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From: CG Ninth Marines
To: CG Third MarDiv

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SITREP No. 23

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

2. Period Covered. 310001H to 312400H July 1965

3. General Summary. There was very little enemy activity within the Ninth Marines area of responsibility during this reporting period. No incidents were reported around the Nanang Air Base perimeter where the 1st Battalion keeps up its aggressive day and night patrols. The 2d Battalion reported one isolated enemy incident. Company "A" received sniper fire from the village of Can Ne (1) CS AS 9869 at 302207H. There were no friendly casualties. Battery E fired three rounds of illumination and Naval Gunfire fired four rounds of illumination. The sniper was not seen, but one round of 3.5" HE rocket was fired at the suspected position. The sniper fire ceased. The Ninth Marines swung into Phase 2 of Operation 321A-65 at the crack of dawn this morning as Company "F", 2d Battalion in a combined operation with the 591 Regional Force Company cleared the area of HCA DA village north of the Song Vien Dien. No Viet Cong were encountered during the operation and all objectives were occupied by 311400H. There were three heat casualties caused by the blistering heat; but only two required evacuation and these were returned to duty after being treated. The Ninth Marines now control approximately nine square kilometers south of the Song Cau Do including thirteen hamlets in two villages

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and four kilometers of highway.

4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) Ninth Marines. Began Phase I of Operation 321A-65. Frag Order 6-65 was issued.

(2) 1st Battalion. None.

(3) 2d Battalion. Began Phase II, Sector B, Operation 321A-65. 2d Battalion FRAG ORDER 12-65 was issued.

(a) Company "F". Company "F" departed the Battalion CP at 300530H and moved by truck down highway 1A to the assembly areas at GC BT 016698 and BT 017684 arriving there at dawn. The 1st platoon met one platoon of the 591 RF Company at BT 016698 and Company "F" (-) met the 591 RF Company (-) and US Army advisors from the Danang Special Sector at BT 017684. The 1st platoon moved northeast to Objective 3 at GC BT 044724 searching the hamlets of Lo Giang, Ba Ap and Con Qui Hai as they move. They were in position on the objective at 311300H. The rest of the company moved east and then northeast to Objective 1 at GC BT 028693 and then to Objective 2 at GC BT 037704. Objective 1 was reached at 310845H and Objective 2 at 311215H. The hamlets of Liem Lao (1), Co Man, Liem Lao (2) and Tung Lam (1) were searched during the sweep. The 1st platoon now occupies Objective 3, the company Headquarters and 60mm Mortars and the 2d platoon are at Objective 2 and the 3d platoon occupies Objective 1. There were no Viet Cong encountered during the sweep. The villagers were friendly and receptive. The area has not been fortified. Some villagers are beginning to build self-defence

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tunnels for protection from artillery. The only indication of Viet Cong activity in the area was a VC flag found near the south west edge of the village of Hon Lao (1) vicinity CS 32 021686. The flag was not booby trapped in anyway.

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion

(a) Redwood Delta Four. South of the airfield.

Departed 302000H, returned 302100H July 1965. No enemy contact.

(b) Redwood Bravo One. North of the airfield.

Departed 301841H, returned 302145H July 1965. No enemy contact.

(c) Redwood Delta Three. South of the airfield.

Departed 302050H, returned 302250H July 1965. No enemy contact.

(d) Redwood Bravo Two. North of the airfield.

Departed 302145H, returned 310030H July 1965. No enemy contact.

(e) Redwood Delta Two. South of the airfield.

Departed 310055H, returned 310900H July 1965. No enemy contact.

(f) Redwood Bravo Three. North of the airfield.

Departed 310055H, returned 310300H July 1965. No enemy contact.

(g) Redwood Bravo Four. North of the airfield.

Departed 310925H, returned 310945H July 1965. No enemy contact.

(h) Redwood Delta One. South of the airfield.

Departed 310515H, returned 310915H July 1965. No enemy contact.

(i) Redwood Bravo One. South of the airfield.

Departed 311300H, returned 311600H July 1965. No enemy contact.

(j) Redwood Charlie One. North of the airfield.

Departed 310800H, returned 311130H July 1965. No enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. None.

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c. Ambushes. None.

5. Changes to Location of Headquarters

Company "B", 2d Battalion - GC BT 036704

6. Changes in Location and Establishment of New CPs. None.

7. Training

a. 1st Battalion. Gave elements of the PAPS Battalion instructions on the 81mm Mortar. The following subjects were covered; (1) Nomenclature and functioning of the mortar and (2) organization and operation of the FDC.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. Company "B" will move 1 August 1965 to vicinity GC BT 007723 beginning Phase 2, Sector A Operation 321A-65.

b. 2d Battalion. Company "G" will relieve Company "H" in place tomorrow.

9. Miscellaneous. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. MedCap Stations

2dBn BAS - 18 Patients

b. Ninth Marines received MedCap supplies today.

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Colonel
Commanding

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From: Commanding Officer, Ninth Marines
To: Commanding General, Third Marine

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SITREP No. 24

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

2. Period Covered. 010001H August to 012400H August 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The 1st Battalion continued aggressive patrols around the perimeter of the Duong Airfield. Company "D", 2/9 Battalion took over the northern sector of the base in relief of Company "A", 1st Battalion, which moved to new positions south of the airfield this morning. There was no enemy contact around the Airbase. Company "D" conducted patrols throughout the Hoi An village area today without enemy contact. Last night at 312315H a layout patrol from Company "I" killed six Viet Cong at a range of fifty meters. They believe they wounded five of them, but no bodies were recovered. A patrol checked the area at first light but found nothing. This morning at 010010H two men were spotted trying to remove a heavy object from a paddie near Duong Son (2). Six men were sent to check this activity. When they were at CC AT 995684 they were taken under automatic rifle fire from Duong Son (2) and sustained three casualties, one KIA and two wounded one of which was serious. As a result of this action the 2d Battalion used fire support this morning and this afternoon against Duong Son (2), Cam Ne (1), and Cam Ne (2). Air strikes were called using A4D's and F4H's. Six Hortars and artillery fired missions. Company "C" (-) relieved Company "I" in place.

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4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) 1st Battalion. Company "B" departed the [illegible] base this morning at 010800H and moved by truck on the MSR to new positions at GC BT 009723. The move was completed by [illegible] July 1965.

(2) 2d Battalion

(a) Company "G" (-) relieved Company "H" this afternoon and now occupies the positions around Duong Son (1). Company "H" moved to GC AT 988720.

(b) 81mm Mortars

TIME	COORD	ROUNDS	TARGET
312335H	AT 996681	3 rds illum	
011000H	AT 996681	8 rds WP	Marked Target
011100H	AT 995679	6 rds DEM 43 20 rds DEM 362	Sniper Positions
011245H	AT 985983	3 rds WP	Marked Target for tanks

(3) Fire Support

(a) Air Support

(1) At 011000H four A4's made six runs GC AT994678 in support of 2d Battalion. Used 20mm Cannons.

(2) At 011015H three A4's made four runs GC AT 994678 in support of 2d Battalion. Used 40mm Cannons.

(3) At 011020H two A4's dropped two 500lb. bombs at GC AT 994678.

(4) At 011046H two F4's dropped two 500lb. bombs at GC AT 991684.

(5) At 011054H two F4's dropped two 500lb bombs

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(6) At 011059H two F4's dropped two 500lb. bombs at GC AT 987690.

(7) At 011110H two F4's delivered 50 Zuni rockets at GC AT 990683 and AT 987690.

(8) At 010815H HU34's evacuated three casualties from Company "B" GC AT 995684.

(b) Artillery Support

(1) Battery E fired three missions.

(a) 011200H GC AT 986678 9 rds WP 12 rds HE

(b) 011230H GC AT 989692 9 rds WP 14 rds HE

(c) 011255H GC AT 991685 19 rds HE

(2) Company "B", 3d Tank Battalion. 011310H to 011340H fired against suspected Viet Cong defensive trenches and buildings in Cam No (1) GC AT 987683 and GC AT 987687. One building destroyed and one damaged.

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion

(a) Redwood Bravo One. North of the airfield. Departed 311830H, returned 312022H July 1965. No enemy contact.

(b) Redwood Bravo Two. North of the airfield. Departed 312055H, returned 312230H July 1965. No enemy contact.

(c) Redwood Delta Two Alpha. South of the airfield. Departed 312055H, returned 010117H Aug 1965. No enemy contact.

(d) Redwood Delta One Alpha. South of the airfield. Departed 312215H, returned 010305H Aug 1965. No enemy contact.

(e) Redwood Bravo three. North of the airfield. Departed 010112H, returned 010300H August 1965. No enemy contact.

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(2) Redwood Down Four. North of the airfield. Departed 010355H, returned 010625H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(3) Redwood Delta One. South of the airfield. Departed 010630H, returned 011130H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(4) Redwood Delta Two. South of the airfield. Departed 011400H, returned 011630H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(5) Redwood Alpha One. North of the airfield. Departed 011500H, returned 011900H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(2) 2d Patrolling

(a) Foxtrot One patrolled GS BT 6208 during hours of darkness. No enemy contact.

(b) Foxtrot Two patrolled GS BT 0472. No enemy contact.

(c) Company "I" had a four man layout at GC AT 992401 from 312015H to 312330H.

(d) Company "K" had a six man layout patrol at BT 007475 from 312000H to 010100H.

(e) Foxtrot One patrolled GC BT 025691 to BT 009689 to BT 021698 during daylight today. No enemy contact.

(f) Foxtrot Two patrolled from GC BT 044725 to BT 035721 to BT 029711 to BT 025729 to BT 025726 during daylight today. No enemy contact was made.

(g) Foxtrot Three patrolled from GC BT 035704 to BT 030693 to BT 025701 to BT 034723 to BT 039711 during the daylight today. No enemy contact was made.

c. Ambushes. 3d Platoon, Company "B" established an ambush at GS BT 034699 from 312116H to 010530H. There was no enemy contact.

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5. Changes in Location of Headquarters

a. 1st Battalion

Company "B" - GC BT 009725

b. 2d Battalion

(1) Company "C" - GC BT 004690

(2) Company "E" - GC AT 986720

6. Changes in Location or Establishment of New CPs. None.

7. Training. None.

8. Plans. No new plans.

9. Miscellaneous. None.

10. Civil Affairs

(a) MedCap Stations

(1) 2dBn RAD - 25 Patients

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Colonel
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SPOT REPORT to SITREP No. 24

012000H August 1965

Plans:

The Commanding General 3d MarDiv directed the Commanding Officer Ninth Marines to support an operation of the 3d Marines by conducting a sweep of the Cam Ne village on 3 Aug 1965.

Concept of Coeration. One Company from the 1st Battalion boards LVTP-5's at the Ninth Marine CP and moves west on the MSR to the intersection of the SONG CAU DO and the SONG YEN. They will then move south in the SONG YEN to CO AT964688. From this point they will sweep to the east, searching an d clearing Cam Ne.

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SPOT REPORT to SITREP No. 24

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From: Commanding Officer, Ninth Marines
To: Commanding General, Third Mardiv

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SITREP No. 25

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

2. Period Covered. 020001H to 022400H August 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The 1st Battalion continued aggressive patrols around the perimeter of the Danang Airbase. A camouflage punjee pit was discovered on a trail at CC AT 996774. South of the Song Cau De the 2d Battalion has two companies operating. Company "F" is operating in the HOA DA village and Company "G" is operating in the HOA CHAU village. At 021455H Company "F" received four rounds of small arms fire at CC BT 036695. At 021525H Company "G" received two rounds small arms fire at CC AT 992694. There were no Marine casualties today. There were four confirmed VC KIAs at CC AT 970620 from artillery prep-fires in support of 3d Marines.

4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) Ninth Marines. Continued Operation 52A-65.

(2) 1st Battalion. Companies "B" and "D" occupy the village of HOA CHAU, south of the Danang Air Base and north of the Song Cau De.

(3) 2d Battalion. Company "G" occupies the village of HOA CHAU. Company "F" occupies the village of HOA DA.

(4) Fire Support

(a) Echo Battery. 020625H to 020645H fired prep-fires

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in XT 00 A2 970620, A2 975621 and A2 979622. 178 rounds of MG were expended. There were four VC KIAs confirmed by body count.

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion

(a) Redwood Alpha Two. North of the airfield. Departed 012000H, returned 012210H Aug 1965. No enemy contact.

(b) Redwood Delta Three. South of the airfield. Departed 011945H, returned 012205H Aug 1965. Captured one VC.

(c) Redwood Alpha Three. North of the airfield. Departed 012150H, returned 020045H Aug 1965. No enemy contact.

(d) Redwood Delta Four. South of the airfield. Departed 012220H, returned 020016H Aug 1965. No enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. None.

c. Ambushes. None.

5. Changes in Location of Headquarters. None.

6. Changes to or Establishment of New CPs. None.

7. Training. Company "A", 1st Battalion map reading, lecture, two hours.

8. Plans. No new plans not previously reported.

9. Miscellaneous. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. MedCap

(1) 2d Bn BAS - 32 Patients

(2) St Vincent Orphanage - 30 Patients

b. The Ninth Marine's S-1 and Major Keever accompanied a lady reporter to HOA CHAU village. She is working on a story of Civil Affairs.

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Colonel

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From: Commanding Officer, Ninth Marines
To: Commanding General, Third MarDiv

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SITREP No. 26

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

2. Period Covered. 030001H to 032400H August 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The 1st Battalion has conducted eight patrols during this reporting period around the perimeter of the Danang Airfield without enemy contact. At 030350H Cpl MALONEY of Company "A", FAMD Battalion was shot twice in the chest while standing guard at Post Ten. He saw the muzzle flashes from his assailant's weapon and managed to get off two rounds of return fire before he fell. The 1st Platoon from Company "A" accompanied by the District Chief, DAI UY HOA, began a search of the area outside the Airbase perimeter by Post Ten at first light. They joined the Redwood Alpha Two patrol which was already in the area and searched approximately twenty houses in the vicinity of GC AT 997735 including the house where it was suspected the fire came from. No weapons or ammunition was found during the search. The patrol and the 1st Platoon returned to the airfield at 030830H. In accordance with Ninth Marines FRAG ORDER 7-65, Company "D", 1st Battalion, with direct support from Company "B", 1st AmTrac Bn, conducted a search and destroy operation in Cam Ne (1) and (2). At last report there were four Marines wounded three of whom required evacuation. Enemy casualties were 15 KIA's, 20 WIA's and 5 POW's. Company "D" began withdrawing from Cam Ne (2) at 031534H and returned to CC BT 022732.

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The 2d Battalion had minimum number of contacts with enemy in the HOA CHAU and HOA DA villages. At 030700H, Company "G" reported that two HU-34 helicopters passing over their positions received five small arms rounds from GC AT 985682. At 030840H, Company "G" received one round of small arms fire from vicinity GC AT 988690. The 2d Battalion continues preparation for the search and clear operation on 4 August 1965.

4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) 1st Battalion, supported by 2d Platoon, 1st AmTrac Bn and a Regional Force Platoon from Danang Special Sector conducted a search and destroy operation in Cam Ne (1) and Cam Ne (2) as part of Phase Three, Sector B, of Operation 521A-65. Company "D" and the Regional Force Platoon mounted Nine Amtracs at the assembly area GC AT 998707 and began moving up the Song Cau Do at 030800H. Three Amtracs became stuck at GC AT 978769. Two eventually worked free and one back up Amtrac was brought forward from the assembly area. All the Amtracs landed at GC AT 970697 and moved south to the LCD. The nine Amtracs and infantry deployed on line at 031100H from GC AT 972691 to GC AT 971684. The 2d Platoon on the left began moving east through Cam Ne (1) behind 3 LVT's. The 1st Platoon in the center moved east through Cam Ne (2) behind two LVT's followed by the Company CP. On the right the 3d Platoon moved forward behind four LVT's. The company began receiving fire at the LCD. At 031110H a Marine was wounded and an LVT crushed the house from which the fire was coming and killed the VC in the house by running over

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him. The LVT then evacuated the Marine to the LZ. Proceeding on line, the Amtrac advanced in front of the infantry breaking down hedge rows, fences and houses. They cleared booby trapped areas and mined area by running through them. The LVT's evacuated two more casualties and one wounded POW to the LZ. At 031534H it was decided to withdraw Company "D" from the area. They had moved approximately 600 meters from the LOD. The infantry boarded the Amtrac for the return trip to the assembly area and arrived there before 031800H. Four Marines were wounded during the operation. The enemy suffered 15 KIA's, 20 WIA's and 5 POW's. Other Matters

(2) 2d Battalion. None.

