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

9th Marines SITREP Number 60 as of 011800H March 1966

1. Highlights

A. At 010700H, Co K/3/9 executed ROUGH RIDER south to TAM KY. At 010905H, Rough Rider reported stopping (BT 102512) due to vehicle gas tank leak. Received SA fire. Sustained two WIA. Minor Med Evac.

B. Co K/3/3 and Co F/2/9 remain under OPCON 2/1 PHU BAI TAOR.

C. 3d Bn, 9th Marines CP displaced to vic (BT 073656). Operations commenced at the new location at 011100H.

2. Operations

A. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines

(1) At 281925H, Co L platoon river block (AT 961661) received 3 rounds SA fire from one VC (AT 958658). Directed 2 rounds 40mm and 6 rounds SA fire at VC. Searched area. Negative results.

(2) At 282100H, Co L squad patrol (AT 954665) reported sounds of digging (AT 953650). Directed 26 rounds 105mm HE on target. Area searched. Negative results.

(3) At 282350H, Co I squad ambush (AT 959626) received one grenade from two VC. Pursued VC with 40 rounds SA fire. Contact broken at river (AT 956626). Sustained one minor WIA from grenade fragment.

(4) At 011045H, Co I platoon S&D apprehended one female VCS with 50 punji stakes vic (AT 929610).

B. 2d Battalion, 9th Marines

(1) At 281948H, Bn CP perimeter (AT 990678) received SA fire from (AT 985678). Returned SA fire. VC fire ceased and area searched. Negative results.

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(2) At 010700H, Co G S&D operation vic (AT 990615) received SA fire from treeline (AT 989615). Directed 16 rounds 105mm HE and 2 rounds WP on target. VC casualties unknown. At 011100H, VN female (AT 992618) with fragmentation wounds. Med Evac.

(3) At 011140H, Co H platoon patrol (BT 011635) received 7 rounds SA fire from (BT 005635). Returned SA fire, 18 rounds 105mm WP and 8 rounds 155mm WP. Searched area. One VC KIA.

C. 3d Battalion, 9th Marines

(1) At 010300H, Co M platoon patrol apprehended 14 male VCS leaving house (BT 088697).

(2) At 010700H, Co M squad patrol (BT 073685) received 15 rounds SA fire from (BT 078676) resulting in one USMC WIA. Patrol returned 2 rounds 40mm, and SA fire. Captured VC WIA in paddy. Both WIA's Med Evac.

(3) At 011200H, Co M squad patrol apprehended three VCS vic (BT 086665) questionable ID. Patrol sustained one WIA result mine detonation of unknown type (BT 086667). Not Evac.

3. Plans. Co I (-) 3/3 conducts S&D operation in CHAU SON (1), (2), and (3) (AT 9461), (AT 9460) and (AT 9560).

4. Miscellaneous

A. The SONG CHU DO ferry (AT 998705) will be secured 020800-020930H and 031300-031430H.

B. At 011550H, Co G/2/9 sustained one heat casualty (AT 999635). Med Evac.


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From: Commanding Officer
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9th Marines SITREP Number 61 as of 021800H March 1966

1. Operations

A. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines

(1) At 011830H, Co I squad river block (AT 973611) received 2 rounds SA fire from indeterminate position. Maintained surveillance. No further contact.

(2) At 011915H, Co M fire team patrol (AT 973665) received SA fire from (AT 969655), (AT 973656) and (AT 974655). Returned 200 rounds SA fire, 12 rounds 81mm HE. A squad reinforced the patrol and searched area. VC casualties not evident.

(3) At 012212H, Co L CP perimeter (AT 951665) had SID contact (AT 951663). Detonated one claymore mine. Searched area. Negative results.

(4) At 020940H, Co I S&D (AT 939613) received 11 rounds SA fire from across SONG YEN (AT 932613). Returned 50 rounds SA fire, 1 round 3.5 WP, 1 LAW and 10 rounds 40mm. VC fire ceased. Results unknown.

(5) At 021313H, Co I squad river block (AT 973611) received one round SA fire from across river (AT 975612) resulting in one USMC WIA. Med Evac. Returned 9 rounds 90mm, 10 rounds 40mm and 5 rounds .50 caliber. Effect unknown.

B. 2d Battalion, 9th Marines

(1) At 011900H, a Co G vehicle vic (AT 987648) received 6 rounds SA fire from (AT 996650). Did not stop or return fire.

(2) At 020001H, an H&S Company fire team ambush (AT 994678) directed SA fire at 4 VC (AT 994679). Searched area. Negative results.

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(3) At 021330H, Co G squad patrol wounded and apprehended one male VCS (AT 994646). VCS ran, ignored challenge and two warning shots. No ID. Med Evac.

C. 3d Battalion, 9th Marines

(1) At 020800H, 3d Bn (-) commenced extensive S&D operation between GS (BT 1064) and (BT 1360).

(a) At 020930H, Co I vic (BT 106645) received SA fire. VC location not determined. Suspected area searched. Negative results.

(b) At 021030H, Co I vic (BT 123614) destroyed two grenade type mines and 2 bunkers. Co K vic (BT 135613) apprehended one VCS. Co L vic (BT 113637) apprehended two female VCS, no ID. Destroyed three ~~type~~ type mines and 11 small shelter type bunkers. Captured one wooden mockup carbine.

(c) Operation completed at 021331H.

(2) At 021500H, a Co B/1st AMTRAC Bn LVTP-5 supporting 3/9 struck an AT mine vic (BT 077663). Heavy damage indicated on initial estimate. No casualties.

2. Miscellaneous. At 012101H, RF platoon vic (BT 039720) received SA fire from (BT 045726). Directed SA fire, 28 rounds 105mm HE and two rounds illum on target. Area searched. Blood stains found on foliage. Two grenades and 1 81mm mortar round captured.

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9th Marines SITREP Number 62 as of 031800H March 1966

1. OperationsA. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines

(1) At 222015H, Co L squad (AT 952679) enroute ambush site sustain one USMC WIA result CHICOM grenade with trip wire. MedEvac. At 022145H, Co L squad searched area. Directed SA fire, 3 rounds 81mm WP and 10 rounds H4 VC running (AT 955678); 5 rounds 81mm HE at another VC observed (AT 955678). Negative results.

(2) At 031005H, Co I platoon (AT 965635) observed helo receiving SA fire from adjacent canefield. Directed SA fire and 3 rounds 40mm at fire. Searched area. Apprehended one male VCS WIA. MedEvac.

B. 2d Battalion, 9th Marines

(1) Between 022145 and 022220H, Co H squad ambush (BT 013640) received 9 rounds SA fire from vic (BT 017638). Squad closed on VC position. No further contact.

(2) At 022210H, Co G squad ambush (AT 994645) received 20 rounds SA fire from (AT 996644). Returned 20 rounds SA fire and moved to alternate ambush site. No further contact.

(3) At approximately 030700H, a Co H fire team sent to (BT 033653) to determine reason a three-man listening post had not returned found all three KIA. Full investigation in progress.

(4) At 030940H, Co G squad patrol received 20 rounds SA fire from approximately 15 VC vic (AT 998646) moving south. Returned 20 rounds SA fire. Two platoons Co G sent to exploit. Fired 4 rounds 105mm HE (BT 000640). SPARROWHAWK 030940H to LZ (BT 008648) searched south bank river. Platoon Co G searched to (BT 012650). Negative results. SPARROWHAWK retracted 031130H.

(5) At 031400H, a Co G platoon patrol vic (AT 995645) detonated a 105 or 155mm round rigged as AT mine. One USMC KIA (DOW).

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C. 3d Battalion, 9th Marines

(1) At 030405H, Co M squad patrol challenged approx four VC in boat (BT 084707). VC fired 2 rounds SA fire in response to warning shot. Patrol directed 100 rounds SA and one round 4.2 in. fire at boat. Observation lost in darkness. VC casualties unknown.

(2) At 031430H, an H&S Co patrol detonated an M26 grenade rigged with tripwire (BT 084646). Sustained three USMC WIA (minor). Not evac.

2. Plans. At 040800H, Co H/2/9 commences displacement to (BT 022638).

3. Miscellaneous. At 030900H, a Popular Force platoon (HIEU DUC District) located a VC cave (AT 960688), killed one VC in cave and captured one K44 C. 2.


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9th Marines SITREP Number 63 as of 041800H March 1966

1. Operations

A. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines

(1) At 032005H, Co I (OP) tank crew (AT 963609) directed one round 90mm at armed VC across river (AT 963604). Observed hit. One VC KIA.

(2) At 040355H, Co I squad ambush vic (AT 955625) observed VC swimmer surface in immediate area. Squad threw three grenades at VC. One VC KIA.

B. 2d Battalion, 9th Marines

(1) At 032000H, Co G squad position (AT 990643) received 5 rounds SA fire from (AT 979642). Called in 60mm illum. Fire ceased. No further contact.

(2) At 040100H, an H&S Company squad ambush (AT 993667) received 150 rounds SA fire from approx. 5 VC vic (AT 996677). Returned 50 rounds SA fire. Searched area. Negative results.

(3) At 041401H, Co G platoon patrol sustained three USMC WIA result detonation unknown type mine (AT 997644). Med Evac.

C. 3d Battalion, 9th Marines

(1) At 032240H, Co K fire team LP directed SA fire at three VC among buildings (BT 039718). Searched area. Negative results.

(2) At 040815H, Co I platoon patrol (BT 068628) received one round SA fire from (BT 067629) causing one USMC WIA. Med Evac. Searched suspected position. Negative results.

(3) At 040820H, Co I platoon patrol (BT 068630) received 15 rounds SA fire from (BT 066629). One USMC WIA. Med Evac. Patrol apprehended one male VC in immediate vic who was caught attempting to change clothes. Area searched for his weapon. Negative results.

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(4) At 040845H, Co K squad patrol apprehended two male VCS vic (BT 067697). Attempted to evade patrol.

(5) At 040940H, Co I platoon patrol closed on armed VC vic (BT 035659). VC directed SA fire and grenade at patrol. One USMC WIA. Med Evac. One VC KIA (DOW). Captured one Springfield rifle, Model 1903, 2 CHICOM grenades, and miscellaneous ammo.

(6) At 041145H, Co K platoon patrol (BT 064671) sighted VC (BT 067672). Patrol directed 10 rounds SA fire at fleeing VC. One VC KIA (BT 067673).

(7) At 041235H, Co M squad patrol apprehended one VCS (BT 067674) with leg wound. Unknown circumstances. Med Evac to BAS.

2. Miscellaneous

A. Co K/3/3 from OFCON 2/1 to OFCON 1/1 041200H.

B. Co F/2/9 continues OFCON 2/1.

3. Plans. Commencing 050700H, 3d Bn. 9th Marines conducts S&D operation in area bounded by GS (BT0669), (BT0869), (BT0865), and (BT1066). Company I and L search south to north supported by tanks and mortars. Company M provides block forces along grid line 70.



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9th Marines SITREP Number 64 as of 051800H March 1966

1. Operations

A. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines

(1) At 041841H, a Co L squad patrol apprehended two VCS vic. (AT 951665). Questionable ID.

(2) At 050300H, a Co L squad ambush vic. (AT 958659) received one grenade. Directed 2 rounds SA fire and 2 grenades at suspected VC position. Searched area. Negative results. One USMC WIA. Med Evac.

B. 2d Battalion, 9th Marines

(1) At 042020H, a Co H squad ambush (BT 026637) received 10 rounds SA fire from unknown position vic. (BT 023637). Fire not returned. Maintained surveillance.

(2) At 042150H, a Co H squad ambush (BT 038642) directed 50 rounds SA at approx. 4 VC (BT 038644). VC threw two grenades fleeing from contact. Searched area. Negative results.

C. 3d Battalion, 9th Marines

(1) At 050430H, a Co M security squad (BT 073702) reported two explosions vic. bridge (BT 073701) similar to rifle grenades or 60mm mortar rounds. Searched area. Negative results.

(2) At 051100H, Co L apprehended two VCS vic. (BT 083667).

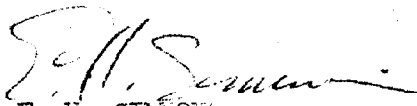
(3) At 051125H, Co I sustained one WIA (minor) result punji trap (BT 074680). Treated EAS.

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A. Commencing 060700H, 3d Bn, 9th Marines conducts 1-day S&D operation using three rifle companies (Rein) in area bounded by (BT 053644), (BT 074648), (BT 086617) and (BT 070605). Ten LVT's, 7 tanks and 4 Ontos in support. Second Bn, 9th Marines provides three platoons to block (BT 054613), (BT 055622), and (BT 054632).

B. Commencing 060700H, 3d Bn, 3d Marines executes 3/3 CP PLAN 1-66, a Bn (-) (Rein) S&D operation along both banks of SONG YEN between GS (AT 9361) and (AT 9564). Company L on left sweeps to NE on west bank from vic (AT 930615); Company I sweeps to NE on east bank from (AT 930610). Two platoons block at (AT 950639) and (AT 958641).

3. Miscellaneous. At 051040H, Co H/2/9 CP displaced to (BT 016637) with two platoons. Platoon at (AT 023655). Co G/2/9 CP at (AT 990644).


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9th Marines SITREP Number 65 as of 061800H March 1966

1. Operations

A. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines

(1) At 061200H, Co L apprehended one male VCS (AT 953629). Questionable description on ID.

(2) At 061500H, Co L apprehended one male VCS (AT 952655). Attempted to avoid Marines.

B. 2d Battalion, 9th Marines. No enemy contact during period.

C. 3d Battalion, 9th Marines

(1) At 051850H, Co L platoon patrol (BT 091651) received 15 rounds SA fire from (BT 093651). Directed 7 rounds 40mm and 50 rounds SA fire at VC retreating south. Searched area. Negative results.

(2) At 052045H, Co L CP (BT 098659) received 2 rounds SA fire from (BT 095661). Returned 3 rounds 40mm and 15 rounds SA fire. Searched area. Negative results.

(3) At 061600H, 3/9 completed one day S&D operation east of SONG VINH DIEN to GL 08, between GL's 61 and 64. Preliminary reports indicate 1 VC KIA, 1 VC KIA (poss), 16 VC captured, 18 VCS. Additional details will be forwarded by spot reports.

2. Plans. At 070400H, elements of Co E and H&S Co, cordon DUONG SON (2) (AT 993677). RF Co 591, one Commando platoon from the 51st ARVN Regt, local village and hamlet officials, national policemen, and members of the pacification cadre will screen, process, and identify hamlet residents in conjunction with Operation "County Fair," a USMC-GVN coordinated operation specifically designed to seek out and destroy VC and to introduce the governmental structure to the villagers.

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3. Miscellaneous. At 052330H, C-1 (LT 953667) Med Evac'd one Marine;
possible appendicitis.

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9th Marines SITREP Number 66 as of 071800H March 1966

1. OperationsA. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines

(1) At 061645H, Co L platoon patrol (AT 949632) observed 3 VC across river (AT 955630). Fired 150 rounds SA at VC who fell into river and sank. At 061850H one VC attempted to retrieve equipment on riverbank. Patrol directed SA fire. Observed VC fall as if hit. 3 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA (prob).

(2) At 061800H, Co L apprehended 10 VCS vic (BT 950645).

(3) At 061940H, a Co L platoon patrol vic (AT 949633) received heavy SA fire from approx 20 VC (total) located four positions in GS (AT 9463) and (AT 9563). Patrol directed 1500 rounds SA, 3 L/W, 2x40mm, 1 claymore, 98x60mm HE, 76x105mm HE and 14x105mm WP at VC and possible withdrawal routes (AT 9562). Area searched. Extent of VC casualties unknown.

(4) At 062247H, F Btry (2/12) apprehended one male VCS (AT 963722) with infected gunshot wound in leg. Med Evac.

(5) At 071100H, six Howtars, W Btry/3/12 arrived Hill 55 (AT 967617).

(6) At 071015H, a Co I squad river block (AT 973611) received one round SA fire from across river (AT 977612). Squad directed 3 rounds 40mm at VC position. Effect unknown. Maintained surveillance.

B. 2d Battalion, 9th Marines

At 070910H, a Co G platoon patrol (AT 995645) received 5 rounds SA fire from (AT 997643). Patrol returned SA fire. Pursued armed, grey uniformed VC south sustaining one USMC WIA result grenade mine vic (AT 997643). Med Evac. Observed two armed VC running north. (BT 003645). Camouflage, helmets, khakis and cartridge belts. Searched area. Negative results.

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(2) At 070945H, a USMC truck (6X6) in support Co H activated small mine (BT 026638). Ten lbs TNT booster charge failed to detonate. Destroyed in place. No damage or casualties resulted.

(3) At 071025H, an H&S Co block force (COUNTY FAIR) reported that RF soldiers exchanged SA fire with 2 VC in cave vic (LT 993678). Two VC KIA. Luger pistol, VC flag, compass and miscellaneous items recovered. Documents on dead VC indicate possibility one of them may have been the commander of a VC platoon with 2 60mm mortars operating in DUONG SON Complex.

(4) At 071210H, an H&S Co block force (COUNTY FAIR) reported recovery of 2 dead VC in tunnel vic (LT 995676). Three VCS were captured vic (LT 995675).

C. 3d Battalion, 9th Marines

(1) At 062330H, Co L squad patrol apprehended one female VCS vic (BT 038673).

(2) At 071000H, a Co L squad patrol sustained one USMC WIA (minor) vic (BT 104645) result detonation unknown pressure type device. Med Evac to BAS.

(3) At 071300H, a Co E platoon patrol pursued two VC from building (BT 055697). One VC KIA, SA fire, second VC KIA, grenade.

2. Plans

A. Commencing 080700H, 3d Bn (-), 9th Mar conducts S&D operation utilizing three rifle companies, tanks, ontos and supporting arms in the area bounded by H-S GL's 60 and 65 and E-W GL's 05 and 03. Second Bn, 9th Marines will provide 2 platoons to occupy five blocking positions on west bank of SONG VINH DIEN.

B. Second Battalion continues Operation "County Fair" in DUONG SON (2) (LT 995675) through 3 Mar.

3. Miscellaneous

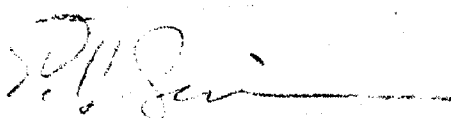
A. Present CP locations as follows

Bn CP 3/9	(BT 073655)	Bn CP 2/9	(LT 992677)
Co I	(BT 062644)	Co E	(LT 992677)
Co K	(BT 044684)	Co F	OPCON 2/1
Co L	(BT 095658)	Co G	(LT 990644)
Co M	(BT 072702)	Co H	(BT 016637)

Bn CP 3/3	(LT 975705)
Co I	(LT 967617)
Co K	OPCON 1/1
Co L	(LT 955665)
Co M	(LT 971662)

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B. Co F/2/9 scheduled to arrive DANANG Air Base at about 080900H. Upon arrival, 2/9 will resume OFCON.


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9th Marines SITREP Number 67 as of 081800H March 1966

1. Operations

A. 2d Battalion, 9th Marines

(1) At 072320H, H&S Co elements (COUNTY FAIR) killed one armed VC (AT 999678) trying to enter DUONG SON (2). One US carbine, 1 M-26 and 2 CHICOM grenades were recovered..

(2) At 080925H, a Co G plt patrol sustained 1 KIA and 6 WIA (AT 994627) as a result of detonation of a 105mm round. The projectile was suspended 5 meters in the air and hidden in a treeline. Maximum force and fragmentation resulted comparable to that of a low airburst. As patrol investigated incident, 2 additional USMC WIA resulted from a M26 grenade rigged as a mine. 7 MedEvac and 1 Non Evac.

B. 3d Battalion, 9th Marines

(1) At 071540H, a Co K squad member detonated a CHICOM grenade (BT 049688). One USMC WIA. MedEvac.

(2) At 072200H, Co M CP (BT 075703) received 3 rounds SA fire from vic (BT 077705). Squad returned 4 rounds SA fire, searched area. Negative results.

(3) At 080730H, Co K (BT 035685) directed SA fire at three VC crossing river (BT 034683). One VC WIA (possible).

(4) At 081000H, Co K apprehended 3 VCS vic TU CAU (3) (BT 050653). Evac to Bn S-2.

(5) At 081030H, Co K sustained 3 WIA as a result of frag wounds (2) and punji trap (1) while destroying VC defenses vic (BT 047657). Non Med Evac. Apprehended one VCS in TAU CAU (3) (BT 050658). Evac to Co CP.

(6) At 081141H, Co I S&D. one Marine detonated an M26 grenade rigged as a mine (BT 044665). One USMC WIA. Med Evac.

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(1) At 071400H, Co I fire team in security position (AT 979643) received 10 rounds SA fire from (AT 974647). Returned 20-30 rounds SA fire but did not pursue. Fire ceased.

(2) At 072130H, Co L (AT 953667) received 2 rounds SA fire from vic (AT 960673). No further contact. Maintained surveillance.

(3) At 081000H, Co I platoon S&D apprehended one VCS (AT 958633) making paper VC flags.

(4) At 080700H, Co M squad patrol (AT 975646) observed 2 VC (AT 978645) in green uniforms. Patrol fired 40 rounds SA at VC who fled. Squad searched area. Negative results.

(5) At 081040H, Co I platoon sustained 2 WIA from CHICOM grenade rigged as booby trap (AT 962628) Med Evac.

(6) At 081215H, Co I squad river block (AT 973612) received 4 rounds SA fire from 700 meters to south. Returned 30 rounds at man running into treeline (AT 975605). Squad did not pursue across river. Results unknown.

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9th Marines SITREP Number 69 as of 101500H March 1966

1. Operations

A. 3d Battalion, 9th Marines

(1) At 091430H, a Co M squad patrol vic (BT 084705) apprehended one male VCS who attempted to evade patrol.

(2) At 091810H, a Co I platoon patrol (BT 080635) received approx 150 rounds SA fire from estimated 7 VC at close range. Returned heavy volume SA fire and pursued VC east. Three USMC WIA (minor). No Med Evac. One VC WIA (prob). Two CHICOM grenades recovered.

(3) At 091815H, a Co L squad ambush (BT 085650) observed 3 armed VC (BT 093648). Directed 10 rounds SA at VC who fled. One VC WIA (prob).

(4) At 091900H, Co M perimeter (BT 073702) received 6 rounds SA fire from 5 VC (BT 075698). Returned 30 rounds SA fire and dispatched squad to search. Squad received grenade resulting in one USMC WIA (minor). Returned 40 rounds SA fire at estimated 4 VC. One VC WIA (prob).

(5) At 091920H, Co M perimeter (BT 073702) received sporadic SA fire from estimated 3 VC (BT 073695). Returned 300 rounds SA and 4 60mm. Results unknown.

(6) At 091930H, Co M perimeter (BT 073702) received SA fire directed at LVTF-5 from VC vic (BT 068698). Returned 500 rounds SA, 4 60mm, 3 LAW and 2 40mm. Patrol searched area. Negative results.

(7) At 092055H, Co M perimeter (BT 073702) observed 2 VC (BT 074703) when VC tripped flare. Directed one 40mm and 20 rounds SA at fleeing VC. One VC WIA (poss).

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(8) At 100900H, Co I killed VC (BC) (BT 074615). Recovered 1 Russian carbine, 3 M-26 grenades and one carbine ammo case.

(9) At 100930H, Co I squad patrol fired 100 SA rounds at 3 VC (BT 072620). Patrol physically pursued; lost contact. Patrol found and destroyed 1 CHICOM grenade rigged as a mine (BT 072620).

B. 2d Battalion, 9th Marines

(1) At 100100H, an H&S Co squad ambush (AT 994680) observed movement vic (AT 994679). Directed 21 rounds SA fire. Observed 1 VC flee into DUONG SON (2) (AT 994678). Searched area. Negative results.

(2) At 100158H, Co G perimeter (AT 991641) received 8 60mm rounds from vic (AT 994629). Returned 32 105mm HE, 6 105mm WP, 30 81mm HE, and 32 81mm WP. No friendly damages or casualties. VC casualties unknown.

(3) At 100810H, Co H S&D operation (BT 005647) directed SA fire at 3 VC fleeing that location. Searched area. At 100830H, Co H apprehended 17 year old VCS, bullet wound in chest. One VCS WIA. Med Evac. (See Late Entry)

C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines

(1) At 091600H, Co I platoon patrol (AT 958637) received 8 rounds SA fire from vic (AT 965640). Pursued VC into canefields. Contact lost.

(2) At 091800H, a Co I squad river block (AT 973612) received one round SA fire from VC (AT 975613). Returned 2 3.5" WP and 2 90mm. One USMC WIA. Med Evac.

(3) At 092000H, a Co M squad ambush (AT 975675) received heavy SA fire, 10 rifle grenades and 4 40mm from VC located to north east and south. Sustained 1 USMC KIA and 2 WIA. Med Evac. Returned heavy SA fire, 15 81mm HE and 4 81mm WP. Fired 6 105mm HE and 24 105mm WP at VC vic (AT 971685). Two VC (WIA) by observed hits. Ambush squad reinforced by Co M alert squad. Med Evac Holo received SA fire vic (AT 978678). Both squads searched area. Initial results negative. Co M searched area at first light. Blood and drag marks indicated 2 VC KIA (prob), 2 VC WIA (prob).

(4) At 092200H, Co M platoon perimeter (AT 972662) alerted by SID contact. Fired 12 rounds 81mm HE (AT 967665). SID then indicated movement vic (AT 967661). Two VC attempted to run and were observed to have been hit. Two VC WIA (prob). Patrols searched area. Negative results.

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(5) At 100926H, Co M S&D operation (AT 968686) detonated a grenade rigged with trip wire. One US KIA (DOW), 2 US WIA, 1 WIA member PAT Team.

(6) At 101400H, Co I squad (AT 973611) received 3 rounds SA fire from (AT 975609) and (AT 978609). Returned with SA and M-79 fire. One USMC WIA (Med Evac).

(7) At 101430H, Co I CP (tanks) fired one round 90mm WP at VC (AT 972606). Two VC KIA (BC). Recovered 1 M-1 rifle.

2. Plans

A. 3d Battalion, 9th Marines. Conducts 4 platoon size S&D operation in GS (BT 0863), (BT 0564), (BT 0367) and (BT 0865).

B. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Commencing 110300H, conducts operation County Fair (3), coordinated USMC-GVN operation, vic CAM NE (6) (AT 9768). Two-day operation. Co (-) cordons hamlet on western boundary. GVN forces and officials commence operations 110700H from east and west.

3. Miscellaneous. At 092200H, a Co H/2/9 sqd enroute to amb site (BT 027 52) received SA fire from (BT 027 52). Returned SA fire and assaulted position. Found unit that had fired on patrol was Commando Platoon, 51st ARVN Regt. Three ARVN evac to BO MUNG (1) (BT 025656). Liaison had been made by Co Ldr CoH with ARVN units to insure coordination. Confirmed prior to incident. However, ARVN patrol apparently was unaware that Marines were in area.

