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HEADQUARTERS
9th Marines
3d Marine Division, FMF
FTO, San Francisco, 96601

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10 December 1965

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To: Commanding General. 3d Marine Division, FMF

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(7) Communications - Electronics Chronology
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(9) Supporting Documents (with original only)

9th Mar. Regt.

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1. In accordance with reference (a) the Ninth Marines Command Chronology for the period 1-30 November 1965 is submitted.

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Colonel John E. GORMAN 1-30 November 1965

5. Location of Command Post at End of Period. Coordinates
(AT 994723)6. Map. AMS Series L701 Sheets 6658 I&IV, 6659 II&III7. Staff Assignments.

Executive Officer	1-30 Nov 1965	LtCol I. C. TRAMMELL
S-1	1-30 Nov 1965	Capt H. R. WEST JR.
S-2	1-30 Nov 1965	Major C. WARD
S-3	1-30 Nov 1965	LtCol J. W. DORSEY I
Mortar Transport Co	1-15 Nov 1965	Capt L. D. DERRYBERRY
Supply Officer	1-30 Nov 1965	1st Lt G. T. KALT

8. Subordinate Unit Commanders.

Headquarters Co.	1-15 Nov 1965	Capt R. D. PROCTOR
	16-30 Nov 1965	Capt L. D. DERRYBERRY
1st Battalion	1-30 Nov 1965	LtCol V. E. LUDWIG
2d Battalion	1-30 Nov 1965	LtCol W. F. DONAHUE
3d Battalion	1-30 Nov 1965	LtCol W. W. TAYLOR
3d Battalion, 3d Mar	19-30 Nov 1965	LtCol W. H. LAMAGAN

9. Attachments.

703D Co, RVN	1-11 Nov 1965	Lt HOANG
Liaison Team, I Corps, RVN	1-30 Nov 1965	
Interpreter, Team, III MAF	1-30 Nov 1965	

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10. Command and Control.

a. The 2d Battalion, 9th Marines was under operational control of III MAF as the Danang Air Base Defense Battalion 1-30 November 1965.

b. Units Direct Support OFCON 9th Marines.

Co B(-), 3d Tank Bn	1-16 Nov 1965	Capt A. E. LEE
Co C(-), 3d AT Bn	1-16 Nov 1965	1st Lt A. G. ANDERSON
Co B(-), 1st Antrac Bn	1-16 Nov 1965	Major H. L. KENDRICK
Co A, 1st MT Bn	1-16 Nov 1965	1st Lt S. B. BULL

c. Units Direct Support 9th Marines.

2d Bn(-)(Rein), 12th Marines	1-30 Nov 1965
Co B(-), 3d Tank Bn	17-30 Nov 1965
Co C(-), 3d AT Bn	17-30 Nov 1965
2d Plt, Co B(-), 1st Antrac Bn	17-30 Nov 1965
3d Plt, Co A, 1st MT Bn	17-30 Nov 1965

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<u>MC Off</u>	<u>MC Enl</u>	<u>Navy Off</u>	<u>Navy Enl</u>
155	3149	11	172

b. Battle Casualties

93

Non-Battle Casualties

12

c. Rotation during month

<u>MC Off</u>	<u>MC Enl</u>	<u>Navy Off</u>	<u>Navy Enl</u>
12	18	0	9

d. Replacements received

<u>MC Off</u>	<u>MC Enl</u>	<u>Navy Off</u>	<u>Navy Enl</u>
2	301	1	19

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

f. Periodic Personnel Reports. None.

2. Staff Studies and Estimates. None.

3. Local News Papers. None.

4. Photographs. None.

5. Journal. See enclosure (9).

6. Discipline, Courts-Martials, Office Hours.

a. No unusual disciplinary problems.

b. Courts-Martial 1 Special Court-Martial Pending
Bn Cmdr OH 5 Completed, None Pending

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

d. Company Commander's Office Hours - 36 Completed, None Pending.

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

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

8. Chaplain Support, Religious Services, Schedules

- a. During Reporting Period Regimental Chaplain conducted 4 Sunday Services at RLT 9. Average attendance - 20.
- b. Roman Catholic coverage was provided by 2/9 Chaplain. 4 Sunday Masses were celebrated.
- c. Daily Protestant Services were held for RLT 9 at 1830. Average Attendance - 4.
- d. Regimental Chaplain:
 - (1) Provided supervision of Regimental paperback library located in Chaplain's office.
 - (2) Assisted Regimental Surgeon 4 times on MEDCAP at Then Bin Thi.
 - (3) Visited 9th Marines Battalion Chaplains at 1/9, 2/9 and 3/9.

9. Civil Affairs, Military Government, Community Relations, Results of MEDCAP Progress, Supplies distributed, projects completed and in progress.

- a. The Regimental Medical section treated 195 Vietnamese. The Regimental Chaplain assisted in the distribution of 75 pair of sandals to the Children of Then Bin Thi village. (For details of Battalion Civil Affairs see the daily Civil Affairs Situation Reports for the month of November 1965).

S-2 CHRONOLOGY1. VIET CONG STRENGTHS, DISPOSITION AND TACTICS.

a. Information derived from formalized intelligence sources, both U. S. and GVN, local officials and civilian reports, after-action reports, patrol debriefings, IIT prisoner interrogation reports, and other sources indicate that the Viet Cong Forces operating in the 9th Marines TAOR during this reporting period consisted of the following:

Unit Designation	Estimated Strength	Location	Commanded By	Weapons	Validity
23d Bn (MF)	400	(BT000620)	LE LUYEN	1-81mm Mort 2-60mm Mort 1-57mm RR 15-AR's 3-LMG's	Confirmed
U/I Bn	300	(AT 9858)	NGUYEN CHU	1-81mm Mort 1-60mm Mort 1-57mm RR 27-AR's 27-BAR's 2-LMG's	Probable (is possibly 7th Bn)
H-40 (LF) Co BIEN BAN	120	(AT 9753)	PHAN AN NAM	1-81mm Mort 1-60mm Mort 1-57mm RR 3-LMG's 18-SMG's	Confirmed
H-41 (LF) Co HOA HIEN	150	(AT 8168) (Prev rptd BT 0168 31Oct65)	NGUYEN DOA	2-60mm Mort 1-57mm RR 7-AR's 2-LMG's 30-SMG's	Confirmed
U/I Guerrilla Co	100	(BT 0665)	TUYEN	UNK	Confirmed
343d LF Co (AKA D-62)	50	(AT933604)	Senior Capt CAT	2-81mm Mort 2-60mm Mort 1-57mm RR 6-AR's	Probable
345th LF Co (AKA D-63)	120	(AT980625)	VO DE (14Oct65) NGUYEN SUNG (17Oct65)	1-60mm Mort 1-LMG	Probable
101 LF Co	110	(BT 1259)	AN	UNK	Possible

b. Of the total forces shown above, the maximum Viet Cong strength (less local guerrilla forces) believed to have been operating at any one time in the 9th Marines TAOR during this reporting period included elements of two battalions (700 men), five separate companies (600 men), and several "special mission" units (250 men), for a total enemy strength of 1,550 men. It is doubtful that this figure was maintained for an appreciable period however, as November saw the arrival of the northeast monsoon season with attendant flooding of the low-lying areas and restriction of movement throughout the TAOR. (See paragraph 3. of this chronology). Reports received from several sources indicated that elements of one battalion and at least one company displaced to higher ground in the west to escape the floods and possible interdiction by friendly forces. For most of the period covered by this report, it is believed that effective Viet Cong strength in the TAOR did not exceed elements of one battalion, three separate companies, and special mission units, for a total of approximately 900 men. To this total however, must be added local guerrilla forces, organized in irregular units up to company strength (60-120), which continued to operate in various locations. Local guerrilla forces were perhaps more active during this period than in previous periods, partially as the result of Viet Cong directives which called for increased guerrilla activity to off-set the reduction in regular units in the area, and partially because the weather prohibited farm field work.

c. Mining incidents increased during this period, capitalizing on the restricted routes of communication as the result of flooding. Seven Marines were killed and 11 wounded as the result of mines. In addition, two vehicles (trucks), four tanks, and one LVT were damaged, four LVT's destroyed. The heavy rains which channelized the Marine movements allowed the Viet Cong to concentrate their mining activities along the few usable roads and trails. There were reports of the movement into the TAOR of quantities of exceptionally large mines, some in the 200 plus pound category, but these reports could not be substantiated. Viet Cong mining activities also exacted an undetermined number of civilian casualties, with several victims being treated and evacuated by forward 9th Marine elements. Reports of civilian casualties as the result of Viet Cong mining operations were widely disseminated as part of the 9th Marines' psychological warfare program.

2. VIET CONG CASUALTIES.

a. During November, the 9th Marines inflicted the following casualties on the Viet Cong in operations within the TAOR:

KIA (Body Count)	45
KIA (Probable)	5
VC Captured	65
VC Captured (WIA)	0
VC Suspects Apprehended	251

3. WEATHER.

a. With the advent of the northeast monsoon season, the weather played an increasingly important part in 9th Marines' operations. The month of November recorded more than 15 inches of rainfall, flooding the low-lying portions of the TAOR and restricting movement to a few all-weather roads and trails. Re-supply of forward units became increasingly difficult, and helicopter re-supply was hampered by adverse flying weather. Road movement was channelized to the MSR and National Highway #1. Most secondary roads and trails were impassable to all but foot traffic. Extensive portions of the TAOR were completely inundated and accessible only to LVT and boats.

b. The persistent rainfall and low-lying clouds reduced visibility and influenced ground as well as air operations. Contact was frequently at close range and pursuit of withdrawing enemy units was difficult to maintain. Contacts with enemy forces decreased and indications are that a portion of the Viet Cong normally operating in the 9th Marines' TAOR displaced to high ground in the west. While reports of major Viet Cong units (more than company-sized) locating within the TAOR continued to be received, confirmation was lacking in all but very few cases. While the weather noticeably hindered Marines' operations, its effect of Viet Cong operations was perhaps even more pronounced.

4. SOURCES OF INTELLIGENCE.

a. As contacts with regular Viet Cong units decreased due to their displacement outside of the TAOR and the restricted movement by both enemy and friendly troops within the TAOR, intelligence reports of Viet Cong locations and intentions increased. The reports were carefully evaluated and many could be dismissed as patently impossible; as witness the agent report received that located a Viet Cong company in exactly the position occupied by a 3/9 company command post. All reports which could not be so easily refuted were fully investigated, which resulted in many hasty search and destroy operations predicated on doubtful intelligence. The primary source of worthwhile intelligence information continued to be front-line Marines in contact with the enemy. These reports of Viet Cong strengths, weapons, locations, movement, and actions, provided the measure of reliability and stability required when gauging Viet Cong capabilities and intentions.

b. Reports by civilians directly to 9th Marines personnel increased and several proved reliable and accurate. One such report is credited with netting three Viet Cong KIA, as Marines made contact along a trail pointed out by a local villager as frequented by Viet Cong. In addition, weapons and documents were recovered from Viet Cong caches as the result of information derived from local villagers. In those instances where information so provided proved accurate and usable, monetary rewards have been granted. As word of the Marines' method of expressing gratitude is spread throughout the villages, additional reports may be expected. Safe-guarding the informants identity while exploiting the information remains a delicate problem. Viet Cong reprisals could set-back the program immeasurably.

5. ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE DEVICES.

a. During November, the Regiment employed the following electronic surveillance devices, as indicated:

	<u>AN/TPS-21</u>	<u>SID-150</u>	<u>INFRA-RED SIGHTING DEVICE</u>
Headquarters Co., 9th Mar	2	8	6
1st Battalion, 9th Mar	2	21	16
2nd Battalion, 9th Mar	2	45	15
3d Battalion, 9th Mar	2	20	17
3d Battalion, 3d Mar	2	21	16

6. PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE.

a. November saw the beginning of a major GVN rural reconstruction program in selected portions of the 9th Marines' TAOR. In HOA DA, HOA PHUOC, HOA CHAU, HOA THAI, and HOA LOI village areas a force of pacification cadre (People's Action Teams) initiated a program designed to raise the people's livelihood, increase security, and establish a social and governmental structure which will serve the needs of the people. This major psychological warfare undertaking has the potential of effecting considerable results, and is receiving extensive support by the 9th Marines. Security for the pacification cadre is primarily provided by a GVN Regional Force Battalion, with 9th Marines coordination and assistance. As is perhaps indicative of its potential value as a weapon against the People's Liberation Front movement, the rural reconstruction program received intensive Viet Cong resistance. In an obvious effort to undermine confidence in the security being provided, Regional Force Company and pacification cadre personnel and headquarters were attacked several times by Viet Cong forces and casualties inflicted. Viet Cong efforts have reaped some degree of success as there are indications that approximately 10%-15% of the People's Action Team members have resigned their positions, fearing Viet Cong reprisals. 9th Marines involvement in the rural reconstruction program has increased in an endeavor to off-set the initial Viet Cong gains.

b. Statistical information regarding psychological warfare activities within the 9th Marines TAOR during the reporting period is as follows:

Leaflets Dropped	95,000
Leaflets Handed Out	4,500
Posters Distributed	1,000
Audio Team Presentations	9
Propaganda Section Presentations	8

(In addition, 65,000 leaflets and 1,000 posters were provided GVN personnel operating in the pacification area.)

S-3 CHRONOLOGY

1. NGU-HOANH-SON (Operation Five Mountains). A pacification campaign continues in the designated portion of the 9th Marines TAOR. The units of the 59th Bn, Regional Forces, in conjunction with elements of 9th Marines, clears, occupies and pacifies hamlets and villages. Rural areas are reconstructed and protected. Pacification Teams provide medical, agricultural and cultural assistance to villagers in returning areas to government control. The 9th Marines furnishes security elements, tactical assistance, and limited logistical and medical support. The program is continuous.

2. Area of Operations. The 9th Marines operated within the assigned TAOR and on 30 November occupied positions as shown in Appendix A.

3. Significant Events.

- 2 Nov. The boundary of Operation Five Mountains was established within the 9th Marines TAOR Appendix 1.
- 4-5 Nov. 11th Ranger Bn, ARVN conducted a joint search and destroy operation in the southern portion of 9th Marines TAOR. 9th Marines provided blocking force under OPCON 3/9. (Frag Order 56-65). Co M/3/3 on 4 Nov OPCON 9th Marines assigned OPCON 3/9 in defense of FLSG ASP#1.
- 6 Nov. 9th Marines began defense concept of utilizing fixed company patrol bases with platoon patrol bases (PPB) positioned as satellites around company. PPB's to move nightly (Frag Order 58-65). Co L/3/3 placed OPCON 9th Marines and assigned OPCON 1/9 in defense of Marble Mountain Air Facility.
- 7 Nov. 11th Ranger Bn, & ARVN conducted a joint search and destroy operation of DANANG EAST. with 1/9 blocking (Frag Order 59-65). 9th Marines executed HAY DAY, code name for maximum ambushes on order. A total of 69 ambushes conducted 071800 to 081800H Nov. Due to VC terrorist activities, units ordered to protect village and district chiefs and families.
- 10 Nov. Due to effectiveness of ambushes over night patrol activities, 9th Marine units directed to substitute night ambushes for night patrols (Frag Order 62-65).

- The Ninth Marines celebrated the 191st anniversary of the United States Marine Corps.
- 11 Nov. 703d Regional Force Company (-), RVN detached from the 9th Marines. Attached to 59th Bn for FIVE MOUNTAIN Pacification Campaign.
- 18-19 Nov. 11th Ranger Bn (Rein) ARVN conducted a combined search and Destroy operation south and east SONG BAU XAU and west of Highway #1. 2/9 established blocking forces and had OPCON of M/3/3 for a reinforcing element on call by the ARVN. On 18 Nov 9th Marines established rear area within TAOR and published order (OP ORDER 329-65) to coordinate with adjacent and tenant units. Counterattack plans were submitted. Co H/2/3 OPCON 9th Marines. Placed OPCON 3/9 for defense ASP#1 relieving M/3/3. On 19 Nov H/2/3 returned OPCON 3d Marines. 3/3 OPCON 9th Marines. 191830H and BLT-3/3 dissolved. 192040H Bn (-) placed on 12 hour alert status for employment in 9th Marines TAOR.
- 21 Nov. Operation Quick Time. 3/3 designated Bn(-) to be Division Reserve. Placed on 6 hour alert at 211157H. (9th Mar Op Order 350-65). M3/3 returned OPCON 3/3.
- 22 Nov. 3/3 (-) placed on 3 hour alert at 221400H. 13/3 CHOPPED from 1/9 to 3/3.
- 24 Nov. Flooded conditions in 9th Marines TAOR restricted movement and operations precluding any activity other than local patrols and ambushes. 241200H 3/3 changed from 3 to 12 hour alert.
- 25 Nov. 9th Marines provided one infantry battalion (minus one company) for Division contingency operations. Composite Bn of Cd Grp and two companies from 3/9 and one company 3/3 (Op Order 350-65).
- 26 Nov. Bn (-) placed on 12 hour alert.

APPENDIXES.

- A. Position Overlay Nov 65 (page 3-A-1)
 B. Pacification Area Overlay (page 3-B-1)
 C. Contacts by 59th RF Bn, Nov (page 3-C-1)

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS.

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Appendix C (Contact by 59th Bn, RF Five Mountain Pacification November 1965)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>COORD</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
031930	003672	594 Co	VC harassment, Results: (F) 1 WIA.
040800	974673	592 Co	Found 5 caves. Results: 1 VCC, 2/2 grenades & Documents.
050900	038693	Intel Sqd	Found 2 caves. Results: 1 VCC w/1 grenade & Documents.
080900	039699		VC attacked using BAR's. Results: (F) 1 WIA
081000	025705	594 Co	Conducted Opn. Results: destroyed 3 caves and captured 2 grenades and documents.
102130	975686	593 Co	Set up ambush. Results: (E) 1 KIA, 1 K-50 captured.
112030	044721	PAT	Sund 2 VC boats.
120915	970693	593 Co	Found 1 cave. Results: Captured 1 mayer rifle, 1 case mayer ammo, 3 grenades, 1 3.5 Rkt, 1 M-60 belt of ammo.
121000	005676	594 Co	Found 1 cave. Results: Captured 2 grenades.
142200	033700	591 Co	VC attacked. Results: (F) Neg. (E) 1 KIA carried away, 1 grenade captured.
170400	975675	592 Co	VC sniper. Results: (F) 1 PAT WIA.
171400	023688	PAT	Found 6 dugouts. Results: captured 2 carbine, 7 mag, 4 grenades, documents with aid of 14 year old boy.
180800	023688	591 Co	Captured 1 carbine, 4 mag, 2 grenades, 1 mine.
181500	011701	PC-TM	Captured 1 grenade, 1 mine and documents.
190800	025698	591 Co	Found 1 dugout. Results: Captured 500 Kilo of rice.
200420	034703	591 Co	Contact with VC. Results: (F) 1 RF KIA, 1 PAT KIA, 4 RF WIA, 2 PAT WIA.
190900	981681	PAT	Found 1 cave. Results: Captured documents, 1 mine, 9 VC flags, weapon parts.
222000	033706	561	Shot 1 VC boat. Results: Captured 1 radio, 5 grenades, documents. 5 VC in boat, 1 VC I. Believed killed all VC in boat.

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<u>DTG</u>	<u>COORD</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
240900	982682	PAT	Found 1 zip gun, 2 grenades, 2 nag ammo for AR-16, 1 M-14 nag, M-60 linked ammo, 1 box Russ carbine ammo.
270245	982668	593 Co	VC hit CP. Results: (E) unk. (F) 3 RF KIA, 2 cadre KIA, 5 WIA, 60 mortar. 1 TR-5, 2 PRG-10 2 HE-1, 3 carbines, 1 .45 cal pistol, 2 female MIA.
281530	974674	PAT	VC fired 1 round into area. Results: (F) 1 PAT WIA.
281930	003668	594 Co	2 VC platoon attacked. Results: (F) 3 KIA, 1 WIA, 1 MIA, 3 M-1, 1 thompson missing, (E) unk.
290700	033704	591 Co	Captured VC platoon ldr., Name Tran-Ngo.
291840	034704	Intel	Killed Tran-Ngo when tried to escape.

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1. Supply Requirements. The overall status of supply is satisfactory. See APPENDIX "A" for outstanding priority 02 & 05 requisitions.

2. Problems and Solutions.

a. Storage.

(1) Problem. Inadequate protection for supplies.

(2) Solution. A double butler building is planned to be constructed within the next month. This will cover all supplies needing coverage for Regimental Headquarters.

b. Attaching 3d Battalion, 3d Marines to 9th Marine Regiment.

(1) Problem. Unit arrived without proper equipment to operate. They did not have a reefer, shower unit, sufficient tents and their generator for their camp lighting system was deadlined.

(2) Solution. The S-4 procured a reefer box for the mess hall and obtained them top priority on tents and strongbacking. Arranged for a contact team to repair their generator and had the Engineers install a water point in their area for water and showers.

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

d. Transportation.

(1) Problem. Transportation is insufficient for adequate support.

(2) Solution. That more trucks be assigned from higher headquarters. That adequate stockage of repair spare parts be authorized within each unit motor transport section to permit all of the trucks assigned to be operative a greater percentage of the time.

e. Communications.

(1) Problem. Shortage of repair parts, and items and time element involved on items turned into FLSG for repair.

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(2) Problem. Generator PU-278, AN/IRC-6 and AN/IRC-10 are the biggest problems. The PU-278 is used to power the TRC-27 and has proven to break down under any type of sustained operation. Resupply of repair parts for IRC-6 and IRC-10 radios has been slow and the on hand repair parts are at or near zero balance. At present 6 TRC-27's are in need of replacements. These radios are vital for the successful accomplishment of our combat mission.

(3) Solution. That a back order of repair/spare parts be procured and operating units authorized to stock sufficient items to keep maximum items operating at all times.

f. Construction and Fortification.

(1) A new command bunker is nearly complete and will house Operational Sections of the Regimental Headquarters. All Security bunkers and fighting holes have been rebuilt. "Z" type trenches, made with sand bags, are being constructed at the end of each row of tents. A double apron fence is being constructed around the CI and claymore mines are being emplaced. A new ammo bunker has been constructed and is in use. An athletic field is presently under construction. All strongback quarters and office spaces are completed. The officers mess is completed and officers are utilizing it for all meals. When officers moved into their mess they provided additional space for the Regimental Post Office and much needed space for NCO's and enlisted troops in their mess area. A new shower unit is planned for construction. It will have a concrete deck and a building constructed around it. The site has been approved and fill has been hauled in for construction of a 500-man modified mess hall, completion date should be during December 1965. With all strongbacking completed this headquarter has a need for additional GI tents. At present we are 21 tents short.

3. Employment of Indigenous Personnel.

a. RVN civilian war widows have been cleared and hired for use as laundry girls in the GI area.

SECRET4. Embarkation.

a. All embarkation forms and rosters have been brought up to date. 9th Marines units are still short on mount-out boxes and sufficient paint to mark all mount out gear. Regimental Headquarters does not have a school trained Embarkation Officer assigned and like shortages exist in the battalions. No school available at present.

APPENDIX "A" - Outstanding Priority 02 & 05 Requisitions

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS - (Encl 9) - S-4 Journal

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APPENDIX A (OUTSTANDING PRIORITY 02 AND 05 REQUISITIONS)

<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>FSN</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>PRI</u>	<u>DOC</u>
TAG, RED	9905-537-8954	200	02	04502
TAG, YELLOW	9905-537-8955	250	02	04503
BA-414	6135-125-5256	20	02	00231
PULSE	5950-553-3970	1	02	00766
DUPLICATING MACHINE	3610-585-0944	1	02	00929
ELECTRON TUBE	5960-230-5262	3	02	00988
ELECTRON TUBE	5960-243-5052	1	02	00989
ELECTRON TUBE	5960-062-0204	2	02	00990
RECEIVER TRANSMITTER	5820-556-9080	1	02	01086
ALTERNATOR	2920-818-8635	1	02	01182
ILLUM, EXHAUST	2990-714-8131	1	02	01191
HANDSET, H-60	5965-669-9145	1	02	01227
CORD ASSY	5995-665-7390	3	02	01228
CORD ASSY	5995-607-0367	8	02	01229
TOOL EQUIP, TE-33	5180-408-1859	15	02	01232
CAPACITOR	5910-636-2339	3	02	01245
TRANSFORMER	5950-577-1398	1	02	01252
COIL	5950-556-9520	1	02	01253
HANDSET TS-9	5965-170-6473	2	02	01254
GENERATOR	5805-542-7174	1	02	01255
CAPACITOR	5910-667-7551	1	02	01259
METER	6625-542-1736	1	02	01262
PLANAR TRIODE	5960-617-3492	4	02	01481
DIODE, IN 87	5960-577-1398	1	02	01482
PULSE TRANSFORMER	1005-550-8694	1	02	01585
MAGAZINE ASSY, .45	7430-254-4321	30	05	00069
TYPEWRITER, TELE	7430-267-2875	1	05	00178
TYPEWRITER, MANUAL	5820-642-6855	1	05	00179
RADIO, CURR-23A	5960-243-5025	1	05	00181
TUBE, 2G21	5960-853-2609	6	05	00218
BATTERY CHARGER				
TA-3240	6130-987-9503	1	05	00220
BA-35, AN/GIC-1	6135-120-1016	24	05	00227
CALIBRATOR, TS-102	6625-519-5588	2	05	00288
TEST SER, TA-1622	6625-856-1320	2	05	00289
MULTIMETER, AN/URR-105	6625-581-2036	4	05	00292
CORD ASSY	5995-607-0367	10	05	00466
WASHER, NONMETALLIC	5330-189-8904	24	05	00576
NUT, HEX	5310-981-5863	10	05	00577
CONNECTOR, INTERCOM	6140-981-5867	12	05	00578
TERMINAL, TELE	5940-689-9999	10	05	00579
CONCERTINA, TA/83030	7430-254-4319	1	05	00587
GENERATOR, SIGNAL	5960-371-9494	200	05	00599
TYPEWRITER, TELE	6625-643-1549	1	05	00873

Appendix A
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<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>PRI</u>	<u>DGC</u>
TUBE, 1ADA	5960-188-3829	10	05	00997
IF CANS, AM-42710	5820-892-3698	20	05	00998
BATTERY, BA-23	6135-050-0915	50	05	01005
BATTERY, BA-23	6135-050-0915	50	05	01006
CABLE ASSY	5995-087-2327	3	05	01007
CABLE ASSY	5995-087-2327	2	05	01008
TRUCK, AMB, M170	2310-835-8686	1	05	01012
GENERATOR, BATT CHG	6115-075-9123	1	05	01026
FILTER, E/M422	2940-580-6304	11	05	01095
FILTER, F/MRC-87	2940-141-9025	6	05	01096
BRAKE BRUM	2530-725-8138	2	05	01170
BATTERY, BA-30	6135-120-1020	500	05	01233
TUBE	5960-243-5025	10	05	01239
TUBE, 1ADA	5960-188-0829	10	05	01240
IF CAN, AM/4274	5820-957-3698	20	05	01241
FUZE, 1, 250v	5920-879-3570	20	05	01250
PACKING, 1 REFORMED				
ARC-6	5955-284-7785	4	05	01257
TERMINAL BOARD, TD-101	5820-552-7562	1	05	01260
CUL, M422	3110-100-0534	2	05	01611
BRAKE SHOE	2530-724-3224	2	05	01607
TUBE, ELECT	5960-617-3492	6	05	01629
TEST SET, BATTERY	4910-590-7417	1	05	01002
CONE, ROLLER, REAR HUB	3110-606-1841	4	05	01608
GENERATOR, 587/M	6115-987-8753	1	05	04030
TIRE, 600x16	2610-752-7610	2	05	03847
BATTERY, BA-23	6135-050-0915	12	05	03853
TIRE, 600x16	2610-752-7610	8	05	04037
PULSE TRANSFORMER	5950-553-3970	1	05	04243
DELAY LINE, 401				
AM/TRC-27	5820-553-3947	1	05	04319
KIT, REPAIR UNIV	2520-028-3434	9	05	04342
CUP, ROLLER BEARING	3110-606-7610	8	05	04353
TIRE, PNEUMATIC				
600x16	2610-752-7610	20	05	04439

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SECRETAIR SUPPORT CHRONOLOGY

1. Operational Highlights. None.
2. Facilities Provided. 9th Marines Landing Zone (LZ) was used periodically as a divert field for MAG-16 helicopters. Two to six helicopters would remain overnight at the LZ and were provided security for by Hq Co, 9th Marines.
3. Personnel and Equipment
 - a. Personnel of the Regimental TACP remain in a constant changing status as personnel rotate. No great problem has yet been encountered as this process continues.
 - b. The Regimental TACP is allocated two (2) MRC-87 radio jeeps which remain in an intermittent state of UP-DOWN status. The TACP main problem lies in that either the radio or the engine portion of the complete unit is constantly inoperable
 - c. BB-451 continue to remain a problem with the majority in a permanent DOWN status with many other not being able to hold a full charge.
 - d. The Regimental TACP has been without its IRC-10 this month, due to its being in FLSG.
 - e. The four Battalions assigned have complete TO/TE TACPs.
4. Helicopter Support
 - a. The reliability of helicopter support is in a continual state of flux. Helicopters regularly assigned for general support of 9th Marines arrive anywhere from 15 minutes early to six hours late or not at all.
 - b. 9th Marines have gone without helicopter support or have had their support helicopters taken away due to "higher priority" missions. As a result, battalions are forced into an emergency resupply basis to support certain units inaccessible by track vehicles.
 - c. The supporting of four battalions, efficiently and effectively, requires a more exacting and reliable helicopter schedule, i.e. available to 9th Marines, in order to properly carry out the assigned mission of the 9th Marines.

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d. Often helicopters assigned to the 9th Marines will disappear from "on station" without the Battalion or Regimental ALO knowing this. The main reason for this is that the DASC has diverted them to another mission without notifying the unit utilizing the helicopter

e. Although the daily FRAG ORDER furnished MAG-16 states that the 9th Marines controlling agency is Deepsite on HD#1 (MAROON), it still remains that many flights have not been checking with Deepsite prior to commencing or securing missions.

f. HD and TAD units are used at random throughout the DANANG TAOR. There appears to be no overall controlling agency to assign frequency to different commands. Congestion on certain nets is quite apparent when trying to effectively control aircraft on assigned missions.

5. Close Air Support

a. It still remains that nearly 100% of all strikes conducted in the 9th Marines TAOR are controlled by a TAC (A) or AO. This is merely due to the unit being supported not having an FAC team with them or the target being out of range of the FAC.

b. The unavailability of napalm remains a constant problem to the 9th Marines. A 30-60 minute delay is encountered everytime napalm has been requested. Therefore, more advance notice is required when napalm targets are recommended or strip alert aircraft be preloaded with napalm.

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MEDICAL AND DENTAL CHRONOLOGY

1. Significant events.

- a. Due to the unavailability of a medical officer, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines utilized the services of the Regimental Surgeon.
- b. Weekly sanitation inspections of the Ninth Marine CI Area were conducted and no major discrepancies were noted.
- c. During the month, elements of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines were treated at the Regimental Aid Station while their Battalion Aid Station was in the process of being set up.

2. New Developments: None.3. Problem Areas. None.4. MEDCAL

- a. Treatment of 216 civilian Vietnamese patients in the village of THEN BIN THAI accomplished by the medical section. The majority of complaints consisted of ulcerations, lacerations, skin disorders, upper respiratory infections, and vitamin deficiency.
- b. Monthly requisition for MEDCAL supplies for use by the Ninth Marines submitted in accordance with current directives to III MAF Civil Affairs Officer. Upon receipt, the medical supplies are distributed to the medical officers of the Battalions according to their requirements.

5. Patient statistical data

- a. Number of patients seen - 118
- b. Referrals to "C" Co, 3d Med Bn - 6
- c. Consultations to "C" Co, 3d Med Bn - 7
- d. Dental referrals - 25
- e. Majority of treatment included skin disorders, diarrhea, gastroenteritis, upper respiratory infections, injuries, and otitis media.

SECRETf. Number of emergency treatments and type.

- (1) Lacerations - 12
- (2) Fractures - 1
- (3) Insect bites - 2
- (4) Shrapnel wound - 1
- (5) Contusions - 4

6. Innoculations and prophylactic medicine administered.

- a. Immunizations - 225
- b. Malaria prophylactic - 1000

SECRETCOMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS CHRONOLOGY

1. General. During the early days of November the Communications Center became the center of an accidental explosion and fire. The resultant damage rendered the Regimental operations sections and the communication center incapable of performing their mission. Within two (2) hours enough wire and radio remote lines were re-established to resume operations with all contact to higher and adjacent units completed in four (4) hours. The remaining teletype circuits were functioning within 24 hours. This incident reflected the importance of team work within each phase of communication specialties and proved this units capability to recover from a staggering blow.

2. Personnel

a. Officer. This unit has been without the services of an assistant Regimental Communication Officer for the entire month with no prospect of one being assigned in the future. The Communications Chief has assumed many of the duties of this billet and so far has been instrumental in maintaining smooth continuous operations.

b. Enlisted. There are no critical overages or shortages in personnel strengths, however, due to the de-emphasized use of radio relay equipment these personnel are being cross-trained in other MOS fields where practical. In addition the Regimental Communication Center fully utilized the five extra men it now has for augmentation to the Comm Center watch. This unit does have some personnel with ranks higher than those rated on the unit T/O. This has been the subject of a requested change to T/O submitted to Headquarters Marine Corps on 3 October 1965.

3. Communication Center

a. All teletype circuits are presently working over land lines, except for one over radio relay link. All operations are presently half-duplex on line.

b. There is a future plan to establish full-duplex on line operation to higher headquarters and the capability of RATT circuits as backup for all existing land lines to subordinate units.

SECRET4. Radio

- a. Five radio nets are constantly being manned with three additional nets available for backup when so ordered. The majority are FM with the backup nets prepared to utilize HF single side band equipment.
- b. Because of liaison requirements to ARVN combat and pacification forces, this unit has had to stretch its personnel and equipment to the limit. During the month of November three combat operations were conducted requiring liaison radio operators and equipment in addition to a continuous demand for a stationary liaison with the pacification headquarters.
- c. Training of operators for handling of the AN/PRC-6 radio has become a constant problem in maintaining these radios by the security platoon of the headquarters company.

5. Wire

- a. The Regimental wire section maintains 59 drops in the switchboard as well as 7 hot lines and 6 teletype lines. The break down is as follows:
 - 2 Trunks to higher headquarters
 - 11 Trunks to adjacent units
 - 8 Trunks to subordinate units
 - 4 Long locals (2 to ARVN unit headquarters)
 - 34 Locals
- b. There will soon be an increase of at least 4 more trunks to higher headquarters in the near future, which has added more weight to the requirement of increasing this units switchboard requirements by one and telephones by 27. This has been the subject of a recommended change to T/A submitted to Headquarters Marine Corps on 13 October 1965.

6. Radio Relay

- a. Though there is a predominant reliance upon wire between Regimental and Battalion Command Posts, radio relay is being used as a backup. In one instance it is the primary link where the laying of wire is considered unfeasible.

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b. The power generator PU-278 which provided 400 cycle power to the AN/TRC-27 radio relay equipment is beginning to develop a host of problems. Over 500 hours of operation has generally been reached, any further repair without depot or factory rebuild is considered uneconomical. Substitute power sources are being presently sought.

7. Electronics Repair

a. During the month of November it was determined that this unit's communication equipment reached category C-2 for the following reasons:

(1) Generator sets PU-278. Six are presently evacuated to 5th echelon repair, two are at 3d echelon repair on work order. Six are presently being worked on for 1st and 2d echelon repair and only six are operational. All generators have over 500 hours of operation and are considered beyond the state of economical repair at 3d echelon. Until suitable replacements can be found, this unit's radio relay capability will be seriously hampered.

(2) First and second echelon parts for radio sets AN/TRC-6 and AN/TRC-10 are in critical demand. Local stocks are way below established safety levels and in some instances are depleted. Unless these parts or a suitable radio replacement arrives in the near future this unit's FM radio capability will become critical.

(3) Battery BB-451 which provides power to radio sets AN/TRC-41 and AN/TRC-47 are considered a critical item. This unit rates 21 and has 5 operational, 6 are evacuated to higher echelon while the remaining 10 are awaiting nono blocks. These batteries can only be recharged a certain number of times, before complete replacement of the interval cells is required. While in a semi-garrison situation these radios may be powered by other organic equipment, this unit's field capability is greatly reduced until these batteries can be refurnished.

8. Overall Work Requirements

a. In this unit's present environment the personnel of the communications platoon must provide augmentation to the command posts perimeter security as well as work details in addition to the routine daily police.

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b. The scheduling of watch standers to provide those most alert and capable of performing their assigned duties becomes a secondary function to that of the self help construction program and the demands for 75% to 100% alert on perimeter security.

c. In addition to the above, plans were made to draw upon the entire Regimental Headquarters Company to provide sufficient communications and personnel to conduct a company size sweep of a local village in the month of December.

SECRETARTILLERY, NAVAL GUNFIRE AND FIRE SUPPORT CHRONOLOGY

1. Significant Events. None.
2. New Developments. None.
3. Number/type of missions fired during November 1965.

H&I	3214
Observed missions	53
Unobserved missions	27
Illumination	18
Registration	118

4. Number of rounds fired by 2d Bn, 12th Marines (Organic Units).

105mm Howitzer	7313
155mm Howitzer	1876

5. Fire Missions and Surveillance. See Appendix A.
6. H AND I FIRES. For the period 1-30 November, H&I fires were conducted nightly. Most were "1 Gen, 1 round" missions. A total of 3214 missions were fired (Appendix B).
7. Naval Gunfire. NGF personnel have been used in FSCC to stand duty, and NGF teams have been used to man the OP at Marble Mountain (BT 075710).

8. Problem Areas.

A. Fire mission approval by Higher Echelons. At present, targets of opportunity must be cleared at Division FSCC before fire from supporting arms can be directed on to them. This often causes such an unacceptable length of delay that, especially in the case of fleeting targets, by the time the request for the fire mission has been processed through the FSCC's up to Division level, the target no longer exists, and the mission is ultimately cancelled. If the same procedure could be applied to all targets of opportunity that apply when friendly elements are taken under fire by hostile forces, fire on targets of opportunity would be more prompt and effective. This would be effected by requiring clearance for targets of opportunity to be made only at the Battalion and at the Regimental FSCC. Division FSCC would be informed, at the earliest practical moment, that a fire mission was in progress, affording them all pertinent data concerning the mission.

SECRETB. H & I Fires

(1) Timing. The curfew established by ARVN authorities is 2000 in our TAOR, but no H & I fires can commence prior to 2100. As a result, the VC have been moving early in the evening, just after darkness. As one of the prime objectives of H & I fires is to restrict the movement of the enemy, and to channelize his movements, this restriction on firing is rendering our H & I firing program less effective, and in a measure is aiding the VC.

(2) Cancellation of H & I's Without Explanation. At times certain H & I missions are cancelled by higher echelon without explanation. The entire H&I program is built around tactical requirements. Cancellation of any portion reduces effectiveness of the program. Explanation for cancellation should be given so that the command concerned can attempt to coordinate, reconcile and re-institute the fire mission. Spot checks indicate that in many instances the planned H & I program could have remained in effect.

C. Aircraft Safety. There is a need to establish air lane routes for transient aircraft in assigned TAOR's. Administrative flights are not restricted in their routes. Aircraft requested by units other than the 9th Marines, are able to fly through our TAOR unknown by controlling agencies organic to the Regiment and who are not informed of their presence and who may not be able to contact them because of frequency differences. Fire missions have had to be held up to permit aircraft to clear the area because there has been no way to control the aircraft movement. Solution: Establish air lanes or routes that all aircraft must adhere to in passing from one TAOR to another, and require that such aircraft make radio contact with appropriate Regimental ALO so that positive control can be effected.

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Appendix A (Fire Missions and Surveillance 1-30 Nov 1965)

(1800 - 1800 Daily Includes Request by ARVN Units)

1 Nov

1815 (AT 985655) Susp Mortar Position One Ill.
 2040 (BT 108678) Susp Mortar Position One Ill.
 2300 (BT 108678) Susp Mortar Position One Ill.
 0752 (AT 996637) Ten VC crossing river one obs. No surv.
 1025 (AT 993643) SA fire one obs. No surv.
 1050 (AT 993642) SA fire & sniper fire one obs. No surv.
 1230 (BT 00086344) 10 VC in open one obs. No surv.
 1250 (BT 00286283) 10 VC in tree line one obs. No surv.

2 Nov

2035 (BT 057177) VC Ill. No surv.
 2253 (BT 058177) VC Ill. No surv.
 1630 (BT 060710) VC in tree line No surv.
 (BT 012627) VC in tree line one obs. No surv.
 2110 (AT 883749) VC Bn Zone fire 10
 mills H quadrants un obs No surv.
 1405 (AT 996664) Barrage for K 3/9
 1115 (BT 02576532) Barrage for I 3/9

3 Nov

2135 (BT 085710) VC Ill.
 2210 (BT 046645) VC Ill.

4 Nov

None-only H&I and Registration conducted

5 Nov

1157 (AT 959642) VC auto wpns in tree line. obs mission
 good effect on target.

6 Nov H&I and registration conducted.7 Nov

1840 (BT 05186333) Troops in open Obs mission No Surv
 0755 (BT 05326363) troops in tree line Obs mission No Surv
 0855 (AT 96106469) troops in tree line Obs mission No Surv

8 Nov

1015 (AT 99265982) VC small arms Obs mission Excellent
 effect
 on target

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9 Nov
 1330 (AT 99265982) VC small arms. Obs mission. Excellent effect on target.

10 Nov
 1730 (BT 059649) VC in open. Obs mission. No Surv.
 (BT 872613) HY210 Radio Transmitter TOT. Unobs three Volleys.

11 Nov
 1850 (BT 065672) VC in bunkers and trenches. Obs mission Possible KIA's.
 1800 (AT 855712) TOT. Unobserved.

12 Nov
 2030 (BT 045718) VC position 18 rds of 105. Unobserved. Requested by ARVN govt illumination on target.

13 Nov
 1850 (BT 010636) VC auto wpns fire controlled by RM 40 outstanding effect of target, also fired 18 rds as H&I at 2100 on this TOT.

14 Nov
 1810 (AT 948587) VC Company obs mission 60 rds (105) 30 rds (155) two houses left burning. No surv, poss KIA's or WIA's.
 2040 (AT 989655) VC squad, Ill mission. No Surv.
 1245-1330 (AT 961579)-(AT 96115838) VC moving wounded 4 Obs mission 98 rds (155), 111 rds (105). No Surv.

15 Nov
 1805 (AT 961581) 50 VC in open. Unobs mission. No surv.
 1901 (AT 972593), AT 976599, AT 976592) Unobs mission. No surv. (AT 970594, AT 974594, AT 979590, AT 982591) Unobs mission. No surv.

16 Nov
 1400 (BT 961584) VC crossing road, fr Div PSCC, Unobs mission. No surv.
 1415 (AT 962584) VC in village. Unobs mission. No surv.

17 Nov
 1830 (BT 004632) fired on 20-30 VC. No surv.
 1820 (BT 104643) VC troops in trench. No surv.
 1610 (BT 00726329) fired on 20 VC troops. No surv.
 1920 (BT 051732) VC Ill. Good illumination.
 1945 (BT 047740) VC Ill. Good illumination.
 2315 (BT 056751) VC Ill. Good illumination.
 0010 (BT 056751) VC Ill. Good illumination.

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2000 (BT 055745) VC Ill. No surv.
 2115 (AT 980775) VC Ill. No surv.
 2135 (BT 00726329) VC. Ill. No surv.
 2150 (BT 00726329) VC. Ill. No surv.
 2300 (BT 00726329) VC. Ill. No surv.
 0100 (BT 00726329) VC. Ill. No surv.
 0300 (BT 00726329) VC. Ill. No surv.
 0045 (BT 048740) VC. Ill. No surv.

19 Nov

0505-0530 (BT 090629) Prep fires for 1/9.
 0530-0545 (BT 113623) Prep fires for 1/9.
 0545-0600 (BT 117639) Prep fires for 1/9. 175 rds of 105mm
 HE. No surv.
 1415 (AT 958583) VC movement. No surv.
 1535 (AT 958583) VC in open, five houses burning, one
 house destroyed, one bunker destroyed, one trench
 caved in VC dispersed. 13 KIA later confirmed by
 Div FSCC.
 1600 (AT 958583) Repeat fire on same mission listed under
 1535. Mission requested of ARVN units.

20 Nov

1830 (AT 974665) VC auto wpns fire. Obs mission.
 Firing stopped.
 1850 (AT 982657) VC auto wpns fire from tree line. Obs
 mission. No surv.
 2255 (No coord avail). VC activity. Obs mission. Good
 effect on target.
 1620 (AT 993619) VC working in trench. AO mission. E, F
 & L Batteries fired 8 KIA's many more WIA's. Good
 effect on target.
 1630 (AT 95805831) VC. Obs mission. No surv.
 1644 (AT 993619) Refired on VC in trench line. 4
 buildings destroyed, one left burning. AO mission.

21 Nov

1800 (AT 958586) VC troops. Obs mission. No surv.
 0005 (AT 977692) VC movement. Obs Ill mission. No surv.
 0255 (AT 993619) VC troops. Obs mission. No surv.
 1610 (AT 95815860) VC. Obs mission six (6) KIA's, further
 surv to follow (Note: did not receive additional
 info on mission)

22 Nov No observed or will adjust missions.

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1735 (BT 000606) VC. Unobs mission. No surv.
 1740 (BT 003615), (BT 999620) VC. Unobs mission. No surv.
 2120 (BT 033706) VC. Unobs, fired Ill in support of ARVN.

