it F-3).

d. At 152056H, the Ninth Marines Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th GVN Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at MIEU BONG reported that , at approximately 151930H, the GVN Regional Forces companies 703 and 594 received an undetermined amount of small arms fire from the direction of the northeast portion of QUA GIANG hamlet, coordinates (BT 002667). The report did not indicate if casualties were sustained nor did it provide information of the Regional Forces' reaction. Additional information will be provided when available.

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C. Reports of information received directly from civilians:

a. See 151410H entry this INTSUM.

D. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA (Confirmed)	9	463
KIA (Possible)	12	212
VC Captured	0	183
VC Captured (WIA)	0	3
VC WIA (Possible)	0	50
VC Suspects	5	1019

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material: The following material was destroyed by 1stBn, 9thMar:

1 - Grenade M-26, (BT 067669) (See 152030H entry this INTSUM)
10 - Dummies, dressed in clothing and armed with bamboo weapons (BT 067671) (See 152000H entry this INTSUM)
- Traps, punji undetermined amount (BT 070623) (See 151225H entry this INTSUM)
- Traps, mang (undetermined amount) (BT 070623) (See 151225H entry this INTSUM)
- Signs, Vietnamese language (BT 070623) (See 151225H entry this INTSUM)

The following material was captured by 2ndBn, 9thMar:

2000 lbs rice (AT 985626) (See 151100H entry this INTSUM)
1800 lbs rice (AT 988624) (See 151407H entry this INTSUM)
1 - Carbine, French
1 - Belt, cartridge (AT 945610)
1 - Pouch, ammo (See 160720H entry this INTSUM)
1 - Notebook
1 - Grenade, CHICOM

The following material was destroyed by 2ndBn, 9thMar:

1 - 105mm round (booby trapped) (AT 967616) (See 151150H entry this INTSUM)
1 - 105mm round (booby trapped) (AT 986624) (See 151650H entry this INTSUM)
1 - 105mm round (dud) (booby trapped) (AT 953613) (See 151650H entry this INTSUM)
1 - 60mm round (dud) (booby trapped) (AT 948617) (See 151650H entry this INTSUM)

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The following material was destroyed by 3rdBn., 3rdMar:

1 - Mine, (Box w/string attached)(AT 951642)(See 151020H entry, this INTSUM)
1 - Booby Trap (Type not indicated)(AT 956642)(See 151030H entry, this INTSUM)
500 lbs. Rice (AT 956635)(See 151220H entry, this INTSUM)
6000 lbs. Rice (AT 994627)(See 151430H entry, this INTSUM)
400 lbs. Rice (AT 955627)(See 151555H entry, this INTSUM)

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications: The following positions were destroyed by 3rdBn., 3rdMar:

1 - Cave (Size and extent not indicated)(AT955627)(See 151555H entry, this INTSUM)
1 - Tunnel (Size and extent not indicated)(AT 974682)(See 151506H entry, this INTSUM)

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #17, Period ending 171000H, January 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather.

(a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve (12) hours by Regimental S-2.

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
18 Jan	0653	0715	1851	1913	0425	1547	1/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO(river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708). Company L, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines provided security for the Marble Mountain Air Facility, the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 063850), and the USAF Troposcatter site on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 068853).

a. Late Report. At 15220H, a Company B patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (BT 067671). The device was described as a shaped-charge consisting of approximately twenty pounds of TNT. The report stated that the device was believed to be of CHICOM manufacture and was of a type used as a cratering charge. The report did not indicate the disposition made of the device.

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b. At 161120H, a Company B patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 067674). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he was found sitting beside the body of a dead Vietnamese male. The report pointed out that this area was the site of a patrol action on 15 January which resulted in four possible Viet Cong KIA(see 152200H entry, INTSUM #16), and the body was likely that of a Viet Cong casualty from that engagement. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point.

c. At 161210H, a Company C squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 044658) reported receiving thirty to forty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 041659). The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds, ten 40mm(M-79) rounds, and two 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the west. The report added that the Viet Cong were observed carrying off one body as they fled. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong by fire with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as at least one KIA.

d. At 161345H, a Company C patrol reported apprehending one suspicious person at coordinates (BT 064636). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed he lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to local District Headquarters.

e. At 161619H, a Company A patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 115647) reported receiving three small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 116646). The Marines directed one 40mm(M-79) round at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

f. At 161713H, a Company A patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 124637) reported receiving five to eight small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 123637). The Marines directed one 40mm(M-79) round at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

g. At 161900H, a Company A patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 093642) reported receiving small arms fire from an estimated ten Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 091640),(BT 094639), and (BT 097 639). The Marines directed approximately five hundred thirty small arms rounds, twenty two 40mm(M-79) rounds, and two LAW(M-72) rounds at the enemy position. Mortar support was requested and nine 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy

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location. The report stated that two Viet Cong, running to positions in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 097641), were observed being struck by a volley of 81mm mortar fire. The report indicated that the Viet Cong fired approximately two hundred fifty small arms rounds. When 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 estimated as two KIA.

h. At 161940H, a Company B patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 075673). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routing examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification. (See below).

i. At 161955H, a Company B patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 075673) reported receiving six to eight small arms rounds described as carbine fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 076673). The Marines directed three hundred eighty small arms and machine gun rounds and seven 40mm(M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report added that the Viet Cong Suspect that the patrol had apprehended at 161940H at coordinates (BT 075673) was struck by the Viet Cong fire and killed. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

j. At 162330H, a Company A listening post located at coordinates (BT 095 664) reported hearing the noise of movement which appeared to be emanating from the direction of coordinates (BT 093663). Illumination was requested and the Marines observed one man moving along a low ridgeline at coordinates (BT 093664). The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds at the intruder who was observed falling as if struck by the Marines' fire. The report stated that the Marines' fire was returned by an undetermined number of Viet Cong positioned in this same area. The enemy fire ceased and the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one WIA.

k. At 170830H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA HAI Village Chief that twelve Main Force Viet Cong are located in XUAN TRA village, coordinates (BT 065698). The report stated that two Viet Cong Main Force platoons are located in the vicinity of KHUE DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 056706) and BA TUNG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 055700). The report continued that two Viet Cong battalions, one described as a Main Force unit, and the second as a local force, is dispersed within grid squares (BT 0566), (BT 0666), (BT 0766), (BT 0565), (BT 0765), (BT 0665), (BT 0564), (BT 0664), (BT 0764), (BT 0663), and (BT 0763). The report added that members of these two battalions attacked ARVN troops in the vicinity of HOI AN on 15 January. The report was rated D-4. (S-2 rates the report D-4). A subsequent report received from the HOA HAI Village Chief stated that two Viet Cong Main Force platoons are located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 073684). This report added that the Viet Cong 1st Volunteer Battalion has displaced to the west side of Highway #1 in the vicinity of DUONG SON (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 995678) and

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GIANG DONG hamlet, coordinates (BT 002689). This report was also rated D-4 by both the Battalion and Regimental S-2.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to defend the central portion of the Regimental TAOR from, and including, the SONG VINH DIEN(river), west to, and including, the railroad embankment, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707); and provided one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in the vicinity of MIEU DONG (1), coordinates (BT 017688). Operation "BIG LODGE" continues.

a. At 161100H, a Company F patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 947625). The report did not indicate the basis of the apprehension but added that the suspect was interrogated by CIT and evacuated.

b. At 161120H, a Company H patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect(female) at coordinates (AT 952599). The report did not indicate the basis for the apprehension but stated that the suspect was interrogated by CIT and evacuated.

c. At 161427H, a Company F patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 984584) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds. The report did not indicate the location or strength of the enemy force. The Marines returned the fire with small arms. The report stated that the patrol continued its mission and did not indicate if friendly or enemy casualties were sustained.

d. At 161427H, a Company F patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 976585) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 977587). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds and ten 40mm(M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 161642H, a Company F patrol reported the discovery of what was described as a Viet Cong minefield extending from coordinates (AT 994585) to (AT 994 590). The report stated that the minefield was approximately four hundred by five hundred meters in size, containing an unknown number or type(s) of mines. A Vietnamese-language sign, reportedly stating "DANGER-MINEFIELD", was also found. The report added that engineers who were dispatched to investigate stated that electronic detection equipment would not be effective inclearing the minefield as the heavy brush would interfere with their use. The report did not state what follow-up action is planned.

f. At 161745H, the Battalion S-2 reported that engineers discovered a 105mm artillery round at coordinates (AT 967616). The report stated that the artillery round was booby-trapped but did not indicate the method used. The report stated that the device was destroyed in place.

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g. At 161750H, a Company F patrol located at coordinates (AT 997587) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 999587). The report did not indicate whether the fire was returned but stated that the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

h. At 161830H, Company H reported that a USMC helicopter resupplying the company command post position, at coordinates (AT 976597) received five what was described as carbine rounds from two Viet Cong positioned in a building at coordinates (AT 974597). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds, four 40mm(M-79) rounds, and two 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the building and adjacent treeline. The Marines searched the area with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

i. At 161915H, a Company F patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 993584). The report did not indicate the basis for the apprehension, but added that the suspect would be evacuated at first light.

j. At 162105H, a Company G ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 992640) reported receiving thirty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 995635). The Marines directed eighty small arms rounds at the enemy position with unknown results.

k. At 162305H, Company I (Third Battalion, Third Marines under OPCON Second Battalion for Operation "BIG LODGE"), and located at coordinates (AT 973608) reported receiving five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 974608). The report stated that the Marines directed ten small arms rounds at the enemy position with unknown results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

l. At 162305H, Company I (Third Battalion, Third Marines under OPCON Second Battalion for Operation "BIG LODGE"), and located at coordinates (AT 903608) reported receiving five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 904608). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the enemy position with unknown results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

m. At 170715H, Company E reported that a USMC truck convoy proceeding south of Highway #1 in the vicinity of coordinates(BT 041618) made contact with an estimated twelve Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 051604). The report stated that the Viet Cong detonated an explosive charge on the road surface causing the vehicle to stop then directed a heavy volume of small arms fire at the Marines as they rapidly debarked from the trucks. The Marines returned fire with small arms and requested artillery support and fifty six 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location, with a reported "good coverage". The Viet Cong fire ceased and the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions. The report stated that eight Viet Cong Suspects were apprehended in the vicinity of the enemy positions.

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Marine casualties were reported as six WIA, but the report indicated that the casualties may have been the result of injuries sustained when dewarking from the vehicle. Enemy casualties were not determined.

n. At 170845H, a Company F patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 996592) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 996596). The Marines directed small arms rounds, 40mm(M-79) rounds, and 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds (quantities not determined) at the enemy position and searched out the area. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(3) 3dBn, 3dMar. Continued to defend the western portion of the Regimental TAOR from, but not including, the railroad tracks, west to, but not including, the road passing HIEU DUC District Headquarters, coordinates (AT 942689). Company L provided security for ASP #1, coordinates (AT 985733).

x a. At 161645H, a Company K patrol reported apprehending one Vietnamese male which the report identified as a Viet Cong. The man was apprehended at coordinates (AT 968686) The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he attempted to hide from and elude the Marines. The report stated that, during initial interrogation, the captive provided the following information to the Marines:

(a) That there are one hundred Viet Cong (guerrillas and main force) located near a market place in DAI LOC, coordinates (AT 9157).

(b) That the Viet Cong killed by Company K on 30 December (see 301100H entry, INTSUM #175) was his boss, and was the number 2 guerrilla leader of the CAM NE complex and was armed with a .38 pistol.

(c) That the Viet Cong captured by Company K on 30 December (see 301100H entry, INTSUM #175) was the Viet Cong finance chief of the CAM NE complex, and was armed with a carbine. (The Battalion S-2 commented that the Viet Cong captured on 30 December was evacuated to ITT as a Viet Cong, but was later listed as a Viet Cong Suspect by the Regimental S-2. Later reports indicated ITT released the Vietnamese as a civilian).

(d) That a total of ten Viet Cong guerrillas operate in the CAM NE area. The report stated the captive gave Company K a list of these guerrillas.

The report continued that the captive had on his person at the time of capture, a surrender leaflet (not the CHIEU-HOI program) which he stated was dropped by the Americans some time ago. The captive added he had come to CAM NE with the intention of surrendering. Various other documents were found on the Viet Cong which will be evacuated to the Battalion S-2 for evaluation. The captive will be evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point on 17 January for investigation.

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b. At 170030H, a Company M ambush element enroute to the ambush position at coordinates (AT 967657) reported observing one Viet Cong at less than one hundred meters range. The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the Viet Cong, who rapidly fled the area. The report that the Marines also observed three additional Viet Cong fleeing to the south, but they disappeared before the Marines could direct fire at them. The Marines pursued but were unable to maintain the contact. A search of the ambush site produced negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(4) Special Reports.

a. At 161010H, the Ninth Marines Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th GVN Regional Forces Battalion Headquarters at MIEU BONG relayed a report from HOA VANG District Headquarters that villagers of CAM NE (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 965685) have stated that two Viet Cong platoons were in hiding within CAM NE (3) hamlet until the morning of 16 January. The report stated that the Viet Cong distributed leaflets to the villagers during their stay in the hamlet. The report was not rated by HOA VANG District Headquarters. (S-2 rates it as F-2).

b. At 161021H, the Ninth Marines Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th GVN Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at MIEU BONG relayed a report from an unidentified agent that the Viet Cong plan to attack friendly units during the period commencing now and running through the period of TET celebration (January 21). The report added that the Viet Cong have dispatched political cadre to the hamlets and are distributing propaganda leaflets. The report was not rated. (S-2 rates it F-3).

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

D. Viet Cong casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA(Confirmed)	0	463
KIA(Possible)	5	217
VC Captured	1	186*
VC Captured(WIA)	0	3
VC WIA(Possible)	1	51
VC Suspects	4	1023

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

ITT Report dated 13 Jan 66

Name: PHAM VAN MONG (AKA) PHAM NGOC DONG (AKA) PHAM NGOC MONG
Age: 17
Status: VC Province Soldier, HOA HAI village. Sent to I CORPS.

Captured by B-1-9, 12 Jan 66

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ITT Report dated 13 Jan 66

Name: HUYNH MUU
Age: 43
Status: VC Tax Collector, TRUNG LUONG. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.

Captured by H-2-9, 12 Jan 66

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material: The following material was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar.

1 - Wallet, plastic, green, containing ID card and small sum of Vietnamese money (BT 071671)

1 - Coat, utility, USMC, (BT 071671)

The following material was captured by 3dBn, 3dMar.

2 - GVN National ID cards, (AT 963691)

1- Bag, drawstring, with medicine (AT 963691)

2 - Trousers, khaki, pair (AT 963691)

1 - Trousers, grey, pair (AT 963691)

2 - Shirts, blue, (AT 963691)

1 - Shirt, grey (AT 963691)

1 - Flashlight, (pen-light size) (AT 963691)

1 - Pen, ink (AT 963691)

1 - Boot, jungle (Vietnamese manufactured), pair (AT 963691)

1 - Figure,(dummy), straw-filled, with bamboo stick(as weapon) (AT 963691)

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

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #18, Period ending 181000H, January 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather.

(a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve (12) hours by Regimental S-2.

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
19 Jan	0654	0716	1852	1914	- - -	- - -	1/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO(river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708). Company L, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines provided security for the Marble Mountain Air Facility, the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 063850), and the USAF Troposcatter site on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 068853).

a. At 170925H, a Company A platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 100634) reported receiving one round of sniper fire from Viet Cong positioned on high ground at coordinates (BT 099633). One Marine was WIA. The Marines directed approximately one hundred twenty five small arms and machine gun rounds, one LAW(M-72) round, two 40mm(M-79) rounds, one 3.5 inch (rocket) round, and two 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy location, and then assaulted the position. When the Marines reached the site of the suspected location, the Viet Cong could not be found.