Site Entry (2/9):

1. At 100630H, 2d Bn (-), 9th Marines commenced a two-day search and destroy operation in HA DONG Hamlet (AT 998643), an area which has been noted for its extensive tunnels and caves which have been known to provide refuge for the VC. As of 101600H, battalion units had destroyed the following, thus denying the enemy further use of them:

- A. 500 meters hedgerow
- B. 200 meters fence line
- C. 580 feet tunnels
- D. 7 caves
- E. 1 bunker
- F. 54 gales (2 secondary explosions)
- G. 300 meters trench (filled)
- H. one 155mm dud.

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11 Mar 1966From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division

9th Marines SITREP Number 70 as of 111500H March 1966

1. OperationsA. 3d Battalion, 9th Marines

(1) At 101515H, Co K squad patrol fired 20 rounds SA at two fleeing VC (BT 033683). One VC KIA (BC).

(2) At 110030H, Co M squad patrol member activated an unknown type mine and illumination device (BT 075678). One USMC WIA. Med Evac helo received 10 rounds SA from estimated 4 VC (BT 075684). Squad returned SA fire. Unknown results. Med Evac completed 110130H.

(3) At 110030H, Co L platoon (BT 089619) received 5 60mm mortar rounds and est 50 rounds SA fire from vic (BT 070615). Eight USMC WIA (minor); 2 evac to B.S. Btry D fired 6 105mm HE rounds in return. At 110810H, 1 60mm fin assembly was found vic (BT 075679).

(4) At 111130H, Co I platoon patrol (BT 070627) observed approx 20 VC in treeline (BT 076606). Fired 16 rounds 105mm (WP) rounds on target. Search of area proved negative.

(5) At 111300H, 1 of 2 tanks with Co I squad struck an anti-tank mine (BT 067633). Left side of tank heavily damaged. No casualties.

(6) At 111340H, Co M squad (MEDCALF) patrol (BT 084657) received approx 10 rounds SA fire from vic (BT 083656). Squad returned 50 rounds SA fire. Contact was broken. Negative results.

B. 2d Battalion, 9th Marines. At 101845H, Co G located a tunnel (BT 002642). VC threw grenade out of tunnel at Marines. Grenade bounced back into tunnel and exploded. Search of tunnel resulted in finding 3 VC KIA (BC), 3 VCC, 1 Russian carbine and 1 CHICOM grenade.
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CONFIDENTIALC. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines

(1) At 101520H, a Co L squad patrol found and destroyed one gate (AT 950651) marked with mine sign and VC flag. Patrol recovered personal clothing and medical supplies. At 1535H, the squad fired SA rounds at 3 VC (AT 953648). Squad pursued and searched area. Blood stains discovered on ground.. One VC WIA (prob).

(2) At 101545H, Co I CP observed 2 VC, armed with rifles, through BC scope. Fired two 90mm rounds at VC (AT 976604). One VC seen blown into air. Seven additional 90mm HE and 10 81mm HE rounds fired at target. Two VC KIA (prob).

(3) At 101630H, Co L squad patrol located and destroyed one CHICOM grenade rigged with pull type firing device (AT 952651).

(4) At 102230H, Co L reported seeing one grenade thrown into Co M position (AT 963658). Co L threw 2 grenades into suspected VC position. Search of area revealed that 1 claymore mine had been turned around, facing friendly positions.

(5) At 102245H, a Co I squad river block (AT 973611) sunk one boat with SA and MG fire on SONG AI NGHIA vic (AT 973610).

(6) At 110815H, Co I squad security for engineers tripped CHICOM grenade with pull-type firing device (AT 982626). Squad was investigating body (straw dummy) in rice paddy. Three USMC WIA. Two Med Evac.

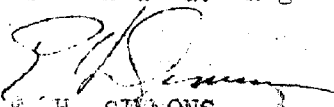
(7) At 111300H, a Co L squad patrol apprehended 1 VCS (no ID) (AT 951669). VCS had one small generator in house; same coordinates.

2. Plans

A. 3d Battalion, 9th Marines. Conducts 6 platoon S&D operations in GS (BT 0468), (BT 0365), (BT 0465), (BT 0965), (BT 0869) and (BT 0770).

B. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Commencing at 120430, Co I conducts S&D operation north to south in XULN-DIEM (2) (AT 963628). One platoon (Rein) will block at (AT 962625) and (AT 961630).

LATE ENTRY (2/9): At 110812H, H&S Co Bn CP received 10 SA rounds from (AT 989681). Fire not returned due to proximity of friendly units. Fire team moved forward to search area. Negative results.


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

Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 71 as of 122400H March 1966

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

1. Enclosures (1), (2) and (3) are Operations Summaries of the forward battalions of this regiment.

2. Plans for the next twenty four hours:

A. Commencing 130700H, 3d Bn, 9th Marines executes Frag O 10-66 with 3 companies (Rein) in area bounded by N-S gridline 66-62 and E-W gridline 13-09. Upon completion of mission, approx 131800H, six platoons establish Platoon Patrol Bases at (BT 072625), (BT 078619), (BT 081627), (BT 073620), (BT 073702) and (BT 083697).

B. Commencing 130300H, C- I (-) (Rein) 3/3 crosses SONG AL NGHIA in rubber boats vic (AT 978617). At first light conducts S&D operation east to west in DUC KY (1) (AT 979618). Squad blocks vic (AT 973611).

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1. At 112023H, Co I CP (BT 078616) received 30 rounds SA fire from (BT 085620). Returned 150 rounds SA. Area searched at 120700H with negative results.
2. At 112350H, Co I CP (BT 078616) received 2 60mm mortar rounds at (BT 079618). No casualties.
3. At 111340H, a Co M squad patrol (BT 086664) received approx 20 rounds SA fire from est 3 VC vic (BT 089665). Returned fire with SA and 3 40mm rounds. Squad searched area. Negative results.
4. At 111940H, Co I Plat Patrol (BT 068633) received 10 rounds SA fire from (BT 068632). Returned 200 rounds SA and 5 rounds of 40mm. One VC observed knocked down by SA fire. Pursued by fire, Contact broken, One VC WIA (prob).
5. At 120845H, a Co I platoon patrol apprehended 1 VC (Black List) (BT 067633).
6. At 121040H, a Co I platoon patrol (BT 063626) apprehended 1 VCS. VCS attempted to escape patrol.
7. At 121310H, a Co M squad patrol member activated M-26 grenade rigged as mine (BT 067685). One USMC WIA. Med Evac.
8. At 121350H, helicopter on resupply mission (BT 078619) for Co I received 20 rounds SA fire from (BT 075617) and (BT 084620). Ground units returned fire with 1 90mm round and 50 rounds SA.
9. At 121515H, a Co I platoon patrol (BT 069626) engaged an armed VC. VC fired 3 rounds SA fire. Returned 20 rounds SA. Contact broken. One USMC WIA. Med Evac.
10. At 121515H, Co I platoon patrol received 3 rounds SA fire from undetermined VC position. 1 USMC WIA (minor). Returned 20 rounds SA. Searched area. Negative results.
11. At 121730H, Co I platoon patrol (BT 079615) received approx 30 rounds SA fire from VC (BT 078614). Returned heavy SA fire and 3 81mm. Searched area. Negative results.
12. At 121905H, Co I perimeter (BT 078617) received 50-60 rounds SA fire from estimated 10-15 VC. Returned 14 105mm HE. Effect unknown.

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13. At 121931H, Co I platoon ambush (BT 080613) received SA fire from est 10-12 VC (BT 074614). Returned 7 60mm, 50 105mm HE, and 18 81mm WP. Searched area. Negative results.

14. At 122055H, Co M squad ambush (BT 072701) observed 5 VC vic (BT 070699). Directed heavy SA fire at VC who fled. No further contact. Negative results.

CONFIDENTIAL2d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 111940H, Co G perimeter (AT 991643) received heavy SA fire from vic (AT 982641). Coordinating with 3/3, 1 squad reinforced with 1 other dispatched at 1950H to pursue VC. Squad fired 30 rounds SA and 4 rounds 40mm into vic (AT 979639). VC broke contact to the southeast (AT 977639). Searched area. Negative results.
2. At 121220H, Co H platoon patrol (BT 015622) received 20 rounds SA fire from west 5 VC (BT 013619). Returned fire with 10 60mm, 3 3.5" and 200 SA rounds. Searched area. Negative results.
3. At 122055H, Co H perimeter (BT 026647) received SA fire and one mortar round of undetermined caliber. Patrol pursued. Fleeing VC ran into squad ambush (BT 025634). 1 VC KIA (DOW).

CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn, 3d Marines Operations Summary

1. At 111515H, Co I platoon S&D shot 1 VC carrying rifle (AT 950608). V observed to fall and run to treeline. Squad pursued and lost contact. One VC WIA (poss).
2. At 111528H, 3d Engr Bn, 3/4 ton vehicle struck pressure type mine (AT 986637). Three USMC WIA. Med Evac.
3. At 111920H, Co I squad OP (AT 963609) observed 3 armed VC vic (AT 959599). Fired 5 90mm rounds. One direct hit on VC. Two other VC disappeared into treeline. No further contact. 1 VC KIA (poss).
4. At 112000H, Co I squad OP (AT 963609) sighted 2 VC in sampans (AT 961604). Fired 3 rounds 90mm. Boat disintegrated. Two VC KIA.
5. At 112030H, a Co I squad (AT 963609) received 3 rounds SA fire from vic (AT 949605). Returned 3 rounds 90mm, 200 rounds SA and 8 rounds 81mm mortar. Searched area at 120730H. Negative results.
6. At 112130H, a Co M fire team LP (AT 970659) fired 1 claymore at VC to its front. Observed 2 VC fall. Opened fire with 30 rounds SA. Illuminated area with 15 81mm rounds. One VC KIA (poss). One VC WIA (poss).
7. At 112300H, Co I CP (OP) (AT 963609) observed 5 VC vic (AT 962605) and (AT 959603). Fired 12 rounds 90mm and 15 rounds 81mm at VC. VC fled southwest. VC casualties unknown.
8. At 121853H, Co I perimeter (AT 967615) received 8 rds 81mm mortar fire from vic (AT 953593). 1 USMC WIA. Med Evac. Rubber boat destroyed. Returned to 155mm and 19 90mm. Good effect on target. VC casualties unknown.

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Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 72 as of 132400H March 1966

Ref: (a) DivO 3100.1B

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

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1), (2), and (3) are forwarded:

a. Highlights:

(1) MajGen John TILLMAN, U.S.A., MACV J-3, and party visited 9th Marines units and Btry E, 2d Bn, 12th Marines from 1130 to 1400, 13 March.

(2) Co K/3/3 remains under OPCON 1/1, HUE-PHU BAI.


b. Plans for the next twenty four hours:

(1) Commencing 140100H 3d Bn, 9th Marines executes Operation COUNTY FAIR with one company blocking north, south and east of TRUNG LUONG Hamlet (BT 040723). The 594th RF Co blocks to the west and the 593d RF Co conducts search of hamlet.

(2) Commencing 140600H, all forward battalions provide one squad for SPARROW HAWK for employment in own ZOA. Procedure for requesting SPARROW HAWK aircraft remains unchanged.

c. Boxscore:

USMC	VC
KIA - 0	KIA - 4
WIA - 2	WIA - 2 (PROB)
	VCC - 0
	VCS - 109


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CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 122245H, Co I plt patrol (BT 076618) received SA fire from 6-8 VC (BT 086619). Returned 14 105mm HE, 6 81mm WP and 2 81mm HE. Results unknown.
 2. At 122340H, Co M security (BT 063715) received 6-7 rds SA fire. Returned heavy SA fire. VC fire ceased.
 3. At 130700H, tank struck land mine resulting in one dislocated track (BT 100620). No casualties.
 4. At 130905H, Co K apprehended 9 VCS vic (BT 060690). No ID. Military age.
 5. At 130913H, Co I discovered 5 tons of rice and apprehended 32 male VCS vic (BT 097626). Rice to be delivered to GVN officials.
 6. At 131530H, 3d Engr truck received 30 rounds SA and 2 grenades (BT 07557) from est VC squad. One USMC KIA. Med Evac. Squad (Rein) searched area of contact. At 131700H, squad killed one VC seen entering hamlet with a weapon and departing from hamlet without it. (BT 085700). One VC KIA (BC). Apprehended 31 VCS.
 7. At 131600H, Co M squad patrol (BT 086700) tripped an M-26 grenade. One USMC WIA. Evac to BAS.
 8. At 130700H, 3d Bn executed S&D opn with Co I, K and L in area bounded by N-S gridline 66-62 and E-W gridline 13-09. Operation completed 131600H with following results:
 - 22 VCS captured
 - 51 bunkers and 7 mantraps destroyed
 - 13 secondary explosions (3 line charges)
- Scheme of maneuver: Co I and K blocked west and south of "Horseshoe" (BT 1063). Co L searched area north to south.

CONFIDENTIAL2d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 122055H, Co H squad (BT 025634) enroute ambush site observed movement of 5 VC (BT 022636). Squad directed SA fire at VC and assaulted position. VC broke contact in vegetation. Area searched. 1 VC (DOW), 1 hand and rifle grenade. 10 rds 81mm (HE) were fired at suspected routes of withdrawal. Squad returned to Co CP and another patrol searched areas of mortar targets. Recovered one VC KIA (BC) and 1 grenade. A third patrol was dispatched at 130715H. Recovered 1 VC KIA (BC) and evidence of 2 VC WIA who had been dragged away. Recap: 3 VC KIA (BC), 2 VC WIA (PROB).
2. At 131000H, Co G CP (AT 993643) observed 2 VC with 2 PRG-6 radios (AT 993643). Marines challenged. Fired 10 rds SA at fleeing VC who disappeared in heavy foliage. No further contact. Area searched. Negative results.
3. At 131045H, Co H perimeter received one 60mm mortar round. AO checked suspected VC firing position in GS (BT 0163) and (BT 0162). Negative results.
4. At 131233H, Co E squad security (AT 991678) received 3 rds SA fire from (AT 992678). Squad did not return fire, PF plt in hamlet at same coordinates.
5. At 131345H, Co H perimeter (BT 015625) received 15 rds SA fire from at least 2 VC (BT 015623). Returned heavy SA fire. Searched area. Negative results.
6. At 131735H, 4 VN males entered Co H CP (BT 015625) with frag w. 1 VN (DOW). 3 VN casualties Med Evac. Cause of wounds undetermined.

CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn, 3d Marines Operations Summary

1. At 130717H, Co I S&D apprehended 8 VCS vic (AT 975613). Evac to ITT.
2. At 130835H, Co I S&D (AT 981611) received 10 rds SA fire from (AT 981609). Returned 100 rds SA fire.
3. At 131100H, Co I S&D apprehended 7 VCS vic (AT 968618).
4. At 131710H, Co M squad (AT 971681) enroute ambush site observed 3 VC vic (AT 966686). Directed SA fire at VC who fled into treeline. No further contact. VC casualties unknown.

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Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 73 as of 142400H March 1966

Ref: (a) Divo 3100.1B

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

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1), (2), and (3) are forwarded:

a. Highlights:

(1) 3 SPARROW HAWK missions were executed during this reporting period. Two were actual missions and one was a rehearsal to test the new method of employing SPARROW HAWK (i.e., each forward battalion provides its SPARROW HAWK squad for employment in own ZOA).

(2) The three missions were at the following locations:

(a) 3/3. Target: VC squad harvesting rice (AT 960686). SPARROW HAWK requested 141015H, troops lifted 141046H, landed 141050H. 65 VCS apprehended.

(b) 2/9. Target: 4 houses, 3 VC (BT 016634). SPARROW HAWK requested 141520H; troops lifted 141555H, landed 141601H. Neg contact. (rehearsal)

(c) 3/9. Target: 3 VC with semi-automatic weapons (BT 083687). SPARROW HAWK requested 141630H; troops lifted 141658H; landed 141705H. Neg contact.

(3) In all instances, it was noted that although it took a few minutes longer to reach the target area, due to helicopters making a stop enroute, there was virtually no time lost in trying to get the squad oriented on the ground.

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(4) One of the advantages of this method of employment is the capability of the SPARROW HAWK squad to retract by foot with little difficulty since it is familiar with the terrain. This was accomplished on two occasions today thus freeing the aircraft for other missions.

b. Plans for the next twenty four hours:

(1) Co K (-), 3d Bn, 9th Marines continues Operation "COUNTY PAZ IV." vic TRUNG LUANG (BT 0472).

(2) Commencing 150700H, 3d Bn, 9th Marines conduct 3 plt size S&D operation in vic GS (BT 0962-BT 0465), (BT 0764-BT 0861) and (BT 0962-BT 0864).

(3) Commencing 150630H, G/2/9 commences S&D operation from (AT 990664) to LA THO BAC (3) (BT 000615).

(4) Commencing 150800H, 3d Bn, 3d Marines (-) conducts 2 day S&D operation with 5 "Chieu Hoi" Returnees. One plt (rein) establishes positions to the west side of river (AT 953640) to (AT 955630). The plt establishes block (AT 957620) to (AT 962620). One plt, with ralliers, sweep east to west (AT 981623) to (AT 959630). One plt sweep north to south from (AT 965656) to (AT 958639).

c. Miscellaneous

(1) CP Locations

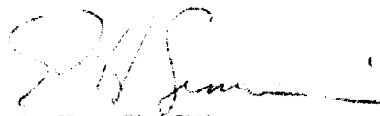
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Co E	AT 992677
Co F	AT 992677
Co G	AT 990644
Co H	BT 016637
3/3 CP	AT 975705
Co I	AT 956615
Co L	AT 955665
Co M	AT 971662
Co K	OPCON 1/1 HUE-PHU BAI

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(2) Special Report: Between 141200H-141600H units of 3d Tank Bn, 3d AT Bn and PF conducted search and destroy operation in PHONG BAC -- YEN BAC Hamlets vic (AT 985708). Results were 1 VCC and 10 VCS apprehended. VCU involved in attack on PHONG BAC School on 102200H, Evac to HOA VANG District Hqs.

d. Boxscore:

<u>USMC</u>	<u>VC</u>
KIA- 0	KIA- 1 (PROB)
WIA- 2	WIA- 0
	VCC- 1
	VCS- 10


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CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. LATE ENTRY - Additional Information. Results of Co L S&D opn. (BT 105650)-(BT 110630) 130630H - 131445H. Destroyed 39 bunkers, 9 man traps, 14 foot traps, 2 M-26 grenade type mines, 2 tunnels, 1 pressure type mine, and 6 steel traps. Apprehended 14 VCS (no ID). Evac to Bn CP.
2. At 140930H-141015H, Psy-War helicopter received 20-30 rds SA fire from vic (BT 105645). No hits on helicopter. Exact enemy position undetermined.
3. At 141130H, Co I sqd patrol (BT 056637) received 20 rds AW fire from vic (BT 053637). Sqd returned 30 rds SA fire and searched area. Negative results.
4. At 141630H, Co M spotted 3 VC with SA weapons vic (BT 083687). Sparrow Hawk requested 141630H, lifted at 141650H, landed 141705H (BT 088678). Sparrow Hawk squad swept NW and linked up with Co M. Negative contact. Sparrow Hawk squad secured 141740H. Retraction accomplished by land movement.
5. At 141840H, Co M 6x6 truck (BT 071700) received 8-10 SA rds from vic (BT 073700). Marines in rear of truck returned fire with 8 rds SA fire. Co M FT dispatched, searched area. Neg results.

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2d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 140930H, Co G sqd patrol activated 1 grenade type mine (LT 997627)
- 2 USMC WIA. Med Evac.

CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn. 3d Marines Operations Summary

1. At 141000H, Co I, acting on information of HIEU DUC District Chief that VC sqd had organized villagers of BO BAN (1) (AT 960686) to harvest rice, dispatched 1 plt to apprehend VCS aiding in harvest. At 141015H SPARROW HAWK was initiated, landed at 141050H, established a block at (AT 960695). 65 VCS apprehended and delivered to HIEU DUC District Hdqrs. SPARROW HAWK aircraft not required for extraction. SPARROW HAWK squad returned by foot with other forces in area.
2. At 141410H, Co I sqd (AT 986637) observed one VC laying electrically detonated shapecharge in road vic (AT 985633). Sqd shot at and pursued VC toward THAI CAM (3) (AT 995637). Sqd engaged in a fire fight while assaulting village. 2 plts were dispatched to reinforce the sqd. This Co (-) operation resulted in 10 VCS apprehended, 1 of whom was wounded, and 1 VCC discovered in a spider hole. Operation secured 141500H.
3. At 141630H, Co I squad OP (AT 963609) observed 2 VC digging hole (AT 968605). One VC entered hole to hide as other covered hole. Tanks fired 4 rounds 90mm at VC. Direct hit. One VC KIA (prob).

CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 141945H, Co I platoon patrol (BT 050656) received 3 rounds SA fire from (BT 050654). Returned 15 rounds SA fire. Searched area. Negative results.
2. At 142050H, Co M CP (BT 069706) observed 3 VC vic (BT 066710). Directed 4 rounds SA fire at VC who fled.
3. At 151030H, Co I platoon patrol (BT 084626) observed 2 VC moving north. While enroute to apprehend, platoon taken under fire from (BT 084634). Platoon returned SA fire and assaulted. One VC KIA (BC).
4. At 151230H, Co I platoon patrol (BT 086619) received 2 rounds SA fire from (BT 086617). Returned SA fire and searched area. Negative results.
5. At 151445H, Co I platoon patrol (BT 068618) received 10 rounds SA fire from (BT 073617). Returned 30-40 rounds SA fire and one 40mm. Searched area. Apprehended one VCS.
6. 151540H, Co K squad patrol (BT 034695) apprehended one VCS. Attempted to avoid patrol.
7. At 151730H, Co L platoon patrol (BT 103644) received 3 rounds SA fire from (BT 103641). Returned SA fire and assaulted position. Captured one VCC and found blood trail of one VC WIA (PROB).
8. At 151800H, Co L platoon patrol (BT 099653) apprehended one male VCS hiding in treeline. No ID.
9. At 151830H, Co I platoon patrol (BT 067615) received 60-70 rounds SA fire from (BT 068614). Returned SA and 6 81mm HE rounds. Searched area. Negative results.
10. At 151720H, Co I squad patrol (BT 058631) observed one armed VC running toward river. VC fired 2 rounds SA at patrol. Patrol pursued and killed VC in river with 4 rounds SA fire. At 151800H, patrol tripped 3 mines (unknown origin) rigged to detonate simultaneously 10 meters apart vic (BT 058631). 5 UEMC WIA. Med Evac.
11. At 151720H, Co I squad patrol with tank (BT 062620) observed 2 armed VC running vic (BT 058633). Fired one 90mm cannister round. 2 VC KIA (PROB).

CONFIDENTIAL2d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 150950H, Co G S&D (BT 000621) received 10 rounds SA fire from estimated 3 VC (BT 001620). Two USMC WIA. Med Evac. Returned fire and searched area. Negative results.
2. At 151450H, Co E platoon patrol (BT 055631) discovered tunnel, 70'x4'x4'. Destroyed with 20 lbs C-4. Also destroyed 2 spidertraps same location.

CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn, 3d Marines Operations Summary

1. At 150930H, Co M platoon patrol (AT 958648) received 12 rounds SA fire from est 1 VC (AT 956646). Returned SA fire and searched. Negative results.
2. At 151115H, 2 VC surrendered to Co M vic (AT 907629) during operation in support of "CHIEU HOI" program. Turned in one M-26 grenade and 5 40mm rounds.
3. At 151215H, Co I S&D (AT 961643) received 25 rounds SA fire from (AT 967643) and (AT 965644). Returned 100 rounds SA and 13 rounds 81mm. Searched area. Negative results.
4. At 151500H, Co I apprehended 5 female VCS vic (AT 967638). Pointed out by ralliers with Co I as VCC. Evac to ITT.
5. At 151530H, 3d Bn, 3d Marines requested SPARROW HAWK. SA fire received by Co L at (AT 952651). SPARROW HAWK A/C picked up squad (AT 953667) at 151540H, touched down in LZ (AT 946637) at 151553H. Searched area. Negative results.
6. At 151610H, Platoon Co I (AT 968640) and Platoon Co M received SA fire from (AT 966643). Co I provided block while Co M searched area. Negative results.

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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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15 Mar 1966

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

Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 75 as of 162400H March 1966

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

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1), (2) and (3) are forwarded:

a. Highlights. LtGen V. H. KRULAK, Commanding General, FMF PAC, visited 9th Marines CP and the Pacification Program Headquarters, BO MUNG (1) (BT 023659) where he met with the Commanding Officer, 51st ARVN Regiment, LtCol LNP and the CUING NAM Province Chief, Dr. CHI. Other 9th Marines areas visited were 3/9 CP (BT 072657) and Co I/3/3 on Hill 55 (AT 968615).

b. Plans for next twenty four hours:

(1) 3d Bn, 9th Marines conducts 3 platoon S&D operation on 17 March:

- (a) GS (BT 0465)
- (b) GS (BT 0562)
- (c) GS (BT 0569)

(2) 3d Bn, 3d Marines

(a) Commencing 170630H, Co M in coordination with 1st Co, 3d Bn, 51st ARVN Regiment and two ARVN Commando Platoons conducts operation "COUNTY FAIR 5" via CAM NE (4) (AT 969695) and CAM NE (5) (AT 978698). Marine Co occupy blocking positions (AT 970699-993701), (AT 966693-968699) and (AT 971699). 2 LVT's will patrol river. RVN officials and forces will conduct civic and military operations in the two hamlets.

(b) Co I platoon (rein) conducts S&D operation (AT 986631-975627-971629).

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C. Miscellaneous. Correction: Delete para 1a(3) in 9th Marines SITREP Number 74 and substitute therefor the following:

LtGen Sir John WILTON, Chief of the General Staff Australian Military Forces, MajGen R.S. ABBEY, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, MACV and party 9th Marines ZOA 15 March.