24 Nov

1518 (AT 958586) VC crossing road. Obs mission. No surv.

25 Nov

2007 (BT 060691) VC. Ill mission. No surv.
 2130 (AT 850705) VC Battalion. Unobs mission. No surv.
 2135 (BT 059753) VC movement. Ill Unobs mission. No surv.

26 Nov

1936 (BT 027604), (BT 013582), (BT 028582), (BT 032592),
 (BT 028593). VC Company. Unobs. L valley on each
 side of coord.

27 Nov

2120 (AT 963583) VC. Unobs mission. No surv.

28 Nov

1800 (BT 105643) VC in bushes. Obs by 40. EFF on TbT.
 2000 (AT 992610) to (AT 995615) VC est. Battalion. est.
 number of troops 400. Unobs mission 84 rds 105 HE, 35 rds
 155 HE. No surv.
 2215 (BT 055745) VC. Ill mission. No VC sighted.

29 Nov Nothing Significant -- only H&I and registrations fired.

30 Nov

1938 (AT 941588) Susp 2 Bn VC. Unobs mission. No surv.
 2335 (AT 982632) VC movement. Ill mission 65 rds Ill
 (105). No surv.
 1010 (BT 01746180) Prep fires for ARVN. Excellant effect
 on target.
 1230 (AT 995616) VC (ARVN Req). Obs mission. No surv.
 1245 (AT 992611) VC (in support of ARVN blocking). Obs
 mission. No surv.
 1250 (AT 992617) (in support of ARVN blocking) Obs mission.
 No surv.
 1340 (AT 970640) heavy auto wpns fire. Obs mission
 wpns silenced, no bodies found on a subsequent
 infantry sweeps of area, but 200 rds of S/A and
 documents were found.

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APPENDIX B (CONSOLIDATED LIST OF FIRE MISSIONS 1-30 NOV 1965)

DATE	H&I	OBS	ILL	UNOBS	REGIS	105	155
Nov 1	198	5	3	1	0	360	---
Nov 2	113	1	3	1	8	585	---
Nov 3	207	1	2	---	19	454	216
Nov 4	84	---	---	---	3	84	22
Nov 5	51	1	---	---	---	107	5
Nov 6	61	---	---	---	11	165	51
Nov 7	107	3	---	---	5	358	44
Nov 8	124	---	---	---	3	132	30
Nov 9	209	5	---	---	---	147	65
Nov 10	80	2	---	---	7	153	108
Nov 11	131	1	---	---	11	263	30
Nov 12	69	---	---	---	2	121	94
Nov 13	34	1	---	---	7	154	38
Nov 14	86	6	---	---	1	266	152
Nov 15	141	---	---	5	4	221	59
Nov 16	140	---	---	2	1	143	105
Nov 17	189	6	---	---	5	390	92
Nov 18	50	---	6	---	---	79	53
Nov 19	54	3	---	3	---	429	56
Nov 20	167	5	---	---	8	458	107
Nov 21	188	4	---	---	---	272	108
Nov 22	181	---	---	---	---	139	108
Nov 23	70	---	---	4	5	223	34
Nov 24	50	1	---	---	8	340	70
Nov 25	70	1	2	1	---	167	36
Nov 26	52	---	---	6	---	105	25
Nov 27	64	---	---	1	6	117	15
Nov 28	91	2	1	---	---	409	72
Nov 29	82	---	---	---	5	122	23
Nov 30	72	5	1	1	---	350	19
TOTAL	3214	53	18	27	119	7313	1876

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SECRETSUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

The following documents are submitted with the original copy of the Ninth Marines Command Chronology for November 1965:

- TA/B*
in pt I (1) S-1 Journal 1-30 Nov 65
 (2) S-1 Sit Reps 1-30 Nov 65
 (3) S-2 INTSUMS Numbers 116 through 145
in pt II (4) 9th Mar Op Order 329-65
 (5) 9th Mar Op Plan 330-65
 (6) 9th Mar Op Order 350-65 *w/ch I*
 (7) 9th Mar Frag Orders 56-65 through 66-65
 (8) 9th Mar Situation Reports Numbers 116 through 145
in pt III (9) S-3 Journal 1-30 Nov 1965
 (10) S-4 Journal 1-30 Nov 1965
Sited
exp (11) 1st Bn Command Chronology Nov 1965
 (12) 2nd Bn Command Chronology Nov 1965
 (13) 3rd Bn Command Chronology Nov 1965
 (14) 3rd Bn, 3rd Mar Command Chronology Nov 1965

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(Date)

9th Airborne

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TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES ORDERS, ETC	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0800		1	290230Z	COMMUNICATION ECONOMY	S&F
0800		2	290630Z	COMMUNICATIONS ECONOMY	S&F
0800		3	280612Z	STATUS REQUEST SECOND TRACER	S&F
0800		4	280025Z	REQUEST FOR SEARCH	S&F
0800		5	290055Z	PRELIMINARY MALFUNCTION REPORT	S&F
0800		6	280145Z	ACCOUNT NUMBER IN RECEIPT OF HOS	S&F
0800		7	290056Z	PRELIMINARY MALFUNCTION REPORT	S&F
0800		8	280147Z	E F T O CHRISTERSON G L LCBL	S&F
0800		9	280826Z	MONTHLY CALIBRATION REPORT	S&F
0800		10	200551Z	BUDGER OPTAR REPORTS	S&F
0800		11	291208Z	REPORT OF CASUALTIES	S&F
0800		12	280232Z	FROM FSAL FOR RUC	S&F
0800		13	280804Z	FROM FSAL	S&F
0800		14	280638Z	FLIGHT DEPARTURE	S&F
0800		15	280724Z	FROM FSAC 1 FOR RUC	S&F
0800		16	291013Z	FLIGHT DEPARTURE	S&F
1700		17	281025Z	Totation of Bn's	S&F
1700		18	280232Z	From FSAL for RUC 13230	S&F
1700		19	281040Z	Col W. H. LANAGAN SENDS	S&F

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TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES ORDERS, ETC	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0700		1	232338Z	BASEGRAM SECTION 12 of 35 SECTIONS	S&F
0700		2	232338Z	BASEGRAM SECTION 16 OF 35 SECTIONS	S &F
0700		3	232338Z	" " 22 " "	S&F
0700		4	232338Z	" " 6 " "	S&F
0700		5	250741Z	FLIGHT DEPARTURE	S&F
0700		6	231716Z	FROM FSACI FOR RUC 13230	S&F
0700		7	270402Z	REPORT OF CASUALTIES	S&F
1600		8	232338Z	SECTION 34 of 35	S&F
1600		9	281600Z	FMFPAC MATERIAL MAINTENANCE ASSIS TANCE TEAM	S&F
1600		10	280438Z	REPORT OF CASUALTIES	S&F
1600		11	231605Z	ABSENCE FROM DUTY, CASE OF LCPL JOHN M FROSTROM	S&F
1600		12	280610Z	STATUS REQUEST EIGHT TRACER	S&F
1600		13	280620Z	PER EFF	S&F
1600		14	280020Z	CASHING OF UNITED STATES TREASURY CHECKS	S&F
1600		15	234701Z		S&F

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0700		1	232338Z	BASEGRAM-- SELECTION	S&F
0700		2	"	"	"
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0700		11	270310Z	STATUS REQUEST SECOND TRACER	"
0700		12	270312Z	"	"
0700		13	270255Z	"	"
0700		14	270307Z	"	"
0700		15	270256Z	"	"
0700		16	270303Z	"	"
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0700		19	270308Z	"	"
0700		20	270302Z	"	"
0700		21	270309Z	"	"
0700		22	270258Z	"	"
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0700		28	270319Z	STATUS REQUEST SECOND TRACER	S&F
0700		29	252002Z	MILSTAMP TRACER ACT ON	S&F
0700		30	262330Z	MATL REF B SHIPPED VIA SS AMERICAN HAWK VOYAGE	S&F
0700		31	270304Z	STATUS REQUEST SIXTH TRACER	S&F
0700		32	270320Z	" " SECOND	S&F
0700		33	270457Z	ROTATING BN	S&F
0700		34	271421Z	PEF A REQ VOL CAPT/LT	S&F
0700		35	270306Z	STATUS REQUEST FIRST TRACER	S&F
0700		36	270321Z	" " SECOND	S&F
0700		37	270310Z	" " "	S&F
0700		38	270314Z	" " "	S&F
0700		39	270315Z	" " "	S&F
0700		40	270317Z	" " "	S&F
0700		41	260530Z	PRELIMINARY MALFUNCTION REPORT	S&F
0700		42	270305Z	STATUS REQUEST SECOND TRACER	S&F
0700		43	240500Z	THANKSGIVING MESSAGE	S&F
0700		44	270826Z	FMFPAC MATERIAL MAINTENANCE ASSIS TANCE TEAM	S&F
1630		45	240713Z	PEREFF SGT RJ ROCHE 1346138 USMC	S&F
1630		46	270800Z	REQ PERS EFFECTS PFC GARY W MC CUTCHAN	S&F
1630		47	260846Z	FOL PNTS SKED MED AIR EVAC FM	S&F
1630		48	232338Z	BASEGRAM SECTION 9 OF 35	S&F

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0700		1	222041Z	THANKS GIVING MESSAGE	S&F
0700		2	232324Z	CMC	S&F
0700		3	222338Z	SECNAV	S&F
0700		4	251326Z	SAFETY OF PERSONNEL	S&F
0700		5	170817Z	SECTION ONE OF TWO	S&F
0700		6	260430Z	REPORT OF CASUALTIES	S&F
0700		7	251847Z	INFO IS SUBMITTED	S&F
0700		8	260710Z	CHRISTMAS MAIL ORDER PROGRAM	S&F
0700		9	260518Z	INFO IS SUBMITTED	S&F
1630		10	240500Z	THANKSGIVING MESSAGE	S&F
1630		11	232220Z	GEMINI MISSION GT 7/6 COMMS TTY ROUTING	S&F
1630		12	240420Z	MEDICAL EVAC	S&F
1630		13	292134Z OCT	MSG CORR AND MSG CPSS	S&F
1630		14	232338Z	BASEGRAM	S&F
1630		15	232303Z	THANKSGIVING DAY MESSAGE	S&F
1630		16	240524Z	CHAPLAIN CORPS ANNIVERSARY	S&F
1630		17	202000Z	" "	S&F
1630		18	222001Z	BASEGRAM THANKSGIVING MESSAGE	S&F

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IN	OUT				
0700		1	232338Z	LIEUTENANT SELECTIONS	S&F
0700		2	222001Z	CHNC PAC FLT	S&F
0700		3	251900Z	REPORT OF DEATH BATTLE	S&F
0700		4	230657Z	REPORT OF CASUALTIES	S&F
0700		5	250002Z	MILSTAMP TRACER ACTION	S&F
0700		6	240410Z	THANKSGIVING DAY MESSAGE TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES	S&F
0700		7	220701Z	INFO IS SUBMITTED	S&F
0700		8	191140Z	COMMUNICATIONS ECONOMY	S&F
0700		9	230258Z	MOPEC "THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE"	S&F

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IN	OUT				
0800		1	201940Z	FLIGHT DEPARTURE	S&F
0800		2	240240Z	REPORT OF CASUALTIES	S&F
0800		3	220607Z	FLIGHT DEPARTURE	S&F
0800		4	241140Z	PUMP 55 GPM	S&F
0800		5	232334Z	PER EFF	S&F
0800		6	200542Z	VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL	S&F
0800		7	230800Z	INFO IS SUBMITTED	S&F
0800		8	131834Z	COMMI SIGNED WARRANT OFFICER SELECTIONS	S&F
1600		9	161400Z	FROM FSAC1 FOR FSAC2 13230	S&F
1600		10	230801Z	FLIGHT DEPARTURE	S&F

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IN	OUT				
0700		1	191514Z	WRIGHT RICHARD J 211 43 PFC USMC	S&F
0700		2	230400Z	STATUS REQUEST SEVENTH TRACER	S&F
0700		3	230300Z	REPORT OF NAVAL BATTLE INJURY	S&F
0700		4	220730Z	REQ PAY RECORDS OF PFC FRANK LOVE 2057934	S&F
0700		5	230402Z	STATUS REQUEST FOURTH TRACER	S&F
0700		6	230401Z	" " FIRST TRACER	S&F
0800		7	230425Z	DAMAGE TO PRIVATE PROPERTY BY TRACKED VEHICLES	S&F
0700		8	020444Z	INFO IS SUBMITTED	S&F
0700		9	211329Z	OBLIGATION OF CLOTHING PEQUISITIONS	S&F
0700		10	160722Z	FLIGHT DEPARTURE	S&F
0700		11	190234Z	CINCPACFLT NOTE 1300	S&F
0700		12	230444Z	MY 311102Z Oct (U)	S&F
0700		13	230045Z	FOL PNTS SKED DEPT MED AIR EVAC FM TACHIKAWA	S&F
				JAPAN FLT PLE	
0700		14	160722Z	FLIGHT DEPARTURE	S&F
0700		15	230804Z	MEDICAL INFORMATION, CASE OF CPL JIMMIE R.	S&F
				K KENNEY	
0700		16	221954Z	FR P565 FOR FSACI ANFO RUC 13230 B 828/3	S&F
0700		17	210323Z	RED BALL SYSTEM	S&F
0700		18	200737Z	INFO IS SUBMITTED	S&F
0700		19	222112Z	CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE	S&F
1600		20	232030Z	TELEPHONE LINE ROUTE AND TRAFFIC DIAGRAM	S&F
1600		21	200229Z	MAIL SERVICE FOR OVERSEAS COMBAT AREAS	S&F
1600		22	230505Z	FLIGHT DEPARTURE	S&F
1600		23	161358Z	IDENTIFICATION REQ FOR	S&F

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IN	OUT				
0700		1	160224Z	REPORT OF CASUALTIES	S&F
0700		2	190025Z	E F T O	S&F
0700		3	210304Z	E F T O	S&F
0700		4	200228Z	E F T O	S&F
0700		5	220810Z	FIRST TRACER	S&F
0700		6	201940Z	E F T O	S&F
0700		7	190804Z	E F T O	S&F
0700		8	090733Z	INFO IS SUBMITTED	S&F

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IN	OUT				
0700		1	200912Z	READDRESSAL OF 180914Z WEARING OF IDENTIFICATION TAGS	S&F
0700		2	191245Z	PER EFF	S&F
0700		3	192310Z	FIRST TRACER REPLY	S&F
0700		4	211344Z	CHALLENGES AND PASSWORDS	S&F
0700		5	170920Z	PER EFF	S&F
0700		6	200437Z	STATUS REQUEST FIRST TRACER	S&F
0700		7	200439Z	"	S&F
0700		8	200445Z	"	S&F
0700		9	200438Z	"	S&F
0700		10	200441Z	"	S&F
0700		11	200435Z	"	S&F
0700		12	200448Z	"	S&F
0700		13	200443Z	"	S&F
0700		14	200444Z	"	S&F
0700		15	200436Z	"	S&F
0700		16	200440Z	"	S&F
0700		17	210317Z	REPORT OF CASUALTIES	S&F
0700		18	190025Z	CMC PASS TO (CSX). CG MOSA PHILA PASS TO	S&F
0700		19	200446Z	STATUS REQUEST FIRST TRACER	S&F
0700		20	190845Z	SECOND TRACER RED BALL	S&F
0700		21	190842Z	THIRD TRACER RED BALL	S&F
1630		22	090733Z	INFO IS SUBMITTED	S&F F

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IN	OUT				
0700		1	200124Z	HEADSET T/A NUMBERS 12122 AND 12124 STATUS REQUEST FIRST TRACER SWIMMING AT CHINA BEACH REQ OFF PECK UP ARFCOS PACKAGES AT THIS HQS.	S&F
0700		2	200447Z		S&F
0700		3	200442Z		S&F
0700		4	181242Z		S&F

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IN	OUT				
0700		1	170602Z	FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT RELEASED IN WASHINGTON TODAY BY CMC	S&F
0700		2	190705Z	CASUALTY ARRIVALS	S&F
0700		3	301230Z <i>oct</i>	CMC CODE DGH	S&F
0700		4	180003Z	MONTHLY OPTAR REPORT	S&F
0700		5	260806Z <i>oct</i>	ADVANCE CH THREE TO S&PA INSTRUCTIONS HONG KONG	S&F
0700		6	191138Z	PORTABLE LIGHT PLANT NAVY NO	S&F
0700		7	010946Z	OPERATIONAL REPORTS	S&F
0700		8	310010Z <i>Oct</i>	AMERICAN OVERSEAS CONPAIGN	S&F
0700		9	190318Z	REPORT OF CASUALTIES	S&F
0700		10	190037Z	BIRTHDAY MESSAGE	S&F
0700		11	180722Z	FLIGHT DEPARTURE	S&F
0700		12	181040Z	OBLIGATION OF CLOTHING REQNS	S&F
0700		13	311102Z <i>oct</i>	SUSPENSION OF AMMUNITION	S&F
0700		14	191047Z	CONTAMINATION	S&F
0700		15	171242Z	REPORT OF CASUALTIES	S&F
0700		16	171220Z	AMERICAN SERVICE MEN CARE INFORMATION SERVICE OFFICER	S&F
0700		17	181242Z	REQ OFF FECK UP ARFCOS PACKAGES AT THIS HQS.	S&F
1630		18	180723Z	INFO IS SUBMITTED	S&F
1630		19	192353Z	48th BIRTHDAY OF THE 9th MARINES	S&F
1630		20	130902Z	FROM RSAC1 FOR P565	S&F

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0700		1	172009Z	FLIGHT DEPARTURE	S&F
0700		2	171246Z	REPORT OF NAVAL BATTLE INJURY	S&F
0700		3	171025Z	CLOTHING INVENTORY	S&F
0700		4	170638Z	REPORT OF DEATH BATTLE	S&F
0700		5	170340Z	NELSON ERIC CHRISTIAN USN IN HOSPITAL	S&F
0700		6	170115Z	SUPPLY ACTION	S&F
0700		7	180544Z	SECOND TRACER REPLY	S&F
0700		8	180225Z	REASG OF MARINES	S&F
1600		9	180230Z	REQUEST FOR CANCELLATION	S&F
1600		10	060620Z	REPLY IS SUBMITTED	S&F
1600		11	190037Z	BIRTHDAY MESSAGE	S&F
1600		12	172153Z	REQN STATUS	S&F

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0730		1	110723Z	Flight Departure	S&F
0730		2	130650Z	Report of casualties	S&F
0730		3	110724Z	Report of casualties	S&F
0730		4	161500Z	Grenade, hand, frag, M26, handling/use of	S&F
0730		5	090803Z	Report of casualties arrivals/admitt/welfare	S&F
0730		6	122322Z	JCS cancels	S&F
0730		7	160722Z	Report of casualties	S&F
0730		8	080801Z	Report of casualties arrivals/admitt/welfare	S&F
0730		9	110328Z	Negative results on search for subj eff	S&F

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IN	OUT				
0700		1	161448Z	REPORT OF DEATH-BATTLE	S&F
0700		2	110240Z	REPORT OF CASUALTIES ADMITTANCE	S&F
0700		3	110654Z	SEVERE WEATHER WARNING	S&F
0700		4	112249Z	MEDICAL EVACS RET TO DU REQ DISPOSITION	S&F
0700		5	130217Z	TENTH TRACER REPLY	S&F
0700		6	161300Z	REPORT OF DEATH BATTLE	S&F
0700		7	161446Z	REPORT OF DEATH BATTLE	S&F
0700		8	161420Z	CHALLENGES AND PASSWORDS	S&F
0700		9	080800Z	FLIGHT DEPARTURE	S&F
0700		10	130120Z	REPORT OF CASUALTIES ADMITTANCE	S&F

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IN	NUMBER			TAKEN
0700	1	150703Z	PER EFF	S&F
0700	2	140914Z	CG MCSC BARSTOW	S&F
0700	3	150532Z	FUNERAL FOR DICKEY CHAPELLE	S&F
0700	4	091344Z	SECNAVNOTE 1421	S&F
0700	5	130505Z	SUBJECT- REPORT OF PATIENTS RETURNED TO C DUTY	S&F
	6	130520Z	REPORT OF PATIENTS RETURNED TO DUTY	S&F
0700	7	130906Z	FLIGHT DEPARTURE	S&F
0700	8	140950Z	CLOTHING SHORTAGE	S&F
0700	9	100500Z	REPORT OF PERSONNEL HOSPITALIZED	S&F
0700	10	112248Z	MED EVC	S&F
0700	11	102029Z	REDUCTION OF MESSAGES TO PACOM AREA.	S&F
0700	12	151444Z	WHEEL CYLINDERS AND WHEEL BEARINGS	S&F
0700	13	140931Z	SATUS REQUEST FIFTH TRACER	S&F
0700	14	140932Z	" " " "	S&F
0700	15	140933Z	" " " "	S&F
0700	16	140210Z	PATIENT AFFAIRS	S&F
0700	17	140930Z	STAUTUS REQUEST FIFTH TRACER	S&F
0700	18	151220Z	EQUID REQUIREMENT FOR ROTATING	S&F
0700	19	150725Z	REPORT OF CASUALTIES	S&F
1630	20	140210Z	PATIENT AFFAIRS	S&F

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0700 0700 0700		1 2 3	140137Z 100500Z 140950Z	REPORT OF CASUALTIES REPORT OF PERSONNEL CLOTHING SHORTAGE	S&F S&F S&F

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0700		1	130546Z	REPORT OF CASUALTIES	S&F
0700		2	130500Z	TREATMENT OF CAPTURED PERSONNEL	S&F
0700		3	130322Z	SIXTH TRACER	S&F
0700		4	130321Z	FOURTH TRACER	S&F
0700		5	130648Z	FROM FSACI FMR FSAC2 AND RUC 13210 INFO	S&F
0700		6	130323Z	THIRD TRACER	S&F
0700		7	130320Z	FIFTH TRACER	S&F
1630		8	130644Z	FROM FSACI FOR RUC 10 13230 INFO	S&F
1630		9	130906Z	FLIGHT DEPARTURE	S&F
1630		10	111250Z	"	S&F
1630		11		"	S&F

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0700		1	080546Z	ROEP CAS ARR/ADMV	S&F
0700		2	121538Z	REPORT OF CASUALTIES	S&F
0700		3	282123Z Oct	SECNAV NOTE 1421 SELECTIONS OF CAPTAINS	S&F
0700		4	120243Z	STATUS REQUEST FIFTH TRACER	S&F
0700		5	120242Z	" " " "	S&F
0700		6	120241Z	" " " "	S&F
0700		7	120240Z	" " " "	S&F
0700		8	120350Z	THE MARTHA RAYE SHOW	S&F
1630		9	120128Z	READDRESSAL 102356Z FUEAL FOR DICKEY CHAPELLE	S&F

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0700		090332Z		SPECIAL SERVICES BOATS AND MOTORS	S&F
0700		161730Z		PRESUS MARCORP BIRTHDAY GREETING	S&F
0700		080728Z		M72 LA W	S&F
0700		102344Z		REPORT OF DEATH-BATTLE	S&F
0700		050350Z		PEREPPS USN SHIPPED TO HOME ADDRESS.	S&F
0700		100008Z		SECOND TRACER RED BALL	S&F
0700		092355Z		FIRST TRACER	S&F
0700		092316Z		MEDICAL EVAC RET TO D REQ DISPOSITION	S&F
0700		090733Z		INFO IS SUBMITTED	S&F
0700		100222Z		PERS BEING HELD FOR REASONS INDICATED	S&F
0700		060013Z		VETERAN DAY MESSAGE 1965	S&F
0700		092153Z		A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT	S&F
0700		081227Z		RATE TO BE CHANGED FOR AIR PARCEL POST	S&F
0700		081936Z		FLIGHT DEPARTURE	S&F
0700		090736Z		READDRESSAL OF 050356Z EMER LEAVE	S&F
0700		052203Z		MSC CORR 69/2 TO ACP 117 US SUPP	S&F
0700		100010Z		FIRST TRACER	S&F
0700		110524Z		STATUS REQUEST FIFTH TRACER	S&F
0700		110523Z		" " " " " " " "	S&F
0700		110525Z		" " " " " " " "	S&F
0700		110522Z		CMC (CODE CSX), MCSA PHILA (P820	S&F
0700		092350Z		SECOND TRACER RED BALL	S&F
0700		110100Z		REPORT OF CASUALTIES	S&F
0700		110544Z		OBLIGATION RECOMMENDATION WITH FSR	S&F
0700		090733Z		FLIGHT DEPARTURE	S&F

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0835		1	091150Z	Birthday Message fro CO 9thMar	S&F
0835		2	070441Z	Fourth Tracer	S&F
0835		3	090230Z	Sixth Tracer	S&F
0835		4	070443Z	Fourth Tracer	S&F
0835		5	070444Z	Status Request	S&F
0835		6	070442Z	Fourth Tracer	S&F
0835		7	070420Z	Fourth Tracer	S&F
0835		8	091115Z	Pay Record and Health Record, Request for	S&F
0835		9	070441Z	Fourth Tracer	S&F
0835		10	022249Z	Medical Evacs Returned to Duty Request	S&F
0835		11	090850Z	Deposition	S&F
1630		12	090311Z	Report of Casualties	S&F
1630		13	100220Z	Info is Submitted	S&F
1630		14	090016Z	Report of Casualties	S&F
1630		15	091424Z	Leave Policy	S&F
1630		16	010938Z	Challenges and Passwords	S&F
1630		17	100250Z	Info is submitted	S&F
1630		18	090850Z	First tracer	S&F
1630		19	090311Z	Report of casualties	S&F
1630				Info is submitted	S&F

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0700		1	040552Z	INFO IS SUBMITTED TENTH TRACER REPLY INFO IS SUBMITTED PRECAUTIONS FOR HANDLING AND USE OF M-26 FK FLIGHT DEPARTURE	S&F
0700		2	090019Z		S&F
0700		3	030538Z		S&F
0700		4	060735Z		S&F
0700		5	070638Z		S&F

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0700		1	080400Z	PHYSICAL SEARCH AND HODD	S&F
0700		2	050511Z	FOURTH TRACER	S&F
0700		3	010939Z	FLIGHT DEPARTURE	S&F
0700		4	261523Z OCT	NINTH TRACER REPLY	S&F
0700		5	070704Z	REPORT OF CASUALTIES	S&F
0700		6	010230Z	MAJOR COMMAND CODE ASSIGNMENT	S&F
0700		7	071328Z	OBLIGATION RECONCILIATION WITH PSR	S&F
0700		8	080445Z	REPORT OF CASUALTIES	S&F
0700		9	011340Z	WAR TROPHY FIRE ARMS	S&F
0700		10	272333Z	MEDICAL EVACS	S&F
0700		11	010440Z	REPORT OF CASUALTIES	S&F
0700		12	280412Z OCT	TELETYPE SET AN/GGC-3A	S&F
0700		13	091354Z OCT	COMMANDANTS BIRTHDAY MESSAGE 10 NOVEMBER 65	S&F
1630		14	021900Z	MBR ADM THIS HOSP 16 OCT 65	S&F
1630		15	060850Z	MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY	S&F
1630		16	010310Z	EQUIP RETURN NOTICE	S&F

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8Nov65
(Date)

JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES ORDERS, ETC	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0700		1	070638Z	FLIGHT DEPARTURE	S&F
1600		2	032242Z	MEDICAL EVAC	S&F
1600		3	050749Z	STATUS REQUEST FOURTH TRACER	S&F
1600		4	150748Z	" " " "	S&F
1600		5	050747Z	" " " "	S&F
1600		6	070445Z	" " " "	S&F
1600		7	050746Z	" " " "	S&F
1600		8	050510Z	" " " "	S&F
1600		9	070640Z	FLIGHT DEPARTURE	S&F
1600		10	070118Z	CANCELLATION	S&F
1600		11	060730Z	FLTH DEPARTURE	S&F

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7NOV65
(Date)JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES ORDERS, ETC	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0700		1	060811Z	STATUS REQUEST FOURTH TRACER	S&F
0700		2	060810Z	" "	S&F
0700		3	050745Z	" "	S&F
0700		4	060814Z	" "	S&F
0700		5	060812Z	" "	S&F
0700		6	060813Z	" "	S&F
0700		7	060612Z	(SCI-21) HD-40	S&F
0700		8	060816Z	REPORT OF CASUALTIES	S&F
0700		9	061010Z	UNAUTHORIZED USE AND UNATTENDED VEHICLES	S&F
1600		10	060658Z	AMERICAN EMBASSY	S&F
1600		11	060618Z	E F T O	S&F
1600		12	051916Z	THIRD AOWREUTH TRACER REPLY	S&F
1600		13	050310Z	NEED MONEY EMERGENCY	S&F
1600		14	030101Z	MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY MESSAGE 1965	S&F
1600		15	060558Z	" "	S&F

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6NOV65
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TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES ORDERS, ETC	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0700		1	051336Z	REPORT OF DEATH-BATTLE	S&F
0700		2	030127Z	INFO IS SUBMITTED	S&F
0700		3	040116Z	REPORT OF DEATH-BATTLE	S&F
0700		4	041944Z	FLIGHT DEPARTURE	S&F
0700		5	050710Z	REPORT OF DEATH-BATTLE	S&F
0700		6	050844Z	REPORT OF CASUALTIES (5-65)	S&F
0700		7	052227Z	UP DATED SHIP DATA	S&F
0700		8	031244Z	REPORT OF CASUALTIES	S&F
1630		9	301232Z	INTERNAL REQUISITION TRACERS	S&F
1630		10	060318Z	OPENING OF NON-BURNING SANITARY FILL	S&F
1630		11	040027Z	FOURTH TRACER	S&F

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5 NOV 65
(Date)JOURNAL

IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES ORDERS, ETC	ACTION TAKEN
0700		1	232036Z	REPORT ON ENWLY HIRED CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES	S&F
0700		2	020746Z	AIR EVAC TO TACHKAWA JAPAN TO MAVHOSP PHILA	S&F
0700		3	030428Z	CANCELLATION	S&F
0700		4	020630Z	REPORT OF CASUALTIES (2-56)	S&F
0700		5	020746Z	AIR EVAC TO TACHKAWA JAPAN TO MAVHOSP PHILA	S&F
0700		6	261523Z	NINTH TRACER REPLY	S&F
0700		7	020330Z	WD 40 THIRD FSR	S&F
0700		8	030426Z	CANCELLATION	S&F
0700		9	021840Z	REPORT OF PERSONNEL HOSPITALIZED	S&F
1630		10	040021Z	THIRD TRACER	S&F
1630		11	040542Z	REPORT OF CASUALTIES (4-65)	S&F
1630		12	040023Z	FOURTH TRACER	S&F
1630		13	040019Z	THIRD TRACER	S&F
1630		14	040015Z	THIRD TRACER	S&F
1630		15	040017Z	"	S&F
1630		16	040025Z	SECOND TRACER	S&F

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(Date)

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TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES ORDERS, ETC	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0700		1	030548Z	MAN TO SECOND BN NINTH MAR, THIRD MARDIV	S&F
0700		2	030158Z	REPORT OF DEATH - BATTLE	S&F
0700		3	030730Z	RED BALL SYSTEM 2 PAGES	S&F
0700		4	030652Z	MAN WHO FAILED TO RETURN FROM R&R ON 17OCT65	S&F
0700		5	300520Z OCT	CANCELLATION OFF BASE LIBERTY	S&F
0700		6	290444Z "	INTERNAL REQUISITION TRACERS	S&F
0700		7	030340Z	PEREFF	S&F
0700		8	270822Z OCT	EQUIP RETURN NOTICE	S&F
0700		9	291320Z "	ADTAKE MY 131245Z SEP	S&F
0700		10	291450Z "	REPORT OF CASUALTIES ADMITTANCE	S&F
0700		11	030044Z	PEREFF	S&F
0700		12	030430Z	CANCELLATION	S&F
0700		13	030558Z	REPORT OF CASUALTIES (3-65)	S&F
0700		14	011600Z	PERS ARR THIS COMD WITHOUT HEALTH RECORD	S&F
0700		15	021446Z	CHALLENGES AND PASSWORDS	S&F
0700		16	010926Z	FITTING OF TROPICAL BOOTS	S&F
0700		17	021016Z	EARLY ROTATION FOR STAFF NCO'S AND OFFICER'S	S&F
0700		18	012319Z/58	MONTHLY BUDGET OPTAR REPORTS	S&F
0700		19	301230Z OCT	TRACER ACTION CHANGE	S&F
0700		20	301338Z "	INDIGENOUS VENDORS	S&F
0700		21	300548Z "	RADIAC SET AN/PRD-27	S&F
0700		22	291709Z "	FLIGHT DEPARTURE	S&F

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(Date)JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES ORDERS, ETC	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
1630		1	011950Z	PFC BILLY R HERRON 2080097 On Emergency Leave From Third	S&F

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2 NOV 65
(Date)

JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES ORDERS, ETC	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0700		1	010230Z	Major Command Code Assignment	S&F
0700		2	010946Z	Operational Reports	S&F
0700		3	010938Z	Flight Departure	S&F
0700		4	010938Z	Info is submitted	S&F
0700		5	300539Z	BASEGRAM CINCPACFLT NOTICE 3040 (Oct)	S&F
0700		6	010939Z	Flight Departure	S&F
1530		7	311143Z	Info Submitted (Oct)	S&F

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1 Nov 65
(Date)

JOURNAL

IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES ORDERS, ETC	ACTION TAKEN
0700		1	310703Z	Status Request	S&F
0700		2	310702Z	Status Request	S&F
0700		3	291709Z	Flight Departure	S&F
0700		4	310704Z	Status Request	S&F
0700		5	310540Z	RUC 13220 DOV	S&F
0700		6	301230Z	Request for Leave Extension is Disprvred.	S&F
0700		7	301939Z	Flight Departure	S&F
0700		8	301940Z	INFO is Submitted	S&F
1811		9	260806Z	Advnace Change three to SOPA Instructions	S&F
1811		10	050141Z	Hong Kong	S&F
1811		11	301939Z	Chairman NHA Campaign for 1965	S&F
1811		12	100508Z	Evacuees to Clark AB Philippines	S&F
				Transient Billeting at Mavy Facilities, Phil	S&F

HEADQUARTERS
9th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California 96601

1/HLP/sab
SitRep
16 Nov 1965

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report 151600H to 161600H

1. Strengths: MCOff-124, MCEnl-3086
2. Replacements: (1) LCpl/2841 to 3rdBn for duty; (1) LCpl/2541 to 1stBn, for duty.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change
6. Civil Affairs: See the Civil Affairs Situation Reports.
7. Casualty Report: (1) WIA (M-3-9), (1) NBC (I-3-9).
8. Civilian Employees: No change.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.


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HEADQUARTERS
9th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California 96601

1/HLP/jew
SitRep
17 Nov 1965

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report 161600H to 171600H

1. Strengths: MCOff-118, MCEnl-3087; USNOff-11, USNEnl-156.
2. Replacements: Jd (1) GySgt/0369 to 3dBn, 9thMar for duty.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs: See Civil Affairs Situation Reports.
7. Casualty Report: (3) KIA (M-3-9), (1) KIA (I-3-9), (2) WIA (A-1-9), (3) WIA (M-3-9), (1) WIA (I-3-9), (1) H&S (3-9).
8. Civilian Employees: No change.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.


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HEADQUARTERS
9th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California 96601

1/HLP/jew
SitRep
18 Nov 1965

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report 171600H to 181600H

1. Strengths: MCOff-119, MCEnl-3091; USNOff-12, USNEnl-159.
2. Replacements: (1) SSgt/0141, (1) Cpl/2822, (1) Cpl/2533 to 3/9 for duty; (1) Pvt/2541, (1) PFC/2822, (1) Sgt/3041, (1) Sgt/0311 to 1/9 for duty; (1) Maj/0302 to HqCo for duty.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: Red Cross girls entertained troops of HqCo today.
6. Civil Affairs: See Civil Affairs Situation Reports.
7. Casualty Report: (3) WIA (M-3-9), (2) WIA (L-3-9), (1) WIA (H&S-3-9) and (1) WIA (B-1-9).
8. Civilian Employees: No change.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.


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HEADQUARTERS
9th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California 96601

1/HLP/jew
SitRep
19 Nov 1965

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report 181600H to 191600H

1. Strengths: MCOFF-118, MCEnl-3089; USNOFF-12, USNEnl-157.
2. Replacements: (1) Sgt/0141 to 1/9 for duty; (1) 3371/Cpl, (1) LCpl/2532 to HqCo for duty.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs: See Civil Affairs Situation Reports.
7. Casualty Report: (1) WIA (HqCo, 9thMar), (1) WIA (M-3-3 (OpCon & AdminCon)).
8. Civilian Employees: No change.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.


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HEADQUARTERS
9th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California 96601

1/HLP/jew
SitRep
20 Nov 1965

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report 191600H to 201600H

1. Strengths: MCOff-117, MCEnl-3095; USNOff-11, USNEnl-160.
2. Replacements: (1) LCpl/3531 to HqCo for duty; (2) Cpl/0311, (2) LCpl/0311 to 1/9 for duty; (1) LCpl/0311, (2) LCpl/0351, (1) PFC/0311 to 2/9 for duty; (1) Sgt/0311, (1) Cpl/0311, (1) Cpl/0331, (1) LCpl/0351, (2) LCpl/0331 to 3/9 for duty.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs: See Civil Affairs Situation Reports.
7. Casualty Report: (3) WIA (B-1-9), (1) WIA (HqCo), (1) WIA (C-1-9).
8. Civilian Employees: No change.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.


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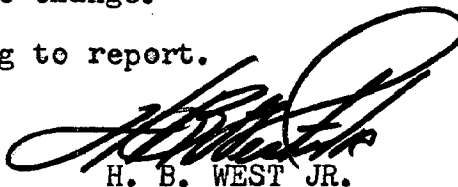
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9th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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1/HBW/jew
SitRep
23 Nov 1965

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report 221600H to 231600H

1. Strengths: MCOff-115, MCEnl-3103; USNOff-11, USNEl-165.
2. Replacements: (1) Sgt/O331, (4) LCpl/O311, (1) PFC/O351, (1) LCpl/O341 to 3/9 for duty.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change .
6. Civil Affairs: See Civil Affairs Situation Reports.
7. Casualty Report: (1) WIA (B-1-9), (1) WIA (D-1-9), (1) WIA (M-3-9).
8. Civilian Employees: No change.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.



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HEADQUARTERS
9th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California 96601

1/HBW/jew
SitRep
24 Nov 1965

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report 231600H to 241600H

1. Strengths: MCOff-116, MCEnl-3109; USNOff-11, USNEnl-167.
2. Replacements: See attached endorsements.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs: See Civil Affairs Situation Reports.
7. Casualty Report: (1) NBC (3/3).
8. Civilian Employees: No change.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.


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1/HBW/jew
1321
24 Nov 1965

MEMORANDUM ENDORSEMENT

From: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines
To: **GySgt** R. A. DAVIS, 642967/0369 USMC

Subj: Permanent Change of Station

1. You reported at 1445 this date.
2. You will further report to the Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company, 9th Marines for duty.

H. B. WEST JR.
By direction

1/HBW/jew
1321
24 Nov 1965

MEMORANDUM ENDORSEMENT

From: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines
To: SSgt H. P. H. CHANG, 1268032/0369 USMC

Subj: Permanent Change of Station

1. You reported at 1445 this date.
2. You will further report to the Commanding Officer, First Battalion, 9th Marines for duty.

H. B. WEST JR.
By direction

1/HBW/jew
1321
24 Nov 1965

MEMORANDUM ENDORSEMENT

From: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines
To: LCpl R. B. SMITH 2087610/2511 USMC

Subj: Reassignment orders

1. You reported at 1445 this date.
2. You will further report to the Commanding Officer, First Battalion, 9th Marines for duty.

H. B. WEST JR.
By direction

1/HBW/jew
1321
24 Nov 1965

MEMORANDUM ENDORSEMENT

From: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines
To: Cpl G. H. KAISER, 2051446/0351

Subj: Permanent Change of Station Orders

1. You reported at 1445 this date.
2. You will further report to the Commanding Officer, First Battalion, 9th Marines for duty.

H. B. WEST JR.
By direction

1/HBW/jew
1321
24 Nov 1965

MEMORANDUM ENDORSEMENT

From: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines
To: Sgt CREAMER, C. L. 1454543/3371 USMC

Subj: Permanent Change of Station Orders

1. You reported at 1445 this date.
2. You will further report to the Commanding Officer, First Battalion, 9th Marines for duty.

H. B. WEST JR.
By direction

1/HBW/jew
1321
24 Nov 1965

MEMORANDUM ENDORSEMENT

From: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines
To: Cpl L. J. BATTY, 2060762/0311 USMC
PFC G. G. BROOKS, 2057019/0311 USMC
Sgt C. P. CAVANLUPE, 1266294/0369 USMC
Cpl L. L. DOWNEY, 1974549/0351 USMC
Cpl Z. HARRIS JR., 2050316/0311 USMC
LCpl D. N. HOLLAND, 2101295/0311 USMC
PFC S. O. HUTCHINGS, 209663/0311 USMC
PFC J. E. JONES JR., 2080997/2533 USMC
LCpl T. E. MULLOW, 2032944/0311 USMC
LCpl D. MILLER, 2021518/0311 USMC
PFC G. S. PERKINS, 1999214/0311 USMC
LCpl T. A. RICHARD, 2047701/2511 USMC
PFC C. SCHAFFNER, 2082463/0311 USMC
Sgt R. L. SHOEMAKER, 1491823/0311 USMC
Cpl H. R. STAIR, 1575018/0331 USMC
PFC L. P. STULTZ, 2021845/0311 USMC
LCpl M. W. WELLS, 2041443/0331 USMC
Pfc SCHNITGER, G. G. 2143982/0311 USMC

Subj: Permanent Change of Station Orders

1. You reported at 1500 this date.
2. You will further report to the Commanding Officer, First Battalion, 9th Marines for duty.

H. B. WEST, JR.
By direction

1/HBW/jew
1321
24 Nov 1965

MEMORANDUM ENDORSEMENT

From: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines
To: Sgt G. R. ARCHULETA, 1546627/2533 USMC
PFC N. A. BILLUPS, 2114906/2533 USMC
LCpl W. D. HUBBARD, 2107127/2531 USMC

Subj: Permanent Change of Station; orders to

1. You reported at 1500 this date.
2. You will further report to the Commanding Officer, Second Battalion, 9th Marines for duty.


H. B. WEST JR.
By direction

1/HBW/jew
1321
24 Nov 1965

MEMORANDUM ENDORSEMENT

From: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines
To: Cpl P. J. SALCMDO, 2015590/0311 USMC

Subj: Permanent Change of Station; orders to

1. You reported at 1445 this date.
2. You will further report to the Commanding Officer, Third Battalion, 9th Marines for duty.

H. B. WEST JR.
By direction

1/HBW/tem
1321
24 Nov 1965

MEMORANDUM ENDORSEMENT

From: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines
To: Cpl AMLIN, T. 1996548/0311 USMC
Sgt BEVILL, B. E. 1507838/0351 USMC
Pfc CHOMICKI, E. R. 2063891/3531 USMC
LCpl COGGINS, D. 2097778/3051 USMC
Sgt EWING, L. L. 1586495/0369 USMC
LCpl GROSS, E. 2059842/0311 USMC
Pfc JONES, J. W. 2113213/0331 USMC
Cpl KILLIAN, N. L. 1819120/0311 USMC
Pvt LAWLESS, J. A. 1942538/0311 USMC
LCpl LEWIS, B. B. 2096379/0311 USMC
LCpl MEES, W. L. 2077837/0311 USMC
Pfc MOTH, B. L. 2138533/0311 USMC
Cpl MIGNACCA, Jr. J.K.L. 2009831/2511 USMC
Pfc ONEIL, D. C. 2078142/0311 USMC
Pfc ROYAL, Jr. G. W. 2090247/2511 USMC
Pfc ROMERO, R. E. 2108331/2511 USMC
Sgt SA NICOLAS, J. P. 1443164/0331 USMC
Pvt SIEMANDOWSKI, D. A. 2137969/0311 USMC
Cpl WAYMAN, J. C. 1987906/0311 USMC

Subj: Permanent Change of Station; orders to

1. You reported at 1500 this date.
2. You will further report to the Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines for duty.


H. B. WEST, JR.
By direction

1/HBW/tem
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24 Nov 1965

MEMORANDUM ENDORSEMENT

From: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines
To: Cpl AMLIN, T. 1996548/0311 USMC
Sgt BEVILL, E. E. 1507838/0351 USMC
Pfc CHOMICKI, E. R. 2063891/3531 USMC
LCpl COGGINS, D. 2097778/3051 USMC
Sgt EWING, L. L. 1586495/0369 USMC
LCpl GROSS, E. 2059842/0311 USMC
Pfc JONES, J. W. 2113213/0331 USMC
Cpl KILLIAN, N. L. 1819120/0311 USMC
Pvt LAWLESS, J. A. 1942538/0311 USMC
LCpl LEWIS, B. E. 2096379/0311 USMC
LCpl MEES, W. L. 2077837/0311 USMC
Pfc MOTH, B. L. 2138533/0311 USMC
Cpl MIGNACCA, Jr. J.K.L. 2009831/2511 USMC
Pfc ONEIL, D. C. 2078142/0311 USMC
Pfc ROYAL, Jr. G. W. 2090247/2511 USMC
Pfc ROMERO, R. E. 2108331/2511 USMC
Sgt SA NICOLAS, J. P. 1443164/0331 USMC
Pvt SIEMANDOWSKI, D. A. 2137969/0311 USMC
Cpl WAYMAN, J. C. 1987906/0311 USMC

Subj: Permanent Change of Station; orders to

1. You reported at 1500 this date.
2. You will further report to the Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines for duty.