(3) Fire Support

(a) Artillery. Throughout the night Battery E fired H and I fires for 3d Marines at GO AT 955655, AT 952666, AT 953668, AT 907655. 23 rounds of HE were expended.

030325H - Battery D fired 7 rounds of illumination at coordinates 068711 in support of Delta Recon.

030915H - Battery E fired 25 rounds of Smoke at coordinates 989692 in support of 1/9's operation. Good effect on target.

031012H - Battery E fired 27 rounds of WP at VC assembly area coordinates 982664. People were observed running from area.

031345H - Battery E fired 34 rounds of Smoke at coordinates 980687 in support of D 1/9. No report of effect.

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031600H - Battery E fired 35 rounds of Smoke at coordinates 981668 in support of D 1/9.

031640H - Battery E fired 18 rounds of HE at coordinates 994694. Nature of target two machine guns. Good coverage on target.

(b) Air. One Med Evac was flown in support of D-1/9.

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. Eight squad size patrols were conducted today around the Danang Airbase perimeter without enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. None.

c. Ambushes. The 2d Battalion established three ambushes from 022100H until first light this morning at GC BT 032698, BT 037709 and BT 037718. No contact was made.

5. Changes in Location of Headquarters. None.

6. Changes in Location or Establishment of New CPs. None.

7. None.

8. No plans not previously reported.

9. Miscellaneous. None.

10. Civil Affairs

(a) MedCap

(1) 2dBn BAS - 12 Patients

(2) CAMRAN and Duong Son (1) - 40 Patients

(3) St Vincent Orphanage - 135 Patients

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b. The 2d Battalion has started a project of beautifying the school house at Duong Son (1). Plans call for the re-plastering of the walls and painting. The project is 50% complete.

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From: Commanding Officer, Ninth Marines
To: Commanding General, Third MarDiv

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SITREP No. 27

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

2. Period Covered. 040001H to 042400H July 1965

3. General Summary of Events. There was no contact with the enemy around the perimeter of the Douong Airbase during this period. The 1st Battalion conducted five patrols around the airbase without contact. It was quiet throughout the night ~~in the night~~ in the Ninth Marine area of responsibility. At 041007H Company F spotted eight men at GC BT 037704. One of the men was armed with a rifle, and when an OIC flew over, they took evasive action. Company F then fired a machine gun at the men who dispersed. It is not known if any of the men were wounded by the fire. Companies E and H made a sweep today of the area south and west of Marbel Mountain. They were supported by Company B(-), 1stAmtrac Battalion, Company C(-), 3d Tank Battalion, and the 592 Regional Force Company. Company D, 3d Recon Battalion also participated in the operation. The operation jumped off at 040619H this morning. When Company E was at objective B GC BT 075660, they begain receiving small arms fire. The Marines moved throughout the day against light resistance. They found two VC flags, a booby trapped grenade, numerous pungee traps, fighting holes, and spider traps. Four

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Marines were wounded, but only three were serious enough to be enough to be evacuated. One LVT was damaged by an electrically detonated mine. Five VCS were captured during the day. Company E and H with supporting units are presently consolidating defensive positions on objectives D and C respectively.

4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) 1st Battalion. None.

(2) 2d Battalion. Companies E and H began moving south from the LOD in Amtracs at 040619H. The Amtracs had difficulty traversing the terrain. At 040705H Company H debarked the Amtracs and continued to objective A on foot. Objectives A was consolidated at 040755H and there was no enemy contact. They found pungee traps, six fighting holes and communicating trenches at GC BT 091669. They found a booby trapped hand grenade at GC BT 095671 which they detonated. At 041012H Company E secured objective B. They were receiving small arms fire from the southwest and returned the fire. Both companies began to move northwest sweeping to objectives C and D. They found numerous pungee traps and fighting holes. Five VCS were captured and evacuated. Company E now occupies objective D and is Setting in defensive positions. Company H is setting in the defense on Objective C.

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion

(a) Redwood Bravo Four. South of the airfield. Departed 040100H, returned 040500H Aug 1965. No enemy contact.

(b) Redwood Alpha One Echo (Movile). North and south of the airfield. Departed 032000H, returned 040500H Aug

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1965. No enemy contact.

(c) Redwood Alpha Two Golf (Movile). North of the airfield. Departed 040100H, returned 040500H Aug 1965. No enemy contact.

(d) Redwood Alpha One. North of the airfield. Departed 040700H, returned 041100H. No enemy contact.

(e) Redwood Charlie One. North of the airfield. Departed 041300H, to return 041700H. No enemy contact at time of this report.

(2) 2d Battalion. None.

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. None.

(2) 2d Battalion. Company F established three squad size ambushes from 032100H until dawn 4 August 1965 at GC BT 032683, BT 040716, and BT 037705. There was no enemy contact.

5. Changes in Location of Headquarters

a. 1st Battalion. None.

b. 2d Battalion

Company E not established

Company H not established

6. Changes in Location or Establishment of New OPs. 1st Battalion now mans the OP at the railroad bridge GC BT 998707.

7. Training. None.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. 1st Battalion will make an attack on Cam Ne (2) and Duong Son (2) Friday or Saturday. The concept of operation has not been formulated.

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b. 2d Battalion. Tomorrow Companies E and H will begin

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9. Miscellaneous. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. MedCap Stations

(1) 2dBn BAS

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SITREP No. 28

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

2. Period Covered. 050001H to 052400H August 1965

3. General Summary of Events. Nine patrols were conducted around the perimeter of the Danang Airfield by the 1st Battalion without enemy contact. This morning at 050223H three grenades were thrown into Company "F"'s perimeter. There were no casualties. The 2d Battalion began Phase II of their two day combined sweep operation to the south and west of Marble Mountain. There has only been moderate enemy contact. Three VC were killed and three POW's were taken. Two rifles were captured. There were no Marine battle casualties. As a result of an ARVN soldier accidentally discharging an automatic weapon inside an AmTrac, four Marines and one ARVN soldier were wounded at 051630H at CC (DE 055705). The security for the FLSG POL supply point at Red Beach One is being increased to two squads tonight and the security for the ammo dump at CC (AT 957734) is being increased to two platoons.

4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) 1st Battalion. None.

(2) 2d Battalion. Companies "E" and "F" jumped off on sweep operations this morning at 050730H. Company "E" moved northwest from CC (DE 070696) toward the hamlets of Dinh Ky (1) and Dinh Ky (2) at DE 0560. They spent the morning sweeping those

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two villages. They found punjee traps, cactus barriers and tunnels. The villagers indicated that a VC company occupied the village during the last week. Company "E" received small arms fire from the hamlet of Khue Dong (1) GC (BT 057706) across a river from their position. LVT's were called forward to carry the company across the river. They continued sweeping northwest during the afternoon. At 051630H four Marines and one ARVN were wounded by an accidental discharge in an AmTrac. Company "E" swept west during the day through the hamlets Khai Tay (1) and Han Quan (2), GS BT 0468 and Han Quan (1), GS BT 0368 to the Song Vinh Dien. Company "D", 3d Recon Battalion which was covering this operation in positions to the south of Company "E" had the greatest enemy contact during the day. They received fire from a bunker at GC (BT 049681). They returned fire with a 50 caliber machine gun and M79 grenade launcher. The bunker was partially destroyed and one VC was captured. The 2d Platoon of Company "D", 3d Recon Battalion killed three VC at the edge of village at GC (BT 036656) with .50 caliber machine gun fire, 7.62mm rifle fire and one 90mm tank HE round. They did not attempt to recover the bodies because they were low on ammunition and didn't want to approach the village. Two VC were apprehended in the Marble Mountain vicinity. They were carrying rifles and attempting to lay mines.

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion

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(a) Redwood Alpha Three. North of the airfield. Departed 042235H, returned 050145H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(b) Redwood Delta Two. South of the airfield. Departed 042307H, returned 050450H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(c) Redwood Delta Two. South of the airfield. Departed 050110H, returned 050505H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(d) Redwood Bravo Two. South of the airfield. Departed 042130H, returned 042330H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(e) Redwood Bravo Three. South of the airfield. Departed 042030H, returned 050600H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(f) Redwood Bravo One. South of the airfield. Departed 040900H, returned 041130H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(g) Redwood Alpha One. North of the airfield. Departed 050822H, returned 051030H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(h) Redwood Bravo One. South of the airfield. Departed 050930H, returned 051130H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(i) Redwood Bravo One. South of the airfield. Departed 051230H, returned 051600H August 1965. No enemy contact.

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(2) 2d Battalion. None.

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. None.

(2) 2d Battalion. Company "H" established two squad size ambushes from 042300H until 050200H at CC (ZT 089694) and ZT 085705. There was no enemy contact.

5. Changes in Location of Headquarters

(1) 1st Battalion. No change.

(2) 2d Battalion

Company "E" - Not established

Company "F" (-) - CC ZT 007723

Company "G" - Not established

Company "H" - Not established

6. Changes in Location or Establishment of New CPs. None.

7. Training:

a. 1st Battalion

SUBJECT	TIME	TYPE INSTRUCTION	UNIT
M-60 Machinegun	1 Hour	Lecture	Company "A"
Gun Drill	1 Hour	Application	Company "A"
Patrolling	1 Hour	Lecture	Company "B"
Vietnamese Language	1 Hour	Lecture	Company "B"
Arming Instruction	1 Hour	Lecture	Company "C"
Gun Drill	1 Hour	Application	Company "C"
Care and Cleaning	1 Hour	Application	Company "C"

b. 2d Battalion. None.

8. None

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a. 1st Battalion. Four patrols will be conducted during the next twenty four hour period. Two squads will be used for security at Red Beach One tonight and two platoons will be used at the same duty. During the next forty-eight hours it is planned to move one company south of the Song Cau Do.

b. 2d Battalion. See enclosure (1) which shows planned dispositions of forces south of the Song Cau Do tonight. Company "G" relieved Company "H" this afternoon and is presently re-aligning its positions.

9. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. MedCap

24Jun BAS - 32 Patients

Duong Son (1) - Number not available

b. Renovation of the school house at Duong Son (1) is expected to be finished on 6 August 1965.

11. The following intelligence reports from agents were given to Maj Jor J.A.BUCK by the village police chief. The artillery barrages fired at the pagoda in the hamlet Giang Dong at CO BT003672 on 28 July killed six VC and wounded five more including the VC chief of Duong Son (1), ESO NVA, who was wounded seriously in the stomach. The Artillery fires brought on the pagoda at CC AT982663 on 3 August wounded 12 VC.

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SITREP No. 29

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

2. Period Covered. 060001H to 062400H August 1965

3. General Summary of Events. There was no enemy activity around the Panang Airbase today. At 060110H, 2d Platoon, Company "[illegible]" 2d Battalion reported cans rattling in front of their positions. Artillery illumination was fired at 060115H, but no enemy were sighted. Company "G" received a few small arms rounds at 060945H from (AT 990689). Two rounds of 3.5" RR HE were fired. They could not observe any enemy casualties. Today the Ninth Marines stabilized front line positions by moving one company from 1st Battalion to positions east of the Song Vinh Dien (BT 029686) and withdrawing two companies of the 2d Battalion from this area. One reinforced company was left in the 2d Battalion area south of the Song Cau Do. This morning at 061115H a woman was accidentally wounded by a 106rr round from an Ontos. The round was a result of a cook-off. The woman was wounded in the arm and was evacuated. At 061658H Company "G" received five rounds of small arms fire from south of Cam Ne (2). They saw one man and took him under fire. At 061740H they had five VC under fire between Cam Ne (2) and Yen Ne (2). They fired 106RR at the VC but did not destroyed them. At 061742H they called in an 81mm Mortar mission.

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4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) 1st Battalion. Company "B" moved south of the SONG CAU DO. They departed their CP (BT 008723) at 060731H and moved on the MSR north and east across the bridge at (BT 040762) and then southeast to (BT 073705) where the debarked at 060815H. They met LVTP-5's at 061220H and moved southwest dropping platoons in the vicinity of (BT 067697), (BT 055697) and (BT 034688). The CP is at (BT 053695). They assumed control of their area at 061600H.

(2) 2d Battalion

(a) Company "E" returned to the assembly area at (AT 988722). Tonight they will provide security for the FLSG ammo dump at (AT 988732) with the Company (-). One platoon will provide security for the bridge and water point at (AT 998707).

(b) Company "F" detached one platoon to Company "G". The Company (-) has returned to the Battalion CP (AT 998723) as security.

(c) Company "G" (Rein) with one platoon Company "F", two sections 81mm Mortars and two sections 106RR attached now defends the 2d Battalion forward positions from (AT 960700) southwest of Phong Le (1) south of Duong Son (1) and Quang Chau (2) to Co Man at (BT 028690).

(d) Company "H" is now the Battalion reserve and occupies an assembly area at (AT 988722). They are on one hour reaction time.

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b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion

(a) Redwood Bravo Two. South of the airfield. Departed 051230H, returned 051550H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(b) Redwood Alpha Two. North of the airfield. Departed 051630H, returned 051905H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(c) Redwood Bravo Three. South of the airfield. Departed 052030H, returned 052330H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(d) Redwood Alpha Four. North of the airfield. Departed 052127H, returned 052045H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. None.

c. Ambushes. A squad size ambush was established at (DT 022001) by 1st platoon, Company "[illegible]". They remained in place from 052000H until 05[illegible]200H. There was no VC contact.

5. Changes in Location of Headquarters

a. 1st Battalion

Company "[illegible]" – ([illegible])

b. 2d Battalion

Company "F" (–) – (AT 990732)

1st Platoon – (AT 998707)

Company "F" (–) – (AT 996723)

Company "G" (Rein) – (AT 994687)

Company "H" – (AT 99[illegible]723)

6. None.

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7. Training

a. 1st Battalion

SUBJECT	TYPE INSTRUCTION	TIME	UNIT
Care & Cleaning	Application	1-Hour	Co A
Individual Equipment, Rifle and Living Area Inspection	Application	1-Hour	Co A
Gun Drill	Application	2-Hour	Co C
Swimming Instructions (for non-swimmers)	Application	2-Hour	Co C
60mm Mortar	Lecture	2-Hour	Co C

b. 2d Battalion. None.

8. Plans. The Ninth Marines will consolidate present positions and conduct patrols during the next forty-eight hours. There are no operations planned.

9. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. Medcap

(1) 2dPm MAS 18 Patients

(2) Dueng Son (1) 7 Patients

(3) St Vincent Orphanage 35 Patients

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SITREP No. 30

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

2. Period Covered. 070001H to 072400H August 1965

3. General Summary of Events. Units of the Ninth Marines held their present positions today. The 1st Battalion conducted four patrols around the perimeter of the Danang Airbase without enemy contact. Company "D", 3d Recon had teams working in CAM NE (2) last night. This morning at 071010H one of the teams brought a VC into Company "G"'s positions. He had been shot four times. He told them he was NGUYEN VAN THANH, member of the 1st Company, 16th Main Force Battalion. He said there were fifteen more in the village. He was carrying a sub-machinegun with four magazines and two Chinese grenades. The prisoner was helo evacuated but was mistakenly taken to the Shore Party LZ and had to be taken by ambulance to collecting and clearing. This mistake probably cost the prisoner his life and the Marine Corps valuable intelligence information. About 1400H this afternoon one of the M-50 Ontos supporting Company "B", 1st Battalion struck a land mine near (BT 044690). No men were injured but the Ontos had a damaged road wheel, section of track and torsion bar. Company "B" left a squad to guard the Ontos at (071248), the 2d Battalion liaison officer with the 2d Platoon, 594 Regional Force Company, reported that the ARVN had been informed

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of a VC ammo cache. At 071500H the cache was located at (BT 029694) and destroyed. At 071715H one small arms round was fired at a vehicle on the MSR near (AT 992719). The shot came from a hamlet to the south.

4. Activities

a. Operations. None.

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion

a. Redwood Alpha Three. North of the airfield. Departed 062230H, returned 070101H August 1965. No enemy contact.

b. Redwood Alpha Four. North of the airfield. Departed 062353H, returned 070226H August 1965. No enemy contact.

c. Redwood Alpha Five. North of the airfield. Departed 070235H, returned 070510H August 1965. No enemy contact.

d. Redwood Charlie One. North of the airfield. Departed 070801H, returned 071046H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. None.

c. Ambushes. None.

5. Changes in location of Headquarters. None.

6. None.

7. Training

a. 1st Battalion

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SUBJECT	TYPE INST	TIME	UNIT
Squad and Platoon Tactics	Lecture	3-Hours	Co "A"
60mm Mortar Nomenclature and Functioning	Lecture	2-Hours	Co "A" Mortar Section

b. 2d Battalion. None.