D. Boxscore:USMC

KIA - 0

WIA - 2

VC

KIA - 5

WIA - 3 (POSS)

VCC - 0

VCS - 22

KIA - 4 (POSS)

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1. At 151850H, Co I platoon patrol base received 150 rounds SA and .30 caliber MG fire from estimated 8 VC (BT 043650). Squad returned 60 rounds SA and searched area. Negative results. 1 VC KIA (POSS).
2. At 152015H, Co I squad ambush (BT 044648) shot 4 VC swimming in river (BT 043648). 4 VC KIA.
3. At 152030H, Co I squad ambush (BT 046650) received 40 rounds SA fire from estimated 3 VC (BT 044653). Returned 50 rounds SA fire. 1 VC WIA (POSS). 1 VC KIA.
4. At 152030H, Co I squad patrol (BT 046647) received 60 rounds from estimated 6 VC (BT 046648). Returned SA fire and 2 hand grenades. Two USMC WIA. No further contact.
5. At 152130H, Co I squad ambush (BT 067615) received SA and .20 caliber fire from estimated 20 VC (BT 067614). Returned SA fire and 6 81mm HE rounds. Two VC WIA (POSS). Searched area at first light. Negative results.
6. At 152400H, Co I squad ambush (BT 045654) received 1 hand grenade from undetermined location. No further contact.
7. At 160600H, Co K squad ambush (BT 030667) observed one boat (BT 029668). Illuminated with hand held flares. and fired 6 rounds at boat. Boat sunk. 1 female VCS (WIA) apprehended.
8. At 160920H, Co L platoon patrol (BT 105644) destroyed 1 lb TNT and M-26 grenade rigged as a mine (BT 105644).
9. At 161030H, Co K squad patrol (BT 056705) destroyed 1 150mm rd rigged as a mine (BT 056705).
10. At 161500H, Co I platoon patrol (BT 057623) received heavy volume SA fire (BT 057626) and (BT 057620). Returned SA fire. Armed UH-1E fired in support. 3 VC KIA (possible). No further contact.
11. At 161520H, Co L platoon patrol (BT 102629) apprehended 18 VCS (BT 102629). 1 M-26, 5 rounds 7.62, documents, map of "horse shoe" area, two khaki uniforms and 2700 lbs of rice found in same area.
12. At 162035H, Co K platoon patrol received 6 rounds automatic weapons fire from (BT 037706). No further contact.
13. At 162110H, Co M CP (BT 072702) observed 2 men with rifles. Directed 4 rounds SA. Searched area, negative results.

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1. At 160100H, Co H squad ambush (BT 028629) received 10 rounds SA fire from undetermined position. Squad did not return fire. No further contact.
2. At 160950H, Co H platoon patrol (BT 015619) received 20 rounds SA fire from estimated 3 VC (BT 016616). Returned heavy volume SA fire and assaulted VC position. Area searched. Negative results.
3. At 161150H, Co G squad patrol (BT 001645) apprehended 1 VCS (BT 001645).
4. At 161323H, Co H (-) search and destroy received SA fire from estimated 5 VC (BT 044634). Returned fire with SA and artillery. Searched area. Negative results.
5. At 161100H, Co E squad patrol (BT 031618) apprehended 1 VCS. (BT 033620). No ID card. Evac to ITT.
6. At 161345H, Co G sqd patrol (BT 003635) apprehended 1 VCS attempting to evade patrol. Evac to ITT.

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CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn. 3d Marines Operations Summary

1. At 161612H, Co I squad patrol (AT 954653) destroyed punji trap with M-26 grenade rigged as a mine (AT 954653).
2. At 161750H, 3d Engr Bn grader hit mine (AT 981625). Minor damage (tire blown out). No casualties. Co I squad provides security for grader.

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17 Mar 1966

From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division

Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 76 as of 172400H March 1966

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

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1), (2) and (3) are forwarded:

a. Operational Highlights. At 171545H, Co M, Co L (3/3) and ARVN units completed Operation "County Fair" in CAM NE (4) GS (AT 9669) and CAM NE (5) GS (AT 9769). Results from this operation were 2 VC KIA (BC) (AT 983693), 13 VCC apprehended, 1 VCC nurse, 1 ton of rice, 1 grenade, VC documents and 2 ARVN deserters apprehended.

b. Plans for next 24 hrs.

(1) 3d Bn, 9th Marines conducts 6 S&D operations on 18 March:

(a)	BT 082697-BT 086667	(1100-1700H)
(b)	BT 102634-BT 113637	(0700-1930H)
(c)	BT 099658-BT 092635	(1100-1700H)
(d)	BT 058627-BT 083614	(0600-1800H)
(e)	BT 057617-BT 046646	(0600-1800H)
(f)	BT 053717-BT 045724	(0930-1230H)

(2) Commencing 180630H, 3d Bn, 3d Marines conducts plt (rein) S&D operation in THAI CAM (2) (AT 975636) THAI CAM (3) (AT 975626), XUAN DIEN (1) (AT 966538) and XUAN DIEN (2) (AT 965638).

c. Boxscore:

<u>USMC</u>	<u>VC</u>
KIA - 0	KIA - 4
WIA - 2	WIA - 4 (POSS)
	VCC - 1
	VCS - 13
	KI - 2 (POSS)


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1. At 170635H, Co I plt patrol (BT 058627) rec'd 30-40 rds SA fire from 2 VC (BT 062625). Patrol returned fire with SA, 2 60mm and 8 81mm rds. Contact broken. Area searched with negative results.
2. At 170805H, Co I plt patrol (BT 054654) rec'd 3 rds SA fire from vic (BT 052653). Returned 10 rds of SA fire. Assisted by AO, sqd searched area. Negative results.
3. At 171000H, Co L plt patrol discovered explosive-rigged punji pit (BT 104644). As plt was destroying pit it rec'd 40-50 rds SA fire from est 4-6 VC in tree line (BT 103642). Plt returned 100 rds SA and 3 M-79 rds and swept area. 1 VN girl and 1 VN male wounded by VC fire. Evac to ARVN hospital.
4. At 171615H, Co I plt patrol (BT 064619) rec'd SA and AW fire from 2 VC (BT 061619). Plt returned 100 rds SA fire, assaulted and searched area. Negative results.
5. At 171640H, Co I plt patrol (BT 077616) called in 18 rds 81mm on 4 VC vic (BT 077606). 1 VC KIA (PROB).
6. At 171845H, Co I plt patrol (BT 064619) rec'd 30-40 rds SA fire from (BT 065619). USMC fired 100 rds SA and 81mm mission at suspected VC position. Area searched. Negative results.
7. At 171915H, Co I plt patrol (BT 064625) rec'd 7 rds SA fire from 2 VC (BT 062624). Plt returned 20 SA rds and 1 3.5" WP. No further contact.
8. At 170805H, Co I plt patrol (BT 054654) rec'd 3 rds SA fire from approx 200 meters to the west. Plt returned 10 rds SA fire at the VC fleeing westward. 1 VN boy was killed in exchange of fire. Co I sqd, assisted by AO, searched area. Negative results.

CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn, 3d Marines Operational Summary

1. At 162120H, Co I FT LP (AT 953666) noted positive SID contact 75 meters south. FT detonated claymore mine and searched area. Sqd noticed movement (AT 953665), threw 2 grenades at suspected VC position and rec'd 1 grenade from VC position. FT returned 5 40mm rds at fleeing VC. Contact broken in heavy vegetation. No evidence of VC casualties.
2. At approx 170200H, Co I river block (AT 976612) sank one apparently empty sampan on SONG AI NGHIA (AT 977613) with SA fire. No known casualties.
3. At 170410H, Co I sqd at river block (AT 973611) rec'd incoming grenades. Also a heavy volume of SA and AW fire was rec'd from an undetermined number of VC from (AT 973613), (AT 972611) and (AT 975609). USMC units illuminated with 31mm mortars and directed approx 1500 SA and MG rds, 1 claymore, 9 hand and rifle grenades and 60mm mortar rds at the VC positions. 2 sqds and 1 plt reinforced searched the adjacent areas. Results were 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC KIA (poss) and 4 VC WIA (poss). Equipment captured was 2 carbines (M-2), 2 CHICOM grenades, several ammo magazines, 1 gas mask, 1 directional mine. 2 US M-14 rifles were recovered. 3d Engr Bn sustained 3 KIA, 1 WIA (Med Evac), 1 WIA (minor).
4. At 171345H, Co I sqd at river block (AT 973613) rec'd 2 rds SA fire from vic (AT 976609). Returned fire with 100 SA rds and 2 90mm rds. Results unknown.
5. At 172035H, Co I CP (AT 968618) rec'd several rds SA harassing fire from east. VC position undetermined. No further contact.

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

Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 77 as of 182400H March 1966

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

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1), (2) and (3) are forwarded:

a. Operational Highlights. At 181725H, Co F/2/9 S&D vic (BT 007612) made contact with est VC company supported by 60mm mortars. Co F remains heavily committed at end reporting period.

b. Plans for next 24 hours

(1) Commencing 190700H, 3d Bn, 9th Marines executes a Bn (-)(rein) S&D operation in area bounded by N-S grid lines 05-08 and E-W grid lines 64-58.

(2) Commencing 190630H, 2d Bn, 9th Marines conducts Bn (-)(rein) S&D operation south of SONG LA THO in ZOA. Details furnished separately by Frag Order to be issued.

(3) Commencing 190400H, Co M (-) and platoon Co L conduct "COUNTY FAIR 6" in CAM NE (3), (4) and BO BAN (1) GS (AT 9568), (AT 9668). USMC units cordon hamlets in conjunction with 4th Co, 39th Ranger Bn. 3d Bn, 51st ARVN Regt conducts "COUNTY FAIR" operation within hamlets supported by Civic Action Teams and Psy War Team.

c. Boxscore:

<u>USMC</u>	<u>VC</u>
KIA - 1(DOW)	KIA - UNK
WIA - 15	WIA - UNK
	VCC - 0
	VCS - 0

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CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 180100H, Co K sqd enroute to amb point (BT 053702) observed 1 VC armed with rifle vic (BT 053693). Sqd directed 10 rds SA fire at VC. VC fired 2 rds at sqd and fled in a northerly direction. Sqd physically pursued. Contact broken. Neg results.
2. At 181700H, Co L sqd patrol vic (BT 093645) discovered M-26 grenade rigged with trip wire. Destroyed in place.

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1. At 180810H, Co E plt patrol (BT 002035) rec'd heavy SA fire from 3 VC vic (BT 005633). Patrol returned fire with SA and 13 rds 81mm mortar. Plt searched area. Neg results.
2. At 181410H, Co F S&D (AT 999637) rec'd 2 non-battle heat casualties. Med Evac.
3. At 181510H, Co F S&D (BT 001615) rec'd sporadic SA fire from est 2-3 VC vic (BT 005612). Returned SA fire and searched area. Neg results. 2 USMC non-battle heat casualties. Med Evac.
4. At 181725H, Co F S&D (BT 007612) rec'd 40 rds SA fire from est 10 in trench (BT 008613). 1 USMC WIA. Med Evac helo rec'd est 7 60mm and intense SA fire on touchdown in LZ. 4 additional USMC WIA. Returned arty fire and SA. At 181950H, Co F observed est 50 VC retrieving casualties. Brought arty fires to bear. Firefight continued. At 192055H a UH-34 helo on emergency resupply of Co F rec'd heavy SA fire on touchdown in Co F perimeter. Helo disabled. Crew unharmed. At 181955H, Co G moved south on RR tracks to block (AT 990610). As of 192150H, Co F remained engaged with est VC Co. Co F set up in 360° degree perimeter (BT 002614), (BT 005614), (BT 003612). Flare ship illuminating area from (AT 994603) to (BT 020602). Latest report indicated total USMC casualties at 1 DOW, 11 WIA. VC casualties undetermined. (Above reports represent initial information only).
5. SPARROW HAWK was requested at 181825H for employment with Co F. This and two previous SPARROW HAWK MISSIONS (181510H and 181600H) were denied due to lack of aircraft. Aircraft reportedly committed to Operation BLUE SPRING.

CONFIDENTIAL2d Bn. 9th Marines Operational Summary

1. At 170730H, Co G plt patrol detonated a trip-wired grenade (BT 990637). 2 USMC WIA. 1 WIA Med Evac. 1 WIA minor.

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CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn, 3d Marines Operations Summary

1. At 172002H, Co L sqd LP (AT 946676) threw 3 M-26 grenades at SID contact position (AT 958659). Sqd illuminated and searched area. Neg results.
2. At 172010H, Co I river block (AT 973611) rec'd 100 rds SA fire from vic (AT 976609). Simultaneously a FT enroute to LP rec'd 2-3 rds fire from 2-3 VC (BT 973618). 2 sqds dispatched to reinforce FT directed 1000 rds SA, 8 M-26 grenades, 30 M-79 rds, 5 3.5" rds, 3 M-72 LAW rds at VC position. A thorough search of the area revealed negative results.
3. At 181140H, Co I plt patrol activated a M-26 trip-wired grenade located at edge of stream bed (AT 965652). 4 USMC WIA (1 serious, 3 minor). All Med Evac.

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19 Mar 1966

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Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 78 as of 192400H March 1966

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

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1), (2) and (3) are forwarded:

a. Operational Highlights. At 0530H Co M (-) and one platoon Co L, 3d Bn, 3d Marines in coordination with ARVN element of 51st Regiment commenced Operation "County Fair 6" vic (AT 961689-955681-961680-970688). Results were 2 VC KIA, 7 VCC (5 males, 2 females) 8 VCS (5 females, 3 males). Five weapons were captured: 2 carbines, 1 30 caliber M-1, 38 caliber revolver, 1 M-14 with selector, 5 magazines, a box of BA 30 batteries, 5 grenades. 3d Bn, 3d Marines medical surgeon treated 160 civilians. 284 citizens were registered. 6 tunnels destroyed.

b. Plans for next 24 hours.

(1) 3d Bn, 9th Marines plans 2 platoon S&D missions vic 086628-093637) and (BT 083706-083681).

(2) 2d Bn, 9th Marines.

(a) Co E will be helilifted to vic (BT 009570) at 200730H, to commence search and destroy north through HA NONG TRUNG (3) (BT 007577), HA HONG TAY (1) (BT 007590) and DONG LIEN (BT 015600).

(b) Co K search and destroy west from present positions (BT 009607) to vic (AT 987607). Search southeast to vic (AT 992597), then blocks vic (BT 007595) to support Co E.

(c) Co F at first light commences deliberate search and destroy of LA THO NAM from (BT 010607) west to railroad.

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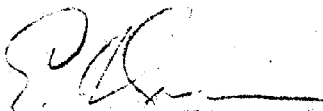
(3) 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

(a) Commencing 200430H, Co I conducts platoon (Rein) search and destroy mission in THAI CAM (1) (AT 967643).

(b) Conducts "County Fair 7". Commencing 200530H, Co L (-) cordons LA CHAU (2) (AT 947375). HIEU DUC forces with elements of Co L conduct thorough search and clear of the hamlet.

c. Boxscore:

<u>USMC</u>	<u>VC</u>
KIA - 3	KIA - 7
WIA - 25	WIA - 1 (1 poss)
	VCC - 7
	VCS - 33


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CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 191130H, Bn (-) S&D, Co L (BT 072608) apprehended 2 VCS. No ID.
2. At 191230H, Bn (-) S&D, Co L (BT 079598) shot 1 VC (BT 075595). 1 VC KIA (body count).
3. At 191300H, Bn (-) S&D, Co L (BT 079596) apprehended 1 VCS.
4. At 191310H, Bn (-) S&D, Co M blocking position (BT 084588) apprehended 4 male VCS. 1 VCC (WIA) captured (BT 084588). Med Evac.
5. At 191900H, Co I platoon patrol (BT 084606) received 150 SA and 6 60mm mortar fire from (BT 077604). Returned 150-200 rounds SA, 4 3.5" WP, 10 rounds 60mm mortar, 52 rounds arty. One USMC WIA Med Evac. No further contact.
6. At 192030H, Co I platoon patrol (BT 083605) received from estimated 5-7 VC (BT 077606). Returned SA, 3 90mm. Arty mission called. No further contact.

CONFIDENTIAL2d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. The following is a summary of Co F activities from 181610-190425H.

a. At 181610H, Co F S&D (BT 001615) received 10-15 rounds SA fire from estimated 3 VC (BT 005612). VC broke contact and withdrew to south.

b. At 181725H, Co F (BT 004614) received 40 rounds SA from estimated 10-15 VC (BT 008613). Arty mission fired, assaulted area. VC broke contact. 1 USMC WIA.

c. At 181745H, Co F (BT 007612) received 4-5 rounds 60mm mortars. Arty mission fired (BT 008607) on suspected position. Sparrow Hawk requested and denied.

d. At 181800H, Co F observed estimated 12 VC. Arty mission fired (AT 994610). Results unknown.

e. At 181910H, Co F observed 40-50 VC (AT 994609). Arty mission fired. Results unknown. Received 2 60mm mortar rounds. Two USMC WIA.

f. At 182050H, UH-1E developed engine trouble. Landed in Co F perimeter (BT 002614-005614-003612). HU-1E disabled.

g. At 182100H, helicopters could not land in Co F LZ due to incoming VC mortar and MG fire. Med Evac not accomplished.

h. At 182300H, Co F fired arty on suspected VC mortar positions (BT 010615).

i. At 182338H, Co F reported having received total of 55 60mm, 7 81mm mortar rounds. 80-90 VC encountered. 4 VC KIA (body count). 20 USMC WIA, 2 USMC KIA.

j. At 190025H, Co F received 30 rounds 60mm mortar from (BT 011614), (BT 008612), (BT 003605). Arty mission fired on all 3 coordinates.

k. From 190130-0210, Co F received 7 81mm, 35 60mm mortar rounds (BT 003614). 1 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIA.

l. At 190430H, Co G (AT 980617) received 7-8 rounds SA fire vic (AT 995613).

m. At 190425H, Co F received 3 rounds 60mm mortar. Arty mission fired (BT 003605). No casualties.

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<u>Totals</u>	<u>Evac</u>	<u>Evac</u> <u>(Not serious)</u>	<u>Non-Evac</u>
Co F WIA - 34*	17	2-BAS 2/9	15
KIA - 4*			

VC KIA - 10 Body count
 Total VC 60mm received - 128
 Total VC 81mm received - 14

Artillery fired - 803 rounds

2. At 190710H, Co K 3/9, received 4-5 rounds SA (BT 012593).
 Commenced S&D. 3 VC KIA (BT 010590), 4 VCS apprehended (BT 010590).
 (OPCON 2/9).
3. At 190930H, Co K 3/9 (BT 008595) received 20 rounds SA
 (BT 008591). Returned 3.5 WP, 60mm mortar, 100 rounds SA.
 Searched area. Negative results. (OPCON 2/9).
4. At 191025H, Co K 3/9 apprehended 11 VCS (BT 007598). One
 pointed out by others as VC tax collector. 3 VCS evac to II, 8
 to 2/9 collection point. (OPCON 2/9).

* Includes 11 WIA and 1 KIA reported in SITREP #78.

CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn, 3d Marines Operations Summary

1. At 182100H, Co M squad patrol (AT 976676) observed 2 VC (AT 977676). Point fired at VC. Lost contact. Searched area, negative results.
2. At 182300H, Co I fire team LP (AT 969613) had SID contact. Illuminated and fired SA. Searched area, negative results.
3. At 190830H, Co I (-) S&D (AT 975599) received 15 rounds SA from (AT 971596) then observed 25 VC running in treeline at (AT 971596). Returned SA, 1 rounds 90mm, assaulted and searched area. Negative results. No further contact.
4. At 190925H, Co I (-) S&D (AT 970580) apprehended 3 VCS (AT 970580) as they patrolled south of Route #14.
5. At 191020H, Co L squad S&D (AT 953653) received 80 rounds SA from undetermined number of VC (AT 952651). Returned SA, M-79, 30 rounds 81mm HE, 1 81mm WP. One VC KIA (body count), one VC WIA (poss), 1 USMC WIA, Med Evac.
6. At 191600H, Co L S&D (AT 952647) destroyed 1 155 dud, 1 M-26 grenade.

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Enclosure (3)
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(2) Operations, 2d Bn, 9th Marines
(3) Operations, 3d Bn, 3d Marines

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1), (2) and (3) are forwarded:

a. Operational Highlights.

(1) COUNTY FAIR 7. Co L/3/3 conducted "COUNTY FAIR 7" in conjunction with HIEU DUC District vic LA CHAU (2) (AT 947675) commencing 200530H. Co L completed cordon of hamlet at 200630H. Twenty man PF platoon searched. Located 200 lb rice, destroyed 2 tunnels, each 15 feet long, and 200 feet comm wire. PF platoon secured 201145H due to commitment to guard rice harvest in another location.

(2) OPERATION "KINGS" continued into second day. Co E/2/9 conducted helilift into LZ (BT 009570) at 200800H. Members of 3d Co, 3d Bn, 51st ARVN Regt secured LZ for Marines. No prep fires were used in LZ. Co E searched north through HA NONG TAY (1) (BT 007590) and DONG LIEN (BT 015600). At 200700H, Co K/3/3 commenced search west from (BT 009607) to vic (AT 987607), southeast to vic (AT 992597), then blocked vic (BT 007595) in support Co E. Co F/2/9 conducted deliberate search and destroy from LA THO NAM (BT 010607) west to RH (AT 994607) commencing 200700H. Upon completion S&D operations companies took up night defensive positions:

Co E/2/9 - (BT 013598), Co F/2/9 - (BT 010606), Co K/3/3 - (BT 016596). For details of contacts see enclosure (2).

(3) SPARROW HAWK. At 201315H, 2/9 executed Sparrow Hawk mission #28 in support of OPERATION "KINGS" vic (BT 013585) against estimated 6 VC in trenchline. Searched area with negative results. Sparrow Hawk retracted at 20 415H.

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CONFIDENTIALb. Plans for next 24 hours

(1) 3d Bn, 9th Marines plans 2 platoon S&D missions vic (BT 099658) and (BT 119640).

(2) 3d Bn, 3d Marines. Continues Operation "KINGS."

(a) Co I provides one platoon for security 1st LAAM Bn convoy from (AT 990644) to (AT 970620) commencing 210900H.

(3) 2d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Co E S&D from (BT 013598) to (BT 015600).

(b) Co K 3/9 S&D from (BT 016596) to (BT 013605).

(c) Co F S&D from (BT 010606) to vic (AT 998616).

c. Box ScoreUSMC

KIA- 0

WIA-5

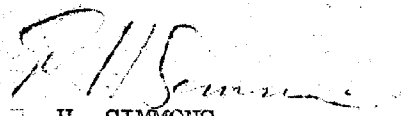
VC

KIA-5

KIA-6 (poss)

WIA-13 (poss)

VCS-2


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CONFIDENTIAL1st Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 201400H, Co I platoon patrol (BT 074610) received 40 rounds SA fire, 2 hand grenades from vic (BT 074600). VC fled south. Patrol pursued by fire. Two USMC WIA (Med Evac). One VC WIA (poss).
2. At 201105H, Co L platoon S&D apprehended 1 VCS (BT 074647). (Draft age male). No ID.
3. At 201650H, Co I platoon patrol (BT 084606) received 2 rounds 60mm mortar fire from vic (BT 077605) and 16 rounds SA fire from (BT 090605). Returned 7 rounds 90mm fire at (BT 090605), 5 rounds 90mm at (BT 077605), 430 rounds SA, 17 rounds M-79, 1 round 60mm mortar and 2 3.5 WP rounds. Search vic (BT 090605) revealed blood stains. No further contact.
4. At 201745H, Co K platoon (BT 076615) received heavy SA fire from 4 VC armed with automatic weapons (BT 075614). Directed 17 rounds 105mm HE on target. VC fire ceased. Searched area. Negative results.
5. At 201800H, Co I platoon patrol (BT 077616) received 40-50 rounds SA from (BT 075616-081615), 20 rounds SA from (BT 074618) and 20 rounds from (BT 081615). Returned 24 rounds 105mm HE at (BT 073615). Directed 65 rounds SA, 7 M-79 rounds and 3 3.5 WP rounds at enemy positions. VC broke contact, fled south. Patrol pursued physically. Negative contact. No known casualties.

CONFIDENTIAL2d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 192020H, Co K/3/9 (BT 005612) received 5 rounds SA from south of SONG LA THO. No casualties. (OPCON 2/9).
2. At 192105H, Co K/3/9 squad patrol (BT 015608-015606) received sporadic SA fire from estimated 10-12 VC (BT 017604). Patrol returned 5 rounds SA. Results unknown.
3. At 200800H, Co E commenced heli-lift from (AT 993678) to Landing Zone at (BT 009569). Lift completed at 200825H. No contact established at LZ.
4. At 200930H, Co K/3/9 (AT 994607) observed 6 VC (AT 988608). Marines fired 50 rounds SA. Enemy fled east, pursued by fire. One VC KIA (body count).
5. At 200830H, mine sweeping team attached to Co H, destroyed one M-79 round rigged as mine (BT 028642). No casualties.
6. At 201430H, Co K/3/9 destroyed 3 tunnels 50 feet long (AT 993597). Three VC KIA discovered in one of tunnels.
7. At 201500H, Co K/3/9 (BT 006596) received 25 rounds SA fire from estimated 3 VC (BT 005594). Returned 300 rounds SA and 1 round 60mm mortar. VC broke contact. Negative results.
8. At 201230H, Co E received sporadic SA fire from 8-10 VC vic (BT 010581). Sparrow Hawk requested 201250H, lifted at 201315H, landed at 201358H (BT 013585), retracted 201415H. Negative contact.
9. At 201755H, Co K 3/9 sustained 3 WIA when Marine detonated suspected 81mm mortar type mine (AT 989604). (2 Med Evac).
10. At 201320H, Co K/3/9 observed 1 VC (BT 011591) with weapon. Directed 7 rounds SA, VC fled into house. Search of house revealed 1 VC KIA, no weapon. Wife apprehended with documents. Evac to 2d Bn CP.

CONFIDENTIALBn, 3d Marines Operations Summary

1. At 192330H, Co L squad patrol (AT 952678) observed 2 VC (AT 954679). Patrol fired 4 rounds SA, 1 M-79 round, 8 rounds 81mm illumination, threw 1 M-26 grenade. Searched area. Negative results.
2. At 200700H, Co I platoon patrol (AT 965646) observed 4 VC (AT 967646), 2 with weapons. VC fired 2 rounds SA. Patrol returned 100 rounds SA and observed 1 VC fall. Searched area. Negative results. One VC WIA (poss).
3. At 201030H, a Co I platoon completed S&D GS (AT 9664), apprehended 1 VCS, draft age male (AT 964643). Destroyed 1 tunnel 4x4x8 ft (AT 968642).
4. At 201830H, Co L squad patrol (AT 954652) received 5 rounds SA from estimated 3 VC in boat (AT 953646). Patrol directed SA fire at VC. Boat sunk. One VC KIA (body count). Two VC WIA (poss).
5. At 201905H, Co I (AT 967616) observed 25 VC (AT 983603). Directed 9 rounds 90mm HE, 3 rounds 90mm WP. Results 6 VC KIA (poss), 2 VC WIA (poss).

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To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division

Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 80 as of 212400H March 1966

Ref: (a) Division Order 3400.1B

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

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1), (2) and (3) are forwarded:

a. Operational Highlights. Operation "KINGS" continued into third day with extensive destruction of VC fortifications and deliberate search and destroy operation within GS (AT 9860), (AT 9960), (BT 0060), (BT 0160), (BT 0059) and (BT 0159). Seven USMC WIA were sustained. During the day's action the following results were reported:

2 VC KIA (poss)
Destroyed: 7 caves, 570 meters of tunnel, 200 fighting holes, and 3 mines.

b. Plans for next 24 hours.