H. B. WEST, JR.
By direction

HEADQUARTERS
9th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California 96601

1/HBW/jew
SitRep
25 Nov 1965

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report 241600H to 251600H

1. Strengths: MCOff-115, MCEnl-3140; USNOff-11, USNEnl-165;
2. Replacements: None.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs: See Civil Affairs Situation Reports:
7. Casualty Report: (1) NBC (H&S-3-3), (1) NBC (D-1-9).
8. Civilian Employees: No change.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.


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HEADQUARTERS
9th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California 96601

1/HBW/jew
SitRep
26 Nov 1965

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report 251600H to 261600H

1. Strengths: MCOff-116, MCEnl-3146; USNOff-11, USNEnl-174.
2. Replacements: See attached endorsements.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs: See the Civil Affairs Situation Reports.
7. Casualty Report: (1) KIA (A-1-9), (1) WIA (A-1-9).
8. Civilian Employees: No change.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.


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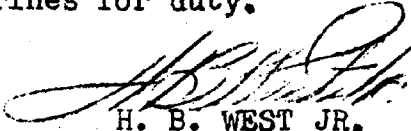
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26 Nov 1965

MEMORANDUM ENDORSEMENT

From: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines
To: PFC TESSIER, N. J. 2114403/2532 USMC

Subj: Orders

1. You reported at 1400 this date.
2. You will further report to the Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company, 9th Marines for duty.


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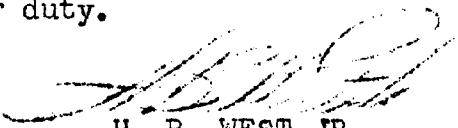
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MEMORANDUM ENDORSEMENT

From: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines
To: Sgt MORROW, C. M. 667938/0231 USMC
Sgt BAREFIELD, C. B. 1669297/0311 USMC
Sgt BELL, L. C. 1564995/0311 USMC
Cpl BOWMAN, M. C. 1999627/0311 USMC
Cpl CHAMBERLAIN, G. S. 2045640/0311 USMC
Cpl CHUBB, D. H. 1919625/0311 USMC
Cpl FERGUSON, R. H. 2006750/0311 USMC
Cpl FOSTER, C. N. 1824230/0311 USMC
Cpl HANSEN, C. D. 1614065/0311 USMC
Cpl HARRELL, J. L. 1582917/0311 USMC
Cpl HARTLINE, R. C. 2010052/0311 USMC
LCpl BROSMAN, D. J. 1997038/0311 USMC
LCpl BUCKNER, B. R. 2020916/0311 USMC
LCpl FITZGERALD, R. A. 2006210/0311 USMC
LCpl MERDJANOFF, S. N. 2052791/0311 USMC
LCpl MURRAY, T. A. 2076011/0311 USMC
Cpl BROWNBACK, J. R. 1964546/0331 USMC
Cpl DAY, L. A. 1885686/0331 USMC
Sgt FREEMAN, C. 1889201/0341 USMC
Cpl JOSLIN, C. G. 1971054/0341 USMC
Cpl POWELL, W. T. 2038985/0341 USMC
Cpl KONCRUDA, N. A. 2052502/0351 USMC
Cpl MARTIN, J. A. 2046018/0351 USMC
Sgt GOODWIN, B. L. 1498097/0369 USMC
Sgt LACHANCE, J. W. 1439473/0369 USMC
Sgt LLEWELLYN, J. W. 1286924/0369 USMC
Sgt MARMOR, W. E. 1230315/0369 USMC
PFC RENDON, E. 2054660/2533 USMC
Cpl POOLE, O. 2059639/3051 USMC
Sgt SMITH, K. P. 1329790/3531 USMC

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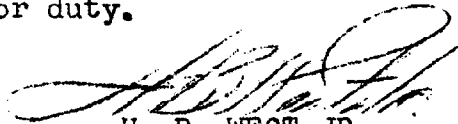
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MEMORANDUM ENDORSEMENT

From: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines
To: Sgt BERGERON, E. J. 1530631/0311 USMC
Sgt BLAIN, G. M. 1606826/0311 USMC
Cpl HENDERSON, W. O. 2046658/0311 USMC
Cpl HERRING, C. L. 1993881/0311 USMC
Cpl JEWELL, K. M. 1988176/0311 USMC
PFC JOHNSON, V. B. 2030180/0331 USMC
Pvt ARWOOD, W. R. 2005453/0331 USMC
Pvt GRANT, F. N. 1895944/0331 USMC
Sgt MARTINEZ, P. 1910848/0341 USMC
Cpl STEVENSON, J. A. 1910514/0341 USMC
Sgt DAVIS, M. H. 1940468/0351 USMC
Sgt DOWELL, J. L. 1936294/0351 USMC
Sgt HAYWOOD, W. S. 1653955/0351 USMC
Cpl ROBERTS, L. G. 2008068/0351 USMC
Sgt MITCHEN, P. A. 1542839/0369 USMC
LCpl TRIMPEY, H. J. 2052360/2531 USMC
PFC NASH, L. C. 2087839/2531 USMC

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MEMORANDUM ENDORSEMENT

From: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines
To: Sgt CLARKE, G. A. 1600201/0311 USMC
Sgt CONLEY, A. J. 1467487/0311 USMC
Sgt EVELETH, J. M. 1890857/0311 USMC
Sgt FANELLI, S. J. 1645488/0311 USMC
Sgt FRANCK, R. G. 1662769/0311 USMC
Sgt GREEN, U. H. 1807579/0311 USMC
Sgt HADNOT, C. N. 1868918/0311 USMC
Sgt HARVEY, J. E. 1612147/0311 USMC
Sgt HICKEY, R. C. 1867742/0311 USMC
Cpl KAPPMAYER, P. J. 2013858/0311 USMC
Cpl KOWALSKI, R. A. 2008124/0311 USMC
LCpl SITTIG, L. J. 2007472/0311 USMC
PFC BUGG, A. H. 1531484/0311 USMC
PFC FOSTER, W. R. 1982833/0311 USMC
PFC MCGONIGLE, J. P. 2008962/0311 USMC
PFC VERDI, J. 1991005/0311 USMC
Pvt HART, T. H. 1974486/0311 USMC
Pvt QUANTRILLE, D. E. 2033542/0311 USMC
Sgt PUCKETT, D. C. 1345067/0331 USMC
Sgt SHAND, R. C. 1527719/0331 USMC
Cpl GRIBBIN, C. M. 1916330/0331 USMC
Cpl GUNNING, F. 1964034/0331 USMC
LCpl BOWMAN, R. I. 2089882/0331 USMC
LCpl DOWLING, D. E. 2012628/0331 USMC
LCpl FRITZ, E. A. 2026875/0331 USMC
LCpl KRONENBERGER, K. H. 1996458/0331 USMC
LCpl RODRIGUEZ, J. 2005509/0331 USMC
LCpl CRENSHAW, P. O. 2091904/0341 USMC
LCpl ELWOOD, L. B. 2010204/0341 USMC
Sgt HERNANDEZ, R. G. 1953165/0351 USMC
Sgt SHEA, J. T. 1489549/0351 USMC
Sgt SHOEMAKER, R. E. 1643489/0351 USMC
Cpl ROSS, H. F. 1837976/0351 USMC
Cpl WILLIAMS, B. C. 2015651/0351 USMC
PFC EDWARDS, J. R. 1885859/0351 USMC
PFC MLEKODAY, H. J. 2059096/0351 USMC
PFC PERRY, J. W. 1998746/0351 USMC
Sgt MOORE, C. 1340175/0369 USMC
Sgt OWENS, E. F. 1533232/0369 USMC
Sgt WANDLER, R. V. 1460375/0369 USMC
Sgt WARREN, J. L. 1457479/0369 USMC
PFC RIGGS, R. L. 2127225/2533 USMC
PFC ROSE, D. C. 2043215/2533 USMC
LCpl MCCORMICK, R. J. 2097408/3531 USMC
LCpl MCPEAK, P. F. 2094139/3531 USMC
PFC BOWERS, L. 2116128/3531 USMC

Subj: Orders

1. You reported at 1400 this date.
2. You will further report to the Commanding Officer, Third Battalion, 9th Marines for duty.

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3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California 96601

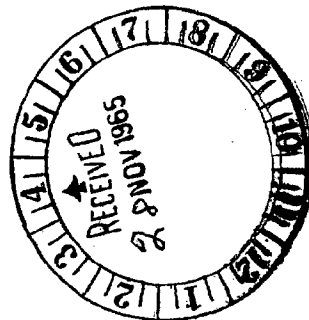
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SitRep
28 Nov 1965

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report 271600H to 281600H

1. Strengths: MCOff-118, MCEnl-3234, USNOff-11, USNEnl-172.
2. Replacements: See Enclosure.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs: See Civil Affairs Situation Reports.
7. Casualty Report: (1) WIA (C-1-9), (1) WIA (K-3-3), (1) NBC (H&S-3-9).
8. Civilian Employees: No change..
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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2. Replacements:

- 1 - Sgt/0141-1/9
- 1 - LCpl/0141-HqC●
- 1 - LCpl/0141; (4) LCpl/0311-3/9
- 1 - LCpl/0341; (4) LCpl/0311-1/9

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SitRep
27 Nov 1965

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report 261600H to 271600H

1. Strengths: MCOff-118, MCEnl-3135; USNOff-11, USNEnl-172.
2. Replacements: None.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs: See Civil Affairs Situation Reports.
7. Casualty Report: (1) WIA (A-1-9).
8. Civilian Employees: No change.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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SitRep
29 Nov 1965

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report 281600H to 291600H

1. Strengths: MCOff-117, MCEnl-3238; USNOff-11, USNEEnl-174.
2. Replacements: (1) Cpl/0311, (1) PFC/0331 to 1/9 for duty;
(2) Cpl/0331, (1) Sgt/3371, (1) LCpl/0351 to 2/9 for duty.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs: See Civil Affairs Situation Reports.
7. Casualty Report: (2) WIA (K-3-3), (1) WIA (F-2-12 att to K-3-3).
8. Civilian Employees: No change.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.


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SitRep
30 Nov 1965

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report 291600H to 301600H

1. Strengths: MCOff-116, MCEnl-3216; USNOff-11, USNEl-173.
2. Replacements: (1) LCpl/0341, (2) LCpl/0351, (2) PFC/0311, (1) Cpl/0351 to 3/9 for duty; (1) Cpl/0351 to 1/9 for duty; (1) Cpl/0351, (1) Cpl/0331, (1) Sgt/0351, (1) Sgt/0369, (1) LCpl/0331, (1) PFC/0341 to 2/9 for duty; (1) Sgt/2543, (1) LCpl/2532, (1) Cpl/0311/0141 to HqCo for duty.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs: See Civil Affairs Situation Reports.
7. Casualty Report: (4) KIA (K-3-9), (4) WIA (K-3-9), (5) WIA (L-3-9), (1) WIA (H&S-3-9), (1) NBC (L-3-3).
8. Civilian Employees: No change.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.


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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #116, Period ending 012400H November 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>FMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>ELECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
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B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1st En. 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on MUN KY mountain, coordinates (BT 061728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708).

a. At 010915H, the Battalion S-3 reported that one LVT of Company B, 3rd Amphib Battalion enroute to Company D CP detonated a mine on the road at (BT 069693). The second and third roadwheels on the left side of the LVT were destroyed. The initial report indicated that the hull may have been cracked or broken. The LVT was towed back to the water point at coordinates (BT 071701). No casualties were reported. The Battalion S-2 commented that a road sweep was completed between coordinates (BT 072702) and (BT 067683) at 010330H.

b. At 011100H, the Battalion S-3 reported that one tank of Company B, 3rd Tank Battalion, on a local patrol, detonated a mine at (BT 058680). The initial report indicated that the battery of the tank was damaged, the brake lines

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were broken, and the road wheels were sprung. The tank was towed to Battery D's CP. No casualties were reported. The Battalion S-2 commented that after investigating both land mine incidents, EOD stated that the mines were of a manufactured type, and contained an estimated charge of approximately 15 pounds of TNT.

c. At 011045H, the 1st Platoon of Company C reported apprehending a suspicious female at the bridge at (BT 071702). The ARVN with the security platoon said the woman was a Viet Cong. The woman presented an ID card but the ARVN said it was invalid and tore it up. The woman was turned over to HOA VANG District Headquarters.

d. At 011345H, a Company B patrol operating in the vicinity of (BT 080648) reported making contact with an estimated 25 Viet Cong located in the vicinity of (BT 080648) and (BT 083648). In the fire fight that resulted, the Marines received an estimated 1000 rounds of automatic and semi-automatic weapons fire, and directed approximately 750 rounds of small arms fire without suppressing the Viet Cong fire. An air strike was requested and armed helicopters (UH-1E) directed a heavy volume of fire against the enemy position causing the Viet Cong to break contact. The reinforcing element mounted aboard LVT's was dispatched to assist the patrol. A search of the Viet Cong position revealed two Viet Cong KIA (body count). The Marines estimated that at least four Viet Cong were MIA as the result of the patrol's fire. No Marine casualties were reported.

e. At 011410H, the Battalion S-2 reported that Company A had apprehended two Vietnamese male Viet Cong suspects in the vicinity of (BT 078708). The suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation. In the same area Company A apprehended seven suspicious persons who were evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation. Additional details will be provided when available.

f. At 011830H, Company B reported that one LVT returning to the maintenance area detonated a mine at coordinates (BT 067675). In addition to a fuel leak, three road wheel assemblies and terrain arms were penetrated. One Marine was MIA. Company B will investigate to determine the size and type of mine employed, and provide details when available.

(2) 3rd Bn, 9th Mfg. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR and provided security for the FLSC ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 988733), and the rail-road bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provides one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of HIEU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017678).

a. Late Report. At 312320H, a Company K patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 994669), reported observing one man on the trail at close range. The point fired one round at the man and the man fled. After firing the shot, the patrol then heard noises to their left flank. The Marines deployed and established a hasty ambush in the vicinity of coordinates

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(AT 993667). The origin of the noises was not determined and the patrol continued its route.

b. Late Report. At 312145H, the Battalion S-3 reported that a Company L ambush element located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 959654) received two rounds of small arms sniper fire from an unknown number of Viet Cong positioned seventy five meters to the south of the Marine position. The location of the sniper's position could not be discerned and the Marines did not return the fire. The Marines then heard noises described as pieces of bamboo being struck together. The noises ceased after approximately thirty minutes. No casualties were reported.

c. Late Report. At 312359H, the Battalion S-3 reported a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 907651) heard a number of voices near their position. The patrol returned to the platoon CP and requested that 81mm mortars be directed into the area in which the voices were heard. Six 81mm mortar rounds were fired with undetermined results.

d. At 010945H, the Battalion S-3 reported that Company I found what was described as a CHICOM omorga grenade booby-trapped in a fence line at coordinates (BT 008647). The grenade was blown in place by utilizing C-3.

e. At 011200H, the Battalion S-3 reported that Company I, located at coordinates (BT 003641), made contact with an undetermined number of Viet Cong located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 997638). In the fire fight that followed, the Marines received an undetermined amount of automatic and semi-automatic small arms fire. In addition to returning the small arms fire, the Marines directed an undetermined number of 81mm mortar rounds and ten 105mm artillery rounds on the Viet Cong position, and the enemy fire ceased. The Marines sustained one WIA, and one ARVN WIA. Viet Cong casualties were undetermined.

f. At 011745H, the Battalion S-3 reported that Company I, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 008644), had received sporadic sniper fire. No casualties were reported and the fire was not returned as the enemy position could not be discerned.

g. At 012330H, the Battalion S-3 provided the results of the Company K search and destroy operation conducted in the vicinity of BICH NAM, HA DONG and BICH BAC village complex. The report stated that, at 010700H, Company L (-) crossed the LCD, with Company I (-) (rein) crossing the LCD at 010716H. At 010740H Company I destroyed several tunnels in VIEM TAY (4) hamlet, coordinates (BT 015647). At 010741H three VC were observed fleeing south across the railroad bridge at (AT 990641) and one 90mm round was fired but missed the target. At 010758H Company K observed a VC force attempting to flee by crossing the SONG BAU KAU and fifty four 105mm artillery rounds were fired in the vicinity of (AT 9963). At 010827H the AO received small arms fire from BICH NAM (2), coordinates (BT 000640). No casualties or damage to the aircraft was reported. At the same time Company K observed five VC at (BT 000640) and directed a heavy volume of small arms fire at the enemy. In the resultant fire fight, one Marine

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was MIA and required evacuation. At 010910H Company K killed one VC (body count) with a 90mm round at (AT 984634). The VC had documents and a (unidentified) CHICOM grenade on his person. At 010945H Company I found what was identified as a CHICOM inerva grenade at coordinates (BT 011647). The report indicated that the grenade was booby trapped (method not indicated) and was destroyed in place. At 010915H Company K, operating in the vicinity of (AT 993641), received an undetermined amount of small arms fire from an undetermined number of VC positioned at coordinates (BT 001640). Fire was returned and one VC was killed (body count) by a direct hit from a 40mm (M-79) round. At 011030H Company K received small arms fire from VC positioned at coordinates (AT 990631). 40mm (M-79) rounds and 3.5 inch rocket rounds were directed at the VC with undetermined results. By 011205H the 2d and 3d platoons Company K had begun the search and destroy operation in HA DONG (1). Five VCS were captured at (AT 996643). A packet of VC were trapped in the vicinity of (AT 993641) and ten 105mm artillery rounds were directed at the VC position, with undetermined results. At approximately 011200H two VC were killed (body count) in the vicinity of (AT 996643) by small arms fire. At 011200H Company I located at (BT 003641) received heavy small arms fire from an undetermined number of VC positioned in BICH NAM (1), (AT 995635). As part of the airstrike that was called in on BICH NAM (2), (BT 002659) at 011342H, napalm and ZUNI rocket pods were delivered in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 995630) and the VC fire ceased. At 011700H, Company K evacuated a total of eight VCS who had been apprehended during today's operation. The suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation. Additional details regarding the above operation will be provided when available.

(3) Special Reports.

a. At 011340H, G-2 relayed a message from the 3rd Marines that a Viet Cong battalion is located in the vicinity of (AT 835778), (AT 835772), (AT 835789) and (AT 843779). This battalion is preparing to attack HOA VANG District Headquarters or USMC units in the HOA VANG area. G-2 noted that an artillery fire mission was directed against the suspected position at 011030H. The report was rated F-3. (S-2 rates the report F-3).

b. At 011945H, a 9th Marines liaison officer with a regional force unit reported that an RF truck, 1/4 ton 4x4, (jeep) detonated a mine at coordinates (BT 016697). The report also indicated that the RF personnel in the vehicle received an undetermined amount of small arms fire from east of the highway. Casualties and vehicle damage was not indicated, nor was information regarding size and type of mine employed. Additional information will be provided when available.

c. At 012035H, G-2 relayed a MOI AN intelligence report that one Viet Cong battalion, identified as the 23rd battalion, is operating in the vicinity of (AT 983610) to (BT 010618). The report indicates this information to be current. G-2 rates the report C-3. S-2 rates the report C-3.

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

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D. <u>Vict Cong casualties:</u>	For 24 hour <u>Reporting period</u>	Cumulative <u>Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	6	209
VC Captured	0	83
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	10	556

E. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following equipment was destroyed by 3rdBn, 9thMar:

- 1 - Grenade, Inarga, (body-trapped), destroyed in place (BT 006647).
(See 010945M entry, this NTFMIL.)

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. The following fortifications were destroyed by 3rdBn, 9thMar:

- 1 - Tunnel (approximately 45' in length) (AT 985643).
- 11 - Bunkers at coordinates (BT 002644), (BT 000643), (AT 988642) and (AT 995643).
- 8 - Punji traps (coordinates not given)
- 1 - Cave (coordinates not given)
- 1 - Mine trap (AT 997641)
- 1 - Tree, rigged as sniper position (coordinates not given)
- 1 - Tunnel, reinforced with steel (AT 963659)
- 1 - Tunnel complex (approximately 400' to 500' in length) at coordinates (BT 011657) to (BT 013656)

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

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3800
022400H NOV 1965

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #117, Period ending 022400H November 1965
Encl: ✓(1) Special Intelligence Information provided by 1stBn, 9thMar S-2
1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MCONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
3 Nov	0622	0644	1829	1851	1440	0136	$\frac{1}{2}$

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 061728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708).

a. At 020800H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 052702) reported receiving seven rounds of small arms sniper fire from what was described as approximately one thousand meters range, from a Viet Cong position to the west of Marble Mountain. The Viet Cong position could not be discerned and the fire was not returned. No casualties were reported.

b. At 020930H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 056708), reported receiving two rounds of sniper fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 056720). The Marines directed three rounds of small arms and one round of 40mm (M-79) fire at the sniper, and the enemy fire ceased. A search of the area produced negative results. No casualties were reported.

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c. At 021030H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 055709) reported receiving ten rounds of small arms fire from what was believed to be one Viet Cong positioned in a grass hut in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 055709). The Marines directed ten rounds of small arms fire at the grass hut and observed one Vietnamese male fleeing to the northwest. During the subsequent search of the hut, one wounded Vietnamese child was found and evacuated to a medical facility. No USMC casualties were reported.

d. At 021230H, the battalion S-3 reported that one tank from Company B, 3rd Tank Battalion, returning to the Battalion CP from Company B positions, detonated a mine at coordinates (BT 102670). Damage to the tank included one track blown off, two road rollers blown approximately fifty meters from the tank, two support rollers destroyed, and the fenders ripped off. A retriever was dispatched to the scene and towed the damaged tank to 3rd Tank Battalion CP. There were no casualties reported. The type and size of the mine has not been determined. Additional information will be provided when available.

e. At 021300H, a Company B patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 097624) reported receiving heavy automatic small arms fire from coordinates (BT 097624). The Marines deployed and advanced on the Viet Cong only to receive additional fire from coordinates (BT 097617). The Marines engaged both positions and continued their advance. At that point fire was also received from coordinates (BT 092608). It was estimated that approximately fifty Viet Cong were engaged and an estimated two thousand rounds of small arms fire were received by the Marines. The Marines returned approximately one thousand rounds of small arms fire and seven rounds of 40mm (M-79) fire. Two squads with two tanks attached were dispatched to assist the patrol, at which time the Viet Cong broke contact. During the engagement, four Viet Cong were killed (body count). One USMC WIA was reported.

f. At 021745H, a Company D patrol reported finding what was described as a booby trap on the trail at coordinates (BT 045664). The initial report indicated that the device had what was described as a U.S. type plunger firing mechanism with three prongs. The Marines destroyed the explosive device by using a hand grenade. No casualties were reported. Additional information will be provided when available.

g. Late Report. At 012005H, the crew of a tank positioned at coordinates (BT 059718) reported observing a boat in the SONG VINH DIEN west of their position. The tank took the boat under fire and reported sinking it. A second boat was observed in the same locality a short while afterwards and an 81mm mortar mission was fired. The boat was no longer in observation range and the results of the mortar fire could not be ascertained.

h. Late Report. At approximately 012300H, the Battalion S-3 reported that seven intruders were observed in the vicinity of the Battalion CP perimeter and were driven off by a heavy volume of small arms fire

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delivered by the Marines. No casualties were reported. A short while previously, MCB-8 and MCB-9 reported making contact with an estimated seven Viet Cong in the vicinity of the perimeter defenses. It was not determined whether these two incidents involved the same group of Viet Cong.

i. At 021850H, the Battalion S-2 forwarded to Regiment intelligence information gathered from several separate sources regarding Viet Cong activities in the TAOR. This report is included in this INTSUM as enclosure (1).

j. At 021900H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a Vietnamese boy, (further identification not provided), notified Company D that he had observed three armed Viet Cong dressed in khaki uniforms and wearing helmets. The time and location of the sighting was not indicated.

(2) 3rdBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR and provided security for the FLSG ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 988733), and the rail-road bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provides one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of MIEU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017678).

a. At 020030H, Company K, positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 974654), reported observing one Viet Cong running north to south at coordinates (AT 975655). The Viet Cong tripped one Marine trip flare, and then proceeded to throw one fragmentation grenade which exploded in front of the Marines position. The Marines directed an undetermined amount of small arms fire at the Viet Cong with undetermined results. No Marine casualties were reported.

b. At 021303H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 970643) reported receiving an estimated two hundred rounds of automatic, semi-automatic small arms fire, and several grenades from an estimated ten Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 975645). The Marines directed a heavy volume of small arms fire on the Viet Cong position. 81mm mortar rounds were fired and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

c. At 021310H, a Company K platoon operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 974654) reported receiving what was believed to be two rounds of 60mm mortar fire. One Vietnamese child was wounded and evacuated to a medical facility. No other casualties were reported. An investigation is being conducted to determine the type and origin of the projectile. Additional information will be provided when available.

d. At 022035H, a Company K patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 97265) reported making contact with five Viet Cong at close range. In the resultant fire fight, the Viet Cong fired what was described as two bursts of automatic weapons fire, and the Marines returned a heavy volume of small arms fire. One Viet Cong casualty was

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observed and the Viet Cong attempted to retrieve the body. The patrol assaulted the Viet Cong position, killing one additional Viet Cong. Before withdrawing from the site of the engagement, the Marines confirmed two Viet Cong KIA (body count). Weapons or equipment recovered was not indicated. As the Marines withdrew, movement was observed to the flanks, and 81mm mortar fire was requested. (S-2 comment: At the termination of this reporting period, this action was still continuing. Additional information will be provided when available).

(3) Special Report. At 021440H, G-2 relayed a spot report of an ITT prisoner interrogation. The report stated that approximately three hundred Viet Cong displaced from the direction of BICH BAC hamlet, vicinity coordinates (AT 986636) passing through HA THANH hamlet, THANH TRUNG village (does not appear on current operational map) and at 012300H, proceeded in a northeast direction. The report indicated that additional information will be provided when available.

C. Report of information on VC received directly from civilians. See 021900H entry, this INTSUM.

D. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 hour Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	6	215
VC Captured	0	83
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	0	556

E. Destroyed and captured enemy materiel. The following equipment was destroyed by 1stBn, 9thMar:

1 - Device (explosive). The initial report indicated that the device had a U.S. type plunger firing mechanism. Size not indicated. See 021745H entry, this INTSUM.

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

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The Regimental Commander of the Viet Cong regiment reported operating in the 1st Battalion's area is one NGUYEN BA PHAT, reported as being a Viet Cong Lieutenant General. The regimental executive officer is reported to be one LA LAN DEN. (This report came from DA NANG Security and Intelligence Service. The Battalion rates the report C-3).

A Viet Cong platoon of from twenty five to thirty men, described as a suicide platoon, attacked the Battalion CP on 1 November. This Viet Cong unit first attacked MCB-8 and MCB-9, as a diversion. The Viet Cong platoon came from KHUE DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 056706). The attack on the Battalion was for propaganda purposes. (S-2 comment: See 012300H entry, this INTSUM).

The Viet Cong held a meeting at 021000H at KHAT TAY (1) hamlet (BT 054 684) and discussed plans for destroying CAN DIEN bridge (BT 071701). This was reported by the HOK VANG Police Chief and is rated as B-3.

The HOI HAI village chief reported that one Viet Cong company is located at (BT 0766) with the mission to guard routes of supply. Watch towers were established at coordinates (BT 049671), (BT 039672), (BT 045684), (BT 046696), (BT 061700), (BT 068691), (BT 077681), and (BT 075675), and manned by old men and boys who use visual signals to communicate with the Viet Cong.

(The above report was provided by the 1st Battalion S-2 and received at this headquarters at 021850H).

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #118, Period ending 032400H November 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	FMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
4 Nov	0622	0645	1829	1851	1517	0225	3/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 061728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708).

a. Late Report. At 021400H, a Company D patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 064633) reported making contact with three armed Viet Cong approximately one hundred meters to the southeast of their position. The Marines fired one burst of machine gun fire, possibly wounding one Viet Cong and the Viet Cong fled. The Marines pursued the enemy and killed one Viet Cong (body count) with a hand grenade at coordinates (BT 073627). The Marines then received heavy sniper fire from an undetermined number of Viet Cong positioned in a village at coordinates (BT 068643). The Marines observed one man fleeing from the village, and directed small arms fire at him possibly wounding him. The Marines then observed one Viet Cong attempting to escape capture, and after challenging the man, fired

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and killed him (body count), at coordinates (BT 068643). During this engagement, the Marines received an estimated seventy rounds of small arms fire, and directed approximately one hundred forty rounds of small arms fire, two grenades, and two 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy. No USMC casualties were reported.

b. Late Report. At 021545H, a Company B patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 053645) reported receiving an estimated thirty rounds of semi-automatic small arms fire from an undetermined number of Viet Cong positioned approximately one hundred fifty meters north of their position in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 053647). The Marines directed approximately eighty rounds of small arms at the Viet Cong position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines searched the Viet Cong position and recovered an undetermined amount of M-1 and carbine expended rounds along with approximately five hundred feet of wire. The patrol then searched NGAN TRUNG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 055645), and apprehended seven Viet Cong Suspects. All captured material and Viet Cong Suspects were evacuated to ITT for further investigation. No casualties were reported.

c. At 030940H, a Company C patrol, continuing a three day patrol operation in the area west of the battalion CP, reported recovering two AN/PRC-10 batteries, with a generator (further identification not provided) and wire arrangement which appeared to be rigged for detonating mines or other explosive devices. In the same area, coordinates (BT 051709) the patrol discovered thirty gallons of gasoline hidden in a building. The gasoline was emptied on the ground and the other articles evacuated to Battalion S-2 for examination.

d. At 031000H, this patrol, now located at coordinates (BT 054715), reported receiving eight rounds of small arms fire from an undetermined number of Viet Cong positioned to the south in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 053713). The Marines directed eight small arms rounds at the Viet Cong position and the Viet Cong broke contact, fleeing to the south. The patrol pursued, but could not maintain contact. No casualties were reported.

At 031015H, the patrol, continuing on its route in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 055715) flushed several Viet Cong who fled to the northeast to the eastern side of HOI AN hamlet. The patrol lost sight of the Viet Cong but personnel manning an OP at coordinates (BT 068711) believed they observed the Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 067705). A tank was dispatched to coordinates (BT 066714), another tank was dispatched to coordinates (BT 075716), and an infantry squad was dispatched to coordinates (BT 066714), to assist in the engagement. Another 1st Battalion patrol moving southeast from coordinates (BT 054716) caused the Viet Cong to vacate their refuge and to flee to the east towards the SONG CAN DIEN. Three Viet Cong were observed dropping an unidentified item(s) on the west bank of the river at coordinates (BT 060717), then entering the water and swimming to the east. The tank, positioned at coordinates (BT 064719) brought the fleeing Viet Cong under fire, directing approximately three hundred small arms rounds at the swimming Viet Cong and probably killed two Viet Cong. The third

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Viet Cong may have been wounded by the fire from the tank, but escaped. In a separate but related incident, the squad positioned at coordinates (BT 066714) observed one Viet Cong enter the river and swim to the east in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 067715). The Marines directed forty rounds of machine gun fire and thirty rounds of small arms (rifle) fire at the fleeing Viet Cong, who appeared to dive below the surface of the water and did not again reappear. Ten minutes later an AO on station reported observing a man hiding in the grass on the west side of the river at coordinates (BT 060717). The AO made two passes at the man but could not maintain surveillance and the man disappeared from view. At 031215H, personnel manning the OP at coordinates (BT 068711) reported observing a man emerging from the grass in the vicinity of the river bank at coordinates (BT 060717) and moving towards the west. A squad participating in a search of the area apprehended the man at coordinates (BT 059717). The Viet Cong Suspect was evacuated to IIT for investigation. At 031300H, an LVT was dispatched to investigate the area from the bridge, coordinates (BT 072702) to the vicinity of coordinates (BT 059718). With the assistance of swimmers, the LVT crew attempted to locate weapons or bodies, but reported negative results.

e. At 031145H, a Company D patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 057645), reported receiving three rounds of sniper fire from one Viet Cong located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 059644). The Marines directed eleven rounds of small arms fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. A search of the area produced negative results. One USMC WIA was reported.

f. At 031241H, a Company D patrol reported detonating a mine or booby trap at coordinates (BT 048649) resulting in one Marine WIA. The device is believed to have been a booby trapped 3.5 inch WP rocket round. The method of detonation and other details will be provided when available.

g. At 031345H, a Company D patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 038659) reported receiving three rounds of sniper fire from one Viet Cong located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 036663). The Marines directed a heavy volume of small arms fire at the enemy position and the enemy fire was not repeated. One USMC WIA was reported.

h. At 031555H, a Company B patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 110643), reported discovering two Viet Cong fortifications (further description not provided) and an undetermined amount of panji traps on high ground from coordinates (BT 110643) to coordinates (BT 120634). The report indicated that H and I artillery fires will be scheduled for the area. Additional information will be provided when available.

i. At 031817H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA HAI Village Chief that the Viet Cong attacking force that attacked Marble Mountain not too long ago (S-2 comment: 27 October 1965) appears to have made their escape north of Marble Mountain Airbase in the vicinity of MON KY Mountain. At that point the Viet Cong boarded boats, and displaced to the south, landing in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 143620). Prior to landing the Viet Cong disposed of their dead by dumping the bodies into the

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sea. The Viet Cong carried approximately 35 wounded to the vicinity of HA QUANG (3) hamlet, coordinates (BT 115633). (The Battalion S-2 rates the message C-3). The S-2 rates this message B-3).

j. At 031820H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA HAI Village Chief that a Viet Cong Battalion which has been located in the vicinity of grid square (BT 0864) is displacing to an undisclosed location to the west of Highway #1 for the purpose of rehearsing an attack to be directed against Marble Mountain Airbase. The Viet Cong however, still maintain a sizeable local force and a main force cadre in the 1st Battalion area, with a mission to conduct harrasing operations, sniping, terrorist activities, and political indoctrination of local villagers. The report stated that one of the harrasment attacks planned is to blow up the bridge at coordinates (BT 071701). An additional mission assigned the Viet Cong in this area is to construct tunnels and fighting holes for the Viet Cong Main Force units when they return to the area.

k. At 031850H, the Battalion S-3 provided information of a Company D patrol conducted during the period 031345H to 031500H in the vicinity of TU CAU village, grid square (BT 0465). The report stated that a Company D patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 040657) received approximately fifty rounds of small arms fire from an estimated six Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 040659), resulting in one Marine WIA. The Marines returned fire and the Viet Cong broke contact. The report continued that Marines at the 1st Platoon, Company D CP position received fire believed to be originating from a structure described as a hut located at coordinates (BT 047651). The Marines also observed six armed Viet Cong enter the structure. One 106mm round was directed at the structure and the fire ceased. The hut itself was destroyed but a search of the area disclosed no indications of Viet Cong occupancy. The patrol made contact with one Viet Cong at coordinates (BT 047651) and in the resultant fire fight the Viet Cong was KIA (body count). One U. S. Rifle, caliber .30, Model 1903, and one CHICOM stick-type grenade was recovered from the Viet Cong body. The patrol was again taken under fire by the Viet Cong located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 040657). Reinforcements were dispatched to assist the patrol but the Viet Cong broke contact. (S-2 comment: Communications difficulties interfered with the compilation of more complete information regarding this action. Additional details will be provided when available).

(2) 3rdBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR and provided security for the FLSC ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 988733), and the rail-road bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provides one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of MIEU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017678).

a. At 030705H, a Company M security element located at the bridge coordinates (AT 998706), reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect. It was reported the Viet Cong Suspect had no ID card and was evacuated to ITT for further investigation.

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b. At 030915H, Company I reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (BT 033643). One Viet Cong Suspect had what was reported as an improper ID card, and the other Viet Cong Suspect was reported to be on the village black list. The suspects were evacuated to ITT for further investigation.

c. At 030930H, Company I reported apprehending three Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (BT 033643) for lack of identification. The Viet Cong Suspects were turned over to ITT for further investigation.

d. At 031300H, Company K reported discovering two U. S. grenades and one CHICOM grenade rigged as a booby-trap at coordinates (AT 996647). The grenades were destroyed by being blown in place.

e. At 031320H, the Battalion S-3 reported that engineers conducting a mine clearing and weapons search operation detonated what was believed to be a booby-trapped 105mm shell at coordinates (AT 996647), resulting in one Marine KIA. The method of detonation was not indicated. Additional information will be provided when available.

(3) Special Reports.

a. At 030030H, G-2 relayed a HOA VANG District Secret Agent report that one Viet Cong regiment, commanded by a general officer, is located in the vicinity of coordinates (ZC 070920), (ZC 070850) and (ZC 180840). This Viet Cong unit is equipped with 81mm mortars, 57mm recoilless rifles, and antiaircraft machine guns. The mission of the unit is to attack USMC positions in the northwest portion of HOA VANG District and DA NANG Airfield. HOA VANG District Headquarters rated this report as B-3. (S-2 rates the report C-3).

b. At 031710H, G-2 relayed a report from III MAF G-2 that an agent (no further identification provided) has stated that the next Viet Cong attack will be concentrated on ammunition dumps at DA NANG and Marble Mountain Airfields. The report was unevaluated by G-2.

c. At 031812H, G-2 relayed a report from HOI AN G-2 that one Viet Cong company is located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 035680). The company is armed with one 60mm mortar, automatic rifles, three mines (type and size not indicated), and small arms. G-2 did not evaluate the report. (S-2 rates this report as F-3).

d. At 031910H, the 9th Marines Liaison Officer attached to the GVN Regional Force Headquarters at MIEU BONG reported that twenty Viet Cong were located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 033699) and requested a USMC artillery mission. With a Regional Force patrol adjusting the fire, five 105mm HE quick rounds were directed at the area. The Regional Force patrol searched the area with negative results.

e. At 031930H, the 9th Marines Liaison Officer attached to the GVN Regional Force headquarters at MIEU BONG reported that a Regional

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Force unit had made contact with an undetermined number of Viet Cong at coordinates (BT 000677). The report did not provide details of the engagement but stated that seven Viet Cong were KIA and four Regional Force personnel were WIA. Additional information will be provided when available.

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

D. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 hour Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jan 65</u>
KIA	3	248
VC Captured	0	98
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	14	576

*Increase of seven Viet Cong based on ITT Prisoner Interrogation Report, as follows:

ITT report dated 2 Nov 65.

Name: HO THAN
Age: 45
Status: VC worker, THANH TRUNG. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.
Captured by K-3-9 on 1 Nov.

ITT report dated 2 Nov 65.

Name: LE VAN PHUONG
Age: 51
Status: VC Old Men's Association member and VC forced laborer, TAM
KING. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.
Captured by L-3-9 on 30 Oct.

ITT report dated 2 Nov 65.

Name: PHAN BIEM
Age: 45
Status: VC Farmers Association member, BICH BAO. Sent to QUANG
NAM Special Sector.
Captured by 3rdBn, 9thMar (no time)

ITT report dated 2 Nov 65.

Name: NGUYEN ICH
Age: 55
Status: VC Old Men's Association, BICH BAO. Sent to QUANG NAM
Special Sector.
Captured by K-3-9 on 1 Nov.

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ITT report dated 2 Nov 65.

Name: NGUYEN THI MUOY
 Age: 18
 Status: VC Member, Young Women's Association, BICH BAC. Sent to DIEN BAN District.
 Captured by K-3-9 (no time).

ITT report dated 2 Nov 65.

Name: NGUYEN NHUNG
 Age: 56
 Status: VC forced laborer, BICH BAC. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.
 Captured by K-3-9 (no time).

ITT report dated 2 Nov 65.

Name: NGUYEN BAI
 Age: 40
 Status: VC forced laborer, BICH TRAM. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.
 Captured by K-3-9 on 1 Nov.

E. Destroyed and captured enemy materiel. The following equipment was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar:

- 2 - AN/PRC-10 batteries (BT 051709). (See 030940H entry, this INTSUM.) (Not yet forwarded to Regiment.)
- 1 - Generator (BT 051709). (See 030940H entry, this INTSUM.) (Not yet forwarded to Regiment.)
- 1 - Rifle, U. S., caliber .30, Model 1903 (BT 047651). (See 031850H entry, this INTSUM.) (Not yet forwarded to Regiment.)
- 1 - Grenade, CHICOM (stick-type) (BT 047651). (See 031850H entry, this INTSUM.) (Not yet forwarded to Regiment.)

The following ~~material~~ was destroyed by 1stBn, 9thMar:

- 30 - Gallons of gasoline (BT 051709). (See 030940H entry, this INTSUM.)

The following material was captured by 3rdBn, 9thMar:

- 1 - Packet containing Vietnamese money, notebook, and pictures (AT 934634).
- 1 - Kit, first aid (AT 969648)

The following equipment was destroyed by 3rdBn, 9thMar:

- 2 - U. S. grenades (type unknown) (AT 996647). (See 031300H entry, this INTSUM.)
- 1 - CHICOM grenade (type unknown) (AT 996647). (See 031300H entry, this INTSUM.)

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

- 1 - Hut (Suspected position of VC sniper) (BT 047651). (See 031850H entry, this INTSUM.)



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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #119, Period ending 042400H November 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
5 Nov	0633	0645	1828	1850	1553	0314	3/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on MON KY Mountain, coordinates (BT 061728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708).

a. At 041027H, a Company B patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 104655), when an examination revealed he lacked adequate identification. The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

(2) 3rdBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR and provided security for the FLSC ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 988733), and the rail-road bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provides one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of MIEU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017678).

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a. Late Report. At 031750H, Company K, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 992667), reported receiving several rounds of small arms fire from Viet Cong located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 000665) and (BT 000670). The Marines returned approximately twelve rounds of small arms fire and the Viet Cong broke contact. Viet Cong casualties were not determined and no Marine casualties were reported.

b. Late Report. At 032145H, a Company L scout sniper team positioned at coordinates (AT 964662) reported receiving two rounds of small arms sniper fire from an undetermined number of Viet Cong located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 964664). The team displaced an estimated twenty five meters to a new location to the north. At 031305H, the team reported receiving an estimated six rounds automatic small arms fire from the same position. The Marines did not return the fire, but again displaced. The fire was not repeated and no casualties were reported.

c. At 040420H, a Company I ambush element positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 033644), reported receiving ~~three grenades~~ from an undetermined number of Viet Cong at close range. The Marines directed approximately twenty five small arms rounds at the suspected Viet Cong position and withdrew without determining the results of their fire. Two USMC WIA were reported.

d. At 040500H, Company L reported receiving ten rounds of small arms fire in the Company L C.P. position, coordinates (AT 971663), from an undetermined amount of Viet Cong located approximately one hundred meters to the southwest. The Marines directed approximately thirty rounds of small arms fire at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong broke contact. No casualties were reported.

e. At 040615H, Company I reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (BT 008642), when an examination revealed they lacked adequate identification. The suspects were evacuated to IIT for investigation.

f. At 040645H, Company K reported that a Marine stepped on a mine at coordinates (AT 987650), which did not detonate. Further examination revealed approximately forty pounds of TNT rigged with a detonator which failed to operate. The explosive charge was destroyed in place by demolitions. No casualties were reported.

g. At 040940H, the Battalion S-3 reported that a tank attached to Company K ran over a mine at coordinates (AT 985630), which did not detonate. The mine was destroyed in place by engineers. Type and description of the mine and detonating device (fuze) was not reported. Additional information will be provided when available.

h. At 040710H, a Company I platoon operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 005640) reported observing six Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 011641). The Marines directed an undetermined amount of small arms fire at the enemy, and the Viet Cong broke contact. No casualties were reported.

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i. At 041145H, Company M reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 994668) when an examination revealed he lacked adequate identification. The suspect was evacuated to ITT for further investigation.

j. At 041200H, Company L reported apprehending one female Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 958664). The report indicated that the Viet Cong Suspect lacked identification and was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

k. At 042035H, Company L reported receiving two rounds of small arms fire in the company C.P., coordinates (AT 971663) from an undetermined number of Viet Cong at close range. The Marines did not return the fire and no casualties were reported.

l. At 042115H, the Company M security element positioned at the bridge, coordinates (AT 993684), reported receiving five rounds small arms fire from an undetermined number of Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 995680). Due to the presence of friendly patrols in the area, the Marines did not return the fire. No casualties were reported.