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b. At 171000H, a Company A squad-sized unit conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 087654) reported receiving approximately fifty small arms rounds from an estimated seventeen Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 088645). The Marines directed one thousand fifty small arms and machine gun rounds, fifteen 40mm(M79) rounds, two LAW(M-72) rounds, and twelve 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the south. Marines in a unit operating nearby observed the Viet Cong displacing to coordinates (BT 090635) and artillery support was requested and twenty two 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. The Marines then searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported finding blood trails. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as two KIA. (See 171145H entry, below).

c. At 171000H, a Company A patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (BT 101638). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when they were observed attempting to elude the Marines. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point. The report added that one suspect was wearing two sets of clothing and had in his possession one 7.62 cartridge (make or type not indicated).

d. At 171020H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 047657) reported receiving approximately fifteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 043658). The Marines directed two hundred seventy five small arms rounds, eleven 40mm(M-79) rounds, one 3.5 inch (rocket) round, and two LAW(M-72) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and found one Vietnamese male, who was apprehended and evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point when he could not account for his presence in the area. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 171145H, Company A reported that a tank attached to the Third Platoon detonated a mine at coordinates (BT 092642). The report stated that the tank was accompanying Marines proceeding to the area where artillery fire had been directed at Viet Cong, coordinates (BT 090635), when the detonation occurred. The report described the device as an anti-tank mine, but did not provide information regarding its size or other details. Two Marine WIA were reported. The report added that damage to the tank was light. The report added that when the Marines reached the area where the artillery had impacted, they found two Viet namese civilians who had sustained fragmentation wounds. The civilians were evacuated to a medical facility for treatment. (The report indicated that the wounded civilians were not suspected of complicity in the Viet Cong attack and were not apprehended).

f. At 171400H, a Company A platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 100630) reported receiving one sniper round from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 098030). One Marine was WIA(later DOW). The Marines directed three hundred eighty small arms and machine gun rounds, fifteen 40mm(M-79)

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rounds, and twenty three 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy position. The report added that as the mortar rounds impacted, what was believed to have been a secondary explosion occurred, indicating the detonation of an ammunition supply or arms cache. When the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions, a booby-trapped grenade was detonated, wounding an additional Marine. A number of cartridge cases and Viet Cong propaganda leaflets were found at the site of the Viet Cong positions. Enemy casualties were not determined.

g. At 171800H, a Company A patrol located at coordinates (BT 099633) reported observing two Viet Cong, one of which was armed, at approximately one hundred meters range, at coordinates (BT 098632). The Marines directed four small arms rounds at the Viet Cong, killing one of them (body count). The second Viet Cong fled to the west, and was again sighted at coordinates (BT095633). The Marines directed four 40mm(M-79) rounds and two LAW(M-72) rounds at the Viet Cong with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one KIA, body count. The report added that the dead Viet Cong was not armed, and possessed no identification papers.

h. At 171615H, a Company B patrol operating in the vicinity of an inland lake at coordinates (BT 042662) reported receiving an estimated one hundred small arms rounds from an estimated eight Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 042659) and (BT 038664). The Marines directed four hundred small arms rounds, twenty five 40mm(M-79) rounds, and two 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the west/southwest. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong by fire and reported observing three Viet Cong falling as if struck by the Marines' fire. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as three KIA.

i. At 171723H, a Company B patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 042662) reported receiving one small arms round from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 044665). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

j. At 171900H, the Battalion S-3 reported that an USMC truck received three to five rounds of small arms fire at coordinates (BT 067684) resulting in one Marine WIA. The report stated that one of the enemy's rounds grazed the driver's head and another round struck the gas tank of the vehicle, setting it on fire. The driver was able to drive the vehicle to Battery D positions, before the truck had to be abandoned. The report added that the location of the Viet Cong was not determined and the enemy fire was not returned.

k. At 180430H, Company B positioned at coordinates(BT 049687) reported that a sentinel, hearing sounds of movement approximately fifteen meters to the north of his position, threw one illumination grenade at the suspected location.

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The illumination, however, did not reveal the source of the sounds. At 180450H, this same sentinel received a grenade in his position, wounding him. The Marines manning nearby perimeter positions directed ten small arms rounds at the suspected area. The area was illuminated by 60mm mortar illumination rounds and the Marines searched the area with negative results.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to defend the central portion of the Regimental TAOR from, and including, the SONG VINH DIEN(river), west to, and including, the railroad embankment, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707); and provided one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in the vicinity of MIEU DONG (1), coordinates (BT 017688).

a. See enclosure (1), (Special Intelligence Report) for reports of the Operation "BIG LODGE", conducted by this battalion during the period 150800H to 171800H.

b. Company E, which was under OPCON of the Third Battalion, Third Marines until 171800H, submitted a separate special report of the Viet Cong attack on the Company E truck convoy at 170710H. This report is included in this INTSUM as enclosure (2).

(3) 3dBn, 3dMar. Continued to defend the western portion of the Regimental TAOR from, but not including, the railroad tracks, west to, but not including, the road passing HIEU DUC District Headquarters, coordinates (AT 942689). Company L provided security for ASP #1, coordinates (AT 985733).

a. At 171150H, Company E (Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, under OPCON of this battalion), operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 026598) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned on the south bank of the SONG TAM GIAP(river), coordinates (BT 025597). The report stated that, because of the possibility that the fire was coming from a friendly unit, a green star cluster was fired(identifying the Marines as a friendly force). As if in response to the green star cluster, the Marines received four additional small arms rounds from the same location. The Marines continued to withhold their fire. No casualties were sustained. The report added that one Viet Cong Suspect was apprehended when it appeared he was taking unusual interest in the arrangement of the Marines' positions. The suspect was evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

b. At 171400H, Company E reported apprehending a total of eight Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 044606) and (BT 032605). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when a routine examination revealed that they lacked adequate identification and appeared to be of military age. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point.

c. At 171830H, Company L, positioned at coordinates (AT 979729) reported receiving one small arms round in the company command post position from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 977729). The exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

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d. At 171900H, a Company L squad-sized element conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 950664) reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects. The report stated that the suspects were apprehended because it was obvious that they were not residents of the area and were of military age. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point.

(4) Special Reports.

a. At 171935H, G-2 relayed a report from DA NANG Garrison that an anti-American demonstration was in progress at coordinates (AT 946692). The report stated that the demonstration was believed to be in protest of a USMC mortar attack at 162300H which resulted in four civilians being killed and two civilians wounded. The report added that DA NANG Garrison was dispatching a detail to begin processing the villager's claims for indemnities.

b. At 172155H, G-2 relayed a confusing and almost unintelligible report from HOA VANG sub-sector that a reliable source has stated that two Viet Cong platoons are hiding at coordinates (AT 961685). The report stated that the Viet Cong told the villagers that they must alert and drop the leaflets at the village on 16 January at night, and continue during the next several days. The report continued that these villages have the Viet Cong guerrillas. The report added that the same source has stated that the Viet Cong have told the villagers of THANH TRUNG and THANH SON (DIEN BAN District) that they must prepare food for three days in sticks, the ropes and the stretchers. The report also stated that one Viet Cong platoon is hiding at coordinates (BT 060650) (report indicates that this is the location of VIEM MINH hamlet) and that one Viet Cong Main Force platoon is in hiding at coordinates (BT 038688). G-2 rated this report as F-3. (S-2 comment: The above report is recorded as received and G-2 could not clarify those portions of the report that are unclear. S-2 rates the report as F-3).

(5) Late Entry. At 180825H, the Battalion S-2, First Battalion, Ninth Marines, relayed a report from the HOA HAI Village Chief that a Viet Cong battalion, designated as "D-53", has moved into the battalion's zone of action. The report stated that this battalion is equipped with three 60mm mortars, is deployed with one company at HOA PHUNG village area, one company in HOA HAI village, one company in HOA LAN village area, and the fourth company is located attNGAN CAU (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 065661). The report continued that one platoon is in TRA LO hamlet, coordinates (BT 085685), two platoons in TRA KE (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 075680), one company is in the HAI AN - KHUE DONG area, coordinates (BT 055705), and one company is located near MAN QUAN (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 045681). The report added that one Viet Cong battalion is in DONG THOC village, HA BANG village, and HA MY TAY hamlet. This battalion is reported to consist of one Main Force company and two Local Force companies. The battalion S-2 rated these reports as D-3. (S-2 comment: The "shotgun" approach to intelligence reporting, as practiced by this source, insures

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that at least some portion his multiple report will prove to be accurate, but makes utilization of the information impractical and unproductive. S-2 rates this report D-4 although the law of averages will likely insure that some part of this report is true).

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

D. Viet Cong casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA(Confirmed)	1	464
KIA(Possible)	10	227
VC Captured	0	186
VC Captured(WIA)	0	3
VC WIA(Possible)	0	51
VC Suspects	21	1044

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material: The following material was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar.

Documents, Viet Cong (BT 070625)

The following material was captured by 2ndBn, 9thMar

Documents, Viet Cong (AT 975611)
Leaflets,(Propaganda) Viet Cong (AT 985598)

The following material was destroyed by 2ndBn, 9thMar.

1 - Round, 105mm, artillery,(booby-trapped) (AT 9862) (See 160800H entry, enclosure (1) this INTSUM)
1 - Grenade(booby-trapped) (AT 9862) (See 160800H entry, encl: (1) this INTSUM)
3 - Rounds, artillery, 105mm(booby-trapped) (BT 048607) (See 170715H, entry, enclosure (1) this INTSUM)

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications: The following positions were destroyed by 2ndBn, 9thMar.

1 - Cave,4'x4' (AT 968643) (See 150900H entry, enclosure (1) this INTSUM)
9 - Tunnels(size and extent not indicated) (AT 9660) (AT 9760) (See 170930H entry enclosure (1) this INTSUM)

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11 - Caves (size and extent not indicated) (AT 9660) (AT 9760) (See 170930H entry, enclosure (1) this INTSUM)

- Foxholes (AT 9660) (AT 9760) (See 170930H entry enclosure (1) this INTSUM) (number and extent not indicated)

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #19, Period ending 191000H, January 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather.

(a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve (12) hours by Regimental S-2.

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
20 Jan	0654	0716	1852	1914	---	---	1/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO(river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708). Company L, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines provided security for the Marble Mountain Air Facility, the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 063850), and the USAF Tropescatter site on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 068853).

a. At 181000H, a Company B patrol reported apprehending five suspicious persons in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 084084). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended because they appeared to be of military age and the fact they have not been seen in the area before. The report added that one Viet Cong Suspect did not have an identification card. The report stated that the suspects were interrogated at the First Battalion Command Post and were subsequently cleared and released.

b. At 181030H, a Company A patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 104649). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he informed the Marines that he was a Viet Cong forced laborer and guard, and willing to provide information about Viet Cong activities.

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The report added that, during initial interrogation, the suspect stated that approximately twenty five Viet Cong come to HA QUANG (4) hamlet, coordinates (BT 114649) every Sunday and force the villagers to construct trenchlines and perform guard duty. The Viet Cong force was reported as possessing 57mm recoilless rifles, automatic rifles, and three 60mm mortars. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point.

c. At 181105H, a Company C squad-sized patrol located at coordinates (BT 066634) reported receiving six small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 066630). The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds, two 40mm(M-79) rounds, and one 3.5 inch (rocket) round at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the south. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong by fire with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 181230H, a Company B patrol reported the discovery of what was described as a large bunker at coordinates (BT 042695). The bunker was described as approximately fifty feet in diameter, and had a depth of five feet. The bunker had three tunnel entrances and was reinforced with bamboo pilings. The report stated that the fortification was destroyed by demolitions, and added that the local villagers made no protest at its destruction, possibly indicating that it was intended only for Viet Cong utilization and that the people had no interest in it.

e. At 181330H, a Company C patrol reported apprehending one suspicious person at coordinates (BT 062645). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he was observed attempting to elude the Marines. The report added that what was described as "suspicious material" was found on the person of the suspect but did not identify the material. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to the Battalion S-2 for interrogation and later released.

f. At 181555H, a Company A patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 090658). The report described the device as a concussion grenade but did not indicate how the device was positioned or rigged for detonation. One Marine WIA was reported.

g. At 181900H, Company C, occupying a platoon patrol base at coordinates (BT 072643), reported receiving two small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 070642). The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds and one 40mm(M-79) round at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The report stated that the direction taken by the withdrawing Viet Cong was not ascertained and contact could not be renewed. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

h. At 190015H, a Company A patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 093637) reported receiving four small arms rounds from an estimated three to four Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 103635). The Marines directed seven 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the southeast. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to defend the central portion of the Regimental TAOR from, and including, the SONG VINH DIEN(river), west to, and including, the railroad embankment, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707); and provided one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in the vicinity of MIEU DONG (1), coordinates (BT 017688).

a. At 180900H, a Company E squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 008644) reported receiving six small arms rounds from three armed Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 013652). The Marines returned the fire and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the south. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong by fire with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. The report added that the patrol also found what was believed to be Viet Cong propaganda leaflets in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 014655). (S-2 comment: A subsequent report indicated that the rounds received by the Marines were not fired by the Viet Cong observed at coordinates (BT 013652), but rather by additional Viet Cong whose position could not be determined).

b. At 180055H, a Company F patrol reported the discovery of what may have been a mortar position in the vicinity of TAN HANH hamlet, coordinates (AT 998 655). The position was a pit, approximately four by four by three feet. (S-2 comment: See Special Report 181945H entry, this INTSUM, for account of Viet Cong mortar attack which may have originated from this area).

(3) 3dBn, 3dMar. Continued to defend the western portion of the Regimental TAOR from, but not including, the railroad tracks, west to, but not including, the road passing HIEU DUC District Headquarters, coordinates (AT 942689). Company L provided security for ASP #1, coordinates (AT 985733).

a. Late Report. At 171630H, a tank, positioned at coordinates (AT 966 615) in support of Company I, reported observing two Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 951 618) who were engaged in firing at a USMC helicopter which was resupplying Company I. The tank directed one 90mm (WP) round at the Viet Cong location and reported killing the two Viet Cong (body count-observed through the tank gunsight). The report did not indicate that the bodies were recovered or the Viet Cong weapons retrieved.

b. At 181130H, a Company K patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 967686). 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 Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

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c. At 181450H, Company I reported that an explosive device was detonated within the company Command Post position, coordinates (AT 969618). The report described the device as a cylindrical mine approximately ten inches in height, and four inches in diameter. The report did not indicate the type of detonating fuze utilized. One Marine WIA was reported.

d. At 182020H, a Company L ambush element enroute to the ambush position, observed one armed Viet Cong at close range, at coordinates (AT 962662). The Marines had the area illuminated by 81mm mortar illumination and observed the Viet Cong attempting to flee. The Marines then directed fifteen small arms rounds at the Viet Cong, killing him (body count). The report added that one CHICOM 7.62mm Type 53 carbine, one cartridge belt, one poncho, one bayonet, one bandoleer of ammunition, and two grenades were recovered from the body of the dead Viet Cong. The Viet Cong was described as approximately twenty five years of age, had a close haircut, and was wearing black shorts.

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(4) Special Reports.

a. At 181130H, the Ninth Marines Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th GVN Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at MIEU BONG relayed a report from an unidentified agent that during the temporary cease fire during the period of the "TET" celebration, the Viet Cong political cadre will increase their activities. The report stated that the Viet Cong will attempt to entice GVN soldiers to defect and will re-deploy Viet Cong forces to strengthen critical areas and be in a position to attack friendly troops. The report was rated B-2. (S-2 rates the report F-3).

b. At 181130H, the Ninth Marines Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th GVN Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at MIEU BONG relayed a report from QUANG NAM Northern Special Sector that the National Front for Liberation has been renamed by the Viet Cong, and is now the "Democrats of North Vietnam, Independent, and Neutral". The report stated that the Viet Cong flag has also been revised and is now a red banner with a sickle in the upper left portion and has three stars. The report added that the Viet Cong have also organized a new youth party to replace the "Vietnamese People's Youth Revolution Party". The report was not rated. (S-2 comment: The new Viet Cong flag was previously announced, although no specimens have been observed in this area. It has been reported that the Viet Cong have explained the new flag as signifying the revolution was being fought by the entire Communist bloc. The renaming of the Nation Front for Liberation of South Vietnam is of greater interest as, if the translation may be accepted, the new name identifies the movement as being directed and initiated by North Vietnam. The report is being investigated for possible error in transmission, and a confirmation, (or correction) will be promulgated).

c. At 181920H, G-2 relayed a report from the acting HIEU DUC District Chief that a Viet Cong platoon had very recently crossed the SONG YEN(river) in the vicinity of BO BAN (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 968699) enroute in the direction of the pontoon bridge, coordinates (AT 948699). The report added that this Viet Cong force, armed with automatic weapons, has the mission of harassing GVN and USMC military units in the area. The report was rated F-3. (S-2 rated the report F-3).

d. At 181945H, the Ninth Marines Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th GVN Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at MIEU BONG reported that the 594th GVN Regional Force Company, located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 003658), received an estimated twenty to thirty mortar rounds, believed to be 81mm, and a heavy volume of small arms fire. The report stated that one WIA was sustained. The report added that USMC directed a total of twenty three 105mm (HE) artillery rounds at the suspected location of the Viet Cong mortars, the vicinity of TANH HANH hamlet, coordinates (AT 998655), with undetermined results.

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

D. Viet Cong casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA (Confirmed)	3	467
KIA(Possible)	0	227
VC Captured	0	186
VC Captured(WIA)	0	3
VC WIA(Possible)	0	51
VC Suspects	2	1046

E. E. Captured and destroyed enemy material: The following material was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar.

Documents, Viet Cong (BT 099632)

The following material was captured by 3dBn, 3dMar.

1 - Carbine, CHICOM 7.62mm, Type 53 (AT 962662) (See 182020H entry, this INTSUM)

1 - Belt, cartridge (AT 962662) (See 182020H entry, this INTSUM)

1 - Bayonet (AT 962662) (See 182020H entry, this INTSUM)

1 - Poncho (AT 962662) (See 182020H entry, this INTSUM)

1 - Bandoleer, with ammunition (AT 962662) (See 182020H entry, this INTSUM)

2 - Grenades (AT 962662) (See 182020H entry, this INTSUM)

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

1 - Bunker, 50' in diameter, 5' deep, with 3 tunnel entrances, reinforced with bamboo (BT 042695) (See 181230H entry, this INTSUM)

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #20, Period ending 201000H, January 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather.

(a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve (12) hours by Regimental S-2.

(b) Trafficability of roads/trails within the TAOR remains unchanged, despite heavy rains.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
21 Jan	0655	0718	1837	1900	- - -	- - -	NEW

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO(river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708). Company L, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines provided security for the Marble Mountain Air Facility, the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 063850), and the USAF Troposcatter site on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 068853).

a. At 191030H, a Company B squad-sized patrol reported apprehending three suspicious persons at coordinates (BT 077664). 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 Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point.

b. At 191100H, a Company B patrol reported apprehending ten suspicious persons at coordinates (BT 095673). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when a routine examination revealed that they lacked adequate identification and examination indicated that they were of military age. The report stated that the suspects were interrogated by the Battalion S-2 and released.