(1) 3d Bn, 9th Marines. Plans 2 platoon S&D operations vic (BT 044653-035650) and (BT 07512-079612) commencing 220800H to 221030H. At 221200H, Co M/3/9 relieves Co L/3/9 in Operation "KINGS" under OPCON 2/.

(2) 2d Bn, 9th Marines. Continues Operation "KINGS."

(a) At 220745H, Co E/2/9 executes helilift from (AT 998603) to LZ (AT 947588) secured by 51st ARVN Regiment. Co E/2/9 with one platoon Co 1/1/51 conducts clearing operation vic GS (AT 9457), (AT 9458), (AT 9575) and (AT 9558). Alternate LZ (AT 963588); arty prep fires on call.

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(b) Co F/2/9 and Co K/3/9 continue deliberate S&D operation in area bounded by N-S gridlines 98402 and E-W gridlines 59-62 commencing at first light. Co F searches north of SONG LA THO with Co K searching to the south.

(c) Co G/2/9 conducts S&D operation south from (AT 990644) to (BT 0061).

(3) 3d Bn, 3d Marines

(a) Commencing 220400H, Co L/3/3 conducts S&D operation from (AT 951665) to (AT 934654) to (AT 930625) to (AT 948622) to (AT 949637). One platoon Co L blocks from (AT 944639) to (AT 952639). Prior coordination effected for that portion S&D in 2/3 ZOA.

(b) One platoon Co I/3/3 occupies Hill 42 (AT 947598) prior to first light on 22 March. Supports by fire helilift Co E/2/9 into LZ (AT 947588).

c. Miscellaneous

(1) CP Locations

3/9 CP	BT 073656	3/3 CP	AT 975705
Co I	BT 062644	Co I	AT 956615
Co M	BT 073702	Co L	AT 955665
Co L	BT 093558	Co M	AT 971662
2/9 CP	AT 990644		
Co E	BT 000601		
Co F	BT 002611		
Co G	AT 990644		
Co H	BT 016637		

d. Boxscore:

<u>USMC</u>	<u>VC</u>
1 DOW	13 VC KIA (BC)
14 WIA	5 VC KIA (poss)
	1 VCS

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1. At 210815H, Co I platoon patrol (BT 071623) observed one VC vic (BT 071624). Fired 15 rounds SA at VC who went into hole. Patrol pursued. One VC KIA (BC) with hand grenade thrown into hole.
2. At 210915H, Co I platoon patrol (BT 070617) received 7 rounds SA from estimated 3-4 VC (BT 069616). Returned 150 SA, 11 40mm and 2 LAW rounds. Searched area. One VC KIA (BC).
3. At 211045H, Co I platoon patrol (BT 062623) observed one VC with weapon (BT 062624). Patrol fired 3 SA rounds and 1 40mm round, resulting in one VC KIA (BC). Captured 1 rifle, Springfield cal .30, cartridge belt and ammo.
4. At 21100H, Co I platoon patrol (BT 065632) observed one VC (BT 065631). Marines fired 5 rounds SA, resulting in one VC KIA (BC).
5. At 211345H, Co L platoon patrol (BT 105646) received one round SA. Round originated from a westerly direction. Exact location unknown. ~~One~~ USMC WIA. Med Evac.
6. At 211850H, two OTTERS returning from resupply of Co L were attacked by approximately 12 VC vic (BT 095685) sustaining one USMC DOW and 6 WIA. A Co M squad patrol vic (BT 091682) heard the firefight in progress and attacked. Five squads with tanks dispatched to scene. Seven VC KIA (BC). Five VC KIA (BC). Captured 2 CHICOM SMC, one M-14 rifle, one sniper rifle with grenade launcher and five CHICOM grenades.

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CONFIDENTIAL2d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 210745H, Co E resupply helicopter (BT 015607) received 10 rounds SA from vic (BT 013593). Squad searched area with negative results.
2. At 210920H, Btry E, 2/12 squad patrol (AT 985667) encountered 2 VC in cave (AT 985667). VC threw two grenades at patrol. Marines returned 1 grenade resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC).
3. At 211000H, Co K/3/9 S&D (AT 980608) received 10-15 rounds SA from 1 VC (AT 980611). Marines returned 150 rounds SA with unknown results. One USMC WIA. Med Evac. Subsequently a Marine detonated an unknown explosive device (AT 980606) resulting in 2 USMC WIA. Med Evac.
4. At 211130H, Co K/3/9 (AT 994604) observed 2 VC (BT 996604). Fired 12 rounds SA at enemy. Two VC KIA (poss). VC bodies removed before searching squad arrived.
5. At 211345H, Co K/3/9 (AT 985608) detonated a CHICOM grenade with trip wire resulting in 4 USMC WIA. CO, Co K/3/9 WIA. Condition good. Med Evac. Command Co K/3/9 assumed by Executive Officer at 211410H. Search of area revealed another CHICOM grenade rigged with tripwire. Destroyed in place. LVTE-1 line charge utilized resulting in est 155mm round secondary explosion.
6. At 212045H, Co F perimeter (BT 007612) received moderate SA fire from vic (BT 007615). Illuminated area. Returned 3 3.5 HE and 7 40mm. Unable to determine exact VC positions.

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3d Bn, 3d Marines Operations Summary

1. At 210005H, Co K squad patrol (AT 957667) apprehended 1 male VCS at above coordinates.

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Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 81 as of 222400H March 1966

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

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1), (2) and (3) are forwarded:

a. Operational Highlights

(1) Co M/3/3, acting on information provided by villagers that VC would hold a rally in AN TRACH (2), hid a squad and members of a PAT team in the hamlet. Engaged 2 VC killing one and wounding another (poss).

(2) Operation "KINGS" completed 4th day of clearing and S&D operations and destruction of VC fortifications. Between 220745H and 220825H, Co E/2/9 conducted helilift from pickup LZ (AT 947583) to LZ (AT 947588) secured by ARVN platoon. Light SA fire was experienced on lift off from pickup LZ. Co E linked up with one platoon 1/1/51st ARVN Regiment and conducted clearing operation in the vicinity of the GIAO AI outpost (AT 947584). Co G and Co H/2/9 conducted S&D operations north of the SONG LA THO with Co F/2/9. Operation "KINGS" sustained 12 USMC WIA (8 Med Evac). During the day's action the following results were reported:

Six VC KIA (BC)

Destroyed: 30 fighting holes, 100 meters covered trench, 750 meters fence line and one grenade mine.

(3) Sparrow Hawk mission #29 was initiated in support of Operation "KINGS" at 220830H vic (BT 008603). Negative contact. Sparrow Hawk squad retracted at 220935H.

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CONFIDENTIALb. Plans for next 24 hours

(1) 3d Bn, 9th Marines. Co I (Rein) conducts S&D operation in GS (BT 1061) commencing 230700H. One platoon S&D operation will be conducted (BT 099658-096617) commencing 231000H.

(2) 2d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) At 230700H, Co M/3/9 conducts S&D from night defensive position (BT 019601) to the PHONG THU Outpost CP of the 1st Bn, 51st ARVN Regiment. Links up with one platoon and conducts clearing operation in area bounded by (AT 976571), (AT 992577), (AT 996550) and (AT 978548).

(b) Co F/2/9 continues deliberate S&D of VC fortification vic GS (BT 0061) commencing at first light.

(c) Co E/2/9 links up with one platoon from GIAO AT Outpost (AT 947584). Conducts clearing operation in area bounded by (AT 931587), (AT 955597), (AT 957585) and (AT 933580).

(d) At close of day's activities on 23 March, USMC units will encourage ARVN platoons to remain with them and conduct patrols and ambushes together during hours of darkness.

(3) 3d Bn, 3d Marines. Co L/3/3 continues platoon S&D in GS (AT 9462) and (AT 9463) from PPB.

c. Boxscore

<u>USMC</u>	<u>VC</u>
1 KIA	10 KIA (BC)
12 WIA	3 KIA (POSS)
	5 WIA (POSS)
	1 VCS

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3d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 221100H, Co I squad patrol (BT 083628) received 10 rounds SA fire from 4 VC (BT 088623). Patrol returned 30 rounds SA, 3 40mm rounds and one 60mm mortar round. 2 VC KIA (poss).

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1. At 220745H, Co F S&D (AT 993610) detonated hand grenade rigged w/trip wire. One USMC WIA.
2. At 220815H, Co K 3/9 S&D (BT 000603) received three 40mm or rifle grenade rounds from unknown location. Searched area. Observed four VC (BT 005603) with green uniforms and packs. Directed heavy volume SA fire at VC. 4 VC KIA (BC). 9 USMC WIA. (6 Med Evac)
3. At 220830H, Co K 3/9 S&D (BT 003607) received moderate SA fire from est 8-10 VC (BT 005604). Returned 100 rounds SA. Requested SPARROW HAWK mission #29 at 220845H, landed 220905H, retracted 220935H. Neg contact.
4. At 220845H, Co F S&D (AT 995610) detonated grenade rigged w/trip wire. One USMC WIA. Med Evac.
5. At 221335H, Co G S&D (AT 997636) detonated grenade rigged w/trip wire. One USMC WIA. Med Evac.
6. At 221440H, Co E S&D (AT 951570) received light SA fire from (BT 953570). Returned SA fire. 2 VC KIA (BC).

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1. At 220630H, Co I platoon patrol (AT 947598) detonated a 155mm round rigged as mine. 1 USMC KIA (Platoon Cmdr)
2. At 220659H, Co L S&D (AT 927609) apprehended one male VCS. Suspicious behavior. Evac to ITT.
3. At 221000H, Co I squad patrol (AT 945594) observed four armed VC (AT 944592). Directed 300 rounds SA at VC. One VC KIA (poss).
4. At 221130H, Co I squad patrol (AT 953599) received 10 rounds SA from est 4 VC (AT 955595). Returned 100 rounds SA and 2 LAW rounds. One VC KIA (BC).
5. At 221345H, Co M squad patrol w/PAT team (AT 968654) engaged 2 VC vic (AT 968653). One VC KIA (BC), one VC WIA (poss). Patrol was hidden in hamlet of AN TRACH (2) on basis of information provided by villagers that VC would stage a rally there.
6. At 221523H, Co I platoon patrol (AT 943607) located and destroyed in place two 155mm duds rigged as mines.
7. At 221720H, Co L platoon (AT 950633) observed three VC (AT 952635). Fired two warning shots and VC attempted to swim river from west to east. Directed SA fire at VC. Two VC KIA (BC), one VC WIA (poss).
8. At 221450H, Co M squad patrol (AT 956663) searching for VC contacted at 221345H, observed five VC carrying a wounded VC (AT 957637). Directed heavy volume SA fire at them. Three VC observed knocked down by fire. Pursued into canefield where contact was broken. Blood trails indicated three VC WIA (prob).

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Ref: (a) DivO 3100.1B

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

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1), (2) and (3) are submitted.

a. Operational Highlights

(1) Operation "KINGS" completed 5th day of clearing and S&D operations and destruction of VC fortifications. Co E/2/9 continued clearing operations vic (AT 948566) without support of GIAO AI Outpost. GIAO AI Outpost was abandoned by 1/1/51st ARVN Regiment and destroyed by demolitions and fire. Co M/3/3 conducted S&D from (BT 019601) to PHONG THU Outpost (AT 984583). ARVN platoon requested to conduct clearing operations with Co M/3/9 was refused. Co M/3/9 conducted clearing operation south of Outpost with only light contact. Co F/2/9 continued S&D operation vic north bank SONG LA THO without contact. Third Bn, 3d Marines assumed responsibility for Operation "KINGS" at 231656H. Operation "KINGS" sustained one WIA (minor). During the day's action the following results were reported:

Five VCS

Destroyed: 400 meters trenchline, 19 bunkers, 8 gates, one mine (C-4), two CHICOM grenades and one 57RR round.

b. Plans for next 24 hours

(1) 3d Bn, 9th Marines. Commencing 240600H, Co I reinforced with one platoon Co L conducts S&D in GS (BT 0961) and (BT 0861). One platoon S&D is planned (BT 050681-042677) commencing 240900H.

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(2) 2d Bn. 9th Marines. Co F/2/9 continues S&D operations north of SONG LA THO in GS (AT 9801), (AT 9961), (BT 0061) and (BT 0161).

(3) 3d Bn. 3d Marines

(a) Commencing 240430H, Co L (Rein) conducts Rough Rider North to HUE PHU-BAI and return. Envisioned as a two day operation.


(b) 3d Bn, 3d Marines continues Operation "KINGS" in area north of National Route #14 and west of eastern boundary Zone of Action with Co E/2/9 and Co M/3/9.

c. Boxscore

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VC

Three WIA (minor) Five VCS


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CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 231855H, Co I squad patrol (BT 057647, observed three VC (BT 056646). Directed 20 rounds SA, and one 40mm round at VC who returned three rounds SA. Patrol assaulted and VC fled south-east. Contact broken.
2. At 231920H, Co K squad patrol (BT 045683) observed two VC with weapons (BT 043678). Patrol fired 15 rounds SA. VC fled south into treeline. Patrol pursued by fire. Contact broken.

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CONFIDENTIAL2d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 230030H, Co F squad ambush (BT 008613) observed movement vicinity (BT 010612). Directed 6 40mm and 4 60mm rounds. Illuminated and searched area. Negative results.
2. At 230600H, Co M/3/9 S&D (BT 007605) received light SA fire from tree line (BT 006605). Assaulted position. Negative results.
3. At 230720H, Co E S&D (AT 940586) apprehended one male VCS. No ID card.
4. At 231201H, Co E platoon S&D (AT 928582) observed 2 VC running (AT 935580). Directed 10 rounds SA. Searched area with negative results.
5. At 231500H, Co M/3/9 S&D (BT 980569) received sporadic SA fire from unknown location. Apprehended 4 VCS. No ID cards.
6. At 231700H, Co E S&D (AT 992593) apprehended one VCS. ID card not valid.
7. At 231855H, Co M/3/9 S&D received SA fire from unknown positions via GS (AT 9759). Two USMC WIA Med Evac. Maintained surveillance.

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

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1), (2) and (3) are submitted.

a. Operational Highlights

(1) Operation "KINGS" completed 6th day of clearing, S&D, and destruction of VC fortifications. Co's E/2/9 and M/3/9 under OPCON 3/3 continued operations in area north of National Route #14 in 3/3 ZOA. Units participating in Operation "KINGS" sustained two WIA. During the day's action the following results were reported:

Two VC WIA (poss)

Six VCS

Destroyed: 13 sections covered trench, 38 bunkers.

(2) At 240430H, Co L/3/3 commenced formation of Rough Rider North convoy to HUE PHU-BAI via NAM-O Br. (BT 934832). Lead elements crossed NAM O Bridge at 240700H. Convoy arrived HUE PHU-BAI at 241140H without incident.

(3) 9th Marines Liaison Officer, BO MUNG (1) (BT 023658) advised that the 703rd RF Co will withdraw from the Pacification Area to report to HOI AN on 25 March. The 703rd Co was operating in QUA GIANG (2) (BT 002665).

(4) 3d Bn, 3d Marines tactical CP displaced from Hill 47 (AT 975706) to Hill 55 (AT 974621) at 241130H.

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CONFIDENTIALb. Plans for the next 24 hours:

(1) 3d Bn, 9th Marines. Commencing 240600H conducts four platoon S&D operations (BT 074628-067622), (BT 040652-063644), (BT 063644-034654) and (BT 110640-099671).

(2) 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

(a) Rough Rider North returns to DANANG TAOR from HUE PHU-BAI with Co K/3/3 on 25 March.

(b) 3d Bn, 3d Marines continues Operation "KINGS" with two Co S&D from gridline 58 to SONG AI NGHIA between N-S gridlines 947 and 967. Co I/3/3 provides block force from (AT 947595) to (AT 970618).

c. Boxscore

<u>USMC</u>	<u>VC</u>
5 WIA	5 KIA(BC)
	2 WIA(poss)
	11 VCS



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LATE ENTRY. PLANS FOR 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. Commencing 25 March conduct platoon S&D vic PHONG LE (AT 994698) in conjunction with available RVN units.

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1. At 240355H, Co M squad security (BT 065716) detected figure attempting to penetrate wire. Directed 6 rounds SA at VC who fled west.
2. At 241035H, 3d Bn Cmd Group with Co I (BT 093618) detonated a CHICOM grenade rigged with trip wire. 3 USMC WIA. Med Evac. (XO 3/9 among WIA).
3. At 241430H, Co I platoon patrol (BT 051649) received 6 rounds SA fire from (BT 053653). Returned one 3.5" WP, one 3.5" HE, 7 40mm and 50 rounds SA fire. Searched area. Negative results.
4. At 241500H, Co I squad patrol (BT 064626) observed one VC 25 meters to front. Directed 20 rounds SA fire at fleeing VC. One VC KIA (BC). Recovered cartridge belt and grenade.
5. At 241500H, Co I platoon patrol (BT 049648) received 3 rounds SA fire from one VC in house (BT 064629). Returned 3 40mm, 2 LAW and 21 rounds SA fire at VC who ran into brush and was lost. Apprehended one female VCS in same house.
6. At 241830H, Co I platoon perimeter attempted to apprehend one VC reconnoitering the position. Directed SA fire at VC who fled when challenged. One VC KIA (BC).
7. At 241850H, Co I platoon patrol halted a boat moving east (BT 033648) with 6 male occupants to check ID cards. One man without ID card tried to escape and was shot and killed. Two other men of military age, three men dressed as Buddhist monks. One VC KIA (BC), 3 VCS.

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1. At 241115H, Co F S&D (BT 019608) received sporadic SA fire from (BT 024609). Returned SA fire. Unable to pursue across river.
2. At 241245, Co F S&D (BT 002612) directed 45 rounds SA fire at 2 VC on south bank SONG LA THO (BT 002610). 2 VC KIA (BC). Found suspected mine field vic (BT 020608).
3. At 241435H, Co F S&D (BT 000630) received 5 rounds SA fire from (AT 995637). Returned SA fire and 5 60mm HE. Searched area. Negative results.

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CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn. 3d Marines Operations Summary

1. At 240001H, Co M/3/3 perimeter (AT 973594) received sporadic SA fire from (AT 969594). Returned heavy volume SA fire and 28 rounds 105mm HE. VC fire ceased. Searched area. Neg results.
2. At 240930H, Co M/3/9 S&D (AT 977598) received SA fire from est 3 VC vic (AT 979597). One USMC WIA. Med Evac. Returned heavy volume SA. On search of area villagers indicated 2 VC WIA were carried off. 2 VC WIA (poss).
3. At 240955H, Co M/3/9 S&D apprehended 2 VCS attempting to evade patrol. Evac to IPT.
4. At 241420H, Co M/3/9 S&D (AT 980587) sustained one USMC WIA from punji stake. Med Evac.
5. At 241650H, Co M/3/9 resupply helicopters received 2 rounds SA fire from (AT 981598). Co M/3/9 directed 150 rounds SA fire, 8 rounds 60mm. Co E/2/9 directed 4 LAW, 5 40mm and 4 107mm rounds into area. Searched area with negative results.
6. At 241800H, Co E squad patrol (AT 959591) apprehended one VCS. No ID.

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To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division

Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 84 as of 252400H March 1966

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

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1), (2) and (3) are forwarded:

a. Operational Highlights

(1) Operation "KINGS" completed 7th day. At 250030H, Co E/2/9 (AT 958598) listening posts noted movement to their front and fired killing two VC using water buffalo to cover movement. At 250115H, Co E came under heavy attack by est two VC co's, supported by mortars and AW fire. Co E returned an intense volume of all available weapons including 1080 rounds artillery fire against attacking VC who failed to penetrate perimeter. By approx 250210H, the VC attack was broken by artillery and SA fire. Artillery units continued firing at known and suspected VC locations and probable withdrawal routes until 250500H. Co E/2/9 casualties were five USMC KIA and 19 WIA. At 250115H, Co M/3/9 (AT 970588) received SA fire from an est 10 VC. Fire was returned with all available weapons. At 250700H, Co E/2/9 and Co M/3/9 commenced S&D westward from night defensive positions. 43 VC KIA (BC) and blood and drag marks indicating an additional 40 VC KIA (poss) were found. 10 weapons plus approx 100 grenades and assorted 782 gear was recovered. At 251030H, liaison was established with DAI LOC Outpost (AT 917582). Two PF platoons were positioned from (AT 931579) to (AT 926579), as a blocking force. At 251400H, SPARROW HAWK mission #30 was initiated to place one platoon Co I/3/3 into LZ (AT 931583). SPARROW HAWK completed at 251456H. SPARROW HAWK attacked east to link up with Co E and M, killing one VC (BC), capturing one VCC WIA and eight VCS. VC force later confirmed to be elements of the R-20 Bn also known as the DOC LAP Volunteer Battalion. Companies identified as participating include R-22 and I-23 which are subordinate to the R-20 Battalion known to be in the area. Identification made primarily from documents and identification devices found in bodies of the dead. Units participating in Operation "KINGS" sustained four KIA, one DOW and 19 USMC WIA.

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During the day's action the following results were reported:

44 VC KIA (BC)
40 VC KIA (POSS)
One VCC WIA
Eight VCS

Captured: 10 individual weapons, 100 grenades, ammo cache (60mm, .45 cal, .30 cal M-1, 50 pounds net weight), miscellaneous 782 gear, and 1000 rounds assorted ammo.

(2) At 250700H, Co L/3/3 and Co K/3/3 commenced return of ROUGH RIDER NORTH from HUE PHU-BAI to DANANG. Closed DANANG at 251114H, without incident. 3/3 resumed OPCON Co K/3/3 at 251114H.

(3) At 250630H, one platoon Co F/2/9 cordoned PHONG LE (1) (AT 995698) and CAM NAM (BT 013704). Two PF platoons and a police unit and intelligence team searched the hamlets apprehending 11 draft dodgers, one deserter, and 28 suspicious persons.

b. Plans for the next 24 hours

(1) 3d Bn. 9th Marines. In conjunction with offensive operation, 3d Bn units conduct Golden Fleece II activities commencing 260600H. Provide protection for rice harvester and support rice harvest. On 26-27 Mar Co K/3/3 conducts "Golden Fleece" operation in Sector A (BT 0471) and (BT 0571). 3/9 conducts 4 platoon S&D operations on 26 Mar: (BT 110640-090688), (BT 061652-047646), (BT 065620-063644) and (BT 063644-069629).

(2) 2d Bn. 9th Marines. Commencing 260700H, Co G/2/9 conducts one day S&D south from (AT 991640) to vic (AT 995608).

(3) 3d Bn. 3d Marines

(a) 3d Bn, 3d Marines continues Operation "KINGS" with Co E/2/9 and Co M/3/9 conducting S&D on 1000 meter front from (AT 922570) to (AT 945579), (E on left, M on right). Co L/3/3 conducts helilift to LZ (AT 944553) commencing 260700H. Conducts S&D northeast to vic (AT 960584). Co K/3/3 conducts helilift to LZ (AT 941560) commencing 260900H. Conducts S&D northeast to vic (AT 953583).

CONFIDENTIALc. Boxscore

<u>USMC</u>	<u>VC</u>
4 KIA	46 KIA
1 DOW	40 KIA (POSS)
22 WIA	2 VCC
	4 WIA (POSS)
	8 VCS


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CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 250815H, Co I platoon patrol (BT 064628) observed four VC vic (BT 064627). Directed SA fire at VC resulting in one VC KIA (BC).
2. At 251330H, Co L platoon patrol (BT 105633) observed five VC (BT 104633), fired five rounds SA and one 40mm round. VC fled in easterly direction, patrol pursued physically. One VC KIA, one VC WIA (captured).
3. At 251335H, Co I platoon S&D (BT 066623) observed one VC with weapon (BT 067623). Platoon directed SA at VC and received 100 rounds SA fire from 8-10 VC at (BT 066620) and (BT 067623). Platoon returned 100 rounds SA and observed three VC fall. Assaulted VC position. VC fled south. Three VC WIA (poss). One USMC WIA Med Evac.
4. At 251400H, Co L platoon patrol (BT 104643) received 10-12 rounds SA fire from 2 VC (BT 097639). Returned 80 rounds SA fire. VC fled north. Patrol with 3 tanks pursued. Negative contact. 1 VC WIA (poss).
5. At 251915H, Co I platoon patrol (BT 064626) observed three women possibly reconnoitering their patrol. Patrol moved to search area and received approx 300 rounds SA fire from all directions from est 15 VC. Returned 700 rounds SA, 20 40mm, 2 3.5 HE and 27 105mm HE. Two USMC WIA, one Med Evac. Helo Med Evac received 20 rounds SA fire. Patrol returned heavy SA fire. VC fled.

CONFIDENTIAL 2d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 242145H, AMTRAC Prov platoon on bridge security (AT 999699) received 300 rounds SA from (BT 004703). Returned 500 rounds SA, 15 rounds 81mm HE. Illuminated and searched area. Negative results.
2. At 242230H, AMTRAC Prov platoon on bridge security (AT 999699) received 10 rounds SA from (BT 004705). Returned 100 rounds SA and eight rounds 81mm HE. Firing ceased.
3. At 242245H, H&S Co fire team LP (AT 993677) observed 2-3 VC (AT 994667). Marines threw one hand grenade. Searched area with negative results.
4. At 250305H, AMTRAC Prov platoon bridge security squad (AT 999699) received 50-60 rounds SA from (AT 996696). Returned 100 rounds SA, 11 81mm HE and 1 81mm illumination round. Searched area, negative results.
5. At 252000H, Co G platoon patrol base (BT 005630) received 70-80 rounds SA fire from three positions (BT 001627), (BT 004625) and (BT 007627). Returned heavy volume SA fire and 18 81mm rounds. VC fire ceased. Dispatching patrols through area.

CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn. 3d Marines Operations Summary

1. At 250130H, Co E LP vic (AT 958599) observed movement (AT 957599) and fired SA at unknown enemy force, resulting in two VC KIA (BC). Subsequently Co E was attacked by est two VC companies, receiving 60 rounds 60mm mortar fire, followed by heavy SA fire during period 250130H - 250230H. Co M/3/9 was subjected to heavy SA fire during this period. Marines returned heavy SA, 40mm, 60mm. Artillery missions totaling 1080 rounds 105mm HE were fired. Flare ship was utilized from 250200H - 250500H. USMC casualties 4 KIA, 1 DOW, 19 VC casualties 43 KIA (BC), 40 WIA (poss).
2. At 250130H, Co L S&C utilizing LVTE-1 fired eight line charges CS (AT 9561) resulting in 21 secondary explosions.
3. At 251405H, 3/3 requested SPARROW HAWK (AT 931583), lifted 251443H, landing completed 251456H. No resistance on LZ. Apprehended eight VCS, one VCC and killed one VC at (AT 931587). SPARROW HAWK mission #30.
4. At 251330H, Co M platoon perimeter (AT 954667) received SA fire and 6 40mm from (AT 957664). At the same time, the SONG YEN pontoon bridge (AT 962660) received 30-40 rounds SA fire from (AT 959656). Returned 100 rounds SA, 15 40mm, 6 LAW and 15 81mm rounds. VC withdrew. Searched area with negative results.