(3) Special Reports.

a. At 040930H, the Ninth Marines liaison officer attached to Regional Force headquarters of MIEU BONG reported that RF forces operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 963584) reported receiving mortar fire. The number of rounds received and casualties, if any, were not indicated.

b. At 041605H, the Third Marines relayed a report from a liaison officer attached to the HIEU DUC District Headquarters that thirty Viet Cong came into DU YEN SON village area, coordinates (AT 943664) to (AT 942653), and confiscated thirty three personal identification cards and passes. The villagers reported the incident to the HIEU DUC District Police.

c. At 041635H, G-2 relayed a report from MAG-16 that at 041030H it was observed that KHUE DONG (1), coordinates (BT 056708), appeared to be deserted. The report added that approximately twenty five males were observed working in the fields approximately two hundred meters from the village. The report stated this was the second day of no visible activity in the village.

d. At 041915H, a Ninth Marines liaison officer attached to the Regional Forces headquarters at MIEU BONG reported that intelligence gained from a captured Viet Cong indicated that Regional Force Company 591 will be attacked by Viet Cong within the next five days. The report stated that the Regional Force Battalion Commander has requested that Marines be prepared to support that company with artillery fire at his request.

e. At 042235H, a Ninth Marines liaison officer attached to the Regional Force headquarters at MIEU BONG reported the results of Regional

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Forces activities within the TAOR from 040600 to 041800. The report stated that five hidden caves were discovered at coordinates (AT 974677), two Viet Cong were KIA and three Viet Cong Captured in HOA LOI village, and one shotgun and two grenades were recovered.

(4) Late Reports.

a. 3rdBn. 9thMar. At 042120H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 971664), reported firing one hundred fifty rounds of small arms fire at one Viet Cong and then receiving an estimated thirty rounds of small arms fire from their left and right flank from an undetermined number of Viet Cong at close range. As the Marines withdrew to the area of the platoon C.P., they heard sounds described as "screaming and groaning" from the area of the contact. An ambush element was organized and dispatched to the area. At the termination of the reporting period, no report had been received of the ambush element's activities. No Marine casualties were reported during the engagement.

b. 3rdBn. 9thMar. At 042135H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 971663) reported that when a helicopter approached their position to evacuate two ill Marines, an undetermined number of Viet Cong located approximately one hundred meters south of their position fired an estimated twenty rounds of automatic small arms fire, and two rifle grenades into the LZ which had been illuminated. The Marines directed approximately thirty rounds of small arms fire at the enemy position with undetermined results. The medical evacuation was not deemed an emergency and was canceled.

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

D. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 hour</u> <u>Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative</u> <u>Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	0	218
VC Captured	0	* 92
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	5	575

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

ITT report dated 30 Oct 65.

Name: VO THI NHAN
Age: 19
Status: VC Recruit, NGAN HA. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.
Captured by K-3-9 291345H.

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ITT report dated 30 Oct 65.

Name: NGUYEN DINH

Age: 45

Status: VC guard, YEN NE. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.

Captured by I-3-9 301100H.

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

- 1 - Banner with Chinese Characters (BT 033658)
- 1 - Belt containing two clips of M-1 ammunition (BT 047651)
- 1 - Billfold with pictures (BT 047651)
- 1 - Notebook (BT 047651)
- 8 - Rounds, 7.62mm (BT 047651)

The following material was captured by 3rdBn, 9thMar:

- 1 - Identification card (AT 959654)
- 1 - Book of forms (AT 959654)

The following equipment was destroyed by 3rdBn, 9thMar:

- 1 - Mine (consisted of approximately 40 pounds of TNT)(AT 987650)
- 1 - Mine (AT 985630). (See 040940H entry, this INTSUM.)

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

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #120, Period ending 052400H November 1965

Encl: (1) - Supplementary Intelligence Report from CSD, unevaluated.

(2) - Liaison visit to 1/9 S-2 by HOA HAI Village Chief

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

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

(1) 1stBn, 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security of the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on MON KY Mountain, coordinates (BT 061728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708).

a. Late Report. At 041015, a Company D patrol reported apprehending one suspicious male at coordinates (BT 034658), for having what was described as 782 gear in his home. The suspect was evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

b. Late Report. At 040900H, a Company D patrol reported apprehending one suspicious male at coordinates (BT 033648), when it was noticed that he was extremely nervous in the presence of the Marines. The male was evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

c. Late Report. At 041830H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 053711), reported observing one armed Viet Cong approximately 150 meters south of the Marines location coordinates (BT 053710). The Viet Cong presumably saw the Marines for the Marines patrol observed him hand his rifle to a young Vietnamese boy and then flee to the southwest. The boy was then observed throwing the rifle into a nearby body of water. The Marines directed 15-7.62mm rounds of small arms fire at the

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Viet Cong who was seen to fall, but evaded capture. The Vietnamese boy was apprehended as a Viet Cong Suspect and evacuated to ITT for investigation. Efforts to locate the weapon have so far been unsuccessful.

d. At 050800H, a Company B ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 120634) reported receiving an estimated two hundred automatic and semi-automatic small arms fire from an estimated three Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 120631). The Marines directed approximately two hundred fifty 7.62mm rounds of small arms fire at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong broke contact. One Viet Cong was seen to fall and presumed killed, but his body was not recovered. Two fragmentation grenades were retrieved at the Viet Cong position and returned to the Battalion S-2. One USMC KIA was reported.

e. At 051615H, a Company C patrol reported apprehending two suspicious persons at coordinates (BT 080700) when an examination revealed they lacked adequate identification. The suspects were evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

f. At 051840H, the Battalion S-3 reported observing a large explosion which appeared to have emanated at the base of Hill 327. The exact location and origin of the explosion could not be determined. Additional information will be provided when available.

g. At 051740H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 054718) reported receiving seven rounds sniper fire from the vicinity of coordinates (BT 055713). The Marines directed ten rounds of small arms fire at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong broke contact. One USMC KIA was reported. Viet Cong casualties were not determined.

h. At 051710H, Company B reported observing one male Vietnamese crawling toward the high ground approximately seventy five meters south of the company CP. The Marines directed fifteen rounds of small arms fire and seven 40mm rounds (M-79) at the intruder. A fire team was dispatched to investigate and found an old man and old woman who had been presumably wounded by the Marines' fire. Both were evacuated to an ARVN hospital.

i. At 052000H, the Battalion S-2 reported that the villagers located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 076673) to (BT 082671) were observed vacating the area in a northerly direction taking with them their cattle. No additional information is available.

(2) 3rdBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOB and provided security for the FLSG ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 988733), and the rail-road bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provides one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of MIEU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017678).

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a. At 050700H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 971663) when an examination revealed he lacked adequate identification, in addition to having what was described as an old French uniform and part of an old French mess kit in his home. The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation, and the captured equipment was returned to the Battalion S-2.

b. At 050850H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 961652) reported receiving approximately twenty rounds of automatic small arms fire from an undetermined amount of Viet Cong located south of the Marines position in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 961649). The Marines directed approximately seventy rounds of small arms fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. No casualties were reported.

c. At 051000H, Company L reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 025657). The suspect, whose name was reportedly on the blacklist of known Viet Cong, was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

d. At 051145H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 955642) reported receiving an estimated two hundred twenty rounds of automatic and semi-automatic small arms fire from an estimated seven to twelve Viet Cong located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 959642). The Marines directed approximately fifty rounds of small arms fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. VC casualties were not determined. One USMC WIA was reported. The patrol continued on its route, and at 051230H reported receiving twenty to thirty rounds of small arms fire from Viet Cong position coordinates (AT 958653). The Marines directed small arms fire at the enemy position. Six 81mm mortar rounds were fired and the enemy fire ceased. Viet Cong casualties were not determined and no additional USMC casualties were reported.

e. At 051235H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (AT 956642). The suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

f. At 051300H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 972662) when an examination revealed he lacked adequate identification. The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

g. At 051326H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a message from an Aerial Observer reporting new fortifications (type and extent not indicated) (trenches) at coordinates (AT 963627), (AT 963608), (AT 950607), and (AT 973607). The AO also reported observing a bamboo bridge at coordinates (AT 998607).

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i. At 052000H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 028656) reported receiving five rounds of sniper fire from the vicinity of coordinates (BT 030655). The Marines directed ten rounds of small arms fire at the enemy position and observed two males fleeing from the position in a easterly direction. No casualties were reported.

j. At 052000H, a Company K patrol enroute to an ambush position in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 994656) reported hearing sounds described as "bamboo signal devices". The Marines established an ambush position and forty minutes later observed movement to the front. The patrol then heard a sound believed to have been a rifle bolt chambering a round. No fire was received but the Marines observed a figure running from a building approximately fifty meters from the ambush site. The Marines opened fire and several other figures were observed deploying in close proximity to the Marines position. One grenade was thrown at the Marines in the ambush site. The Marines withdrew to coordinates (AT 990657) and established a secondary ambush position. Figures were observed close by in a tree line and the Marines fired one hundred twenty small arms rounds at the enemy. Two Viet Cong were believed hit by the Marines fire. The Viet Cong returned the Marines fire and then withdrew. The Marines searched the area with negative results. No USMC casualties were reported. Two Viet Cong were believed WIA.

(3) Special Reports.

a. At 051800H, G-2 relayed a report from CIT that during a period from 20-25 November, the Viet Cong plan to attack the DA NANG Airbase. The Viet Cong will choose a moonless night and will enter the Airbase from the same direction that was used on the 1 July attack. The Viet Cong will employ 81mm mortars, grenades, and explosives. The report continued that the Viet Cong are now in HOA HAI and HOA LAN villages. Twenty five political cadre are reported located in HOA CHONG (location unknown). HOA CHONG, also known as CON-NOI, is shown as the hiding place of one NGUYEN HOANG, who was identified as a Company Commander injured in the attack on Marble Mountain Air Facility. HOANG is said to travel to NUOC MAN aboard a sampan to receive medical treatment. The report added that twenty five Viet Cong are listed as MIA, twenty are seriously wounded (being treated in HOA HAI Leper hospital), fourteen have minor wounds, and twenty are known dead, buried in HOA HAI. The report reiterated that the next attack will be conducted in the same manner as before. Sampans will be concentrated in the same area and the ground tactics will not be changed. The report ended by observing that no Marines are present in HOA CHONG village. CIT rated this report as F-6. S-2 rates this report as C-3.

c. Report of information on VC received directly from civilians. No reports were received during this reporting period.

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<u>D. Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 hour Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	0	218
VC Captured	0	*100
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	6	581

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

ITT report dated 4 Nov 65.

Name: THAI TRA
Age: 47
Status: Member VC Farmers Association, LA THO BAC. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.
Captured by I-3-9 on 3 Nov.

ITT report dated 3 Nov 65.

Name: VAN DIEM
Age: 63
Status: VC worker, TAN HANH. Sent to HOA VANG District Chief.
Captured by K-3-9 (no time)

ITT report dated 4 Nov 65.

Name: PHAM TRO
Age: 55
Status: VC worker, VIEM TRUNG. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.
Captured by 1stBn, 9thMar on 2 Nov.

ITT report dated 4 Nov 65.

Name: NGUYEN LOT
Age: 45
Status: VC worker and guard, KHAI TAY. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.
Captured by D-1-9 on 3 Nov.

ITT report dated 4 Nov 65.

Name: NGUYEN VANG
Age: 53
Status: Member Farmer Association, PHONG HO. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.
Captured by D-1-9 on 2 Nov.

ITT report dated 4 Nov 65.

Name: NGUYEN PHAI
Age: 40
Status: VC guard, YEN NE. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.
Captured by M-3-9 on 4 Nov.

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ITT report dated 4 Nov 65.

Name: TANG CONG (AKA) TANG XUYEN
 Age: 45
 Status: VC Old Mans Association, HA THANH. Sent to QUANG NAM
 Special Sector.
 Captured by I-3-9 on 4 Nov.

ITT report dated 4 Nov 65.

Name: NGUYEN KEO
 Age: 26
 Status: VC guard, KHAI TAY. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.
 Captured by D-1-9 on 3 Nov.

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

11 - Propaganda leaflets (BT 050712)

The following equipment was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar:

2 - Grenades, fragmentation (BT 120631). (See 050800H entry, this INTSUM.)

The following material was captured by 3rdBn, 9thMar:

1 - Map (BT 008647)
 1 - French uniform (AT 971663) (See 050700H entry, this INTSUM.)
 1 - French mess kit (AT 971663) this INTSUM.)

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HEADQUARTERS
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO San Francisco, 96601

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5 Nov 1965

From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: Supplementary Intelligence Report

1. The following report from CSD, unevaluated by them, is disseminated.

a. A top VC meeting was held at 2300, 31/10/65, in Dien Ngoc and attended by VC military and political, health and economic cadres. Among top military officials were TRIEN QUANG LOC, battalion commander of 7th BATTALION, 4th QUANG TIN INTERZONE, and a representative from the central LIBERATION FRONT.

b. Among plans devised at the meeting:

(1) Intelligence gathering groups around U.S. installations, groups composed of elderly people, kids and especially young, attractive women.

(2) Construction of obstacles around U.S. installations which would hamper enemy firing and help them (VC) infiltrate U.S. installations; obstacles in the form of houses, bars, etc.

(3) Construction of trenches, caves around U.S. installations, under pretext of using them to dump trash or building houses. These would help VC attack.

c. Targets selected for future VC attack:

(1) U.S. Camp near the KHAI DONG Bridge (BT 067713)

(2) Special Forces Camp #1 (BT 008748)

(3) U.S. Camp in GIAM CAT (BT 082692)

(4) Radio Station (relay station) in MIEU BONG (BT 018684)

(5) Fuel Farm in LANG CHIEU (on the way to HUE) (AT 936864)

(6) DA NANG AB or the MY THI (Marble Mountain) Helicopter pad, or the SeaBees (BT 0649728 or BT 064725)

d. They intend to use a suicide platoon to attack the U.S. Camp at KHAI DONG.

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e. As for the airbase in DA NANG, suicide elements will be also used, in addition, 60mm and 81mm guns will be positioned in HOA PHUNG (BT 056753) village to give firing support and diversion.

f. As for the attack against the helo-pad and SeaBee Camp in MY THI, following plans are being made:

(1) Ambush troops in, and around MY THI (BT 054743), DA PHUOC (AT 950790), along SON THUY hamlet (BT 062723), and in HOA DA village (BT 023727), and along DIEM LAC River which borders HOA PHUOC village (BT 019681).

(2) Ambush troops along roads to HOI AN (BT 145577), MIEU BONG (BT 018684), CAU DO Bridge (CAM LE BAC or PHONG-LE BAC, probably the former) leading to THANH QUIT (BT 034625) and THANH TROUNG (BT 035626), DIEN BAN (BT 065583), VINH DIEN (BT 065585). Purpose to stop reinforcement troops on land.

(3) Ambush troops along the coast from CUA DAI (HOA AN) to TAN THAI (unknown) and NAM THO (unknown) from MON KY Mtn to HAI VAN mountain range. Purpose: to halt reinforcement troops by sea.

g. THE ATTACK: will be launched under the military command of battalion commander LUU BICH KHOA, political leadership of NGO CHAU HOANG.

h. In addition, to create diversion and chaos within the town of DA NANG itself, LE THANG will command a suicide platoon. This unit is charged with placing plastic mines in crowded places. Further, TRAN NIEN will command another platoon with the mission of mining and blowing of bridges in the area, so as to slowdown supply and reinforcement troops.

i. Time set for the attack: a moonless night. No further specific detail is known.

j. The VC intend to launch above planned attack to revenge recent defeats at US - VN hands and capture of cadres in town.

2. G-2 Evaluation and Comment: F/6

Despite the tendency to assume a degree complacency, because of the rash of unconfirmed reports that never seem to materialize in VC actions within the DA NANG TAOR, the fact remains that these low-level reports concerning impending VC attacks continue to be received. There are many lucrative targets in the DA NANG TAOR and many have been reported as objectives of VC attacks. Among the latest targets mentioned, these by a reliable civilian source, are ammunition dumps. While ASP-1 and the aviation ammo dumps come to mind immediately, dumps at regimental and battalion CP's could also be considered lucrative targets for VC attack.

Concerning the personalities mentioned in the above report, only two have been previously mentioned. LE THANG was reported as the political officer of the 70th Battalion on 6 October 1965 in vicinity of 955570.

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NGO CHAU HOANG (previously reported HONG) was reported by the Hieu Duc District Chief as commander of the companies that attacked Company A, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines on Hill 22 on 30 October.

It is not possible to predict the precise location of a future VC attack against U.S. Installations. It is only possible to predict that the VC will attack a target when they believe the time is right, the target is worth the effort, and the advantage to be gained worth the risk.

/s/ R. J. SCHRIVER
R. J. SCHRIVER
By direction

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5 Nov 1965

From: 1st Bn, 9th Mar S-2 Officer
 To: 9th Mar S-2 Officer

Subj: A liaison visit to 1/9 S-2 by the HOA HAI Village Chief

On 1 November 1965 the Viet Cong had a meeting in the vicinity of HA QUANG (4) coordinates (BT 1163), to consolidate Viet Cong activities. Chief TRINH's agents still place a Viet Cong Battalion of 400 men with 57mm RRs, 60mm and 81mm mortars in the HA QUANG area. He places a Sapper platoon of 60 men around the SOUNG CAN BIEN River. He places a Viet Cong force of 100 Local Force in the rear area peninsula (BA TUNG, BINH Y, HAI AN area). A Main Force Viet Cong unit of 60 men is placed in HAN QUAN (2), AN LUU, THI AN (2) area along the SONG VINH DIEN River. The purpose of these units in our western and rear areas are reported to be as preparation for a large Main Force unit which will enter the area later, for the purpose of making more large-scale attacks on USMC units and the airfield and SeeBee units when there is no moon. Included is a translation of additional information provided by the agents in connection with the above:

The purpose of the meeting on 1 Nov was to consolidate all the Viet Cong activities and offenses in the northwestern part of HOA VANG District.

The Viet Cong force is made up of two or three Viet Cong Battalions which will attack all USMC units at one time when there is no moon. The following are the names and jobs of some of the people which were at the meeting.

- (a) LUU BICH KHOA; Commanding General of the area and is making plans to attack the LA NANG Airfield.
- (b) LE VAN DUNG; Commander of the Viet Cong who plan to attack MAG-16 and surrounding units.
- (c) VO THANG; Intelligence Platoon leader.
- (d) PHAM TONG and MAI DANG EM; in charge of evacuating all wounded Viet Cong personnel.
- (e) HUYNH DIEC; Political committee leader.
- (f) TRAN VAN TUNG; chairman of committee.
- (g) LE TU TRINH; acts as representative for the leader of QUANG NAM Province of South Vietnam Liberation Front.
- (h) TRAN VAN VINH; in charge of organization which gathers intelligence information and evaluates it.
- (i) One platoon is in charge of transporting and handling all logistical equipment. The Viet Cong will put ambushes on roads joining USMC positions.

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

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3800
062400H NOV 1965

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #121, Period ending 062400H November 1965
Encl: (1) POW Interrogation Report
(2) Intelligence report from QUANG NAM CENSUS ORIEVANCE STUDIES CENTER Pertaining to Viet-Cong activity in 9th Marines TAOR.

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

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a. Late Report. At 052245H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 054718), reported receiving an estimated fifteen rounds sniper fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 053716). The Viet Cong fire was not effective and the Marines did not return the fire. No casualties were reported.

b. At 060900H, a Company C patrol reported discovering papers and documents (further identification not provided), in a building

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in the vicinity of grid square (BT 0669). The material was recovered and evacuated to Regiment for evaluation.

c. At 061000H, a Company B patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 099658) reported observing eight armed Viet Cong to the southwest at what was described as a long range. The Marines directed approximately three hundred rounds of small arms fire at the enemy position. The Viet Cong returned an estimated twenty rounds small arms fire, then broke contact. The encounter resulted in two Viet Cong killed (body count), and two possible Viet Cong killed, who were observed being carried away. A search of the area revealed one French Sub-machine gun, and five CHICOM fragmentation grenades, which were recovered and returned to the Battalion Command Post. Patrol members reported observing one Viet Cong who wore distinctive clothing (gray uniform and helmet) and who appeared to be acting in what was described as an advisor's role. No Marine casualties were reported.

d. At 061000H, a Company B patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 101658). The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

e. At 061115H, a Company C patrol reported discovering maps, a dark brown military uniform, assorted documents, and a pair of civilian trousers in a building at coordinates (BT 069696). The equipment was recovered and evacuated to regiment for evaluation.

f. At 061125H, a Company C patrol reported apprehending one suspicious person at coordinates (BT 067694). The suspect was turned over to the AP NAM Village Chief for investigation.

g. At 061120H, Company B reported discovering a booby trapped CHICOM fragmentation grenade at coordinates (BT 094642). The grenade was affixed to a gate at that location and rigged to explode when the gate was disturbed. The booby trap grenade was destroyed by the engineers attached to Company B.

h. At 061530H, a Company B patrol reported apprehending eleven Viet Cong Suspects at the Leprosarium at coordinates (BT 099664). The report stated that the Viet Cong Suspects were not lepers and were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

i. At 061925H, a Company D patrol reported that a Marine tripped a booby trap at coordinates (BT 047672), resulting in injuries to one Marine. The WIA required medical evacuation. The type or description of the booby trap was not indicated. Additional information will be provided when available.

(2) 3rd Bn, 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR and provided security for the TMSG ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 988735), and the rail-road bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707).

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Company I provides one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of MIEU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017678).

a. At 060845H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 964650), reported receiving an estimated two hundred rounds of automatic and semi automatic fire from an undetermined number of Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 967648) and (AT 966645). The Marines directed ten 60mm mortar rounds, six 40mm (M-79) rounds, two 3.5 inch rocket rounds, W.P., approximately three hundred fifty small arms rounds and four rounds of 155mm artillery at the enemy positions, and the Viet Cong broke contact. No casualties were reported.

b. At 060935H, Company K reported descending two wounded Vietnamese civilians, at coordinates (AT 974645). The origin of the civilians wounds were not known and they were evacuated to an ARVN hospital. No additional information is available.

c. At 061110H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 969649), reported receiving an undetermined amount of small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Viet Cong broke contact before the Marines could return the fire. One USMC WIA was reported.

d. At 061200H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 967647), reported receiving an undetermined amount of small arms fire from an Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 976646). The Marines directed twenty rounds small arms fire at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong dressed in a green shirt, green trousers, and wore a green helmet. Broke contact. No Marine casualties were reported.

e. At 061330H, a Company I patrol reported apprehending three Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (BT 032663). One of the suspects was on the black list of known Viet Cong, and the other two suspects lacked adequate identification. The three suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

f. At 061500H, Company I reported apprehending a boat heading north on the SONG VINH DIEM river containing twenty six unidentified persons who stated that they were refugees and were going to DANANG. A thorough examination revealed that group all had adequate identification and possessed no contraband. They were turned over to ARVN authorities at MIEU BONG for investigation.

g. At 061755H, the Battalion S-3 provided additional details about a Company K patrol that was conducted on 5 November 1965. (see 051145H entry, Intelligence Summary #220). This late report indicated that three Viet Cong were KIA (Body count) as a result of this engagement. The report stated that one Viet Cong was shot out of a tree, one Viet Cong was killed by machine gun fire, and one Viet Cong was killed in a rice field. The three Viet Cong bodies were turned over to local villagers for burial.

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g. At 061940H, G-2 relayed a message from MAG-16 who reported observing thirty people in a clearing south of the air field in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 013719). No other information is available.

h. At 061940H, G-2 relayed a message from MAG-16 who reported observing four men in black clothing in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 050730). The report indicated that when the four men spotted the approaching helicopter they took cover in a building and were not observed to emerge. No other information is available.

i. At 061850H, G-2 relayed a message from the 3d Marines who reported that when a USMC vehicle passed a predetermined spot on the road at coordinates (AT 943672), the Viet Cong detonated what was described as a 15 lb charge of TNT. The report indicated the Viet Cong then attacked the injured and dazed Marines overrunning them and capturing six M-14 rifles and an undetermined amount of radio batteries. Two USMC KIA and two USMC WIA were reported.

j. At 062255H, G-2 provided a recap of reports made by AG's during coverage of the area on 6 November. Some of the reports were previously disseminated by G-2 as spot reports during the period covered.

(1) At 061120H, observed seventy five to one hundred people moving south in single file along road in vicinity of coordinates (AT 946700) to (AT 942690). Most of the people were wearing light colored clothing.

(2) At 061130H, observed 24 people in the two groups of twelve each wearing black pajamas and straw hats in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 981649).

(3) At 060950H, observed twelve to fifteen boats with two people in each, all heading north in the vicinity of grid squares (BT 0669) (BT 0769) and (BT 0708).

(4) A one to two man foxhole in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 993627).

(5) At 061030H, observed sixty people in groups of five to ten in a field north of the SON AI NGHAI in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9459). The fields appear to have already been harvested.

k. At 062305H, G-2 relayed a National Police Report from QUANG NAM Special Sector (rated C-3) which stated that one Viet Cong battalion nicknamed the Volunteer Battalion is located at coordinates (BT 043728) (BT 056712) and (BT 043691) with plans to attack friendly positions in the area. The S-2 rates this report D-3. (S-2 comment: G-2 declined to rate this report.)

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h. At 061900H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 968638), reported apprehending five Vietnamese for questioning regarding Viet Cong activities in the area. During interrogation conducted at the battalion C.P., one of the Vietnamese reported that one hundred Viet Cong, armed with weapons (not indicated) and grenades, were in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 968638), travelling to the north. The Vietnamese reported that the Viet Cong leader of XULN DIEM (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 968638), was one SAO SON SUN. The report stated that four of these Vietnamese apprehended were released after questioning, but the fifth Vietnamese was evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

i. At 062120H, a Company L security element positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 969664) reported receiving one round of sniper fire from the vicinity of coordinates (AT 969665). The Marines directed six rounds of small arms fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. One Marine WIA was reported.

(3) Special Reports.

a. At 060412H, an aerial observer reported observing two people displaying a very bright light in grid square (BT 0371). No additional information is available.

b. At 060635H, an aerial observer reported observing ten boats in what was described as a tight group moving east to west on the SONG TUY LOAN river in grid square (AT 9570). The report further indicated that each boat contained approximately two people.

c. At 061010H, G-2 relayed a message from an undisclosed source that what was described as "many Viet Cong" are located in the village of COS DAU, and TRUNG LUONG in the vicinity of grid square (BT 0472). G-2 rated this report as B-3. S-2 rates this report as F-3.

d. At 061145H, an aerial observer reported an estimated sixty people in groups of ten in a field in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 942595). The report indicated that the crops in the field appeared to have already been harvested.

e. At 061500H, G-2 relayed a message from the QUANG NAM Province Chief that the Viet Cong plan to launch an attack against HOI AN within forty eight hours. The attack would most likely be coordinated with other attacks in the QUANG NAM area, including DANANG, with priority on U.S. installations. (G-2 comment: Evaluation F-3. No movement of Viet Cong units in HOI AN area has been reported). (S-2 rates this report F-3).

f. At 061810H, an aerial observer reported receiving fifteen to twenty rounds of small arms fire believed to have originated in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 047632), wounding the pilot. An artillery mission was requested and adjusted by the aerial observer with reported excellent effects on target. Darkness interfered with the observer's attempts to ascertain specific results.

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

D. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	For 24 hour Reporting period	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65
KIA	5	223
VC Captured	0	100
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	15	596

E. Disposition of captured personnel for week of 1 to 6 Nov 65:

(1) Total captives taken:	61
(2) Captives cleared as civilians:	0
(3) VCS delivered to HOA VANG District HQS:	11
(4) VCS delivered to ITT:	50
(5) VCC delivered to ITT:	0

F. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following material was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar.

- Assorted documents and papers (BT 069696) (See 061115H entry this INTSUM)
- 3 - Maps (BT 069696) (See 061115H entry this INTSUM)
- 1 - Punji stake (nail) (BT 064679)

The following equipment was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar.

- 1 - French Sub-Machine Gun (BT 099658) (See entry 061000H this INTSUM)
- 5 - CHICOM Fragmentation Grenades (BT 099658) (See entry 061000H this INTSUM)

The following equipment was destroyed by 1stBn, 9thMar

- 1 - Gate booby trapped with a CHICOM fragmentation grenade (BT 094642) (See entry 061420H this INTSUM)

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #122, Period ending 072400H November 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>HMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>RECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
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B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NAMC Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 061728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708).

a. At 070750H, a Company C patrol reported detonating a booby trapped fragmentation grenade in a hedgerow at coordinates (BT 055716), resulting in two USMC KIA. The remainder of the hedgerow in the immediate area was destroyed by demolitions.

b. At 070846H, an AO operating in the TAOR reported observing six to eight Viet Cong wearing helmets and cartridge belts, at coordinates (BT 054632). Two marking rounds and thirty nine 105mm HE rounds were directed at the Viet Cong location. The aerial observer reported good effects on target, and that two buildings which the Viet Cong had entered were destroyed. Viet Cong casualties were not determined.

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c. At 070950H, a Company C patrol reported apprehending eleven suspicious persons, and four Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 047715). The four suspects, reported as being between the ages of seventeen and twenty two and wearing what was described as monks' robes, were evacuated to HTT for investigation. The eleven suspicious persons were evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

d. At 071520H, the Battalion S-2 reported that the Police Chief of HOA LONG village contacted the battalion to report that at approximately 071200H, three Viet Cong abducted the HOA LONG village chief and fled south with him. The village chief's children were first to report the occurrence to the police chief who attempted to pursue the Viet Cong with negative results. Because of the proximity to the sea, the Battalion S-2 believes the Viet Cong escaped in boats.

e. At 071420H, a Company D patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 041685), reported receiving an undetermined amount of automatic fire from an estimated six Viet Cong located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 041687), six rounds from the vicinity of coordinates (BT 038688), and two rounds from (BT 042691). The Marines directed approximately seventy five rounds small arms fire at the enemy positions, and the Viet Cong broke contact. No casualties were reported.

f. At 071700H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 053716) reported receiving two rounds sniper fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 055714). The Marines directed approximately fifty rounds small arms fire at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong broke contact. No casualties were reported.

(2) 3rd Bn, 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR and provided security for the FLSG ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 988733), and the railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company 1 provides one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of MIEU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017678).

a. At 071015H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 967647) reported receiving an undetermined amount of automatic and semi-automatic small arms fire, including the fire from an estimated five to ten automatic weapons from an estimated twenty-five Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 961649). The report stated that a heavy caliber weapon which sounded like a caliber 50 machine gun was heard firing. The Marines directed approximately one hundred rounds of small arms fire and 40-105mm HE artillery rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. During a search of the Viet Cong position, one Marine was MIA when he detonated a booby trap composed of a fragmentation grenade rigged with a trip wire. The Marine required medical assistance and was evacuated. The Marines reported apprehending three wounded male Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of the

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Viet Cong position. The three suspects were evacuated to an ARVN Medical facility.

b. At 071325H, a Company I patrol reported that one Marine was WIA when he stepped on a punji stake in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 049633).

c. At 071330H, a Company I patrol reported a prehendng one Viet Cong suspect at coordinates (BT 033633), identified as a suspected Viet Cong whose name appeared on a local black list and was evacuated to IIT for investigation.

d. At 071930H, the Company I security element manning the river block at coordinates (AT 959658), reported apprehending sixteen Vietnamese civilians as suspicious persons. The suspects were evacuated to MIEU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017681), where GVN authorities would conduct an appropriate investigation.

e. At 071418H, Company I investigating a building from which sniper fire was belived to have originated at coordinates (BT 054636), in response to a request from an AO operating in the area, reported discovering medical supplies (type and quantities not indicated), expended cartridge cases (carbine type). Five civilians, two women and three children, were apprehended in the building where the contraband was found. The women and children were evacuated to IIT for investigation. Company I also reported finding several boats hidden in a cove in close proximity to this building. The boats were destroyed.

f. At 071500H, a Company M patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (AT 993736). The suspects were evacuated to IIT for investigation.

g. At 071845H, a Company K patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 990663), reported receiving five rounds sniper fire from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines deployed to engage the Viet Cong and he attempted to flee. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong and captured him. The Viet Cong stated he threw his weapon in a hole, but a search failed to reveal it. The patrol is keeping the prisoner until first light on 8 November and will continue the search for the weapon. No Marine casualties were reported.

h. At 072015H, a Company I ambush element positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 020637), reported observing eight to ten Viet Cong moving west on a trail at close range. The Marines directed an undetermined amount of small arms fire at the enemy killing one Viet Cong (body count) and possibly killing an additional five. The Marines withdrew and directed 81mm mortar fire into the area. The report states that mortars will continue to fire H&I missions into the ambush site throughout the night. The Marines captured one Thompson Sub-machine gun and one cartridge belt. No Marine casualties were reported.

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i. At 072100H, a Company L ambush element positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 968657) reported observing six Viet Cong moving down a road toward their position from the west. The Marines waited until the Viet Cong were within fifty meters of their position, then directed approximately fifty rounds small arms at the enemy and observed four Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines fire. The Marines received twenty rounds of small arms fire from the Viet Cong who then broke contact. A search of the area revealed negative results.

j. At 072120H, Company K reported that an ambush element enroute to the position in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 990657), discovered a mine (further identification not provided). The Marines marked the location of the mine and will have it disarmed or destroyed at first light. After establishing an ambushade at coordinates (AT 991653), the Marines observed movement on the right flank and requested a Company K patrol operating in the area to attempt to out flank the intruders. This second Marine unit made contact with an undetermined number of Viet Cong at that position and a fire fight was initiated, in which the ambush element participated. Two Viet Cong were observed attempting to break contact and flee the area and were taken under fire. When the Viet Cong fire ceased the Marines searched the area with negative results.

(3) Special Reports.

a. At 070850H, G-2 reported that on 3 November, one Viet Cong platoon of thirty six men, dressed in fatigue uniforms and armed with three automatic rifles, sub-machine guns, rifles and grenades, displaced from the west and located in the XEN NE village area coordinates (AT 976687), HOA VANG District, QUANG NAM province. Five females are working with this unit and live with the people in NIEU DONG market area in order to collect information on government activity and installations. This platoon has the responsibility of conducting operations against the NGU HANH SONG area (Marble Mountain) which overlooks DANANG Airfield. Project Comment: This information was obtained from a resident of the area who gained it from personal observation. G-2 rated the report F-6.

b. At 071610H, a Ninth Marine Liaison Officer attached to the Regional Forces Headquarters at NIEU BONG reported that a Viet Cong Suspect apprehended at GO HAN coordinates (BT 027689), stated there is a Viet Cong platoon located in the populated area from QUA GIAN (2) hamlet grid square (BT 0067) to TAN HANH hamlet grid square (AT 9965).

c. At 071745H, G-2 relayed a message from III MAF G-2 that the Naval Advisory Detachment reported 20 junks located in the river vicinity of (BT 046737) and will be investigated by a Vietnamese patrol boat.

d. At 071745H, an Aerial Observer reported that south of hill 55 in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 954605), there is what appears to be a trench line and two very large holes. The Aerial Observer commented that these positions had not been observed previously.

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e. 071800H, an Aerial Observer reported a possible automatic weapons position connected to a trench in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 083 674). The Aerial Observer commented that these positions had not been observed previously.

f. At 072005H, G-2 relayed a message from the Naval Support Activity stating that an ARVN boat patrol received an undetermined amount of small arms fire from a Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 047777). One ARVN WIA was reported.

g. At 072045H, G-2 relayed a message from a Third Marine Liaison Officer attached to HUU DUC District Headquarters that the Village Security Chief of DUONG LAM (2) coordinates (AT 953698), reported that the 41st North Vietnamese Infantry Regiment moved to the vicinity of coordinates (AT 824658). The security chief feels the mission is to attack Marines, and will launch an attack at coordinates (AT 890675) and (AT 880695). When this matter was referred to him, the District Chief stated that he had received no information on this matter. An Aerial Observer reconnoitered the area with negative results. Bound Sierra evaluates this as F-6. G-2 rates it F-4.

h. At 072150H, G-2 relayed a message from MAG-16 that a local Vietnamese source informed them that one hundred thirty Viet Cong are located in and around the village of HOA HAI in grid square (BT 0868). These Viet Cong are equipped with seventeen M16 36's, one 60mm mortar, five K 50's and three BARs. MAG-16 rates this report as F-3. G-2 rates it as F-3. (S-2 rates it as F-3).

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

	<u>For 24 hour</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
	<u>Reporting period</u>	<u>Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	1	224
VC Captured	0	*106
VC Captured (WIA)	0	**2
VC Suspects	10	646

*Increase of six Viet Cong based on ITT Friscourt Interrogation Reports as follows:

**Does not include Viet Cong reported captured (See 071845H entry this INTSUM) ITT report dated 5 Nov 65.

Name: NGUYEN SOAN

Age: 28

Status: VC Cell leader, DIEN AN. Sent to I Corps

Captured By L-3-3 on 5 Nov 65

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ITT report dated 5 Nov 65

Name: VO HAI
 Age: 63
 Status: Member VC old mens Ass'n, LE SON. Sent To QUANG NAM Special Sector
 Captured by L-3-9 on 5 Nov 65

ITT report dated 5 Nov 65

Name: VO HO
 Age: 54
 Status: Member VC old mens Ass'n, LE SON. Sent to CIT
 Captured by 3dBn, 9thMar on 5 Nov 65

ITT report dated 5 Nov 65

Name: TRAN THUAN
 Age: 55
 Status: Member old mens Ass'n, DIEM SON. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector
 Captured by L-3-9 on 5 Nov 65

ITT report dated 5 Nov 65

Name: DANG CHAN
 Age: 52
 Status: VC guard, worker, VIEM TRUNG. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector
 Captured By D-1-9 on 2 Nov 65

ITT report dated 5 Nov 65

Name: TRAN THI HOANG
 Age: 20
 Status: Member VC women's group, XUAN DIEM. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector
 Captured by L-3-9 on 4 Nov 65

E. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following material was captured by 3dBn 9thMar:

- 1 - Thomson sub-machine gun (BT 020637) (See 072015H entry this INTSUM)
- 1 - Bolt, cartridge (BT 020637) (See 072015H entry this INTSUM)

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

2 - Structures (ET 054632) (See 070846H entry this INTSUM)

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #123, Period ending 082400 November 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
9 Nov	0624	0646	1828	1850	1827	0638	FULL

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA MANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DU (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOB, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on MON KI mountain, coordinates (BT 061728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708).

a. At 060935H, a Company D patrol reported apprehending one suspicious male at coordinates (BT 032670), when an examination revealed he lacked adequate identification. The suspect was evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

b. At 081000H, Company C reported apprehending three suspicious males at coordinates (BT 055715), when an examination revealed they lacked adequate identification. They were evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

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c. At 081445H, the Battalion S-3 provided information of a Company C operation conducted during the period 070600H to 080800H in the vicinity of the HAI AN peninsula, grid square (BT 0571). The report stated that five tunnels, five hedgerows, forty four gates, three caves, twenty four miscellaneous holes, and five CHICOM grenades (employed as booby traps) were destroyed with demolitions. The report added that seventeen hay stacks were dismantled and searched, sixty nine buildings searched in detail, and sixty seven people interrogated by the Battalion interpreter. Other than the positions and material destroyed, the report did not indicate any positive results of the operation. No contact was made with Viet Cong units and no casualties were reported.

d. At 081600H, the Battalion S-2 reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 076704). The suspect was evacuated to IIT for investigation.

e. At 081630H, a Company A patrol reported discovering what was described as a brick-lined tunnel containing two handlovers of M-14 ammunition, one M-14 magazine, and an undetermined amount of 30 cal. ammunition in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 076703). The tunnel was destroyed with demolitions, and the captured material was turned over to IIT.

f. At 081700H, the Battalion S-2 reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 071701). The suspect was evacuated to IIT for investigation.

g. At 081745H, a Company C patrol reported that one Marine was injured, and one female Vietnamese civilian may have been injured from a grenade explosion in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 048712). The report stated a Marine threw a grenade into a building containing contraband rice. When the grenade exploded, fragments struck the Marine, and the woman, not seriously injured, was reported to have disappeared before the arrival of medical assistance.

h. At 081930H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a message from the HOA LONG Police Chief who reported that the 101st Viet Cong Battalion is located in an area identified by the name "Horse Shoe", grid squares (BT 1064), (BT 1063), and (BT 1163). The report also stated that the 1st Volunteer Battalion is located at KHUE DONG (1) (BT 0570), BA TUNG (2) (BT 0469), MAN QUAN (1) and (2) (BT 0368), BINH KY (2) (BT 0670), and in grid square (BT 0868). The Battalion S-2 rated this report C-3. (The S-2 rated it as C-3).

(2) 3rd Bn, 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR and provided security for the FLSG ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 988733), and the railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provides one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of MIEU DONG (1) hamlet coordinates (BT 017678).

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a. At 080750H, the Battalion S-3 provided additional information on a Company I ambush conducted on 7 November (see 072015H entry of LITSUM #122). The Battalion S-3 stated that a Company I patrol returned to the ambush site in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 020637), and discovered one booby trapped 60mm mortar round which was destroyed in place by demolitions. The report stated that debriefing of the members of the ambush element indicated that the Viet Cong force engaged may have totalled forty Viet Cong and that the casualties inflicted by the Marines were estimated to total approximately twenty Viet Cong WIA (S-2 comment: one body was recovered by the ambush element during this course of the action. The additional casualties may have included those inflicted by 81mm mortar fire directed into the ambush site). The report continued that the search of the area revealed marks that indicated that Viet Cong bodies were dragged away. The report added that one magazine carrier, one bandage, one camouflaged cloth, and a package of documents were also retrieved in the area of the ambush site. The patrol also reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the same area, who lacked valid identification. During initial interrogation, the suspect claimed that he was a policeman who normally resided to the north in the vicinity of the seventeenth parallel, and that he had been captured by the Viet Cong on 7 November, but had escaped. The suspect was ~~evacuated~~ to ITT for investigation.

b. At 081240H, the Battalion S-2 provided additional information ~~regarding the purported Viet Cong captured by Company K~~ in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 990663) on 7 November. The report provided details of the ~~statement made~~ by Viet Cong (suspect) during initial interrogation. The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation and his statements will be ~~promulgated if substantiated by~~ ITT interrogation.

c. At 081300H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a message from Battery E that a wire team conducting a check of communication lines in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 008665) reported receiving five rounds sniper fire from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed approximately fifty rounds small arms fire and one grenade at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines apprehended two Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of the enemy position and evacuated them to ITT for investigation.

d. At 081500H, a Company L patrol reported detonating a booby trap in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 969649). In ~~the~~ describing the booby trap, the report stated ~~that~~ it contained a light explosive charge and that it was placed in a hole filled with water and that it was detonated by a trip wire placed across the trail. One USMC WIA was reported.

e. At 081830H, a Company K patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 000659) reported receiving one round of small arms fire from an estimated eight Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 002657). The Marines directed an undetermined amount of machine gun fire and eight rounds of 81mm mortar fire at the enemy position. One Viet Cong was seen to fall as if struck by

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the Marines fire and was observed being carried out of the area. No USMC casualties were reported.

f. At 082120H, a Company L security element positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 972666), reported receiving an estimated thirty rounds small arms fire from an undetermined number of Viet Cong positioned at close range. Marines directed twenty rounds of small arms fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. No casualties were reported.

g. At 082125H, a Company L security element positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 971660) reported receiving twelve rounds small arms fire from one Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed fifteen rounds small arms fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. No casualties were reported.

h. At 082130H, a Company K patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 982657), reported receiving three rounds small arms fire from an estimated two Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed approximately seventy five rounds small arms fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. No casualties were reported.

(3) Special Reports.

a. Date Report: At 072356H, an Aerial Observer reported receiving an estimated eight rounds small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 035601), and an additional two rounds small arms fire from the Viet Cong positioned vicinity of coordinates (BT 015601). No USMC casualties were reported.

b. At 080937H, an Aerial Observer reported spotting five Viet Cong located in what was described as a "railroad" bed in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 993594). When the Aerial Observer flew closer to obtain closer scrutiny the Viet Cong took refuge in what was believed to be an underground tunnel. The Aerial Observer directed thirty four 105 MM rounds at the Viet Cong location but was unable to observe the results.

c. At 081140H, a Ninth Marine Liaison Officer attached to the Regional Force Headquarters at MIEU BUNG reported that a cadre team discovered five secret caves in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 969663). The report continued that from XUAN DIEM hamlet coordinates (AT 967638) five Viet Cong have and use legal Vietnamese and English identification cards, and plan to use them to enter Company L Ninth Marines CP in the near future.

d. At 081455H, G-2 relayed a message from MOA VANG District Headquarters that an advisory group traveling by military vehicle in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 998705) received approximately fifty rounds small arms from an estimated sixteen Viet Cong. The Viet Cong broke contact before an GVN Regional Force reaction force arrived.

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e. At 081605H, G-2 relayed a message from the HIEU DUC District Chief that a Viet Cong captured on 070930H in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 948675), stated that there is one Viet Cong demolition platoon operating in LA CHAU hamlet area, coordinates (AT 9468). The platoon is broken down into three teams, one of which planted the charge in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 943672) destroying one USMC vehicle and causing two USMC KIA and two USMC WIA on 061805H. The demolition platoon has five more charges described as round, cylindrical, and containing a shape charge. (Report rated C-3).

f. At 081700H, G-2 relayed a message from the First Battalion, First Marines that the HOA THINH Village Chief reported that five days ago two Main Force Viet Cong companies came from the north and gathered villagers for propaganda lectures held in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 885705). Upon returning, the villagers reported they heard an estimated twenty voices outside the meeting area speaking Chinese. The Main Force Companies joined four Guerrilla Companies and moved west.

g. At 081500H, the S-3 of the First Amphibious Tractor Battalion reported finding several directional signs constructed of rock in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 990713) pointing to installations in the Ninth Marines CP area. All signs were destroyed and appropriate measures taken to provide security for the installations threatened.

h. At 081923H, G-2 relayed from an unidentified source in DA NANG who reported that one hundred Viet Cong in suicide teams are dispersed throughout the city. The message stated that if this Viet Cong force were to attack, it will be on the weekend. Targets will be American offices (unidentified) and the airbase. G-2 rates this C-3. (S-2 rates F-3).