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c. At 191315H, a Company A patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 094632) reported receiving six small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 101636). The Marines directed four hundred small arms rounds and three 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the south. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong by fire with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 191330H, a Company A patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 094655) reported discovering two Vietnamese females (described as an elderly woman with her fourteen year old grand-daughter), who had apparently been wounded by Viet Cong small arms fire. The report did not provide details or circumstances of the wounding, but stated that they were evacuated to USOM hospital, DA NANG, for treatment. (S-2 comment: The report will be investigated for possible psy-war exploitation).

e. At 191400H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 051648) reported observing seven armed Viet Cong moving in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 049646). The report stated that two of the Viet Cong had helmets and bandoleers, three wore camouflaged field uniforms, and four wore shorts and black shirts. The type of weapons could not be distinguished. The Marines directed twenty five small arms machine gun rounds at the Viet Cong and observed three Viet Cong falling as if struck by the Marines' fire. (See below).

f. In the vicinity of coordinates (BT 049647), the Company C patrol, displacing to search out the area in which they had observed, and taken under fire, the seven Viet Cong, reported receiving six what was described as carbine rounds from additional Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 051645). The Marines directed forty five small arms rounds and six 40mm(M-79) rounds at this second enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of this Viet Cong position with negative results. (See below).

g. Returning to their position in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 049 647), this Company C patrol then reported receiving seventy five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 047650) and (BT 047647). The Marines directed three hundred small arms and machine gun rounds and four 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position. When the Viet Cong fire continued, the Marines displaced to coordinates (BT 053648) and mortar support was requested. Twenty three 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the two enemy locations. The report stated that, while the mortar mission was being fired, the Marines were taken under fire from a separate Viet Cong force positioned at coordinates (BT 054649). The Marines returned the fire with one hundred small arms rounds and four 40mm(M-79) rounds. The combination of mortar fire and Marine small arms fire silenced the Viet Cong fire and the site of the Viet Cong positions were searched with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as three KIA. (Total for entire action).

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h. At 191500H, a Company L (Third Battalion, Ninth Marines under OPCON of the First Battalion) squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 093637) reported receiving two small arms rounds from Viet Cong believed located in a building within PHONG HA hamlet, coordinates (BT 094636). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds and one LAW(M-72) round at the enemy position and reported that the building was effectively destroyed and the enemy fire suppressed. The report stated that the patrol was prevented from immediately searching the building by a UH-1E (armed) helicopter which entered the action by strafing the building and adjacent area. When the Marines finally entered the area, they found the building empty, with no indications of Viet Cong occupancy. The report added that the Marines apprehended a Viet Cong Suspect in the area, and evacuated him to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point by transporting him aboard the UH-1E helicopter. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

i. At 191931H, a Company A listening post positioned at coordinates (BT 097661) reported receiving one grenade in position. The report stated that the Marines directed fifteen small arms rounds at the suspected position to the northwest of the Listening Post but a search of the area produced negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

j. At 191940H, the Battalion S-2 reported that two USMC 1/4 ton vehicles (M-422) returning to the battalion Command Post after delivering captives to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, received eight small arms rounds from the direction of the north. The report stated that the USMC vehicles were travelling south in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 029734) and the Marines could not discern the Viet Cong position; therefore the fire was not returned. No casualties were reported.

(2) 3dBn, 3dMar. Continued to defend the western portion of the Regimental TAOR from, but not including, the railroad tracks, west to, but not including, the raod passing HIEU DUC District Headquarters, coordinates (AT 942689). Company I provided security for ASP #1, coordinates (AT 985733).

a. At 190820H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 955658). 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 Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point.

b. At 190915H, a Company M ambush element moving in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 960650) as they returned to the Company Command Post position, reported receiving twenty five small arms rounds from an estimated four Viet Cong positioned in a canefield at coordinates (AT 964647). The report stated that the Marines had attempted to examine the identification papers of a Vietnamese male who was observed at coordinates (AT 962649) but the male fled upon sighting the Marines. The Marines ordered him to halt, then directed one 40mm(M-79) round at him as he ignored their warning. The man took refuge in a canefield and, as the Marines approached, they received fire from the Viet Cong positioned in the field. The Marines directed small arms fire into the canefield, but the Viet Cong were able to withdraw. The Marines

continued their pursuit by fire, but the Viet Cong succeeded in eluding them. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At 190935H, a Company L security element positioned at a river block at coordinates(AT 968712) reported receiving five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 968708). The exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

d. At 191150H, a Company L squad-sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 943663). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he displayed unusual knowledge of battery and other communications material, and indicated his knowledge may extend to mines and similar devices. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point.

e. At 191400H, a Company L squad-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 957664), resulting in two Marine WIA. The report did not identify the type of device detonated but stated that examination of the crater and other evidence indicated that the mine consisted of approximately one and one half pounds of explosives.

f. At 191720H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 969651) reported receiving fifteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 969648). The Marines directed twenty five small arms rounds and two 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the South. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong but were unable to maintain contact. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

g. At 191915H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 972662) reported redeiving fifteen small arms rounds from an estimated four Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 973658). The report stated that the fire was not returned in expectation that the Viet Cong would continue their forward movement and walk into a USMC ambush element positioned nearby. No Marine casualties were reported. (S-2 comment: No subsequent report was received of the ambush element making contact with the Viet Cong.

h. At 191925H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 963659) reported receiving six small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 960656). Mortar support was requested and eight 60mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location. The Viet Cong fire temporarily ceased, but shortly afterwards, the Marines again received six small arms rounds from the same location. A second mortar mission was requested and eight additional 60mm mortar rounds were directed at the Viet Cong position. The Viet Cong fire was not repeated and 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 191930H, a Company M platoon, positioned at coordinates (AT 963 659) reported receiving five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in a building in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 962657). The Marines directed one 3.5 inch

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(rocket) round and one 106mm recoilless rifle (ONTOS) round at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. About five minutes later, the Marines received an additional five small arms rounds from the same location and directed a second 106mm recoilless rifle (ONTOS) round at the position, setting the building on fire. The Marines then observed a Viet Cong attempting to escape and directed a 106mm round at the fleeing enemy, and reported that he appeared to have been struck by the exploding missile. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position but reported that the Viet Cong body or other evidence of Viet Cong activity could not be found. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one KIA.

j. At 192000H, Company I reported receiving four small arms rounds in the company Command Post position, coordinates (AT 966622). The report stated that the Viet Cong fire appeared to be originating at coordinates (AT 965620), and the Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds at the suspected position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

k. At 192050H, a Company I security element positioned at coordinates (AT 972621) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 963624). The Marines directed four 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

l. At 192135H, Company I reported that an attached tank located at coordinates (AT 972621) reported observing one Viet Cong by the illumination provided by the tank's searchlight. The Marines directed one 90mm HE(tank) round at the Viet Cong, killing him (body count). The report stated that no weapons or equipment were found in the possession of the dead Viet Cong.

(3) Special Reports.

a. At 191800H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TACR reported observing an undetermined number of Viet Cong positioned in a trenchline in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 979576). Artillery support was requested and forty four 105mm rounds were directed at the suspected enemy location. The Aerial Observer reported excellent effect on the target; sighting two buildings destroyed and a secondary explosion. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. At 192105H, the Ninth Marines Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th GVN Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at MIEU BONG relayed a report from QUANG NAM Special Sector that a Viet Cong company of approximately one hundred fifty men, identified as the Q-15B Company, displaced from DIEN BAN District, to the vicinity of coordinates (BT 001607) to (BT 007603). The report stated that this company, commanded by one BO DE, is equipped with one 60mm mortar and five automatic weapons, (further identification not provided). The report stated that this company would operate in the vicinity of THONH TRUNG hamlet, (does not appear on current operational maps). The report was not rated. (S-2 comment: The Q-15B Company was previously reported (30 December 1965) as located in this same vicinity. S-2 rates the report F-3).

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c. At 200420H, G-3 reported that a USMC sentry at Marble Mountain Air Facility received one small arms round from a Viet Cong believed to have penetrated the airfield defense perimeter. No additional information was provided.

(4) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to defend the central portion of the Regimental TAOR from, and including, the SONG VINH DIEN(river), west to, and including, the railroad embankment, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707); and provided one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in the vicinity of MIEU DONG (1), coordinates (BT 017688).

a. At 191515H, a Company E squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 015637) reported receiving an estimated eighty small arms rounds from an estimated six Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 016635). The Marines directed a total of three hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. At 191942H, a Company F security element positioned at the HA DONG bridge, coordinates (AT 991641) reported receiving twenty to thirty rounds small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 987638). The Marines directed one hundred small arms machine gun rounds and two 90mm (tank) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported as one WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At 191955H, Company H positioned at the SONG VINH DIEN(river), coordinates (BT 046723) reported observing three small river craft approaching from the east. The Marines challenged the boats and directed four 40mm(M-79) rounds at the craft as the Marines' warnings to halt were ignored and the boats attempted to elude the Marines. The report stated that, despite the Marines' fire, the river craft eluded capture and disappeared downstream. Shortly thereafter, two swimmers were observed in the river. The Marines challenged the swimmers, but the intruders disappeared from view before fire could be directed at them. The area was searched with negative results.

d. At 192340H, a Company E ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 018618) reported receiving one grenade from Viet Cong located at close range. The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the suspected enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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

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Viet Cong casualties:	For 24 Hour Reporting period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA(Confirmed)	1	468
KIA(Possible)	4	227
VC Captured	0	186
VC Captured(WIA)	0	3
VC WIA(Possible)	0	51
VC Suspects	3	1049

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

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

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #21, Period ending 211000H, January 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather.

(a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve (12) hours by Regimental S-2.

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
22 Jan	0655	0718	1838	1901	- - -	- - -	NEW

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO(river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708). Company L, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines provided security for the Marble Mountain Air Facility, the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 063850), and the USAF Troposcatter site on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 068853).

a. At 201300H, a Company B patrol reported the discovery of a booby-trapped (M-26) grenade at coordinates (BT 069667). The report stated that the device was positioned on a fence with a rubber band holding the spoon in position until the fence was disturbed. The report stated that the device was destroyed.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to defend the central portion of the Regimental TAOR from, and including, the SONG VINH DIEN(river), west to, and including, the railroad embankment, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707); and provided one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in the vicinity of MIEU DONG (1), coordinates (BT 017688).

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a. At 201000H, Company F relayed a report from the 594th GVN Regional Force Company that one Viet Cong company is operating in the vicinity of NHON THO hamlet, grid square (BT 0066), TAN HANH hamlet, grid square (AT 9965), and several other small villages located to the north of the NHON THO area. The report stated that this company has an estimated strength of one hundred ten men and is equipped with five BAR's, four mortars (type unknown), and automatic rifles (further identification not provided). The report was not rated. (S-2 comment: The battalion has initiated actions to investigate this report. It is to be noted that the area indicated is wide-spread, and that specific locations are lacking.

(3) 3dBn, 3dMar. Continued to defend the western portion of the Regimental TAOR from, but not including, the railroad tracks, west to, but not including, the road passing HIEU DUC District Headquarters, coordinates (AT 942689). Company I provided security for ASP #1, coordinates (AT 985733).

a. At 201335H, a Company I patrol reported the discovery of a mine at coordinates (AT 979624). The mine was described as an US M1A1 anti-tank mine. The report stated that the device was destroyed in place.

b. At 201845H, Company M reported that a Vietnamese male, age twenty three, contacted the Marines and indicated that he was a Viet Cong who wished to rally to the GVN. The rallier had in his possession a surrender leaflet, (old type) and was not armed. The rallier was fed and spent the night in the Company M Command Post position until daylight on 21 January when transportation was available to take him to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point.

(4) Special Reports.

a. At 201445H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing what he described as freshly cleared out trenches running east to west in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 959605). The report added that the trenches entered the village of CHAU SON (3) at coordinates (AT 991621), extended to the north fifty meters, made a turn of ninety degrees to the left at coordinates (AT 990667), and extended one hundred meters north to coordinates (AT 988583).

b. At 202035H, G-2 relayed a report from the Pastor at the DA NANG Mission that the Viet Cong have already eaten the TET Dinner. (S-2 comment: The significance of this statment is that it would indicate that the Viet Cong have plans for the usual TET period which would preclude their eating the holiday meal at the usual time. The report added that the Viet Cong plan to ignore GVN units during the TET period, but will attack American units, particularly those positioned in the vicinity of the DA NANG Airbase. The report did not indicate when the Viet Cong would attack. The report was not rated. (S-2 rates the report F-6).

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

D. Viet Cong casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA (Confirmed)	0	468
KIA (Possible)	0	227
VC Captured	0	186
VC Captured (WIA)	0	3
VC WIA (Possible)	0	51
VC Suspects	0	1049

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material: The following material was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar:

Leaflets, propaganda (BT 084684)
Assorted papers (coupons or money) (BT 084684)
1 - Grenade (M-26) (booby-trapped) (BT 069667) (See 201300H entry, this INTSUM)

The following material was captured by 3dBn, 3dMar.

Leaflets, propaganda (AT 977671)
1 - Uniform, wool, green (AT 975626)

The following material was destroyed by 3dBn, 3dMar.

1 - Mine, M1A1, anti-tank, US (AT 976624) (See 201335H entry, this INTSUM)

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

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3/3	(2)
2/12	(2)
FSCC	(1)
S-2	(6)
S-3	(1)
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9th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO, San Francisco 96601

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5800
221000H JAN 1966

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #22, Period ending 221000H, January 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather.

(a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve (12) hours by Regimental S-2.

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
23 Jan	0654	0716	1854	1916	- - -	- - -	NEW

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO(river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708). Company L, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines provided security for the Marble Mountain Air Facility, the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 063850), and the USAF Tropescatter site on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 068853).

a. At 211025H, a Company D security patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 044658) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 044656). The Marines directed forty small arms rounds at the enemy position and observed one Viet Cong withdrawing from his position, moving to the north. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. At 211100H, a Company L (Third Battalion, Ninth Marines under OPCON of the First Battalion) patrol reported the discovery of one Viet Cong flag at coordinates (BT 055729), and a propaganda banner in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 054 728). The report stated that the material was evacuated to Regimental S-2 for examination.

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(2) 3dBn, 3dMar. Continued to defend the western portion of the Regimental TAOR from, but not including, the railroad tracks, west to, but not including, the road passing HIEU DUC District Headquarters, coordinates (AT 942689). Company I provided security for ASP #1, coordinates (AT 985751).

a. At 210700H, a Company M patrol reported the discovery of approximately one hundred rounds of small arms tracer and armor piercing ammunition at coordinates (AT 975673). The ammunition cache was found approximately six inches below the surface of the ground and wrapped in a cloth. The report added that the ammunition was retrieved and turned over to an ARVN unit for use.

b. At 212210H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from First Battalion, First Marines that the villagers of DO BAN (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 1575[illegible]) have informed the Marines that approximately twenty Viet Cong have arrived in their hamlet. The report did not indicate the arms or equipment of this Viet Cong force nor indicate the mission of the Viet Cong. The report added that HIEU DUC District Headquarters reported at 2[illegible]500H that a Viet Cong force was located in DO BAN (2) hamlet. The report was not rated. (S-2 rates the report F-3).

(3) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to defend the central portion of the Regimental TAOR from, and including, the SONG VINH DINH (river), west to, and including, the railroad embankment, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707); and provided one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in the vicinity of MIEU DONG (1), coordinates (BT 017688).

a. At 211115H, a Company E platoon-sized security patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 011642) reported receiving forty five to sixty small arms rounds from an estimated fifteen Viet Cong armed with automatic rifles as well as carbines positioned at widely separated locations in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 010640), (BT 009642), (BT 013645), and (BT 013640). The Marines directed a heavy volume of small arms fire at the enemy position and observed two Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. When the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions they reported capturing one Viet Cong MIA (S-2 comment: will be shown in paragraph D, this INTSUM as Viet Cong Suspect until status is confirmed by ID), and destroyed a tunnel which the Marines believed contained a Viet Cong. Two Viet Cong Suspects were apprehended in the vicinity of the engagement and evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. Marine casualties were one KIA. Enemy casualties were estimated as one KIA and two WIA. The report added that the Viet Cong wore farmers clothing, with the exception of one Viet Cong who wore khaki uniform-type clothing and a beret. This latter Viet Cong appeared to be directing the movement and fire of the Viet Cong force. (See below).

b. At 211210H, this Company E patrol reported the discovery of two tunnels at coordinates (BT 005643) and (BT 004658). The tunnels were described as being approximately forty feet in length, and were destroyed by demolitions. The report added that one 105mm artillery round (dud) was found at coordinates (BT 004656) and destroyed in place. The report indicated that the artillery round was not positioned or rigged as a mine or booby-trap. (See below).