8. Plans. During the next forty-eight hour period the Ninth Marines will conduct a search and clear operation in CAM NE (1) and (2). The concept of operation has not been formulated yet. At present it is planned to use two companies from the 2d Battalion supported by the 2d Platoon Company "B" (-), 1st AmTrac Bn, a platoon of tanks and a platoon of Ontos. This will be a combined operation with forces from the Danang Special Sector.

9. Miscellaneous. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. MedCap

2dBn BAS 30 Patients

St Vincent's Orphanage Approximately 25 patients

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SITREP No. 31

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

2. Period Covered. 080001H to 082400H August 1965

3. General Summary of Events. Units of the Ninth Marines held their present positions today. The 1st Battalion conducted five patrols around the northern perimeter of the airfield and three patrols in the area south of the airfield. All patrols reported no enemy contact. 1st Platoon Company "G" of the 2d Battalion reported that at 081212H they received automatic weapon's fire from vicinity of (AT 989688). First platoon returned small arms fire and also two 3.5" rounds. Three VC were spotted at the same coordinates. At 081225H, Company "G" fired three more rounds of 3.5". At 081255H, Company "G" reported a house was burning at coordinates (AT 989688) and that there were secondary explosions coming from the house. At 081310H tanks commenced firing a total of eleven 90mm rounds at the burning house. At 081325H, Company "G" reported that there was not much left of the house and the immediate area. There were no confirmed VC casualties. Company "F" 2d Battalion has provided two squads for the security of Red Beach 1. Tentatively they will remain there until the morning of 10 August 1965. Colonel SHERMAN toured units of the Ninth Marines with Colonel GARRETSON.

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4. Activities

a. Operations. None.

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion

a. Redwood Alpha Three. North of the airfield. Departed 072330H, returned 080200H August 1965. No enemy contact.

b. Redwood Alpha Four (Mobile). North and south of the airfield. Departed 080030H, returned 080 16H August 1965. No enemy contact.

c. Redwood Alpha Five. North of the airfield. Departed 080300H, returned 080515H August 1965. No enemy contact.

d. Redwood Delta Two. South of the airfield. Departed 072230H, returned 080128H August 1965. No enemy contact.

e. Redwood Delta Three. South of the airfield. Departed 080135H, returned 080313H August 1965. No enemy contact.

f. Redwood Charlie One. North of the airfield. Departed 080825H, returned 081045H August 1965. No enemy contact.

g. Redwood Delta One. South of the airfield. Departed 080800H, returned 081050H August 1965. No enemy contact.

h. Redwood Alpha One. North of the airfield. Departed 081415H, returned 081700H August 1965. No enemy contact.

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(2) 2d Battalion. None.

c. Ambushes. None.

5. Changes in Location of Headquarters. None.

6. None.

7. Training

a. 1st Battalion

SUBJECT	TYPE INST	TIME	UNIT
60mm Mortar Characteristics	Lecture	2-Hours	Co "A"
Nomenclature, Fire Commands			
M-4 Sight and use of Aiming			
Stakes			
General Military Subjects	Test	3-Hours	Co "A"
Testing			

b. 2d Battalion. None.

8. Plans. None.

9. Miscellaneous. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. MedCap

2dBn BAS 39 Patients

Duong Son (1) 35 Patients

St Vincent Orphanage Approximately 25 Patients

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SITREP No. 32

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

2. Period Covered. 090001H to 092400H August 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The units of the Ninth Marines held their positions today. Since the last SITREP, the 1st Battalion has conducted four patrols north of the airfield and three patrols south of the airfield. No enemy contact was made. There were no operations or patrols conducted by the 2d Battalion during this period. Company "G" received two rounds of sniper fire from Cam Ne (2) at 090415H.

4. Activities

a. Operations. None.

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion

a. Redwood Alpha One. North of the airfield. Departed 081415H, returned 081700H August 1965. No enemy contact. (Not covered in SITREP 31)

b. Redwood Alpha Five (Mobile). North and South of the airfield. Departed 081940H, returned 082355H August 1965. No enemy contact. (Not covered in SITREP 31)

c. Redwood Alpha Three. North of the airfield. Departed 082130H, returned 082325H August 1965. No enemy contact. (Not covered in SITREP 31)

d. Redwood Delta Two. South of the airfield. Departed 082137H, returned 090010H August 1965. No enemy contact.

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e. Redwood Delta Three. South of the airfield. Departed 090030H, returned 090205H August 1965. No enemy contact.

f. Redwood Alpha Four. North of the airfield. Departed 090300H, returned 090547H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. None.

c. Ambushes. None.

5. Changes in Location of Headquarters

a. "B" Company 1st Battalion. The following are corrected coordinates for the platoons and CP of "B" Company.

1st Platoon and Company CP (BT 052688)

2d Platoon (BT 038667)

3d Platoon (BT 071701)

6. None.

7. Training

SUBJECT	TIME	TYPE INST	UNIT
60mm Mortar	2 Hours	Lecture/Application	Company "A" Mortar Section
M-60 Machinegun	2 Hours	Lecture/Application	Company "C"

A school on the 60mm Mortar is being conducted by the 81mm Mortar Platoon for thirty six men from the rifle companies. Nine men from each company are attending what will be a three day school. The school covers the following: nomenclature of the mortar, operation and functioning of sighting devices and aiming stakes and the tactical employment of the weapon for squad, platoon and company use.

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8. Plans. On 11 August 1965, the Ninth Marines will conduct a clear and hold operation in Duong Son (2) and Giang Dong.

9. Miscellaneous. Headquarters Ninth Marines was visited by Mr. Robert Morse, the Regional Editor of the Far East for "Life" magazines and Mr. Peter Kemp of the "News of the World".

10. Civil Affairs

a. MedCap

2dBn BAS	22 Patients
Cam Nam	21 Patients
St. Vincent Orphanage	Approximately 45 patients

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SITREP No. 33

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

2. Period Covered. 100001H to 102100H August 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The units attached to the Ninth Marines held their positions today. During the period covered in the SITREP, the 1st Battalion conducted nine patrols, six during hours of darkness and three during daylight hours, within the Ninth Marines TAOR. There was no enemy contact as a result of these patrols. Six squads from the 1st Battalion were dispersed at various locations around Da Nang airfield to be utilized as reaction units. Company "A", 1st Battalion (Main) remains on one hour reflex posture. Company "B", 1st Battalion is assigned as the reserve company of the Ninth Marine Regiment. One patrol was conducted during the period of this SITREP by 2nd Battalion. Incidences not covered in SITREP No. 32 by the 2nd Battalion were that at 091815, Co "G" received four rounds of small arms fire from Camp Ne (2) (AT 992688) at 091[illegible], they received approximately ten rounds of small arms fire from the same coordinates. At 092015, a TPS-21 operated by "G" to acquisitioned one or two men located at (AT 991689). Two rounds of [illegible]-79 were fired at this target. Results of this action silenced enemy action at this time. At 092[illegible], "G" Co received one round of 61mm mortar fire from Camp Ne (1) (AT 990[illegible]). No casualties were taken or accounted for by either side. At 100005, 61mm mortars in support of the 2nd Battalion fired twenty-four rounds of [illegible] and sixteen rounds of [illegible] at (AT 992[illegible]) in

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response to the mortar attack on the 3rd Tank Battalion. Immediate results were undetermined, but did report secondary explosions in vicinity (1) (AT 990692) at the conclusion of friendly 81mm mortar fire. 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines fired six "will adjust" mission and two registrations on suspected sniper and mortar positions. One-hundred and thirty-one rounds of 105mm (HE) were expended on "will adjust missions. Forty-nine rounds of 105mm (HE) were expended on two registrations. Fourteen rounds of 105 (HE) were expended on H&I missions. No naval gunfire or air support missions were conducted during this [illegible].

4. Activities.

a. Operations. None

b. Patrols.

(1) 3rd Battalion

a. Redwood Alpha Two. North of the airfield. Departed 1930, returned 2307, 9 Aug 1965. No enemy contact. (Not covered in [illegible] No. 32)

b. Redwood Delta Three. South of the airfield (Lay-out). Departed 2210, 9 Aug, returned 0025, 10 Aug 1965. No enemy contact.

c. Redwood Alpha Three. North of the airfield. Departed 2230, 9 Aug, returned 0050, 10 Aug 1965. No enemy contact.

d. Redwood Alpha Four. North of the airfield. Departed 0056, returned 0302, 10 Aug 1965. No enemy contact.

e. Redwood Delta Four. South of the airfield. Departed 0158, returned 0[illegible], 10 Aug 1965. No enemy contact.

f. Redwood Alpha Five. North of the airfield. Departed 0310, returned 0455, 10 Aug 1965. No enemy contact.

g. Redwood Delta One. South of the airfield. Departed 1[illegible], to return 2[illegible], 10 Aug 1965. No enemy contact at the time of this report.

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h. Redwood Alpha Two. North of the Airfield. Departed 1345 (Approx), to return 1500, 10 Aug 1965. No enemy contact at time of this report.

i. Redwood Delta Two. South of the Airfield. To depart 1630, to return 1830, 10 Aug 1965.

(2) 1st Battalion plans to conduct eleven patrols during the next twenty four hour period.

(3) 2nd Battalion

a. Perkcreen Echo Three. Departed IP (AT 998705) at 100900H, arrived at (AT 982715) via (AT 955703) at 101100H. No enemy contact.

c. Ambushes. None

5. Changes in location of Headquarters.

a. 2nd Platoon, "C" Company, 1st Battalion (ZC 083688).

6. None

7. Training.

a. 1st Battalion

SUBJECT	TIME	TYPE TEST	UNIT
PT	1 hour	Application	2 Plt "A" Co
Buddy Aid/Self Aid	1.5 hours	Lecture	2 Plt "A" Co
Care & Cleaning	1 hour	Application	2 Plt "A" Co
Map Reading	4 hours	Lecture/Application	3rd Plt, Co "A"
Comm	1 hour	Lecture/Application	Plt Radio Operators

b. 2nd Battalion. 60mm Platoon continues instructions to rifle companies.

8. Plans.

a. 2nd Battalion plans clear and hold operations of Duong Son (2)

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(AT 995678) and Giang Dong (BT 006677).

b. 1st Battalion. None

9. Miscellaneous. None

10. Civil Affairs.

a. 1st Battalion. One medical team treated approximately 60 patients at St. Vincent Orphanage (BT 063742).

b. 2nd Battalion.

(1) CAS treated 30 Vietnamese Nationals.

(2) At Duong Son (1), 28 Vietnamese Nationals were treated.

(3) At Cam Ranh, 40 Vietnamese Nationals were treated.

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SITREP No. 34

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

2. Period Covered. 110001H to 112400H August 1965

3. General Summary of Events. Units attached to and in support of the 9th Marines were highly active against VC units during the period of this SITREP. At 101830H, a forward observer of 3d Tank Battalion reported 100 VC troops, in vicinity (AT 964675) wearing black shirts, covers and white trousers. Requests for artillery and air support were initiated at this time. At 101842H "E" Battery and "L" Battery 2/12 commenced firing on target (AT 990681). A total of 199 rounds of 105mm and 24 rounds of 155mm were fired, ceasing at 101901H. At 101901H, 2/F4B's from VMFA-531 commenced an air strike at (AT 981675). At 101924H, the airstrike ceased; a total of 4-250lb bombs, 5-500lb bombs and 16 ZUNI Rockets were expended. Reports from the FO of 3d Tanks reported that the air strike was on target. No damage assessment was available at this time due to the hours of darkness impeding the observation of the OlB aircraft assigned to this mission. The information stated in this paragraph was not reported in SITREP No. 33 due to the overlaping time frame. 1st Battalion conducted a total of eleven patrols during the period of this SITREP. Seven patrols were at night and four during the day. 2d Battalion continued preparations for search and clear

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operations of Duong Son (2) (AT 995675). "G" Company crossed the LOD at 110500H. First contact with the VC was at 110550H in vicinity of the above coordinates. Fire was returned by "G" Company with M-60's and M-79's at this time. No casualties reported by either side. At 110640H "G" Company commenced sweep operations of Duong Son (2) (AT 995675). At 111120H, sweep operations by "G" Company were completed. Results of this sweep were one VC killed and one VC captured. Casualties received by 2/9 were 1 KIA and 10 WIA's during this operation. (1 WIA from "G" Company 3d Engineer Bn). All casualties were evacuated by MAG-16 helicopters to C&C.

4. Activities

a. Operations. "G" and "H" companies 2/9 executed search and sweep operations of Duong Son (2) (AT 995675) and Giang Dong (BT 006677).

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion

(a) Redwood Alpha Four Alpha. North of the airfield. Departed 101900H, returned 102150H August 1965. No enemy contact. (Not reported in SITREP No. 33).

(b) Redwood Delta Three. South of the airfield. Departed 102000H, returned 102300H August 1965. No enemy contact. (Not reported in SITREP No. 33).

(c) Redwood Alpha Two Alpha. North of the airfield. Departed 102250H, returned 110100H August 1965. No enemy contact. (Not reported in SITREP No. 33).

(d) Redwood Delta Four. South of the airfield. Departed 102314H, returned 110220H August 1965. No enemy contact.

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(e) Redwood Alpha Three Alpha. North of the airfield. Departed 110200H, returned 110448H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(f) Redwood Delta Five. South of the airfield. Departed 110300H, returned 110400H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(g) Redwood Alpha One Alpha. North of the airfield. Departed 110335H, returned 110532H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(h) Redwood Delta One. South of the airfield. Departed 110830H, returned 111130H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(i) Redwood Alpha One. North of the airfield. Departed 110[illegible]H, returned 111130H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(j) Redwood Alpha Two. North of the airfield. Departed 111342H, returned 111600H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(k) Redwood Delta Two. South of the airfield. Departed 111429H, returned 111700H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. None.

c. Ambushes. None.

5. Changes in Locations of Headquarters. "F" company 2dBn CP (AT 994686)

6. Establishment of New OP's. 2dBn CP (AT 994686)

7. Training

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a. 1st Battalion

SUBJECT	TIME	TYPE INST	UNIT
FO PROCEDURES	1-Hour	Lecture	3d Plt (NCOs) Co "A"
HAND TO HAND COMBAT	1-Hour	Lecture/Applica	Co "A"
MCI TEST	3-Hours	Test	3 Men Co "A"
GMOS TEST	3-Hours	Test	2 Men Co "A"
CONDITIONING HIKE (6 MILES)	1.5 HRS	Application	50 Men Co "C"
Rifle Inspection	1-Hour	Application	Co "C"

b. 2d Battalion. None.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. Plans to conduct 8 patrols in their TAOR.

b. 2d Battalion. Plans to establish defenses in assigned sector and prepare for subsequent operations.

9. Miscellaneous

a. Supply/logistics. Two helo resupplys were conducted in support of 2/9.

b. Two reconnaissance missions were flown in support of 9th Marines.

10. Civil Affairs

a. 1st Battalion. Battalion medical team established an aid station at Son Thuy (BT 070710). No report of number of persons treated at time of this report.

b. 2d Battalion. [illegible] treated 26 VN civilians today. Medical aid was administered to 37 citizens at Duong Son (1) (AT 998689) and 40 citizens at Cam Nam (BT 015705).

c. Headquarters 9th Marines received "people to people" supplies for distribution at a later date.

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11. Addendum: Hoa Vang District Headquarters reported that there were two VC KIA's and twelve VC WIA's as a result of the combined air-artillery strike stated in paragraph three.