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

D. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	0	224
VC Captured	0	107
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	5	611

E. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following material was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar.

- 2 - Handoleers M-14, ammunition (BT 076703) (Delivered direct to ITT) (See 081630H entry this INTSUM)
- 1 - Magazine, M-14 (BT 076703) (Delivered direct to ITT) (See 081630H this INTSUM)

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- Undetermined amount of 30 cal ammunition (BT 076703) (See 081630H this INTSUM) (Delivered direct to IIT)

The following material was destroyed by 1st Bn, 9th Mar

- 44 - Gates (BT 0571) (See 081445H entry this INTSUM.)
- 5 - CHICOM Grenades (BT 0571) (See 081445H entry this INTSUM.) (Booby trapped)

The following material was captured by 3d Bn, 9th Mar.

- 1 - Magazine carrier (BT 020637) (See 080750H entry this INTSUM.)
- 1 - Bandage (BT 020637) (See 080750H entry this INTSUM.)
- 1 - Cloth camouflaged (BT 020637) (See 080750H entry this INTSUM.)
- 1 - Packet of documents (BT 020637) (See 080750H entry this INTSUM.)

The following material was destroyed by 3d Bn, 9th Mar.

- 1 - Mortar round 60mm (Booby trapped) (BT 020637) (See 080750H entry this INTSUM.)

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. The following positions were destroyed by 1st Bn, 9th Mar.

- 5 - Tunnels (BT 0571) (See 081445H entry this INTSUM.)
- 5 - Hedgerows (BT 0571) (See 081445H entry this INTSUM.)
- 3 - Caves (BT 0571) (See 081445H entry this INTSUM.)
- 24 - Holes (BT 0571) (See 081445H entry this INTSUM.)
- 1 - Tunnel brick-lined (BT 076703) (See 081630H entry this INTSUM.)

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

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3800
092400H NOV 1965

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #124, Period ending 092400H November 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
10 Nov	0625	0647	1827	1849	1913	0736	FULL

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 061 728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708).

a. At 090900H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of BA TUNG (1) hamlet, reported apprehending four Viet Cong suspects at coordinates (BT 055700), when an examination revealed they lacked adequate identification. The suspects were evacuated to IIT for investigation.

b. This same Company C patrol also reported apprehending seven suspicious persons at coordinates (BT 055700). The suspects were delivered to the HOA LONG Police Chief for investigation. A subsequent report indicated the HOA LONG Police Chief released the suspects after they established their identification.

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c. At 091900H, a Company B patrol reported apprehending seven Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (BT 088675). The suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

d. This same Company B patrol reported apprehending six suspicious persons at coordinates (BT 088675), at the same time, and delivered them to the HOA LONG Police Chief for investigation. The Battalion S-2 subsequently reported that the suspects were cleared by the HOA LONG Police Chief and released.

e. At 091950H, a Company B patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 098660) reported receiving an estimated five rounds of 60mm mortar fire from a south westerly direction. At the same time the Company B CP located at coordinates (BT 092667) reported receiving an estimated fifty rounds small arms fire from an undetermined number of Viet Cong positioned to the north-west of the Marines position. The Marines directed an undetermined amount of small arms fire at the enemy position and two tanks and a squad of Marines were dispatched to provide assistance. The Viet Cong broke contact, without further activity. Two USMC WIA were reported.

(2) 3rdLn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR and provided security for the FISC ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 998733), and the railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provides one squad to man checkpoint at Highway #1, in vicinity of NIEU DOCK (1) hamlet coordinates (BT 017678).

a. At 090800H, a H&S Company patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 992679). When approached the suspect was wearing a green uniform and claimed to be a Popular Force soldier, but was evacuated to ITT for investigation when an examination revealed he lacked adequate identification.

b. At 081500H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 972662), when it was observed that he was taking unusual interest in the disposition and positions of the Marines in the area. During interrogation by the Company L interpreter, the suspect admitted being a Viet Cong helper and having constructed mines (type not indicated) and punji stakes for the Viet Cong in the past. The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

c. At 091100H, a Company K patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 985661). The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

d. At 091300H, a Company M patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 996678). The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

e. At 091340H, a Company L patrol reported discovering approximately two hundred pounds of rice hidden in two jars under the floor of a Pagoda at

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coordinates (AT 970649). The rice was destroyed in place by a W.P. grenade.

f. At 091400H, this same Company M patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong suspects at coordinates (AT 995677). The report indicated the suspects had what was described as a "Navy type blanket" in their possession. The suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

g. At 091500H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 964654), reported receiving five rounds of automatic fire from an undetermined number of Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 966649). The fire was not repeated and the Marines did not return the fire as the location of the enemy could not be pinpointed. One USMC MIA was reported.

h. At 091920H, a Company M security element positioned at the bridge coordinates (AT 995706) reported receiving an estimated fifteen rounds small arms fire from four Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 995701). The Marines and ARVN security forces directed approximately four hundred thirty rounds small arms fire, one 3.5 W.P. round, and eight 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. No casualties were reported.

(3) Special Reports.

a. At 091110H, The S-3 of the 1st Amphibious Tractor Battalion reported finding a wooden direction marker in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 990713), pointing toward the 3rd Motor Transportation Battalion billeting area.

(S-2 comment: This is the third report of what is presumed to be Viet Cong markers in this area. The markers have been recently erected and may indicate future Viet Cong objectives, although the purpose of the markers may be to identify USMC positions so that Viet Cong may avoid blundering into Marine security elements. The discovery of the markers demonstrates the necessity of persistent patrolling in rear areas and the potential danger of children and other seemingly innocent civilians being allowed to become familiar with friendly positions and dispositions.

b. At 091200H, C-2 relayed a message which appeared in the I Corps INTSUM #301 rated C-3 from a district agent who reported that the Viet Cong are attempting to organize demonstrations consisting of people from the villages of HOA PHUC grid square (BT 0574), and THANH THUY grid square (BT 0567) HOA HAI grid square (BT 0770), HOA LAN grid square (BT 0466). Theme of the demonstration is to "stop USMC gunfire", which has caused destruction of two Pagodas and peoples homes. During the demonstration the Viet Cong have the mission to utilize strong forces in attacking HOA VANG District Headquarters coordinates (BT 015716). (C-2 comment: accepted Viet Cong tactic). (SIA comment: Accepted Viet Cong tactic. Viet Cong have used demonstrations in past both to show distention and screen Viet Cong movement with good to limited success). S-2 rates this C-3.

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

D. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	0	224
VC Captured	0	107
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	17	628

E. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following material was destroyed by 3dEn, 9thMar.

200 lbs rice (AT970649) (See 091340H entry this INTSUM)

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

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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
APO, San Francisco 96601

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3800
102400H NOV 1965

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #125, Period ending 102400H November 1965

Encl: (1) Naval Advisory Detachment, report

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BHCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
11 Nov	0625	0647	1827	1849	2006	0837	FULL

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 061728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708).

a. Late Report-Additional Information. At 101850H, the Battalion S-2 provided additional information regarding the report that a Company B patrol received an estimated five 60mm mortar rounds in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 098660), (see 091950H entry, INTSUM #124). This subsequent report stated that an FO attached to Company B examined the craters and determined that the rounds which had impacted possibly were fragmentation or rifle grenades, but were not mortar rounds.

b. At 101400H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a Vietnamese boy came to the Battalion C.P. to seek medical assistance for a gun shot wound in the leg. The boy stated that he had been shot by the Viet Cong, in the vicinity

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of TU CAU (3) hamlet, coordinates (BT 050656). The report did not indicate the reason for the shooting. The boy's wound was treated and he was taken to NAM MUOC village coordinates (BT 060730), where the report stated the people were informed of the Viet Cong brutality.

e. At 101600H, the Battalion S-2 reported the apprehension of one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 071701). The report stated that, during initial interrogation, the suspect admitted participating in a meeting conducted 9 November by the Viet Cong. The location of the meeting was not indicated. The suspect was evacuated to IIT for investigation.

(2) 3rd Bn, 9th Mar. continued to occupy positions south of SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR and provided security for the FLSG ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 998733), and the railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provides one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of MIEU DONG (1) hamlet coordinates (BT 017678).

a. Late Report. At 092320H, a Company L ambush element positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 988658), reported receiving one round of sniper fire from two Viet Cong located within a building situated within a breeline at coordinates (AT 987658). The Marines directed ten small arms rounds at the Viet Cong position, and the enemy fire was not returned.

b. At 100716H, Company K reported that one Marine was KIA when he apparently detonated an explosive device at coordinates (AT 992653). The initial report indicated that the device was a booby-trapped 105mm artillery round, but this identification was subsequently retracted when an examination of the slight crater caused by the explosion revealed no shell fragments. The device is now believed to have consisted of an explosive charge rigged as a booby-trap. Additional information will be provided when available.

c. At 100815H, Battery E, located at coordinates (AT 998675), reported receiving five small arms rounds in the battery position from an undetermined number of Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 982676). A squad-sized unit was dispatched to engage the Viet Cong, but reported negative contact. No casualties were reported.

d. At 101010H, Company I reported that a Vietnamese boy (further identification not provided) contacted Marines in the vicinity of the Company C.P. and advised the ARVN interpreter that the Viet Cong have recently warned the occupants of NHON THO (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 016657), to evacuate their homes because of their proximity to Company I positions, which will be subjected to a Viet Cong mortar attack in the near future. The report stated the boy provided no amplifying information.

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e. At 101900H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 955646) reported that the patrol leader and FO received approximately fifteen small arms rounds while observing an artillery fire mission. The Viet Cong position could not be discerned but the patrol directed ten small arms rounds, three 60mm mortar rounds, and three 40mm (M-79) rounds into the general area to the south from which the fire was believed to have originated, and the enemy fire was not repeated. No casualties were reported.

(3) Special Reports.

a. At 101300H, the Aerial Observer operating in the 1st Battalion zone of action reported observing four men engaged in what appeared to be the construction of a bunker at coordinates (BT 105645). The men, dressed as villagers, attempted to hide when the Aerial Observer aircraft approached, but were later observed again engaged in the construction of the bunker. The Aerial Observer also reported a second bunker located in the same area.

b. At 101525H, the Regimental Headquarters security platoon reported apprehending two suspicious persons in the abandoned refugee camp located in close proximity to the Regimental C.P., coordinates (AT 997722). Subsequent investigation revealed that one suspect was a member of the ARVN Special Forces who was on leave, and he was released. The other suspect was evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation. (S-2 comment: The area of the abandoned camp is a source of continual concern because of its proximity to the Regimental C.P. and its lack of security. The buildings, abandoned and in poor repair, could potentially provide cover to Viet Cong operating in the area and could offer concealment for the use of mortar or similar weapons to be emplaced against any of the several military installations positioned in the vicinity. Requests to raze the camp structures have, to date been denied by the local authorities. The Regimental security platoon, who apprehended the suspects indicated in this report, presently patrols the area.

c. At 101800H, G-2 provided a copy of an NAD report concerning Viet Cong activities in the Area. Excepted portions of this report are included in this INTSUM as enclosure (1).

d. At 101835H, the Ninth Marines Liaison Officer attached to the Regional Force Headquarters at MIEU BONG, relayed a QUANG NAM Special Sector report which stated that twenty Viet Cong are located at coordinates (AT 967 660). The report was rated C-2. (S-2 rates the report as C-3).

e. At 102200H, The Ninth Marines Liaison Officer attached to the Regional Force Headquarters at MIEU BONG, reported that a Regional Force ambush element, positioned at coordinates (AT 973686), made contact with an undetermined number of Viet Cong, and in the ensuing fire fight, killed two Viet Cong and captured one weapon, described as a sub-machine gun. No friendly casualties were reported.

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C. Reports of information of VC received directly from civilians. See 101010H entry this INTSUM.

D. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	0	224
VC Captured	0	*113
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	1	629

*Increase of six Viet Cong based on ITT Prisoners Interrogation Reports as follows:

ITT report dated 8 Nov 65.

Name: DO T
Age: 50
Status: Member VC Farmers Ass'n, THAM SON, Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector
Captured by, no capturing unit indicated. No time.

ITT report dated 8 Nov 65.

Name: DO BAN
Age: 16
Status: Member VC Teenagers Group, THAI CAM. Sent to ARVN Hospital.
Captured by, no capturing unit indicated. No time.

ITT report dated 8 Nov 65.

Name: NGUYEN TINH
Age: 26
Status: VC Worker, QUA GIAN, Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector
Captured by 3dkn, 9thMar, no time.

ITT report dated 8 Nov 65.

Name: TRAN SIENG
Age: 48
Status: VC Worker, HA QUANG. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.
Captured by 1stEn, 9thMar on 7 Nov 65

ITT report dated 8 Nov 65.

Name: TRAN KAU
Age: 55
Status: VC Worker, HA QUANG. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.
Captured by B-1-9 on 7 Nov 65

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ITT report dated 8 Nov 65

Name: PHAM HO

Age: 18

Status: Member VC Youth Group, HA QUANG. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.

Captured by 1stBn, 9thMar, no time.

- E. Destroyed and captured enemy material. No reports were received during this reporting period.
- F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. No reports were received during this reporting period.

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Naval Advisory Detachment Report

Date of Info: 6 Nov 65

Q-3/13 reports the presence of a heavy artillery unit in MAN QUANG hamlet and TUNG LAM (BT 035703) hamlet, HOA PHUNG. Its 30 men are commanded by TRAN DU. It is a component unit of Battalion 90.

A secret source claims he knows the entrance to a Viet Cong hideout which holds some two squads. The hideout is located near the NUI CBUN Pagoda, Marble Mountain. The Viet Cong are fully armed. Date of info 8 Nov 65.

Viet Cong are very active politically, in HOA LONG village. To better control the population, they have set up 3-man cells.

Some 40 guerillas are operating in HOA HAI village, in support of their administrative cadres who are supervised by MAI DANG BA. In any alert, they would spread out in the direction of the Lepor Center, or THANH THUY village, DIEM BAN district.

In TUNG LAM and MAN QUANG (BT 035689) hamlets, HOA PHUNG village, there still is a Viet Cong regular platoon.

Q3/12 claims the Viet Cong are getting ready to attack the two airbases and the HOA LONG bridge and nearby installation. These are their last targets for the 65 campaign.

At 1300, 7 Nov 65, HOA LONG village representative NUYNH VINH was allegedly kidnapped by the Viet Cong, while attending a supposed feast at his father's place.

Q3 and secret sources saw no evidence there was a feast at above said place. Q3's own conjecture and local population's is the whole thing had been faked up by the Viet Cong.

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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

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3800
112400H NOV 1965

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #126, Period ending 112400 November 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>R.A.C.T</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>E.C.T</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
12 Nov	0625	0647	1827	1849	2105	0941	3/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on HOA KY mountain, coordinates (BT 061728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708).

a. Late Report at 101200H, a Company D patrol reported apprehending two suspicious male Vietnamese in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 052667). The suspects were evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

b. At 110945H, Company D reported apprehending two suspicious Vietnamese males at coordinates (BT 072668) where it was observed that they were taking unusual interest in Company L positions in the area while ostensibly engaged in digging graves. The two suspects were evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

c. At 111900H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA HAI Village Chief that the Viet Cong are forcing the villagers in the vicinity of the bridge, coordinates (BT 071700) to displace as the Viet Cong plan

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to destroy the bridge. The Battalion S-2 did not rate the report. (S-2 rates it as C-3).

d. At 111930H, Company A reported that a truck, identified as an M-35 6X6, returning from Battery D position with a squad from Company A, detonated a mine at coordinates (BT 068689), resulting in three Marines WIA and undetermined damage to the vehicle. The mine was described as consisting of approximately five pounds of TNT, and appeared to be electrically detonated. A search of the area failed to produce the Viet Cong who had positioned the mine but local villagers described three men, one of whom may have been armed with a submachine gun, as being in the area prior to the mine detonation. Two suspicious Vietnamese male were reported apprehended in the vicinity of the incident, but there was no indications that they were involved in the mining of the road. Because of possible road interdiction, the suspects were retained at the Battalion C.P. over night for investigation. Unless cleared by local authorities, the suspects will be evacuated to IIT for investigation on 12 November.

(2) 3rd Bn, 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOB and provided security for the FISC ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 998733), and the railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provides one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of MIEU DONG (1) hamlet coordinates (BT 017678).

a. At 110030H, Battery E reported observing four unidentified men moving to the east in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 988675). Because of the proximity of friendly troops, the unidentified persons were not taken under fire. The report did not indicate how the contact was terminated.

b. At 111100H, Company K reported apprehending one female Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 986660), when an examination revealed she lacked adequate identification. The suspect was evacuated to IIT for investigation.

c. At 111100H, a Company I patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 028660), when a routine examination revealed that his name appeared on a blacklist of known Viet Cong and Viet Cong sympathizers maintained by local RVN authorities. The suspect was evacuated to IIT for investigation.

d. At 111100H, a Company K patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 000656), when the suspect attempted to elude the patrol while they were conducting a search of a near by building. The suspect was evacuated to IIT for investigation.

e. At 111925H, Company I reported that one Marine, a member of a detail positioning trip flares in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 023656), was WIA by a fragmentation grenade thrown by Viet Cong positioned near

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Two 40mm (M-79) rounds were fired into the area suspected of harboring the Viet Cong, but the Viet Cong broke contact.

f. At 112115H, a Company L ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 969660) reported observing movement to their front, then receiving one fragmentation grenade in their position, resulting in one Marine KIA. The Marines directed ten small arms rounds at the suspected enemy position, a trail line located to the northwest, at close range. The Viet Cong did not return the fire and broke contact.

(3) Special Reports.

a. At 111716H, an Aerial Observer operating in the vicinity of the TAOR reported observing what was described as fresh digging at coordinates (AT 995625), a new tunnel positioned at coordinates (AT 995625), a bamboo bridge (further identification not provided) at coordinates (AT 995607), a foot bridge positioned at coordinates (BT 007608), and five boats beached at coordinates (AT 973607), moving to the southwest.

b. At 111900H, G-2 relayed two reports from GVN authorities concerning Viet Cong activities within the TAOR. The first report originated from QUANG NAM Provincial Headquarters and stated that two Viet Cong Main Force companies, hiding in the vicinity of TAN AN village, coordinates (BT 090690), TRA KHE (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 070680), and VIEM MINH (located within DIEN BAN district), are preparing to attack HOA VANG District Headquarters, coordinates (BT 016724) and DIEN BAN District Headquarters, coordinates (BT 065583). This report further stated that the Viet Cong battalion that attacked the 707th Regional Force company, has withdrawn to somewhere in DUC HUE district (located southwest of the TAOR). (S-2 rates this report G-3).

The second report which originated from HOA VANG District Headquarters, stated that the Viet Cong guerrilla forces which operate in the vicinity of HOA THAI village, coordinates (AT 985684), HOA CHAU village, coordinates (BT 004680), and HOA PHUOC village, coordinates (BT 019681), have been ordered to assemble two-thirds of their forces for an unknown mission and at an unknown location. The report added that each of the Viet Cong guerrillas participating in this mission is required to bring with him the equivalent of forty five cans of rice. (S-2 comment: A common unit of measure utilized by the Viet Cong is the condensed milk can, (approximately thirteen ounces), three of which comprise the minimum daily ration. Forty five cans of rice could therefore indicate an operation of fifteen days duration or rations for additional Viet Cong forces who will arrive without food supplies). This report further stated that some of the Viet Cong cadres of HOA VANG District area have coordinated the efforts of local (village/hamlet) Viet Cong cadres to confiscate GVN identification cards and similar documents from the people. The report added that the Viet Cong cadres in this area are planning to attack the GVN pacification teams operating in GIANG LOFT hamlet, MAO CHAU village, coordinates (BT 006676). (This report is rated by S-2 as G-3).

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

<u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	0	224
VC Captured	0	113
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	3	632

E. Destroyed and captured enemy material. No reports were received during this reporting period.

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

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #127, Period ending 122400H November 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>RMC</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>RMC</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
13 Nov	0626	0648	1827	1849	2207	1043	3/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 061728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708).

a. At 120220H, a Company C Listening Post positioned at coordinates (BT 049665) reported observing eight to ten persons moving to the north-east in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 046666). The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds at the intruders, who fired three small arms rounds in return. The Viet Cong were observed fleeing the area and 81mm mortar illumination was requested, but the contact could not be maintained. A patrol dispatched at first light to search the area of the Viet Cong position reported finding no indications of Viet Cong casualties. No Marine casualties were reported.

b. At 120700H, a Company B patrol reported receiving what was described as sporadic fire from an estimated four-automatic and three semi-automatic weapons as the patrol entered HA QUANG (4) hamlet, coordinates (BT 105649). The Marines directed approximately two hundred small arms rounds and four 40mm (M-79) rounds at the Viet Cong positioned within the hamlet. One

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Marine was WIA but did not required immediate evacuation. Two tanks and one squad of infantry were dispatched to assist the patrol but the Viet Cong broke contact prior to the arrival of the reinforcing element. A search of the hamlet disclosed a quantity of expended caliber .30 cartridges scattered throughout the area indicating that the Viet Cong had been there but the Viet Cong could not be located.

c. At 120930H, a Company C patrol reported apprehending one suspicious woman at coordinated (BT 037675) when examination revealed she lacked adequate identification. The report indicated that the suspect was accompanied by a small boy (age not indicated). The woman and boy were evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters where her identity could be ascertained.

d. At 121410H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 036661) reported receiving an estimated ten small arms rounds from an undetermined number of Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 037661). The patrol directed approximately two hundred small arms rounds, one 3.5 inch rocket round and four 40mm (L-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. No casualties were reported.

e. At 121600H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 040660), reported apprehending an 18 year old Vietnamese girl when an examination revealed she lacked adequate identification. The report indicated that the girl spoke what was described as 'good' English, and that she claimed to live in DA NANG city and was in this area to visit her parents. Because of possible interdiction of the roads from the forward positions, the suspect will be retained in the Battalion C.P. overnight. Eventual disposition of the suspect, to HOA VANG District Headquarters, or ITT, was not indicated.

f. At 122030H, a Company D security element positioned at the water point, coordinates (BT 071701), reported receiving two rounds of small arms fire from what was described as a weapon equipped with a silencer. Immediately afterwards, a grenade was detonated approximately thirty meters outside the defensive perimeter of the security unit. The Marines directed ten small arms rounds at the suspected enemy position, a tree-line located in close proximity to the Marines' position. The fire was not returned and a fireteam sized unit dispatched to investigate the suspected position reported negative results. No casualties were reported.

(2) 3rd Bn, 5th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR and provided security for the FLSC ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 998733), and the railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provides one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of MUU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017678).

a. At 121100H, Company K, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of HA DONG village, coordinates (AT 997647), reported that two Marines were WIA by the detonation of a booby-trap. The report indicated that an examination failed to disclose the type of device detonated

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but a booby-trapped grenade was suspected because of the frequency of similar incidents in that area in which grenades were known to have been employed.

b. At 121258H, Company K reported discovering one grenade, described as a Viet Cong grenade, at coordinates (AT 995645). The report indicated that the grenade was booby-trapped but the method employed was not described. The grenade was destroyed in place. Company K also reported discovering what was described as a CHICOM grenade at coordinates (AT 993643), and destroyed the grenade in place. In the same report, Company K reported that local villagers have stated they have been warned to stay clear of the area in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 995646), (AT 993643), and (AT 990643), on 11 November. Company K stated that the reason for this Viet Cong admonition is not known.

c. At 121300H, Company K reported apprehending three Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 993650). Two of the suspects were described as the father and sister of a recently deceased Viet Cong. The third suspect was apprehended in close proximity to a cache which contained two flashlights, a quantity of wire, and what was described as old communication-type batteries. The Battalion S-2 commented that it is believed the recovered articles were capable of being used to detonate mines and/or booby-traps. The three Viet Cong Suspects, and the recovered material, were evacuated to IIT for investigation.

d. On 12 November, Company K relayed a report from one Mr PHAI NANG, described as the spokesman for TAN HANH hamlet, coordinates (AT 997654), (HOA PHUOC village), concerning Viet Cong activities in the area. Mr NANG stated that from ten to twenty Viet Cong come to TAN HANH every night. The route the Viet Cong utilized goes from HA DUNG village, coordinated (AT 995645), north to AN TAN HANH and east to NE TAN HANH. (S-2 comment: TAN HANH village is located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 000656), but AN TAN HANH and NE TAN HANH do not appear on current operational maps). Mr NANG added that the Viet Cong usually headed in an easterly direction when they departed. He also stated that the Viet Cong collect taxes in March, August and December of the Lunar calendar, (generally April, September and January of the Gregorian calendar). (S-2 comment: The hamlet from which Mr NANG is said to be the spokesman has been considered an insecure area and does not have a GVN appointed Chief. The continued presence of Marines in the area has altered the security status of the hamlet and the fact that Mr NANG is reporting Viet Cong activity demonstrates a resolution and confidence heretofore lacking in this locality).

(3) Special Reports.

a. At 121000H, the 9th Marines Liaison Officer attached to Regional Force Headquarters at MIEU BONG reported that personnel of the 593 Regional Force Company discovered a cave at coordinates (AT 969696) which was being used to cache Viet Cong supplies. The cave contained fifty caliber .30 rounds (loose), one hundred of what was described as submachine gun rounds, one case of what was described as M-36 cartridges (11 mm cartridges for CHICOM submachine gun, type 36?),

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one belt of machine gun ammunition described as being one and one-half meters in length, one meter length of electric wire, a quantity of shoes and sandals, and what was described as tools for the 60mm mortar. The report did not indicate the disposition of the recovered material but it is presumed that it was evacuated to I Corps Headquarters.

b. At 121845H, the Aerial Observer operating in the TAOR reported receiving what was described as a heavy volume of automatic weapons fire which appeared to emanate from coordinates (BT 010635). The Aerial Observer requested an artillery mission be directed against the suspected enemy position, and twenty 105mm artillery rounds were delivered on the target with what was described as "telling effect". The extent of damage could not be ascertained because of darkness, but the Viet Cong fire was not reported.

C. Reports of information of VC received directly from civilians. See entry (2) d, dated 12 November, this INTSUM.

<u>D. Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	0	224
VC Captured	0	113
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	3	636

E. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following material was destroyed by 3rdEn, 9thMar.

- 1 - Viet Cong grenade (AT 995645) (See entry 121258H this INTSUM)
- 1 - CHICOM grenade (AT 993643) (See entry 121258H this INTSUM)

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

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #128, Period ending 132400H November 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>R.A.T</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>LEST</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
14 Nov	0626	0648	1827	1849	2311	1144	3/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DU (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on HON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 061728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708).

a. Late Report. at 131920H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a Company C patrol apprehended one suspicious Vietnamese male at 121330H in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 038662). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed he lacked identification and had in his possession propaganda leaflets and a lighter with the signature "403" engraved on the side. The suspect was evacuated to NVA VANG District Headquarters for investigation. (S-2 comment: The propaganda leaflets found in the suspect's possession were pro-GVN material probably distributed by local USMC forces. The designation "403" may refer to the 403rd Viet Cong Artillery Battalion, shown in the current order of battle as subordinate to the 3rd Viet Cong Regiment and last reported operating in BINH DINH and PHU YEN provinces. This Headquarters is not aware of a friendly unit with the designation "403").

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b. At 130640H, a Company B patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 105651) reported receiving approximately two hundred fifty small arms rounds from an estimated six Viet Cong positioned in what was described as a covered trench line located approximately one hundred meters east of the Marines' position. The report indicated that the Viet Cong were armed with two automatic and four semi-automatic weapons. The Marines directed approximately five hundred small arms rounds and one 3.5 inch rocket round at the Viet Cong position and the Viet Cong broke contact. When the patrol searched the position the Viet Cong had occupied, they discovered what was described as a large pool of blood. One Marine was WIA in this engagement. Viet Cong casualties were not estimated.

c. At 131305H, a Company C patrol reported apprehending one suspicious Vietnamese male at coordinates (BT 043603) when an examination revealed he lacked adequate identification. The report did not indicate disposition of the suspect but it is presumed he was evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

d. At 132100H, Company B reported that a platoon patrol base located at coordinates (BT 081689) received three grenades thrown by an estimated seven-man Viet Cong force located in close proximity to the Marines' position. Three Marines were WIA. The Viet Cong fled to the southwest, only to blunder into a Company B ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 082687). The Marines directed approximately two hundred fifty small arms rounds and four grenades at the Viet Cong killing one Viet Cong (body count) and inflicting an estimated three additional casualties. One Viet Cong weapon, described as a Russian rifle, was recovered. No additional Marine casualties were reported.

e. At 132115H, the Battalion S-3 relayed a report from Company L 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines, that three unidentified persons were observed in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 062738) when a flare illuminated the area. The Marines directed one 40mm (M-79) round and two small arms rounds at the intruders with negative results. A patrol dispatched to investigate the area reported no indications of Viet Cong activity.

f. At 132200H, Marines manning the observation post at coordinates (BT 075711) (Hartle Mountain), reported observing an undetermined number of Viet Cong moving in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 076708). Twelve 81mm mortar illumination rounds were directed into the area but the contact was lost.

g. At 132215H, Company D reported receiving one grenade in the 1st Platoon positions, coordinates (BT 072701), resulting in one Marine WIA. Small arms fire was directed at the suspected Viet Cong location which was in close proximity to the Marines' position, with negative results. Thirty one 81mm mortar illumination rounds were directed into the area but the contact was not renewed.

h. On 13 November, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA HAI Village Chief that two Vietnamese men, one NGUYEN CHAI and one TRAN HA THANH, and one female, NG THI TRI, are coercing the villagers who reside in the

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vicinity of coordinates (BT 071703) to donate thirty three pounds of rice per family to a Viet Cong platoon located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 069 691)) and (BT 066980). The report indicates that this Viet Cong platoon's mission is to collect rice for delivery to the 101st Viet Cong Battalion, located in what was described as "the horseshoe" area (S-2 comment: believed to be the area bounded by the SONG HA XAU and the coast, grid squares (BT 1064), (BT 1063), and (BT 1163)). The report added that the Viet Cong are instructing the villagers to move out of the area as the bridge will be attacked by the Viet Cong within the next eight days. The Battalion S-2 rated this report C-3). (S-2 rates this report C-3).

(2) 3rd Bn, 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR and provided security for the FISC ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 998773), and the railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998767). Company I provides one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of MUU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017676).

a. At 130840H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from a GVN People's Action Team operating in the vicinity of Company I positions that villagers of AN TRACH (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 967663) state that a Viet Cong company is located on the southern slope of the high ground at coordinates (AT 947598), (hill 42). The villagers add that the Viet Cong apparently feel very secure in this area as they have been observed playing volleyball and soccer in this locality. The villagers reported also stated that the Viet Cong District Chief (HUA VANG District?) resides at coordinates (AT 980613). This Viet Cong chieftain rarely leaves his home because of his concern for his safety. When aircraft appear or when artillery is heard he takes refuge in a tunnel located beneath a bamboo grove which extends to both sides of the SONG LA THO (river) in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 974613) to (AT 979618), and from (AT 975611) to (AT 980610). The Battalion S-2 rated this report F-6 (S-2 comment: The location indicated for the Viet Cong company had been previously reported as a Viet Cong assembly and rest area and A.VN and agent reports had precipitated artillery missions directed against the position. Its location at the confluence of the SONG YEN and the SONG LA THO placed it astride several major lines of communication and was the logical location for a Viet Cong refuge. Moreover, prior to the displacement of Battery E to a forward position, this area was beyond the range of 105mm artillery fires and therefore did not receive intensive H and I fires. The area north and south of the SONG LA THO is considered as Viet Cong controlled and the local populace was described by GVN authorities as Viet Cong sympathizers. For these reasons, the villagers' report was accepted by the S-2 and appropriated counter-measures were applied. At 131800H, four thousand pounds of napalm (four tanks) and twenty eight ZU-23 rockets were delivered on the target by two fixed-wing aircraft. At 131818H, ninety 105mm M1 artillery rounds were directed "T.O.T." on the area. At 131900H, approximately fifty thousand propaganda leaflets, whose theme was "you can't win-surrender" were dropped on the target area and surrounding localities by helicopter. An Aerial Observer on station reported that the air strike and artillery

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mission provided excellent coverage of the target area and observed what may have been secondary explosions. No KIA or MIA could be discerned. GVN informers and local villagers sympathetic to the GVN/USMC will be utilized to assess the propaganda effects of this strike on the inhabitants of the local hamlets as well as the casualties inflicted on the suspected Viet Cong force).

b. At 131415H, Company I reported receiving twenty small arms rounds in the company C.P. position, coordinates (BT 023656), from an estimated six Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 016654). Four 81mm mortar rounds, two 3.5 inch rocket rounds, and approximately one hundred small arms rounds were directed at the Viet Cong position, and the Viet Cong broke contact. A squad was dispatched to pursue the Viet Cong but failed to reach the contact. No casualties were reported.

c. At 131925H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 967648) reported making contact with an undetermined number of Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 969647). The Viet Cong directed two to three bursts of automatic fire (fifteen to twenty rounds) at the Marines, who returned approximately sixty rounds of M-60 machine gun fire and sixty small arms rounds. The Viet Cong broke contact, fleeing to the south west. No casualties were reported.

d. At 132020H, the Battalion S-2 provided information about the operation of the checkpoint maintained at LIEU DONG by local GVN officials with the assistance of a USMC element for security. The report stated that the National Policemen conducting the examination of vehicles and passengers have relaxed their vigilance and did what was described as a poor job of checking southbound traffic. The Marines security personnel observed gasoline, cigarettes, corn, and fuel oil pass unrestricted through the checkpoint. The Marines reported that privately-owned vehicles were allowed to pass without inspection and that only one out of every three commercial vehicles were examined. Among the contraband that was confiscated was five hundred 20mm rounds, four large rolls of wire, what was described as a large box of cigarettes, and one hundred No. 6 cans (empty?). (S-2 comment: The sampling of contraband confiscated by the National Policemen is a strong indication of the types and quantities of potential dangerous materials which are again moving through this area to what must be presumed to be Viet Cong controlled areas to the south. The absence of such confiscated contraband during the period when the examinations were conducted by the Marines indicated that the Marines efforts were effective enough to cause the contraband movers to seek other means of passage. HOA VANG District Headquarters was notified of the Marines' observation and a close watch will be maintained to see what improvements take place).

e. At 131845H, Company L reported that People's Action Team personnel in the vicinity of LA BUNG (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 975672) received an undetermined amount of small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in that locality. Company L could hear the firing and dispatched a patrol to assist the P.A.T. The initial report received indicated that the patrol failed to make contact with the Viet Cong but a final report had not been received at the termination of this reporting period.

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f. At 132030H, a Company I ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 007641) reported taking under fire an undetermined number of Viet Cong who entered the ambush position. The initial report indicated that one Viet Cong was killed, but additional information had not been received at the termination of this reporting period.

g. At 132125H, Marines positioned at a Company I patrol base at coordinates (BT 013645) reported making contact with an estimated nine Viet Cong who fired an undetermined amount of small arms fire at the Marines' position. The initial report stated that the Marines returned the small arms fire and were employing artillery illumination. Three 81mm WP mortar rounds were delivered on the suspected Viet Cong position, coordinates (BT 010644). No additional information had been received by the termination of this reporting period.

(3) Special Reports.

a. At 131200H, G-2 relayed a report from 1 Corps G-2 that two Viet Cong battalions have displaced from what was identified as NAM DUNG, through DE BAY pass, towards HAI VANG pass and west DA NANG, with the mission of attacking U.S. bases in QUANG NAM and TRUONG DINH. G-2 rated this report F-3. (S-2 comment: With the exception of HAI VANG pass, the indicated locations do not appear on current operational maps. G-2 was not able to provide the required information. S-2 must therefore rate this report F-6).

b. At 131200H, G-2 reported that a Viet Cong Regiment is located in the southern portion of QUANG NAM province, from QUE SON and DUY XUYEN, to PHU KY and DIEM BAN Districts. This regiment is commanded by one NGUYEN BA PHAT and has the mission of countering ARVN operations and blockading DAI LAC, THUONG DUC, QUE SON AND DUC DUC. G-2 rated this report as F-2. (S-2 comment: NGUYEN BA PHAT was identified as the commander of the 604th Regiment, reported operating in QUANG NAM province. S-2 rates this report as F-3).

c. At 131750H, the 1st Amtrac Battalion S-3 reported that a patrol operating in the vicinity of the battalion perimeter discovered rock and bamboo markers which may have been positioned to indicate USAC installations. The patrol also reported that local villagers were observed digging what appeared to be foxholes or protective shelters in the vicinity of their homes. The S-3 commented that this is the first report received of villagers in this area digging shelters. (S-2 comment: Viet Cong local Force personnel have infrequently warned relatives and friends of impending Viet Cong attacks so that they can prepare shelters. The area indicated is considered a secure area and there is at present no known requirement for protective shelters. The conclusion is that this recent construction may preface Viet Cong activity in this locality. HOA VANG District Headquarters has been notified and requested to investigate).

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

D. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	For 24 Hour	Cumulative
	<u>Reporting period</u>	<u>Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	1	225

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KIA (Possible)	4	4
VC Captured	0	#116
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	0	636

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

ITT report dated 11 Nov 65

Name: NGUYEN NGOC THOI
 Age: 17
 Status: VC Village Front Cadre, PHU SON. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.
 Captured by A-1-9 071500H Nov 65.

ITT report dated 9 Nov 65

Name: TRAN QUA
 Age: 59
 Status: VC Old Men's Ass'n, HON. QUANG. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.
 Captured by (no capturing unit)

ITT report dated 9 Nov 65

Name: HUYNH A
 Age: 17
 Status: VC Youth Group member, TAN LUU. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.
 Captured by 1stBn, 4th Mar (no time).

E. Disposition of captured personnel for week of 7 to 13 Nov 65.

(1) Total captives taken:	94
(2) Captives cleared as civilians:	13
(3) VCS delivered to HOA VANG District HQS:	41
(4) VCS delivered to ITT:	39
(5) VCC delivered to ITT:	1

F. Destroyed and captured enemy material. No report were received during this reporting period.

G. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. No report were received during this reporting period.

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #129, Period ending 142400H November 1965.

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>EMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
15 Nov	0626	0648	1827	1849	-----	1239	1/2

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 062850), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708).

a. At 140730H, a Company B patrol operating in the vicinity of TRA LO reported apprehending three suspicious Vietnamese males at coordinates (BT 082688), when a routine examination revealed they lacked adequate identification. The suspects were evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

b. At 140830H, a Company C patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 043677). The report indicated that the suspect possessed an identification card but was observed attempting to dispose of printed material which made reference to MAG-16. (The report did not indicate the nature of the printed matter nor the language in which it was printed). The report added that when the Viet Cong Suspect was transported to

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the Company C.P. for initial interrogation, a Vietnamese male who had been apprehended 13 November (see 131305H entry, INTSUM #128), stated that the suspect was a Viet Cong guerrilla. Both Viet Cong Suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation. (S-2 comment: A subsequent report from the Battalion S-2 indicated that during initial interrogation the Viet Cong Suspect apprehended 140830H stated that approximately one hundred twenty Viet Cong, armed with three submachine guns (no further armament indicated) and dressed in grey uniforms are located in HOA PHUNG village area, coordinates (BT 041695), (BT 050715), and (BT 050700). The Viet Cong Suspect's statement indicated that the Viet Cong displaced from TU CAU village area, grid square (BT 0465), and moved to KHAL TAY village area, grid square (BT 0466), where they stayed for a period of two days, departing 130700H. The Battalion S-2 rated the Viet Cong Suspect's report E-4. (S-2 rates the report F-4).

c. At 141605H, Company C reported that a Vietnamese woman brought an injured boy to the Company C C.P. and sought medical assistance. The boy had sustained an injury to his nose that the Vietnamese woman stated was the result of an explosion. The report stated that it was possible that the injury was inflicted by USMC mortar fire which had been directed into the area (time of firing and target was not indicated). The injured boy was evacuated to a GVN medical facility.

d. At 141445H, Company C reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 049695), when a routine examination revealed he lacked adequate identification. The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

e. At 141605H, Company C reported apprehending a Vietnamese male about fifty years of age in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 045660), when a routine examination revealed he lacked identification. The report stated that the suspect was transported to the Company C C.P., but ultimate disposition of the suspect was not indicated.

(2) 3rd Bn, 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR and provided security for the FLSG ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 998773), and the railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provides one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of MIEU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017678).

a. Late Report. At 131830H, Company I reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 007647). The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

b. Late Report - Additional information. At 140935H, the Battalion S-3 provided clarifying information regarding an ambush conducted by Company I on 13 November in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 007641). (see 132030H entry, INTSUM #128). This late report indicated that at 132000H,

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the Marines fired at one Viet Cong who approached the ambush site, coordinates (BT 007647), from the southeast. A search was subsequently made of the area, with negative results. The report also stated that the Marines apprehended nine Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (BT 010647), when returning to the Company I C.P. at 140630H. The nine suspects were evacuated to IIT for investigation. The Battalion S-3 report also provided additional information regarding a Company I patrol base located at (BT 013645), which received small arms fire from an estimated nine Viet Cong on 13 November (see 132125H entry, INTJUN #128). This follow-up report indicated that a heavy volume of small arms fire was exchanged and the Marines requested artillery illumination. Three 81mm mortar W.P. rounds were directed at the Viet Cong who were then located at coordinates (BT 013643). The Viet Cong broke contact and a physical search of the area did not disclose indications of Viet Cong casualties.

c. At 140720H, the Battalion S-3 reported that two Vietnamese males, identified as civilians, detonated a mine while travelling in a Willys (commercial model) jeep vehicle in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 95691) (railroad embankment). The men sustained injuries and were evacuated to a GVN medical facility. Engineer personnel dispatched to clear the road of possible additional mines reported negative results. The Battalion S-2 subsequently reported that the mine consisted of approximately ten pounds of TNT and was detonated by a pressure-type fuse assembly.

d. At 140915H, a Company L patrol reported locating what was described as a booby-trapped mine at coordinates (AT 959646). The mine was said to be an anti-personnel mine, rigged with a pressure-type detonator. The report also stated that the mine was connected to a BA-30 battery, but the function of the battery in this situation is not known. The mine was destroyed in place with demolitions.

e. At 141234H, a Company L patrol reported discovering a booby-trapped fragmentation grenade rigged with a trip flare attachment at coordinates (AT 967649). The grenade was destroyed in place.

f. At 141530H, Company M reported destroying a tunnel (extent not indicated) at coordinates (AT 993677). The report added that one Viet Cong Suspect was apprehended in the same area and evacuated to IIT when an examination revealed he lacked adequate identification.

g. At 142035H, Company M, positioned at coordinates (AT 996690), reported observing one Viet Cong moving north at coordinates (AT 996692). The Marines directed five small arms rounds at the Viet Cong, who fled to the south. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong but lost contact.

h. At 141930H, a Company K patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 985634), reported receiving an estimated twenty small arms rounds from an undetermined number of Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 980635). One Marine was MIA. The report continued that 3.5 inch rocket and 60mm mortar fires were directed at the Viet Cong position, but the results of this fire were not indicated. The report added that H and I artillery fire will be scheduled

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for the area and that the patrol continued on its route.

i. At 142000H, Company L reported that an estimated one Viet Cong squad positioned at coordinates (AT 972668) and (AT 976666), directed approximately twenty rounds of semi automatic and fifty rounds of automatic fire at Company L positions at coordinates (AT 971664). The Marines returned one 40mm (M-79) round, and approximately fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. No casualties were reported.

j. At 142150H, the Battalion S-3 reported that sentinels manning the battalion C.P. perimeter, coordinates (AT 993678), observed movement approximately fifty meters to the east. The sentinels challenged the intruders, illuminated the area, and fired ten small arms rounds at two Viet Cong revealed by the illumination. The Viet Cong fired one small arms round at the Marines, then fled to the east. No casualties were reported.

(3) Special Reports.

a. At 140900H, the Ninth Marines Liaison Officer attached to the Regional Forces Headquarters at MIEU BONG reported additions to the list of material recovered by Regional Forces personnel on 12 November in a cave in the vicinity of CAM NE (4) hamlet (see 121000H entry, INTSUM #127). The additions were one hundred rounds of machine gun (M-60) linked ammunition, one booby-trapped 3.5 inch M.E. rocket round, four CHICOM fragmentation grenades, and on U.S. rifle, M 1903 (Springfield).

b. At 141125H, the Aerial Observer operating in the area of the TAOR reported receiving an undetermined number of small arms rounds from the direction of coordinates (BT 098591). No casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported.

c. At 141940H, the Aerial Observer reported receiving several small arms rounds from the direction of grid square (BT 0965). No casualties or damage was reported.

d. At 142040H, G-2 reported that Division FSCC had received a report from the 51st ARVN Regiment that they were receiving mortar fire in the area, coordinates (AT 085584). Countermortar fire was requested for delivery at coordinates (AT 974594), (AT 972593), (AT 976592), (AT 970594), (AT 979597), and (AT 976597). The report also stated that the ARVN forces were receiving small arms fire from the direction of coordinates (AT 980593), (AT 985590), and (AT 982591). The 51st ARVN Regiment estimated that one Viet Cong Company was engaged. No additional details were provided.

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

D. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
	<u>Reporting period</u>	<u>Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	0	225

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KIA (Possible)	0	4
VC Captured	0	116
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	14	650

E. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following material was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar.