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c. At 211430H, this Company E patrol operating in the vicinity of PHONG LUC (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 012635) reported receiving sixty small arms rounds from an estimated five Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 012628). The Marines returned the small arms fire and continued their movement. In the vicinity of coordinates (BT 011634), the patrol was taken under fire by an additional three Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 006633). The Marines directed approximately one hundred small arms rounds and two 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the south. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong to the vicinity of PHONG LUC (3) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017625). No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. (See below).

d. At approximately 211530H, this patrol, now operating in the vicinity of PHONG LUC (3) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017625) reported receiving "several" small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in a building at close range. The Marines directed approximately eighty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. When the Marines searched the building they apprehended one Viet Cong Suspect, who they evacuated to the Third Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. (See below).

e. Shortly thereafter, as the patrol proceeded through PHONG LUC (3) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017625), it reported receiving ten small arms rounds from an estimated two Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed approximately fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

f. At 211620H, this Company E patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 021623), reported receiving a heavy volume of small arms fire from an estimated seven Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 013623), (BT 018617), and (BT 023632). The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position. When the Viet Cong fire continued artillery support was requested and twenty six 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. When the enemy fire ceased the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. Marine casualties were one WIA (DOW). Enemy casualties were not determined. The report added that one suspicious person was apprehended at coordinates (BT 037631) and evacuated to MINH BONG Headquarters for investigation.

g. At 212230H, a Company E security element located at a blocking position on the SONG VINH DIEN (river) at coordinates (BT 031648) reported observing two Viet Cong tampering with the barrier cable on the far shore of the river. The Marines directed three small arms rounds, five 40mm (M-79) rounds, and one 106mm recoilless rifle (ONTOS) round at the Viet Cong, who quickly fled from sight. The Marines searched the site at daylight with negative results. Enemy casualties were estimated as one KIA.

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(3) Special Reports.

a. At 211705H, the Regimental S-2 relayed a report from the Chief of the National Police at HOA VANG District, that police agents have stated that the Viet Cong plan to attack USMC units positioned at coordinates (AN 957704) (S-2 comments present location of 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines), and (BT 048724) (S-2 comments present location of Company E, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines), on 24 January (time not indicated). The report stated that the Viet Cong units to be employed in these attacks would be of company strength and would be equipped with mortars. The report also stated that one Viet Cong company arrived in MAI LOC (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 0568), on 21 January. The report was rated D-3 by National Police. The Third Battalion, Third Marines S-2 rated that portion of the report pertaining to the possible attack of the Battalion Command Post as D-3 (S-2 rated the report C-3). (See 212210H entry, this INTSUM, for independent report of presence of Viet Cong in HO NAM (2) hamlet, in close proximity to Third Battalion, 3d Marines C.P.)

(5) Data Remarks.

a. At 220845H, a Company E patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 068844) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from an estimated two Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 067642). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds and four 60mm(M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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

D. Viet Cong casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 67:
KIA(Confirmed)	0	463
KIA(Possible)	2	229
VC Captured	0*	192*
VC Captured(WIA)	0	5
VC WIA(Possible)	2	33
VC Suspects	4	638

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#Increase of six Viet Cong based on ITT Prisoner Interrogation Reports as follows:

ITT Report dated 18 Jan 66

Name: TRAN THANH
Age: 45
Status: VC Worker, PHU LOAN. Sent to HIEN DUC District Headquarters.

Captured by L-3-3, 15 Jan 66

ITT report dated 18 Jan 66

Name: DANG THI THUY
Age: 34
Status: Member VC Women's Association, CHAU SON. Sent to [illegible]

Captured by H-2-9, 16 Jan 66

ITT report dated 18 Jan 66

Name: DO DAU
Age: 37
Status: Member VC Old Man's Association, CHAU SAN (1). Sent to HIEN DUC District Headquarters.

Captured by Operation BIG LAKES, 15 Jan 66

ITT Report dated 18 Jan 66

Name: NGUYEN XUAN
Age: 57
Status: Member VC Old Men's Assn., CHAU THUONG, Sent to HIEN DUC [illegible]

Captured by L-3-3, 15 Jan 66

ITT Report dated 19 Jan 66

Name: NGUYEN QUANG TAI
Age: 17
Status: Member VC Teenage Group, CHAU LAU. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.

Captured by H-2-4, 17 Jan 66

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ITT Report dated 19 Jan 66

Name: LUU DE
Age: 35
Status: VC Worker, PHU BON. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Region.

Captured by L-3-5, 17 Jan 66

E. Captured and destroyed enemy materiel: The following material was captured by 1st Bn, 9th Mar.

1 - Banner, Vietnamese language (EF 064718) (See [illegible])

F. The following material was destroyed by 2nd Bn, 9th Mar.

1 - Round, artillery, 105mm (EF 004651) (See [illegible])

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications: The following [illegible] were destroyed by 2nd Bn, 9th Mar.

1 - Tunnel, 40' long (EF 003654) (See [illegible])

1 - Tunnel, 40' long (EF 004658) (See [illegible])

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3/9	(2)
3/5	(3)
2/12	(2)
FSCC	(1)
S-2	(6)
S-3	(1)
1stAmtracBn	(1)
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9th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO, San Francisco 96601

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231000H JAN 1966

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #23, Period ending 231000, January 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather.

(a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve (12) hours by Regimental S-2.

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
24 Jan	0654	0716	1854	1916	- - -	- - -	NEW

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO(river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708). Company L, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines provided security for the Marble Mountain Air Facility, the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 063850), and the USAF Troposcatter site on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 068853).

a. At 220920H, a Company C squad-sized patrol reported that a booby-trapped grenade was detonated at coordinates (BT 065698) when a pole holding aloft a Viet Cong flag was dismantled by a Vietnamese civilian. The civilian was ordered by a National Policeman to strike the flag, and the grenade was rigged so that disturbing the flag and staff detonated the device. Two Marine WIA were reported. The civilian who attempted to strike the flag was also wounded.

b. At 221525H, a Company D platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 044654) reported receiving a total of six small arms rounds from three Viet Cong positioned at two locations at coordinates (BT 035656)

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and (BT 038653). The Marines directed sixty small arms rounds and three 40mm(M-79) rounds at the enemy positions and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong but were unable to continue the contact. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one WIA (reported by local villagers).

c. At 221630H, a Company B patrol reported apprehending three suspicious persons at coordinates (BT 077673). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when they were observed attempting to elude the Marines. (The initial report indicated that their identification papers were suspect). The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to local District Headquarters. (See below).

d. At 221720H, this Company B patrol reported the discovery of two U.S. (M-26) grenades at coordinates (BT 062675). The report stated that the grenades were positioned on a staff holding aloft two flags, described as one Viet Cong flag and one white flag. The grenades were rigged as booby-traps, to detonate when the flag staff was disturbed. The report stated that the grenades were destroyed in place, and added that, when the grenades detonated, a secondary explosion occurred, resulting in a volume of black smoke and causing a crater two by two feet.

e. At 221823H, a Company D patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 038653) reported receiving ten rounds of automatic weapons fire (identified as BAR) from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 035 653). The exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

f. At 221845H, a Company D patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 038653) reported receiving ten small arms rounds, described as sporadic sniper fire, from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 031653), and (BT 041653). The exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to defend the central portion of the Regimental TAOR from, and including, the SONG VINH DIEN(river), west to, and including, the railroad embankment, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707); and provided one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in the vicinity of MIEU DONG (1), coordinates (BT 017688).

a. At 220945H, a Company F patrol reported the discovery of a bottle of what was described as "Cholera Vaccine" at coordinates (BT 002664). The medicine was described as being of U.S. manufacture (Marrietta, Pennsylvania) and the report stated that the bottle was approximately one-half full. The report stated that the medicine was evacuated to the battalion Command Post for examination.

b. At 221125H, a Company H squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of what was described as an abandoned village at coordinates (BT 040708) reported receiving five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at extreme range, in

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the vicinity of coordinates (BT 041715). The Marines directed ten small arms rounds and four 40mm(M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. The report added that the patrol observed several Viet Cong flags being flown at coordinates (BT 037707). (BT 048701), and (BT 053709), but the Marines did not attempt to retrieve the flags because of the probability that the flags or staffs were booby-trapped.

c. At 221600H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the TRUNG LUONG Village Chief (grid square BT 0372) that the Viet Cong will attack USMC units on the nights of 22-23 January. The report did not indicate specific locations or provide information as to the strength or designations of Viet Cong units involved. The report was rated C-3. (S-2 rates the report C-3).

d. At 221835H, the Battalion S-2 reported that an unidentified station was heard on the Company E radio (PRC-10) net. The report stated that the station was initially believed to be a Company E platoon patrol experiencing difficulty in transmitting and the station was requested to adjust frequency. When it became apparent that the station was not originating from a Company E radio, the traffic was terminated and the appropriate communication organization notified. The report indicated that the unidentified station was transmitting in english-language (described as almost "British" in inflection) but the station did not attempt to contact the Marines nor purport to be a Company E unit. (S-2 comment: The transmission monitored may have originated with the enemy, but it is also possible that it may have been as the result of an unusual but innocent atmospheric condition which sometimes results in normally short-range radio transmissions being carried relatively long distances. There is no evidence that the transmission was bogus and intended to deceive the Marines). A subsequent report indicated that similar traffic was monitored at 221910H, wherein the unidentified station was heard to use the call sign "three X-Ray".

e. At 222305H, a Company E security element positioned at coordinates (BT 024646) reported receiving an estimated seventy small arms rounds from Viet Cong armed with at least one automatic weapon positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 030644) and (BT 034641). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds and twenty two 81mm mortar (HE) rounds at the enemy positions and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

f. At 230730H, Company F positioned at coordinates (BT 001662) reported receiving one small arms round, described as carbine fire, from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 002660). The Marines directed three small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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(3) 3dBn, 3dMar. Continued to defend the western portion of the Regimental TAOR from, but not including, the railroad tracks, west to, but not including, the road passing HIEU DUC District Headquarters, coordinates (AT 942689). Company I provided security for ASP #1, coordinates (AT 985733). The Battalion reported no enemy contact nor information or activities of intelligence value.

(4) Special Reports.

a. At 221230H, the Ninth Marines Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th GVN Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at MIEU BONG relayed a report from Headquarters, 51st ARVN Regiment that one Viet Cong Main Force Battalion, equipped with two 60mm and one 81mm mortars and four machine guns (type not indicated), is deployed in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 945560), (AT 945571), and (AT 927 527). The report stated that this battalion is augmented by guerrilla forces and is supporting Viet Cong psy-war teams operating in the area during the TET celebration period. (The report also stated that one Viet Cong Main Force Battalion is located approximately four hundred meters to the south of GIAO AI, coordinates (AT 948582) which would place it in almost the exact location of the first reported battalion. The wording of the report was ambiguous however, and the report may have been referring to only one battalion).

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

D. Viet Cong casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA(Confirmed)	0	468
KIA(Possible)	0	229
VC Captured	0	194*
VC Captured(WIA)	0	3
VC WIA(Possible)	1	54
Viet Cong Suspects	0	1053

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

ITT Report dated 21 Jan 66

Name: NGUYEN NIEU
Age: 19
Status: Rallier, PHU THUAN. Sent to "Open Arms" policy

Captured by 9th Marines, 20 Jan 66

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ITT Report dated 22 Jan 66

Name: DANG SAT
Age: 45
Status: VC Worker, HOA THANH. Sent to I Corps Hospital

Captured by 2ndBn, 9thMar., 21 Jan 66

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material: The following material was destroyed by 1stBn, 9thMar.

2 - Grenades, M-26 (booby-trapped) (BT 062675) (See 221720H entry, this INTSUM)

The following material was captured by 3dBn, 3dMar.

Leaflets, propaganda (AT 975661)

1 - Grenade (unidentified) (spherical body-wood) (AT 973709)

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

C. WARD
By direction

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3/9	(2)
3/3	(3)
2/12	(2)
FSCC	(1)
S-2	(6)
S-3	(1)
1stAmtracBn	(1)
3dTnkBn	(1)
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HEADQUARTERS
9th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO San Francisco, Calif 96601

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3800
24 Jan 1966

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #24, Period ending 241000H, January 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 (12) hours by Regimental S-2.

(b) Due to the heavy rains received during this reporting period, the roads and trails within the TAOR have deteriorated to a slight degree; however, all roads and trails are still passable to wheel and track vehicles.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EEET	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
25 Jan	0654	0716	1855	1917	0947	2142	NEW

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn., 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708). Company L, 3d Battalion, 9th Marines provided security for the Marble mountain Air Facility, the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 063850), and the USAF Tropescatter site on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 068853).

a. At 231050H, a Company D patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 037660) reported discovering a Viet Cong flag being flown from the top of a school-house at that location. As the flag was being retrieved, the Marines observed a Vietnamese male running from the school-house to cover in a treeline a short distance away. The report stated that the man was wearing khaki uniform-type clothing and was armed with what was identified as a U.S. sub-machine gun, caliber .45 (Thompson). The report stated that the Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong, but he eluded capture. The report added that several Viet Cong flags were observed being conspicuously flown in this area and that the villagers were remaining indoors and appeared apprehensive.

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b. At 231230H, a Company B patrol was dispatched to the vicinity of coordinates (BT 048689) in response to a report from Marines manning an observation post at coordinates (BT 049677), that they observed an old Vietnamese male attempting to pull down what was described as a Viet Cong flag which was being flown from a pole positioned in a cemetary at that location. The report stated that the man made two attempts to strike the flag and each time received several rounds of small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned somewhere in the area. When the patrol approached the site they reported observing two armed Viet Cong disappear from sight into a heavily brushed area at coordinates (BT 048685). When the patrol reached the cemetary area they received six rounds of what was identified as carbine fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 045691) and (BT 050694). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report stated that one Viet Cong was observed falling as if struck by the Marines fire. One Marine was WIA during the engagement. The report continued that, as the Marines were returning to the patrol base, they received a total of four [illegible] sniper rounds fired from Viet Cong positioned to the northeast. The patrol searched KHAI TAY (1) hamlet, the suspected Viet Cong location, with negative results. (S-2 Comment: The initial report received indicated that the Vietnamese civilian who was attempting to pull down the flag was a young boy, 'six to eight years of age'. This was subsequently modified to read 'sixty-eight years of age' and the erroneous report is attributable to a misunderstood radio transmission.). One Viet Cong (probable) WIA was reported.

c. At 231645H, a Company D patrol operating the vicinity of coordinates (BT 080634) reported receiving one sniper round from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 076634). The Marines directed ten small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. When the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions they reported that it appeared that the Viet Cong had withdrawn to the west. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 231905H, a Company A listening post positioned at coordinates (BT 098658) reported receiving six small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 096657). No Marine casualties were reported. The exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned.

(2) 2dBn., 9thMar. Continued to defend the central portion of the Regimental TAOR from, and including, the SONG VINH DIEN (river), west to, and including the railroad embankment, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707); and provided one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in the vicinity of MIEU DONG (1), coordinates (BT 017688).

a. At 231400H, a Company E patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 032638) reported receiving six small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 037637). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds and two 81mm Mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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b. At 231900H, a Company F security element positioned at coordinates (BT 005664) reported observing three armed Viet Cong moving in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 002664). The Marines directed twenty-five small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fled the area without returning the Marines fire. A patrol was dispatched to search the area and reported finding one Viet Cong KIA (body count), and added that the other two Viet Cong were observed fleeing to the south and one appeared to be limping. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one KIA, body count, and one WIA, possible.

c. At 232130H, a Company F listening post positioned at coordinates (AT 983661) reported observing an estimated platoon of Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 997663) moving in an easterly direction. Artillery support was requested and a total of thirty-eight 105mm (HE) rounds were delivered into the area. The report stated that the Marines manning the listening post heard what was described as screams and yelling as the artillery fire impacted. A patrol was dispatched at 232155H to search the area and reported that they found no indications of possible Viet Cong presence or casualties. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 232250H, the Battalion S-3 reported that Headquarters and Service Company Marines manning security posts on the Battalion Command Post perimeter, coordinates (AT 995678), received an estimated twenty small arms rounds from four to six Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 995675). The Marines directed seventy small arms rounds and two 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the south. The report stated that two Viet Cong were observed being carried from the area. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as two WIA.

e. At 231430H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report an ARVN Company Commander who is operating in close proximity to Company F positions, that a Viet Cong force of approximately one hundred men will displace from the vicinity of BICH BAC hamlet, coordinates (AT 987632) and move to the vicinity of TAN HANH hamlet, coordinates (BT 000656), so as to be in position to attack USMC units located in the vicinity of NHON THO (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 000660). The report added that the main attack will be initiated from the southwest and will be supported by two 60mm mortars and one 81mm mortar to be positioned at coordinates (BT 008666), and machine guns (quantity not indicated) positioned at coordinates (BT 003660). The report was not rated by the Battalion S-2, but he commented that appropriate counteractions were being made by the battalion and that the report is being thoroughly investigated. (S-2 rates the report as F-3)

(3) 3dBn., 3dMar. Continued to defend the western portion of the Regimental TAOR from, but not including, the railroad tracks, west to, but not including, the road passing HIEU DUC District Headquarters, coordinates (AT 942689). Company I provided security for ASP #1, coordinates (AT 985733).

a. At 231400H, The Battalion S-2 relayed a report from Company K that the villagers (unidentified) in HA DONG hamlet, coordinates (AT 998642) informed the Marines that three Viet Cong companies will move into the area in the vicinity of HA TAY hamlet, coordinates (BT 010645) at 232230H, having displaced from an area somewhere in the south. The report did not provide additional information nor indicate the weapons possessed by these units. The report was not rated. (S-2 rates the report F-6.).