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SITREP No. 35

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

2. Period Covered. 120001H to 122400H August 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The 1st Battalion continued patrolling around the perimeter of Danang Airbase today while Company "B" remained in positions in HOA DA Village south of the Song Cau Do and searched the Hamlet of AN[illegible] DONG in the vicinity of (BT 056705). Fifteen VCS were taken by Company "B", during their operations today and were turned over to the HOA VANG District Headquarters. None were armed; all were men except one, who said she was the wife of a VCS. They either had no identification or inaccurate identification. Company "B" Headquarters and the 1st Platoon are at (BT 054693). The 2d Platoon is at (BT 043691) and the 3d Platoon is at (BT 072700). The 2d Battalion received occasional small arms fire during the early hours today. Company "A" at 120103H received fire in their positions; but there were no casualties. At 120630H Company "B" received two rounds from Duong Son (2) and returned fire with no known results. Beginning this morning the 2d Battalion searched the hamlets of Giang Dong and Duong Son (2). The Regimental S-2 and a political action team from the HOA VANG District Headquarters assisted in the pacification and searches. Several hundred punjee traps were disarmed around the perimeter of the hamlets. One Main Force VC uniform was found

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in Giang Dong as well as two guerrilla outfits which were hidden in tunnels. Duong Son (2) is interlaced with trenches which have holes for protection from artillery. Same type of bamboo marker for an escape trench was found near (AT 996677). The fin assemblies and craters of four 60mm Mortar rounds were found between (AT 989678) to (AT 992 79). The approximate azimuth to the gun position was 300 degrees. Another 60mm mortar crater at (AT 995677) indicated an azimuth of 180 degrees to the gun. These rounds had been fired at Company "G" on the night of 11 August 1965. The villagers indicated the VC were in Duong Son (3) last night and that ten or twelve Main Force VC lives there. One Marine from the 2d Battalion was wounded this morning at 121116H in Duong Son (2). He was wounded in the left leg and groin and was evacuated at 121240H. The 1st and 2d Platoon of Company "D", 3d Recon Battalion, moved into Duong Son (3) this morning at first light. They found nothing unusual in the hamlet and are now in positions in the vicinity of (AT 996667). The following events occurred last night but were not reported in SITREP No. 34: By 111830H the 2d Battalion occupied the following positions. Company "F" - (BT 002674) south to (BT 002678) southeast to (BT 010676) and north to (BT 010676). Company "E" - (AT 992698) to (BT 993695) was occupied by one squad from the 2d Platoon; the 1st Platoon and 2d Platoon (-) from (AT 996694) to (AT 991680); and the 3d Platoon from (BT 003686) to (AT 017690). At 111843I eight men from Company "G" were wounded in action at (BT 017690) from a grenade explosion. Only three required evacuation and they were released from BAS today. Company "G" had two men wounded in action by

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small arms fire at 112212H. Company "G" received five rounds of 60mm mortar fire to the west of their positions. At 112214H Company "F" received eight rounds of small arms fire. At 112214H Company "F" was receiving small arms fire and requested artillery support. At 112259H they again received small arms fire from Dam Ne (2) and an MU-1B made a strafing run with undetermined results. At 112302H Company "F" fired one 3.5" RR round and one 40mm grenade at seven people congregated at (AT 984608) with undertermined results. At 112316H Company "G" received two more rounds of 60mm mortar fire. There were no casualties. The 2d Battalion fired seven will adjust missions and eight H&I missions during the night. Ninety-four rounds of HE and ten rounds of illumination were fired on will adjust missions and twenty-two rounds of HE were fired on H&I missions. At 112130H the TPS-21 picked up movement of about thirty people at (AT 982600). Twenty one rounds of HE were fired at the target. No casualties were observed. A change of command ceremony was held at 121500H at the Regimental CP. Colonel J. F. GOW H relieved Colonel F.E. GARR TSOH who leave tonight.

4. Activities

a. Operations. None.

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion

(a) Redwood Alpha Two. North of the airfield. Departed 111340H, returned 111559H August 1965. No enemy contact.

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(b) Redwood Delta Two. South of the airfield. Departed 111420H, returned 111700H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(c) Redwood Alpha Four. North of the airfield. Departed 112007H, returned 112230H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(d) Redwood Delta Three. South of the airfield. Departed 112100H, returned 112335H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(e) Redwood Delta Four. South of the airfield. Departed 112307H, returned 120135H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(f) Redwood Alpha Five. North of the airfield. Departed 112300H, returned 120110H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(g) Redwood Alpha Two. North of the airfield. Departed 112330H, returned 120150H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(h) Redwood Alpha Three. North of the airfield. Departed 120025H, returned 120220H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(i) Redwood Alpha One. North of the airfield. Departed 121500H, returned 121730H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. Conducted a security patrol in the vicinity of the ammo dump today. No unusual activity was noted.

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c. Ambushes. None.

5. Changes in Location of CP's

a. 1st Battalion. None.

b. 2d Battalion

Company "G" (AT 991677)

Company "H" (BT 010678)

6. None.

7. Training

a. 1st Battalion

Subject	TAI	Type	UNIT
Villages and Area Searches	1 Hour	Lecture	2d Plt, Co "A"
Trip Flare & Booby Traps	1 Hour	Lecture	2d Plt, Co "A"
60mm Mortar Drill	2 Hours	Application	60mm Mort Sect, Co "A"
General Military subjects	1 Hour	Lecture	Wpns Plt (-), Co "A"
Map Reading	1 Hour	Lecture/Applica	Wpns Plt (-), Co "A"
Communications	1 Hour	Lecture	1st Plt, Co "A"
Weapons Inspection	1 Hour	Application	Co "C"

b. 2d Battalion. None.

8. Plans. In the next 48 hours the Ninth Marines will continue operating with four companies south of the Song Cau Do carrying out searches of the area now occupied.

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9. Miscellaneous. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. MedCap Stations

2d Bn [redacted] 23 Patients

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To: CG, Third MarDiv

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SITREP No. 36

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

2. Period Covered. 130001H to 132400H August 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The 1st Battalion continued aggressive day and night patrols around the perimeter of the Danang Airbase. Twelve patrols have been completed since last report without incident. Company "B" remained in their positions in the villages of HOA LONG and HOA LAN. At 121720H Lance Corporal John W. MACKEY of Company "B" was wounded in the stomach and elbow when a sniper cut loose with a fifteen round burst of automatic fire from the vicinity of (BT 075693). He was evacuated to collecting and clearing and is in good condition. The three companies of the 2d Battalion which are manning the front lines south of the Song Cau Do in the villages of HOA CHAU and HOA DA bore the brunt of enemy activity as the VC kept up harrassing fire during the night. Company "D", 3d Recon Battalion received sniper fire at 121720H from (AT 987667). At 121730H they observed a VC dressed in white with a white hat running northwest at (AT 986667). He was carrying a weapon. Company "F" received small arms fire in their positions south of Phong Le (1), (AT 993697), from near (AT 991692). They returned fire expending two 40mm grenades and small arms, but they could'nt observe any enemy casualties. At 121835H, Lance

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Corporal BOWMAN of Engineer Battalion received cuts on his face when a secondary explosion occurred while he was clearing a cave with a grenade. He was evacuated by ambulance to the 2d Battalion BAS. At 121650H Corporal PIOCHARA of Company "F" was wounded in the knee by small arms fire at (AT 992682). He was evacuated. Company "H" received fifteen rounds of small arms fire from a sniper in a house in the hamlet of Mieu Dong (1), (BT 016679), at 121955H. At 122110H the 1st Platoon of Company "G" spotted an unknown number of people in the trees to the south of their positions at (AT 996679). When they fired on them they received return fire. No more movement was observed. At 130245H the TPS-21 in Company "G"'s positions picked up the movement of three to six persons to (AT 984674). This movement was again observed at 130255H. A 106mm RR Section then fired two rounds of HEPT at a bunker near the target. The bunker was partially destroyed and no more movement was observed. All units maintained their present positions today.

4. Activities

a. Operations. None.

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion

a. Redwood Delta Three. South of the airfield. Departed 121900H, returned 122045H August 1965. No enemy contact.

b. Redwood Delta Four. South of the airfield.

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Departed 122100H, returned 130020H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(c) Redwood Alpha Three. North of the airfield. Departed 122232H, returned 130020H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(d) Redwood Delta Five. South of the airfield. Departed 122400H, returned 130307H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(e) Redwood Alpha Four. North of the airfield. Departed 130150H, returned 130324H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(f) Redwood Delta Six. South of the airfield. Departed 130230H, returned 130410H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(g) Redwood Alpha Two Alpha. North of the airfield. Departed 130330H, returned 130400H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(h) Redwood Alpha One. North of the airfield. Departed 130900H, returned 131130H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(i) Redwood Delta One. South of the airfield. Departed 130930H, returned 131050H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(j) Redwood Alpha Two. North of the airfield. Departed 131504H, returned 131730H August 1965. No enemy contact.

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(1) Redwood Delta Two. South of the airfield. Departed 131420H, returned 131730H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 1st Platoon, Company "E", dispatched a fire team for a local security patrol at (AT 981732). Time of return was 131615H. There was no enemy contact.

c. Ambushes. None.

5. Changes in location of OP's. None.

6. Establishment of New OP's. The 2d Battalion, 12th Marines, has established two OP's at ( ) and ( ) to try and locate enemy mortar positions at night.

7. Training.

a. 1st Battalion

SUBJECT	TIME	TYPE INST	UNIT
LZ Operations	1 Hour	Lecture	Co "A"
Combat Formations	1 Hour	Lecture	Co "A"
First Aid	1 Hour	Lecture	Co "A"
Gun Drill & Firing Procedures for 60mm Mortar	1 Hour	Application	Co "A" Mort Sect
Building Up Fortified Areas	2 Hours	Lecture	Co "C"

b. 2d Battalion. None.

8. Plans. There are no operations planned for the next forty-eight hours. The present positions will be held and improved. 1st Battalion will continue extensive patrolling around the Airbase. Each Company forward will establish at least one ambush and conduct one night patrol beginning tomorrow.

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9. Miscellaneous. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. MedCap Stations

24Bn BAS 24 Patients

Giang Dong (BT 007678) 37 Patients

Duong Son (1) (AT 988687) 21 Patients

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SITREP No. 37

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

2. Period Covered. 140001H to 142400H August 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The 1st Battalion continued to aggressively patrol around the perimeter of the Danang Airbase without making any enemy contact. Ten patrols were executed during the last twenty-four hours. At 131745H a squad size local security patrol from Company "B", 1st Battalion, reinforced with two tanks observed 10 VCS carrying arms running from the hamlet of XUAN TRA (BT 068685) and took them under fire. One of the VCS fell and was carried away by the others. Fearing an ambush was set, the squad maneuvered, and swept the village from another direction. Two VCS were captured in the sweep. While these captives were being evacuated in an Amtrac, there was an accidental discharge which wounded the two VCS and also wounded two Marines. The wounds were not serious. The VCS were taken to HOA VANG District Headquarters. The three companies of the 2d Battalion which are on the front lines south of the Song Cau Do had several contacts with the enemy during the night; most were a result of TPS-21 sightings. At 131715H Company "G" had a squad pinned down by automatic weapons fire in the vicinity of (AT 987682). Close

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air support was requested and a section of M-50 Ontos began moving to their position. The Ontos sighted four groups of three to five VCS who were dressed in typical farmer's clothes and were carrying weapons. They fired nine 106mm RR rounds at two of these groups and estimated ten VCS were wounded. The squad returned to friendly positions at 131805H with one man wounded in the arm. HU-1B's, F4's and A4's made a strike on the target. At 131745H Company "F" received two small arms rounds from a sniper in CAM NE (1), (AT 990693). At 132140H, Company "G" reported that the TPS-21 at (AT 991676) picked up six people moving toward their position. The 106RR section fired four .50 caliber spotting rounds and one HEAT round. The round was on target and it was estimated 6 VCS were wounded. At 131750H Company "G" reported receiving two rounds of sniper fire from DUONG SON (2) (AT 995678). At 132220H, the TPS-21 at (AT 991676) spotted movement near a bunker at (AT 985675). One 106mm RR round was fired at the target and the movement ceased. It could not be observed if there were enemy casualties. At 132250H the same TPS-21 picked up eight to ten people in a graveyard near (AT 984676). Two rounds of 106mm RR rounds were fired and the movement ceased. At 132305H an 81mm mortar mission was called on eight to ten persons who were observed at (AT 982672). The target was covered effectively but no casualties could be observed. At 132330 Company "G" spotted two or three people near a bunker at (AT 986673). One round of 106mm RR was fired at the bunker. It is estimated two VCS were killed. Company "G"

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received one 60mm mortar round at (AT 990676) at 132350H. The location of the gun could not be determined. An HU-1B at 140023 reported that they had observed a muzzle flash in CAM TE (3). All units remained in position today.

4. Activities

a. Operations. None.

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion

(a) Redwood Alpha Three. North of the airfield. Departed 131900H, returned 132205H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(b) Redwood Alpha Five. North of the airfield. Departed 132228H, returned 140055H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(c) Redwood Delta Four. South of the airfield. Departed 140105H, returned 140345H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(d) Redwood Delta Three. South of the airfield. Departed 132200H, returned 140125H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(e) Redwood Alpha Four. North of the airfield. Departed 140220H, returned 140410H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(f) Redwood Delta Five. South of the airfield. Departed 140535H, returned 140500H August 1965. Apprehended four VCS who turned out to be VNAF personnel on leave.

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(g) Redwood Alpha One Alpha. North of the airfield. Departed 140440H, returned 140655H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(h) Redwood Alpha One. North of the airfield. Departed 140750H, returned 141058H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(i) Redwood Alpha Two. North of the airfield. Departed 141255H, returned 141700H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(j) Redwood Delta One. South of the airfield. Departed 141500H, returned 141800H August 1965. No enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion

(a) Company "H" sent a squad patrol out at 132100H. The route was across Highway 1A north of the bridge at (BT 016675), northeast along the Suoi Man Quan (stream) to (BT 024697), through the hamlet of LIEM LAC (2), southeast to (BT 028689) passing the hamlet of CO MAN (BT 028690) to the west, south along the west bank of the SONG VINH DIEM (river) to (BT 024676) where at 140200 they observed two persons in a boat, then north around the hamlet of MIEU DONG (2), (BT 021681), and back across Highway 1A to the Company "H" CP. Time of return was 140300H.

(b) Company "F" had one squad patrol which left at 132100H. The route was from (BT 004692) to (AT 996690) to (AT 994684) to (BT 007688) to (BT 009691) to (BT 007695) back

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to (BT 004692). This patrol observed 12 individuals with weapons who seemed to come out of a rice paddie and move into the village of Giang Dong (BT 003679) at 140100H. They observed a fire start up in the village shortly after that. No other contact was made. The patrol returned at 140230H in good condition.

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. None.

(2) 2d Battalion

(a) Company "F" established a reinforced squad ambush at (AT 991686) from 132100H to 140400H. There was no enemy contact.

(b) Company "G" established reinforced squad ambushes at (AT 989669) and (AT 997670) from 132100H to 140500. There was no enemy contact.

5. Changes in Location of CP's. None.

6. Changes in Location or Establishment of New CP's. None.

7. Training

a. 1st Battalion

SUBJECT	TIME	TYPE INST	UNIT
60mm Mortar FIREX	2 Hours	Application	Co "A" Mort Sec
Platoon Tactics	1.5 Hrs	Lecture	Co "A"
M-60 Machinegun	1 Hour	Lecture	Co "D"
3.5 Inch Rocket	1 Hour	Lecture	Co "D"
Rifle Inspection	2 Hours	Application	2 Plts, Co "G"

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b. 2d Battalion. None.

8. Plans. During the next forty-eight hour period the 1st Battalion plans to conduct a two platoon sweep with elements of Recon Battalion and the 593d RF Company forming the blocking forces. A platoon from Company "B" and a platoon from Company "C" will cross the LCD vicinity coordinates (BT 068704 to 077690) and sweep to the sea. Recon Battalion will be in position vicinity coordinates (BT 068704 to 082713) and the 593d RF Company in position at coordinates (BT 079691 to 088697). The operation will commence at 150445H and is intended to capture certain known VC and/or VCS located in the subject area. There are no operations planned for the 2d Battalion.

9. Miscellaneous. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. MedCap Stations

(1) A staff of corpsmen visited the hamlet of CAM NAM (BT 014703) to redress bandages of 9 patients.

(2) The same staff of corpsmen went to Duong Son (2), (AT 993678), and treated 19 patients. Some had ulcerations, infections cunjuntivites, one had a burn, one a lacerated eye, and others had fever and aches.