1 - Identification card (one VO HIEN) (BT 034681)

The following equipment was destroyed by 3rdBn, 9thMar.

1 - Anti-personnel mine, booby-trapped (AT 959646) (see 140915H entry this INTSUM).

1 - Fragmentation grenade, booby-trapped (AT 967649) (see 141234H entry this INTSUM).

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. The following fortification was destroyed by 3rdBn, 9th Mar.

1 - Tunnel (extent not indicated) (AT 993677) (see 141530H entry this INTSUM).

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #130, Period ending 152400H November 1965.

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BECT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>BECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
16 Nov	0626	0648	1827	1849	0014	1328	1/2

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on BON KY Mountain, coordinates (BT 063 850), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708).

a. Late Report. At 151600H, the Battalion S-2 provided additional information relating to the apprehension of one Viet Cong Suspect by Company C, coordinates (BT 049695) (see 141445H entry, INTSUM #129). The late report indicated that two suspicious males were apprehended at 141445H, at coordinates (BT 049695) when a routine examination revealed they lacked adequate identification. The suspects were evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation. (141445 entry of INTSUM #129 indicated one Viet Cong Suspect was apprehended and evacuated to ITT. This report was later amended by the battalion S-2).

b. Late Report. At 141850H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 051661) reported receiving four rounds of small arms fire from an undetermined number of Viet Cong positioned to the south of the Marines' positions in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 051659). The Marines directed

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approximately thirty rounds small arms fire and two 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. No casualties were reported.

c. Late Report. At 141900H, a Company B patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 090688), reported observing one Vietnamese male in close proximity to the patrol's position, who attempted to flee when the Marines approached to examine his identification. The Marines challenged the man and ordered him to halt, and when he ignored their warnings directed approximately twenty five rounds small arms fire at the suspect. The Marines pursued the suspect with negative results.

d. At 151530H, the Battalion S-2 provided additions to the list of weapons and equipment captured from one Viet Cong KIA (see 132100H entry, INTSUM #128). The late report indicated that one cartridge belt, one US fragmentation grenade, and one shape charge consisting of approximately twenty five pounds of TNT were captured during the same incident and returned to the Battalion S-2.

(2) 3rdBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TACB and provided security for the FLSG ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 998773), and the railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provides one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of MIEU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017678).

a. At 150615H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (AT 971666). The report indicated that one Viet Cong Suspect male had a head wound and was evacuated to an ARVN hospital. The second Viet Cong Suspect, a female, claimed to be the wife of a Viet Cong who she stated she hasn't seen for approximately two months. The female suspect was evacuated to IIT for investigation.

b. At 151820H, The Battalion S-3 reported that the National Police positioned at the MIEU DONG checkpoint, coordinates (BT 017678), apprehended two suspicious persons who appeared to be transporting contraband to the south. The report indicated that the suspects were released after paying a fine. The contraband material was not confiscated, but returned to the two persons. No further details are available.

(3) Special Reports.

a. At 150930H, an Aerial Observer reported observing six people digging a trench in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 008608), four people digging a trench in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 998607), and ten people digging a trench in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 007615).

b. At 151120H, an Aerial Observer reported observing three people digging a trench in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 017605).

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c. At 151350H, G-2 relayed a message from HOA VANG District Headquarters that two Viet Cong platoons have moved to coordinates (BT 050714) at 141830H. The report indicated that the Viet Cong speak the North Vietnamese dialect, are armed with two 81mm mortars and small arms, and wear a variety of khaki, gray, and black uniforms. The report also stated that ten Viet Cong cadres of QUANG DAI (AT 905530) (QUANG NAM Province) are operating in the hamlets of TUNG LAM (BT 035703), LIEN LOC (BT 025685), CU NAM (BT 030693) and TRUNG LUONG (BT 037725), watching the NGU HANH SON pacification campaign. G-2 rates this B-2. (S-2 rates this C-3).

d. At 151250H, G-3 relayed a message from the QUANG NAM Special Sector that a RVN 1/4 ton vehicle (jeep) detonated a mine at coordinates (BT 040623). Two KIA were reported. No additional details are available.

e. At 151645H, G-2 relayed a message from the First Battalion, First Marines that the QUANG NAM Special Sector has notified them that two Viet Cong Battalions are located in the vicinity of coordinates (2C 070860), with the mission to attack USMC units on the high ground west of DA NANG. The report was unevaluated by G-2. (S-2 rates this F-6).

f. At 151815H, the Third Amphibious Tractor Battalion reported that a Vietnamese male, described as having sustained a serious head wound as a result of small arms round, was found at coordinates (AT 985708). The wounded man was evacuated to the Battalion aid station. Additional information will be provided when available.

g. At 151920H, G-2 relayed a message from the First Battalion, First Marines that the HIEU DUC District Chief reports two Viet Cong companies located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 970659) with the mission to attack either Hill 22 or Hill 41. First Battalion, First Marines rates this C-3. The report was unevaluated by G-2. (S-2 rates this report C-3).

h. At 152040H, G-2 relayed a message from First Battalion, First Marines, that Company A reported a large Viet Cong loudspeaker or radio was broadcasting that the Viet Cong will attack USMC units and that the 173rd Airborne unit has been completely destroyed. The report did not indicate the location of the loudspeaker or radio.

i. At 152200H, a Ninth Marines Liaison Officer attached to the Regional Force Headquarters at HIEU BONG relayed a message from HIEU DUC District Headquarters that two Viet Cong companies are located at coordinates (AT 973658) and may attack Marine and ARVN positions tonight. The report was rated B-1 by HIEU DUC District Headquarters. (S-2 comment: The presence of two Viet Cong companies in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 973658) is accepted by S-2. The Viet Cong intentions and capabilities are not that certain however, and tactical considerations indicate a Viet Cong attack involving two companies would more likely coincide with the new moon phase and/or during a period of adverse weather conditions. While not ignoring the warning implicit in the HIEU DUC District Headquarters report, S-2 rates this report C-3).

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The report has been promulgated to the appropriate commands with the annotation that HUEU DUC District Headquarters rates it as B-1. G-2 has not rated the report.

C. Reports of information of VC received directly from civilians. The following report was received from the missionary working at the leprosarium, coordinates (BT 099664). Mr. SMITH states that a sizable build up of Viet Cong and construction of bunkers and holes 500 to 1000 meters south of coordinates (BT 092667). These Viet Cong are demanding and receiving the finest rations available, indicating preparation for large scale action. The natives report some Viet Cong are tall foreigners, probably Chinese. The Viet Cong reported to be armed with new weapons of .30 and .50 caliber and AT weapons. The missionary continued that it is indicated that many of the Viet Cong masquerade as women and pistols are usually carried concealed under clothing.

D. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour</u> <u>Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative</u> <u>Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	0	225
KIA (Possible)	0	4
VC Captured	0	116
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	2	634

E. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following equipment was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar.

1 - CHICOM 7.62mm Carbine, type 53	
1 - Belt, cartridge	(BT 091689)
1 - U.S. Fragmentation grenade	(see 151520H, entry this
1 - Shape charge, approximately 25lbs of TNT	INFIL.)

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

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #131, Period ending 162400H November 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>DMST</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>LECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
17 Nov	0627	0649	1827	1849	0213	1455	1/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DU (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on KON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 063850), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708).

a. At 161130H, a Company C patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 062675), when a routine examination revealed he lacked adequate identification. The suspect was evacuated to IIT for investigation.

b. At 161245H, a Company A patrol reported apprehending five Vietnamese males in a boat in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 105675). Four Viet Cong Suspects were evacuated to IIT when a routine examination revealed they lacked adequate identification. The fifth suspect was released after providing adequate identification.

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c. At 161300H, a Company A patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 050713), reported receiving three rounds of sniper fire from the vicinity of coordinates (BT 058710). The Marines directed approximately forty two rounds small arms fire and one round 3.5 inch M.P. round at the enemy position at which which time the Viet Cong broke contact. While searching the enemy position, the Marines discovered two wounded Vietnamese children who were evacuated to an ARVN hospital. Blood was also discovered in the house from which the enemy fire originated, indicating that the sniper was probably wounded by the Marines' fire. No USAF casualties were reported.

d. At 161330H, a Company A patrol reported apprehending three Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (BT 065715), when a routine examination revealed they lacked adequate identification. The suspects were evacuated to IIT for investigation.

(2) 3rdBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the Song CAU DU (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAO and provided security for the FLSG ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 998773), and the railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provides one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of NISU BONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017678).

a. Late Report. At 151700H, a Company M patrol reported one Marine wounded at coordinates (BT 016676) as a result of stepping on a punji stake.

b. At 160900H a Company L patrol reported discovering one Vietnamese child with severe burns on her right arm at coordinates (AT 973663). A Vietnamese woman with the child said that at 152000H a illumination canister fell on their house located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 966665), dislodging a oil lamp which fell on the girl. An inquiry to Battery L which provides support to the Third Battalion revealed that no illumination was fired on 15 November. The child was evacuated to an ARVN hospital.

c. At 161015H, a Company L patrol reported discovering an elderly Vietnamese male with a severe leg injury at coordinates (AT 975646). The report did not indicate the nature of the wound nor indicate how it was received. The injured man was evacuated to an ARVN hospital.

d. At 161045H, the Battalion S-3 reported that one Ontos attached to Company M, detonated a mine at coordinates (BT 026637), seriously damaging the Ontos. The mine was described as being either an 81mm mortar or a 105mm round detonated by approximately twenty pounds of TNT. The type of detonator (fuse) was not indicated. No casualties were reported.

e. At 161150H, the Battalion S-3 reported that one Marine of the engineer platoon attached to the Third Battalion was injured while destroying a tunnel at coordinates (BT 022637). The report indicated the Marine was wounded by a secondary explosion when demolitions were being employed. Additional information will be provided when available.

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f. At 161230H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 022635) reported receiving small arms fire from Viet Cong positions in the vicinity of the AN TU (2) (BT 024527), and PHONG LUC (BT 012633) hamlets. No casualties were reported. The report also indicated that the patrol discovered tunnels and fighting holes in the same area. Additional information will be provided when available.

g. At 161430H, a Company M patrol reported apprehending one female Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 995689), when a routine examination revealed she was carrying a list said to contain the names of various Naval ships in the Pacific and their commanders. The suspect was evacuated to IIT for investigation.

h. At 161545H, a Company M patrol reported one marine wounded at coordinates (BT 010633) as a result of stepping on a punji stake.

i. At 161613H, a Company M patrol reported discovering fresh punji traps in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 005630). The number of stakes or the extent of the area in which the stakes were employed was not indicated. No casualties were reported.

j. At 161750H, the Battalion S-3 reported that Company L, engaged in a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 007630), made contact with an undetermined number of Viet Cong and had sustained casualties which ultimately totalled three Marines killed (KIA-DOW), and five WIA. The initial report was incomplete and the Regimental Intelligence Officer was dispatched to CandC to debrief the casualties to ascertain what had occurred. The casualties interviewed at 161930H, stated their platoon had finished a search of PHONG LUC (1), and had turned around, headed for the night's PPB. At approximately (BT 019635), the rear of the platoon column came under heavy fire (which included three automatic weapons) delivered from one hundred to two hundred meters to the northwest. At the same time several rifles began firing from the west, at a range close enough for the Marines at the rear of the column to hear the Viet Cong yelling commands in Vietnamese. Three explosions were heard which sounded like hand or rifle grenades. (Note: some WIA's were fragmentation wounds). An estimated twenty to thirty Viet Cong were believed to have engaged the Marines. The action occurred very quickly, and the Marines were unable to direct an immediate large volume of fire in reply. The Platoon Commander attempted to stimulate his men to return the fire, and in addition called for 81mm mortar fire (not yet known if any was delivered). The Third Battalion, Ninth Marines has reinforced the platoon, which is set up in a patrol base at coordinates (BT 011634). Two concentrations have been fired in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 008640), and (BT 004635). There has been no additional contact since 161755 H. As of the termination of the reporting period, additional information had not been received. This report is based on initial and immediate debriefing of casualties, and is subject to modification based on the debriefing of other members of the unit involved. Additional information will be provided when available.

CONFIDENTIAL(3) Late Reports.

a. At 151800H the Battalion S-2 of the First Battalion Ninth Marines relayed a message from the HOA LONG Police Chief that most of the people living in the area of NWI KIM SON hamlet coordinates (BT 068705), had moved to DA HANG.

The report did not indicate the reason for this displacement but stated that additional information is being sought.

b. At 161830H, a Company A patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 053677) reported receiving three rounds sniper fire from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed small arms fire at the enemy position, killing one Viet Cong (body count). One U.S. cal .30 (carbine) rifle, one cartridge belt, five carbine magazines, two CH160M stick grenades, one M4A1 trip flares and one 4.5 volt battery was recovered from the body and returned to the Battalion S-2. No USMC casualties were reported.

c. At 161950H, the First Battalion S-2 relayed a report from an unidentified police official of HA DUNG hamlet, coordinates (AT 998642), that Viet Cong guerrillas operating in the northern portion of THANH TRUNG village grid square (AT 9965), (AT 9964), (BT 0065), and (BT 0064) have been ordered south to operate in the PHU MY village area, grid square (AT 9654), and (AT 9754). The report stated that the guerrillas are under the control of the 70th Battalion. The report added that the guerrillas are very conscious of camouflage and place bushes on their heads, and wear two tone utilities which blend with the terrain. The Battalion S-2 rates this F-3. (The S-2 rates this F-3).

d. At 162130H a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 060733) reported receiving three rounds of sniper fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 057733). The Marines directed eight rounds small arms fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. No casualties were reported.

(4) Special Reports. At 161100H, G-2 relayed a message from the HIEU DUC District Chief that one Viet Cong Battalion is located at coordinates (AT 820860), and one Viet Cong Company at coordinates (AT 895886). The mission of these units is to attack USMC units in that area. The report also stated that one Viet Cong Company, armed with two 81mm mortars, is located at coordinates (AT 855650), with the mission to attack Hill 41. This report was unevaluated by G-2. (Because of unfamiliarity with the areas indicated and having no experience with HIEU DUC District Headquarters reports, S-2 rates the report F-6)

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

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<u>D. Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	1	226
KIA (Possible)	0	4
VC Captured	0	116
VC Captured (MIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	9	661

E. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following equipment was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar.

1 - Carbine cal.30 model 1903	
1 - Belt, cartridge	(BT 053657)
5 - Magazine, carbine	(see 161830H entry this INTSUM)
2 - CHICOM stick grenades	
1 - M4A1 trip flares	
1 - Battery, 4.5 volt	

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. The following fortification was destroyed by 3rdBn, 9thMar.

1 - Tunnel (extent not indicated) (BT 022637) (see 161130H, entry this INTSUM).

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S-2	(2)
FSCC	(1)
3dInfBn	(1)
1stAmtrakBn	(1)
3dAtBn	(1)
B Co, TnkBn	(1)
C Co, AtBn	(1)
CO	(1)

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

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172400H NOV 1965

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #132, Period ending 172400H November 1965

Encl: 3d M.T. Bn Report

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>RMC</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EPC</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
18 Nov	0627	0649	1827	1849	0213	1455	1/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOH, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 063 850), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071706).

a. Late Report. At 161735H, a Company C patrol reported apprehending one suspicious person at coordinates (BT 056667) when a routine examination revealed he lacked adequate identification. The suspect was evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

b. Late Report. At 162210H, a Company C ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 050659) directed approximately forty rounds small arms fire at two Viet Cong approaching the Marines' position from the west. The Marines reported receiving an estimated ten rounds small arms fire from the Viet Cong who then broke contact when the Marines directed an undetermined number of 81mm mortar and illumination rounds at the enemy position. No casualties were reported.

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c. At 170900H, a Company C patrol searching the area of last night's ambush at coordinates (BT 050659) (see 162210H entry this INTSUM), discovered some Vietnamese civilians carrying a Vietnamese female on a stretcher. An examination revealed the female had fragmentation wounds of the head, and was evacuated to an ARVN hospital.

d. At 171130H, a Company C patrol reported apprehending one suspicious person at coordinates (BT 048668) when a routine examination revealed he lacked adequate identification. The suspect was evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

e. At 171320H, a Company D patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (BT 054717) when a routine examination revealed they lacked adequate identification. The report also indicated that the Marines discovered ten batteries (further identification not provided), in the immediate area. The suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

f. At 171445H, the Battalion S-2 provided the results of a Company B operation conducted between 170625H and 171230H. The report indicated that two hundred fifty yards of fresh dug trench line and fifteen bunkers were destroyed in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 106664). Four hundred yards of fence were destroyed from coordinates (BT 109654) east to the beach. One hundred yards of trench line was destroyed at HA QUANG (4) area, vicinity of coordinates (BT 112648), and three hundred yards of trench line and punji stakes were destroyed from coordinates (BT 110650) east to the beach. The report stated that seven suspicious persons were apprehended at HA QUANG (1); (BT 112648) and evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation. No USMC casualties were reported.

g. At 171535H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 041661) reported receiving six rounds small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed approximately one hundred rounds small arms fire and two 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact and fled south. A search of the enemy position revealed one wounded Vietnamese female who was evacuated to an ARVN hospital. No USMC casualties were reported.

h. At 171630H, the 3rd Battalion Liaison Officer at Regimental Headquarters reported that earlier today Company L (Third Battalion, Third Marines) operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 060733) reported receiving three rounds small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 057733). The Marines directed approximately eight rounds small arms fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. No casualties were reported. (S-2 comment: The exact time of this incident could not be immediately established and communications difficulties precluded inquiry at Company L. A follow up will be provided if later information warrants it).

(2) 3rd Bn, 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR and provided

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security for the FLSC ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 998773), and the rail-road bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provides one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of MIEU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017678).

a. Late Report. At 161230H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 015636) reported receiving one round sniper fire. The fire was not repeated and the enemy position could not be discovered. The Marines did not return the fire. One USMC KIA was reported.

b. Late Report. At 161430H a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 015632) reported observing two Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 018635). The report stated that an Aerial Observer operating in the area took the two Viet Cong under fire, but the report did not indicate whether airborne ordnance was utilized, or the Observer requested and directed fire from ground units. No casualties were reported.

c. Late Report-Additional Information. At 162345H, the Battalion S-3 provided additional information regarding the Company M engagement which occurred in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 007630) on 16 November (see 161750H entry, INTSUM #131). This later report stated that, two platoons of Company M were returning from a search of LA THO BAC (1), coordinates (BT 005632), enroute to a night patrol base at coordinates (BT 001634). The First Platoon received heavy small arms fire directed at the rear of the platoon formation from the vicinity of coordinates (BT 007633), (BT 005631), and (AT 996635). Four 60mm mortar rounds were also received from an unknown location. The Marines returned fire with 60mm mortar, small arms fire, and 40mm (M-79) fire. Gunships escorting medical evacuation helicopters also fired on the Viet Cong positions. Fifty three rounds of 105mm H.E. were fired upon the completion of the medical evacuation. Two USMC KIA and five USMC MIA were reported. (S-2 comment: The earlier report shown in INTSUM #131 indicated that three Marines were KIA, and reflected slightly different coordinates for the location of the engagement and suspected Viet Cong positions. The earlier report was based on casualty de-briefings and this later report served to correct the discrepancies).

d. At 170630H, a Company K patrol operating in the vicinity of (BT 001642) observed two armed Viet Cong who reportedly jumped into the SONG BAU XAU river at coordinates (BT 001642) when they realized they were under USMC observation. The Marines directed approximately fifty rounds small arms fire at the fleeing Viet Cong, killing the two Viet Cong (body count). One carbine magazine, three bags of rice, and documents were recovered from the body of one Viet Cong. The report stated that one Vietnamese child was wounded and evacuated to an ARVN hospital. No USMC casualties were reported.

e. At 170800H, the Battalion S-2 provided additional information on a Company I operation conducted on 16 November. The report indicated that two Viet Cong Suspects were apprehended at coordinates (BT 018638), one Viet Cong Suspect was apprehended at coordinates (BT 011634), and one Viet Cong Suspect was apprehended at coordinates (BT 025690). The four suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

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f. At 170225H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a message from an Aerial Observer who reported new trenches had been constructed at coordinates (BT 030618) and coordinates (AT 973611).

g. At 171045H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 996637) reported receiving an undetermined amount of automatic and semi automatic small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 976631). The Marines directed thirty six 105mm rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. One USMC KIA was reported. Enemy casualties were not indicated. Additional information will be provided when available.

h. At 171600H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 010602), reported observing twenty Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 017633). The Marines directed an undetermined number of 105mm rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, fleeing to the south. Viet Cong casualties were not determined and no USMC casualties were reported.

(3) Special Reports.

a. At 170745H, an Aerial Observer reported observing freshly dug trenches and foxholes in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 017618) running south for approximately five hundred meters, and in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 017619) and (BT 014617).

b. At 170950H, the S-3 of the Third Motor Transport Battalion reported the discovery of what appeared to be trail marker or target indicators in the vicinity of the battalion C.P. perimeter area. The report is shown in this INTSUM as enclosure (1).

c. At 171630H, a Ninth Marines Liaison Officer attached to the Regional Forces Headquarters at NHEU BONG reported that the 592nd Regional Force Company received an undetermined amount of sniper fire at coordinates (AT 975675). One ARVN KIA was reported.

d. At 171430H, G-2 relayed a message from an unidentified agent of NHEU DUC that on 16 November, one Viet Cong Battalion moved to coordinates (AT 946642), (AT 944639) and (AT 950629). The report added that the Viet Cong forbade the people living in the area from moving. (G-2 comments: Confirmed units within this general area are the 343rd and 345th Main Force Companies of QUANG DA Battalion, and the 15th Local Force Company of HOA VANG. It is not known if the agent is reporting additional units or the above mentioned units). G-2 rates this report C-3. (The S-2 rates this report C-3).

e. At 171820H, a Ninth Marines Liaison Officer attached to the Regional Force Headquarters at NHEU BONG reported that a fourteen year old

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Vietnamese boy from CO MAN hamlet coordinates (BT 028691) turned in two cal .30 (carbine) rifles, four grenades, one Viet Cong identification card and various unidentified documents to the Regional Force Headquarters. (S-2 comment: Because the boy located and turned in the weapons in the 9th Marines TAOR, the boy will receive a monetary reward that the Regiment has offered for the recovery of Viet Cong weapons. The weapons themselves however will be retained by the GVN Regional Force Headquarters and evacuated through ARVN channels.

f. At 171945H, G-2 relayed a message from an unidentified source that the Viet Cong will attempt to place poison powder in water, beer, and soda that USMC personnel consume. All units have been advised to take necessary precautions. This report was unevaluated by G-2. (S-2 rates this report F-6).

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

D. Viet Cong casualties:	For 24 Hour Reporting period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA (Confirmed)	2	228
KIA (Possible)	0	4
VC Captured	0	*119
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	9	670

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

ITT report dated 11 Nov 65

Name: MAI DOI
Age: 36
Status: VC Guard, HOA HIA. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.
Captured by 1stBn, 9thMar, (no time)

ITT report dated 14 Nov 65

Name: TRAN HUU
Age: 26
Status: VC Guerrilla, BA GIANG. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.
Captured by D-2-3 081400H Nov 65.

ITT report dated 14 Nov 65

Name: NGUYEN KEO
Age: 57
Status: VC Force laborer, HA THANH. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.
Captured by K-3-9 111000H Nov 65

E. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following material was captured by 3rdBn, 9thMar.

1 - Magazine, carbine (BT 001642) (see 170630H entry this INTSUM)

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- 3 - Bags of rice (BT 001642) (see 170630H entry this INTSUM)
- Undetermined amount of documents (BT 001642) (see 170630H entry this INTSUM)

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

- 250 yds - Trench line (BT 016664)
- 15 - Bunkers (BT 016664)
- 400 yds - Fence (BT 019654) (see 171445H entry this INTSUM)
- 100 yds - Trench line (BT 112640)
- 300 yds - Trench line (BT 110650)

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

- Punji stakes undetermined number (BT 110650) (see 171445H entry this INTSUM)

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S-3	(3)
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FSOC	(1)
3dTnkBn	(1)
1stAmtracBn	(1)
3dAtBn	(1)
B Co, TnkBn	(1)
C Co, AtBn	(1)
Co	(1)

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From: 3d Motor Transport Battalion S-3 Officer
To: 9th Marines S-2 Officer

Subj: Discovery of Viet Cong directional markers

A perimeter patrol found three directional markers at coordinates (AT 985714) made from straw, and shaped into the design of an arrow. The markers were pointed at the recently constructed butler building in the 3d Tank Battalion Maintenance area. The markers were taken to the Hoa-Cam training center for further identification. A U. S. Army Officer (Adviser) stated that ARVN personnel have been observing similar devices in the surrounding area. The Adviser also reported this particular marker has appeared only in the last eight days. The patrol also found a circular hole at coordinates (AT 983718), three inches deep and one foot in diameter in which were placed ten small sticks, all approximately the same size ($\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter & 9" long). Two of the above sticks were shaped in a V and pointing toward an outpost of the 3d Motor Transport Battalion. The same patrol found a triangular shaping of rocks at coordinates (AT 986710). The group consisted of two similar piles approximately 1' in diameter and comprising of ten to twelve individual rocks. Located behind, and equal distance from the two piles, was a single rock. The direction was toward Maintenance area of 3d Motor Transport Battalion.

ENCLOSURE (1)

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

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #133, Period ending 182400H November 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

- (a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve (12) hours by Regimental S-2.
- (b) Trafficability of roads/trails within the TAOR remains unchanged.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>MECT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
19 Nov	0628	0650	1827	1849	0308	1536	1/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DU (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), and the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 063850), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708).

a. At 172315H, the Battalion S-3 reported that the western sector of the Battalion C.P., coordinates (BT 068715), received an estimated ten rounds of small arms fire from an estimated eight Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines manning the perimeter directed approximately one hundred rounds small arms fire and fourteen 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, fleeing north toward the dike at coordinates (BT 061718). One Viet Cong was seen being assisted away and it is believed he was wounded by the Marines' fire. The report continued that at 182400H, the same sector of the Battalion C.P., coordinates (BT 068715), reported observing more movement to the west of their position. An Aerial Observer in the area observed seven boats in the river west of the Marines' position. Armed helicopters were called and made two rocket runs on the sighted boats, before the boats disappeared from

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sight. Damage to the boats could not be assessed. No USMC casualties were reported.

b. At 180010H, the Battalion S-3 reported that Mobile Construction Battalion-8 located at coordinates (BT 061728) received four small arms rounds from Viet Cong whose firing position could not be determined. Small arms fire was directed in the general direction from which the Viet Cong fire had originated (the north) and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. No casualties were reported.

c. At 181000H, a Company B patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 094644) reported receiving an estimated one hundred rounds of small arms fire from six Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 093643). The Marines directed approximately one hundred fifty rounds small arms fire and two rounds of 40mm (A-79) at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. A search of the area revealed one Viet Cong Suspect who was evacuated to ITT for investigation. No USMC casualties were reported, and enemy casualties were not determined.

(2) 3rdBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DU (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR and provided security for the FLSG ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 998773), and the rail-road bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provides one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of MEU BONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017678).

a. Late Report-Additional Information. At 171900H, the Battalion S-2 provided additional information regarding the Company M engagement which occurred in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 007630) on 16 November (see entries 161750H, INTSUM #131 and 162345H INTSUM #132). The Battalion S-2 report stated that additional investigation has indicated that the Viet Cong probably employed only one 60mm mortar, though four separate detonations were reported. This later report continued that the Viet Cong engaged in this action wore camouflage utility uniforms or khaki uniforms, wide brimmed hats, and sneakers (no sandals). The Viet Cong were armed with BAR's, cal .30 machine guns, automatic carbines, and what may have been M-14 rifles. The report added that earlier in the day in the same general area, Company M discovered barbed wire which was noticeable because it was new (had not begun to rust), and green barbed wire posts. (S-2 comment: As more information is received it appears that the Viet Cong unit Company M engaged was a Main Force unit, perhaps the Viet Cong 345th Main Force Company which has been recently reported located in this area.

b. At 172130H, the Battalion S-3 reported that the Battalion C.P., positioned at coordinates (AT 991677), received nine rounds 60mm mortar fire from the vicinity of coordinates (AT 975674). An investigation revealed that the ARVN were firing 60mm mortars at two blinking lights located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 983682) in support of a People's Action Team. The People's Action Team incorrectly identified the Battalion C.P. as the blinking lights.

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c. At 172400H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 962658) reported hearing movement accompanied by sounds of drums and bugles to the front of their position. The Marines then received approximately sixty rounds small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 963654). The Marines directed approximately fifty rounds of small arms fire and one 60mm mortar round at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. One USMC KIA was reported.

d. At 180930H, a Company L patrol reported detonating a booby trap at coordinates (AT 969649). The booby trap was described as being an unidentified grenade hidden in the brush with a trip-wire across the trail. Two USMC KIA were reported.

e. At 181000H, a Company L patrol reported discovering a booby trapped CHICOM grenade at coordinates (AT 969649). The report indicated the grenade was hidden in the brush tied to a piece of bamboo and had a trip wire across the trail. An Engineer detachment accompanying the patrol destroyed the booby trap in place. No casualties were reported.

f. At 181046H, a Company K patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 003643), reported observing one Viet Cong on the far shore of the SONG HAU LAU. The Marines directed one 40mm (M-79) round, killing the Viet Cong (body was observed but was not recovered due to intervening body of water). No USMC casualties were reported.

g. At 181140H, a Company K patrol reported one Viet Cong KIA (body count) at coordinates (AT 979623). Additional information will be provided when available. No USMC casualties were reported.

h. At 181140H, a Company K patrol reported discovering a large tunnel at coordinates (AT 983620). The report indicated the tunnel had dug-out shelves which were lined with plastic. Additional information will be provided when available.

i. At 181700H, a Company K patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 983623). The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

j. At 181930H, a Company K patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 979623) reported observing twenty Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of the SONG CAN BLIN river, coordinates (AT 982622). The Marines directed a heavy volume of small arms fire at the enemy position. A short time later while still in the same area, the Marines found the bodies of six Viet Cong which had presumably been killed by the Marines fire and possibly deposited in the river by their comrades to escape detection. The bodies were visually examined to insure that the Viet Cong were dead, but were not recovered. In the same area, the Marines apprehended a Viet Cong Suspect who was attempting to elude the Marines by swimming the river. The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation. No USMC casualties were reported in this engagement. Additional information will be provided when available.

CONFIDENTIAL(3) Special Reports.

a. At 181100H, an Aerial Observer reported that a large number of trenches and fox holes have been constructed around the village of CHAU SONG coordinates (AT 952603). The Aerial Observer also reported observing a large number of fortifications on both sides of the SAIG HAI river at coordinates (AT 953045).

b. At 181150H, a Ninth Marine Liaison Officer attached to the Regional Force Headquarters at NINH BACH reported discovering a cave in the vicinity of SO LAM HAMLET, coordinates (BT 042671), containing one M-16 carbine, cal. 30, two hand grenades (unidentified), one rifle (unidentified), four magazines (unidentified), and one pistol belt. The weapons and equipment were recovered and presumably evacuated through RUC channels to the appropriate military activity.

c. At 181517H, the First Amphibious Tractor Battalion reported that one LVT detonated a mine at coordinates (BT 042671), which, however, caused no damage to the vehicle. The mine was described as consisting of six to eight pounds of TNT which had been in an empty ammunition can. The explosive had become wet however, and the detonation was of reduced power. No casualties were reported.

d. At 181910H, the First Battalion, First Marines reported that an unknown number of Viet Cong have infiltrated to the east. Their mission is to harass and attack the bridge at coordinates (AT 946699). The First Battalion, First Marines rates this report E-2. (S-2 rates this report E-3).

e. At 181940H, a Ninth Marine Liaison Officer attached to QUANG NAM Special Sector Tactical Command Post detonated a mine in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 995629) and sustained serious injuries. The wounded officer was evacuated by helicopter to a medical facility. Because of the temporary absence of a Liaison Officer on the scene, information regarding type and size of mine (or booby trap), method of detonation, and possible ARVN casualties could not be determined.

G. Reports of information of VC received directly from civilians.

The following information was received from the Police Chief of CAO XUAN LONG. A Viet Cong district cadre, just arrived two days ago in the vicinity of BAIUNG. A platoon consisting perhaps of guerrilla and Main Force is located within (BT 0470) and (BT 0570). Their mission is reconnaissance; and their clothing is the typical peasant type.

D. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	For 24 Hour <u>Reporting period:</u>	Cumulative <u>Since 10 Jul 65:</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	8	236
KIA (Possible)	0	4
VC Captured	0	119
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspect	2	670

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E. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following material was destroyed by 3rdEn, 9thMar.

1 - CHICOM grenade (booby trapped) (AT 969649) (see 181000H entry this month)

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. No report was received during this reporting period.



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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #134, Period ending 192400H November 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

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

(1) 3rd En, 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DU (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the FASC ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 998773), and the rail-road bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provides one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of HIEU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017678).

a. Late Report. At 181500H, a Company K patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 986623). The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

b. Late Report. At 181840H, a Company I patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in BIC NA. (2) hamlet at coordinates (BT 004641). The report stated that, when the USMC patrol entered the hamlet the suspect was the only person present. The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

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c. Late Report. At 181900H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 006645) reported receiving six rounds small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 007648). The exact Viet Cong position could not be discovered and the Marines did not return the fire. No casualties were reported.

d. At 191315H, a Company K patrol reported discovering two unexploded 155mm artillery shells (duds) at coordinates (AT 986635) and (AT 987633). The shells were not booby trapped and were destroyed in place. No casualties were reported.

e. At 191325H, a Company M, Third Battalion, Third Marines patrol reported discovering a booby trap at coordinates (AT 999631). The booby trap was described as being a shell smaller than a 3.5 round, (aerial rocket?) and was destroyed in place. The patrol saved one part of the shell which was returned to the Battalion S-2 for evaluation, examination, and identification. No casualties were reported.

f. 191345H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 015655) reported observing a Vietnamese male who attempted to flee when the Marines approached him. The Marines ordered the Pat Con Suspect to hold in English and Vietnamese but the suspect ignored the warning. The Marines then directed one round small arms fire at the suspect, wounding him in the leg. The suspect was given medical treatment and evacuated to IIT for investigation.

g. At 191355H, a Company M, Third Battalion, Third Marines patrol reported discovering a helicopter obstacle at coordinates (BT 002627). The obstacle was described as consisting of bamboo poles of various lengths, with barbed wire attached. The obstacle was destroyed in place.

h. 191745H, a Company K patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 984659). The suspect was evacuated to IIT for investigation.

i. At 191915H, a Company M of the Third Battalion, Third Marines reported discovering a CHLUM grenade at coordinates (BT 000630). The grenade was not booby trapped and was destroyed. No casualties were reported.

(2) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SUMG CAU DU (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOH, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), and the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 063850), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708).

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a. At 190745H, Company B engaged in a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of the "horse shoe" area, (area bounded by the SONG HA ZU and the coast) coordinates (BT 104445), reported receiving sporadic automatic weapons fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 105641). The Marines directed small arms fire at the Viet Cong position and the enemy fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

b. At 190830H, Company A reported apprehending seven Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (BT 128623). The report indicated that the suspects would be evacuated to the battalion C.P. for investigation.

c. At 190840H, Company B reported apprehending seven Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 104636). The suspects were evacuated to FIF for investigation.

d. At 190900H, Company A participating in a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 124625), reported receiving approximately thirty rounds of automatic small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 128623). The Marines returned the fire and the Viet Cong broke contact. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not indicated.

e. At 190930H, Company B operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 102632), reported receiving approximately three hundred rounds of automatic and semi-automatic small arms fire from Viet Cong located in at least seven positions to the south of the Marines position, at approximately four hundred meters range. The Marines directed approximately four hundred small arms rounds and five 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy positions and the Viet Cong were observed fleeing to the south. Three Marines were reported MIA. Viet Cong casualties were not determined. This same area was described as the site of an enemy ammunition supply point, due to the quantity of cartridge cases discovered. The battalion was requested to recover a quantity of cartridge cases for technical evaluation. Additional information will be provided when available. (S-2 comment: a subsequent report by Battalion S-2 indicated that the three Marines MIA were as a result of a booby trapped fragmentation grenade detonated during this engagement).

f. At 191010H, Company B reported discovering what was described as a Viet Cong field hospital at coordinates (BT 103628). The report did not state what equipment or facilities the field hospital contained, but stated that the installation was destroyed. Additional information will be provided when available.

g. At 191100H, the battalion reported that eleven Vietnamese had been apprehended during the search and destroy operation being conducted in the area of the "horse shoe" and were enroute to the Regimental C.P. (forward) for investigation. The report indicated that the status of the suspects (Viet Cong Suspects or suspicious persons) had not been established.

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h. At 191100H, the Battalion S-2 reported that an attached tank from Bravo Company, 3rd Tank Battalion observed three armed Viet Cong traveling southwest approximately twelve hundred meters from the tank position. The Marines directed six rounds of 90mm at the enemy position and subsequent visual examination disclosed the bodies of three Viet Cong. The report indicated that the weapons of the Viet Cong were presumably recovered by other Viet Cong. No USMC casualties were reported.

i. At 191200H, a Company B patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 097630), reported observing three armed Viet Cong entering the water at close range. The Marines directed an undetermined amount of small arms fire at the Viet Cong killing two (body count) and possibly killing one other. The weapons of the Viet Cong were not recovered and presumably ~~were lost in the water~~. No USMC casualties were reported.

j. At 191400H, Company B reported apprehending twelve Vietnamese during the conduct of the search and destroy operation. The report indicated that the status of this group had yet to be determined and that they would be evacuated to Battalion C.P. (forward) for screening. (S-2 comment: it appears that this group of twelve suspects is in addition to the suspects previously reported.

k. At 192300H, the Battalion S-2 provided recapitulation of Viet Cong Suspects and suspicious persons apprehended by the Battalion during today's operation. The report indicated that forty Viet Cong Suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation, and one suspicious person was apprehended and evacuated to Hoa Vang District Headquarters for investigation. During the operation today, over one hundred villagers were screened and ultimately released. The spot reports provided during the day included many reports of Viet Cong Suspects who were later cleared and released.

Late Report. At 191835H, the Battalion S-3 reported that Company K, positioned at coordinates (AT 993666), and Company L, positioned at coordinates (AT 967660), were receiving small arms fire in their C.P. areas from Viet Cong located at coordinates (AT 982658). The report indicated that the Marines returned the fire with small arms, artillery and 81mm mortar. At 191840H Company K in position at coordinates (AT 985661) reported receiving small arms fire from five Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 982659) and (AT 980662). This report stated that 81mm mortars, 60mm mortars, 90mm mortars, and small arms fire was directed at the Viet Cong and the Viet Cong broke contact. Three Viet Cong were reported KIA (body count). No Marine casualties were reported. (S-2 comment: The initial report by the battalion S-3 indicated that the Viet Cong were delivering fire at Marines in widely separated positions and at long ranges. This report stated that supporting arms were requested (artillery and 81mm mortars). The latter report by Company K indicated slightly different coordinates for the engagement appears to be the same one initially reported by the battalion S-3. The times, Viet Cong positions, and other similarities would indicate that the latter report (Company K) is the correct report).

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(3) Special Reports.

a. At 190840H, an Aerial Observer reported observing two Viet Cong dressed in green uniforms in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 049647). The report stated that when the Aerial Observer made a low pass, the Viet Cong disappeared into nearby trenches.

b. At 191315H, a patrol of the Third Tank Battalion operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 990709) reported observing one armed Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 988709) who when observed was attempting to hide his weapon. The Marines directed an undetermined amount of small arms fire at the enemy position, killing the Viet Cong (body count). One cal .30 U.S. carbine, and unidentified documents were recovered from the body and evacuated to IIT for evaluation.

c. At 191520H, a Ninth Marines Liaison Officer attached to the Regional Force Headquarters at BINH SONC provided information on the ARVN operation in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 028628). The report indicated that approximately five hundred meters of tunnels were destroyed from coordinates (AT 993627) to (AT 992632) and one Viet Cong captured in the same area. The report stated that a large cache of explosives, 60mm mortar rounds, uniforms, and packs were discovered in a cave in the LA THU HAM hamlet, coordinates (AT 997609). Information concerning times when the above incidents occurred, or disposition of the recovered material was not indicated, nor was the circumstance of the capture of the reported Viet Cong.

d. At 192000H, the Naval Advisory Detachment reported that one NGUYEN HOAC, identified as the commander of a Viet Cong seven man squad equipped with five MAS 36's, one carbine rifle, and one thompson submachine gun, is operating in TAK LUU hamlet, coordinates (BT 078704), and DUNG HAI hamlet, coordinates (AT 948620). The mission of this Viet Cong unit is to kill or kidnap government collaborators.

e. At 192015H, the KOA CAM Training Center relayed a report from an unidentified agent that two Viet Cong platoons moved from KOA LUNG and had been located at BU HAM village at 190530H. The report continued that there are fifty five Viet Cong, two BAR's, one grenade launcher in addition to their individual weapons. The Viet Cong had a meeting at 191200H, and plan to move to YEN NE village coordinates (AT 975695) tonight. (S-2 comments: Reports from the Third Tank Battalion and from First Marines tend to confirm this report. However, these various reports fail to identify the source and these reports may be but duplicates, or one report. S-2 rates this report F-3).

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f. Late Report. At 182055H, an Aerial Observer reported observing heavy automatic weapons fire and grenade explosions in the vicinity of grid square (BT 0169).

g. Late Report. At 182140H, the Third Tank Battalion reported observing blinking lights in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 980703).

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

D. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	8	244
KIA (Possible)	1	5
VC Captured	0	#138
VC Captured (MIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	25	726

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* Increase of 1,194 Viet Cong based on ITT Prisoner Interrogation Reports as follows:

ITT report dated 15 Nov 65

Name: LE CHINH
Age: 73
Status: VC Old Men's Assn, HA TAY. Sent to DIEN B.N Dist Hq.
Captured by I-3-9 (no time)

ITT report dated 15 Nov 65

Name: LE DANG
Age: 45.
Status: VC Old Men's Assn, HA THANH. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.
Captured by I-3-9 1.1850H Nov 65.

ITT report dated 15 Nov 65

Name: LE THUNG MY
Age: 28
Status: VC Guerrilla, HA THANH. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.
Captured by I-3-9 R31830H Nov 65.

ITT report dated 15 Nov 65

Name: LE LAU (AKA) HIEN
Age: 52
Status: VC Old Men's Assn, HA THANH. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.
Captured by I-3-9 (no time)

ITT report dated 15 Nov 65

Name: PLAM TAO
Age: 58
Status: VC Force worker, THON THUNG. Sent to DIEN BAN Dist Hq.
Captured by I-3-9 140430H Nov 65.

ITT report dated 17 Nov 65

Name: QUI DUNG
Age: 22
Status: VC Worker, HOA PHUNG. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector
Captured by B-1-9 17 Nov 65

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ITT report dated 17 Nov 65

Name: PHUNG BAP
Age: 25
Status: VC Youth Assn, THON NAM. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector
Captured by: B-1-9 161230H Nov 65

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ITT report dated 17 Nov 65

Name: TRAN PHU
Age: 18
Status: VC Worker, HA HOAN. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector
Captured by B-1-9 161230H Nov 65

ITT report dated 17 Nov 65

Name: PHAM PU LONG
Age: 28
Status: VC Guard, HA QUANG. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector
Captured by B-1-9 161230H Nov 65

ITT report dated 17 Nov 65

Name: DANG TUONG
Age: 47
Status: VC Worker, NAM LY. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector
Captured by I-3-9 161300H Nov 65

ITT report dated 17 Nov 65

Name: NGUYEN XA
Age: 31
Status: VC Guard, HA BINH. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector
Captured by K-3-3 161130H Nov 65

ITT report dated 17 Nov 65

Name: NGUYEN TAN QUU
Age: 26
Status: VC Guard, HA BINH. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector
Captured by K-3-3 161130H Nov 65

ITT report dated 17 Nov 65

Name: CAO HANG
Age: 23
Status: VC Guard, KHUE DONG. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector
Captured by D-1-9 171320H Nov 65

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ITT report dated 15 Nov 65.