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b. At 231730H, The Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines Civic Action Officer that information received from friendly villagers indicates that the Viet Cong may attack the pontoon bridge located at coordinates (AT 945697) sometime after 240100H. (A subsequent report, received at 231900H from HIEU DUC District Headquarters, stated that the pontoon bridge had been reinforced by the assignment of additional GVN Popular Forces personnel.). The report was not rated. (S-2 rates the report F-6.).

c. At 232230H, The Battalion S-2 reported that Headquarters and Service Company Marines manning a blocking position on the SONG CAU DO (river), coordinates (AT 971699), received one small arms round from Viet Cong whose position could not be discovered. A patrol was dispatched to investigate the area and reported making contact with threeViet Cong at close range at coordinates (AT 968700). The report stated that the Marines directed thirty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact withdrawing to the east. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(4) Special Reports.

a. At 231950H, the Ninth Marines Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th GVN Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at MIEU BONG relayed a report from an unidentified agent that one Viet Cong company was located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 035680) and (BT 033672) with the mission of attacking Regional Force Headquarters at MIEU BONG. The report added that this Viet Cong company is armed with one 81mm mortar and automatic weapons. The report was rated C-2. (S-2 rates the report C-3).

b. At 231940H, G-2 relayed a report from HIEU DUC District that one Viet Cong company, with a strength of approximately one hundred men, displaced from locations within HOA VANG District to the vicinity of coordinates (AT 966697), with the mission of attacking Marines located in the vicinity of the pontoon bridge.(See 231730H entry, this INTSUM, for similar report). The report was rated B-3. (S-2 rates the report F-6).

c. At 231500H, G-2 reported that a captured Viet Cong directive issued by the Viet Cong Current Affairs Committee in the SAIGON-GIA DINH region and dated 4 January 1966, stated that all Viet Cong forces in that region - Main Forces, Local Forces, and guerrillas-must be prepared to launch full-scale activities in all theatres of operations immediately following the last hour of the TET "cease fire". G-2 commented that, although this directive was prepared for Viet Cong forces in the SAIGON area, it is believed that similar directives were issued throughout South Vietnam. The report was rated F-3. (S-2 rates the report F-3).

d. At 231500H, the Ninth Marines Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th GVN Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at MIEU BONG relayed a report from an unidentified agent that two Viet Cong companies would displace into the area in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 997655) and (BT 003658). The report stated that this information originated with villagers from that region who left their homes when they received information that the Viet Cong would arrive. The report was not rated. (S-2 rates the report F-6).

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e. At 251012H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing two boats with four occupants at coordinates (BT 062718), three boats (occupants not indicated) at coordinates (BT 060725), three boats each with one occupant at coordinates (BT 043718), and two boats, one with two occupants and one with eight occupants, at coordinates (BT 031649).

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

D. VC Casualties

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65
KIA(Confirmed)	1	470
KIA(Possible)	0	229
VC Captured	0	195
VC Captured(WIA)	0	3
VC WIA(Possible)	2	60
Viet Cong Suspects	0	1055

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Subj: Intelligence Summary #27, Period ending 271000H, January 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	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
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B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn., 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Air Base and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708). Company L, 3d Battalion, 9th Marines provided security for the Marble Mountain Air Facility, the radar station on MON KY Mountain, coordinates (BT 063850), and the USAF Tropo-scatter site on MON KY Mountain, coordinates (BT 068853).

a. Late Report. At 261025H, the Battalion S-2 reported that intelligence sources (unidentified) have indicated that, eight days ago, a Viet Cong force of approximately thirty-five men arrived at BINH MINH hamlet, coordinates (BT 070617). The report identified the leader of this Viet Cong force as one DANG DA. The report continued that when USMC patrols approach BINH MINH, the Viet Cong temporarily displace to CAM SA (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 082643). The report stated that the Viet Cong chief of BINH MINH is one DANG DO VO QUEN and added that the chief's son has the same name as his father and can be identified

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by a two-inch scar below the right eye. The report stated that the son was an ARVN soldier for a two-year period. The report added that the entrances to BINH MINH hamlet have been booby trapped with grenades and that the trenchlines have been rigged with punji traps. The report was rated F-3. S-2 rates the report F-3.

b. Late Report. At 260910H, a company D patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 050647) reported observing a man emerge from the treeline at less than one hundred meters range. The Marines ordered the man to halt for investigation but the man turned and fled to the northeast. The Marines ordered the man to halt and when the warnings were ignored, shot and killed the man. No weapons or material of an intelligence nature was reported as found on the body. The report stated that a subsequent search of that portion of the tree-line that the man had emerged from disclosed four grenades (US) M-26, rigged as booby traps. The grenades were destroyed in place. A subsequent report stated that, at approximately 260920H, as this patrol continued its search of this portion of the tree-line, a grenade rigged as a booby trap was detonated resulting in six Marine WIA. This patrol also reported destroying a tunnel extending approximately twelve feet in length in this area. Enemy casualties were one KIA (body count).

c. Late Report. At 260945H, a company A patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 126634) and wounded one male, identified by the battalion as a Viet Cong, in the same area. The report stated that a Vietnamese girl pointed out the location of a bunker to the Marines, who investigated and found fresh footprints leading into the position. An ARVN interpreter ordered the occupants of the bunker to emerge, but his warnings were ignored. The bunker was then blown by engineer personnel and a search revealed two Vietnamese males killed and one Vietnamese male wounded. The report stated that the patrol apprehended a Viet Cong Suspect in close proximity to the bunker who, upon initial interrogation, stated that the two dead men and the one wounded man were all Viet Cong. The report stated that this suspect also admitted that he was a Viet Cong. The suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. The wounded man was evacuated to the 3d Medical Battalion for treatment (will shown in paragraph D of this INTSUM as a Viet Cong Suspect until his status is confirmed by ITT). The report did not indicate whether weapons or material of an intelligence nature were found in the bunker or on the person of the men. Enemy casualties were two KIA (body count) and two VCS.

d. At 261000H, a company C patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 048685). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that they lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point.

e. At 261000H, a company C patrol reported apprehending three suspicious persons in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 036687). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when a routine examination revealed that they lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspects were interrogated but later released when their identification was verified by local GVN authorities.

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f. At 261445H, a company D patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 042652). 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.

g. At 261600H, a company D patrol reported apprehending two suspicious persons in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 035658). A routine examination revealed that they lacked adequate identification. They appeared not to be residents of that locality. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the local district headquarters.

h. At 261625H, a company D patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 035654) reported observed one armed Viet Cong at less than one hundred meters range, who fled upon sighting the Marines. The report stated that the patrol pursued the fleeing Viet Cong and the Viet Cong fired an estimated five small arms (sub-machinegun) rounds at the Marines. The Marines returned the fire with six small arms rounds and wounded the Viet Cong. The Viet Cong threw one grenade (offensive type) at the Marines as they closed in and the Marines directed one fragmentation type grenade at the enemy, killing him. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one KIA, body count. The report added that one sub-machinegun, U. S., Caliber .45 (Thompson), and one whistle were recovered from the body of the Viet Cong.

i. At 262230H, a company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 052753) reported receiving fifty small arms rounds from an estimated fifteen Viet Cong armed with automatic and semi-automatic weapons positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 052757). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds and five 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position. The report stated that the patrol then received approximately sixty small arms rounds from additional Viet Cong who appeared to be attempting to envelop the Marines. Mortar support was requested and five 81mm mortar (HE) rounds and three 81mm mortar (illumination) rounds were directed at the enemy location. The patrol was reinforced but the Viet Cong broke contact, fleeing to the north. Marine casualties were one KIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

j. At 261700H, a company A listening post located at coordinates (BT 098658) and a second listening post at coordinates (BT 102656) reported receiving a total of forty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned to the north, northwest, and south of their positions. The report indicated that the exact enemy locations could not be determined. The Marines then observed two Viet Cong (one of whom was armed) at coordinates (BT 101655), and directed small arms fire at this duo, who withdrew from their positions. One Viet Cong was believed to have been struck by the Marines fire. The Marines then reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 101659). The Marines directed approximately two hundred rounds of small arms fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the area and reported apprehending four suspicious persons, one of whom was wounded. The wounded suspect was evacuated for medical treatment and the three suspects will be evacuated for investigation when transportation is available on 27 January. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one WIA.

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(2) 2d Bn., 9th Ma[redacted] Continued to defend the centra[redacted] portion of the Regimental TAOR from, and including, the SONG VINH DIEN (river), west to, and including the railroad embankment, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707); and provided one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in the vicinity of MIEU DONG (1), coordinates (BT 017688).

a. At 261040H, a company G patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 045702) when a member of the patrol tripped the detonating mechanism. The report described the device as a fragmentation grenade and stated it was rigged with a trip-wire. One Marine WIA was reported.

b. At 261125H, a company G patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 040695) reported discovering what appeared to be a tunnel which had apparently been sealed from the outside with bricks and sand. One Marine crawled into the fortification to investigate and was wounded when a grenade was thrown from within the tunnel. The Marines threw two CS grenades (smoke) into the tunnel but the occupants did not emerge. The Marines directed fragmentation grenades into the fortification and attempted to enter the tunnel (cave) by excavating from above. The report stated that when movement was detected from within the cave, the Marines directed approximately twenty-five small arms rounds into the interior from above. When the fortification was finally exposed, three Viet Cong KIA were found. The report stated that the Viet Cong were wearing what was described as "gauze masks" evidently as protection from the smoke fumes. The report added that three CHICOM Carbines, Mossin Nagant, M-53, one U.S. Rifle, caliber .30 M-1, and one U.S. Carbine, caliber .30 M-1 (in damaged condition), one CHICOM grenade, carbine magazines, three vials of penicillin, two ammunition pouches, one mine (identified as AT, approximately eight pounds in size), and some papers, were recovered from the dead Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were three Viet Cong KIA (body count).

c. At 261535H, a company G patrol reported the discovery of what was described as an "L" shaped tunnel at coordinates (BT 045705). The tunnel was approximately eight feet in length and three feet in diameter. The report stated that the tunnel was destroyed by demolitions.

d. At 261945H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from company F that villagers of NHON THO (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 002663) have stated that fear of Viet Cong retaliation prohibits them from reporting to the Marines the presence of Viet Cong in the area, but that the Marines should realize that the Viet Cong have moved into the area when the villagers are observed departing from their homes with their household possessions and cattle during the daylight hours.

e. At 261400H, a company E patrol reported the discovery of a booby-trapped gate at coordinates (BT 012642). The report did not indicate the type of explosive device utilized. Additional information will be provided when available.

f. At 261405H, a company F patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 002637) reported receiving fifteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 000634) and (AT 996634). The Marines searched the suspected areas with negative results. The exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

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(3) 3dBn, 9th Mar. Continued to defend the western portion of the Regimental TAOR from, but not including, the railroad tracks, west to, but not including, the road passing HIEU DUC District Headquarters, coordinates (AT 942689). Company I provided security for ASP #1, coordinates (AT 985733).

a. At 260955H, a company L patrol (road clearing unit) reported discovering a booby trap at coordinates (AT 955664) which was destroyed in place. The report indicated the booby trap consisted of two M-26 grenades placed approximately fifteen feet apart and connected by a trip wire. The report stated that the booby trap was found in the same place the booby trapped 155mm artillery round (dud) was discovered on 24 January.

b. At 261600H, the Battalion S-3 provided information on a search and destroy operation being conducted by company K in CAM NE (4), company M in LA BONG (1), and company L in LA CHAU (2). The report indicated that a total of six hundred fifty feet of trench line had been filled in in the three hamlets, twelve fighting holes filled, three caves destroyed in LA CHAU (2), two fighting holes filled, three tunnels destroyed, two bunkers destroyed, and two hundred fifty meters of brush cleared in LA BONG (1), and five bomb shelters destroyed in CAM NE (4). The report stated that one bunker discovered in LA BONG (1), had a false bottom and led into an additional shelter three feet wide, two feet long, and three feet high. The report continued that in all instances, CS and CN were employed before the Marines entered or destroyed the obstacle.

c. At 261600H, a company K patrol reported searching a two story brick building at coordinates (AT 969689). The report indicated that sixteen expended carbine cartridges, one empty penicillin bottle, one bottle of cough medicine, and a Vietnamese poster were found in the building, all of which will be forwarded to the Battalion S-2 for evaluation. The report stated that, as the Marines were leaving the building, they spotted two Viet Cong running from the area into a tree line at close range. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong but were unable to regain contact. The report continued that one Viet Cong was believed to have been armed with a rifle.

(4) Special Reports.

a. At 261040H, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines S-2 reported that reports had been received (one report originated at HOI AN District Headquarters, a second report appeared to have been relayed by G-2 but may have had the same origin) that an estimated five hundred villagers were displacing to the north. The report indicated that the people were in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 055715) and that a demonstration may be planned. A subsequent report from the Battalion S-2 stated that many of the villagers moving through the area, coordinates (BT 055715), were interrogated and stated that they were residents of villages located within the vicinity of the "horse shoe" area (HA QUANG, HA BANG, and HA GIA, vicinity of grid squares (BT 10630)(BT 1163) and (BT 1164)) and indicated that they were displacing to the north because they feared that the Marines would fire artillery or conduct air strikes in the area. The Battalion S-2 stated that the displacement of the villagers possibly indicated that Viet Cong had moved into the "horse shoe" area, and that the information would be investigated. (S-2 Comment: At 261710H, the HOA VANG District Police Chief also indicated that the Viet Cong may have moved into this area and added that, if the

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Viet Cong succeeded in [redacted]ing their mortars from the [redacted] in the vicinity of the SONG CAU DO and SONG [redacted]H DIEN (See 250035H entry, INTSUM #25), the "horse shoe" region was a logical place to re-new the search. The 1st Battalion rated the presence of Viet Cong in the area of the "horse shoe" as F-3, but could provide no additional information regarding the size of the Viet Cong forces possibly involved. (S-2 rates the report as F-3).

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b. At 261600H, the 9th Marines Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th GVN Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at MIEU BONG relayed a report from an unidentified agent that one Viet Cong company, (unidentified) equipped with two mortars (size/type not indicated), one machine gun and small arms is located at MAN QUAN (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 035688) and MAN QUAN (2) hamlet coordinates (BT 043687). The report continued that a Viet Cong company with the designation Q-16B may also be located in the same locality. The report added that the Viet Cong are using women in the area as spies. The report was not rated. (S-2 Comment: The presence of one Viet Cong company in the vicinity of MAN QUAN (1) and (2) hamlets is rated as F-3. The presence of two companies in that area at the same time is rated F-4. The 1st Battalion, 9th Marines has maintained close surveillance of this locality because of several previous intelligence reports of the presence of Viet Cong, but the Viet Cong (if present) have declined overt contact.

c. At 261615H, G-2 relayed a report from I CORPS Advisory Officer that information received indicated that the mortars fired by the Viet Cong on 25 January (See 250035H entry, INTSUM #25) were located at coordinates (BT 060680), (BT 050695) and (BT 075700). The report added that, when investigating this report, Marines should give special attention to the tunnels in the area. The report was not rated but stated that it originated from a reliable source. S-2 rates the report F-3.

d. At 262250H, 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 the "QUANG NAM Administration Building" that one Viet Cong Main Force Company is dispersed in the area in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 030615) (BT 001637), and (BT 029603). The report stated that this company is commanded by one NGO CHAU HOANG, and is equipped with one mortar and several machine guns. The report continued that a second Viet Cong company is located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 00362[illegible]). The report stated that this company, commanded by one TRAN HONG, moves to the vicinity of coordinates (BT 036636), and (BT 032644) at 1700 hours daily so as to control all traffic in the area and to be in a position to ambush military and pacification cadre vehicles. The report was rated B-2. S-2 rates the report F-3.

e. At 262310H, G-2 relayed a report from HOI AN District Headquarters that the Viet Cong are utilizing vehicles to transport troops north and south on National Highway #1. The report included a request to have road guards investigate all vehicles carefully. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-3.

f. At 262015H, the 9th Marines Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th GVN Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at MIEU BONG relayed a report from an unidentified agent that the Viet Cong had assembled an estimated thirty boats in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 990630) (SONG BAU XUA). The report stated that the mission of these river craft was not known. The report added that a Viet Cong

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battalion, designated as the 23d Battalion, had displaced to the vicinity of coordinates (AT 992652). The report stated that this battalion is commanded by one LE LUYEN. The report was rated B-2. S-2 rates the report of a Viet Cong battalion at the location indicated as F-4.

g. At 261230H, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines S-2 reported that an (unidentified) woman contacted Company H Marines at coordinates (BT 040723) and stated she had information regarding the location of a large caliber mortar, hidden in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 052698). The Marines returned to the area with the informant and thoroughly searched the suspected site, with negative results.

h. Late Report: At 262120H, Company H, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines security element located at bridge #2 coordinates (AT 999699) reported observing two men in a rice paddy in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 997699). The area was illuminated (with hand illumination) and the Marines directed four small arms rounds at the enemy. The report stated that one intruder was observed falling as if struck by the Marines' fire. The Marines searched the area and reported finding fresh blood stains but the enemy eluded the Marines. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one WIA.

i. Late Report: At 261700H, Company A, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 098658). The report stated that the suspect entered the Marines' position carrying an ill child, and was apprehended because of his suspicious and nervous appearance. The report added that a GVN/US surrender leaflet (type not indicated) was found in the suspects possession, but he made no effort to display or utilize it.

j. Late Report: At 261700H, Company A, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines reported apprehending four Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 094664). The report stated that the suspects were first observed debarking from a boat at coordinates (BT 084663). The Marines directed small arms fire at them and subsequently apprehended them at the coordinates indicated. (The report indicated that a second boat was also observed but the status of this second craft was not reported). The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point.