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(3) Operations, 3d Bn, 3d Marines

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1), (2) and (3) are forwarded.

a. Operational Highlights

(1) Operation "KINGS" completed 8th day. Preceded by air and artillery preparation of HLZ's, Co L/3/3 helilifted to LZ (AT 944553) at 260715H. Lift completed at 260730H. Co K/3/3 helilifted to LZ (AT 941560) at 260900H. Lift completed at 260920H. Co's K and L conducted S&D northeast to National Route #14 via (BT 9558). Co E/2/9 and Co M/3/9 were resupplied by LVTP-5 at first light via (AT 943588); moved southwest at 260910H to LOD (AT 922000) and conducted S&D northeast (AT 945578) commencing at 260930H. Co L/3/3 encountered heavy resistance from fortified hamlets of PHU TAY (2) (AT 954554) and PHU TAY (3) (AT 957558). At 261435H, fixed wing A/C delivered eight 500 pound GP bombs, eight 500 pound napalm bombs, and 20mm strafing runs on these hamlets. Estimate 15 VC KIA (poss) who were firing at A/C on first runs. For details of contacts see enclosure (3). Units involved in Operation "KINGS" sustained four WIA. Med Evac. During the day's action the following results were reported:

2 VC KIA (BC)
15 VC KIA (POSS)
1 VC WIA (POSS)
8 VCS

Destroyed: 11 bunkers, 50 meters tunnel, 8 fighting holes,
2 grenades.

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CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 252043H, Co I squad patrol (BT 069625) received 10 rounds SA from (BT 067625). Returned 250 rounds SA and 3 rounds 90mm cannister. Negative results.
2. At 252203H, Co I squad patrol (BT 069625) received 20 rounds SA from 6-10 VC (BT 069622). Returned 80 rounds SA and 5 rounds 105mm HP. Searched area. One VC KIA (BC).
3. At 261030H, Co I squad patrol (BT 048648) received 10 rounds SA from 3-4 VC (BT 050648). Returned 10 rounds SA and 7 rounds 40mm. Searched area with negative results.
4. At 261530H, Co I squad patrol (BT 054641) observed 5 VC vic (BT 035648) and closed on VC. On reaching area, a woman screamed and ran into house. Two grenades were thrown at patrol from house and 5 VC attempted to escape. Squad directed fire at VC, killing 2 VC (BC), capturing 2 VCC. 5th VC escaped via tunnel exit. Woman and two children apprehended in house. Female VCS was later WIA by shot fired at patrol from across river. Results: 2 VC KIA(BC), 2 VCC and 3 VCS.
5. At 261800H, a Co I squad patrol (BT 058644) received heavy SA fire from (BT 058647). Returned 400 rounds SA fire. Reinforced with another squad and searched area. Negative results.
6. At 261850H, Co I squad patrol (BT 034649) received SA fire from est VC squad (BT 031648). Returned heavy volume SA fire and assaulted. Negative results.
7. At 261900H, a Co I listening post (BT 091658) was attacked by an unknown number VC. 3 USMC KIA and one USMC WIA. Med Evac. Two platoons Co L with tanks pursued VC into hamlet of VIEM DONG (BT 095655). Hamlet cordoned, platoon searching through hamlet under illumination at end reporting period. Negative contact.

CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn. 3d Marines Operations Summary

1. At 260800H, Co L S&D (AT 952553) received 2 rounds SA from vic (AT 953554). VC firing position not determined.
2. At 260800H, Co L S&D (AT 948555) apprehended one VCS. No ID.
3. At 260830H, Co L S&D (AT 953555) apprehended one VCS. No ID.
4. At 261000H, Co L S&D (AT 947555) received light SA fire from (AT 948555). Returned fire with 18 rounds 60mm mortar. Firing ceased.
5. At 261230H, Co L S&D (AT 956547) observed 2 armed VC (AT 958547). Fired 20 rounds SA resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 VC WIA (POSS).
6. At 261300H, Co L S&D (AT 951555) observed one VC vic (AT 954547). Directed SA fire at VC, resulting in one VC KIA (BC).
7. At 261330H, Co E S&D (AT 938576) detonated one AP mine of undet. origin resulting in 4 USMC WIA. Med Evac.
8. At 261330H, Co E S&D (AT 935571) received 10 rounds SA from (AT 935773). Returned 50 rounds SA and two M-79 rounds. Assaulted area. Negative results. Apprehended five VCS. No ID.
9. At 261435H, Co L S&D (AT 949561) received heavy SA fire from est 15 VC in fortified hamlets of PHU TAY (2) (AT 954554) and PHU TAY (3) (AT 954554). Returned heavy SA fire and called in fixed wing A/C strike of 8 500 pound GP, 8 500 pound napalm bombs, and 20mm strafing runs. Attacking A/C received heavy SA on initial runs. 15 VC KIA (poss).

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(2) Operations, 2d Bn, 9th Marines
(3) Operations, 3d Bn, 3d Marines

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1), (2) and (3) are submitted.

a. Operational Highlights

(1) Operation "KINGS" completed 9th day. Between 270900H and 271232H, Co E/2/9 and Co M/3/9 retracted from Operation "KINGS" ZOA and returned to OPCON parent units. Co's L and K/3/3 commenced S&D in GS (AT 9557) and (AT 9607); searched north to (AT 960603). At 271050H, and 271130H, rescue helos received SA from tree lines (AT 960565) and (AT 951566-960568). Fixed wing A/C expended seven 500 pound napalm bombs, 16 five inch (ZUNI) rockets and ran 20mm struts on these targets estimating five VC KIA (POSS). At 271415H, Co L/3/3 received SA from an est 10 VC to its rear (AT 967575-958576). Co L/3/3 returned 1 60mm, 10 81mm, and called in fixed wing A/C with six 500 pound napalm bombs, eight 260 pound GP, and 76 2.75 rockets. Estimated 10 VC KIA (POSS). For details of contacts see enclosure (3). Units participating in Operation "KINGS" sustained no casualties. During the day's action the following results were reported:

15 VC KIA (POSS)

Destroyed: 50 meters tunnel, six fighting holes, one cave.

(2) Sparrow Hawk mission #31 was requested at 271645H, effect pickup of squad at 271721H and landed in LZ (BT 067615) at 271725H.

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CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 262035H, Co I platoon patrol base (BT 058631) observed two VC on roof of house. Fired one 3.5 HE round resulting in one VC KIA (BC) and one VC WIA (POSS).
2. At 271610H, Co I platoon patrol (BT 071613) observed six VC vic (BT 063613). Patrol fired five rounds 60mm and four rounds 105mm HE. This fire flushed 10 additional VC from (BT 063613). Patrol observed two VC being carried away after arty mission. Requested Sparrow Hawk mission #31 at 1645H. Sparrow Hawk landed at 271725H, (BT 067615) and commenced S&D of area. Received 50 rounds BA fire from (BT 065607) and (BT 067620). Sparrow Hawk returned three 3.5" HE and 100 rounds SA and assaulted area. Negative results. Apprehended four VCS (BT 007610). No ID. Two VC WIA (POSS), four VCS.
3. At 272020H, Co I platoon patrol (BT 061621) received 10 rounds SA range SA fire from (BT 075628). Returned 18 rounds 81mm. No further contact.

CONFIDENTIAL2d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 262210H, Co G platoon patrol base (BT 006631) received 12 81mm mortar rounds impacting at (BT 006629) from suspected VC mortar position vic (BT 005611). No casualties, no damages. Twenty rounds 4.2" mortars fired in return. No further VC activity.
2. At 262330H, Co C patrol (BT 002623) received three 81mm mortar rounds from vic GS (BT 0060). Pre-planned artillery hostile mortar fire returned immediately against six suspected positions. Rounds expended: 12 155mm HE, 20 105mm HE and 70 107mm HE. Results unknown

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~3d Bn. 2d Marines Operations Summary

1. At 271050H, Co L S&D resupply helos received SA fire from vic (AT 960565). Fixed wing A/C on station ran 20mm strike on VC position. VC casualties unknown.
2. At 271130H, Co L S&D (AT 958568) resupply helicopters received SA fire from vic (AT 951566-961568). Fixed wing A/C on station ran strike against VC position using seven 500 pound napalm bombs, 16 ZUNI Rockets, and 20mm cannon. VC fire ceased. Five VC KIA (POSS).
3. At 271415H, Co L S&D (AT 965572) received 60-80 rounds SA fire from (AT 967575) and (AT 958576). Returned 10 rounds 60mm, 10 rounds 81mm and called in fixed wing airstrike utilizing six 500 pound napalm tanks, eight 260 pound GP and 76 2.75 rockets resulting in 10 VC KIA (POSS).
4. At 271450H, Co L S&D (AT 965591) received 8-10 rounds SA from (AT 963593). Returned fire with two LAW rounds and two 3.5 HE rounds. VC firing ceased. Negative results.
5. At 271450H, Co I squad patrol (AT 979612) received one round S. from unknown VC force (AT 980612). Returned 15 rounds SA, assaulted VC position. Negative results.

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

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1), (2) and (3) are submitted.

a. Operational Highlights

(1) Operation "Kings" terminated with the retraction of K Co 3/3 at 281100H. Recap of box score from 190700H to 281100H.

USMC	VC
KIA-6	WIA-58 (BC)
WIA-60	KIA-83 (POSS)
DOW-2	WIA-18 (POSS)
	VC-45

(2) Sparrow Hawk mission #32 was requested at 280857H. Effected pickup of squad 0911H and landed in LZ (AT 954/26) at 280921H. See Enclosure (c) for details on Sparrow Hawk's activities.

b. Plans for the next 24 hours

(1) 3d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Continues Operations in support "Golden Fleece II" - to MAN QUAN (1) and (2) (BT 035688, (BT 045684) and KHAI TAY (1) (BT 042684).

(b) Commence operation "Alabama" 290700H. The area of the two-day Bn (-) (rein) S&D operation is bounded by (BT 058630), (BT 090630), (BT 058583) and (BT 090583). Two Marine companies working in coordination with two Popular Force elements will be reinforced by L&P's, Tanks and Ontos.

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CONFIDENTIAL(2) 2d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Co H continues S&D operations south of SONG LA THO in ZOA southern limit: GS 59.

(b) Co G conducts platoon-size mobile operation vic LA THO BAC (2) (BT 005621).

(3) 3d Bn, 3d Marines

(a) Co K establishes mobile Co (-) patrol base vic (AT 9462).

(b) Co L maintains moving Co patrol base south of Hill 58 vic (AT 9558).

(c) Co I establishes one platoon (main) patrol base in area bounded by (AT 968650), (AT 968632), (AT 980651) and (AT 980652).


c. Miscellaneous. 9th Marines CP coordinates

2/9 CP	(AT 9926 7)	3/9 CP	(BT 075656)
E Co	(AT 9926 7)	I Co	(BT 062644)
F Co	(BT 0166 7)	K Co	(BT 044685)
G Co	(AT 9906 2)	L Co	(BT 095658)
H Co	(BT 011602)	M Co	(BT 072702)

3/3 CP	(AT 97062)
L Co	(AT 955695)
K Co	(AT 9753 2)
I Co	(AT 9706 0)
M Co	(AT 9726 0)

d. Boyscore:

<u>USMC</u>	<u>VC</u>
KIA-0	KIA-3 (BO)
WIA-1	KIA-7 (POSS)
	WIA-7 (POSS)
	VCC-1
	VCS-1


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CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn, 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 272200H, Co I squad patrol (BT 057618) rec'd 20 rds SA fire from undetermined number of VC (BT 059624). Returned 6 81mm HE rds. Negative results.
2. At 272205H, Co I platoon patrol (BT 073614) rec'd SA fire from est 4-8 VC (BT 062614). Fired arty mission, 24 rds HE. Negative results.
3. At 272300H, Co I platoon patrol (BT 057615) rec'd 25 rds SA fire from est VC squad (BT 064615). Fired arty mission, 8 rds HE. Negative results.
4. At 272308H, Co I platoon patrol (BT 073614) observed 5 VC (BT 063615). Fired arty mission, 6 rds HE. Pursued and searched area. Negative results.
5. At 280820H, Co I platoon patrol (BT 048629) rec'd 10 rds SA fire from est 5 VC (BT 057631). Returned 3 3.5" WP, 2 60mm mortar rds. VC across river. Area not searched. 4 VC KIA (POSS), 1 VC WIA (POSS).
6. At 281630H, Co I platoon patrol vic (BT 046652) rec'd 40 rds SA (BT 039656). Returned 3 rds 81 WP, squad pursued. Negative results.
7. At 281830H, H&S S&D patrol (BT 075655) destroyed one 155mm rd rigged as a mine.
8. At 281930H, Co L observation post (BT 094654) rec'd 3 rds SA fire and saw a man running (BT 095653). Returned 1 rd SA hit VCS in leg. Med Evac. 1 VCS.

CONFIDENTIAL2d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 272105H, Bn perimeter security post observed 3 Vietnamese in front of bunker. Illuminated with hand illumination, threw 3 M-26 grenades. Fire Team searched area. Negative results.
2. At 281215H, Co F squad patrol (BT 038639) rec'd 10 rds SA fire from (BT 040637). Returned SA fire and searched village. Negative results.
3. At 281301H, Co H helilift (BT 009601) rec'd 25 rds SA (BT 003596). UH-1E escort returned fire. No further contact.
4. At 281520H, Co F platoon patrol (BT 042614) captured 1 VC (BT 042614) with Anti-American documents. 1 VCC.

CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn. 3d Marines Operations Summary

1. At 280835H, Aerial observer rec'd SA fire from est 20-00 VC (AT 950633). Fired 26 4.2mm mortar rds (HE). Requested Sparrow Hawk mission #32 at 280857H. Sparrow Hawk landed 280921H (AT 954625). Commenced S&D north. Elements of Co M and FF platoons from LIEU DUC District blocked for Sparrow Hawk squad. Found 3 VC KIA, (result of 4.2mm mortar mission) (BT 951633) documents, ammunition and magazines. Sparrow Hawk retracted at 281215H. 3 VC KIA, 3 VC WIA and 6 VC WIA (POSS).
2. At 281050H, Co L S&D (AT 963596) rec'd SA fire from undetermined number VC (AT 960596). Returned SA fire, and assaulted. Negative results. 1 USMC WIA. Med Evac.
3. At 280930H, a Vietnamese boy directed Co I squad patrol to 105mm rd rigged as mine (AT 985630). Rd destroyed. Boy to be rewarded.
4. At 281530H, Co L S&D (AT 954595) destroyed one CHICOM grenade rigged as mine.
5. At 281630H, Co L S&D (AT 972606) destroyed one rifle grenade rigged as a mine.

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

In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1), (2) and (3) are forwarded.

a. Operational Highlights.

(1) Operation "ALABAMA" commenced at 290745H with Co's I and L/100 crossing LOD (BT 057633-072636). Co's I and L searched south to (BT 060590-093592), which was secured by two PF platoons from BAN District. One platoon Co M with tanks screened east flank of operation area from (BT 072636) to (BT 093592). Operation "ALABAMA" encountered light resistance during first day's action. For details on contacts see enclosure (2).

(2) BARRON HAWK mission #33 was requested at 291210H in support of "GOLDEN FLEECE II". Effected pickup of squad at 291224H. Landed in LZ (BT 033675) at 291232H. See enclosure (1) for details.

b. Plans for the next 24 hours

(1) 3d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Continues offensive operation in support of "GOLDEN FLEECE II" vic MAN QUEN (1) and (2) (BT 035686), (BT 045684) and KHAI TAY (1) (BT 049684).

(b) Continues Operation "ALABAMA" 300700H. Co's I and L search north from LOD (BT 056595-083598) to LOD (BT 058007-072629). One platoon from Co M blocks from (BT 057632) to (BT 072635). 3/9 Cmd Group (LtCol TAYLOR) located at (BT 065585).

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(2) 1st Bn. 9th Marines

(a) Co A continues S&D operations south of SONG LA THO in
area. Southern limit: CL 59.

(b) One platoon Co G continues S&D operations vic LA THO
BAC (2) GS (BT 0062).

(3) 3d Bn. 3d Marines

(a) Co I maintains one platoon patrol base in GS
(AT 9764) and (AT 9864).

(b) Co I and L with tanks, LVT's and Recon divers conduct
river reconnaissance of SONG LA NGHIA from (AT 943594) to (AT 973611).

(c) Co K maintains two platoon patrol bases vic (AT 9462)
and (AT 9463).

(d) Co L conducts S&D operation in GS (AT 9660-9659-
9658-9760-9759).

c. Boxscore

<u>USMC</u>	<u>VC</u>
KIA - 0	4 KIA(BC)
WIA - 12	2 KIA(POSS)
	12 VCS

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1. At 290840H, Co I S&D (BT 062625) observed 6-8 VC in open (BT 065615). Directed 26 rounds 105mm HE at VC. Searched area with negative results.
2. At 290900H, Co L S&D vic (BT 067628) sustained one USMC WIA (minor) from a grenade with trip wire.
3. At 291100H, Co L S&D (BT 077612) received 3 rounds SA from close range. Returned 2 rounds 40mm. VC fled south.
4. At 291000H, a tank in support of Co M (BT 073618) detonated a 50 lb mine of unknown origin. Right wheel and sprockets damaged. No casualties.
5. At 291150H, Co K squad patrol (BT 041675) observed 2-3 VC (BT 073673) directing sporadic SA fire at rice harvesters in "Golden Beece II" operation. Returned SA fire and requested SPARROW HAWK mission #33 at 291210H. SPARROW HAWK arrived at 3/9 pickup point (BT 073657) at 291224H, departed pickup point at 291226H, landed in (BT 073675) at 291232H. Retracted by helicopter at 291335H. Apprehended one male VCS. No further contact.
6. At 291440H, Co L S&D (BT 082597) received 10-20 rounds SA fire from 8-10 VC vic (BT 080595). Two USMC WIA. Med Evac (one serious, one minor). Co L returned SA fire and assaulted the VC position. Negative results.
7. At 291645H, Co I S&D (BT 063596) observed one VC in treeline (BT 063598). Directed SA fire at VC who attempted to flee when challenged. One VC KIA (BO).
8. At 291912H, Co L S&D (BT 075595) received 20-25 rounds SA from 6-8 VC vic (BT 075594). Returned SA and 12 rounds 105mm HE with VT fuze. Searched area. Three VC KIA (BO). Two VC KIA (POSS)
9. At 291700H, Co K squad patrol (BT 044688) came upon nine male VCS who attempted to run when patrol approached. Nine VCS apprehended.
10. At 291945H, Co I perimeter (BT 065591) received 15-20 rounds SA fire from vic (BT 067596). Returned 200 SA, two 3.5 HE, 15 50mm, three 40mm, and one 90mm cannister round. Searched area. Negative results.

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At 291000H, Co G platoon S&D (BT 014667) received SA fire from the line (BT 011633). Returned SA fire and four rounds 107mm. One MC wounded by long range fragments. Not evac. Searched area. Negative results.

At 291030H, Co H S&D (BT 016605) received SA fire from across river (BT 023604). Fired five rounds 81mm which fell short in Co H position wounding eight Marines. Gunner's error. Placed incorrect location on gun. Med Evac.

At 292055H, Co H perimeter (BT 000595) received 35 rounds SA fire (BT 001590). No casualties. Returned 70 rounds SA and three 40mm rounds. Searched area with negative results.

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1. At 282230H, Co I squad security (AT 972612) received 6 rounds fire from vic (AT 973614). Illuminated and returned 10 rounds. Searched area with negative results.
2. At 290923H, Co M fire team engineer road sweep (AT 953663) located a mine which exploded when probed. One USMC KIA, one USMC KIA. Mod Evac. (Both 3d Ingr Bn).

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30 Mar 1966

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

Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 89 as of 302400H March 1966

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

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1), (2) and (3) are forwarded:

a. Operational Highlights.

(1) The second day of Operation "Alabama" commenced at 300730H and terminated 301340H. Co's I and L searched north from ICD (BT 060615-081617) to LOA (BT 053642-070647). One platoon blocked north (BT 057680-070651) and one platoon with tanks, ontos, and LVT's provided a mobile block on the east. The operation met no resistance during the second day's action.

(2) Sparrow Hawk mission # 34 was requested at 301100H to pursue 20 VC at (AT 983605). Effected pickup of squad at 301124H and landed in LZ (AT 976603) at 301131H. See enclosure (3) for details.

(3) Sparrow Hawk mission #35 was requested at 301705H to pursue an unknown number of VC at (BT 035667) firing on an AO. Effected pickup of squad at 301730H and landed in LZ at (BT 033665) at 301740H. See enclosure (1) for details.

b. Plans for next 24 hours.

(1) 3d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Continue offensive operation in support of "Golden Fleece II" via MAN QUAN (1) and (2) (BT 035686), (BT 045684) and KHAI TAY (1) (BT 049684).

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(b) 3d Bn will conduct a coordinated ARVN/USMC search and destroy operation via TU CMU (2) (BT 035650). Co I will provide blocking force. One company from 3d Bn 51st ARVN Regiment searches the hamlet from 310400H-311600H.

(2) 2d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Co H continues company mobile operation in GS (AT 9660) east through GS (BT 0360).

(b) Co G will conduct platoon size mobile patrol activities in GS (BT 0061).

(c) Co F will conduct platoon size mobile patrol activities in GS (BT 0161).

(3) 3d Bn, 3d Marines


(a) Co L continues S&D operation in GS (AT 9660-9659-9658-9760-9759).

(b) Co K maintains two platoon patrol bases via (AT 9462) and (AT 9562).

(c) Co I maintains one platoon patrol base via (AT 9764).

c. Boxscore:

POSS	VC
KIA-1	KIA-17
WIA-5	KIA (POSS)-1
	WIA (POSS)-6
	VCC-1
	VCC-2


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1. At 292145H, Co K mobile platoon base (BT 035685) detonated 2 .26 grenades rigged as mine. 2 USMC WIA (Med Evac).
2. At 301015H, Co K platoon in support "Golden Fleece II" found KIA in cave (BT 038680). 1 VC KIA (BC).
3. At 301450H, LVT in support "Golden Fleece II" detonated mine undetermined type (BT 063695). Track blown on LVT. 2 Regional Force soldiers and 2 civilians WIA.
4. At 301230H, Co K squad patrol (BT 036665) received heavy SA (BT 033672) (BT 031667), (BT 039669). Returned SA. Platoon with tanks sent to area. Negative results. One USMC KIA.
5. At 301845H, Co I squad patrol (BT 035675) observed 2 VC (BT 033657). Fired SA, 6 40mm rds. 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA (POSS).
6. At 301640H, Co K platoon patrol (BT 041675) rec'd SA fire from (BT 039673). Returned fire, pursued VC. 1 VC KIA (BC).
7. At 301700H, Aerial Observer rec'd SA fire from (BT 036667). Sparrow Hawk squad requested 301705H, landed 301740H (BT 033665). rec'd SA fire from est 10-20 VC (BT 028665). Returned SA fire. 1 VC KIA (POSS).
8. At 301800H, Co K platoon (BT 033673) rec'd SA fire from est 4-5 (BT 028671). Returned SA, pursued. 4 VC KIA (BC). Co K platoon linked up with Sparrow Hawk squad 301830H. Sparrow Hawk attracted 301845H.

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1. At 292055H, Co H CP (BT 000595) rec'd 4 grenades (BT 001595). Returned 2 40mm rds. Searched area. No further contact. 2 USMC KIA (non med evac).
2. At 292110H, Co G platoon patrol (BT 006622) rec'd 400-500 rds SA (BT 008623). Returned 8 rifle grenades, 8 HE, 6 WP 81mm mortar. Searched area. Negative results.
3. At 301130H, Co H search and destroy (AT 986608) observed 2 VC (AT 984608). Fired 40 rds SA. Searched area. 2 VC KIA (BC).
4. At 301445H, Co H block (AT 988603) fired 2 40mm rds at 2 VC (AT 989603). 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA (POSS).
5. At 302040H, Co G platoon patrol (BT 005620) rec'd 15 rds SA fire from undetermined number of VC (BT 001622). Returned 12 81mm mortar HE rds. Negative results.

CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn, 3d Marines Operations Summary

1. At 292100H, Co L squad patrol (AT 950642) rec'd 3 rds SA fire from est 2 VC (AT 950644). Returned SA, 1 40mm rd, pursued, searched area. Negative results.
2. At 292117H, Co L squad patrol (AT 967595) rec'd 5 rds SA fire from est 2 VC (AT 969595). Returned SA, searched area. 1 VC KIA (BC) with medical supplies. 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA (POSS).
3. At 292135H, Co M platoon CP (AT 955655) observed 2 VC (AT 953653). Fired 4 rds SA, 4 WP rifle grenades. Searched area. 1 VC WIA (POSS).
4. At 292335H, Co L CP (AT 964604) rec'd 10-15 rds SA fire and 1 40mm grenade from est 4 VC (AT 967604). Returned SA fire and 10 rds 40mm. 1 USMC WIA. Med Evac. 1 VC KIA (BC).
5. At 300800H, Co L squad patrol (AT 972607) observed 2 VC (AT 973607). Fired SA. 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA Med Evac. Captured 1-K50, 2 magazines, 1-38 revolver and 1 CHICOM grenade.
6. At 301045H, Aerial Observer spotted 20 VC (AT 983605). Sparrow Hawk requested 301100H, landed (AT 976603) at 301131H. Co H blocked (AT 985608) to (AT 979599). Sparrow Hawk squad blocked (AT 979603) to (AT 984602). Co L platoon commenced search 301130H from (AT 980607) southeast. No contact.
7. At 301135H, Co I Sparrow Hawk squad (AT 983603) shot 1 VC (AT 986603). 1 VC KIA (BC).
8. At 301155H, Co L platoon search and destroy (AT 981603) shot 1 VC (AT 984605). Captured 1 M-1, 1 M-26 grenade launcher and 30 rds .30 cal ammunition. 1 VC KIA (BC).
9. At 301220H, Co I platoon patrol (AT 970640) shot 1 VC (AT 971643). Captured grenade (unknown type) and documents. 1 VC KIA (BC).
10. At 301230H, Co I Sparrow Hawk squad (AT 986602) shot 1 VC (AT 984604). 1 VC KIA (BC).
11. At 301450H, Co I platoon search and destroy (AT 975645) observed 4 VC (AT 972645). Fired SA, 2 VC WIA (POSS).

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From: Commanding Officer
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Subj: 9th Marines SITREP Number 90 as of 312400H March 1966

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

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1), (2) and (3) are forwarded:

a. Plans for the next 24 hours.

(1) 3d Bn, 9th Marines

(a) Continues offensive operations in support of "Golden Fleece II" vic MAN QUAN (1) and (2) (BT 035686), (BT 045684) and KHAI TAY (1) (BT 049684).

(b) Conducts two platoon S&D missions on 1 Apr: (BT 118636-099658) and (BT 094628-082658).