Name: LE DINH (AKA) PHU
 Age: 65
 Status: VC Force worker, HA TAY. Sent to DLAH BAN Dist Hq.
 Captured by 1-3-9 (no time)

ITT report dated 15 Nov 65

Name: DANG VINH
 Age: 42
 Status: VC Old Men's Assn, HA MIANH. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector
 Captured by 1-3-9 (no time)

ITT report dated 15 Nov 65

Name: VU THI DIEU
 Age: 18
 Status: VC Sympathizer, LE SON. Sent to HOA VANG Dist Hq.
 Captured by (no unit or time)

ITT report dated 17 Nov 65

Name: DANG HUA
 Age: 31
 Status: VC Worker, TAN LOU. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector
 Captured by B-1-9 141850H Nov 65

ITT report dated 17 Nov 65

Name: HAI CUNG
 Age: 40
 Status: VC Fisherman, TAN LOU. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector
 Captured by B-1-9 141850H Nov 65

ITT report dated 17 Nov 65

Name: PHAM LY
 Age: 55
 Status: VC Cadre, HA TAY. Sent to DLAH BAN Dist Hq.
 Captured by 1-3-9 132000H Nov 65

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

- 2 - Crossbows
- 1 - Zip gun (BT 126625)
- Medical supplies (BT 103628)

The following equipment was destroyed by 1stBn, 9thMar:

- 3 - K 50 Submachine guns (BT 107627) (see 191200H entry this INTSUM)

The following material was captured by 3rdBn, 9thMar:

- 2 - Punji stake indicators (BT 000637)
- 2 - 155mm duds (not booby trapped) (AT 986635) (AT 987633) (see 191315H entry this INTSUM)
- 1 - Booby trap (identification unknown) (AT 999631) (see 191325H entry this INTSUM)
- 1 - Obstacle, helicopter (BT 002627) (see 191355H entry this INTSUM)
- 1 - CH100H grenade (not booby trapped) (BT 000630) (see 191915H entry this INTSUM)

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

- 1 - Hospital site (BT 103628) (see 191010H entry this INTSUM)

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Subj: Intelligence Summary #135, Period ending 202400H November 1965

1. Summary of the enemy Situation for the period

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

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

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DU (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), and the radar station on NON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 063850), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708).

a. At 201000H, the Battalion S-3 reported that a tank attached to Company C, detonated a mine at coordinates (BT 063645). The mine was described as a shaped charge device, consisting of approximately twenty five pounds of TNT. A description of the detonating device (fuse) was not reported. No casualties were reported.

b. Late Report. At 192055H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a perimeter observation post at coordinates (BT 069711) reported spotting three men in a boat on the SONG CAU DU river. A Marine patrol in the area was directed to investigate. At 192103H, the Marines observed three persons who appeared to be attempting to penetrate the western section of the C.P. perimeter, coordinates (BT 067715). The Marines directed seventy-five rounds small arms fire at the suspected Viet Cong and a loud noise described as a scream was heard coming from the suspected Viet Cong position. At 192117H, the observation post again observed a boat on the SONG CAU DU river, but this time with only

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Two people aboard. The boat was not engaged and disappeared from sight. No casualties were reported. Additional information will be provided when available.

c. Late report. At 192200H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a listening post in the southwest section of the C.P. perimeter, coordinates (BT 067714), reported hearing sounds similar to that of wire being cut thirty meters to the front of the listening post position. One round of 81mm illumination was fired, at which time the sound ceased and nothing unusual could be observed. A few minutes later the sound was heard again and a Marine sentinel directed one grenade at the suspected Viet Cong position with undetermined results. No further incidents were reported.

d. At 201100H, a Company B patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 095058) reported receiving ten rounds automatic small arms fire from one Viet Cong position approximately one hundred meters southeast of the Marine's position, coordinates (BT 096657). The Marines directed approximately twenty rounds small arms fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. A search of the area revealed one wounded Vietnamese female who was evacuated to an ARVN hospital. No USMC or Viet Cong casualties were reported.

e. At 201600H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a message from the NVA HAI Village Chief that a Viet Cong intelligence platoon headquarters is presently located in THON KHUE DOIG, coordinates (BT 036715). The members of the Viet Cong unit wear civilian clothing and their mission is to obtain information and draw maps of the Marble Mountain and Da Nang Airbase facilities. They also have the mission of ascertaining troop movements and weapon capabilities of the USMC forces in the area. The platoon leader is one CAO XUAN LONG and his function is to relay the intelligence information obtained by the platoon to Viet Cong units to the west. (S-2 rates this report C-3)

f. At 201600H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the NVA HAI Village Chief that the Viet Cong are assembling a large number of conscripts from all over LANG HA Province. There are presently approximately three hundred Viet Cong in the First Battalion TACH. The report stated that when the Viet Cong are ready to attack, additional Viet Cong will displace from HIEU DUC District in the First Battalion, First Marine's TACH. The Viet Cong are said to have constructed a lock up of the airbases and are rehearsing an attack. The report added that most of the Viet Cong operate out of the THANH SON mountain area base camps. The Battalion S-2 did not rate this report. (S-2 rates it C-3.) The NVA HAI Village Chief's report also stated that the Viet Cong are telling the villagers that cholera comes from Marine "C" ration cans. (S-2 comment: illnesses in the HON LONG - HON HAI area were unofficially identified by the villagers as cholera; however, this diagnosis lacks medical confirmation.)

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(2) 3rdBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOB, and provided security for the FLSG ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 998733), and the railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provides one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of MIEU DUNG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017668).

a. Late Report. At 192300H, a Company K patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 959644), reported hearing movement, voices and what was described as the beating of drums in close proximity to the patrol's position. The Marines directed a total of eight 105mm artillery rounds at the suspected Viet Cong position, and the noises ceased. A search of the area at first light on 20 November produced negative results. No USAC casualties were reported.

b. At 200900H, a Company K, Third Battalion, Third Marines patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 051640) reported receiving approximately fifteen rounds small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 054640). The Marines directed approximately fifty rounds small arms fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. One Marine KIA was reported. Viet Cong casualties were not determined.

c. At 201000H, Company K positioned at coordinates (AT 994664), reported that two wounded Vietnamese civilians came to the company C.P. from LE SON (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 980659). The wounded civilians were given medical treatment and evacuated to an A.S.W. hospital. The report did not indicate the nature or origin of the wounds.

d. At 201005H, a Company L patrol reported discovering three tunnels and a booby trapped grenade at coordinates (BT 9766). The booby trap was described as an M-26 grenade which was weathered and old in appearance, rigged with a trip wire across the trail. The extent and size of the tunnels was not indicated but the report stated that they were destroyed with demolition. The report added that the booby trapped grenade was blown in place.

e. At 201113H, a Company L patrol reported discovering two tunnels at coordinates (AT 967670), which were destroyed by demolitions. The report did not indicate the size or extent of the tunnels.

f. At 201115H, a Company M patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 041718), when a routine examination revealed he lacked adequate identification. The suspect was evacuated to IIT for investigation.

g. At 201500H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending two female Viet Cong Suspects when a routine examination revealed they lacked adequate identification. The suspects were evacuated to IIT for investigation.

h. At 201600H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a message from the Commanding Officer of the 59th Regional Force Battalion that Viet Cong guerrilla strength in

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the hamlets of AN TRACH (1) coordinates (AT 969665) and LA LONG coordinates (AT 969666) consists of one squad. Guerrillas normally located in LA CHAU (1) (AT 943685), LA CHAU (2) (AT 947673), and LA CHAU (3) (AT 957679) have infiltrated the SONG YEN. The S-2 commented that there are indications that the Viet Cong have displaced from the HOA LOI village and that this can be attributed to the efforts of the GVN People's Action Team which have been operating in that area. The S-2 added that the villagers response to the People's Action Team operations have been enthusiastic.

(3) Special Reports.

a. At 200345H, a Ninth Marines Liaison Officer attached to the Regional Force Headquarters at MIEU LONG provided additional information on the ARVN and Regional Force operation in the Ninth Marines TAOB from 180500H to 191700H. The report indicated that one armored personnel carrier was destroyed by a Viet Cong 57mm round at coordinates (BT 001617). The report stated that during the operation, ten Viet Cong were KIA (body count by U.S. advisors), two Viet Cong captured, and three unidentified rifles, one French M-44 machine gun, and a tripod for a 81mm mortar was captured. The report continued that a large cache of explosives, shape charges, 60mm mortar ammunition, packs, and uniforms were found in a cave at LA THU BAC (3) coordinates (BT 003614), and that a large tunnel three feet wide, four feet in depth and three feet underground, extending from coordinates (AT 993627) to (AT 992632) was destroyed with demolitions. (S-2 comment: a prior description of the ARVN operation was given in the 191520H, entry INTBUL #134. Information concerning times when the above incidents occurred or disposition of the recovered material was not indicated, nor was the circumstances of the capture of the reported Viet Cong).

b. At 200530H, a Ninth Marines Liaison Officer attached to the Regional Force Headquarters at MIEU LONG reported that an ARVN unit was engaged in a fire fight with an undetermined number of Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 033703). The Liaison Officer's report stated that two ARVN were KIA and six ARVN were WIA. The report did not provide additional details. (S-2 comment: The practice has been for the 59th Regional Force Battalion to await the conclusion of the engagement/operation before submitting information reflecting its progress. The Liaison Officer attempts to provide information as things occur, but his reports are of necessity brief and incomplete).

c. At 201130H, G-2 relayed a report from a HOA VANG Sub-Sector special agent that approximately twenty Viet Cong of the Liberation Front committee of HOA LONG Village and HOA HAI Village, and guerrillas of these villages often hide at coordinates (AT 077679). The report stated that every day they disguise themselves as fishermen and farmers in order to follow USMC activities and situations. (S-2 comment: The First Battalion dispatched a patrol to search the area but reported negative results. Frequency of reports of Viet Cong at this location is a strong indication of Viet Cong presence, but the Viet Cong have declined contact).

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d. At 201545H, an Aerial Observer reported observing a large number of Viet Cong working on a tunnel and trench line in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 993619). As the Aerial Observer made a low pass, he received small arms fire which hit his aircraft. An Artillery mission was requested, and during the period 201605H to 201755H an Aerial Observer on station (a replacement of the damaged aircraft) directed a total of two hundred and three 105mm HE rounds, and twenty nine 105mm WP rounds. The observer reported excellent effect on the target. Enemy casualties were not indicated. (S-2 comment: The location of this incident was the area in which extensive tunnelling had been reported and where ARVN forces on 18 November engaged a Viet Cong force of undetermined size.

(4) Late Reports.

(a) At 202000H, the First Battalion S-3 reported that Battery D positioned at coordinates (BT 063682) received approximately twenty rounds small arms fire from an estimated ten Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 066681). The Marines directed approximately one hundred fifty rounds small arms and machine gun fire at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong broke contact. No casualties were reported.

b. At 202230H, Company C, engaged in a search and destroy type operation extending from coordinates (BT 042650) to (BT 083744) reported that one VCS had been apprehended at coordinates (BT 039652), at 201430H, when an examination revealed he lacked adequate identification. The report added that three VCS were apprehended at 201530H at coordinates (BT 037663) as the result of examinations for identification and contraband. The report stated that the suspects would be evacuated for investigation.

c. At 202235H, the Battalion S-3 provided information about the Third Platoon, Company C operations during the period 200600H to 201600H. The report stated that at 201100H, the Marines received one sniper round at coordinates (BT 057635). The fire was not repeated and the enemy position could not be located. No casualties were reported. The report continued that at coordinates (BT 057633), a CHICOM grenade rigged as a booby-trap on a trail was discovered and destroyed. The report also stated that the platoon continued its operation and moved to the south and was taken under fire by an estimated two Viet Cong positioned to the northwest. The Marines directed M-60 (machine gun) fire at the Viet Cong and one Viet Cong was observed being struck by the Marines' fire. When the wounded Viet Cong was recovered by the Marines, it was discovered she was a young woman. While being evacuated, the woman Viet Cong died of wounds. The report did not provide additional information of time of the incident, exact location, or how she was captured. The report added that one Viet Cong suspect was apprehended at coordinates (BT 042650) at 201415H. Disposition of the Viet Cong suspect was not indicated. Additional information will be provided when available.

d. Reports of information of VC received directly from civilians. Two women civilians from a market place in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 967659) reported that Viet Cong from the area of LA CHAU (1) coordinates (AT 943685) have been coming across the SONG VAM river into the LA CHAU (2) coordinates (AT 909644) after hours of darkness and returning at 0500 or 0600 in the morning.

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D. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	2	245
KIA (possible)	0	5
VC Captured	0	138
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	8	734

E. Disposition of captured personnel for week of 14 to 20 Nov 65.

(1) Total captives taken:	114
(2) Captives clear as civilians:	3
(3) VCS delivered to HQA VANG Dist Hq:	11
(4) VCS delivered to ITT:	90
(5) VCC delivered to ITT:	0

F. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following material was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar:

1 - Cap (identification unknown) (BT 080695)

The following material was destroyed by 1stBn, 9thMar:

1 - CH100A grenade (booby trapped) (BT 057633) (see 202235H entry this INTSUM)

1 - Punji stake metal tip (BT 049647) (see 20..)

G. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortification. The following fortifications were destroyed by 3rdBn, 9thMar:

1 - M-26 grenade (booby trapped) (BT 9766) (see 201005H entry this INTSUM)

3 - Tunnels (BT 9766) (see 201005H entry this INTSUM)

2 - Tunnels (AT 967670) (see 201113H entry this INTSUM)

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(1)	3dTnkBn	(1)
(1)	1stAmtrac Bn	(1)
(7)	3dAtBn	(1)
(6)	B Co, TnkBn	(1)
(11)	C Co, AtBn	(1)
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9th Marines
3d Marine Division, (Rein), FMF
FPO, San Francisco 96601

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212400H NOV 1965

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn:G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #136, Period ending 212400H November 1965
Encls (1) Report of Viet Cong Defector - THANH TOI
1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>DIST</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>LEST</u>	<u>MOORISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
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B. Enemy Military Situation.

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

a. At 211300H, a Company A patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 090666) reported observing an estimated ten men running from coordinates (BT 088672) to coordinates (BT 084672). As the Marines approached the area to investigate, they received an estimated twenty rounds small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 084612). The Marines directed approximately one hundred fifty rounds small arms fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. A search of the area revealed one Viet Cong Suspect who was evacuated to LIT for investigation.

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b. At 211600H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA HAI Village Police Chief that the Viet Cong placed a minefield at coordinates (BT 084674). The type and number of mines used was not indicated. The report stated that the mines were laid by members of a twenty man guerrilla and cadre platoon whose mission is to collect rice and conduct psychological warfare activities in the hamlet from TRA KHE (3), coordinates (BT 075670), to KHUE DONG (1), coordinates (BT 056706). The report continued that the 101st and TA-76th Viet Cong battalions, under the overall command of a Viet Cong Colonel who is reported to also be the Viet Cong commander of QUANG NAM Province, are located in the area bordered by coordinates (BT 140600), (BT 138585), (BT 143595) and (BT 134595). The units are armed with 60mm and 81mm mortars, 57mm and 75mm recoilless rifles, and caliber 30 machine guns. The report stated that the Viet Cong informed the people in the hamlet of TRA KHE (3), coordinates (BT 075670), that anyone having relatives in the ARVN should encourage them to desert or their families and relatives will be killed. The Viet Cong also warned that many units from North Viet Nam are coming to the DA NANG area and will crush all USMC units in the DA NANG area. (Battalion S-2 comment: This is probably an attempt to unbalance one of the other enclaves if we reinforce DA NANG). The report continued that the villagers who have moved from TRA KHE (3) to NUI KHA SON, coordinates (BT 073705), have been told by the Viet Cong to move back to TRA KHE (3) within the next five days. The HOA HAI Village Police Chief also reported that there are forty local force guerrillas living in the hamlets that surround Battery D, and that the Viet Cong are offering a reward of fifty thousand piastres to anyone who destroys an Amphibious Tractor. The Viet Cong think children have the best chance of achieving this objective. S-2 rates this report F-3.)

(2) 3rd Bn, 2nd Reg. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DU (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the FLSG ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 998733), and the railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provided one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of HAU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017608).

a. At 211600H the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from unidentified civilians of AN TRACH (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 972665), that on 17 November a Viet Cong meeting was held at NAM SON sub hamlet, grid squares (AT 9863) and (AT 9864). The meeting was attended by local Viet Cong chiefs, representatives of the Viet Cong 305th Battalion, and one AN LAM, identified as a Viet Cong company commander. The purpose of the meeting was to plan forthcoming attacks on USMC units. The report stated that the Viet Cong positively identified Company L, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines to be attacked by the 305th Viet Cong battalion (or elements of the 305th battalion). The report stated that the attack will be conducted when the weather is right. (S-2 rates this report F-6.)

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b. At 211930H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 986683) reported receiving five rounds small arms fire from three Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed fifty rounds small arms fire at the enemy positioned and the Viet Cong broke contact. A search of the area provided negative results. No casualties were reported.

(3) Special Reports.

a. At 211400H, a Ninth Marines Liaison Officer attached to the Regional Force Headquarters at HIEU LONG provided the S-2 with an english language copy of a statement made during interrogation by one THAM TOI, identified as a Viet Cong defector. The statement is shown in this INTSUM as enclosure (1).

b. At 211500H, G-2 relayed a report from the HOA VANG Sub-Sector that there are two Main Force Viet Cong platoons in the villages of HOA PHUNG, coordinates (BT 07677). The Viet Cong are living with the people in order to follow the situation of USMC units in the area. The report stated that the Viet Cong have recently brought mines to HOA HAI village headquarters, coordinates (BT 087677). The report continued that the Viet Cong guerrillas in the village of HOA LOI, coordinates (AT 981657), HOA HAI, coordinates (AT 985684) and HOA CHAU, coordinates (BT 004680) have received grenades issued by the Viet Cong district infrastructure. The report stated that the mission of the guerrillas is to hinder the GVN pacification program in this region, and USMC units. The Viet Cong have told the people of AN TRACH (1), coordinates (AT 966664), to cut bamboo in order to make stretchers for evacuation of wounded Viet Cong. This report is unevaluated by G-2. (S-2 rates this report C-3).

c. At 211915H, the G-2 relayed a report from 1 Corps Tactical Operations Center that the Viet Cong have positioned mines (further identification not provided) within the Ninth Marines TAOR in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 087677) and have camouflaged them with green plastic. The report continued that two Main Force Viet Cong platoons are located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 085685) and (BT 085705). This report is unevaluated by G-2. (S-2 comment: See 211500H entry this INTSUM for a report containing similar information).

d. At 212100H, G-2 relayed a message from the HOA LONG Village Chief that one hundred Main Force Viet Cong, and one hundred Local Force Viet Cong with what was described as complete weapons are located in the village of HOA LONG, grid square (BT 0567), and HOA PHUNG, grid square (BT 0570). The report continued that the villagers in these areas have been prevented from traveling north to the Marble Mountain area for the past three days. The report is unevaluated by G-2. (S-2 rates this report F-3, but comments that a cessation of traffic from the HOA LONG - HOA PHUNG village area has not been noticed).

e. Late Report. At 212210H, the First Battalion S-3 reported that a sentry on the C.P. perimeter at coordinates (BT 068713) reported observing two figures in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 071714). The Marines directed six rounds small arms fire at the intruders and observed one of them to fall, as if struck by the Marines fire. A patrol dispatched to investigate reported negative results. No USMC casualties were reported.

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C. Reports of information of VC received directly from civilians. No report was received during this reporting period.

D. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	0	245
KIA (Possible)	0	5
VC Captured	0	*141
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	1	735

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

ITT report dates 16 Nov 65

Name: TRAN HOAN

Age: 32

Status: VC Farmer's Cell leader, NAM YEN. Sent to CI.

Captured by E-2-9 141245H Nov 65

ITT report dated 19 Nov 65

Name: VO PHUNG

Age: 21

Status: VC Guerrilla, AP TU. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.

Captured by K-3-9 18 Nov 65

ITT report dated 19 Nov 65

Name: NGO HO

Age: 38

Status: VC Laborer, THON BA. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.

Captured by B-1-9 180800H Nov 65

E. Destroyed and captured enemy material. No reports were received during this reporting period.

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

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From: Ninth Marines Liaison Officer attached to the Regional Force Headquarters
at ALEU BONG
To: Ninth Marines S-2
Subj: ADDITION TO REPORT OF VIET CONG DEFECTOR - THAM TOI

The defector was schooled at a Viet Cong camp in the mountains west of here after having been kidnapped while on four days leave from the Army. While at the camp, believed, as a result of questioning by Major GIAL, to be located at coordinates (ZC 051650), TOI was told that two American prisoners had been brought to the camp in December of 1964, trained for three months, and then liberated. The interpreter with them was killed. The camp has been taken under air attacks on previous occasions, one attack resulting in the death of one hundred eight Vietnamese prisoners and twenty four Viet Cong.

Toi operated in the hamlets of BA TUNG (2) and (3), grid squares (BT 0470) and (BT 0469), and he claims that there are still nine guerrillas in the hamlets. To warn of approaching friendly units, the Viet Cong use the runner system. To avoid Marines on sweeps, the Viet Cong try to stay one hamlet ahead of them. When they cannot accomplish this, they hide in areas of tall plants and camouflage themselves. In order to get back into a village that has been swept, the Viet Cong travel in the rice paddies, and go back singly, at least two hundred meters apart and taking indirect routes to their objectives. They will often wear straw hats and attempt to carry some sort of farming equipment to appear less conspicuous. Tham Toi further stated that these guerrillas move about eighteen hundred at night. If they carry a weapon they wrap it in cloth and tie it to their back and slip on a loose fitting shirt-like garment.

Toi sighted one incident where the Marines occupied the hamlet of MAN QUAN for fifteen days, thereby starving four Viet Cong to death in their caves.

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

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3500
222400H, NOV 1965

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #137, Period ending 222400H November 1965

Encl: (1) Intelligence Report, untitled, from QUANG NAM Civil Service

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

(b) Trafficability and Roads. Heavy rains during the past several days have caused the inundation and deterioration of many of the roads within the TAOR, and have generated additional hazards for vehicle drivers. In general, the effects of the heavy rainfall have been most pronounced on secondary roads and trails, rendering them impassable to wheeled vehicles. The MSR's supporting the forward battalions remain passable, and the bridges are, as yet, unaffected. All traffic south of coordinates (BT 063680) is restricted to foot troops and track vehicles only.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BECT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>BECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
23 Nov	0629	0651	1827	1849	---	---	NEW

B. Enemy Military Situation.

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

a. Lata Report. At 211415H, a Company D patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 083695) reported that one Marine was injured as he attempted to remove an unexpended round (DUD) from a 3.5 inch rocket launcher. The report indicated that in the process of being removed, the round detonated, injuring the Marine.

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b. Late Report. At 211915H, the Battalion S-2 reported that MAG-16 Marines, temporarily immobile at coordinates (BT 059740) when their vehicle was disabled, received three sniper rounds from Viet Cong positioned at close range to the east. A patrol from Company L, Third Battalion, Third Marines, was dispatched to assist the stranded Marines. The enemy fire had ceased and a search of the area revealed only one suspicious person who was evacuated to MAG-16 for investigation. No casualties were reported.

c. At 220001H, a Company B patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 079709) reported receiving eight rounds small arms fire from an estimated four Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed approximately two hundred rounds small arms fire and one 4.0 mm round (M-79) at the Viet Cong position and the Viet Cong broke contact. One USMC MIA was reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 221235H, a Company D patrol reported apprehending two female Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (BT 042705). The suspects were apprehended in a building which the battalion suspects may have been a Viet Cong rest area. The report stated that two CHICOM grenades and an undetermined amount of blankets and books were located in the building. The Viet Cong Suspects and captured material will be detained at the Company D C. P. until daylight on 23 November when they will be evacuated for appropriate disposition.

e. At 221400H, a Company A patrol reported apprehending four suspicious persons at coordinates (BT 090690) when routine examinations revealed they lacked adequate identification. The suspects were evacuated to HAO VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

f. At 221235H, the Battalion S-2 provided information on a Company C search and clear operation conducted between 220630H and 221130H. The report stated that a total of five suspicious persons were apprehended when routine examinations revealed they lacked adequate identification. The report indicated that the suspects will be detained at the Company C C.P. until daylight on 23 November, when they will be evacuated for appropriate disposition.

(2) 3rd Bn., 9th Marines. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAN DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAC, and provided security for the FISC ammunition dump, coordinates (AT998733), and the railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provided one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of HAU BONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017668).

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a. At 221330H, the Battalion S-2 provided information on a Battery E patrol conducted on 22 November. The patrol reported that in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 983976), (AT 982975), and (AT 982972) three possible aiming stakes were discovered. The report stated that one stake was shaped like a square, one shaped like a bow with an arrow, and one shaped like the letter "Y". The report continued that at coordinates (AT 985974), twenty five rounds caliber .45, and thirty five rounds caliber .30 ammunition were discovered in a hole. The report stated that at coordinates (AT 980970) a booby trapped grenade was discovered in a hole. The report indicated that the grenade was booby trapped so that when panji stakes positioned in the hole were withdrawn, the grenade would detonate. The report added that at coordinates (AT 985966), a villager turned in to the Marines a trip flare. No casualties were reported.

b. At 221600H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 974658). The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

c. At 221800H, the Battalion S-3 reported that Battery E positioned in grid square (AT 9868) and (AT 9867) reported receiving an undetermined amount of small arms fire from the direction of the hamlet of YEN NE (2), coordinates (AT 987682). A patrol from Company M was dispatched to investigate, and reported discovering a mine (type not described in the report) covered with a basket at coordinates (AT 984682). The mine was destroyed in place. The Viet Cong small arms fire ceased and the Viet Cong were not contacted. No casualties were reported.

d. At 221845H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 013645), reported observing three Viet Cong at close range. The Marines directed approximately sixty rounds small arms fire at the Viet Cong, killing two Viet Cong (body count). Additional information will be provided when available. No USMC casualties were reported.

(3) Special Reports.

a. At 221400H, the S-2 of the HOA CAM Training Center reported that one platoon of Viet Cong displaced from LA CHAU (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 944685), to YEN NE (5) hamlet, coordinates (AT 983685), at 221400H. The platoon, consisting of forty men, is commanded by one TRAN QUIT, and has one BAR, and one grenade launcher. The report indicated that members of this platoon have notified the villagers that the Viet Cong will attack ARVN and USMC units in the area. (S-2 rates this report F-3).

b. At 222000H, a Ninth Marines liaison officer attached to the Regional Force Headquarters at HIEU BUNG reported that two hard core Viet Cong platoons presently located in the villages of HOA PHUNG, grid square (BT 0570), plan to move to the village of HOA DA, grid square (BT 0371), and attack friendly units in this area. (S-2 rates this report F-3.)

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C. Reports of information of VC received directly from civilians. No report was received during this reporting period.

D. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	2	247
KIA (Possible)	0	5
VC Captured	0	141
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	1	736

E. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following material was captured by 1st Bn, 9th Mar:

1 - shell case (unidentified) (AT 972708)

The following material was captured by E Battery:

25 - Cal. 45, ammunition, (expended) (AT 985974) (see 221330H entry this INTSUM)

35 - Cal. 30, ammunition, (expended) (AT 985974) (see 221330H entry this INTSUM)

The following material was destroyed by E Battery:

2 - Grenades, booby-trapped (unidentified) (AT 980970) (see 221330H entry this INTSUM)

The following material was destroyed by 3dBn 9thMar:

1 - Mine (type and description not indicated) (AT 984642) (see 221800H entry this INTSUM)

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


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CONFIDENTIALINTERVIEW REPORT

From: Survey Center, QUANG NAM Civil Service
 To: Lieutenant Colonel, QUANG NAM Province Chief

Subj: Viet Cong profit by Americans who do not know honest persons and who do not speak Vietnamese

1. The following information was procured by the Information Collecting Agency of HOA-LY, HOA PHONG, HOA HAI Village:

a. The Viet Cong has organized numerous, old important cadres who possess identification cards and appear as reasonably honest personnel. When the U.S. Army goes to their villages, they are received with a warm welcome. The cadre asks for employment at the Army units (primarily and covertly they collect military information). The Americans and interpreters are unaware of these particular cadre, and as a result release Viet Cong after capturing them. For example, recently a Viet Cong private administrator was released after producing an identification card.

b. The following list of Viet Cong cadre active at HOA-PRONG, HOA-LAM, BA-GIANG, NAM-QUANG, and TUNG-LAM villages is provided for your information:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
HUYH-CUI	55	President, HOA-LAM Front
NGUYEN-LIEU	35	Asst. to the President, HOA-LAM Front
HUYH-BAN	30	Representative, HOA-LAM Front
HUYNH-CHINH	29	-----
PHAM-HUAN	50	Finance Minister, HOA-LAM Front
NGO-THAI	30	Security
VO-THAI	30	Village Chief
HUYNH-HOUC	39	Asst Village Chief
HUYNH-THIET	21	-----
NGUYEN-HAT	--	Hamlet Chief
LIC-CUI	--	Asst Hamlet Chief

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

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232400H NOV 1965

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #138, Period ending 232400H November 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather.

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

(b) Trafficability and Roads. Heavy rains during the past several days have caused the inundation and deterioration of many of the roads within the TAOR, and have generated additional hazards for vehicle drivers. In general, the effects of the heavy rainfall have been most pronounced on secondary roads and trails, rendering them impassable to wheeled vehicles. The MSAs supporting the forward battalions remain passable, and the bridges are, as yet, unaffected. All traffic south of coordinates (BT 063680) is restricted to foot and track vehicles only.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
24 Nov	0630	0652	1827	1849	- - - -	- - - -	NEW

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), and the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 063850), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708).

a. Late Report. At 222400H, a Company B patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 089696) reported receiving approximately forty rounds small arms fire from the direction of the hamlet of AN TRA (2), coordinates (BT 089696), and spotted six Viet Cong moving east to west in close proximity to the hamlet. At almost the same time, the patrol received approximately thirty rounds small arms fire from the direction of due west and spotted nine Viet Cong moving south at long range. The Marines directed

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approximately one hundred rounds small arms fire and three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy positions and the Viet Cong broke contact. A search of the area provided negative results. No casualties were reported.

b. Late Report. At 222325H, a Company A patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 101665) reported observing three Viet Cong on a road at close range. The Marines directed approximately twenty rounds small arms fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fled. The patrol searched the area with negative results. No casualties were reported.

c. At 230200H, a Company B patrol reported receiving one hand grenade at coordinates (BT 071697) from a Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Viet Cong position could not be located, and the Marines did not return the fire. One USMC WIA was reported.

d. At 230930H, a truck from Mobile Construction-3 detonated a mine at coordinates (BT 071697). The mine was described as being a shaped charge device consisting of approximately twenty five pounds of TNT with a pressure type detonator. The underbody, driveshaft, and right rear wheels of the vehicle were damaged. No casualties were reported.

e. At 231005H, a Company A patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 105652) reported receiving four rounds of small arms fire from an estimated five Viet Cong positioned approximately three hundred meters south of the Marines' position, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 105649). The Marines directed approximately thirty rounds small arms fire and one 40mm (M-79) round at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. A search of the area revealed one Viet Cong KIA (body count). No weapons or documents were found on the Viet Cong body. No USMC casualties were reported.

f. At 231600H, the Battalion S-2 provided additional information on the five suspicious persons that were being held at the Company C C.P. as a result of a Company C search and clear operation held on 22 November (see 221235H entry INTSUM#137). The report stated that the five suspicious persons were evacuated to PCA VANG District Headquarters for investigation. The report continued that the two Viet Cong Suspects apprehended by Company D on 22 November (see 221235H entry INTSUM#137) are still being detained at the Company D C.P. because of transportation difficulties. Additional information will be provided when available.

(2) 3rd Bn., 9th Marines. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the FLSG ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 998133), and the railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provided one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in the vicinity of LEU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017668).

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a. At 230900H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 984661) when a routine examination revealed he lacked adequate identification. The suspect was evacuated to IIT for investigation.

b. At 231115H, a Company K patrol reported discovering one wounded Vietnamese female civilian at coordinates (AT 986658). The report stated that the female had head and shoulder wounds which appeared to be approximately twelve hours old. The report did not indicate the origin or nature of the wounds. The woman was given medical treatment and evacuated to an ARVN hospital.

c. At 231600H, the Battalion S-2 provided additional information pertaining to the Company I action on 22 November (see 221845H entry, INTSUM #137) which resulted in two Viet Cong KIA. This later report stated that a search of the body of a dead Viet Cong revealed a document which read as follows (translated).

YOUTH UNION

Each member of the Youth Union will have to build the below listed items:

1. Two shelters
2. Five fox holes
3. Ten meters of trench
4. Ten books
5. Five square meters for planting vegetables

Until 30 December, two Americans were killed. (S-2 comment: significance obscure).

(3) Late Reports.

a. At 221200H, a Company D, First Battalion patrol reported discovering twenty five bottles of medicine in a building at coordinates (BT 072702). The medicine, described on the labels as DIHYDROSTREPTOMYCIN SULFATE, was evacuated to the Battalion Surgeon for investigation.

b. At 231600H, the Battalion S-2, First Battalion relayed a report from an unidentified source that the Viet Cong have introduced one hundred CHICOM anti-tank mines into the villages of HOA LONG, HOA HAI, HOA LAN and HOA PHUNG. Four mines are being stored in the TRA KHE (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 072683). The report indicated the mines weigh at least two hundred twenty pounds each, and are shaped like a pumpkin, and detonated by a wire and battery. (Battalion S-2 comment: This information came from a local source and if it is true, the Viet Cong could be staging a large scale attack on bridges in this area). The report stated that the Viet Cong had a meeting at KHUE DONG hamlet, coordinates (BT 056703), during a psychological warfare lecture. The report continued that the Viet Cong are encouraging children to destroy jeeps and amphibious tractors and to steal rifles. To encourage the Viet Cong are offering one thousand five hundred piasters for a destroyed jeep, and fifty thousand piasters for a destroyed amphibious tractor. The Battalion S-2 rated this report C-3. (S-2 comment:

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The report that the Viet Cong are encouraging Villagers, including children, to take steps to oppose USMC activities, is logical and probable. This report is rated F-3. The report that the Viet Cong have introduced into this area giant explosive charges, some two hundred plus pounds in weight is an obvious exaggeration and tends to discredit the validity of the entire report. That the Viet Cong have introduced, and are utilizing mines is confirmed by every new report of a mine incident. The CHICOM are a very likely source of explosive material and have probably provided some, if not the major portion, of the mines employed by the Viet Cong in this area. Mines of the size indicated however, would be cumbersome and difficult to handle and greatly magnify the already awesome task of providing sure and secret transport. A charge of this type and reported size, while undoubtedly powerful and effective against whatever objective employed, would find few targets worthy of its mettle. To accept the introduction of one hundred such mines into the TAOR is not logical. This portion of the report is rated F-4).

c. At 231925H, the First Battalion S-3 reported that four LVT's were immobilized at coordinates (BT 038667) because of impassable terrain conditions as the result of flooding. The report continued that two additional LVT's are immobilized at the Company C C.P. for the same reason. A patrol was dispatched to provide security for the LVT's until first light on 24 November, when an attempt will be made to retrieve them.

d. At 231500H, the Third Battalion S-3 reported that an ARVN member, (further identification not provided), notified Company H Marines that a mine field was located at coordinates (BT 027699). The report did not indicate the extent, type, or origin of the mine field. The Battalion S-3 stated that this report will be investigated and additional information provided when available. (S-2 comment: Company H was engaged in a search of the area in the vicinity of the SONG VINH DIEM, and did not have personnel available for an immediate investigation of this report).

(4) Special Reports.

a. Late Report. At 222100H, a Ninth Marines liaison officer attached to the Regional Force Headquarters at NIEU BONG, reported that an ARVN patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 033706) reported observing one Viet Cong armed with a B&A, positioned at close range. The ARVN directed an undetermined amount of small arms fire at the enemy position, killing the Viet Cong (body count). One hand grenade, and unidentified documents were recovered from the body of the dead Viet Cong. No weapon was recovered.

b. At 231330H, G-2 relayed a report from the HOA VANG Sub Sector that one Viet Cong main force company is located at coordinates (BT 035680) and (BT 050713), in addition to the local guerrillas. The Viet Cong company is armed with two caliber .30 machine guns, and one 60mm mortar, and will operate in the HOA HUONG village, grid square (BT 0570), and HOA LAN village, grid square (BT 0468). The report added that the Viet Cong may attack friendly units operating in the NGU MAHN SON Pacification Campaign. This report is unevaluated by G-2. (S-2 rates this report C-3)

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c. At 231600H, G-2 relayed a report from an unidentified HOA VANG Agent that the Viet Cong organized a meeting at coordinates (BT 006 696). The purpose of the meeting was to order local guerrillas to ambush, kidnap and assassinate pacification cadre members operating in the HOA LOI, coordinates (AT 981657), HOA THAI, coordinates (AT 985684), HOA CHAU, coordinates (BT 004690), village areas. The report indicated that the 23rd Viet Cong Battalion shall displace to the vicinity of coordinates (BT 059631) for an anti-pacification operation. This report is unevaluated by G-2. (S-2 rates this report F-3).

d. At 232145H, G-2 relayed a report from the QUANG NAI Sub Sector that the Viet Cong have organized a meeting at a Mr LUAN's house in PHONG NAM hamlet, coordinates (005703). The meeting was headed by one Mr LE VAN BA, a cadre from a Viet Cong district. The purpose of the meeting is to make plans to sabotage the NGU HANH SON pacification campaign. The report indicated that orders were given to local guerrillas to ambush, kidnap and assassinate the pacification cadre members, and that Viet Cong main Force reinforcements from HOA LOI, grid square (AT 9865), HOA THAI, grid square (AT 9868), and HOA CHAU, grid square (BT 0069), village areas have been requested to assist. The report continued that the 23rd Viet Cong Battalion (Group 46), commanded by one LE LUYEN, will come to the villages of HOA LOI (AT 9865), THANH TRUNG, (BT 0064), and THANH SON, (AT 9763), for anti-pacification operations. The report is unevaluated by G-2. (S-2 rates this report F-3. See 231600H entry this INTSUM. The reports may originate at the same source but are possibly true).

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

D. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	1	248
KIA (Possible)	0	5
VC Captured	0	141
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	1	737

E. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following material was captured by 3rdBn, 9thMar:

2 - Wallets, with documents (unidentified) (BT 013645) (see 221845H entry INTSUM #137).

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

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3/9	(11)
2/12	(6)
S-3	(3)
S-2	(2)
FSCC	(1)
3dTnkBn	(1)
1stAtracBn	(1)
3dAtBn	(1)
B Co, TnkBn	(1)
C Co, AtBn	(1)
CO	(1)

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

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3800
242400H NOV 1965

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #139, Period ending 242400H November 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations

(1) Weather.

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

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>FMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
24 Nov	0630	0652	1830	1850	- - - -	- - - -	NEW

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1), 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), and the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 063850), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708). The battalion reported no Viet Cong contact during this reporting period.

a. At 241650H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA HAI Village Chief that three what was described as "high ranking" Viet Cong officials travel in a bamboo boat every day between the hours of 1600 to 1800 on the SONG CAU BIEN from coordinates (BT 062716) to the vicinity of the bridge located at coordinates (BT 043762). The report added that the men, between the ages of 30 and 40 years old, use what was termed "code names" of (numeral) EIGHT-RAW, (numeral) SEVEN-MINH, and (numeral) FIVE-TINH. These three Viet Cong officials are reported to be armed with pistols. The Battalion S-2 did not rate this report (S-2 rates it C-3).

The HOA HAI Village Chief's report also stated that five Viet Cong units, identified as "suicide teams" are operating in the vicinity of Marble Mountain. The mission of these teams is reported to be to kill as many Marines

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as possible. The Battalion S-2 did not rate this report. (S-2 comment: This report is too indefinite to evaluate. Rated C-6).

The HOA HAI Village Chief's report added that twenty Viet Cong are located at coordinates (BT 049685). The Battalion S-2 did not rate this report. (S-2 comment: The presence of twenty Viet Cong in KHAI TAY (1) hamlet is possible. However, frequent searching and patrolling of the hamlet has been conducted and the Viet Cong have declined contact).

(2) 3rdBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provided one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in the vicinity of MIEU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017 668). Company M, Third Battalion, Third Marines provided security for the FLSG ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 998733).

a. At 241830H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 978640) reported receiving an estimated total of ninety small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 978635), (AT 983638), and (AT 971636). The Marines directed approximately three hundred small arms rounds and four 60MM mortars at the Viet Cong positions, and the Viet Cong broke contact, displacing to the south. The Marines reported that a search of the positions revealed a small child, described as about one year old, who had sustained an abdominal wound. The child was evacuated to the Company L C.P. for medical treatment. No Marine casualties were reported. Viet Cong casualties were not estimated.

b. At 242125H, the Battalion S-3 reported that sentries positioned at the battalion C.P. perimeter observed movement in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 988681), and illuminated the area with hand illumination. The illumination revealed one Viet Cong at approximately one hundred meter range, but the Viet Cong quickly gained concealment before the Marines could fire. The Viet Cong eluded further contact and was believed to have moved to the south.

(3) Special Reports.

a. At 241855H, the Ninth Marines Liaison Officer attached to the Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at MIEU BONG, reported that twenty Viet Cong Suspects aboard seven boats were observed on the SONG CAN BIEN, and debarking on shore at coordinates (BT 041700). The report stated that the suspects were observed by members of Regional Force Company 591 operating to the north. The report requested that Marines in the area investigate the suspects. (S-2 comment: Marines in the area reported negative results in contacting the Viet Cong Suspects. This report was relayed to the Vietnamese Navy river patrol craft operating in this area. No additional information was available at the termination of this reporting period.)

b. At 242100H, HOA VANG District Headquarters reported that one Viet Cong battalion is located in the vicinity of HOA THUONG village

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area, grid square (AT 9069) and believed enroute to the vicinity of HOA VINH village area, grid square (AT 9179). The reported location at HOA THUONG was as of 241630H. The report added that the Viet Cong battalion, commanded by one PHAM THANH, has a strength of approximately five hundred fifty men is armed with one 57 mm recoilless rifle, one 81mm mortar, three machine guns and normal arms. The report was not rated. (S-2 rates the report as C-3)

(A) Late Report. At 242035H, a Company B patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 070696), reported making contact with an estimated ten to twelve Viet Cong, armed with one automatic weapon and several semi-automatic weapons, positioned approximately two hundred meters west, at coordinates (BT 068969). The Viet Cong directed an estimated fifty small arms rounds at the Marines, who returned the fire with approximately one hundred small arms rounds. The Viet Cong broke contact with no reported casualties. The Marines searched the area, with negative results.

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

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

KIA (Confirmed)	0	248
KIA (Possible)	0	5
VC Captured	0	141
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	0	737

E. Destroyed and captured enemy material. No reports were received during this reporting period.

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

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3rd Mar	(1)	B Co, Tnk Bn	(1)
1/9	(7)	C Co, At Bn	(1)
2/9	(6)	CO	(1)
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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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3800
252400H NOV 1965

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #140, Period ending 252400H November 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather.

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

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

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

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

a. At 250300H, a Company B patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 071701), reported receiving one grenade from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed approximately forty rounds small arms fire and two rounds 40mm (M-79) at the enemy position. Two rounds of 81mm illumination were fired and one Viet Cong was observed fleeing to the northeast. The Marines directed approximately twenty rounds small arms fire and one round 40mm (M-79) at the fleeing Viet Cong. A search of the area produced negative results. No USMC casualties were reported.

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b. At 251030H, a Company B patrol reported apprehending five suspicious persons at coordinates (BT 071702), when routine examinations revealed they lacked adequate identification. The suspects were evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

c. At 251600H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from an agent of QUANG NAM Sub-Sector that one LANG DEN, identified as the Viet Cong commander of the QUANG NAM Province and DA NANG, is located in HOA VANG village, grid square (BT 0571). The report indicated that LANG DEN has agents recruiting youth from the city of DA NANG, and that he is the Commanding Officer of a hospital and training camp located on Hill 1132, coordinates (YC 084089). The report stated that three Viet Cong battalions have been trained at the camp and have since gone to different areas throughout South Vietnam, and that one Viet Cong battalion is presently undergoing training in this camp. The report continued that one MAI HUNG DI has a headquarters located in KHUE DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 055707), and has the mission of destroying bridges and roads, assassinating important government officials, and collecting information on friendly units in the area. The report continued that before the DA NANG Airbase is attacked, mortars will be used to interdict the arrival of reinforcing units. Time and date of the attack is not known. The Battalion S-2 rates this report F-6. S-2 rates this report F-6.

d. At 251955H, a Company A observation post positioned at coordinates (BT 092667), reported observing two Viet Cong approximately thirty meters to the northwest. The Marines directed approximately ten rounds small arms fire and two 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong fled. No casualties were reported.

(2) 3rdBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provided one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in the vicinity of MIEU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017668). Company M, Third Battalion, Third Marines provided security for the FLSG ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 998733).

a. Late Report. At 231600H, the Battalion S-2 reported that the Engineer platoon apprehended one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 996691). The suspect was evacuated to IIT for investigation.

b. Late Report. At 242310H, a Company M ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 982667), observed three

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Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed approximately fifty rounds small arms fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fled. Four 81mm illumination rounds were fired but the Viet Cong could not be located. A search of the area recently occupied by the Viet Cong revealed traces of blood. No Marine casualties were reported.

c. At 251400H, a Company K patrol reported discovering one Vietnamese youth at coordinates (AT 985661) who was badly burned. The boy was given medical treatment and evacuated to an ARVN hospital. The report did not indicate the extent of the injuries or how the injuries were sustained.

(3) Special Reports.

a. Late Report. At 241533H, the Third Antitank Battalion reported that a security officer (Vietnamese) from HOA CAM Training Center, coordinates (AT 975727), conducted a security check in the YEN BAO hamlet, coordinates (AT 985708). The report stated that eight suspicious males were apprehended when examinations revealed they lacked adequate identification. The suspects were evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

b. At 251345H, an aerial observer reported receiving an undetermined amount of small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in a tree line at coordinates (AT 977628). No casualties were reported.

c. At 251545H, a Ninth Marines liaison officer attached to the Regional Force Headquarters at MIEU BONG reported that an ARVN patrol discovered one gun (described as a "zip gun"), two Vietnamese grenades, two empty AR-15 rifle magazines, one M-14 rifle magazine (with ammunition), approximately sixty rounds M-60 machine gun ammunition (linked), approximately five hundred rounds of Russian carbine ammunition, and one M-14 rifle firing mechanism assembly in the hamlet of YEN NE, coordinates (AT 982682). Disposition of the captured material was not reported.