C. Reports of information of VC received directly from civilians:

(1) See 260945H entry, this INTSUM.

(2) See 261945H entry, this INTSUM.

(3) See 261230H entry, this INTSUM.

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D. Viet Cong Casualties:	For 24 Hour Reporting Period	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65
KIA(Confirmed)	7	477
KIA(Possible)	0	235
VC Captured	0	196*
VC Captured(WIA)	0	3
VC WIA(Possible)	2	64
Viet Cong Suspects	8	1066
		2
Ralliers(Since 21Jan66)	0	2

* Increase of one Viet Cong based on ITT Prisoner Interrogation Report dated 25 January 1966:

Name: PHUONG LE
Age: 20
Status: VC Guard

Capturing Unit: A-1-9 on 24 Jan 1966

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

1 - Rifle, U.S., Caliber .30 (M-1). See 261125H entry, this INTSUM.
3 - Carbines, CHICOM, (Mossin, Nagant, M-53). See 261125H entry, this INTSUM.
1 - Carbine, U. S., Caliber .30 (M-1)(damaged condition). See 261125H entry, this INTSUM.
1 - Grenade, CHICOM, fragmentation. See 261125H entry, this INTSUM.
1 - Mine, Anti-Tank, approx 8 lbs. size. See 261125H entry, this INTSUM.
- Papers, miscellaneous, Vietnamese language. See 261125H entry, this INTSUM.
3 - Vials, containing medicines (Penicillin). See 261125H entry, this INTSUM.
4 - Grenades, U.S. (M-26). See 260910H entry, this INTSUM.
1 - Sub-machinegun, U. S. (Thompson) caliber .45. See 261625H entry, this INTSUM.
2 - Grenades, U. S.(M-26). See 260955H entry, this INTSUM.

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

1 - Bunker, (dimensions not indicated). See 260945H entry, this INTSUM.
1 - Tunnel (Cave), described as "L" shaped. See 261125H entry, this INTSUM.
1 - Tunnel, described as "L" shaped; approximately eight feet in length and three feet in diameter. See 261535H entry, this INTSUM.

ADD: See 261600H entry, this INTSUM, for recapitulation of enemy positions/fortifications destroyed by 3d Battalion, 3d Marines.

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #28, Period ending 281000H, January 1966

Encl: (1) Special Report of 1st Battalion, 9th Marines Action During Period 261700H - 262010H; submitted by Battalion S-3

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	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
29 Jan	0655	0718	1842	1905	1143	- - -	1/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn., 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Air Base and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708). Company L, 3d Battalion, 9th Marines provided security for the Marble Mountain Air Facility, the radar station on MON KY Mountain, coordinates (BT 063850), and the USAF Troposcatter site on MON KY Mountain, coordinates (BT 063853).

a. Late Report. At 261000H, a Company D patrol reported apprehending two [illegible] suspicious persons at coordinates (BT 037654). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when a routine examination revealed that they lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspects were evacuated to the local District Headquarters.

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b. Late Report. At 270800H, a Company D patrol reported apprehending one suspicious person at coordinates (BT 050657). 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.

c. Late Report. At 270915H, a Company B patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 086697) when a member of the patrol disturbed a trip-wire. The report described the device as an U.S. (M-26) fragmentation grenade and stated it was rigged with a trip-wire fastened to a loosely inserted safety wire. No casualties were reported but two ARVN soldiers who were accompanying the Marines were WIA.

d. Late Report. At 270930H, the Battalion S-3 reported that a Battery D (artillery) squad-size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 068689) discovered the body of a Viet Cong KIA. The report stated that a U.S. Carbine, Caliber .30, (M-1), four ammunition magazines, one grenade, U. S. (M-26), two grenades, CHICOM, a pistol belt, bayonet knife, whistle, wrist watch (set one hour slow), GVN identification papers, and miscellaneous documents were recov. The report noted that the location of the body was in the area that Battery D made contact with the Viet Cong at 261710H. (See "Enclosure (1)", this INTSUM).

e. At 271045H, a Company C patrol reported apprehending two suspicious persons at coordinates (BT 048667). The report stated that one suspect was apprehended when he was observed attempting to elude the Marines. The second suspect was apprehended when, during a routine inquiry, he insisted that he heard no detonations or other indications of mortar firing during the early morning hours of 25 January (See 250035H entry, INTSUM #25). The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the local District Headquarters.

f. At 280830H, the Battalion S-3 provided details of the Battalion's action which occurred during the period 261710H - 262010H and which resulted in three Viet Cong KIA (body count) and two Viet Cong Killed By Air (KBA)(body count). This report is included in this INTSUM as enclosure (1).

g. At 271130H, a Company B patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 039675). The report stated that the suspect was initially observed in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 039673) and pursued when he fled upon sighting the Marines. The man was pursued to a building where he attempted to thwart apprehension by throwing a brick at a member of the patrol. The suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point.

h. At 271830H, a Company A patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 095653) reported receiving ten what was described as "high powered" small arms rounds from three to four Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 092653). Two Marines were WIA. The Marines returned the fire and maneuvered to the vicinity of coordinates (BT 092658) where they received an additional ten rounds of what was described as "well aimed small arms fire and sustained an additional two Marines WIA. Mortar support was requested and eleven 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location. When the enemy fire ceased, the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. The report noted that the Marines fired a total of two hundred small

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rounds, one hundred fifty machine gun (M-60) rounds, nine 40mm (M-79) rounds and eleven 81mm mortar rounds (HE) during this action. Total Marine casualties were four WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(2) 2dBn., 9thMar. Continued to defend the central portion of the Regimental TAOR from, and including, the SONG VINH DIEN (river), west to, and including the railroad embankment, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707); and provided one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in the vicinity of MIEU DONG (1), coordinates (BT 017621).

a. At 271050H, a Company F element constructing what was identified as a "bogus fighting position" in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 998657) reported receiving five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 997641). The Marines directed five small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. At 271225H, a Company F security element positioned at the bridge at coordinates (AT 992640) reported receiving one small arms round from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 994636). The exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. One Marine was reported WIA.

c. At 271330H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a GVN policeman (unidentified) informed Marines manning security posts at Bridge #1, coordinates (AT 998708), that the PHUNG LE Village Chief has reported that seventy Viet Cong were in PHUNG LE village, coordinates (AT 995698) for the past three days. The report added that the Chief has the names of these Viet Cong and that the Marines are attempting to locate the Chief so as to acquire additional information. (S-2 Comment: The report implies, but does not state, that the Viet Cong have already withdrawn from PHUNG LE village. The name list mentioned would indicate that the Viet Cong were local guerrillas. The report was not rated. S-2 evaluates the report of the presence of Viet Cong in PHUNG LE village as F-3. A Viet Cong force of seventy men tarrying three days in this area is doubtful and is rated F-4).

d. At 271530H, a Company F patrol reported apprehending one suspicious person in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 987663). 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.

e. At 271635H, a Company F patrol reported the discovery of a booby-trapped gate, and a grenade(U.S) believed to have been tampered with so as to serve as a booby trap, at coordinates (AT 995663). The report did not indicate the manner in which the grenade was booby-trapped but added that the devices were destroyed in place.

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f. At approximately 271715H, a Company F patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 004634) reported observing three Viet Cong at approximately one hundred meters range. The Marines directed three small arms at the Viet Cong who eluded the Marines by taking refuge in LE TWO BAO (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 004633). The area was searched but the contact could not be re-newed. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. (S-2 Comment: The report did not indicate the basis for the determination that the quarry were Viet Cong).

g. At 271805H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from Company E security element positioned at bridge #1 that villagers (number not indicated) were observed vacating PHONG LE (1) hamlet coordinates (AT 995698) enroute to the vicinity of DUONG SON (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 999683), carrying with them their household possessions. (See 271330H entry, this INTSUM for a report of possible Viet Cong presence in PHONG LE (1) hamlet).

h. At 271830H, Company G reported the discovery of a cave at coordinates (BT 049701). The cave was described as being approximately eight feet in width, and had a depth of three feet. The report stated that the cave was empty but did not indicate if the cave was destroyed or filled by the Marines.

i. At 272000H, a Company E security element positioned at a river block at coordinates (BT 032663) reported that a trip flare ignited revealing one intruder at coordinates (BT 032659). The Marines directed ten small arms rounds at the man who quickly withdrew from the area. A search of the area produced negative results.

j. At 272115H, a Company F ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 995631) reported making contact with fifteen Viet Cong at approximately ten meters range When the Viet Cong approached the ambush site from the south and east side of the railroad embankment, the Marines directed a heavy volume of small arms rounds at the Viet Cong who did not return the fire. Two Viet Cong were observed falling as if struck by the Marines' fire. Almost simultaneously, a second Viet Cong force of approximately fifteen man was discovered approaching the Marines position from the west side of the railroad embankment. The report stated that it appeared that this second group was attempting to envelop the Marines' position. The Marine ambush element displaced to the vicinity of the Company F command post. Artillery support was requested and a total of fifteen 105mm (HE) rounds were directed at probable routes of withdrawal from the ambush position. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as two KIA.

k. At 280125H, the Battalion S-2 reported that two small arms rounds impacted in the Battalion Command Post position, coordinates (AT [illegible]). The report stated that the fire was not returned and that a patrol dispatched to search the area reported negative results. No casualties were reported.

(3) 1dBn., 1dMar. Continued to defend the western perimeter of the Regimental TAOR from, but not including, the railroad tracks, west to, but not including, the road passing HIEU DUC District Headquarters, coordinates (AT [illegible]). Company I provided security for ASP #1, coordinates (AT 985753).

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a. Late Report. At 271720H, a Company K patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 961685) reported observing two Vietnamese in close range. As the Marines approached to conduct a routine examination, the suspects attempted to flee, ignoring the Marines challenge to halt. The Marines discharged seven small arms rounds at the fleeing Viet Cong Suspect and one stopped and surrendered while the second continued his flight and eluded the Marines. The suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

b. Late Report. At 270945H, a Company L patrol reported discovering two caves (size not indicated) at coordinates (AT 956681), which the Marines destroyed. The report indicated that CS (smoke) was used before the Marines entered the cave.

c. At 271007H, an Aerial Observer reported observing a trenchline (size not indicated) running north-south in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 957640), eight fighting holes at coordinates (AT 955643), and another trenchline (size not indicated) running east-west at coordinates (AT 959639).

d. At 271520H, a Company I patrol reported discovering what was described as an "homemade"mine" at coordinates (AT 977623). The report indicated that the mine had "anti-disturbance devices" in both ends, and was destroyed in place. Additional information will be provided when available.

e. At 271700H, the Battalion S-3 provided information on a continued search and destroy operation being conducted by Company K in the THI NE complex, Company L in LA CHAU (2), coordinates (AT 945675), and Company M in LA BONG (1), coordinates (AT 975675). The report indicated three hundred seventy-five feet of trenchline was filled, six bunkers destroyed, four tunnels destroyed, twenty-two fighting holes filled, three caves destroyed, and one thousand seven hundred meters of brush thinned. The report stated that CS/CN were employed prior to the Marines entering any of the structures.

f. At 271730H, a Company I patrol reported discovering four tunnels in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 987627), one tunnel at coordinates (AT 985631), one tunnel at coordinates (AT 980629), and one tunnel at coordinates (AT 976628). The report indicated all the tunnels were approximately three feet high, three feet wide, and five feet in length, and were destroyed by demolitions. The report stated that one 155mm artillery round (dud) with the explosive charge removed was discovered and destroyed at coordinates (AT 972623).

g. At 271305H, a Company M platoon positioned at coordinates (AT 972663) reported receiving twenty-four rounds of automatic and semi-automatic small arms fire from three Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 973660). The Marines directed twenty-five small arms rounds and five 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy, who withdrew from their positions. The Marines partially pursued the Viet Cong to a tree line where contact was lost. Marine casualties were reported as one WIA. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

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(4) Special Reports.

a. At 261025H, G-2 relayed a report from HOI VANG District Headquarters that one Viet Cong guerrilla squad and an undetermined number of political cadre had been located in the home of one NGUYEN SONG, in BO BAN (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 960685). The report requested that the Marines operating in that area investigate this report. The report was rated B-2. (S-2 Comments: The report indicated that the Viet Cong had already departed the location given. There have been several reports received recently of the presence of Viet Cong in BO BAN (1) hamlet. S-2 rates the report as F-2).

b. At 271610H, the 9th Marines Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th GVN Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at MIEU BONG relayed a report from an unidentified secret agent that one Viet Cong platoon (the report stated that this platoon includes Main Force personnel) and a Viet Cong cadre headquarters is located in BO BAN (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 960685). The report added that one or two Viet Cong platoons plus cadre personnel are invariably located, during the night, in CAM NE (3) hamlet area, coordinates (AT 965685) and LA BONG (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 962678). The report was rated B-2. (S-2 Comments: The reported presence of Viet Cong in BO BAN (1) hamlet is evaluated as F-2. The presence of Viet Cong forces of two platoon strength in CAM NE (3) and LA BONG (3) hamlets is rated F-3.

c. At 272047H, III MAF G-2 reported that, what was identified as a "fairly reliable governmental source", has established that the workers employed during the attack on 25 January (see 250035H entry, INTSUM #23) were introduced into this area via a route which ran from coordinates (AT 8761) to (AT 9368) to (AT 956678) to (BT 008697) to (BT 014704) and thence to either (BT 025705) (BT 035704) or (BT 029693).

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

D. VC Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65
KIA(Confirmed)	6*	483
KIA(Possible)	2	237
VC Captured	0	196
VC Captured(WIA)	0	3
VC WIA(Possible)	4	68
Viet Cong Suspects	1	1067
Viet Cong Ralliers (Since 21Jan66)	0	2

* Includes two Viet Cong Killed By Air (body count)(See enclosure (1))

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E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

QUANTITY	ITEM	INTSUM ENTRY NUMBER
1	Carbine, U.S., cal .30(M-1)	270930H
4	Magazines, ammunition (carbine)	-do-
1	Grenade, U.S. (M-26)	-do-
2	Grenades, CHICOM	-do-
1	Belt, web, pistol	-do-
1	Knife, bayonet	-do-
1	Whistle, signal, metal	-do-
	Documents, misc	-do-
1	Watch, wrist	-do-
1	Grenade, U.S. (M-26)	271[illegible]5H
1	Mine, (described as "home-made")	271520H

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

1	Cave, dimensions 8x3 ft	271830H
2	caves, dimensions not indicated	271730H
7	Tunnels, dimensions 5x3x3 ft	271730H

ADD: See 271700H entry, this INTSUM, for recapitulation of enemy positions and/or fortifications reported destroyed by 3d Battalion 3d Marines during this reporting period.

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SPECIAL REPORT OF 1ST BATTALION, 9TH MARINES ACTION DURING PERIOD 261710H - 262010H JANUARY 1966; SUBMITTED BY BATTALION S-3 (26 JAN SPARROW HAWK)

At 261710H Battery D located at coordinates (BT 062680) observed four Viet Cong armed with rifles and cartridge belts in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 062685). The Marines fired an undetermined amount of small arms fire at the Viet Cong causing them to break contact with no observed casualties. One Viet Cong Suspect was apprehended in the immediate vicinity and delivered to the water point, coordinates (BT 071701). The Viet Cong suspect was interrogated and released. At 261730H, as the patrol was returning to Battery D after having delivered the Viet Cong Suspect to the water point, the patrol observed one male armed with a rifle in the vicinity of (BT 068688). The Marines directed one fragmentation grenade (M-26) at the Viet Cong with negative results. At 261730H, the Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines requested permission from the Direct Air Support Center to employ SPARROW HAWK which was approved. The SPARROW HAWK unit was dispatched at 261741H and air-lifted to the vicinity of (BT 065692) arriving at 261744H. The immediate area was searched with negative results and the squad advanced to vicinity of (BT 067688) and conducted a search in that area, again reporting negative results. At approximately 261730H, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 078688)(river crossing) reported receiving small arms fire from an estimated Viet Cong force of twenty-five persons. The Viet Cong appeared to have been engaged in preparing a new trenchline at coordinates (BT 078667). The Viet Cong were armed with semi-automatic and automatic weapons. The Marines returned the Viet Cong fire and requested reinforcements. The Marines were reinforced with one squad and two tanks. Mortar support was requested and twelve 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location. The SPARROW HAWK unit was air-lifted at 261814H from the vicinity of coordinates (BT 067688) with intention of being employed in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 085663) as a blocking force. However, communication difficulties precluded this and the SPARROW HAWK unit was delivered to coordinates (BT 078668) where they were employed to reinforce the patrol. The UH-1E's conducted a strike on the Viet Cong position and the SPARROW HAWK unit established a base of fire while two squads of Bravo three assaulted the Viet Cong positions. Three secondary explosions occurred, one as a result of the 81mm mortar mission, one as a result of the UH-1E strike, and the third as a result of the tank fire. The secondary explosions were believed to have resulted from ammunition storage dumps. The secondary explosions emitted black and grey smoke and large amounts of fragments. A search of the Viet Cong positions revealed newly dug trenches, several pools of blood, five bodies (3 KIA by ground fire, and two KBAO), one Viet Cong headgear, numerous CHICOM 7.62 and U.S. caliber .30 expended casings. The Marines directed a total of two thousand four hundred 7.62 rounds, one thousand two hundred caliber .30 rounds, four hundred fifty caliber .50 rounds, eight 81mm mortar (HE) rounds, four 81mm mortar (WP) rounds, ten 90mm (tank) rounds (HE), and four 90mm (tank) rounds (WP) during the engagement. It was reported that the Viet Cong escaped to the south. At 261910H, all Marine units returned to Bravo three command post at coordinates (BT 073669) where SPARROW HAWK was recovered at 262010H. At 261850H, a company B squad-size patrol received approximately 250 small arms rounds and mortar fire from an estimated eight to ten Viet Cong positioned at (BT 085697) and (BT 087695). One Marine casualty was reported. The Marines directed three hundred rounds small arms fire and twelve 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy location. A fifteen round 81mm mortar mission was also fired at the Viet Cong. The Viet Cong broke contact at 261845H and fled to the south. The

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Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong by fire. Two Viet Cong were seen hit by the Marines fire and two additional Viet Cong were believed to have been hit as the result of an 40mm (M-79) round which landed in a Viet Cong position. Total Marine casualties was reported as two WIA. Enemy casualties were reported as five KIA (body count), two WIA (possible) and two WIA (probable).