(2) 2d Bn, 9th Marines. Co H continues company S&D operation in GS (AT 9860) east through GS (BT 0360).

(3) 3d Bn, 3d Marines

(a) Co K conducts S&D operation in GS (AT 9463-9464-9564-9565).

(b) Co L conducts S&D operation in GS (AT 9558-9658).

b. Boxscore:

USMC
8 WIA

VC
6 KIA(BC)
4 KIA(POSS)

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3d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 310005H, Co M sqd security (BT 072711) rec'd 10 rds SA fire and one grenade from (BT 073711). Returned 100 rds SA fire and 2 rds 40mm. VC broke contact. No casualties.
2. At 311920H, Co I platoon patrol (BT 041655) received 20 rounds SA fire from est five VC (BT 039664). Returned 30 rounds SA and eight rounds 81mm HE. Searched area with negative results.
3. At 311935H, Co I platoon patrol (BT 055638) observed boat on river with four VC aboard. Boat attempted to evade patrol. Patrol also received SA fire from across river believed to be a covering force for boat. Patrol directed 20 rounds SA, 10 rounds 40mm and two hand grenades at boat and VC across river. Boat sank. Four VC KIA (DC).

CONFIDENTIAL2d Bn. 9th Marines Operations Summary

1. At 310130Z, Co H sqd ambush (AT 987606) rec'd 20 rds SA fire from est 5 VC (AT 987604). One USMC WIA. Med Evac. Returned heavy SA fire. Searched area with negative results.
2. At 310910H, Co F platoon patrol (BT 015617) rec'd 5 rds SA fire from est 2 VC (BT 010610). Returned SA fire and moved to make contact. Negative results.
3. At 311345H, helicopter resupplying Co H (BT 008608) reported receiving hits from 2 .30 cal MG. No casualties. Number of hits on A/C unknown. Elements Co's G and H searched area. Negative results.
4. At 311430H, Co H S&D (BT 007607) searching for suspected MG positions indicated above tripped an explosive device of unknown origin. 7 USMC WIA. Med Evac.
5. At 312050H, Co G platoon patrol (AT 996612) received 40-50 rounds SA fire from (AT 999613). Returned 10 rounds 81mm. Searched area with negative results.

CONFIDENTIAL3d Bn, 3d Marines Operations Summary

1. Ref SITREP #89: Debriefing of Co L platoon patrol reveals 301155H entry indicating one VC KIA (BC) should be changed to read: 3 VC KIA (BC), 3 KIA (POSS).
2. At 302030H, Co L sqd patrol (AT 976609) rec'd 15 rds SA fire from close range. Returned 100 rds SA fire, 5 rds 40mm. Searched area. One VC KIA (POSS).
3. At 312015H, Co L perimeter (AT 968588) received 10 rounds SA fire from (AT 960588). Returned 20 rounds 105mm HE, four rounds 105mm WP. Searched area. Negative results.

S-4 STAFF JOURNAL (SITREP) 1 Mar 1966

TIME	SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, REPORTS, ETC.	REMARKS
IN				
OUT				
11515H	168		Called all Bns for their 6x6 availability.	HqCo-4; 1/9-7; 2/9-5; 3/9-8; 3/3-6

S-4 STAFF JOURNAL (SLTREP) 2 Mar 1966

TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, REPORTS, ETC.	REMARKS
IN	OUT				
	21515H	169		Submitted Deadlined Equipment Report and Logistic Status Report to Div, G-4. Called all Bns for their 6x6 availability.	HqCo-4; 1/9-7; 2/9-8; 3/9-7; 3/3-6

S-4 STAFF JOURNAL (SLREF)

3 March 1966

TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, REPORTS, ETC.	REMARKS
IN	OUT				
	031530H	170		Called all Bns for their 6x6 availability.	HqCo-4; 1/9-8 2/9-8; 3/9-8; 3/3-6

S-4 STAFF JOURNAL (SITREP) 4 March 1966

TIME		SVT. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, REPORTS, ETC.	REMARKS
IN	OUT				
	41515H	171		Called all Bns for their 6x6 availability.	HqCo-4; 1/9-8; 2/9-7; 3/9-8; 3/3-6

S-4 STAFF JOURNAL (SITREP) 5 March 1966

TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, REPORTS, ETC.	REMARKS
IN	OUT				
51515H		172		Called all Bns for their 6x6 availability.	HqCo-4; 1/9-7; 2/9-8; 3/9-8; 3/3-6

S-4 STAFF JOURNAL (SITREP) 6 March 1966

TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, REPORTS, ETC.	REMARKS
IN	OUT				
	61515H	173		Called all Bns for their 6x6 availability.	HqCo-4; 1/9-7; 2/9-8; 3/9-7; 3/3-6

S-4 STAFF JOURNAL (SITREP) 7 March 1966

TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, REPORTS, ETC.	REMARKS
IN	OUT				
	71515H	174		Submitted 2/9 letter on Engineer support to Commanding General, 3d Mar Div. Called all Bns for their 6x6 availability.	HqCo-3; 1/9-7; 2/9-8; 3/9-7; 3/3-6;

2-4 STAFF JOURNAL (SITREP) 8 March 1966

TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, REPORTS, ETC.	REMARKS
IN	OUT				
	81535H	175		Submitted Special Request for modification of Allowances for (3) additional M-422's. Called all Bns for their 6x6 availability.	S-4 Coord. HqCo-4; 1/9-6; 2/9-7; 3/9-7; 3/3-6

S-4 STAFF JOURNAL (SITREP) 9 March 1966

TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, REPORTS, ETC.	REMARKS
IN	OUT				
	91530H	176		Called all Bns for their 6x6 availability.	HqCo-3; 1/9-6; 2/9-7; 3/9-8; 3/3-6

C-4 STAFF JOURNAL (SLTRF) 10 March 1966

TIME	SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, REPORTS, ETC.	REMARKS
IN	OUT			
	101545H	177	Called all Bns for their 6x6 availability.	HqCo-3; 1/9-8; 2/9-8; 3/9-7; 3/3-6

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S-4 STAFF JOURNAL (SITREP) 11 March 1966

TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, REPORTS, ETC.	REMARKS
IN	OUT				
	111600H	177		Submitted Ammo Report to Division Copy 8000.1 Ord.	
		178		Called all Bns for their 6x6 availability.	HqCo-4; 1/9-8; 2/9-8; 3/9-8; 3/3-6

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S-4 STAFF JOURNAL (SITREP) 12 March 1966

TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, REPORTS, ETC.	REMARKS
IN	OUT				
	121525H	179		Called all Bns for their 6x6 Availability.	HqCo-4; 1/9-8; 2/9-7; 3/9-7; 3/3-6

S-4 STAFF JOURNAL (SITREP) 13 March 1966

TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, REPORTS, ETC.	REMARKS
IN	OUT				
	131525H	180		Called all Bns for their 6x6 availability.	HqCo-4; 1/9-8; 2/9-7; 3/9-7; 3/3-6

S-4 STAFF JOURNAL (SITREP)

14 March 1966

TIME	SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, REPORTS, ETC.	REMARKS
IN				
OUT				
141515H	181		Called all Bns for their 6x6 availability.	HqCo-4; 1/9-7; 2/9-8; 3/9-7; 3/3-6

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S-4 STAFF JOURNAL (SITREP) 15 March 1966

IN	T1 UT	SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, REPORTS, ETC.	REMARKS
	151525H	182		Called for BOD Team for Bravo Ya	BOD report to Ya S-4
		183		Called all Bns for their 6x6 availability.	HqCo-4; 1/9-7; 2/9-8; 3/9-7; 3/3-6.

S-4 STAFF JOURNAL (SITREP) 16 March 1966

TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, REPORTS, ETC.	REMARKS
IN	OUT				
	161540H	184		Called all Bns for their 6x6 availability.	HqCo-4; 1/9-8; 2/9-7; 3/9-7; 3/3-6

3-4 STAFF JOURNAL (SITREP) 17 March 1966

TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, REFFORTS, ETC.	REMARKS
IN	OUT				
	171510H	185		Called all Bns for their 6x6 availability.	HqCo-4; 1/9-8; 2/9-7; 3/9-7; 3/3-6

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S-4 STAFF JOURNAL (SITREP) 18 March 1966

TIME		SIT. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, REPORTS, ETC.	REMARKS
IN	OUT				
	181515H	186		Called all Bns for their 6x6 availability.	HqCo-4; 1/9-8; 2/9-7; 3/9-7; 3/3-6

S-4 STAFF JOURNAL (SITREP) 19 March 1966

TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, REPORTS, ETC.	REMARKS
IN	OUT				
	191525H	187		Called all Bns for their 6x6 availability.	HqCo-4; 1/9-8; 2/9-8; 3/9-7; 3/3-6

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S-4 STAFF JOURNAL (STIRUP) 20 March 1966

TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, REPORTS, ETC.	REMARKS
IN	OUT				
	201515H	188		Called all Bns for their 6x6 availability.	HqCo-4; 1/9-8; 2/9-8; 3/9-7; 3/3-6

S-4 STAFF JOURNAL (SERIAL) 21 March 1966

TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, REPORTS, ETC.	REMARKS
IN	OUT				
	211535H	189		Called all Bns for their 6x6 availability.	HqCo-4; 1/9-8; 2/9-7; 3/9-7; 3/3-6

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3-4 STAFF JOURNAL (STRIP) 23 March 66

TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, REPORTS, ETC.	REMARKS
IN	OUT				
	230900H	191		Fwd 3/9 Ltr on well drilling to Div.	Copy in 4000
	231520H	192		Called all Bns for their 6x6 availability.	HqCo-4; 1/9-6; 2/9-7; 3/9-7; 3/3-6

S-4 STAFF JOURNAL (STRIP)

24 March 1966

TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, REPORTS, ETC.	REMARKS
IN	OUT				
	241520H	143		Called all Bns for their 6x6 availability.	HqCo-4; 1/9-7; 2/9-7; 3/9-7; 3/3-6

S-4 STAFF JOURNAL (STAMP) 25 March 1966

TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, REPORTS, ETC.	REMARKS
IN	OUT				
	251530H	194		Called all Bns for their 6x6 availability.	HqCo-4; 1/9-8; 2/9-7; 3/9-7; 3/3-6

S-4 STAFF JOURNAL (STAFF)

26 March 1966

TIME	IN	OUT	SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, REPORTS, ETC.	REMARKS
251600H			195		Submitted Ammo Expenditure Report to Division Ord.	Copy 8000.1
261520H			196		Called all Bns for their 6x6 availability.	HqCo-4; 1/9-8; 2/9-7; 3/9-7; 3/3-6

S-4 STAFF JOURNAL (STREP) 27 March 1966

TIME	SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, REPORTS, ETC.	REMARKS
IN				
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271530H	197		Called all Bns for their 6x6 availability.	HqCo-4; 1/9-8; 2/9-7; 3/9-7; 3/3-6

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28 March 1966

TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, REPORTS, ETC.	REMARKS
IN	OUT				
	281525H	197		Called all Bns for their 6x6 availability.	HqCo-4; 1/9-8; 2/9-8; 3/9-7; 3/3-6

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29 March 1966

TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, REPORTS, ETC.	REMARKS
IN	OUT				
	291530H	198		Called all Bns for their 6x6 availability.	Hq Co-4; 1/9-8; 2/9-8; 3/9-7; 3/3-6

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TIME	IN	OUT	SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, REPORTS, ETC.	REMARKS
		301515H	199		Called all Bns for their 6x6 availability.	HqCo-4; 1/9-8; 2/9-8; 3/9-7; 3/3-6
			200		First Endorsement on CO, 2d Bn, 9th Mar ltr 4/PJA/cms 4000 dtd 29Mar66	Copy to 4000

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31 March 1966

TIME	SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, REPORTS, ETC.	REMARKS
IN				
OUT				
311530H	201		Called all Bns for their 6x6 availability.	HqCo-4; 1/9-8; 2/9-7; 3/9-7; 3/3-6
311015H	202		Submitted request to Div Engro for bunkers for forward CP on Hill 55.	(4)-8' x 12' (1)-8' x 8'

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FRAG ORDER 60-66

A. DIV 03300.1

B. MY 010155Z (RPA 104-66) (ALERT BN)

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL.

(1) OPERATION ROUGH RIDER DEPARTED BANANG ENROUTE TAM KY 010710.
RETURN TRIP COMMENCED 011230H. CLOSED BANANG TACR 011645H.

(2) 25 KOREAN MARINE CORPS OFFICERS AND NCO'S ARRIVED 9TH
MARINES CP AT 011030H TO COMMENCE 3-DAY VISIT.

(3) VISITING OFFICERS FROM REPUBLIC OF CHINA WILL ARRIVE 9TH
MARINES CP AT 021145H BY HELICOPTER. WILL VISIT 3/3 AT 1315. DEPART
9TH MARINES 2/A AT 1415.

B. ENEMY FORCES. NINTH MARINES ISUMS 60-66

2. MISSION: NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION.

A. 30 BN 9TH MARINES. CONDUCT BATTALION (-) SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION
AREA BOUNDED BY (BT 099641). (BT 175649). (BT 146616).
AND (BT 123597). OPERATION COMMENCES 020820H AND TERMINATES 021700H.
COMPANIES I AND K
ADVANCE NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION FROM LND (BT 123598) TO (BT 144615).

ADVANCE TO LNA (BT 105627) TO (BT 123634). CO L ADVANCES SOUTHEAST
TO LNA FROM VIC (BT 103646) TO (BT 110649). ONE PLATOON CO L BLOCKS
VIC (BT 101624) TO (BT 109614). 7 TANKS, 4 ONTOS AND 10 LVTS IN SUPPORT.

B. 30 BN 30 MARINES. CONDUCT COMPANY (-) SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION
IN CHAU SON (1), (2), AND (3) (AT 9461) 8 (AT 9460) AND (AT 9560).

C. 2ND BN 9TH MARINES. ALERT BN: REF B.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. COMMANDERS ARE ENJOINED TO
EXERCISE DUE CAUTION IN APPREHENDING VIETNAMESE CITIZENS TO INS-

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SURE THAT FRIENDLY VILLAGERS ARE NOT MISTAKENLY SUBJECTED TO UN-NECESSARY INDIGNITIES AND THEREBY ALIENATING THEM TO MARINE FORCES.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. ADMINISTRATION. "LESSONS LEARNED" DURING PERIOD DECEMBER THROUGH FEBRUARY 1966 DUE THIS HEADQUARTERS NLT 031600H. RESTRICT REPORT TO ITEMS NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. REFERENCE A. ORIGINAL AND TWO COPIES REQUIRED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

A. COMMAND. 3/9 COMMAND POST DESPLACED TO (BT 073656). COMMENCED OPERATIONS NEW CP AT 011100H.

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RELEASER: E.H. SIMMONS

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FRAG ORDER 61-66

A. CG III MAF MSG 130500Z NOV 1965

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL. VISITING OFFICERS FROM REPUBLIC OF CHINA, HEADED BY LTGEN YU, ARRIVED 9TH MARINES CP AT 021130H AND DEPARTED 021415H.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 61-66

C. FRIENDLY FORCES. NO CHANGE

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION

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- A. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES. CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE SEARCH AND DESTROY VIC (BT 070702-070671).
- B. 2D BN, NINTH MARINES. SIX-HOUR ALERT BATTALION.
- C. 3D BN, 3D MARINE. CONDUCT PLATOON (REIN) SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION (AT 9663), (AT 9662), (AT 9763), (AT 9762). THREE SQUADS BACK (AT 96626), (AT 963626), AND (AT 96634). 1 SQUAD SWEEP SOUTHWEST FROM VIC (AT 971638).
- D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.
- (1) BATTALIONS WILL BE GUIDED BY REF A IN HANDLING VCC AND VC.
- (2) DIRECT SUPPORT COMPANY COMMANDERS REQUESTED TO ATTEND WEEKLY OPERATIONS BRIEFING AT 9TH MARINES CP AT 051000H.
- (3) BATTALION S-3'S OR REPRESENTATIVE WILL ATTEND BRIEFING 9TH MARINE CP 030030H.
- (4) KOREAN MARINE OFFICERS WILL BE RETURNED TO 9TH MARINE CP NLT 031130H.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS
- A. ADMINISTRATION
- (1) RETOPS REPORTS DUE 03 MARCH.
- (2) NOMINEES FOR SNIPER PLATOON TUE 03 MARCH.
- (3) LESSONS LEARNED DUE THIS HEADQUARTERS 101600H.

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FOLLOWING GUIDANCE APPLIES:

- (A) USE FORMAT OF THIRD MARDIV LESSONS LEARNED 1 JUNE 1965-1 DEC 1965.
- (B) ITEMS INVOLVING RESTATEMENT OF ACCEPTED TACTICAL PRINCIPLES AND UNSATISFACTORY EQUIPMENT NOT DESIRED.
- (C) EMPHASIZE TACTICS, TECHNIQUES, EXPEDIENTS, AND IDEALS DEVELOPED FROM OPERATIONS AND EXPERIENCE IN RVN.
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.
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FRAG ORDER 62-66

1. SITUATION.

A. GENERAL. 14 KOREAN MARINES DEPARTED 9TH MAR REGT AT 1300H.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MAR ISUM 62-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION.

A. 2D BN 9TH MAR 12 HOUR ALERT BN COMMENCING 041200H.

B. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. BN'S WILL CONTINUE AGGRESSIVE PATROL ACTIVITY.

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FRAG ORDER 63-66

A. 9TH MAR 201259Z (OP ORDER 103-66)

B. 9TH MAR 010155Z (OP ORDER 104-66)

C. DIV OP 343-65

D. DIV O 3590.3

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL. OPCON K CO 3/3 CHANGED FROM 2/1 TO 1/1 041200H.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 63-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

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3. EXECUTION

A. 'D' BN 9TH MARINES. BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT "COUNTY FAIR" OPERATIONS DUONG SO-CAM NE-YEN NE COMPLEX ON ORDER. REF A.

B. 3D BN 9TH MARINES. CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN AREA ENCLOSED BY (BT 078658), (BT 10:670), (BT 087698). M CO BLOCKS NORTH, I AND L CO SWEEP SOUTH TO NORTH WITH TANKS AND ONTOS.

C. 3D BN 3D MARINES. EXECUTE YOUR OP PLAN 1-66 NLT 6 MARCH.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) REF B CANCELLED.

(2) ALL FORWARD BATTALIONS WILL BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE ALERT BATTALION ON 6-HOUR NOTICE.

(3) ALERT BATTALION WILL CONSIST OF BATTALION COMMAND GROUP AND TWO RIFLE COMPANIES REINFORCED.

(4) ADDITION OF 3D AND 4TH RIFLE COMPANIES WILL BE ON ORDER AND WILL BE FROM OTHER BATTALIONS IN REGIMENT.

(5) COMMAND GROUP "BRAVO" WILL BE CONSTITUTED BY EACH BATTALION WHICH WILL ASSUME OPCON REMAINING BATTALION ELEMENTS AND ITS ZONE OF ACTION UPON EMPLOYMENT ALERT BATTALION.

(6) DIVISION MOBILE RESERVE (REGIMENTAL RESERVE) WILL BE PROVIDED BY FORWARD BATTALIONS ON DATES INDICATED: 3D BN.

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3D MAR 051200 TO 201200H MAR, 2D BN, 9TH MAR 201200H TO 041200H APR,
3D BN, 9TH MAR 041200H TO 191200H APR.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. ADMINISTRATION. ACTION ADDEES (LESS HQS CO) SUBMIT NOMINEES
(1 OFFICER (LT)), 1E-7, 1 E-6, 1 RTE ARMORER MOS 2112) NLT 061500H.
REF D APPLIES.

B. SIX VISITING DIGNITARIES HEADED BY LTGEN BERTON SPIVY, U.
S. ARMY, J* JOINT STAFF, OJCS, WILL VISIT 9TH MARINES ZONE OF AC-
TION 1040-1050 5 MAR.

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 FRAG ORDER 64-66

1. SITUATION

A. GENRAL. LTGEN BERTON SPIVY, USA, O-5, OJCS HEADED A PARTY
 OF DIGNITARIES WHO VISITED THE NINTH MARINES ZONE OF ACTION 051040H
 TO 051200H INCLUDING 2D BN, 9TH MAR CP, BTRY E/2/12, AND CO F/2/9.
 B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 64-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION.

A. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES. COMMENCING 060700H, CONDUCT 1-DAY S&D
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OPERATION USING THREE RIFLE COMPANIES (REIN) IN AREA BOUNDED BY (BT 053644), (BT 074644), (BT 056617) AND (BT 070605). TEN LVT's, 7 TANKS AND 4 ONTO'S IN SUPPORT.

B. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES.

(1) PROVIDE 3 PLATOONS TO OCCUPY BLOCKING POSITIONS VIC (BT 054613), (BT 055622), AND (BT 054632) IN SUPPORT 3/9 OPERATION.

(2) ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR DIVISION/REGIMENTAL MOBILE RESERVE COMPANY 060700H TO 070700H MAR.

C. 3D BN, 3D MARINES

(1) COMMENCING 060700H, CONDUCT BN(-) (REIN) S&D OPERATION ALONG BOTH BANKS OF SONG YEN BETWEEN GS (AT 9361) AND (AT 9364). COMPANY L ON LEFT SWEEPS TO NE ON WEST BANK FROM VIC (AT 930615); COMPANY I SWEEPS TO NE ON EAST BANK FROM (AT 938610). TWO PLATOONS BLOCK AT (AT 950639) AND (AT 954641).

(2) RELIEVED OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR DIVISION/REGIMENTAL MOBILE RESERVE COMPANY 060700H TO 070700H MAR.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) ALL UNITS CONTINUE AGGRESSIVE PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES.
(2) FOLLOWING LIMITING POINTS ESTABLISHED:

(A) 3/9-2/9 VIC (BT 053641) - WHERE STREAM EMPTIES INTO SONG VINH DIEN. CONTACT LEFT TO RIGHT.

(B) 2/9-3/3 VIC (AT 990642) - NORTH END HA LONG BRIDGE. CONTACT RIGHT TO LEFT.

(C) COORDINATION AT LIMITING POINTS WILL INCLUDE CONTACT PATROLS.

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 FRAG ORDER 65-66

A. 9TH MAR MSG 121405Z FEB (FRAG ORDER 7-66) (MOUSE TRAP)

B. CG 3D MARDIV 050910Z

C. CG 3D MARDIV 050243Z

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1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MAR ISUM 65-66

B. FRIENDLY FORCES. 591 REGIONAL FORCE CO WITH ONE COMMANDO

PLATOON FROM 51ST ARVN REFT. HAMLET AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS, NATIONAL

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POLICEMEN AND MEMBERS OF THE PACIFICATION CADRE WILL PARTICIPATE IN OPERATION "COUNTY FAIR" ON 7 MARCH.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION.

A. 3D BN 9TH MAR. PLACE ONE RIFLE CO ON SIX HOUR ALERT FOR POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT VIC CHU LAI TAOR.

B. 20 BN 9TH MAR. EXECUTE OPERATION "COUNTY FAIR" IN DUONG SON (2)(AT993677) COMMENCING 070400H. CO E AND ELEMENTS M&S CO CORDON HAMLET IN SUPPORT GVN OFFICIALS WHO WILL CONDUCT CENSUS AND REGISTRATION OF VILLAGERS, ISSUE ID DOCUMENTS, AND INTRODUCE VILLAGERS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

C. 3D BN 3D-MAR. RESUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR DIVISION/REGT MOBILE RESERVE CO AT 070700H.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) REF A CANCELLED.

(2) REF B REQUESTS LISTING OF TRAFFIC CONTROL POINTS AND OTHER PERTINENT DATA. ACTION ADDEES SUBMIT REPORT DIRECTLY TO CG 3D MAR DIV INFO THIS HQ. NOTE DEADLINE 10 MARCH 1966.

(3) REF C POINTS OUT THAT TWICE IN THE LAST SIX DAYS MARINE RIFLE COMPANIES HAVE BEEN ENGAGED AT EXTREMELY CLOSE RANGE

BY DUG-IN ENEMY TROOPS FIRING FPL TYPE FIRES, AN INNOVATION NOT PREVIOUSLY ENCOUNTERED BY MARINE UNITS IN RVN. COMMANDERS WILL INSURE THAT SCREENING ELEMENTS ARE EMPLOYED TO THE FRONT AND FLANKS OF UNITS DURING MOVEMENT TO CONTACT PHASE IN OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS.

(4) REF D REQUESTS LOCATION OF ROAD GUARDS/SENTRIES. ACTION ADDEES SUBMIT REPORT DIRECTLY TO CG 3D MAR DIV INFO THIS HQ. NOTE DEADLINE 071200H.

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FRAG ORDER 66-66

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL. A CONFERENCE WAS HELD AT 071400H ON SUBJECT OF MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS. CONFEREES INVESTIGATED MINE AND BOOBY TRAP WARFARE TECHNIQUES EMPLOYED BY VC. MEMBERS THIS HEADQUARTERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THIRD ENGINEER BN AND EOD TEAM. FISC ATTENDED. CONFERENCE WILL BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK. SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS WILL BE PROMULGATED.

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

C. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION.

A. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES. COMMENCING 0700H, CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION WITHIN AREA BOUNDED BY (BT 032649), (BT 054652), (BT 051685), (BT 033685). M CO WITH TANKS BLOCKS ON EAST VIC (BT 053658) TO (BT 051685). K CO BLOCKS NORTH VIC (BT 033685) (BT 046683). H CO 2/9 BLOCKS WEST VIC (BT 031648), (BT 032655). (BT 028666). (BT 028679), (BT 026687). I CO SWEEPS SOUTH TO NORTH.

B. 2D BN 9TH MARINES.

(1) RESUME OPCON F CO UPON RETURN FROM HUE PHU RAI AT ABOUT 080900H.

(2) EXTEND "COUNTY FAIR" OPERATION ONE ADDITIONAL DAY.

C. 3D BN, 3D MARINES. CO 1 PLATOON CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION VIC (AT 957632).

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. ALL UNITS WILL CONSIDER EMPLOYING SPARROW HAWK AGAINST APPROPRIATE TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. ADMINISTRATION. FOLLOWING IS CHANGE TO COMMANDING GENERALS INSPECTION SCHEDULE:

(1) 1ST BN, 9TH MAR - 14-20 MARCH.

(2) HQ, 9TH MAR, 2D BN, 9TH MAR, 3D BN, 3D MAR - 21-27 MARCH.

(3) 3D BN, 9TH MAR - 28 MARCH - 3 APRIL.

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FRAG ORDER 67-66

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL

(1) F CO, 2DBN, 9TH MARINES RETURNED FROM HUF-PHU BAI AT 081530H.

(2) OPERATION COUNTRY FAIR IN DUONG SON (2) VIC (AT 995677) TERMINATED 081530H. RESULTS 5 VC KIA, 1 RIFLE, 1 PISTOL, 1 CARBINE CAPTURED. 7 VCS COORDINATED USMC-VIETNAMESE EFFORT CONSIDERED SUCCESSFUL AND PAVED WAY FOR SIMILAR OPERATIONS.