(4) Late Report. At 251815H, a Company L, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 969645), reported receiving an estimated forty rounds small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 966648). The Marines directed approximately sixty rounds small arms fire, two 60 MM mortar rounds, and two 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong broke contact. No casualties were reported.

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

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D. Viet Cong casualties:

	<u>For 24 Hour Reporting period:</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	0	248
KIA (Possible)	0	5
VC Captured	0	141
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	1	738

E. Destroyed and captured enemy material. No reports were received during this reporting period.

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

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2/12	(6)
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S-2	(2)
FSCC	(1)
3d Tnk Bn	(1)
3rd At Bn	(1)
1st Artillery Bn	(1)
3 Co, Tnk Bn	(1)
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FPO, San Francisco 96601

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262400H NOV 1965

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FWP (Attn: G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #141, Period ending 262400H November 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather.

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

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	BMOT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
27 Nov	0631	0655	1828	1850	1036	2144	1/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

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

a. Late Report. At 252040H, a Company D ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 084709), reported hearing noises approximately one hundred meters to the south of their position, coordinates (BT 084708). The Marines directed small arms fire at the suspected Viet Cong position and the noise stopped. At 252045H, similar noises were again heard emanating from the same direction. The Marines again directed an undetermined amount of small arms fire at the suspected Viet Cong position and the noise again ceased. A search of the area

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was conducted which revealed two wounded Vietnamese boys who were believed hit by the Marines fire. The two boys were given medical treatment and evacuated to the USOM hospital. No USMC casualties were reported.

b. Late Report. At 252115H, a Company A listening post positioned at coordinates (BT 093668), reported observing movement, then receiving two rounds small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned to the front of their position at close range. The Marines directed an undetermined amount of small arms fire at the enemy position at which time the listening post reported receiving an undetermined amount of small arms fire from their flanks and rear. Four fireteams were dispatched to assist the personnel of the listening post, and the Viet Cong broke contact. One USMC KIA and one USMC WIA were reported. Enemy Casualties could not be determined.

c. At 260830H, a Company C patrol reported apprehending one suspicious person, when a routine examination revealed he lacked adequate identification. A second suspicious person was apprehended at the same time, when the Marines noticed that the suspect had a wound in his right foot. The suspect could not explain the origin of his wound and was evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters, along with first suspect, for investigation.

d. At 260830H, a Company C patrol reported apprehending two suspicious males at coordinates (BT 048635) when routine examinations revealed they lacked adequate identification. The report indicated that the suspects are being temporarily detained in the Company C C.P. and will be evacuated when transportation becomes available. (S-2 comment: The flooded condition of many portions of the TAOR has restricted all but emergency traffic.)

e. At 260900H, the Battalion S-2 reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 078709), when a routine examination revealed he lacked adequate identification. The Suspect was evacuated to IFF for investigation. A second suspect was apprehended at the same time and evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation, as a suspicious person.

f. At 260955H, a Company D patrol reported apprehending one suspicious person at coordinates (BT 061729) when it appeared that he may have information concerning a blood stained khaki shirt which was discovered in his proximity. The suspect was evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation. Disposition of the khaki shirt was not reported.

g. At 261025H, the Battalion S-2 reported that an attached platoon of engineers apprehended one suspicious female at coordinates (BT 075712) when the suspect was observed retrieving

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an unserviceable radio battery (PRG-10) from a trash dump. The suspect was evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

h. At 261515H, Company A reported that local villagers brought two seriously wounded Vietnamese males to the Company O.P. at coordinates (BT 093667). The villagers stated that the doctor at the leprosarium, coordinates (BT 099664), told them to bring the two wounded males to the Marines' position for treatment, one of which had a leg missing, and the other a serious arm wound. The report stated that the wounded men were given medical treatment and evacuated to the USOM hospital. After the medical evacuation was completed the villagers stated that the wounded men were Viet Cong. The Marines then notified HOA VANG District Headquarters, so that appropriate action would be taken to insure the security of the wounded men until the matter could be investigated by ARVN authorities.

(2) 3rdBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TACR, and provided security for the railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provided one squad to man check-point on National Highway #1, in the vicinity of MIEU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017668). Company M, Third Battalion, Third Marines provided security for the PLSG ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 998733).

a. At 261145H, the Battalion S-2 reported that Battery E apprehended one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 984665), when a routine examination revealed she lacked adequate identification. The suspect was evacuated to IIT for investigation.

(3) Special Reports.

a. Late Report. At 231600H, the First Battalion, Third Marines reported irregularities in their field phone communications. The report indicated that a patrol in placing a call was challenged and requested to authenticate. An investigation revealed the challenger was not a friendly person. The report stated that 230140H, a security post observed three persons moving toward the First Battalion, Third Marines O.P. along the phone lines. The Marines took the suspected Viet Cong under small arms fire and the Viet Cong fled. An investigation of the area and phone lines from the Battalion O.P. revealed a thirty foot lead in wire attached to the phone line in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 939783) which ended in a loose end. The report continued that a bogus radio station entered a Company A tactical net and, using the proper call sign, instructed a patrol to return to the O.P. and saying "there is a Viet Cong platoon behind you". (S-2 comment: The

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above reports were communicated to Ninth Marine personnel, especially communications personnel, to alert Marines to the possible use of similar tactics in future engagements.)

b. At 260155H, G-2 relayed a report from an agent of HIEU DUC District that six battalions of North Vietnamese volunteers, commanded by a Colonel "BLACK THAI" LANG, and assisted by six Chinese Advisors and three political cadres, are now located in HIEU DUC District. The report indicated the North Vietnamese intend to move to HOA VANG District on 25, 26, and 27 November, and will displace along Highway #1 from the hamlet of HOA AN, coordinates (AT 988763) to HOA VANG District including infiltrating the villages of HOA VANG District. The report stated that the North Vietnamese unit includes three heavy artillery companies, and is further equipped with one 105MM howitzer, twenty mortars (81MM and 60MM) and individual weapons. G-2 rates this report R-6. (S-2 rates this report R-6).

c. At 260245H, G-2 relayed a report from the Naval Advisory Detachment that the Viet Cong have one hundred forty anti-tank and personnel mines located in the hamlet of TRA LO, coordinates (BT 087682). G-2 rates this report R-3. (S-2 comment: First Battalion was alerted to take appropriate action; however, the report, while possible, is not given much credence. An increase of mining incidents has been evident, but it would be a violation of prudent operational tactics and security for the Viet Cong to concentrate such a large quantity of priority weapons in one specific location. Rated R-4.)

d. At 261542H, G-2 relayed a report from HIEU DUC District Headquarters that one Viet Cong company moved into the DONG PHU area, grid square (AT 9462). The report stated the Viet Cong unit is a North Vietnamese main force company and is commanded by one NGO DINH HOANG. This report is unevaluated by G-2. (S-2 rates this report R-6).

e. At 261730H, the HOA CAM Training Center S-3 reported that three Viet Cong guerrillas have moved by boat (sampan) from the village of HOA THI, grid square (AT 9867) to the hamlet of YEN NE HAC, coordinates (AT 988701) at 261330H. The report indicated that the Viet Cong are armed with one Thompson sub machine gun, and one hand grenade. (S-2 rates this report C-3.)

f. At 262210H, G-2 relayed a report from the 51st ARVN Regiment that one Viet Cong company was located in the hamlet of DA HOA AN (2), coordinates (AT 963583). Based on this report, Battery L directed eighteen rounds of 155MM HE at the suspected enemy position. The report indicated that ARVN units will assess the success of the artillery mission at first light on 27 November.

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

D. Viet Cong casualties:

	<u>For 24 Hour Reporting period:</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	0	248
KIA (Possible)	0	5
VC Captured	0	*147
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	2	740

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

ITT report dated 20 Nov 65

Name: TRAN TAU
Age: 27
Status: VC Guerrilla, PHE DONG. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.
Captured by B-1-9 (no time or date)

ITT report dated 20 Nov 65

Name: PHAM VAN THANH
Age: 29
Status: VC Worker, CAM HAI. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.
Captured by B-1-9 (no time or date)

ITT report dated 20 Nov 65

Name: DINH VAN HEP
Age: 19
Status: VC Youth Group Member, CAM HAI. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.
Captured by B-1-9 (no time or date)

ITT report dated 20 Nov 65

Name: PHAM NIET
Age: 37
Status: VC Farmer's Assn: Member, HA QUANG, Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.
Captured by B-1-9 (no time or date)

ITT report dated 20 Nov 65

Name: IE CHIEU
Age: 38
Status: VC Worker, CAM HAI. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector
Captured by (no capturing unit or time)

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ITT report dated 20 Nov 65

Name: NGUYEN MINH

Age: 63

Status: VC Old Men's Assn, Member, TAN HANH. Sent to I Corps dispensary.

Captured by I-3-9 19 Nov 65

- E. Destroyed and captured enemy material. No reports were received during this reporting period.
- F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. No reports were received during this reporting period.

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To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #142, Period ending 272400H November 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather.

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

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
28 Nov	0631	0653	1828	1850	1114	2236	1/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

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

a. Late Report.- Additional Information. At 272110H, the Battalion S-2 reported additional information regarding a Company C patrol conducted on 26 November which initial reports indicated resulted in the apprehension of two suspicious persons. The later report stated that four Viet Cong Suspects were apprehended and evacuated to ITT for investigation. The identification of the suspects (two) as suspicious persons was erroneous.

b. At 270900H, the Battalion S-2 reported that MCB-8 apprehended ten suspicious persons in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 053719) and delivered the suspects to the 1st Battalion for initial interrogation. The suspects were later evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters.

c. At 271000H, Company A reported apprehending six Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (BT 090691) when routine examinations revealed they lacked adequate

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identifications. The report indicated that an ARVN soldier stated that one of the suspects was a Viet Cong, but this identification was not confirmed. The suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

d. At 271140H, Company A reported finding one CHICOM fragmentation grenade at coordinates (BT 094666). The report indicated that the grenade was not rigged as a booby-trap or similar device and may have been accidentally dropped by Viet Cong recently operating in the area. The grenade was later destroyed.

e. At 271245H, a Company A element providing security for a helicopter landing zone at coordinates (BT 095660) reported receiving three rounds of what was identified as carbine fire from the direction of coordinates (BT 094659). One Marine received a minor facial wound but did not require evacuation. The Viet Cong position could not be discerned and the fire was not returned by The Marines. A patrol dispatched to search the area reported negative contact.

f. At 271415H, Company A reported that several Vietnamese who reside in the leprosarium, coordinates (BT 099664) carried a young Vietnamese boy who had reportedly been wounded by a mine explosion, to the Company C.P. for medical assistance. The report indicated that the explosion occurred at coordinates (BT 092652), but provided no additional details. The injured youth was evacuated to a medical facility for treatment.

g. At 271730H, the Aerial Observer operating in the TAOR reported observing a number of people excavating what appeared to be an extensive trench-line at coordinates (BT 105646). The report added that, when the Aerial Observer aircraft appeared in the area, the people attempted to hide. The Aerial Observer requested an artillery mission and a total of one hundred eight 105mm artillery rounds were delivered on the target. A Company A patrol dispatched to investigate the area reported that four to five trenches were discovered, all of which had been caved in to some extent. No casualties were discovered and there was no contact with any of the local populace.

h. At 272110H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA HAI Village Chief that forty Viet Cong are located in the CAO DAI temple (pagoda), coordinates (BT 071484). The report continued that most of the Viet Cong who normally operate in HAI AN have displaced to THANH THUY, shown as located in grid square (BT 0465). The report added that two Viet Cong identified as money collectors, are located in NON NUOC (does not appear on current operational map). The report identifies them as NGUYEN BA YEN and one LE HIEU and adds that, although they have collected VN \$7,000 (piastres), they have delivered to the Viet Cong only VN \$37,000 (piastres). The Battalion S-2 did not rate these reports. (S-2 rates the reports C-3). Additional information will be provided when available.

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(2) 3rd Bn, 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provided one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in the vicinity of MIEU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017668). Company II, Third Battalion, Third Marines provided security for the FLSO ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 998733).

a. Late Report. At 262115H, a Company I, Third Battalion, Third Marines listening post positioned in the vicinity of the Battalion C.P., coordinates (AT 975701), reported observing one man moving along the bank of the SONG TUY LUAN, at coordinates (AT 975700). The listening post maintained surveillance but illumination fired by an adjacent unit caused the intruder to seek concealment. The listening post took the intruder under fire, directing eight small arms rounds at him as he sought concealment in the bushes. The report added that a search of the area at first light provided negative results, except the discovery of what appeared to be boot prints.

b. At 270230H, the Battalion S-3 reported that approximately fifteen rounds of small arms automatic weapons fire were received in the vicinity of the southwest portion of the C.P. perimeter, coordinates (AT 992678). At approximately the same time, Regional Force personnel positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 994672), received small arms fire from Viet Cong located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 993675). The Marines illuminated the area, revealing four Viet Cong, who were taken under fire. Fifteen small arms rounds were directed at the Viet Cong with undetermined results. 81MM mortar illumination was requested, revealing six additional Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 992676). When fired upon by the Marines, the Viet Cong withdrew south into the treeline. (See 270545H, entry, Special Reports, for additional information). No Marine casualties were reported.

c. At 271835H, Company I, Third Battalion, Third Marines, reported receiving five small arms rounds at coordinates (AT 970642). The Viet Cong position could not be discerned but the Marines directed twenty small arms rounds in the general direction from which the fire was received in an attempt to make the Viet Cong return the fire and disclose their position. The Viet Cong fire was not repeated. No casualties were reported.

d. At 272030H, Company K, Third Battalion, Third Marines, positioned at coordinates (BT 030656), reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 030657). The report indicated that the enemy fire was probably being received from an automatic carbine. The Marines returned twenty small arms rounds at the Viet Cong position, and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

(3) Special Reports.

a. At 270545H, the Ninth Marines Liaison Officer attached to the 59th Regional Force Battalion at MIEU DONG, provided additional details about the Viet Cong attack which occurred approximately 270230H, in the Third

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Battalion, Ninth Marines Zone of Action, (see 270230H entry, this INTSUN). The Liaison Officer's report stated that, upon withdrawing to the south to escape the Marines fire, the Viet Cong attacked the Command Post of the Regional Force 593rd Company, located at DUONG SON (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 994672). In the ensuing fire fight, friendly casualties were five KIA (including two members of the Special GVN Psy-war team participating in the rural reconstruction program in the area), four WIA (including the Regional Force 593rd company Commander), and two MIA (Vietnamese woman who were also engaged in the rural reconstruction program). The report stated that the Viet Cong, dressed uniformly in black pajama-type clothing and what is commonly termed "coolie" hats, attacked the Command Post with small arms and grenades. A later search conducted in the area also revealed several expended 40mm (M-79) casings but the origin of these rounds could not be determined. At 270430H, elements of the 59th Regional Force Battalion arrived to reinforce the 593rd company, but the Viet Cong had withdrawn from the area. Viet Cong casualties were not determined. A subsequent report added that the Viet Cong captured one 60mm mortar, one radio (identified as a TR-5), two PRC-10 radios, two radios (identified as a "HR-1"), three U.S. carbines, caliber .30, one U.S. Pistol, caliber .45, and one revolver, caliber .38.

b. At 271115H, G-2 relayed a report from QUANG NAM Special Sector that two Viet Cong guerrilla platoons from the villages of HOA LOI, coordinates (AT 965662), HOA CHAU, coordinates (BT 008693), and HOA THAI, coordinates (AT 982 681), are in hiding at DIEN LA CHAU (LA CHAU Village area?); coordinates (AT 960 676). The report stated that the Viet Cong are armed with two Automatic rifles and normal arms. The report added that one Viet Cong battalion, commanded by one LAN QUANG CHUNG, is located at coordinates (AT 895603). The report indicated that the strength and armament of this battalion is unknown, but that the designation is 148-B. This report was rated B-2. (S-2 comment: The location given for the two Viet Cong platoons and the Viet Cong Battalion are not within the Ninth Marines TAOR, and sufficient data and operational experience is lacking for evaluation. The designation "148-B" Battalion does not appear on the Ninth Marines QOB listing).

c. At 271550H, G-2 reported that the villagers of DONG PHU, coordinates (AT 949629), stated that a Viet Cong company arrived at DONG PHU on the night of 26 November, and departed at 270400H, headed in a westerly direction. G-2 did not rate this report. (S-2 rated this report F-6).

d. At 271615H, G-2 relayed a report from a liaison officer (unidentified) at HIEU DUC District Headquarters that one Viet Cong company displaced from TRUNG HANG (coordinates not indicated). The report stated that the Viet Cong are armed with one 81mm mortar, one 60mm mortar, one machine gun, and automatic rifles. The report added that the mission of this company is to attack Marine squad-sized patrols. The report identified one of the platoon leaders of this Viet Cong company as one NGUYEN THE TRAN TRANH. G-2 did not rate this report (S-2 rates it F-6).

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e. At 271720H, G-2 relayed a report from HOA VANG District Headquarters that two Viet Cong guerrilla platoons which attacked the Regional Force 593rd company at 270245H (see 270230H and 270545H entires, this INTSUM), have withdrawn to the vicinity of coordinates (AT 953650) and (AT 960653). The report added that approximately twenty Viet Cong equipped with an undetermined number of mines (type not indicated) are located at coordinates (BT 042 645). G-2 stated this report is rated B-2. (S-2 rates that portion of the report pertaining to the location of twenty Viet Cong armed with mines as C-3).

f. At 271730H, G-2 relayed a report from III MAF G-2 that local sources (unidentified) stated that the Marble Mountain Air Facility would be attacked tonight (27 November). The report was not evaluated and no additional information was provided (S-2 comment: The report is too vague for evaluation, however, the report was disseminated to the appropriate units for information).

g. At 271945H, the Ninth Marines Liaison Officer attached to the Regional Force 59th Battalion Headquarters at MIEU DONG, relayed what was identified as a QUANG NAM Special Sector report that four hundred Viet Cong were reported located at coordinates (AT 992610), moving in a northerly direction. The report added that it was believed that part of this force attacked the Regional Force 593rd Company last night (26 November). The report was rated as B-1 by QUANG NAM Special Sector. (S-2 comment: The initial report did not provide any additional information, and due to the exceptional evaluation rating assigned, an artillery T.O.T. mission was immediately requested while further information was sought. One hundred fourteen 105mm and thirty five 155mm HE rounds were directed against the area, coordinates (AT 992610) to (AT 995615). Subsequent clarification of the report by ARVN sources revealed that the report was initially received at 261045H and promulgated at the later time only, because of the attack on the Regional Force 593rd Company on 26 November (see 270230H entry, this INTSUM). The assignment of a credibility rating of B-1 to a report already thirty-three hours old was misleading and not appropriate. The validity of the original report has not been determined).

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

D. <u>Viet Cong Casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour Reporting period:</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	0	248
KIA (Possible)	0	5
VC Captured	0	147
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	10	750

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E. Disposition of captured personnel for week of 21 to 27 Nov 65.

(1) Total captives taken:	46
(2) Captives clear as civilians:	0
(3) VCS delivered to HOA VANG Dist Hq:	29
(4) VCS delivered to ITT:	17
(5) VCC delivered to ITT:	0

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

1 - CHICOM, fragmentation grenade (not booby-trapped) (BT 094666)
(see 271140H entry, this INTSUM)

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

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #143, Period ending 282400H November 1965
Encl: (1) Interrogation Report of three Viet Cong Captured on 28 Nov 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather.

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

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>RMT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
29 Nov	0632	0654	1828	1850	1236	2327	1/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 3rd Bn, 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provided one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in the vicinity of MIU DONG (1), coordinates (BT 017668). Company N, Third Battalion, Third Marines provided security for the FLSC ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 998733).

a. Late Report. At 271710H, a Company I, Third Battalion, Third Marines patrol reported discovering one unexploded 155MM artillery round (a) at coordinates (AT 969649). The round was destroyed in place. No casualties were reported.

b. Late Report. At 272014H, a Company N, Third Battalion, Third Marines patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 028640), reported receiving six rounds automatic small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 030637). The Marines directed ten rounds small arms fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. No casualties were reported.

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c. Late Report. At 272335H, a Company K, Third Battalion, Third Marines patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 036644), reported receiving one grenade from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed ten rounds small arms fire and two 40MM (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. One USMC WIA was reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

d. At 280730H, a Company K patrol reported apprehending eight Viet Cong Suspects, three of whom the battalion S-2 believed to be Viet Cong (identification as Viet Cong and claim in INTSUM 'box-score' to await confirmation by ITT), at coordinates (AT 984624). The five suspects and three probable Viet Cong were evacuated to ITT for investigation. Additional information surrounding the capture of the three suspects identified by the battalion S-2 as Viet Cong is included as Enclosure (1), this INTSUM.

e. At 280830H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 964648) reported that one Marine was injured by the explosion of an undetermined explosive device. Additional information will be provided when available.

f. At 280930H, a Company K patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (AT 986636) when routine examinations revealed they lacked adequate identification. The suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

g. At 281234H, a Company K, Third Battalion, Third Marines patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 023627), reported receiving an estimated thirty rounds small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 022628). The Marines directed an undetermined amount of small arms fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. A search of the area revealed negative results. No casualties were reported.

h. At 281330H, a Company M patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (AT 984664) when routine examinations revealed they lacked adequate identification. The suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

i. At 281355H, a Company K, Third Battalion, Third Marine patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 025620), reported receiving ten rounds small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 025619). The Marines directed approximately twenty rounds small arms fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. A search of the area revealed negative results. No casualties were reported.

j. At 281630H, a Company K, Third Battalion, Third Marines patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 038623), reported receiving an estimated twenty rounds small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 038617). The Marines directed approximately

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sixty rounds small arms fire and four 40mm(M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. Two USMC WIA were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

k. At 281750H, a Company K patrol reported discovering a barricade on the south end of the HA DOMI bridge, coordinates (AT 992641). The report indicated the barricade consisted of barbed wire and was booby-trapped. The report indicated that the barricade was left intact and would not be destroyed until a later date.

(2) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), and the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 063850), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708).

a. Late Report. At 271330H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 066653) reported receiving an estimated nine rounds small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 065652). The fire was not repeated, and the exact enemy position could not be determined. When a search of the area was performed to seek the whereabouts of the Viet Cong, it revealed nine caliber 30 rounds (expended), and three punji stakes, which were destroyed in place. No casualties were reported.

b. Late Report. At 271800H, a Company C patrol reported apprehending one suspicious person at coordinates (BT 058651) when a routine examination revealed he lacked adequate identification. The suspect is being temporarily detained in the Company C C.P., and will be evacuated when transportation becomes available.

c. At 280845H, a Company C patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 053654). The suspect is being temporarily detained in the Company C C.P. and will be evacuated when transportation becomes available.

d. At 281000H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 055653) reported receiving an estimated twenty rounds small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 053650). The Marines directed approximately one hundred rounds small arms fire, one 3.5 inch W.P. round, and three 40mm(M-79) rounds at the enemy and the Viet Cong broke contact. Due to flooded areas between the Marines and enemy positions, a search of the vacated enemy positions was not conducted. No casualties were reported.

e. At 281355H, the Battalion S-2 reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 058706) when a routine examination revealed the suspect had an unusually large quantity of medicine in his possession.

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The medicine was evacuated to the Battalion Aid Station for investigation. The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

f. At 281430H, the Battalion S-2 reported that the HOA HAI Village Chief had identified a Vietnamese male as being a Viet Cong. The Viet Cong Suspect was apprehended and evacuated to ITT for investigation.

g. At 281515H, a Company B patrol reported discovering a tunnel under a building at coordinates (BT 072685). A search of the tunnel revealed approximately two and one half pounds of composition B, which the Marines ultimately used to destroy the tunnel. At 281545H, the Patrol reported discovering what was described as a 105mm shell canister containing a USMC utility cover at coordinates (BT 073689). The canister and contents were evacuated to the Battalion S-2 for investigation.

h. At 281600H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from an agent of the QUANG NAM Special Sector that the Viet Cong had a meeting at DIEN BAN District on 20 November. The report indicated the Viet Cong located in the HA DONG hamlet coordinates (AT 998642) intend to attack the Third Battalion, Ninth Marines at MIEU BONG. The report stated that the Viet Cong conducted another meeting on 20 November at HA DONG hamlet, and, in this meeting, each guerrilla was instructed to assassinate at least five Marines by the end of the year. The report continued that one LE DUY PHOUC commands a number of Viet Cong guerrillas who operate in the area of the roads from MIEU BONG village grid square (BT 0167), to THANH QUIT hamlet, coordinates (BT 030625), and in the area of VINH DIEN hamlet, coordinates (BT 060585). This same report revealed that one Viet Cong regiment consisting of one Main Force North Vietnamese battalion, and one Battalion of Viet Cong guerrillas, commanded by one NGUYEN BA PIAT, is located in the area northwest of HOA VANG District. The North Vietnamese Battalion is said to have come from the PHU SON and HIEU DUC Districts, and is armed with two 81mm mortars, five cal .30 machine guns, and an undetermined amount of sub machine guns, automatic weapons, and rifles. The Battalion S-2 rates the report F-6. S-2 rates this report F-6.

i. At 281720H, a Company C patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 048670). The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

j. At 282005H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a sentry on the western section of the C.P. perimeter, reported observing four figures approximately forty meters to the front of his position. The Marines directed approximately twenty rounds small arms fire at the intruders, who fled. A search of the area revealed negative results. No casualties were reported.

(3) Special Reports.

a. At 281745H, HOA VANG District Headquarters relayed an agent (unidentified) report that there is one Viet Cong Main Force company hiding in

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the vicinity of coordinates (AT 960644) and (AT 957640). The report indicated that the one hundred sixty man company, commanded by one HO XUAN LAM, and armed with one 60mm mortar, one machine gun, one BAR, and individual weapons, has the mission of attacking USMC units at LE SON hamlet, coordinates (AT 972 662), in HOA LOI village, grid square (AT 9763), and the GO PHAT POST in HOA THAI village, grid square (AT 9883). The report stated that the attacks will be made at night, and on or about 28 November. (S-2 rates this report C-3, although the estimated size of the Viet Cong unit, (one company) is probably an exaggeration.)

b. At 281802H, HOA VANG Sub Sector relayed an agent (unidentified) report that one Viet Cong company is positioned from coordinates (AT 956660) to (AT 965670). The report indicated the Viet Cong company will attempt to move cadre into the village of HOA THAI, grid square (AT 9883). The report stated that fifteen villagers of HOA THAI were reported as having departed the area. (HOA VANG District Headquarters S-2 comment: This Viet Cong unit may attempt to mortar USMC units at coordinates (AT 985710)). HOA VANG District Headquarters rates this report B-2. (S-2 rates this report C-4, as the report places this Viet Cong company sized unit in close proximity to another reported Viet Cong unit of similar size. There has been no indications of the presence of a relatively large number of Viet Cong in this area. (See 281745H entry this INTSUM).)

c. At 282200H, G-2 relayed a report from I Corps that the Viet Cong may attack, and use explosives to sabotage the bridges at coordinates (AT 929844), (AT 999706), and (BT 015715). This report is unevaluated by G-2. (S-2 comment: This report is too vague for evaluation. It is accepted that the bridges in this area offer lucrative targets for Viet Cong sabotage attempts).

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

D. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	For 24 Hour	Cumulative
	<u>Reporting period:</u>	<u>Since 10 Jul 65:</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	0	248
KIA (Possible)	0	5
VC Captured	0	147
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	15	765

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

1 - Packet of medicine (BT 058706) (see 280845H entry, this INTSUM)

The following material was destroyed by 1stBn, 9thMar:

3 - Punji stakes (BT 065652) (see 271330H, entry this INTSUM)

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

- 1 - Tunnel (size and extent unknown) (BT 072685) (see 281515H entry, this INTSUM.)

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From: Third Battalion S-2
To: Regimental S-2

Subj: Interrogation report of three Viet Cong Captured on 28 Nov 65

1. Under initial interrogation, Viet Cong Suspect HUYNH TAM, seventeen years of age, captured by Company K on 280730H, at coordinates (AT 984624) as he attempted to elude the sweeping force, admitted to being a Viet Cong guerrilla in the hamlet of THAI CAM (3), coordinates (AT 978629). The suspect stated he had been recently recruited by the Viet Cong, sent to the mountains in the west for a five-day training course, and upon his return to THAI CAM (3) was issued a carbine and two magazines of ammo by his team leader. He described the guerrilla organization in THAI CAM (3) hamlet to be three nine-man teams armed with carbines, M-1's, and K-44's. The suspect broke it down to four carbines, three M-1's, and five K-44's, per team, explaining the excess of weapons to guerrillas being due to recent casualties who have not yet been replaced. The suspect carried a cigarette lighter with the figures "403" inscribed although he denied knowledge of the significance of the inscription. The suspect indicated two other suspects to be Viet Cong, one of which he claimed to be his team leader. Interrogation of these failed to confirm the allegation although they also carried identical lighters. TAM stated his team had yet to be assigned a mission, other than guard duty, but it was noted that his five days of training was oriented to making, and employment of booby-traps, and did not include any weapons training. The suspect also offered the following names of Viet Cong guerrillas in THAI CAM (3) hamlet; TO, THOAI, and JS.

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #144, Period ending 292400H November 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather.

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

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

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

(1) 3rdBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provided one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in the vicinity of MIEU DONG (1), coordinates (BT 017668). Company M, Third Battalion, Third Marines provided security for the FLSG ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 998733).

a. Late Report. At 282405H, a Company K patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 984666) reported an explosion at close range. The report indicated the nature of the explosion could not be determined. Additional information will be provided when available. No casualties were reported.

b. At 290900H, a Company K patrol reported apprehending six Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (BT 008669). The report indicated one suspect,

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during interrogation, revealed the names of ten other Viet Cong in the area. The report continued that, during interrogation, five suspects admitted being members of a Viet Cong farmers' association. The suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

c. At 291115H, Battery E reported apprehending two female Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (AT 983682) when routine examinations revealed they lacked adequate identification. The suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

d. At 291120H, the Battalion S-2 provided information on a Company I patrol conducted between 281430H and 290800H. The report indicated that nine Viet Cong Suspects were apprehended in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 028 654), (BT 041641), and (BT 032655). The suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

e. At 291125H, the Battalion S-2 provided information on a Company M search and destroy operation conducted on 29 November. The report stated that at 290700H, seventeen suspicious persons were apprehended at coordinates (AT 993673). The report continued that after interrogation, fifteen suspects were released and two Viet Cong Suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

f. At 291600H, the Battalion S-2 reported that one VAN MAY of BICH BAC hamlet, coordinates (AT 986630) will receive a monetary award on or about 1 December, for providing Marines with information leading to the capture of three Viet Cong on 28 November. The report indicated that VAN MAY pointed out to the Marines, a trail in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 984624) which the Viet Cong used to escape the hamlet of THAI CAM (3), coordinates (AT 978629). As a result of this information a Marine ambush was established on the trail at coordinates (AT 978629) which resulted in the capture of the three Viet Cong. (see 280730H entry and Enclosure (1), INTSUM #143).

(2) 1st Bn. 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), and the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 063850), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708).

a. Late Report. At 280930H, a Company A patrol reported discovering a man-trap at coordinates (BT 047676). The trap was described as being approximately two feet wide, four feet long, and four feet deep, and was destroyed by demolitions. The patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the immediate area of the man-trap. The Viet Cong Suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

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b. At 290910H, a Company B patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 072702) reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect, reportedly identified by the HOA LONG Village Chief as a Viet Cong. The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

c. At 290920H, a Company C patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 047674). The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

d. At 291030H, Company A reported that medical personnel from the leprosarium, coordinates (BT 099664), brought two wounded Vietnamese civilians to the Company A C.P., coordinates (BT 092667). The civilians stated they were from the hamlet of HA QUANG (4), coordinates (BT 113649), and that they sustained their wounds as a result of USMC H and I artillery fire during the night of 28 November. In addition, they stated four other Vietnamese males were killed at the same time and place as results of the artillery fire. Both were given medical treatment and evacuated to an ARVN hospital. Additional information will be provided when available.

e. At 291040H, a Company C patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (BT 044692) when routine examination revealed the suspects had in their possession what was described as an unusually large quantity of medicine. Disposition of the medical supplies was not reported. The two suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

f. At 291230H, a Company C patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 036670), reported observing two Vietnamese males in a rice paddy at close range. As the Marines approached, one man fled and succeeded in evading the patrol. The second suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed he lacked adequate identification. The suspect is being temporarily detained in the Company C C.P. and will be evacuated when transportation becomes available.

g. At 291600H, the Battalion S-2 reported that the three Viet Cong Suspects captured by Company C on 28 November, and were temporarily detained at the Company C C.P., have been evacuated to ITT for investigation. (See 280845H, 281000H, and 281720H entries INTSUM #143.)

h. At 291600H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from a secret agent of QUANG NAM Special Sector that a Viet Cong battalion located at LA CHAU (1), coordinates (AT 944685), and AN TRACH (1), coordinates (AT 967664), is preparing to attack USMC units located in LE SON (1), coordinates (AT 980 659). The report indicated the Viet Cong have forced the villagers in the area to move at least two kilometers away. The report indicated that the Viet Cong 148th battalion, commanded by one CHUNG, is located in the village of THANH SON, grid square (AT 9662), LOC AN, (AT 9057), and LOC CHANH (AT 9259). The report continued that there are twenty Viet Cong guerrillas in HOA DA village, grid square (BT 0369), equipped with grenades and mines. The Viet Cong have proper identification papers and work as farmers in the fields. The report also stated that a number of Viet Cong cadre, identified as SONG DA

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(significance unknown) are located in HOA PHUNG. The report stated that the Viet Cong group's area of operation is primarily in DA NAMG. The report added that two Viet Cong platoons which supposedly attacked HOA THAI, (S-2 comment: No attack reported.) withdrew to LAI CHAU hamlet (coordinates unknown) and north (?) AN TRACH. The Battalion S-2 rated this report F-6. (S-2 rates this report F-6.)

(3) Special Reports.

a. At 290020H, a Ninth Marines liaison officer attached to the Regional Force Headquarters at MIEU BONG provided information on a patrol of the 594th Regional Force Company, who reportedly engaged a Viet Cong unit on 28 November. The report indicated that at 261915H the patrol reported receiving small arms fire in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 002669) and (BT 016683). At 282030H, the patrol received small arms fire in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 003673). In both incidents the Regional Force troops directed small arms fire at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong broke contact. Friendly casualties were three KIA, one MIA, and one MIA. In addition, four M-1 rifles were reported missing. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

b. At 291450H, a Ninth Marines liaison officer attached to the Regional Force Headquarters at MIEU BONG relayed a report from QUANG NAM Special Sector that two Viet Cong companies displaced from the mountains (location not indicated) to the vicinity of coordinates (BT 060640) and (BT 045700). The report indicated the Viet Cong units consisted of three hundred men with khaki uniforms, and armed with three 60MM mortars and three caliber 30 machine guns. The report stated the Viet Cong have an unknown number of anti-tank and anti-personnel mines stored at coordinates (BT 030631), and plan to install them on roads used by USMC units. (S-2 comment: There have been previous reports of Viet Cong units of company size displacing, or planning to displace, to the areas undergoing pacification to disrupt the SVN program. The movement into the areas indicated is not impossible, but it would require passing through heavily patrolled areas. That some infiltration has taken place might be deduced from recent Regional Force and Viet Cong engagements in the area. That two companies have succeeded in moving into this area is improbable but not impossible. S-2 rates this report F-3).

c. At 291715H, a Ninth Marines liaison officer attached to the Regional Force Headquarters at MIEU BONG reported that the 591st Regional Force Company captured one Viet Cong platoon commander at coordinates (BT 028669). Name or disposition of the captive or circumstances of capture were not reported. Additional information will be provided when available.

d. At 291940H, G-2 relayed a report from HOA AN that two Viet Cong battalions were located at coordinates (AT 941588). As a result, the Twelfth Marines directed an undetermined amount of 155MM rounds at coordinates (AT 941588), with unknown results. Additional information will be provided when available. G-2 rated this report F-6. (S-2 rates this report F-6.)

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C. Reports of information of VC received directly from civilians. At 281600H, the Battalion S-2 received a report from one TRAN NUOI of the THAI CAM (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 978625), that, on 23 November, thirty Viet Cong who called themselves the "shock platoon", came to THAI CAM (3) hamlet to rest for the night. The report indicated that, at 240500H, the Viet Cong dressed in green uniforms, soft hats, and sandals, and armed with one sub-machine gun, one machine gun, (type not indicated) and an undetermined number of carbines, departed to the west. The report stated that the hamlet of THAI CAM (3) does not have a GVN governmental structure and is intimidated by the Viet Cong continually. The report continued that the populace may pay some thirty percent of their rice crop next season to the Viet Cong, and be made to feed and house any traveling Viet Cong who pass through the hamlet. (Battalion S-2 comment: TRAN NUOI has valid discharge papers from the ARVN Rangers issued for wounds received in combat with the Viet Cong).

<u>D. Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour Reporting period:</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	0	248
KIA (Possible)	0	5
VC Captured	0	*148
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	27	792

*Increase of one Viet Cong based on ITT Prisoner Interrogation Report as follows:

ITT report dates 29 Nov 65

Name: HUYNH TAM
Age: 17
Status: VC Guerrilla, THAI CAM. Sent to I Corps.
Captured by K-3-9 280730H Nov 65

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

1 - Man-trap (2X4X4 feet) (BT 047676) (see 280930H entry this INTSUM)

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

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3rdMar	(1)	S-3	(3)	B Co, TnkBn	(1)
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #145, Period ending 302400H November 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather.

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

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

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

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

a. Late Report. At 292210H, a Company B ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 070703) reported observing two Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed approximately fifteen rounds small arms fire and two 40MM (M-79) rounds at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong fled. A search of the area revealed negative results. No USMC casualties were reported.

b. At 300815H, a Company C patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 057666). The suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

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c. At 301010H, a Company C patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 049661) when a routine examination revealed he lacked adequate identification. The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

d. At 301200H, the Battalion S-2 reported that one Viet Cong Suspect captured by Company C on 29 November, and temporarily detained at the Company C C.P., has been evacuated to ITT for investigation. (See 291230H entry INTSUM #144).

e. At 301400H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 060649) reported receiving ten rounds small arms fire from three Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 061648). The Marines directed nine 81MM mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. A search of the area revealed one punji stake, booby-trapped with a grenade, (type of grenade not reported) which was destroyed in place. No casualties were reported.

f. At 301515H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 060649) reported receiving an estimated one hundred rounds small arms fire from an estimated ten Viet Cong positioned approximately four hundred meters to the southwest, coordinates (BT 058647). The Marines directed approximately five hundred rounds M-60 machine gun fire, four hundred fifty rounds small arms fire, twelve 40MM(M-79) rounds, and one 3.5 inch W.P. rocket round at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. No USMC casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

g. At 301600H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a message from the HOA HAI Village Chief that Viet Cong cadre consisting of five men and two women are operating in the hamlet of ~~MI~~ THI, coordinates (BT 052745). The report continued that there are an undetermined amount of anti-personnel mines hidden at coordinates (BT 055729). This report is unevaluated by the Battalion S-2. (S-2 rates this report C-6).

(2) 3rdBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provided one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in the vicinity of MIEU DONG (1), coordinates (BT 017668). Company M, Third Battalion, Third Marines provided security for the FLSC ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 998733).

a. Late Report. At 292130H, a Company K patrol reported detonating four explosive devices in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 983632). At 292145H, an additional Company K platoon reinforced by a section of tanks, was dispatched to reinforce the platoon. During the evacuation of casualties, the Marines reported receiving an undetermined amount of small arms fire from the vicinity of THAI CAM (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 978626). The first

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explosive device detonated was believed to have been a "Bouncing Betty" mine, which detonated at shoulder or head level. The other three devices were not identified, but were believed to have been electrically detonated. Four USMC KIA and four USMC WIA were reported. At first light on 30 November, a patrol reinforced by a squad of engineers returned to the area. A search revealed three craters approximately two feet deep and three feet in diameter. The report indicated that two of the craters were located six feet apart with the third being approximately thirty feet away. The report stated a trail marker, consisting of a piece of brown paper (10 1/2" x 6") attached to a piece of bamboo and laid across the trail, was discovered in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 986636). Additional information will be provided when available.

b. At 300745H, a Company I patrol reported discovering approximately twenty five yards of tunnel at coordinates (BT 010645). The report did not provide additional information regarding the size or development of the tunnel but did note that the tunnel was destroyed by demolitions.

c. At 300828H, a Company L patrol reported discovering one booby trap at coordinates (AT 969649) which was destroyed in place. Description of the booby trap was not reported. Additional information will be provided when available. No USMC casualties were reported.

d. At 300845H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 969649) reported receiving an estimated forty rounds small arms fire from an estimated fifteen Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 968648). The Marines directed approximately one hundred rounds small arms fire, four 40MM(M-79) rounds, and four 60MM mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. One USMC WIA was reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

e. At 301000H, a Company K patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (AT 980639). The suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

f. At 301115H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 970639) reported receiving an undetermined amount of small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 970637). The Marines directed an undetermined amount of small arms fire and 81MM mortar rounds at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong broke contact. One USMC WIA and three civilian WIA were reported. All casualties were given medical treatment and evacuated to a medical facility.

g. At 301345H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 978635) reported receiving approximately ten rounds automatic small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 970640). The Marines directed approximately thirty rounds small arms fire, four 60MM mortar rounds, and thirty seven 155MM artillery rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. One USMC WIA was reported.

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h. At 301410H, an H and S Company, Third Battalion, Third Marines security element positioned at coordinates (AT 971669), reported receiving three rounds small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 968697). The enemy fire was not repeated and the exact enemy position could not be determined. No casualties were reported.

i. At 301600H, the Marine security platoon located at the MIU DONG checkpoint, coordinates (BT 017668), reported apprehending four suspicious persons when routine examinations revealed the suspects had in their possession a large quantity of penicillin. The suspects and medicine were evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

j. At 301600H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a Company L patrol destroyed five tunnels in grid square (AT 9664) between 300840H and 301015H. Additional information will be provided when available.

(3) Special Reports.

a. Late Report. At 292143H, a Ninth Marines Liaison Officer attached to the Regional Force Headquarters at MIU BONG relayed a report from an agent of HOA VANG Sub-Sector that one Viet Cong Main Force company moved from the village of HOA LOI, grid square (AT 9866) to the vicinity of coordinates (AT 815775) to join local Viet Cong units and prepare operations in the villages of HOA VINH, grid square (AT 9179), and HOA LAC, grid square (AT 8883). The reported indicated the Viet Cong company commander is one LO XUAN LAM, who has moved to the village of THANH TRUONG, grid square (BT 0461) for operations. S-2 rates this report F-6.

b. At 300850H, an Aerial Observer reported observing three Viet Cong run under an embankment at coordinates (AT 946618). A patrol from the First Battalion, First Marines, operating in the same vicinity, searched the area with negative results.

c. At 301745H, an Aerial Observer reported observing a trench and several bunkers at coordinates (BT 125625).

d. At 302050H, G-2 relayed a report from the DANANG Military Secret Service that one Viet Cong platoon, with the name of "HACON", and commanded by one TRAN DINH QUY is operating in HOA THINH village, grid square (AT 9470). The report indicated the mission of the Viet Cong unit is to snipe at, and gather information on Marine units in that area. The report stated that during the day the Viet Cong are disguised as civilians and workers, operating in the CAM TRAU area in the PHU THUAN mountains (location unknown). By disguising themselves, the Viet Cong are able to have five man groups pass Marine patrols without difficulty. S-2 rates this report F-3.

(4) Late Reports.

a. At 302040H, the First Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA HAI Village Chief that the Viet Cong have two mines (type not reported) at KHAI TAY (1), coordinates (BT 054684). The report indicated that everyday at 0700H, seven Viet Cong transport seven hundred kilo of rice along the Marines MSR to

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NON NUOC (Marble Mountain hamlet), from NE THAI hamlet which is located near the First Battalion C.P. The Battalion S-2 rates this report C-4. (S-2 rates this report C-4.)

C. Reports of information of VC received directly from civilians. At 301600H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a Vietnamese boy informed a Company C patrol that there are twenty Viet Cong with an undetermined number of mortars (type not given) located in the hamlet of MAN QUAN (1) coordinates (BT 034688). This report is unevaluated by the Battalion S-2. S-2 rates this report F-6.

D. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
	<u>Reporting period:</u>	<u>Since 10 Jul 65:</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	0	248
KIA (Possible)	0	5
VC Captured	0	148
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	5	797

E. Disposition of captured personnel for the month of November 1965.

(1) Total captives taken:	313
(2) Captives clear as civilians:	15
(3) VCS delivered to HOA VANG Dist Hq:	96
(4) VCS delivered to ITT:	201
(5) VCC delivered to ITT:	1

F. Destroyed and captured enemy material: The following material was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar:

1 - Container, medical supplies (BT 044692) (see 291040H entry INTSUM #144)

The following equipment was destroyed by 1stBn, 9thMar:

1 - Punji stake trap (booby-trapped with a grenade) (BT 061648) (see 301600H entry this INTSUM)

G. The following equipment was destroyed by 3rdBn, 9thMar:

1 - Booby trap (type and description unknown) (AT 969649) (see 300828H entry this INTSUM)

G. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. The following fortification were destroyed by 3rdBn, 9thMar:

25 - yards of tunnel network (BT 010645) (see 300745H entry this INTSUM)

5 - Tunnels (extent and size unknown) (AT 9664) (see 301600H entry this INTSUM)

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