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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	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
30 Jan	0655	0718	1844	1907	1243	0054	1/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn., 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Air Base and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071708). Company L, 3d Battalion, 9th Marines provided security for the Marble Mountain Air Facility, the radar station on MON KY Mountain, coordinates (BT 063850), and the USAF Troposcatter site on MON KY Mountain, coordinates (BT 068853).

a. At 280640H, a Company D patrol located at coordinates (BT 052644) reported observing two boats, each with one occupant, travelling north on the SONG VINH DIEN. The report stated that the boat occupants were ordered to halt by the Marines, but one of the intruders, carrying a lighted candle, quickly extinguished his light by tossing the candle into the water, then beached his craft on the eastern bank of the river, vicinity of coordinates (BT 053641). The Marines directed seven small arms rounds and three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the boats, sinking both craft. The occupants however, eluded the Marines and a search of the area produced negative results.

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b. At 280[illegible]0H, a Company D scout/sniper team positioned at coordinates (BT 068636) reported observing three armed Viet Cong at coordinates (BT 068633). The Marines directed ten small arms rounds at the Viet Cong and observed one fall as if struck by the Marines fire. A squad-sized patrol dispatched to search the area reported receiving forty to fifty small arms rounds from Viet Cong armed with one automatic and two semi-automatic weapons positioned in buildings located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 067634). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds and twelve 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one WIA.

c. At 280800H, a Company A patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 092658) reported receiving one small arms round from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 090656). The report stated that the Marines deployed to search for the enemy but had to desist when an aerial observer reported that three armed Viet Cong were located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 092647) and an artillery mission was fired at the enemy. The Marine patrol was dispatched to the vicinity of coordinates (BT 094645) to block the Viet Cong withdrawal through this area, and subsequently participated in a search and destroy operation conducted in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 094645) to (BT 092625) to (BT 091643) in an effort to locate a suspected weapons cache. No Marine casualties were reported.

d. At 281400H, Company A participating in a "sweep" in the vicinity of CAM SA (2) hamlet, reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 094642). The report stated that the suspect was observed attempting to evade the Marines by running from the hamlet and the Marines directed small arms at him, wounding him and terminating his flight. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to a medical facility for treatment and investigation.

e. At 281430H, Company A reported apprehending a total of five Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 094643). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended because they appeared to be of military age and could not provide an explanation for their presence in the area and their occupations. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point.

f. At 281230H, a Headquarters and Service Company patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 090690) reported observing one Vietnamese male attempting to hide from the Marines by ducking into what was described as a bunker. The Marines ordered the man to come out of the bunker and when he emerged found out that at least one more occupant was still inside the position. The Marines attempted to penetrate the bunker from above and finally fired three small arms rounds through the light metal (tin) overhead covering. Three grenades were thrown from within the bunker, and two men emerged from the entrance and attempted to flee. The Marines killed both Viet Cong by small arms fire (body count). Marine casualties were two WIA. Enemy casualties were two KIA (body count). The report also stated that five civilians were WIA by this action. The report added that one Viet Cong suspect was apprehended because

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he had earlier stated to the Marines that the bunker was unoccupied. The report stated that this suspect later identified the dead Viet Cong as a guerrilla and a political cadre. A notebook, wallet, and a whistle were recovered from the bodies of the dead Viet Cong and evacuated for evaluation.

g. At 281900H, a Company B patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 053713) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong armed with at least one automatic weapon positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 054707). Artillery support was requested and twenty-eight 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire ceased. Marine casualties were one KIA and one WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(2) 3dBn., 3rd Mar. Continued to defend the western portion of the Regimental TAOR from, but not including, the railroad tracks, west to, but not including the road passing HIEU DUC District Headquarters, coordinates (AT 942689). Company I provided security for ASP #1, coordinates (AT 985733).

a. At 281128H, a Company K patrol reported detonating a booby trap at coordinates (AT 968688). The report indicated the booby trap consisted of an explosive device (possible M-26 grenade) inside a tin can with a trip wire placed across the trail. Marine casualties was reported as one WIA.

b. At 281145H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 939608), reported receiving twenty rounds small arms fire from three Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 942608). The Marines directed approximately three hundred rounds small arms and one 3.5 inch (WP) round, and seven 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position, and physically pursued the Viet Cong but were unable to maintain contact. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

c. At 281230H, the Battalion S-3 provided information on a continued search and destroy operation being conducted by Company L in the vicinity of LA CHAU (2), coordinates (AT 945675). The report indicated one tunnel (size not indicated) was destroyed at coordinates (AT 945684), one trench line two feet wide and four feet deep extending from coordinates (AT 945685) to (AT 945686) was filled, and three fighting holes filled in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 944687).

d. At 281232H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 954666) when a routine examination revealed he lacked adequate identification. The suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

e. At 281743H, a Company I patrol reported destroying one 155mm round (dud) at coordinates (AT 966617), one tunnel ten feet in length at coordinates (AT 948643), one tunnel twenty feet in length at coordinates (AT 944613), one 81mm mortar round (dud) at coordinates (AT 950609). The report indicated that CS/CN was used before the Marines entered any of the positions.

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f. At 281950H, Company M continuing a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of LA BONG (1), coordinates (AT 977673) reported destroying one tunnel (3x3x3 ft) at coordinates (AT 977673), one tunnel (3x5x6 ft) at coordinates (AT 977673), one tunnel (3x3x7 ft) at coordinates (AT 978675), and filling five fighting holes in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 978675). The report indicated CS/CN was used before the Marines enter any of the positions.

g. At 282035H, a Company L patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 946672). The report described the device as a "shoe-box" type mine, and that the explosion was muffled, having the intensity of the detonation of a caliber .45 round. Two Marine WIA were reported. Additional information will be provided when available.

h. At 282140H, Company I reported that a tank positioned at coordinates (AT 967613) observed one Viet Cong positioned in a tree at coordinates (AT 963614). The Marines directed one 90mm (tank) round at the enemy position and reported that the round impacted on target, killing the Viet Cong (body count).

i. At 290200H, a Marine security element (HqCo.,9thMar), positioned at the bridge, coordinates (AT 997707), reported receiving an estimated thirty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 001704). The area was illuminated and the enemy fire was not repeated and the exact Viet Cong position could not be determined. No casualties were reported.

j. At 290328H, Company I reported that Marines manning a (tank) search light, coordinates (AT 967616) observed one Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 964624). The Marines directed one 90mm (tank) round at the enemy and reported that the round impacted directly on target. One Viet Cong KIA (as observed through the tank sights) was reported.

k. At 290856H, a Company L patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 955653). The report described the device as a "home made" type, utilizing a pressure type detonator. The report indicated that the device was positioned in a hedgerow. One Marine WIA was reported.

(3) 2dBn., 9th Mar. Continued to defend the central portion of the Regimental TAOR from, and including, the SONG VINH DIEN (river), west to, and including the railroad embankment, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707); and provided one squad to man check point on National Highway #1, in the vicinity of MIEU DONG (1), coordinates (BT 017638)

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a. At 280815H, a Company F patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 003634) reported receiving sixty small arms rounds and three grenades from an estimated two Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed one hundred fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. One Viet Cong was killed by the Marines' fire (body count). Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were one KIA (body count). The report added that no weapons or material of intelligence value was found on the body of the Viet Cong but that the Marines believe he was the one who had thrown the grenades at the patrol.

b. At 280830H, a Company F patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 008639) reported receiving approximately one hundred fifty small arms rounds from six to ten Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 009639) and (BT 010634). The Marines directed one hundred twenty small arms rounds and thirty 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position. Mortar support was requested and eleven 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location. The Viet Cong broke contact withdrawing to the southeast into PHONG LUC (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 013638). No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one KIA (body count).

c. At 280900H, a Company F patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 013638) reported receiving one small arms round from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 013639). The Marines directed one hundred fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position. One Viet Cong was observed falling as if struck by the Marines' fire. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position and found a pool of blood but no bodies. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were estimated as one WIA.

d. At 281100H, a Company F patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 002628) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 004629). The Marines directed forty small arms rounds at the enemy position. Mortar support was requested and twenty 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing from their position. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 281840H, a Company E (platoon-sized) patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 016690) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 021698). The Marines directed forty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties werenot determined.

f. At 290200H, a security element positioned at bridge #1, coordinates (AT 998708) reported receiving an estimated thirty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 001704). The area was illuminated with 81mm mortar illumination and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported.

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(4) Special Reports.

a. At 280855H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing fifteen to twenty Viet Cong at coordinates (BT 094643). Artillery support was requested and twenty-eight 105mm (HE) rounds and fourteen 105mm (WP) rounds were directed at the enemy location. The Aerial Observer reported excellent effect on the target and enemy casualties were estimated as one KIA(possible). No Marine casualties were reported.

b. At 281100H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing an estimated five Viet Cong positioned in a trench line vicinity of coordinates (BT 095628). The report stated that an infantry squad was dispatched to search the area, with negative results. No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported.

c. At 281420H, The 9th Marines Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th GVN Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at MIEU BONG relayed a report from QUANG NAM Special Sector that one Viet Cong company was located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 030615) and (BT 001637). The report stated that the Viet Cong company was commanded by one NGO CHAU HOANG, and was armed with one mortar (size unknown) and automatic weapons (type and quantity not indicated). The report continued that a second Viet Cong company was located at coordinates (BT 003629). The commander of this company is one TRAN HONG. This company was reportedly armed with one mortar (size unknown) and automatic weapons (type and quantity not indicated). The report indicated that the mission of these two Viet Cong companies is to attack cadre units of the pacification team. The report was not rated. (S-2 rates it F-3).

d. At 281610H, The 9th Marines Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th GVN Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at MIEU BONG relayed a report from I CORPS G-2 that a Viet Cong defector (rallier) and (one) cadre have stated that one Viet Cong regiment, designation not indicated, is located in the vicinity of SON GA and NANG CHAU (DAI LOC District). The report stated that the mission of this regiment is to attack the western and southwestern portions of HOA VANG District. The report continued that this unit also plans to mortar attack the (DA NANG) Air Base. The report added that there are approximately five thousand Viet Cong located in the SON GA mountain area and that approximately four hundred Viet Cong have been killed by air strikes conducted in that area. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-6.

e. At 281915H, the Marine Liaison Officer at HOA VANG District Headquarters relayed a report from QUANG NAM Special Sector that local villagers (unidentified) have stated that a Viet Cong battalion with a strength of four hundred men and armed with one 81mm mortar, two 60mm mortars, two 57mm recoilless rifles, and three machine guns, has displaced from the SON GA mountain region, coordinates (AT 880620) to several widely separated locations in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 003613), (AT993620), and (AT 997663). The report continued that this battalion, commanded by one DOAN QUANG TRACH, infiltrated from North Vietnam in October 1965, and presently has the mission of thwarting the "Five Mountain" pacification program in this area. The report was rated C-3. (S-2 rates the report F-3).

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f. At 282105H, The 9th Marines Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th GVN Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at MIEU BONG relayed a report from QUANG NAM Provincial Headquarters that one Viet Cong Main Force Battalion is located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 003613), (AT 993620), and (AT 997653). The report was not rated. (S-2 rates the report F-3).

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

D. VC Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65
KIA(Confirmed)	6	489
KIA(Possible)	1	238
VC Captured	0	196
VC Captured(WIA)	0	3
VC WIA(Possible)	2	70
VC Suspects	8	1075
Ralliers(since 21Jan66)	0	2

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

QUANTITY	ITEM	INTSUM ENTRY NUMBER
1	Notebook, (containing Vietnamese writing)	281230H
1	Wallet	-do-
1	Whistle, signal, metal	-do-

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

1	Tunnel, (ten feet in length)	281743H
1	Tunnel, (twenty feet in length)	-do-

ADD: See 281230H and 281950H entries, this INTSUM, for recapitulation of enemy positions and/or fortifications reported destroyed by 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, during this reporting period.

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #30, Period ending 301000H, January 1966

Encl: (1) Special Report of Operation WAR BONNET, conducted by 1st Battalion, 9th Marines during period 290700H - 291700H; prepared by Battalion S-3

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	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
31 Jan	0655	0718	1844	1907	1325	0145	1/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn., 9thMar.

a. At 291100H, a Company B patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 055705) reported observing movement in a treeline at coordinates (BT 055699). The Marines deployed to investigate and, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 056701), reported receiving approximately one hundred fifty small arms rounds from an estimated ten Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 055699). The Marines directed one hundred eighty small arms rounds and six 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. When the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions, they reported finding two Vietnamese children who had apparently been wounded by the Viet Cong fire. The Viet Cong had withdrawn from the position and the contact could not be renewed. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. The

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two wounded civilians were evacuated to a medical facility for treatment.

b. At 291120H, Company C reported that company elements heli-lifted to the vicinity of coordinates (BT 122611) in responses to a report form an Aerial Observer that five men were observed acting suspiciously in that area, reported receiving approximately twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 121609). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds at the enemy, and reported observing one Viet Cong struck by the Marines' fire. The report stated that the Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong and captured two, reportedly armed with CHICOM grenades (details of the capture and status of the captives were unclear). The other three Viet Cong, one of which was believed wounded, escaped capture. Enemy casualties were estimated as one WIA.

c. At 291330H, Company C, participating in Operation WAR BONNET, reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects and one suspicious person in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 123628). The report stated that the two Viet Cong Suspects attracted the attention of the Marines because they were of military age and, during interrogation, an ARVN interpreter indicated that they had been, but recently released by the Viet Cong after being in the Viet Cong custody for over one year. The suspicious person was apprehended in the area when a routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point.

d. At 291520H, Company C reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 134622). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he was observed attempting to evade the Marines by hiding in tunnel. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point. (S-2 Comment: Reports received form this Battalion during the conduct of Operation WAR BONNET indicated that a total of thirty three Viet Cong Suspects were apprehended and evacuated. Details of the apprehension of all but a few of these suspects are still lacking and it is probable that several of those identified as "Viet Cong Suspects" in the spot reports may have been evacuated as "Suspicious Persons". Additional details will be provided when available.)

e. At 300810H, the Battalion S-2 forwarded a resume of intelligence information received form villagers and suspects during interrogations conducted during Operation WAR BONNET. The following reports were included:

(1) On 10 January 1966, forty five Viet Cong, armed with rifles and wearing grey uniforms, were in HA QUANG (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 127628).

(2) On 18 and 19 January 1966, seventy Viet Cong, armed with rifles and wearing grey uniforms, were in HA MY TAY (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 125619).

(3) On 20 January 1966, from fifty to sixty Viet Cong dressed in grey uniforms were in HA QUANG (2) hamlet.

(4) On 22 January 1966, from sixty to seventy Viet Cong conducted a two-hour propaganda haranque in HA MY TAY (1) hamlet, coercing the villagers to

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attend by force and beatings.

(5) On 22 January 1966, fifteen Viet Cong were in HA MY DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 136624).

(6) On 25 January 1966, from forty to fifty soldiers, identified as North Vietnamese mountain tribesmen, and described as wearing helmets and "HO CHI MIN" (rubber-tire type) sandals, were in HA QUANG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 128633).