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1. B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 67-66.
2. MISSION. NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION

A. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) PROVIDE ONE OFFICER AND TWO 10-MQN SQUADS TO AUGMENT SECURITY AND DEFENSE 1ST BN, 1ST MARINES (REAR) (BT 071707) NLT 091800H

(2) 100600H, ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR 1/1 CP CANTONMENT VIC (BT 071707) AND OPCON OF REMAINING 1ST BN, 1ST MARINES SECURITY

PERSONNEL.

(3) CONDUCT FIVE-PLATOON SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION VIC (BT 030667), (BT 082697), (BT 084643) AND (BT 037663).

B. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) RESUME OPCON F/2/9 AS OF 081530H.

(2) CONDUCT TWO PLATOON SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN GS (AT 9964) AND (AT 9965)

C. 3D BN, 3D MARINES. CONDUCT PLT (REIN) SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION GS (AT 9362) COMMENCING 090600H. TERMINATE ABOUT 091800H.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. INTENTION THIS HEADQUARTERS TO ASSIGN ALL PERSONNEL GRADE SGT/ABOVE TO ATTEND MINE WARFARE SCHOOL PRIOR TO ASSIGNMENT TO SUBORDINATE UNITS. FIRST CLASS SCHEDULED FOR

10 MARCH.
APPROXIMATELY 15 PERSONNEL SCHEDULED TO ATTEND.
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A. 9TH MAR. 081215Z (FRAG ORDER 68-66)

1. SITUATION. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MAR ISUM 68-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION.

A. 3D BN 9TH MAR. CONDUCT PLATOON SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN VIC (BT082697), (BT072703), (BT084637), (BT036653), (BT044686).

B. 2D BN 9TH MAR. COMMENCING 100400H BN (-) CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN HA DONG CIC (AT998642). G CO (-) BLOCKS VIC (AT997638) TO (AT006644). H CO PLATOONS BLOCK EAST VIC (BT008646)

AND NORTH (BT003650). F CO ELEMENTS CROSS LOD VIC (AT990664) (BT012662) SEARCH AND DESTROY NORTH TO SOUTH. GVN FORCES ASSIST IN SEARCH OF HAMLET AND PROVIDE LIAISON WITH VILLAGERS.

C. 3D BN 3D MAR. CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN CIC (AT960625) AND XUAN DIEM (2) VIC (AT968635).

4. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS.

A. ADMIN.

(1) LESSONS LEARNED DUE 101600H.

(2) PARA 3, A(1) AND (2) OF REF A CANCELLED.

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1. SITUATION. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 69-66
2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.
3. EXECUTION.

A. 3D BN 9TH MARINES. CONTACT. FOUR PLATOON-SIZE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS. VC (BT 088633), (BT 073702), (BT 090687), AND (BT-052546) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS 11 MARCH.

B. 2DBN 9TH MARINES. CONTINUE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH 2/9 OPO 3-66.

C. 3D BN 3D MARINES. CONDUCT OPERATION COUNTY FAIR (3) VIC CAM

NE (6) (AT9768) COMMENCING 110300H (TWO DAY COORDINATED USMC-GVN OPERATION.) USMC CO (-) CORDONS CAM NE (6) ALONG WESTERN BOUNDARY AND OCCUPIES BLOCKING POSITIONS. GVN FORCES AND OFFICIALS COMMENCE THEIR PORTION OF OPERATION 110700H FROM EAST).

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. SEVERAL RECENT INSTANCES NOTED IN WHICH VC TOOK ADVANTAGE OF INTERVENING BODIES OF WATER TO EVADE PURSUING USMC FORCES. COMMANDERS ARE ENJOINED TO EXPLOIT SPARROW HAWK CAPABILITY IN SITUATIONS OF THIS NATURE.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. ADMINISTRATION.

(1) SUBMIT NOMINEES AS FOLLOWS NLT 121600H FOR SNIPER PLATOON:

(A) 1ST BN 9TH MARINES - 1 ARMORER (MOS 2112).

(B) 2D BN 9TH MARINES - 1 SNCO.

(C) 3D BN 3D MARINES - 1 OFFICER (LT).

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FRAG ORDER 70-66

A. CG 3D MARDIV 090253Z

B. FOR/NCC/AS I CORPS BULLETIN 5510

SITUATION

A. GENERAL

(1) NEW MEMBER EXECUTIVE STAFF ESTABLISHED 11 MARCH. 1ST
LT J. M. STONE ASSIGNED AS REGIMENTAL S-5.

(2) 1ST LT R. G. MCENRY WILL RELIEVE CAPT E. H. HARRIS JR AS
REGIMENTAL LNO AT 51ST ARVN REGIMENTAL CP BO MUNG (1).

(3) HUMAN SCIENCE RESEARCH LABORATORY REPRESENTATIVES WILL VISIT
9TH MAR UNITS 12 MARCH TO DISCUSS CIVIC ACTION AND RELATED MATTERS.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 70-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. 3D BN 9TH MARINES. CONDUCT SIX (6) PLATOON SEARCH AND DESTROY
OPERATIONS VIC (BT 044686), (BT 037650), (BT 045659), (BT 099656),
(BT 083697) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

B. 2D BN 9TH MARINES. PLACE ONE COMPANY ON ONE-HOUR ALERT FOR
POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT AS RIOT CONTROL FORCE IN DANANG.

C. 3D, 3D MARINES.

(1) COMMENCING FIRST LIGHT 12 MARCH, CONDUCT CO(-) SEARCH AND
DESTROY OPERATION GS (AT 9662). ONE PLATOON BLOKS (AT 962625) TO
(AT 961630). ONE PLATOON SWEEPS FROM NORTHWEST TO SOUTHWEST.

(2) CONDUCT PLATOON-SIZE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN GRID
SQUARES (AT 9463), (AT 9464), (AT 9465).

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. COMMANDERS WILL INSURE STRICT
ADHERENCE TO PROVISIONS OF REF AMHICH OUTLINES POLICY FOR THE
CONTROL, DISPOSITION, AND SAFE GUARDING OF VN
PROPERTY AND FOOD SUPPLIES. SUBSTANCE OF REF A WILL BE INCLUDED IN
COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS OF ALL OPERATION ORDERS, OPERATION
PLANS, AND PATROL ORDERS.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. ADMINISTRATION. COMMANDERS WILL INSURE THAT INSTRUCTION IS
PROVIDED REGARDING SECURITY OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION, PRACTICES,
AND PROCEDURES. REF B.

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FRAG ORDER 71-66

A. CG 3D MARDIV 091436Z

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1. SITUATION.

A. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MAR ISUM 71-66

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION.

A. 3D BN 9TH MAR.

(1) CONDUCT SIX PLATOON SIZE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN'S VIC

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(BT072625), (BT078619), (BT081627), (BT073620), (BT073702),
 (BT083697).

(2) EXECUTE BN (-) SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN. I CO (REIN)
 AND ONE PLATOON L CO BLOCK SOUTH VIC (BT096636). K CO SWEEPS FROM VIC
 (BT089645) TO BLOCK WEST VIC (BT103651) TO (BT092632). L CO SWEEP
 NORTH TO SOUTH FROM VIC (BT109649). OPERATION COMMENCES 130700H.

B. 2D BN 9TH MAR. PLACE 1 CO ON 3 HOUR ALERT 1800-0600; 1
 PLATOON ON 1 HOUR ALERT; CO (-) ON 3 HOUR ALERT 0600-1800.

POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT AS RIOT CONTROL FORCE IN DANANG.

C. 3D BN 3D MAR. CONDUCT CO (-) RIVER CROSSING VIC
 (AT978617). AT FIRST LIGHT CONDUCT RAID THEN DELIBERATE SEARCH AND
 DESTROY VILLAGE DUC KY(1) VIC (AT999613). ONE SQUAD BLOCN VIC
 (AT973611).

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) VC HAVE BEEN MODIFYING CONVENTIONAL SHAPED CHARGES TO
 UTILIZE THEIR BLAST EFFECT HORIZONTALLY AS DIRECTIONAL MINES. ALL UNITS

CAPTURING OR UNCOVERING SHAPED CHARGES REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO TH'S
 HQS AND TO ENGR/EOD UNIT. IF RECOVERY IS IMPRACTICAL, DESTROY ON THE
 SPOT FOR TROOP SAFETY. SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBE ALL SUCH MINES IN SPOT
 REPORTS AND ISUMS. REF A.

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(2) COMMENCING 140600H EACH BN WILL PROVIDE SPARROW HAWK SQUAD FOR EMPLOYMENT IN OWN ZOA. PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING SPARROW HAWK AIRCRAFT REMAINS UNCHANGED. BN'S SHOULD INCLUDE PICK UP WORD IN ADDITION TO LZ IN TARGET AREA WHEN INITIALLY SUBMITTING REQUEST.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. ADMINISTRATION.

(1) REF B OUTLINES SCHEDULE FOR CLASS V CONTACT INSTRUCTIONS TEAM TO INSPECT AND PROVIDE INSTRUCTION FOR 9TH MAR UNITS.

(2) LAND MINE WARFARE SCHOOL CONTINUES ON FOLLOWING SCHEDULE.

(A) 14 MARCH (3 DAYS) 4 NCO'S-3/3

(B) 17 MARCH (3 DAYS) 10 NCO'S-1/9-4

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ONE DAY PRIOR TO SCHOOL, PERSONNEL REPORT TO HQ COMDT 9TH MAR REGT FOR BILLETING, MESSING AND TRANSPORTATION. SCHOOL SCHEDULED 0745-1630 DAILY.

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FRAG ORDER 72-66

A. DIV OP O-369-66 (GOLDEN FLEECE II)

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL. MAJ GEN JOHN TILLSON U.S. ARMY, MACV J-3, AND PARTY VISITED 9TH MARINES UNITS AND E/2/12 131130H TO 131400H.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 72-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION.

A. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES. CONDUCT OPERATION "COUNTY FAIR" IN

COORDINATION WITH RF COMPANIES 593 AND 594 AND PACIFICATION CADRE. ONE USMC COMPANY BLOCKS VIC (BT 033730) TO (BT 047725) TO (BT 038719). R F CO-594 BLOCKS VIC (BT 034730) TO (BT 038719) WITH PACIFICATION CADRE CONDUCTS OPERATIONS TRUNG LUONG VIC (BT 042723). TWO-DAY OPERATION.

B. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES.

(1) CONDUCT PLATOON-SIZE PATROLS DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS 13 - 14 MARCH FROM VIC (AT 999677) THROUGHOUT GRID SQUARE (AT 9866) AND ONE IN HAMLET QUA GIANG (2) VIC (BT 002665).

(2) PLACE 1 CO ON 3-HOUR ALERT 1800-0600; 1 PLATOON ON 1 HOUR ALERT. CO (-) ON 3 HOUR ALERT 0600-1800. POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT AS RIOT CONTROL FORCE IN DANANG.

C. 3D BN, 3D MARINES. CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE AMBUSH VIC (AT 43613) FROM 131900-2200H.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. AUTHORITY GRANTED TO EXECUTE OFFENSIVE

OPERATIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH GOLDEN FLEECE II ACTIVITIES. IT IS EMPHASIZED THAT THE MILITARY ASPECT OF THESE OPERATIONS TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER GOLDEN FLEECE II AND WILL NOT BE DEGRADED IN FAVOR OF THE RICE HARVEST. REF A.

A. ADMINISTRATION. 3D BN, 3D MARINES SEND 4 NCO'S TO MINE WAR-

FARE SCHOOL. BRING MESS GEAR.

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RAG ORDER 73-66

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 130903Z

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL

(1) LT GEN SIR JOHN WILTON, CHIEF OF GEN STAFF, AUSTRALIAN FORCES, AIR VICE MARSHAL HEADLAN AND BRIGADIER O. D. JACKSON, CMDR AUSTRALIAN FORCES C IET NAM, WILL VISIT 9TH MARINE ZOA 1210-1345H 15 MARCH.

(2) MAJGEN W. B. KYLE, USMC, PROSPECTIVE DIVISION CMDR, WILL VISIT 9TH MARINES UNITS 1540-1700 15 MARCH.

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(3) REQUIREMENT PLACED ON 2D BN, 9TH MARINES TO PROVIDE RIOT CONTROL COMPANY ON 3-HOUR ALERT SECURED AT 141700H.

(4) EFFECTIVE 140800H, RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVIDING COMMUNICATIONS/LIAISON PERSONNEL VN VEDETTE PATROL ASSUMED BY AIR BASE DEFENSE BN. (REF A).

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 73-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE OPERATION "COUNTY FAIR" TRUNG LOUNG VIC (BT 0472) WITH ONE P COMPANY (-).

(2) RETRACT ALL MARINES FORCES FROM COUNTY FAIR AREA OF OPERATION AT ITS CONCLUSION.

(3) CONDUCT 3 PLATOON-SIZE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS VIC (BT 050657), (BT 041653), (BT 077640-087616), (BT 097626-082645) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

B. 2D BN NINTH MARINES. CONDUCT ONE-DAY COMPANY SEARCH AND DESTROY FROM VIC (AT 991641) SOUTH TO VIC (BT 000615) COMMENCING 150630H.

C. 3D BN 3D MARINES. CONDUCT BN (-) SEARCH AND DESTROY

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OPERATION WITH 5 "CHIEU HOI" RETURNEES. ESTABLISH ONE PLATOON (REIN)
VIC (AT 9463) TO CONTROL WEST BANK OF RIVER? IC (AT 953640) TO
(AT 955630). ONE PLATOON BLOCKS SOUTH VIC (AT 957620) TO

(AT 962620). ONE PLATOON WITH RALLIERS SWEEPS EAST TO WEST VIC

(AT 981623) TO (AT 959638). ONE PLATOON SWEEPS NORTH TO SOUTH FROM
VIC (AT 965656) TO (AT 958639). TWO DAY OPERATION.

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FRAG ORDER 74-66

1. SITUATION.

A. GENERAL.

- (1) MAJ GEN N. B. KYLE VISITED 9TH MAR REGT 151540H-151700H.
(2) LT GEN SIR JOHN WILTON, CHIEF OF GEN STAFF, AUSTRALIAN

FORCES; AIR VICE MARSHALL HEADLAN AND BRIGADIER C. D. JACKSON,
CMR AUSTRALIAN FORCES MET NAM. VISITED 9TH MAR ZOA 151210H-
151345H.

- (3) COUNTY FAIR 4 TERMINATED 151600H.

- (4) 2D BN 9TH MAR RIOT CONTROL COMPANY SECURED 151730H.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MAR ISUM 74-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION.

A. 2D BN 9TH MAR. CONDUCT FOUR SEARCH AND DESTROY
OPERATIONS DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS VIC (BT057610-058630-070630-070610),

(BT032640-034661-042661-048650), (BT097630-099640-103645-
114630-105627), AND (BT030680-042680-042667-029667).

B. 2D BN 9TH MAR. COMMENCING 160630H CONDUCT CO (-) SEARCH AND DESTROY
OPERATION FROM VIC (BT015636) THROUGH (BT015626) AND (BT013616)
TO RIVER CIC (BT007608). TERMINATE 161530H.

C. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

- (1) CURFEW IN HOA LANG DISTRICT IS FROM 2000H-0600H EXCEPT:

(A) ON HIGHWAY FROM CIC (BT031760-031735-001723-986775-956786)
2200H-0500H.

(B) ON HIGHWAY FROM VIC (BT010733-004718) 2400H-0500H.

- (2) RIVER TRAFFIC NOT ALLOWED VIC (BT015715-040761)
1800H-0530H.

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FRAG ORDER 76-66

1. SITUATION:

A GENERAL FORMER VIET CONG WHO HAD OPERATED IN THAI AM HAMLET (AT 978644) RETURNED TO GVN AREA 15 MAR 66 AND STATED TO INTERROGATORS THAT MEMBERS HIS GUERRILLA SQUAD ARMED THEMSELVES WITH US (M-26) GRENADES BY WATCHING FOR AREAS WHERE MARINES OR ARVN HAD SET UP AN AMBUSH DURING NIGHT. AFTER TROOPS DEPARTED IN MORNING, SEARCH OF AMBUSH AREA WOULD BE MADE AND VIET CONG WOULD FIND ONE OR TWO GRENADES DROPPED OR FORGOTTEN BY FRIENDLY UNIT & COMMANDERS.

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TAKE PARTICULAR NOTE OF INFORMATION. TAKE IMMEDIATE APPROPRIATE
ACTION.

B. ENEMY FORCES: 9TH MAR 1500 76-66.

3. EXECUTION.

A. 3D BN 9TH MAR: CONDUCT SIX PLATOON SIZE SEARCH AND DESTROY
OPNS DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS VIC (BT082697-086667), (BT102634-113
637), (BT099658-092635), (BT058627-083614), (BT057617-046646),
(BT053717-045724).

B. 2D BN 9TH MAR: COMMENCING 181300H CONDUCT COMPANY SIZE S&D
OPERATION AREA SOUTH OF TRAIL (AT995617) TO (BT026618), EAST
OF RAILROAD, SOUTH OF SONG LA THO, WEST OF THANH QUIT FOR PERIOD
OF ABOUT 4 DAYS.

C. 3D BN 3D MAR: CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE SEARCH AND DESTROY COMMENCING
180530H VIC THAI CAM (2) (AT975636), THAI OH (3) (AT974626), YUA
DIEM (1) (AT066638), XUAN DIEM (2) (AT963628).

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) ROUTINELY EACH RIFLE COMPANY WILL MAINTAIN A MINIMUM OF TWO
THIRDS AVAILABLE PERSONNEL ON PATROLS, AMBUSHES, AND LISTENING
POSTS DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS. IN ACCOMPLISHING ABOVE, EACH CO
WILL CONDUCT FOLLOWING MINIMUM NIGHT ACTIVITIES:

- (1) ONE SQD NIGHT PATROL PER PLATOON.
- (B) ONE SQD AMBUSH PER PLATOON.
- (C) ONE PT LISTENING POST PER PLATOON.
- (2) COMMANDERS WILL INSURE THAT PLANNING OF PATROL/AMBUSH/PT
SITES AND ROUTES AVOIDS REPETITION AND PATTERNS. NO PT OR
AMBUSH OR LISTENING POST SITES WILL NOT BE COUNTED AS PATRS.
- (3) ALERT STATUS FOR PERIMETER SECURITY IS 50 PERCENT MINIMUM.

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FRAG ORDER 77-66

1. SITUATION.

A. GENERAL. ELEMENTS OF ALL 3 BATTALIONS WILL CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN AREA NORTH OF EAST-WEST GRID LINE 58 COMMENCING AT ABOUT 190600H. EXTENSIVE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS BEING CONDUCTED WELL FORWARD OF 9TH MARINES MLR POSITIONS TO FIX AND DESTROY VC FORCES KNOWN TO BE IN AREA. AT 192015H, 9TH MARINES WAS GRANTED CLEARANCE BY 3D MARDIV TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS NORTH OF EAST-WEST GRID LINE 58.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES IUM 77-66.
MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES

- (1) CHOP OPCON K COMPANY TO 2/9 EFFECTIVE 190630H.
- (2) PLACE ONE RIFLE COMPANY ON ONE-HOUR ALERT FOR POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT 2/9 ZONE OF ACTION.
- (3) CONDUCT BN (-) ONE DAY SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION AREA BOUNDED BY (BT 057633), (BT 080640), (BT 091544) AND (BT 069545). COMMENCE ABOUT 190700H.
- (4) EFFECTIVE 190715H, ASSUME OPCON ONE PROVISIONAL PLATOON. EMPLOY AS REAR AREA SECURITY.
- (5) EFFECTIVE 190700H, RESUME OPCON COMPANY M PLATOON FROM ASP NR ONE.

B. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES

- (1) EFFECTIVE 190630H, ASSUME OPCON COMPANY K/3/9.
- (2) COMMENCED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN AREA GENERALLY BOUNDED ON EAST BY (BT 020604), (BT 013540), ON WEST BY (AT 980610), (AT 980540) AND ON SOUTH BY EAST-WEST GRID LINE 58.
- (3) INSURE MAXIMUM H&Y FIRES ALONG RR FROM VIC (AT 994607)

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TO (AT 993590) FROM 182200H TO ABOUT 190500H.

(4) EFFECTIVE 190500H ASSUME OPCON TWO PROVISIONAL PLATOONS.
EMPLOY AS REAR AREA SECURITY.

C. 3D BN, 3D MARINES

(1) COMMENCING 190600H CONDUCT DAYLIGHT COMBAT PAROLE
SOUTH OF SONG LAT HO IN GS (AT 9559), (AT 9659), (AT 9660), (AT 9759)
AND (AT 9760).

(2) INSURE MAXIMUM H&I FIRES IN GS (AT 9559), (AT 9659),
(AT 9660), (AT 9759) AND (AT 9760) FROM 182200H TO 190500H.

(3) EFFECTIVE 190700H CHOP OPCON COMPANY M/3/9 PLATOON
TO PARENT UNIT AND RESUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURITY ASP NR ONE.

(4) CONDUCT OPERATION "COUNTY FAIR 6" VIC (AT 961699-
955691-961690-970699) COMMENCING 190530H.

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FAG ORDER 79-66

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES REINFORCED BY CO K/3/9 COMMENCED OPERATION "KINGS" AT 190700H.

B. EMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES FUM 79-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

A. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES. CONDUCT TWO PLATOON SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS VIC (BT 096629-093637) AND (BT 093706-093641).

B. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. CONTINUE OPERATION "KINGS" IN AREA BOUNDED BY (AT 997607), (AT 993545) (BT 021605) AND (BT 009570) WITH THREE RIFLE COMPANIES (E/2/9, F/2/9, AND K/3/9) AND 2/9 BN CMD GROUP.

C. 3D BN, 3D MARINES

(1) CONDUCT PLATOON SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS VIC THAI CAM (1) (AT 967643).

(2) CONDUCT "COUNTY FAIR 7" VIC LA CHAU (2) (AT 947675) COMMENCING 200530H.

(3) PROVIDE SECURITY FOR REPLACEMENT HAWK MISSILE BTRY CONVOY FROM VIC (BT 999644) TO (AT 970620) APPROX 210900H.

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B. CG THIRD MARDIV 140414Z

1. SITUATION.

A. GENERAL.

(1) TO INSURE BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF POPULAR FORCE PROGRAM, LTCOL CHARLES A. WEBSTER, G-3 SECTION, III MAF WILL VISIT 9TH MAR CP 25 MARCH 66. BN PERSONNEL DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN PF PROGRAM WILL ATTEND PRESENTATION AT

9TH MAR CP. TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED. REF A.

(2) ADVANCE PARTY, BTRY A, 1ST LAAM BN COMMENCES DISPLACEMENT TO HILL 55 210800H.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MAR ISUM 79-66

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION.

A. 3D BN 9TH MAR. CONDUCT 2 PLATOON S&D OPERATIONS (BT099658). (BT119640).

B. WD BN 9TH MAR. CONTINUE OPERATION "KINGS".

(1) CONDUCT CO S&D FROM (BT013598) TO (BT015600). CO "E".

(2) CONDUCT CO S&D FROM (BT016596) TO (BT013605). CO "K".

(3) CONDUCT CO S&D FROM (BT010606) TO VIC (AT998616). CO "F".

C. 3D BN 3D MAR. PROVIDE SECURITY FOR BTRY A.

1ST LAAM BN CONVOY FROM HA DONG (AT999644) TO HILL 55 COMMENCING 210900H.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. ENGR MINESWEEP OF HA DONG-HILL 55 ROAD.

(1) 2/9 ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY ROAD SWEEP FROM (AT999644) TO VIC BICH BAC (AT984633). ESTABLISH TRAFFIC CONTROL POINT AT (AT999644) TO PREVENT USE OF ROAD PRIOR TO COMPLETION SWEEP OPN.

(2) 3/3 A SIGNED RESPONSIBILITY ROAD SWEEP FROM HILL 55 TO VIC BICH BAC (AT984633).

(3) 3/3 ASSIGNED AS COORDINATOR MINE SWEEP ACTIVITIES ON SUBJECT ROAD.

4. ADMINISTRATION. SUBMIT EVALUATION OF BASIC TRAINING PROGRAM NLT 201500H MARCH 1966. REF B.

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A. GENERAL: A VC DOCUMENT CAPTURED BY A 3D BN 3D MAR PATROL ON 19 MARCH IN THE VIC OF DUYN SON(3) VICE (AT 952651) PROVIDES A VIET CONG EVALUATION FOR COUNTY FAIR OPERATIONS. THE DOCUMENT, AS TRANSLATED, STATED: "AT 0200 ON 7 MARCH 1966 2 COMBINED FORCES OF US AND GVN MILITARY PERSONNEL, NUMBERING APPROXIMATELY 600 MEN LAUNCHED A SEARCH OPERATION IN A HAMLET OF "H" VILLAGE

(DUYN SON) HAMLET, COORDINATES (AT 995476). THE US AND GVN FORCES PLACED THE VILLAGERS TO A GENERAL AREA, WHERE OUR CADRE WERE ISOLATED FROM THEM. SOME OF OUR CADRE AND GUERRILLA FIGHTERS WERE FORCED TO EMERGE FROM THEIR HIDING PLACES IN TUNNELS SO AS TO TRY TO CONTACT (MELD WITH) THE PEOPLE. AS A CONSEQUENCE, FIVE OF OUR MEN WERE KILLED BY THE US AND GVN SOLDIERS. THIS SHOULD SERVE AS A LESSON (WARNING) TO ALL OF US. THE ENEMY MAY CONDUCT THIS SAME TYPE OF OPERATION IN THE FUTURE IN OTHER AREAS. THIS WARNING MUST BE DISSEMINATED TO ALL OTHER VILLAGES. "WATER AND FOOD STOCKS ADEQUATE FOR A PERIOD OF 3 TO 5 DAYS MUST BE PREPARED. IT IS ALSO NECESSARY THAT OUR FORCES RESIST THE EFFORTS OF THE ENEMY TO SURROUND THE HAMLET. AND AS QUICK AS POSSIBLE ESCAPE THE ENCIRCLEMENT." SIGNED

BANG-COMMANDER- OF HQ-73.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MAR ISUM 804-66.