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SITREP No. 38

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

2. Period Covered. 150001H to 152400H August 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The 1st Battalion had no enemy contact during the night. They have conducted ten patrols around the Danang Airbase perimeter without enemy contact; seven during the night and three today. Last night on the road near Binh Thai (AT 998713) the VC ambushed three Vietnamese around 142100H. Three VC fired a .45 caliber sub-machine gun, a .38 caliber automatic weapon, and threw one grenade from close range. The Binh Thai Village Chief and another man was killed. One other was wounded. At 141840H Company "F" received two rounds of small arms fire from (AT 989691). They returned the fire with two 3.5" RR rounds and small arms. There were no enemy casualties. At 150045H the TPS-21 in Company "G"'s positions sighted four persons near (AT 983673). One 106mm RR round was fired. No casualties were observed, but no further movement was observed by the TPS-21. At 150155H the firing of a 106mm RR at (AT 991677) caused the sympathetic detonation of a dud near their position. One Marine received eye and head injuries from the fragments and was evacuated by helicopter at 150230H. A team from the 2d Battalion, 12th Marines, investigated and determined the dud was probably a

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57mm or 75mm recoilless rocket round with an M8A3 fuze. At 150325H Company "G" called for an 81mm mortar mission on a sniper position at (AT 986672). Thirty-five rounds were expended and two VC casualties were observed. Today the 2d Battalion held their present positions while two platoons of the 1st Battalion in a combined operation with the 593 Regional Force Company (-) swept the hamlets of YUAN LOC (BT 077697) and DONG HAI (BT 076704). Two VCS were taken during the operation and were evacuated to ITT. Company "D", 3d Recon Battalion, in direct support of the Ninth Marines, sent the 2d Platoon on a reconnaissance of the River de Tourane this morning in support of the 1st Battalion's sweep operation. The Recon patrol b gan at 150605H and covered from (BT 059717) to (BT 045743). At 150940 they received two small arms rounds from (BT 045743). They landed and captured three VCS who were evacuated by helicopter at 151145H. The patrol then returned to their base. A combat patrol from Company "B" operating west of the Song Cau Bien (river) encountered two VC near (BT 052688). When the VC attempted to escape, one was killed, and the other was captured and sent to ITT. ITT identified the captive as VC. The 3d Battalion, Ninth Marines, arrived in Danang Harbor and began unloading. They are moving to the Danang airbase to relieve the 1st Battalion.

4. Activities

a. Operations

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(1) 1st Battalion. The 2d Platoon of Company "D" boarded trucks at 150300H and moved on the MSR to the vicinity of TUAN LOC (BT 071700) where they joined the 3d Platoon of Company "B". The two platoons deployed at the LOD from (BT 067703) to (BT 075696) at 150600H and began a sweep to the sea. The 593d Regional Force Company (-) maintained blocking positions from (BT 079699) to (BT 085703). The sweep was completed at 150837H. Two VCS were taken at (BT 077705). Sniper fire was received throughout the sweep, but few trenches and obstacles were encountered.

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion

(a) Company "A" conducted six Recon/security patrols north of the airfield during this reporting period. These patrols covered the area included in grid squares (AT 9976), (AT 9977) and (BT 0077). Four of the patrols were night patrols and two were day patrols. There was no enemy contact.

(b) Company "D" conducted four night patrols and one day patrol covering the area south of the Airbase including the hamlets HOA KHUE TUNG TAY (BT 023737) and HOA MY (BT 032740) and the village of Binh Thai (BT 008723).

(c) Company "B" conducted two night, combat/reconnaissance patrols which covered the hamlets of BA TUNG (BT 048702), KHUE DONG (1), (BT 056704), and the trails in grid squares (BT 0568) and (BT 0668). No contact was made with the enemy.

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(2) 2d Battalion

(a) Company "[illegible]" sent a squad size combat/reconnaissance patrol from (AT 991678) south to the hamlet of YEN NE (1), (AT 987664). The patrol departed at 142000H and returned at 150300H. No contact was made.

(b) Company "H" sent a squad size combat/reconnaissance patrol from (BT 015675) southwest along the SONG BAU X U (river) to (BT 010671). The patrol departed at 142030H and returned at 150310H. No contact was made.

(c) Company "F" made two patrols during the night. One reinforced squad made a combat/reconnaissance patrol from (AT 993696) west along the trail to CAM NE (4), (AT 970695) and then back along the SONG CAU DO (river) to CAM NE (5), (AT 978697). The patrol departed at 142000H and returned at 150344H. No contact was made. The second squad size combat/reconnaissance patrol departed (BT 004693) and patrolled east between highway 1 and 1A. The patrol departed at 142100H and returned at 150100H without making enemy contact.

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. An ambush was established at (BT 053690) from 150200H to 150600H. No enemy contact was made.

(2) 2d Battalion. An ambush was established at (BT 021677) from 142030H to 150230H. No enemy were encountered.

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. None.

(2) 2d Battalion. Listening post were established at

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(BT 001679) and (AT 989684). No enemy activity was observed.

5. Location of Command Posts

a. 1st Battalion	(BT 004746)
Company "A"	(BT 013740)
Company "B"	(BT 053686)
Company "C"	(BT 013740)
Company "D"	(BT 024733)
Company "A", ABD BN	(BT 003743)
Company "B", ABD BN	(BT 007769)
b. 2d Battalion	(AT 998743)
Company "F"	(AT 995687)
Company "G"	(AT 991677)
Company "H"	(BT 010678)
Company "E" (-)	(AT 998723)
1st and 2d Platoons FLSG Ammo Dump	(AT 987732)
3d Platoon (-) Bn CP & Water Point Security	(AT 998706)
One squad FLSG Fuel Point Security	(BT 005786)
c. 3d Battalion	(AT 999747)
Assembly Area	(AT 999747)

6. Change or Establishment of New OP's. None.

7. Training

(1) 1st Battalion

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SUBJECT	TIME	TYPE INST	UNIT
M-60 Machine Gun	1 Hour	Lecture	Company "D"
3.5 Inch Rocket	1 Hour	Lecture	Company "D"

(2) 2d Battalion. None.

8. Plans

(1) No operations are planned during the next forty-eight hours.

(2) Eighteen patrols and four ambushes will be conducted during the next twenty-four hours.

9. Miscellaneous. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. MedCap Stations

(1) A staff of corpsmen from the 2d Battalion visited the hamlet of Giang Dong (BT 007678) and treated twenty-five Vietnamese. These people were suffering from skin, ear, eye and scalp infections. They had abscesses, abrasions, and burns.

(2) The 2d Battalion Aid Station treated seventeen persons for the same type of ailements.

11. Addition to General Summary

About 150925H an Amtrac at (BT 064703) struck a mine which was electrically detonated by a booby trap trigger device. The Amtrac caught on fire and three of the five crewmen were burned. The three were evacuated by helicopter. The LVT was moved to (BT 064703) and will be retrieved later.

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From: Commanding Officer, Ninth Marines
To: Commanding General, Third Marine

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SITREP No. 39

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

2. Period Covered. 160001H to 162400H August 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The Ninth Marines continued in defensive posture in accordance with Phase III of Ninth Marines Operation Order 3-65, and moved forces in preparation for the clear and hold operation in the CAM NE Village complex (AT 990690) on 18 August 1965. The Regiment conducted fifteen combat patrols and four ambushes since the last report.

a. 1st Battalion. Continued defense of the Danang Airbase and conducted eleven combat patrols.

Company "B" came under attack by estimated 53 VC from 151910H to 152000H at (BT 037638) and (BT 041690). Two Marines were wounded. There were eleven VC casualties (probable).

b. 2d Battalion. Remained in defensive posture and executed four combat patrols and two ambushes. A combat patrol from Company "F" was taken under small arms fire from several different directions at (AT 987690) at 152150H and withdrew covering with M-79, 40mm grenade fire. There were no casualties. Companies "E" and "G" have moved to the 2d Battalion CP area and Company "H" is moving to positions west of DUONG SON (1) (AT 995685).

c. 3d Battalion. Company "M" remains embarked as a working party. Companies "I", "K" and "L" manned positions with the 1st Battalion last night and are relieving the 1st Battalion in position today.

d. Support Activity

(1) The 2d Battalion fired seven fdl missions last night expending fourteen 105mm HE rounds.

(2) One medical, air evacuation was flown at 151935H at (BT 071701). Two WIA's were evacuated.

4. Activities

(a) Operations

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(1) 1st Battalion. Last night at 151910H the 1st and 2d Platoons of Company "B" at (BT 037688) and (BT 041690) were attacked by an estimated 53VC who came from the north and west. Fourteen rounds of 81mm mortar HE was called within 250 meters of front lines. Eight rounds of 90mm HE and one round of 90mm canister were fired at the attackers. The tank fire suppressed the enemy fire and the VC withdrew at 152000H. Eleven bodies were observed being dragged from the battle field by the retreating VC. Two Marines were wounded and evacuated by helicopter. Vietnamese women and children sought refuge in the Company "B" CP after the attack. The Marines fed them. The civilians seemed grateful for the protection and food, and indicated they were going to Danang today. Company "B" received in positions today. At 160730H Company "A" began moving over the MSR by truck and relieved one platoon (-) of Company "D", 2d Battalion, at the (AT998707) railroad bridge and two platoons of Company "E" at the FAD ammo dump (AT 986734). The relief was accomplished by 161200H. Company "C" departed the Airbase at 160730H and moved by truck over the MSR to positions near GIANG DONG (BT 005675) and DUONG SON (2), (BT 995678) where they relieved Companies "G" and "H". Company "C" was in position by 161630H.

(2) 2d Battalion. At 151840H, Company "F" received eight rounds of sniper fire from (AT 991689), (AT 990683), and (AT 990694). The Company returned approximately fifty rounds of small arms fire and five 3.5" RR WP rounds. There were no Marine casualties and no confirmed VC casualties. At 152135H, Company "H" received three rounds of small arms fire from the direction of QUA GIANG (2), (BT 003668). There were no Marine casualties. A listening post from Company "F" at (AT 990694) received small arms fire while moving into position at 152150H. There were no Marine casualties. Company "G" was relieved in place by Company "C" 1st Battalion. The relief was executed by 161630H. Company "G" returned to the 2d Battalion CP in preparation for the clear and hold operation of the CAM NE Village complex (AT 990690). Company "H" prepared to move into an assembly area (AT 996685) under the cover of darkness for the clear and hold operation to take place 18 August 1965. By 161200H, Company "E" was relieved in place by Company "A" 1st Battalion. Company "E" returned to the 2d Battalion CP in preparation for the clear and hold operation on 18 August 1965. Company "F" continues to occupy defensive positions west of DUONG SON (1), (AT 999688).

(3) 3d Battalion. All personnel except Company "M" were offloaded from the USS OKABAGEN by 161200H. The D-1 ammunition was unloaded from the square of the hatches and the organic gear of the 3d Battalion began to come ashore at 161500H. Control of the Museum Beach was turned over to 3d Battalion at this time. The USS WHITFIELD COUNTY completed unloading at 161200H over TIEN SHA ramp. The TIEN SHA ramp was clear of supplies and equipment by 161430H. Company "I" relieved Company "C", 1st Battalion, in position today. Company "K" relieved Company "B", FABO Battalion, and Company "L" (-) relieved Company "A", FABO Battalion. The 3d Battalion assumed command of the Airbase defense at 161615H.

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion conducted eleven patrols

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this reporting period. Company "A" conducted four patrols to the north of the airfield. All of these patrols were during hours of darkness. These patrols covered the hamlets of XUEN HOA (BT 004776) and XUAN KHE (BT 002772), and grid squares (BT 9976) and (BT 9977). None of these patrols had enemy contact. Company "D" conducted seven patrols during this reporting period five of these patrols were run during hours of darkness and one during the day. These patrols covered the hamlets of HOA AI (BT 024737) and BINH THAI (BT 010726), and the area surrounding each, and the area along Highway 1 from (BT 002723) to (BT 000734). None of these patrols had enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out four combat patrols. A patrol from Company "F" which was sent into CAM KE (2), (AT 982688), at 151150H received small arms fire at (AT 992689). This patrol was also fired upon by small arms at (AT 982688), and later at (AT987687). The patrol covered its withdrawal with M-79 fire and returned to the Company "F" CP. There were no USMC casualties. A combat patrol was sent from DUONG LAM (1), (AT 994677) to XUAN KE (1), AT 990665) and returned without making contact. A combat patrol was sent from QUANG DUNG (BT 006679) south to (BT 007664) and returned without contact. A patrol was sent from the railroad bridge (AT 998707) to (BT 001723) and returned without contact.

(3) 3d Battalion. None.

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. None. Company "B" had ambushes planned which were cancelled when they were attacked at 151910H.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion established ambushes at (AT 983673) and (BT 002677) from 152000H to 160230H. There was no enemy contact.

d. Listening Posts. The 2d Battalion established a listening post at (AT 990694) at 152150H. The post was fired on by snipers and withdrawn.

5. Changes in location of CP's

a. 1st Battalion	(BT 021729)
Company "A" Hdqts	(BT 013740)
Two Platoons Ammo Dump	(AT 987733)
One Platoon Water Point Security	(AT 998707)
Company "C"	(AT 991677)

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b. 2d Battalion

Company "F"	(AT 998723)
Company "G"	(AT 998723)
Company "H"	Not established

c. 3d Battalion (BT 001748)

Company "I"	(BT 009741)
Company "K"	(BT 003749)
Company "L"	(BT 004747)

6. None.

7. None.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion plans to conduct eleven combat patrols during the next twenty-four hours. Company "B" will conduct two patrols during the next twenty-four hours. Both patrols during the hours of darkness. The patrols will cover the Hamlets of HAI AN (2) (BT 06682), TUA KHE (2), (BT 073630), BA TONG (1), (BT 051703), BINH AI (2), (BT 060701), and BINH KI (1), (BT 055697). Company "C" plans to conduct patrols in the area of GIANG BONG (BT 005675), and DONG BONG (1), (AT 995677). Company "D" plans to conduct patrols in and around the Hamlets of HOA HI (BT 024737), and BINH THAI (BT 010724), and the area along Highway 1 from coordinates (BT 002723) to coordinates (BT 002732).

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion will conduct a clear and hold operation of the CAM NE Complex (AT 990690) on 18-19 August 1965. On 16 August Company "H", under the cover of darkness, moves into an assembly area vicinity (AT 995685) and, Commencing at first light on 17 August, secures and clears YEN NE (2), (AT 987684). Subsequent to the search and clear operation of YEN NE (2), Company "H" will establish blocking positions south of the CAM NE Complex (AT 990690). Company "G" will establish blocking positions to the west along the SONG YEN river. On 18 August Companies "F" and "F" reinforced with one company (-) of Regional Forces, RVN seizes, clears, and holds the CAM NE Complex. Subsequent to the operation, 2d Battalion will consolidate defensive positions in the CAM NE Complex and patrol to the south. Company "F" will establish a listening post at (AT 989689) from 162000H - 170300H August.

c. 3d Battalion. Will continue the defense of the Danang Airbase and will conduct three combat patrols tonight.

9. Miscellaneous. None.

10. Civil Affairs

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a. 1st Battalion. Company "F" gave assistance to refugees after a VC attack at (BF 037666) at 152030H. (See paragraph 4a(1)).

b. 2d Battalion. The B.S treated thirty-nine Vietnamese today.

c. 3d Battalion. None.

11. Late Entries

a. At 161615H the control of the Airbase defense passed from 1st Battalion to the 3d Battalion. The 1st Battalion Headquarters moved to (BF 021729).

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SITREP No. 40

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

2. Period Covered. 170001H to 172400H August 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The Ninth Marines continued in defensive posture and carried out combat patrols while preparing for the clear and hold operation of CAM NE Village Complex (AT 990690) on 18 August 1965 which will culminate Phase Three of Ninth Marines Operation 3214-65.

a. 1st Battalion. Remained in defensive positions south of the Danang Airbase. Two platoons provide security for the FLOG ammo dump at (AT 987733). Seven combat patrols were executed.

b. 2d Battalion. Made preparations for the clear and hold operation of CAM NE Village Complex (AT 990690) tomorrow. Company "F" moved from [illegible] (1), (AT 995687), to [illegible] (2) and (3) (AT 983683) this morning.

c. 3d Battalion. Continues to defend the Danang Airbase. They conducted three combat patrols last night.

4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) 1st Battalion. Company "B" picked up eleven VCS during search in the area of (AT 071695). All companies remained in position today. Company "B" discovered two 105mm HE shells and five pounds of explosives which were rigged as a bobytrap with a battery powered, electrical detonating device. It was found at (AT 063697).

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(2) 2d Battalion. All companies remained in their present positions except Company "H" which moved from DUONG SON (1), (AT 995687), to YEN NE (2) and (3), (AT 983683) at 170615H. They found trenches and pungee traps, but no VC were encountered.

(3) 3d Battalion. Continues to defend the Airbase.

(4) Fire Support. The 2d Battalion, 12th Marines fired three missions in support of 3d Tank Battalion. The target was enemy personnel at (AT 981699). Thirty 105mm HE and thirty-six WP and five illumination were expended. Six VC KIA's (probable). They fired twelve M&I missions during the night expending twenty four 105mm HE rounds.

(5) Supporting Units. The 3d Tank Battalion was engaged in a fire fight with an unknown number of VC at 162330 near (AT 982706). No Marines were wounded.