(2) 3dBn., 3d Mar.

a. At 290839H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending one VCS at (AT 967695). The report indicated that as the Marines approached to conduct a routine examination, the suspect attempted to flee. The suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

b. At 290856H, a Company L patrol reported detonating what was described as a pressure type mine at (AT 955653). The report indicated the mine consisted of TNT (amount not indicated) and appeared to be homemade. Additional information will be provided when available. One USMC WIA was reported.

c. At 290947H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending three VCS at (AT 953699) when routine examinations revealed they lacked adequate identification. The suspects were evacuated to 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

d. At 290950H, a Company L patrol reported discovering a booby-trapped punji trap at (AT 953651). The report indicated the trap consisted of a hole three feet deep containing an iron spike. The report stated that further investiation revealed two CHICOM grenades that were rigged with a trip device. The report continued that the trap was destroyed in place. A diagram and additional information will be proveded when available. The report added that as the Marines were disarming the trap, they observed one Vietnamese male paying unusual attention. The VCS was apprehended and evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. No casualties were reported.

e. At 290954H, Company L reported discovering a booby trap at (AT 952[illegible]). The report indicated the booby trap consisted of two CHICOM grenades approximately two feet apart, but not connected to each other in any visable way. The report stated that both grenades were distroyed in place. A diagram and additional information will be provided when available. No casualties were reported.

f. At 290954H, a Compnay L patrol reported apprehending one VCS at (AT 953695) when a routine examination revealed he lacked adequate identification. The suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

g. At 201000H, a Comapny L patrol reported apprehending one VCS at (AT 962696). The report indicated that, as the Marines approached to make a routine

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examination, the suspect attempted to flee, but was apprehended by a second Marine patrol operating in the area. The suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

h. At 291011H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at (AT 954654) when a routine examination revealed he lacked adequate identification. The suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point on 30 January when transportation becomes available.

i. At 291025H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at (AT 949699) when a routine examination revealed he lacked adequate identification. The suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

j. At 291032H, a Company L patrol reported detonating a booby trap at (AT 953651). The report indicated the booby trap consisted of one CHICOM grenade with a trip wire attached. One USMC WIA was reported.

k. At 291205H, a Company E (2/9) patrol operating in the vicinity of (BT 037643) reported receiving six small arms rounds from two Viet Cong positioned at (BT 037638). The Marines directed approximately fifty small arms rounds and seven 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position, then physically pursued the fleeing Viet Cong to a tree line where contact was lost. A search of the area revealed two wounded Vietnamese women (believed to have been in the line of fire) who evacuated to an ARVN hospital. No USMC casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

l. At 291303H, a Company F patrol reported the discovery of one 81mm mortar round at coordinates (AT 997654). The report indicated that the round was booby-trapped but did not provide the details as to how this was accomplished. The report added that a tunnel described as approximately four meters in depth, was discovered and destroyed at coordinates (AT99 654) and a second tunnel, three meters in depth, discovered and distroyed at coordinates (AT 998655). (This report also included the comment that villagers in TAN HANH hamlet, coordinates (BT 000655) informed the Marines that one hundred Viet Cong were in TAN HANH hamlet on 26 January 1966).

m. At 291335H, a Company I patrol reported discovering three caves (size not indicated) at (AT 966635). The caves were destroyed by the Marines by the use of demolitions. The report indicated that, as the Marines proceeded to (AT 967648), the point elements reported receiving an estimated fifty rounds small arms rounds form Viet Cong positioned at (AT 970640), (AT 968641), and (AT 967642). The Marines directed approximately hundred small arms rounds and seven 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy positions and the Viet Cong broke contact, with drawing from their positions. The Marines physically pursued the Viet Cong to the vicinity of THAI CAM (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 978643) where contact was lost. A search of the area revealed negative results. One USMC WIA was reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

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n. At 291958H, a Company I patrol operation in the vicinity of (AT 968623), reported receiving fifteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at (AT 966623). The Marines directed forty five small arms rounds , four 40mm (M-79) rounds, eight 81mm mortar rounds (including three illumination), and five 90mm (tank) rounds at the enemy position. When the Viet Cong broke contact the Marines physically pursued the enemy but the contact was lost. No casualties were reported.

(4) Special Reports.

a. At 291000H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing two males , at coordinates (BT 131608), dressed in black pajamas, who appeared to be attempting to hide from the aerial observer by lying on the ground as he approached. No weapons of equipment was observed. The 1st Battalion, 9th Marines dispatched a patrol to the area and apprehended the males. Additional information will be provided when available.

b. At 291030H an Aerial Observer operating in the Régimental TAOR reported observing approximately fifteen males approaching a village in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 157607). The report indicated that the group appeared suspicious. The report added that to the southeast of the village, an extensive trench system was observed. As the Aerial Observer made a pass over the area, one of the suspicious persons ran. Additional information will be provided when available.

c. At 291115H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing three suspicious males in a tree line at coordinates (BT 120610). The report stated that one man appeared wounded. The report continued that two additional males were observed approximately two hundred meters northwest, at coordinates (BT 118611). The Aerial Observer commented that the men were apparently assembling , awaiting an opportunity to move across the open area to the west.

d. At 291915H, G-2 relayed a report from the I CORPS TOC that the National Police have reported that one Viet Cong battalion (with command group), of the 320th Division was located at coordinates (BT 004615). The report continued that three companies (not designated, but evidently components of the 320th Division) were located at coordinates (BT 018605), (BT 070862), and (BT 028628), armed with fourteen BAR's, three machine guns, caliber .30, one 57mm recoilless rifle, one anti-aircraft weapon (the report indicates that this is probably a .50 caliber machine gun). The report stated that the Viet Cong are accompanied by three hundred civilian workers (probably construction worders, and stretcher bearers). The report stated that the mission of this Viet Cong force is to attack MIEU BONG and possibly the Marble Mountain Air Facility or DANANG Airfield. (The report added that an artillery fire mission was conducted on the Viet Cong positions, with unknown results). The report was not rated. (S-2 rates the report F-3).

e. At 292030H, an Aerial Observer operating within the TAOR reported receiving a heavy volume of what was described as caliber .50 tracer fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 034623). No casualties or damage to the aircraft was reported. (The report indicated that artillery support was requested, but disapproved).

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f. At 292200H, G-2 relayed a report from the 1st Military Security Service that the Viet Cong mortar team which fired on the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines positions on 24-25 January are now hiding in a secret underground tunnel in KHUE DONG hamlet, HOA PHUNG village, coordinates (BT 050700). The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-3. (S-2 Comment: The location indicated is within the area presently undergoing a thorough and extensive search by Marines and GVN Popular Forces troops. This report was brought to the attention of the appropri units for investigation.)

C. Reports of information of VC received directly form civilians:

(1) See 300810H entry, this INTSUM.

D. Viet Cong casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA (Confirmed)	0	489
KIA (Possible)	0	238
VC Captured	2	202*
VC Captured (WIA)	0	3
VC WIA (Possible)	1	71
VC Suspects	44	1119
Ralliers (Since 21Jan66)		2

* Increase of four Viet Cong based on ITT Interrogation Reports

ITT report dated 27 Jan

Name: VO LIENG
Age: 31
Status: VC Member Farmers Association,
Capturing by D-1-9 on 251700H Jan 66

ITT report dated 27 Jan 66

Name: NGUYEN THEM
Age: 34
Status: VC Member Farmers Association
Captured by 3-3 on 241100H Jan 66

ITT report dated 27 Jan 66

Name: TRANH NHAC
Age: 65
Status: VC Member Farmers Association
Captured by A-1-9 on 261130H Jan 66

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ITT report dated 27 Jan 66

Name: LE TAN GUY
Age: 54
Status: VC Member Farmers Association
Captured by A-1-9 on 241130H Jan 66

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material: The following material was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar:
1 - Trap, punji (booby trapped) (See 290950H entry this INTSUM)
2 - Grenades, CHICOM (booby trapped) (See 290954H entry this INTSUM)

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

15 - Bunkers, (size and extent not indicated) (See Encl (1)

The following positions were destroyed by 1stBn, 3rdMar:

1 - Tunnel 4 meters deep (See 291303H entry this INTSUM)
1 - Tunnel 3 meters deep (See 291303H entry this INTSUM)
3 - Caves (size and extent not indicated) (See 291335H entry this INTSUM)

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2/12	(2)
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S-3	(2)
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3dTnkBn	(1)
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SPECIAL REPORT OF OPERATION WAR BONNET, CONDUCTED BY 1st BATTALION, 9th MARINES DURING PERIOD 290700H - 291700H; PREPARED BY BATTALION S-3

The 1st Battalion, 9th Marines (-)(Rein), consisting of Companies A and C, rein with 20 LVT's, 12 ONTOS and 14 TANKS, conducted a search and destroy operation in area outlined by coordinates (BT 124638), (BT 160607), (BT 153600), (BT 132604) and (BT 117632). The mechanized force crossed the point of departure (BT 078718) at 290700H and proceeded southward along coastline to vic (BT 142620) to (BT 160608) where the mechanized column executed a right flanking movement inland to the coastal highway. The infantry troops disembarked at 270835H crossed the LOD (BT 142618) to (BT 133614), conducted a search and destroy operation to SONG DE VONG and then northwest to the DANANG TAOR. At 290657H a Company F platoon (rein) was helilifted into vic (BT 118618), conducted search and destroy operation enroute to blocking positions (BT 122628), and (BT 123625). By 291455H the operation had produced 33 VCS, 15 bunkers destroyed and two VC captured after brief firefight. WAR BONNET II terminated 291700H.

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Subj: Intelligence Summary #31, Period ending 311000H January 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.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
1 Feb	0655	0717	1845	1908	1415	0243	1/2

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar

a. At 301100H a Company A platoon patrol reported that a booby trap was detonated at coordinates (BT 120634) when the patrol was attempting to cross a hedgerow. The report described the device as a 105mm round and stated it was rigged with a trip wire. Three Marine WIA were reported.

b. At 301110H a Company D platoon-size patrol located at coordinates (BT 079635) reported receiving five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 070630). The enemy fire was not returned. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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c. At 301530H, Company B platoon size patrol reported apprehending two males at coordinates (BT 068705), which were identified as Viet Cong by the HOA HAI Village Chief. The report stated that upon completion of a preliminary interrogation by the Battalion S-2, the two males were delivered to the HOA VANG District Headquarters. (Shown in paragraph "D" as Viet Cong Suspects).

d. At 301700H, a Company D platoon size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 079631) reported receiving eighty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at close range, coordinates (BT 079630). The Marines directed one hundred twenty small arms rounds and seven 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the southeast. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as three WIA (possible).

e. At 301800H, a Company D listing post positioned at coordinates (BT 047647) reported receiving one hundred small arms rounds from two Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 049651). The Marines directed one hundred five small arms rounds and six 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy postion and the Viet Cong broke contact withdrawing to the treeline at coordinates (BT 050651). One Viet Cong was observed falling as if struck by the Marines fire. The report stated that the fallen Viet Cong was dragged into a treeline at coordinates (BT 050651). The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong postion with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimates as one WIA (possible).

f. At 310200H, a Company B patrol positioned at coordinates (BT 076681) reported receiving one grenade from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the suspected enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines searched the immediate area with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

g. On 30 January, the Battalion S-2 received information from a recently apprehended suspicious person that an estimated ninty - hundred Viet Cong passed through NUI KIM SON hamlet (BT 068705) approximately one week ago. The report stated that the Viet Cong directed the villagers to kill all dogs and to stay in their homes at night. Reportedly the Viet Cong arrived at the hamlet two to three times per month, speaking in various dialects. The report furtherstated that once per month, one to two Viet Cong would go from house to house collecting a fifty piaster tax. The Battalion S-2 rated the report F-4. (S-2 rates the report F-4).

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(2) 3rdBn,3rdMar.

a. At 291330H, a Company F patrol reported discovering a booby trapped 81mm mortar round att(AT 997654) which was destroyed in place (no description provided). The report indicated a tunnel twelve feet in length at (AT 998654), and a tunnel nine feet in length at (AT 998655) was destroyed. No casualties were reported.

b. At 311320H, the S-3 of HIEU DUC District Headquarters provided information on a joint USMC and ARVN operation conducted in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9568). The report indicated that a Popular Forces patrol operation in the vicinity of (AT 995684) reported receiving twenty five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The friendly force directed two hundred small arms rounds and ten grenades at the enemy position and physically pursued the enemy by fire and maneuver to the vicinity of coordinates (AT 959692) where contact was lost. One Popular Force WIA was reported. Eight Viet Cong KIA (body count) and two Viet Cong captured were reported. The report stated that three K-50 rifles, one K-44, one flag (possibly Russian), an undetermined number of gas masks, and various documents were recovered from the dead Viet Cong and evacuated through ARVN channels. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: 9th Marines S-2 and 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines S-2 went to HIEU DUC District Headquarters and interrogated the two Viet Cong captured, one of which was identified as a Viet Cong platoon leader. The Viet Cong admitted being local guerrillas, and members of the "Q-16-B" Viet Cong unit. The Viet Cong indicated that they knew of no large Viet Cong build-up in the area, but were receiving additional automatic weapons from the district Viet Cong headquarters (number and type not indicated). The Viet Cong stated that the Viet Cong have established several roadblocks (specific location not known) on the road west of Hill #55. While at HIEU DUC, the ARVN Commander stated that a Viet Cong company (unidentified) was operating in the vicinity of DONG PHU (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 953627), and was equipped with one 60mm mortar, and one machine gun.

c. At 301430H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of (AT 969654) reported receiving twenty rounds small arms rounds, and what was believed to be two 40mm (M-79) rounds from Viet Cong positioned at (AT 963654). The Marines directed approximately hundred fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and physically pursued the fleeing Viet Cong to a cane field where contact was lost. No USMC casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could be determined.

d. At 301615H, an Army Aerial Observer reported observing one Viet Cong Company, in an open area, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 998580). Artillery support was requested and fifty six 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. The Aerial Observer reported excellent effect on the target. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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e. At 301118H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending three Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (AT 963663) when routine examinations re revealed they lacked adequated indentification. The suspects were evacuated to 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

f. At 301120H, a Company F patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 994628) reported receiving a heavy volume of small arms fire, 60mm mortar, and 81mm mortar fire from an estimated fifty Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 993623). The Marines directed a heavy volume of small arms fire and 60mm mortar fire at the enemy position and began physical pursuit. At 301123H, a Company K reaction force arrived in the vicinity of the HA DONG bridge and SPARROW HAWK arrived in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 994620) to aid in the pursuit of the enemy. The advancing Marines directed an undetermined amount of 81mm mortar fire, artillery fire 90mm (tank) rounds, and an air strike at the fleeing Viet Cong (AT 993620) with excellent effect on target. A search of the area revealed one CHICOM 7.62mm automatic rifle, an estimated one thousand small arms rounds, ten CHICOM grenades, two gas masks, five cartridge belts, various medical supplies, and various documents, personal equipment, and large amounts of human blood, bones, and flesh. Four USMC KIA, and five USMC WIA were reported. Eight Viet Cong (body count), twenty three Viet Cong KIA possible, and twenty five Viet Cong WIA possible were reported. Enemy weapons were believed to have been one cal.50 machine gun, three cal .30 machine guns, four BAR's, one 60mm mortar, and one possible 81mm mortar. Additional information will be provided when available.

g. At 301520H, a Company I squad (Rein) with a light seaction of tanks patrolling east of Hill #55 coordinates (AT 981623) reported receiving five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned about six hundred meters east. Tank support was requested and three 90mm rounds were directed at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines conducted a search of the Viet Cong positions with negative results.

h. At 301850H, a Company I patrol reported discovering a cave (size and extent not indicated) at coordinates (AT 951636), and a cave (size and extent not indicated) at coordinates (AT 959627) which were destroyed.

i. At 301950H, Company M provided information on a search and destroy operation conducted in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 976677). The report stated that two hundred meters of bamboo were cleared, ten fighting holes filled, and three tunnels, five feet by six feet long were destroyed.

j. At 310835H, a Company L fire-team size patrol reported the discovery of a booby trap at coordinates (AT 957664). The booby trap was described as an M-26 fragmentation grenade rigged with a trip wire. The booby trap was triggred by a member of the patrol but failed to detonate. The reported stated that the device was destroyed in place.

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k. At 310900H a Company 1 Patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 957664). The report stated that the suspects were apphehended in the area where a booby trapped grenade was discovered. The report stated the apphehended persons were suspected of setting the booby trap. The report added that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point.

C. Reports of information of VC received directly from civilians:

a. See para (1) g. entry this INTSUM

D. Viet Cong casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting period	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA (Confirmed)	8	497
KIA (Possible)	23	261
VC Captured	0	202
VC Captured (WIA)	0	3
VC WIA (Possible)	29	100
VC Suspects	7	1126
Railliers (Since 21Jan66)	0	2

E. Captured and destroyed enemy materials: The following material was destroyed by 3rdBn, 3rdMar:

1 - Rifle, automatic 7.62mm CHICOM DPM DEGTYARIV AR (See entry 301120H)
1000 - Ammunitions, small arms (See 301120H entry this INTSUM)
10 - Grenades, CHICOM (See 301120H entry this INTSUM)
2 - Masks, gas (See 301120H entry this INTSUM)
5 - Belts, cartrigge (See 301120H entry this INTSUM)
- Various medical supplies and documents (See 301120H entry this INTSUM)
1 - Mortar round 81mm (booby trapped) (See 291303H entry this INTSUM)
1 - 105mm round (booby trapped) (See 301100H entry this INTSUM)
1 - Grenade, M-26 (booby rrapped) (See 310835H entry this INTSUM)

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications: The following positions were destroyed by 3rdBn, 3rdMar.

1 - Tunnel twelve feet long (See 291303H entry this INTSUM)
1 - Tunnel nine feet long (See 291303H entry this INTSUM)
2 - Caves (Size and exent not indicated) (See 301850H entry this INTSUM)
10 - Holes, fighting (See 301950H entry this INTSUM)
3 - Tunnels (5X6X12) (See 301950H entry this INTSUM)
(ADD: See 291120H and 291303H entry this INTSUM, for recapitulation of enemy positions and/or fortifications reported destroyed by 1st Bn, 9thMar. and 3rdBn, 3rdMar. during this reporting period.

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