2. MISSION. REF A.

3. EXECUTION.

A. 3D BN 9TH MAR. CONDUCT 2 PLATOON SIZE S&D OPERATIONS VIC (BT 035612-039612). (BT 044653-035650).

R. 2D BN 9TH MAR

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- (1) CONTINUE OPN "KINGS". REF A.
 (2) CONDUCT CO SIZE S&O OPERATION VIC (AT 990644-000610).
 C. BN 30 MAR. COMMENCING 220400H. 1 CO CONDUCT
 VIC (AT 961615-934654-930625-948622-949637).
 D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.
 (1) EFFECTIVE 211200H BN BOUNDARIES MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS:
 (A) BOUNDARY BETWEEN 3/3 AND 2/9 NOW EXTENDS FROM
 HA DONG BRIDGE VIC (AT 991641) RUNNING SOUTH ALONG TRAIL TO
 VIC (AT 993616) TURNS SW TO ROAD JUNCTION VIC (AT 990612)
 THENCE TO SW TO STREAM JUNCTION (AT 984608) THENCE SOUTH TO VIC
 (AT 985600) THENCE TO WEST, SOUTH, AND SW ALONG STREAM UNTIL
 CROSSES TO JUNCTION WITH HIGHWAY 14.
 (B) BOUNDARY BETWEEN 2/9 AND 3/9 EXTENDED FROM
 VIC (BT 088609) SOUTH ALONG RIVER TO VIC (BT 059591). SW ALONG
 RIVER TO BRIDGE VIC (BT 057588).

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FRAG ORDER 80-66 (OPN KINGS)

A. 9TH MAR 201545Z (OPN KINGS)

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MAR ISUM 80-66.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES. NO CHANGE.

MISSION. 9TH MAR CONTINUE OPERATION KINGS. REF A.

2. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATION. COMMENCING 220745H. 2/9 (-)(REIN)(OPN KINGS COMMAND GRP) CONDUCTS CO SIZE CLEARING OPN IN CONJUNCTION WITH

ARVN FORCES. CO E HELILIFTS VIC (BT010587) INT (AT947588);

LINKS UP WITH 1 PLATOON: 1ST CO. 1ST BN. 51ST REGT VIC

(AT948582). CONDUCTS CLEARING OPN VIC ARVN OUTPOST GS

(AT9458).

B. 2D BN 9TH MAR.

(1) BE PREPARED TO MOVE TO OBJECTIVE AREA VIA

FOOT MARCH IN EVENT OF HELO UNAVAILABILITY.

(2) CONDUCT 2 COMPANY S&D AREA BOUNDED BY (AT980615),

(AT980590), (BT020590), AND (BT020615) IN CONJUNCTION WITH OPN

KINGS.

(3) AT 221200H. CHOP OPCON K/3/9 TO 3/9; ASSUME OPCON M/3/9.

C. 3D BN 3D MAR

(1) SECURE HILL 42 (AT947598) WITH NO LESS THAN 1

PLATOON NLT 210630H.

(2) SCREEN ALONG NORTHERN BANK SONG LA THO FROM VIC

(AT943337) TO (AT972610).

(3) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE 1 PLATOON AS MOBILE RESERVE.

D. CO B (-) 1ST ANTRAC BN. POSITION 6 LVTP-5'S AND 2

LBVTH-6'S GS (AT9560) TO TRANSPORT MOBILE RESERVE (IF REQUIRED)

ACROSS SONG LA THO.

E. 3D BN 9TH MAR

(1) AT 221200H. CHOP OPCON M/3/9 TO 2/9; RESUME OPCON K/3/9.

F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) 1 HOUR: 220745H

(2) LZ TO BE SECURED BY ARVN FORCE

(3) ALTERNATE LZ (AT 962587)

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FRAG ORDER 81-66

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL. COMPANY M/3/9 RELIEVED COMPANY K/3/9 AT 221400H. COMPANY M JOURNEYED BY TRUCK FROM VIC (BT 073703) TO HILL 55 WHERE IT CROSSED SONG LA THO VIC (AT 972608) ABOARD LVT'S. COMPANY M THEN CONDUCTED S&D OPERATION AS IT MOVED EASTWARD TO G/S (AT 9960) WHERE IT RELIEVED COMPANY K WHICH WAS EXTRACTED FROM THE AREA BY SAME LVT'S.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 81-66

C. FRIENDLY FORCES.

(1) COMMENCING 230800H, CO (-) 591, 59TH RF BN CONDUCTS 1 DAY SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION OF PHONG LE (2) VIC (BT 002702).

(2) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS, ARVN UNITS WILL CONDUCT SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION SOUTHEAST OF 3D BN, 9TH MARINES AREA IN AREA BOUNDED BY (BT 1157), (BT 1062), (BT 1462) AND (BT 1959).

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT CO SIZE S&D OPERATION IN GS (BT 1061) COMMENCING 230700H.

(2) CONDUCT PLT SIZE S&D OPERATION VIC (BT 099650-BT 096617). COMMENCING 231000H.

B. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. CONTINUE OPERATION "KINGS"

(1) CONDUCT 1 COMPANY CLEARING OPERATION WITH 1 PLT ARVN IN AREA BOUNDED BY COORDINATES (AT 976571), (AT 992577), (AT 966550) AND (AT 978598) COMMENCING 230700H.

(2) CONDUCT 1 COMPANY S&D OPERATION IN LA THO BAC (3) FROM (BT 003611) TO (BT 008610).

(3) CONDUCT 1 COMPANY CLEARING OPERATION WITH 1 PLT

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ARVN IN AREA BOUNDED BY (AT 931587), (AT 955597), (AT 957585) AND (AT 933780).

C. 3D BN. 3D MARINES. CONTINUE COMPANY MINE CLEARING OPERATION ALL 55 UTILIZING LVT-1'S.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. SPARROW HAWK.

(1) FOLLOWING FORMAT WILL BE USED BY ALL UNITS IN REQUESTING SPARROW HAWK MISSIONS:

ALPHA: PICKUP COORDINATES

BRAVO: DESTINATION COORDINATES

CHARLIE: LOCATION OF ENEMY

DELTA: DESCRIPTION OF ENEMY

ECHO: LOCATION OF FRIENDLY

FOXTROT: CALL SIGN AND FREQUENCY OF REQUESTING UNIT

(DO NOT USE DELTA DESIGNATOR).

(3) SUBMIT REQUEST DIRECT TO OASC (LANDSHARK) VIA TAR

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FRAG ORDER #2-66

A. MY 231157Z (OPORDER 103-66: ROUGH RIDER NORTH)

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL

(1) DESPITE REMONSTRANCES BY USMC/USA ADVISORS NOT TO ABANDON OUTPOST AT GIAO AI (AT 947593), ELEMENTS 1ST BN, 51ST ARVN REGIMENT WERE WITHDRAWN AND THE OUTPOST WAS DESTROYED BY DEMOLITIONS AND FIRE AT ABOUT 231410H. EXTENSIVE MINEFIELD LEFT BEHIND WITH NO ACCURATE RECORD AVAILABLE

INDICATING MINE DISPOSITIONS. (U.S. ARMY ADVISORS STATED ARVN PERSONNEL NOT TECHNICALLY CAPABLE TO REMOVE MINES).

(2) ON 23 MARCH, CO, 1/51 AGREED TO PROVIDE ONE ARVN PLT FROM GIAO AI OUTPOST (AT 947593) AND ONE PLATOON FROM PHONG THU OUTPOST (AT 984583) TO PARTICIPATE IN CLEARING OPERATIONS WITH USMC UNITS. HOWEVER, PLATOONS WERE NOT AVAILABLE ON 24 MARCH AS PROMISED OSTENSIBLY DUE TO 1/51ST'S ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH EVACUATION OF GIAO AI OUTPOST.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM #2-66

C. FRIENDLY FORCES. ON 25 MARCH, 39TH RANGERS REPORTEDLY WILL REPLACE 1/51 AT PHONG THU OUTPOST (AT 984593).

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. 3D BN, 3D MARINES.

(1) CONDUCT OPERATION ROUGH RIDER NORTH 24-25 MARCH IN ACCORDANCE REF A.

(2) RESTRICT ACTIVITIES ALL UNITS UNDER 3/3 OPCON TO AREA NORTH OF HIGHWAY 14 AND WEST EASTERN BN BOUNDARY, CONTINUE OPERATION "KINGS".

B. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. RESTRICT ACTIVITIES ALL UNITS UNDER

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2/9 OPCON TO AREA NORTH OF SONG LA THO WITHIN Z/A.

C. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT ONE CO S&D OPERATION IN GS (BT 0861) AND
(BT 0961) COMMENCING 240700H.

(2) CONDUCT ONE PLATOON S&D OPERATION VIC (BT 050681) TO
(BT 042677) COMMENCING 240900H.

4. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. 3/3 ASSUMED OPCON E/2/9
AT 231620H AND OPCON M/3/9 AT 231656H.

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FRAG ORDER 83-66

A. 9TH MAR 231157Z (OP ORDER 108-66; ROUGH RIDER)

1. SITUATION.

A. GENERAL. 3d BN 3d MAR CONDUCTED OPERATION ROUGH RIDER

NORTH FROM DANANG TO HUE-PHU BAI. CO LV3/3 PROVIDED

INFANTRY ESCORT. CONVOY CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 400

VEHICLES (IN SERIALS) DEPARTED DANANG TAUR AT ABOUT 040700H

AND ARRIVED HUE-PHU BAI TAUR AT ABOUT 241140H WITHOUT INCIDENT.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MAR ISUM 83-66.

C. FRIENDLY FORCES. CO 03, 59TH RF BN WILL WITHDRAW

FROM QUA GIANG (2) AREA (BT002665) ON 05 MARCH AND WILL BE
 ASSIGNED TO PROVINCE HQ AT HOI AN (BT046574). DEPARTURE
 OF THIS COMPANY REDUCES REGIONAL FORCE STRENGTH IN
 PACIFICATION AREA TO FOUR COMPANIES.

1. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

A. 3d BN 9TH MAR. CONDUCT 4 PLT OPNS DURING DAYLIGHT
 HOURS AS FOLLOWS:

BT074628-BT067622 250600-1800H

BT040652-BT063644 250600-1200H

BT063644-BT034654 251200-1800H

BT10640-BT099671 250600-1800H

B. 2d BN 9TH MAR. CONDUCT PLT S&D OPN VIC (AT994698) IN CONJUNCTION
 WITH RVN UNITS.

C. 3d BN -D MAR.

(1) CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN UTILIZING TWO
 COMPANIES IN GS (AT9558), (AT9658), (AT9559) AND (AT9659)
 COMMENCING 050800H; CONTINUE OPERATION "KINGS".

(2) CONDUCT OPERATION ROUGH RIDER. RETURNING K3/3 AND LV3/3
 TO BN ZVA.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) SPARROW HAWK SQUADS WILL BE TASK ORGANIZED TO

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MEET AIRCRAFT CAPABILITY. EITHER TWO CH-56A'S OR THREE UH-34'S WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE. A 22 MAN SQUAD MAY BE TRANSPORTED IN CH-46A AIRCRAFT. HOWEVER, SQUAD IS LIMITED TO 21 MEN WHEN UH-34 AIRCRAFT ARE USED.

(2) LTCOL C. A. WEBSTER, III MAF G-3 SECTION, WILL DELIVER A PRESENTATION ON PF PROGRAM AT 251330H AT 9TH MAR OFFICERS CLUB. S-3 REPRESENTATIVE, CIVIC ACTION OFFICERS, AND EITHER CO OR XO OF 1/9 AND 1/3 WILL ATTEND PRESENTATION.

(3) EEI IN EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING OPNS. CURRENT ORDANANCE EXPENDITURE ON LONG RANGE TARGETS BY ALL TYPES OF SUPPORTING ARMS IS GREAT. THERE IS LITTLE CORRESPONDING INFORMATION RECEIVED AS TO DAMAGE INFLICTED ON TARGETS. ACCORDINGLY, THE FOLLOWING ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION ARE ANNOUNCED.

(A) DETERMINE EFFECTIVENESS OF AIRCRAFT BOMBING, ARTILLERY AND NAVAL GUNFIRE, AND TANK FIRE ON ENEMY ENPLACEMENTS WITH REGARD TO MATERIAL DAMAGE, CASUALTIES AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT.

(B) DETERMINE EFFECTIVENESS OF ABOVE METHODS OF

ATTACK ON TARGETS.

(C) DETERMINE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TIME PERIOD OF THE DAY FOR ATTACK OF LONG RANGE TARGETS.

(D) DETERMINE WHAT METHODS THE ENEMY IS USING TO IMPROVE HIS DEFENSE AGAINST ATTACK BY ABOVE METHODS.

(E) ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO COMMENT ON THE EEI, BASED ON ANY MEANS OF ACQUISITION OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THEM.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMM-ELECTRONICS

A. E/2/9 AND M/3/9 REMAIN UNDER OPCON 3/3 WHICH HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONDUCTING OPERATION "KINGS".

B. 3D BN 3D MAR ESTABLISHED TACTICAL CP ON HILL 55 AT 241130H.

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FRAG ORDER 84-66

A. DIVOPD 369-66 (GOLDEN FLEECE II)

1. SITUATION.

A. GENERAL.

(1) STRENGTHS OF VN UNITS IN 9T MAR ZDA. TWO PAT PLATOONS, PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED TO OTHER VILLAGES, RETURNED TO HOA VANG 25 MAR 66. THERE REMAIN:

(A) 5RF COMPANIES - 394 PRESENT FOR DUTY

(B) 4 PF PLATOONS - 70 PRESENT FOR DUTY

(C) 6 PAT PLATOONS - 182 PRESENT FOR DUTY

(2) ROUGH RIDER NORTH (DANANG TO HUE-PHU BAI AND RETURN)

COMPLETED AT 25/1114H BY L/3/3.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MAR ISUM 84-66. FORCE WHICH ATTACKED E/2/9 AT 250030H WERE LATER CONFIRMED TO BE ELEMENTS OF R-20 BN ALSO KNOWN AS DOC LAP VOLUNTEER BN. COMPANIES IDENTIFIED INCLUDE R-22 AND R-23 WHICH ARE SUBORDINATE TO R-20 BN KNOWN TO BE IN AREA.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION.

A. 3D BN 3D MAR. CONDUCT 4 COMPANY S&D IN OPERATION

"KINGS" AREA COMMENCING ABOUT 260700H. COMPANIES L AND K WILL BE INSERTED INTO LZ (AT944553) AND (AT941560) BETWEEN 260715H AND

260915H. COMPANIES E/2/9 AND M/3/9 WILL COMMENCE OPN FROM NORTH

OF HWY-14 VIC (AT943585) MOVING SW BY FOOTMARCH TO VIC (AT923570) WHERE THEY CROSS LOD AT 260600H PROCEEDING IN A NORTHEASTERLY

DIRECTION DURING REMAINING PART OF DAY WITH COMPANIES L AND K.

B. 2D BN 9TH MAR. CONDUCT ONE DAY C&O COMPANY S&D OPN SOUTH

OF A DONG GS (AT9963).

C. 3D BN 3D MAR

(1) CONDUCT 4 PLATOON S&D OPN AS FOLLOWS:

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(A) BT010640-BT090688 260600H-1800H
 (B) BT061652-BT047646 260800H-1200H
 (C) BT065620-BT063644 260800H-1200H
 (D) BT063644-BT069629 261200H-1800H

(2) IN CONJUNCTION WITH OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS,
 CONDUCT GOLDEN FLEECE II ACTIVITIES COMMENCING 260600H. ENVISIONED
 AS A 7 DAY OPERATION. COORDINATE ACTIVITIES WITH HOW VANG DISTRICT.
 DURING PERIOD 26-27 MARCH, OPERATION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN GS
 (BT0471) AND (BT 0571). REF A.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

(1) EFFECTIVE 251800H. NORTHERN PORTION BOUNDARY BETWEEN 2/9 AND
 2/3 MODIFIED. BOUNDARY NOW EXTENDS FROM (AT976665)

NORTH ALONG
 SONG YEN NE TO (AT973690) THENCE DUE NORTH TO SONG TUY LOAN.
 4. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. HELICOPTER AND FIXED WING
 SUPPORT ON 215.0 UHF AND/OR 49.8 FM.

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1. SITUATION.

A. GENERAL. CO'S L AND K 3D BN 3D MAR WERE HELILIFTED INTO OPERATION KINGS AREA UTILIZING CH-46A AIRCRAFT BETWEEN 260700H-0920H. 4 RIFLE COMPANIES WERE IN OPERATION KINGS AREA UNDER OPCON OF 3D BN 3D MAR ON 26 MARCH.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MAR ISUM 85-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION.

A. 2D BN 9TH MAR

(1) RELIEVE PROV PLATOONS OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR BRIDGES (AT994684), (AT999699), (AT998707) AND DUONG SON (3) (AT995672) NLT 271200H.

(2) CHOP OPCON PROV PLATOONS TO PARENT ORGANIZATION AT 271200H.

(3) RESUME OPCON E/2/9 AT 271100H.

B. 3D BN 9TH MAR.

(1) CHOP OPCON PROV PLATOON TO PARENT ORGANIZATION NLT 271200H.

(2) RESUME OPCON M/3/9 AT 271200H.

(3) CONDUCT 4 PLATOON SIZE S&D OPN'S AS FOLLOWS:

BT063644-BT039655 271600H-1800H

BT060631-BT069615 271000H-1800H

BT047646-BT053644 270800H-1600H

BT099658-BT102615 271000H-1800H

(4) CONTINUE GOLDEN FLEECE II IN GS (BT0471) AND (BT0571).

C. 3D BN 3D MAR.

(1) CONTINUE OPERATION KINGS WITH TWO RIFLE COMPANIES.
 (2) CHOP OPCON HQ CO PROV PLATOON TO PARENT ORGANIZATION NLT 280800H.

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(3) CHOP OP CON E/2/9 TO PARENT ORGANIZATION NLT 271100H.
(4) CHOP OP CON M/3/9 TO PARENT ORGANIZATION NLT 271200H.
D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. BN BOUNDARY BETWEEN 3/3
AND 2/9 MODIFIED. EFFECTIVE 270800H NEW BOUNDARY EXTENDS SOUTHWARD
FROM (AT983583) ALONG UNNAMED STREAM TO POINT WHERE STREAM EMPTIES
INTO SONG KY LAM (AT976564).
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1. SITUATION. 9TH MAR ISUM 86-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION.

A. 3D BN 3TH MAR.

(1) CONTINUE TO SUPPORT "GOLDEN FLEECE" WITH S&D OPN VIC BA TUNG (1)(BT050700).

(2) CONDUCT 4 PLT S&D OPN'S AS FOLLOWS:

(A) BT039655-035659 280800-1000H

(B) BT063615-064629 280800-1600H

(C) BT102615-031645 280700-1930H

(D) BT099658-111634 280700-1330H

B. 3D BN 3D MAR.

(1) CONTINUE OPN "KINGS"

(2) RETRACT CO K FROM OPERATION "KINGS" 280800H.

(3) CHOP OPCON HQ CO PROV PLATOON TO PARENT ORGANIZATION 281000H VICE 280800H.

C. 2D BN 9TH MAR. CONDUCT CO S&D OPN COMMENCING 281300H VIC (BT009601) AND (AT990611).

D. HQ CO 9TH MAR. RESUME OPCON PROV PLATOON 281000H.

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. OPERATION "KINGS" TERMINATES 280800H UPON RETRACTION OF COMPANY "K/373".

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMM-ELECTRONICS. 2D BN 9TH MAR HELICOPTER CONTROL 269.5 UHF; 41.7 FM.

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FRAG ORDER 87-66

A. THIRD MARDIV OPO 383-66 (OPN ORANGE)

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL. 3D MARINES WILL CONDUCT S&D AND MINE CLEARING OPERATIONS IN THUONG DUC AREA (ZC 1554) TO SUPPORT INITIAL INSTALLATION OF CIDG CAMP. D-DAY TENTATIVELY SET FOR 1 APR 66. UNCLASSIFIED CODE NAME "OPERATION ORANGE". REF A.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 87-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE

EXECUTION

A. 3D BN 9TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT S&D OPERATIONS VIC GS (BT 0368) AND (BT 0468) IN CONJUNCTION WITH "GOLDEN FLEECE II".

(2) CONDUCT 2DAY BN (-) (REIN) S&D OPERATION IN AREA ROUNDED BY (BT 058630), (BT 090630), (BT 090582) AND (BT 058583). UNCLASSIFIED CODE NAME "OPERATION ALABAMA". RVN UNITS FROM DIEM BAN DISTRICT IN SUPPORT.

B. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT - 2-DAY PLATOON SIZE S&D OPERATION VIC LA THO BAC (2) (BT 005622) COMMENCING 290800H.

(2) CONDUCT COMPANY SIZE S&D OPERATION VIC G S (AT 9960), (BT 0060), (BT 0160), (BT 0059) AND (BT 0159) COMMENCING 290700H. ESTIMATED DURATION OF OPERATION: 5-7 DAYS.

C. 3D BN, 3D MARINES. CONDUCT PLATOON S&D OPERATION VIC THAI CAM (1) (AT 977645) FROM 290330H TO 291000H.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) 3D BN, 3D MARINES

(A) PROVIDE ONE RIFLE COMPANY ON 2 HOUR ALERT.

ONE RIFLE COMPANY AND ONE COMMAND GROUP ON 4 HOUR ALERT FOR

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POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT WITH 3D MARINES IN "OPERATION ORANGE" DURING PERIOD 1-9 APRIL.

(B) INSURE ROAD FROM HA DONG (AT 989644) TO HILL 55
OPEN TO TRAFFIC NLT 0900H DAILY

(2) 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. INSURE ROAD FROM BRIDGE NR 1
(AT 996701) TO HA DONG (AT 989644) OPEN TO TRAFFIC NLT 0900H DAILY

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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 FRAG ORDER 88-66

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL

(1) 2D BN PERSONNEL ON HAGBOR SECURITY WILL BE REL **HAS BEEN SENT**
 BY 3D MARINES PERSONNEL 010000H APRIL.

(2) THE HONORABLE MR. CYRUS R. VANCE, DEPUTY SECRETARY
 OF DEFENSE, TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO VISIT 9TH MARINES ZOA 1345-
 1540H 4 PARIL.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 88-66

2. MISSION, NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION.

A. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE OPERATION "ALABAMA" IN AREA BOUNDED BY
 (BT 057631), (BT 071631), (BT 082539), (BT 059596). ONE
 PLATOON BLOCK NORTH VIC (BT 057631-071632). ONE PLATOON WITH
 TANKS, ONTOS AND LVT'S PROVIDE MOBILE BLOCK EAST (BT 082539-
 071631). TWO COMPANIES SEARCH AND DESTROY SOUTH TO NORTH FROM
 VIC (BT 065594-079597).

9 (2) CONTINUE OPERATION "GOLDEN FLEECE II". MAN QUAN (1)
 AND (2) VIC (BT 035685), (BT 045683) AND KHAI TAY (1) VIC (BT 051687).

B. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE ONE COMPANY SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION.
 SOUTH SONG LA THO IN ZOA, SOUTHERN LIMIT GRID LINE 59.

(2) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE SEARCH AND DESTROY LA THO BAC
 (1) VIC (BT 005621).

C. 3D BN, 3D MARINES

(1) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION VICO
 (AT 968650-988640-980650-980640).

(2) MAINTAIN TWO PLT. PATROL BASES FOR SEARCH AND DESTROY

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OPERATIONS IN AREA BOUNDED BY (AT 941651), (AT 953650),
(AT 940620), (AT 951620).

(3) CONDUCT CO SIZE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION VIC
GRID SQUARES (AT 9660-9659-9658-9760-9759).

4. ADMINISTRATION

A. REDOPS DUE THIS HEADQUARTERS NLT 011800H APRIL.

9 B. COMMAND CHRONOLOGY DUE THIS HEADQUARTERS NLT 051800H APRIL.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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 FRAG ORDER 89-660

1. SITUATION. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MAR ISUM 89-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION.

A. 2D BN 9TH MAR.

(1) CONTINUE COMPANY SIZE S&D OPNS IN GS (AT9960) THROUGH (BT0360).

(2) CONDUCT 2 PLATOON SIZE S&D OPNS IN GS (BT0051) AND (BT0161) COMMENCING AT 310900H.

B. 3D BN 9TH MAR.

(1) CONTINUE OPERATION GOLDER FLEECE II VIC GS (BT0368) (PT0463) (BT0367) AND (BT0467).O

(2) CONDUCT COMPANY SIZE S&D OPERATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH ARVN CO VIC (BT035650) FROM 310400-1600H.

C. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) COMMANDERS ARE DIRECTED TO INITIATE SPARROW HAWK REQUESTS AT FIRST POSITIVE INDICATION OF VC CONTACT. SPARROW HAWK AIRCRAFT WILL NOT BE RETAINED IN INDIVIDUAL BATTALION ZONE OF ACTION AWAITING EXTRACTION OF SPARROW HAWK SQUAD.

(2) COMMENCING 310800H THIS HQ WILL PROVIDE TWO DAILY HELICOPTER COURIER RUNS AS FOLLOWS:

	AM	PM
(A) ORIGINATE LZ SANDPIPER	0800	1300
(B) LZ ROADRUNNER	0815	1315
(C) LZ HILL 55	0820	1320
(D) LZ RAILBIRD	0825	1325
(E) LZ BUZZARD	0830	1330
(F) TERMINATE LZ SANDPIPER	0835	1335

A. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

B. COMMAND AND COMM-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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A. CG THIRD MARDIV 261145Z

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL

(1) 1ST LT H.W. BUSE III WAS ASSIGNED 9TH MARINES
LIAISON OFFICER TO QUANG NAM SPECIAL SECTOR, HOI AN, ON 31 MAR.
(2) FINAL RECAPITULATION OF OPERATION "KINGS" CASUALTIES:

VC: KIA(BC) KBA(POSS) KIA(POSS) WIA(POSS) VCS
60 30 93 40 57

CMC: KIA WIA DOW
6 60 2

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 90-66

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. 3D BN 9TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE COMPANY-SIZE S&D OPERATION IN SUPPORT OF "GOLDEN
FLEECE II" VIC GS (BT 0368), (BT 0468), (BT 0367) AND (BT 0467).

(2) COMMENCE SECOND COMPANY-SIZE S&D OPERATION IN SUPPORT
OF "GOLDEN FLEECE II" VIC GS (BT 0367), (BT 0467), (BT 0366) AND
(BT 0466) AT 010600H.

(3) CONDUCT TWO PLATOON-SIZE S&D OPERATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

(BT 118638-099658) 010630H-1200H
(BT 094628-082658) 010700H-1900H

B. 2D BN 9TH MARINES. CONTINUE COMPANY-SIZE S&D OPERATION
AREA SOUTH OF SONG LA THO VIC (AT 9960) THROUGH (BT 0360).

C. 3D BN THIRD MARINES

(1) CONDUCT COMPANY SIZE S&D OPERATION VIC GS (AT 9465),
(AT 9565), (AT 9464), (AT 9564) AND (AT 9463) COMMENCING 010700H.

(2) CONDUCT COMPANY SIZE S&D OPERATION VIC GS (AT 9558)
AND (AT 9658) COMMENCING 010700H.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. ATTENTION INVITED
TO NEW RADIO FREQUENCIES ESTABLISHED BY REF A AND EFFECTIVE
010001H APRIL. NOTE FOLLOWING IN PARTICULAR:

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HD: 328.2 PRIMARY: (RED) (UHF)

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