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion conducted seven patrols during the last twenty four hours. Company "C" conducted two patrols, both during the hours of darkness. These patrols covered the area in vicinity of DUONG SON (2), (AT 995675), and GIANG DONG (BT 005687). Company "D" conducted five patrols during the last twenty-four hours. Four of these patrols were during hours of darkness and one was during daylight. These patrols covered the area in and around BINH THAI (BT 006723), NGHIA HOA (BT 018724), and HOA HY (BT 025738). Two VCS were picked up at 162045H in front of the Battalion CP near (BT 021729).

(2) 2d Battalion. None.

(3) 3d Battalion. Conducted three combat patrols around the perimeter of the Airbase during the night without enemy contact.

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c. Ambushes. None.

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. None.

(2) 2d Battalion. Company "F" established a listening post at (AT 989689) between 1620001 and 1704501.

5. Change in location of CP's

a. 1st Battalion. None.

b. 2d Battalion

Company "H" (AT 983683)

c. 3d Battalion. None.

6. None.

7. Training. None.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. Will conduct four combat patrols tonight. Company "A" will patrol around the ammo dump vicinity (AT 987734). Company "D" will patrol in and around the villages of BINH THAI (BT 006734) and HOA VI (BT 024737). Company "B" will establish an ambush tonight at (BT 02693).

b. 2d Battalion. Company "F" will establish listening posts at (AT 989695) and (AT 990686) from 1721001 to 1801001. Companies "E", "G" and "H" will participate in the clear and hold operation in the CAN HE village complex during the next two days as reported in SITREP No. 39.

c. 3d Battalion. Will continue to defend the Airbase. Three combat patrols will be sent around the perimeter of the Airbase tonight.

9. Miscellaneous. None.

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10. Civil Affairs

a. The 2d Battalion BAS treated thirty-four civilians today.

b. The Regimental S-2 and S-1 (Civil Affairs Officer) visited the Chief of Staff "I" Corps, Colonel THANH in connection with civil affairs activities for planned operations. Lt Col LANG and Major THANH of "I" Corps were present at meeting along with Colonel St. Clair, U. S. Advisor.

11. Data Entries

a. 171640H, 2d Battalion reported Post No. 21 received one round of sniper fire from two story red house (BT 010774).

b. 171640H, Pvt James P. CLARK 21[illegible]374, KIA, bullet wound left chest. Fire came from (BT 988687).

c. 171645H, Company "B" receiving heavy small arms fire at [illegible] No (a), (BT 985687).

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SITREP No. 41

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

2. Period Covered. 180001H to 182400H August 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The Ninth Marines continued defense of the Danang Airbase repulsing VC probes of the perimeter of the Base from 172255H until 180345H and conducted eighteen combat patrols, two ambushes and six listening posts.

a. 1st Battalion. Remained in defensive positions south of the Danang Airbase and provides security for the FLSG ammo dump (AT 987733), the railroad bridge and water point at (AT 998707), and maintains one company as the Division mobile reserve.

b. 2d Battalion. Is presently conducting a clear and hold operation in the CAM NE Village Complex (AT 990690) which began this morning at 180633H when Company "E" and Company "F" began a sweep to the west. Two hundred and two villagers were evacuated prior to the sweep. Only light resistance has been met, but ten men have been wounded in action by mines, booby traps, and punjee stakes.

c. 3d Battalion. Repulsed repeated probes of the Danang Airbase from 172255H until 180345H. Approximately ten VC attempted to penetrate the perimeter between Posts #8 and #9 and approximately seven VC were sighted fifty meters in front of Post #6. It is estimated that one VC was killed and two wounded. Two large pools of blood were found today infront of

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Post #6. No Marines were wounded during theese probes.

4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) 1st Battalion. Continues to defend positions south of the Danang Airbase, the FLSG ammo dump (AT 987733) and the railroad bridge and water point at (AT 998707). Company "D" remains the Division mobile reserve. Last night one Marine was wounded in the leg at the Battalion CP (BT 0247 3) from a round which probably came from the Airbase. A mine detection team attached to Company "D" discovered a landmine at 180300H at coordinates (BT 066693) while on a road clearing mission. The mine was buried and armed. The mine was disarmed by the mine detection team and removed.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion commenced the clear and hold operation of the CAM NE Village Complex (AT 990690). At 172000H Company "E" departed the Assembly area (AT 997723) and moved by motor convoy to a debarkation point in vicinity (AT 997707). Company "E" then moved by foot march to the LZ (AT 995690) and reported they were in position at 172340H. At 172221H Company "G" departed the assembly area (AT 997723) by foot march. One platoon and headquarters moved to (AT 978701) and two platoons moved to (AT 997707). From these positions Company "G" moved west by rubber boats up the SONG CAU DO (river) and then south up the SONG YEN (river) to (AT 965691), arriving at 180327H. Company "G" then established blocking positions along the SONG YEN (river) from (AT 972697) south to (AT 962680). At 180540H Company "H" commenced moving from (AT 983684) into blocking positions. By 180630 Company "H" had established platoon strong points at (AT 964680), (AT 975680) and (AT 983684). Company "F" moved into position at (AT 996687). By 180725

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were in position. At 180640H the scheduled leaflet drop by [redacted]er was complet d, but was not effective. At 180643H a loud speaker broadcast from helicopter was initiated. Civilians were advised to move to a screening position at (AT 998699). At 180838H Companies "E" and "F" crossed the LAD and commenced searching the CAM AE Complex (AT 990690). At 180900H Company "F" reported two WIA's at (AT 993683) as a result of a booby trap explosion. WIA's were evacuated by helicopter to C&C. At 181150 Company "E" reported one WIA from a punjee stake at (AT 987691). WIA was evacuated by helicopter. At 181215 Companies "E" and "F" reported they were moving slowly and encountering punjee stakes and entrenchments, but no VC. The village appeared to be deserted. At 181328H Company "E" reported three WIA's. Two WIA's received foot wounds from punjee stakes at (AT 987691) and (AT 987693). One WIA received a shoulder wound from a booby trap at (AT 986644). All WIA's were evacuated by helicopter from (AT 988692). At 181339 Company "F" reported four WIA's from a booby trap at (AT 983687). Two VCS were seperated from the one hundred and two refugees at (AT 998699). There are an additional one hundred refugees at Hill 47 (AT 975707) who crossed over the river. They are being moved to the clearing point at (AT 998699).

(3) 3d Battalion. At 172250H ten VC probed the airfield in the vicinity of Posts #8 and #9. The VC used automatic weapons and grenades. When the Marines took the VC under fire they split into two groups. One VC was killed (probable) but the body was not recovered. It was suspected the VC might have penetrated the perimeter so a sweep was conducted. At 172310 approximately seven VC were sighted fifty meters in front of Post #6 and were taken under fire. Today two large pools of blood were found in front of Post #6. 60mm Illumination was used and a flare plane was employed.

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matic weapons fire was received on the southeast of the perimeter from 172400H until 170345H. There were no Marine casualties. Today at 181150H a VC grenade exploded in the ammo dump at (AT 998745). It could not be determined where the grenade came from. It could have been a rifle grenade.

(4) Fire Support. The 2d Battalion, 14th Marines fired five missions at VC positions at (AT 972690) and (AT 984692). Ninety-nine rounds of HE were expended. No enemy casualties were observed. Last night at 171810H a mission being fired at (AT 984692), resulted in long rounds which landed near (AT 983683) in Company "H" positions. Seven Marines were wounded and one was killed by the artillery. This matter is under investigation.

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion conducted thirteen combat patrols during the twenty-four hours. Company "A" conducted two patrols during the last twenty-four hours. One of these patrols covered the area around the ammo dump, coordinates (BT 985733). This patrol had no enemy contact. A second patrol from Company "A" was conducted from the Railroad bridge to the Hamlet of CAM MAN (BT 017707). At 172020H, this patrol reported that, during an identification check of personnel at a house located at (BT 017707) CAM MAN Hamlet, a Vietnamese male fled through a straw, mat, covered hole in the building wall and escaped. The male, described as about 25 years of age, took with him one Vietnamese boy approximately eight years old. Company "B" conducted one patrol around, and five hundred meters to the south of the Hamlet of BA TUNG (2), (BT 045697). Company "C" conducted five patrols during the last twenty-four hours. One patrol was conducted during the hours of darkness and covered the area of DIAM DONG (BT 005675), to the intersection Highway One and the stream at coordinates (BT 017677),

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to the trail at coordinates (BT 009671), and returned to the LP. Four patrols during the day were conducted. Two patrols around [redacted] (2), (AT 995677), and two around CHANG DONG (BT 005677). None of these patrols reported any enemy contact. Company "D" conducted five patrols during this reporting period. These patrols covered the areas around the hamlets of NGHIA HOA (BT 018725), HOA AI (BT 029737), and LINH THAI (BT 004724), and the intersection at coordinates (BT 002724). Redwood Delta 3 Alpha which was a foot/motorized patrol, left company "D"'s CP (BT 02473) and moved by foot to the railroad bridge (AT 998707), where the patrol boarded LVT's and attempted to move up the [redacted] (river) to coordinates (BT 035735) and move back to the Railroad Bridge. However, the mission was interrupted by a low tide. Three of these patrols were conducted during hours of darkness and two during daylight hours.

(2) 2d Battalion. None.

(3) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion conducted five combat patrols, three last night and two this afternoon. All were in the area north of the Danang Airbase. One of these patrols received fire near (AT 999769) about 180330H. One Marine was killed in action and one ANVN was wounded in action.

e. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion conducted one ambush during the last twenty-four hours. This ambush was conducted by Company "B" in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 067698). This ambush was set in from 172330H until 180600H. This ambush had no enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. None.

(3) 3d Battalion. None.

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(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion sent out nine listening posts during the hours of darkness last night. Company "B" had listening posts at the following coordinates: (BT 044686), (BT 050687), (BT 054688), (BT 071698) and (BT 074703). None of these listening posts had enemy contact. Company "C" had listening posts at the following coordinates: (BT 990695), (BT 990685), (BT 987688) and (BT 995674). None of these listening posts had enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. Company "F" established listening posts at (AT 989695) and (AT 990686) from 172100H to 180400H.

(3) 3d Battalion. None.

5. Change in Location of Command Posts

a. 1st Battalion. None.

b. 2d Battalion

Company "E" Not Established

Company "F" Not Established

Company "G" (AT 965691)

c. 3d Battalion. None.

6. None.

7. None.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion plans to conduct eight patrols, eight listening posts and three ambushes. Company "A" plans to conduct two combat patrols, both during hours of darkness. These patrols will cover the area around the ammo dump (BT 986730) and the area from the railroad Bridge (BT 998707) to the Hamlet of CAM NAM (BT 015705). Company "B" will have listening posts at coordinates (BT 050689), (BT 050687),

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... 044687), (BT 042686), (BT 072702) and (BT 073701). Company "B" will have ambushes in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 062041) and (BT 070695). Company "B" plans to conduct one combat patrol during the hours of darkness. This patrol will cover the area in and around the Hamlet of HAI AN (BT 053717), the stream junction at (BT 043707), the Hamlets of BA [illegible] (1), (BT 050703) and KHAI TAY (1), (BT 051681). Company "B" plans to conduct five patrols during the next twenty-four hours. Four of these patrols will be conducted during hours of darkness and one during daylight hours. These patrols will cover the Hamlets of HOA NY (BT 024736), NGHIA HOA (BT 018724) and BINH THAI (BT 006724) and the intersection at (BT 002723). Redwood Delta 3-Alpha, which is a foot/motorized patrol will leave Company "B"'s CP (BT 024733) and move by foot to the Railroad bridge where the patrol will board LVT's, move up the SONG CAU DO (river) to coordinates (BT 035735) and move back to the Railroad Bridge.

b. 2d Battalion. Companies "E" and "F" will continue clear and hold operation of the CAM NE Complex (AT 990690). All companies will patrol in assigned sectors tonight. Subsequent to the clear and hold operation patrol to the south.

c. 3d Battalion. Will continue to defend the Danang Airbase and will conduct five combat patrols and two ambushes during the next twenty-four hours.

9. Miscellaneous. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. The 2d Battalion MAS treated twenty-six civilians today.

b. Food was distributed to the two hundred plus refugees at (AT 998699) today.

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SITREP No. 42

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

2. Period covered. 190600H to 192400H August 1965

3. General summary of events. The Ninth Marines continued defense of the Phong Nhi base and continued into the second day of the clear and hold operation in the Cam Ne Village Complex (YT 960690). The Ninth Marines conducted fourteen combat patrols and five ambushes and established nine listening posts, during the last twenty-four hours. One VC was killed and twenty-one VC were captured. There were eleven Marines wounded today.

a. 1st Battalion. Continued to occupy positions south of the Phong Nhi base in the southwest portion of the Cam Ne Area. Ten patrols, two ambushes and seven listening posts were conducted during the last twenty-four hours.

b. 2d Battalion. Held 1st positions around the Cam Ne Village Complex (YT 960690) last night and conducted one combat patrol and established three ambushes and two listening posts. There was no contact last night with the VC. Today the 2d Battalion continued the clear and hold operation. One VC sniper was killed about 191400H at (YT 960694).

c. 3d Battalion. Continued to defend the perimeter of the Phong Nhi base and conducted three combat patrols during the last twenty-four period.

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4. Activities

a. Operations. The 1st Battalion continued to occupy positions at (BT 045690), (BT 057690), (BT 070700), (BT 034732), (AT 995677) and (BT 005674). The 1st Battalion also provides security for the railroad bridge and water point at (AT 998707) and the PLSG ammo dump at (AT 987733). Company "D" remains on one hour reaction time as the division mobile reserve. Company "B" sent out a platoon (-) to check out sixty-five people spotted cutting long bamboo poles at 181812 in the vicinity of (BT 066713). This platoon (-) captured twenty-one VCS's. The VCS's were picked up by 1st Battalion S-2 officer and taken to RCA VANG District Headquarters. At 182125 the third platoon of Company "B" received what appeared to be one mortar round fifty meters from their position (BT 072698). One squad was sent out to investigate with negative results. No casualties were sustained. At 190115 LP and CP security platoon located in the vicinity of (BT 034734) spotted a squad size column 150 meters north of their position, approaching their position from the north. These people were without helmets, were armed, and were small in size. One hand illumination grenade was fired, and the column turned and ran east and out of sight. At 180125 three rounds of 81mm illumination were fired with negative results. Reaction platoon was alerted and Battalion CP went on 100% alert. At 190220 the LP at (BT 034734) reported another group of people back in same area as first group. This time there were twenty-five people. One round of 81 illumination was fired and people disappeared.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion continued the clear and hold operation of CAM 84 Complex (AT 990690). Companies "E" and "F" established

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defensive perimeters in the vicinity of (AT 981690) and (AT 980688) respectively during the night of 18 August 1965. Company "F" remained in defensive blocking positions to the west along the [redacted] (river). Company "H" remained in defensive blocking positions to the south. At 190630H companies "F" and "F" continued their search and clear operation of the [redacted] complex. Both companies reported they were encountering the usual fighting trenches, tunnels and punjee traps. Company "F" sustained one minor WIA as a result of a booby trapped fence. The casualty received a slight hand wound and did not require evacuation. Both companies, with the aid of engineers, continued to destroy VC fighting positions, tunnels and entrenchments. At 191040H company "E" reported completion of the search and clear operation of [redacted] (1), (AT 984693). Company "F", to the south in [redacted] (2), (AT 983688), continued their search and clear operation. At 191500H company "E" was in [redacted] (4), (AT 970695) and company "F" was in [redacted] (6), (AT 975685). No VC resistance was encountered from within the [redacted] complex. Villagers were screened and questioned in an effort to locate VC suspects. At 190935H company "[redacted]", occupying blocking positions to the south, reported two [redacted]'s from VC small arms, sniper fire. Both [redacted]'s were evacuated by helicopter to [redacted] where their prognosis was reported as being good. At 191000H company "H", occupying blocking positions to the west, reported receiving small arms sniper fire from [redacted] (3), (AT 966684). Company "H" returned fire and knocked the VC sniper from a tree. However, five villagers ran out and pulled the body into the village.

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(3) 2d Battalion. Continued to defend the perimeter of the Danang Airbase. Company "F" conducted a sweep yesterday northeast from (BT 008734) and (BT 011728) toward a blocking force at (BT 014740) and (BT 016736). The sweep commenced at 181630H and ended at 181930H. No VC were encountered. Post #11 observed two Vietnamese men with packs hurriedly leave a house when the sweeping force approached.

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion conducted ten patrols during the last twenty-four hours. Company "B" conducted one patrol which covered the area around the hamlet of [illegible] (BT 053717), the stream junction at (BT 048747) and the hamlets of [illegible] (1), (BT 050703), and [illegible] (1), (BT 051637). This patrol was conducted during the hours of darkness and had no enemy contact. Company "C" conducted four patrols during the last twenty-four hours. These patrols covered the area in and around [illegible] (2), (BT 995677), and [illegible] (BT 005675). These patrols were conducted during daylight hours and had no enemy contact. Company "D" conducted five patrols during the last twenty-four hours. Four of these patrols were conducted during the hours of darkness and one was conducted during daylight hours. These patrols covered the hamlets of [illegible] (BT 024736), [illegible] (BT 018724) and [illegible] (BT 006724) and the intersection at (BT 002725). None of these patrols had enemy contact.

(2) 3d Battalion. Company "H" sent a combat patrol from [illegible] (3), (AT 964678) to [illegible] (1), (AT 974675). The patrol departed 132200H and returned 140145H. No VC contact was made.

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(3) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion conducted three patrols today north of the Airbase without enemy contact.

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion conducted two ambushes during the last twenty-four hours. These ambushes were conducted by company "B" at coordinates (BT 066698) and (BT 070695) between the hours 182300H until 190000H. There was no enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion established three ambushes during this period. Company "F" had one ambush at (AT 963673) from 182300H to 190100H and another at (AT 982680) from 182230H to 190230H. Both ambushes had no contact with the VC. Company "G" had one ambush at (AT 971697) from 182200 to 190135. No contact was made.

(3) 3d Battalion. None.

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion sent out seven listening posts during the last twenty-four hours. These listening posts were sent out by company "B" and were at the following coordinates: (BT 05068), (BT 050687), (BT 044687), (BT 062686), (BT 072700) and (BT 073701). None of these listening posts had enemy contact. One listening post was sent out from the CP security platoon at (BT 038734). This listening post had no enemy contact but spotted people moving 150 meters north of their position but was unable to definately identify these people.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion had two listening posts. Company "G" established a listening post at (AT 963698) from 182200H to 190530H. Company "H" had a listening post at (AT 963678) from 182300H to

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(3) 3d Battalion. None.

5. Change in Location of Command Posts

a. 1st Battalion — No change

b. 2d Battalion

Company "E" — Not Established

Company "F" — Not Established

Company "G" — Not Established

c. 3d Battalion — No change

6. None.

7. None.

8. Plans

(a) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion plans to conduct ten patrols, two ambushes, and nine listening posts in the next twenty four hours. Company "A" will conduct two patrols during the next twenty-four hours. Both will be conducted during hours of darkness. These patrols will cover the area around the ammo dump and the area from the railroad bridge (BT 998707) to the hamlet of YEN DAC (1), (BT 987703). Company "B" will conduct two patrols, one ambush and six listening posts during the next twenty four hours. The patrols will cover the area in and around the hamlets of BA TUNG (2), (BT 044697) and MAN QUAM (2), (BT 044687) and from the trail at coordinates (BT 067693) to the trail junction at (BT 065698), to the stream at (BT 074698). Both patrols will be conducted during hours of darkness. Company "B" will have listening posts at the following coordinates: (BT 054688), (BT 054686), (BT 041688), (BT 045686), (BT 072700), and (BT 073702). Company "B" will have one ambush at

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coordinates (BT 03568). Company "C" plans to conduct one ambush and three listening posts during the next twenty-four hours. The ambush will be at coordinates (BT 99867). The listening posts will be at coordinates (BT 975675), (BT 989669) and (BT 009676). Company "D" plans to run six patrols during the next twenty-four hours. These patrols will be run during hours of darkness and will cover the area in and around the hamlets of [redacted] (BT 044737), [redacted] (BT 018745), and [redacted] (BT 005744). The foot/motorized patrol using LVT's will cover the area along the river from (BT 04672) to the railroad bridge (BT 998707) and up the [redacted] River to (BT 012732).

b. 2d Battalion. Company "E" is preparing to cross the [redacted] (river) to search and clear the east bank from (BT 965702) to (BT 953690). Company "F" is preparing to conduct a search and clear operation of the south bank of the [redacted] and [redacted] (rivers) from (BT 970670) to (BT 991698). Subsequent to these search and clear operations, companies "E", "F" and "H" will establish defensive positions from the vicinity of (BT 955676) east to the vicinity of (BT 011675). Company "G" will revert to battalion reserve.

c. 3d Battalion. will continue to defend the perimeter of the Vung Tau Airbase and will send out seven combat patrols to the north of the Airbase. Company "I" with 30 Regional Force troops assisted by the District Chief, Captain [redacted], will search the hamlet of [redacted] (BT 005726) tomorrow between the hours 200500H to 200700H.

9. Miscellaneous. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. 102 villagers from [redacted] complex voluntarily came to the civilian

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collecting point set up in [redacted] (1). These villagers were given shelter, food, clothing and medical attention from 170700H until approximately 181200H. During the morning of 18 August the villagers had all located friends or relatives to stay with until operations were completed in CA[redacted] area an. had departed the collecting point.

b. 51 villagers who had remained in the CA[redacted] area were brought to the collecting point at 191430H where they were fed, given medical treatment and shelter.

c. Medical aid stations will be established in [redacted] upon the return of civilians to their homes.

d. A detailed report of civil affairs actions accomplished during the CA[redacted] operation will be submitted this date to the Commanding General.

e. 3/9 has assumed responsibility for medical treatment in those areas near the airbase previously operated by 3/9. [redacted] approximately 50 people a day are handled in three separate aid stations.

f. The 2d Battalion has treated thirty civilians today.

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SITREP No. 43

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

2. Period Covered. 200001H to 202400H August 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The Ninth Marines continued to defend the Danang Airbase and consolidated defensive positions south of the DONG CAU NG (river). Twenty-one combat patrols, three ambushes, and eleven listening posts were conducted during the last twenty-four hour period. Three Marines were wounded-in-action today. Five VCS were captured.

a. 1st Battalion. Continued to defend positions south of the Danang Airbase. Company "D" remains as the Division mobile reserve. Have been relieved of security of the railroad bridge and water point at (AT 998707). Company "C" was relieved of positions near [illegible] (2), (AT 994677) and [illegible] (BT 004674) by Company "E", 2d Battalion.

b. 2d Battalion. Conducted two combat patrols and established one ambush and two listening posts last night. Today, the 2d Battalion continued the clearing operation in the CAM NE Village Complex (AT 990690) and in BO BAN (1), (AT 958685), and BO BAN (2), (AT 966697). Three companies are presently consolidating positions while company "C" is moving to (AT 987723) this afternoon.

c. 3d Battalion. Continued defense of the Danang Airbase perimeter and conducted six combat patrols during the last twenty-four hours. Company [illegible] made a sweep of the Hamlet of DONG PHOUC (BT 004726) between 200530H

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2007301 taking five VCs.

4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) 1st Battalion. At 192232H a Marine on line from the battalion CP security platoon reported seeing ten men with shoulder weapons and dressed in black running across the road at coordinates (BT 016726). One squad was sent out to investigate with negative results. The 1st platoon of Company "A" 1st Battalion was relieved of the water point and railroad bridge security at coordinates (AT 996707) by one squad from Company "C", 2d Battalion, at 201000H. The 1st platoon from company "A" moved north along Highway 1 by truck to the company CP on the southern end of the air strip (AT 005738). Company "C" was relieved of their positions at [illegible] (2), (AT 995676) and [illegible] (AT 005675) at 201100H. Company "C" moved by foot to the following positions: 1st platoon company "C", (AT 036667), 2d platoon (AT 046663) and 3d platoon (BT 016673).

(4) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion completed the clear and hold operation of the [illegible] complex (AT 990690). Companies "E", "F" and "G" reported a total of twenty-eight bunkers, sixty tunnels, five trenches, and forty-one mines (twenty-five of which were booby trapped) were destroyed during the two day operation. By 192330H all elements of Company "G" had returned to the 2d Battalion CP area and became the battalion reserve. Company "E" completed consolidation and preparation of defensive positions with one platoon east of the [illegible] (river) from (AT 966700) to (AT 965695) and two platoons east of the river from (AT 965691) to (AT 961680) to (AT 970684). Consolidation was completed by 200100H. Company "F" occupied defensive positions north of LZ [illegible] (1), (AT 980693). Company "F" established

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defensive positions to the east and south of YEN NB (2), (AT 984683). At 200922H Company "E" commenced the sweep of the western bank of the SONG YEN (river). They reported encountering booby traps and entrenchments. At 201037H Company "E" reported one WIA as the result of shrapnel from a booby trap. The casualty received an eye wound and was evacuated by helicopter to C&C. At 201300H company "E" reported two more WIA's from a booby trap at (AT 963688). One was evacuated by helicopter to C&C and the other was not serious enough for evacuation. Company "E" is presently moving to positions from (AT 961689(to (AT 973684). Company "E" is now in positions from (AT 973684) to (AT 992678). Company "H" is moving to positions from (AT 99267) to (BT 017676). Company "C" (-) moved today to (AT 987723). One reinforced squad of company "C" took over the security for the railroad bridge and water point at (AT 998707).

(3) 3d Battalion. Continued defense of the Hanang Airbase. At 200201H Post 18 received two bursts of automatic fire. At 200230H the sniper was located at (BT 005734). Company "E" illuminated at fired two 40mm grenades but could not see if the sniper was hit. Company "E" made a sweep of [illegible] (BT 003727) from 200530H to 200730H taking five VCS at (BT 003725) and (BT 007726).

(4) Fire Support. The 2d Battalion, 12th Marines, fired twenty H&I missions expending forty 105mm HE rounds and fired one illumination mission at (AT 955671).

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion conducted thirteen patrols during the last twenty-four hours. Company "A" conducted two patrols during the last twenty-four hours, both during hours of darkness. These patrols

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covered the area around the ammo dump (AT 985734) and the area from the railroad bridge (AT 998707) to the hamlet of YEN BAC (1), (AT 987703). These patrols had no enemy contact. Company "B", during the last twenty-four hours, conducted two patrols which covered the area in and around the Hamlets of [illegible] (2), (BT 043693), [illegible] (2), (BT 045687), and [illegible] (1), (BT 053685) and the area from the trail at coordinates (BT 067696) Northwest to the trail at (BT 071697). These patrols were conducted during hours of darkness and had no enemy contact. Company "C" conducted three daylight patrols which covered the area in and around the Hamlets of [illegible] (2), (BT 995677) and [illegible] (AT 005676). These patrols had no enemy contact. Company "D" conducted six patrols during the last twenty-four hours. Five of these patrols were conducted during hours of darkness and one during daylight and covered the area in and around the Hamlets of [illegible] (BT 024737), [illegible] (BT 018724) and [illegible] (BT [illegible]). The foot/motorized patrol covered the area along the [illegible] river banks from coordinates (BT [illegible]) to the railroad bridge at coordinates (BT 998707), and Northwest on the [illegible] (river) to coordinates (BT 051733). These patrols had no enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion conducted two combat patrols last night. Company "E" sent a combat patrol from [illegible] (2), (AT 984684) into [illegible] (2), (AT 988688). The patrol departed 200200H and returned 200540H. There was no contact with the VC. Company "F" sent a combat patrol from [illegible] (1), (AT 983694) to [illegible] (1), (AT 994696). The patrol departed 192200H and returned [illegible]. No contact was made with the VC.

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(3) 3d Battalion. Conducted six combat patrols in the area north of the Danang Airbase, without enemy contact. Six fresh graves were discovered at (BT 008772) by a patrol at 200300H.

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established two ambushes during the last twenty-four hours. Company "D" established one ambush at coordiantes (BT 035683), from 190530H to 200530H. Company "C" established an ambush at coordiantes (BT 998672), from 192000H to 200500H. Neither ambush had enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion established one ambush during this period. Company "H" had an ambush at (AT 974680) from 200100H to 200500H. No contact has made with the VC.

(3) 3d Battalion. None.

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion sent out nine listening posts during the last twenty-four hours. Company "B" had listening posts at the following coordiantes: (BT 05[illegible]), (BT 054686), (BT 041688), (BT 045686) (BT 072700), and (BT 07370[illegible]). Company "C" had listening posts at coordinates (BT 995675), (BT 989640) and (BT 009676). None of these listening posts observed any enemy activity or had enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion established two listening posts last night. Company "H" had a listening post at (AT 979673) from 192000H to 200002H. Company "F" had a listening post at (AT 979682). There were no reports from listening posts of VC activity.

(3) 3d Battalion. None.

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5. Change in Location of CP's

a. 1st Battalion

Company "C"	Not Established

b. 2d Battalion

Company "A"	(AT 964685)
Company "F"	(AT 982681)
Company "G"	(AT 9687[illegible])
1 Squad (Rein)	(AT 998707)
Company "H"	(AT 993678)

c. 3d Battalion — No Change

6. None.

7. None.

8. Plans

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st battalion plans to conduct eight patrols and one ambush, during the next twenty-four hours. Company "A" plans to conduct one patrol during the next twenty-four hours. This patrol will be conducted during the hours of darkness and will cover the area around the ammo dump (AT 986734). Company "B" plans to conduct one patrol and one ambush during the next twenty-four hours. The patrol will cover the area in and around the hamlets of [illegible] QUAN (1), (BT 034689) and [illegible] QUAN (2), (BT 044687) and to the trail at coordiantes (BT 038679). This patrol will be conducted during hours of darkness. Company "B" will conduct one ambush. The ambush will be at coordiantes (BT 068699). Company "C" will conduct six patrols during the next twenty-four hours. Five of these patrols will be conducted during hours of darkness and one during daylight hours. These patrols will cover the area in and around the Hamlets

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HOA KY (BT 024737), NGHIA HOA (BT 018724), BINH THAI (BT 005724) and the intersection at coordinates (BT 001723). The foot/motorized patrol using LVT's will be conducted covering along the SONG CAU DO River from the Railroad Bridge (BT 998707) to coordiantes (BT 032732).

b. 2d Battalion. Subsequent to the establishment of defensive positions from (AT 953680) east to (BT 014686) with three companies on line, the 2d Battalion will conduct extensive patrolling to the South. The 2d Battalion will also patrol north and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in assigned sector. An extensive civic action program will be conducted in the CAM HE Complex (AT 990690).

c. 3d Battalion. Will continue to defend the Danang Airbase and will conduct six patrols to the north of the Airbase tonight and tomorrow.

9. Miscellaneous. The 3d Marines and Ninth Marines made contact at 201540 at (AT 953682).

10. Civil Affairs

a. The 2d Battalion BAS treated twenty-four civilians today.

11. Late Entries. A FAC Team and the ALO from 3d Battalion and the FAC Officer from 1st Battalion will leave for CHU LAI tonight.

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SITREP No. ~~43~~ 44

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

2. Period Covered. 210001H to 212400H August 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The Ninth Marines continued to defend the Danang Airbase and provide security for the Danang East Complex. Positions were consolidated south of the SONG CAU DO (river). Seventeen combat patrols were conducted, and five ambushes and four listening posts were established during the last twenty-four hours. There were no Marine casualties. One VCS was captured and one VC was wounded.

a. 1st Battalion. Continued to consolidate positions in the southeast portion of the TAOR. Two platoons provide security for the FLSG ammo dump (AT 987733). Ten patrols, two ambushes were conducted. Company "D" remains on one hour alert as the Division mobile reserve.

b. 2d Battalion. Continued to consolidate positions in the south west portion of the TAOR and conducted four patrols, three ambushes, and four listening posts during the last twenty-four hours. Provides security for the railroad bridge and water point at (AT 998707).

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c. 3d Battalion. Continues to defend the perimeter of the Danang Airbase. Conducted three combat patrols north of the Danang Airbase, one of which captured one VCS at 210500H at (BT 023775).

4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) 1st Battalion. At 202019H the 2d Platoon of Company "B" was hit by small arms fire including two automatic weapons. Fire was returned with small arms fire plus five rounds of 90mm HE. This took place at (BT 044692). Companies "B" and "C" continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river). Company "D" remains the Division mobile reserve on one hour alert status.

(2) 2d Battalion. At 202025H the security squad located at the Railroad Bridge (AT 998707) received approximately ten rounds of small arms fire from (BT 001704). The fire was directed at positions on the southern end of the bridge. No fire was returned since the sniper position could not be pinpointed. At 202210H the 81mm mortar platoon located at (AT 997689) reported they had received six rounds of small arms fire and two fragmentation hand grenades just forward of their positions. The area was illuminated and six VC were spotted at (AT 993692). The VC were taken under fire but there were no confirmed VC casualties.

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There were no USMC casualties. At 202240H Company "H" reported movement forward of their positions at (BT 007676). Company "H" fired small arms and one fragmentation grenade and the movement ceased. Again at 202250H Company "H" reported movement at (BT 006676). Small arms, two fragmentation hand grenades and 40mm grenades were fired and the movement ceased. The 81mm mortar platoon displaced to the vicinity of (AT 985684) this afternoon. Companies "E", "F" and "H" continued to consolidate positions in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR south of the SONG CAU DO (river). One squad reinforced maintains the security for the railroad bridge and water point at (AT 998707).

(3) 3d Battalion. Continues to defend the perimeter of the Danang Airbase. At 211025H one round of small arms fire was received between posts #9 and #10.

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion conducted ten patrols during the last twenty-four hours. Company "A" conducted one patrol during the last twenty-four hours. This patrol was conducted during the hours of darkness and covered the area around the ammo dump (AT 987734). This patrol had no enemy contact. Company "B" conducted one patrol during the last twenty-four hours. This patrol was conducted during hours of darkness and covered the area in

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and around the Hamlets of MAN QUAN (1), (BT 035689), MAN QUAN (2), (BT 044687), KHAI TAY (2), (BT 045677). This patrol was conducted during hours of darkness and had no enemy contact. Company "D" conducted eight patrols during the last twenty-four hours. These patrols covered the area in and around the Hamlets of HOA MY (BT 027737), THUAN AN (BT 018732), NGHIA HOA (BT 018725), and BINH THAI (BT 007724) and the intersection at coordinates (BT 002723). The foot/motorized patrol using native boats covered the area along the SONG CAU DO River from the Railroad Bridge (AT 998707) to coordinates (BT 033734). Seven of these patrols were conducted during hours of darkness and one during daylight hours. None of these patrols had enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out four combat patrols during this period. Company "E" sent a patrol into the hamlet of CAM NE (3), (AT 968685). The patrol departed 201830H and returned 201945H. No contact was made. Company "F" sent a combat patrol into CAM NE (2), (AT 988688). The patrol departed at 202100H from (AT 984682). As the patrol approached check point #1, (AT 986686), they observed carbine fire coming from the tree line (AT 988687) which was directed toward the 81mm mortar platoon positions (AT 998689). The patrol hastily deployed and fired on the sniper positions. The snipers returned fire with an estimated four carbines, three of which were believed to be automatic.

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The patrol then returned fire with WP grenades and frag grenades. The fire from the sniper positions then ceased. The patrol then returned to their company CP, arriving at 202355H. The patrol reported its contact and returned to the scene of activity, arriving at 210115H. The patrol established an ambush in the immediate vicinity. At daybreak the patrol searched the area but no bodies could be found. However, three built-up brick positions were found at (AT 986686). The sniper positions were oriented to the south and had been constructed since the 2d Battalion cleared the village on 18-19 August 1965. The patrol returned at 210710H without further incident. Company "H" sent one patrol from DUONG SON (2), (AT 991676) to YEN NE (1), (AT 990665). The patrol set an ambush at (AT 990666). The patrol departed 202100H and returned 210145H. There was no enemy contact. Another patrol was sent from DUONG SON (AT 998675) to DUONG SON (3), (BT 000670). The patrol departed 202030H and returned 210115H. No contact was made.

(3) 3d Battalion. Conducted three patrols north of the Danang Airbase. The Polisk Mike Alpha Patrol was checking IP's at (BT 023775) at 210500 when a VCS without an ID surrendered. He was turned over to ITT.

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion conducted two ambushes during the last twenty-four hours. Company "B" conducted one ambush from 210030H to 210600H at coordinates (BT 067698).

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At 202145H this ambush fired fifteen rounds on an estimated four VC's. The VC's returned fire from coordinates (BT 069697). Ambush broke contact and returned to CP. One VC body was observed falling. Ambush squad was unable to recover body. Company "C" conducted one ambush from 202200H to 202400H at coordinates (BT 021677). This ambush had no enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion had three ambushes last night. Company "E" had an ambush at (AT 962684), Company "F" at (AT 980686) and Company "H" at (AT 990666). All ambushes returned without contact with the VC.

(3) 3d Battalion. None

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion sent out one listening post during the last twenty-four hours. This listening post was sent out by Company "C" at coordinates (BT 028679). This was an all-night listening post and it had no enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion had four listening posts last night. Company "E" had a listening post at (AT 962687), Company "F" at (AT 976674) and Company "H" had two listening posts at (AT 995674) and (BT 014677).

(3) 3d Battalion. None.

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5. Change in Location of CPs

a. 1st Battalion — No Change

b. 2d Battalion

81mm Mortars — (AT 985684)

c. 3d Battalion — No Change

6. None.

7. None.

8. Plans

(1) 1st Battalion. During the next twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion plans to conduct nine patrols, and three ambushes. Company "A" will conduct one patrol in the area of the ammo dump (AT 987734). Company "B" plans to conduct two patrols, and one ambush. The patrol will cover the area in and around the Hamlet of MAN QUAN (1), (BT 035688), BA TUNG (1), (BT 048703), BA TUNG (2), (BT 045694) and BINH KY (1), BT 055697). The ambush will be at coordinates (BT 035685). Company "C" plans to conduct two ambushes during the next twenty-four hours. The ambushes will be at coordinates (BT 023680) and (BT 035685). Company "D" plans to conduct six patrols, five of which will be conducted during hours of darkness and one during daylight hours. These patrols will cover the area in and around the Hamlets of HOA MY (BT 027737), THUAN AN (BT 018732), NGHIA HOA (BT 018725), and BINH THAI (BT 007724) and the intersection at coordinates (BT 002723).

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(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion will continue to occupy defensive positions in assigned sector. The 2d Battalion will continue its extensive civil affairs program in the CAM NE Complex (AT 990690). Four combat patrols three ambushes and four listening posts will be dispatched tonight. Company "E" will send a patrol from (AT 959689) to the hamlet of BO BAN (1), (AT 957685). This patrol will depart 212100H and return 212400H. Company "F" will send a patrol from (AT 978680)into CAM NE (2), vicinity (AT 978688). This patrol will depart 212100H and return 220300H. Company "H" will send a patrol from (BT 007677) North to QUANG CHAU (2), (BT 005687). This patrol will depart 212030H and return 220230H. Ambushes will be established at (AT 960677), (AT 967683), (AT 980686), and (AT 994670). Listening posts will be established at (AT 961684), (AT 986687), (AT 988668) and (BT 003672).

(3) 3d Battalion. Will continue to defend the perimeter of the Danang Airbase and will send four patrols north of the Airbase in the next twenty-four hours.

9. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. 1st Battalion. The CAO visited the Hamlet of MIEU DONG (BT 024681) today to get an estimate of the damage done to rice paddies on 20 August 1965 by the LVT's operating with Company"C".

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b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion BAS treated a total of twenty-three Vietnamese Nationals today. The battalion Civil Affairs Officer accompanied NGA YEN LUONG, Chief of the CAM NE - YEN NE Complex, into the village of CAM NE (AT 990690) this morning. This was Mr LUONG's first appearance in the area since the 2d Battalion's sweep of CAM NE on 18-19 August 1965. Mr. LUONG spent the morning encouraging villagers to move back into the area. It is felt that Mr. LUONG has been successful since several hundred villagers had returned before noon. An old school house at (AT 981687) was selected as the site for the construction of a dispensary. Mr. LUONG will not move into the area permanently until 23 August, at which time USMC security will be provided for him and his family.

c. 3d Battalion. Plans are being made to begin MedCap aid to the villagers adjacent to the airfield and to give assistance to the St. Vincent's Orphanage.

d. 31 people were treated at DUONG SON (1), (AT 998687) by the Regimental medical team.

e. 50 pounds of rice was distributed to those villagers from CAM NE who are living with relatives in DUONG SON (1), (AT 998687).

f. A child from YEN NE (AT 980680) had a fever of 106.4° and was sent with her father to the Regimental Aid Station. The Regimental Surgeon bathed her and packed her in ice till her temperature was lowered, at which time she was evacuated from the Regimental Aid Station to the USAM hospital.

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g. A new aid station was established at PHONG LE BAC (AT 995712) on a daily basis through arrangements with the Hamlet Chief. 23 people were treated the first day by the Regimental Surgeon.

11. Late Entries. 3d Battalion, 9th Marines went OPCON III MAF effective 210800H August 1965.

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SITREP No. 45

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines.

2. Period Covered. 220001H to 222400H August 1965.

3. General Summary of Events. The Ninth Marines continue to occupy defensive positions south of the Danang Airbase. Operational Control of the 3d Battalion and the Danang Airbase perimeter security passed to 3d MAF at 210800H. The Ninth Marines conducted seventeen combat patrols, seven ambushes, and four listening posts in the last twenty-four hours. One patrol killed 3 VC (probable) and put one mortar crew out of action at (AT 967672) last night. Two Marines were wounded and one was killed in action. Tonight the front line companies will begin employing scout-sniper teams.

a. 1st Battalion. Continued to occupy positions south of the Danang Airbase in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR. Nine combat patrols and three ambushes were conducted without enemy contact.

2. 2d Battalion. After receiving one KIA as a result of sniper fire from (AT 974679), Company F sent a platoon to sweep Yen Ne (4) (AT 973677). Company F received four rounds of 60mm mortar fire. Three VC were killed (probable) and one mortar was put out of action. Two Marines were wounded in action by small arms fire. The 2d Battalion continued to occupy positions in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR. The 2d Battalion conducted eight patrols, four ambushes and four listening posts during the last twenty-four hours.

4. Activities

a. Operations.

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion continues to occupy defensive positions south of the airfield, and around the ammo dump at coordinates (AT 987733), and also in the area south of the Cau Do River east from Highway 1 to the Danang East complex. The 2d and 2d Platoons of Company "A" provide security for the ammo dump at coordinates (AT 987733) while the 1st Platoon remains with the Company CP and the Battalion

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CP at (BT 023732). Companies "B" and "C" occupy defensive positions south of the Cau Do River around the Hamlets of Binh Ky (1) (BT 055697); Man Quan (2), Liem Lac (1), (BT 025685); and the area of the caves at (BT 071701). Company "D" remains in the area of the Battalion CP, providing patrols for the area south of the Danang Airbase. At 220940H near (BT 047702), Company "B" observed an F8U crash and the pilot eject from the aircraft. Ten minutes after the crash two tanks with one squad of Marines from Company "B" arrived at the scene of the crash to provide security for the wreck and the pilot. The pilot was recovered and evacuated by helicopter at 220955H.

(2) 2d Battalion. Throughout this period Companies E, F, and H continued to occupy defensive positions south of the Cau Do River. Company G (-) is the battalion reserve and Division mobile reserve. At 211640H Company F reported one KIA as being Cpl Antonio D. PADILLA, 2005718. He was hit by sniper fire at (AT 971680). The sniper fire came from the vicinity of (AT 970678). The casualty was evacuated by helicopter to C&C. At 211800H Company F received heavy sniper fire from (AT 974679). Company F returned fire. A 40mm grenade set off a series of charges which were set at five yard interval for fifty yards along a trail. These charges exploded simultaneously. As a result, Company F sent a platoon to sweep Yen Ne (4), (AT 973678). The Company encountered the usual fortifications, traps, pungee stakes, and one deadfall pungee. Upon reaching the southern edge of Yen Ne (4), (AT 973677), six VC armed with rifles were sighted moving at (AT 967673). At this time, the sweeping platoon was taken under fire by a 60mm mortar which could be seen firing at (AT 968675). Four 60mm rounds were fired at Company F. One VC at the mortar position was observed dropping rounds in the mortar tube and another was firing a carbine. A direct hit by a 40mm round and all available small arms, put the mortar out of action. No further activity was noted from the VC mortar position. At (AT 967672) three VC were observed carrying what appeared to be an 81mm mortar and baseplate. Company F fired one 3.5 WP round which hit in front of the VC, and one 3.5 HE round which hit in the midst of the VC. Small arms fire was also brought upon the VC. No further movement was noted. Sniper fire from the south, east, and west prohibited an effort to retrieve the VC bodies and weapons. Company F estimated three VC KIA's. As a result of this action, Company F had two WIA's. Both were evacuated by helicopter and niether was wounded seriously. Seven VCS were taken in the sweep of Yen Ne (4), (AT 973678), but were later cleared and released. The sweep was secured at 212000H. At 212011H Company E received sniper fire from Le Bong (3), (AT 963678). The fire was returned with small arms and automatic weapons. There was no confirmed VC casualties and no USMC casualties. At 212135H Company F received three rounds of sniper fire from Yen Ne (4), (973678). Companies E, F, H continue to occupy defensive positions south of the Cau Do River in assigned sectors.

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(3) Fire Support. The 2d Battalion, 12th Marines, fired fourteen N&I missions last night expending twenty-eight 105mm HE rounds.

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion conducted nine patrols during the last twenty-four hours. Company "A" conducted one patrol during this period which covered the area around the ammo dump (AT 987733), between the hours of 212100H to 212300H. This patrol completed the patrol route without enemy contact. Company "B" conducted two combat patrols during this period. One of these patrols left the creek 100 meters southwest of the hamlet of Ba Tung (1), (BT 047700), at 212000H. It covered the area in and around the hamlets of Kha Tay (1), (BT 052687), and Binh Ky (1), (BT 056697), and returned to the IP at 212230H without enemy contact. The second patrol had a sweep mission. It departed the creek at (BT 038693) at 212000H and swept the area in and around the hamlet of Man Quan (1), (BT 034688). This patrol moved south to the trail junction at coordinates (BT 035683) where they established an ambush which stayed in position from 212300H to 220600. No enemy were encountered. During the last twenty-four hours Company "D" conducted six combat patrols covering the areas in and around the hamlets of Hoa My (BT 024736), Nghia Hoa (BT 025731), Binh Thai (BT 006725), and the area along the northern banks of the Cau Do River. None of these patrols had enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion dispatched eight combat patrols during this period. Company E had eight patrols; one last night and two daylight patrols today. The patrol last night departed from (AT 959688) at 212000H and went to the hamlet of Bo Ban (1), (AT 958684). The patrol returned at 220057H without making contact with the VC. Today Company E sent two patrols into the southern sector of Cam Ne (3), (AT 959681). One patrol departed at 220830H and returned at 221220H. The other departed at 221030H and returned at 221330H. No contact was made. Company F sent out two patrols during this period. Last night a patrol was sent into Cam Ne (2), (AT 978678), departing at 221100H. The patrol returned at 221300H. There was no contact. Company G dispatched two patrols, both under the cover of darkness. One patrol moved from the RR bridge (AT 998707) southwest along the Northern bank of the Cau Do River to (AT 991702). The patrol departed at 212330H and returned at 220220H without making contact. The other patrol from Company G moved from (AT 987724) southeast to the RR bridge at (AT 998707). The patrol departed 220100 and returned at 220340H. There was no contact with the VC. Company H sent a patrol from (BT 011688) south to Giang Dong (BT 005680). This patrol departed at 212030H and returned at 220010H. There was no contact with the VC.

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c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established three ambushes during the past twenty-four hours. Two of these ambushes were established by Company "C" at coordinates (BT 023620) and (BT 035685), and stayed in position during the hours of 212200H to 220600H and 2202200H to 220600H respectfully. Company "B" established one ambush at coordinates (BT 035683). This ambush remained in position from 212300H to 220600H with no enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion established four ambushes last night at (AT 960677), (AT 967683), (AT 980686), and at (AT 994670). All ambushes returned without making contact with the VC.

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. None.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion established listening posts at (AT 961684), (AT 986687), (AT 988668) and (BT 003672) last night. There were no reports from listening post of VC activity.

5. Change in Location of CP's. None.

6. Establishment or Change in Location of OP's. None.

7. Training. None.

8. Plans. Each company on the line will begin tonight employing a scout-sniper team of a fire team with an expert marksman. The Regiment will hold its present defensive line and continue patrolling and ambushes.

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion plans to conduct a Battalion (-) size operation composed of companies "B" and "D". On order, at about 221300H, Company "D" (Rein) will cross the IP in the vicinity of Cam Le Bridge (BT 015715) and conduct a night combat patrol to vicinity HA AP (BT 025715). Company "D" will establish a night combat base and conduct patrols and ambushes from platoon bases established north and south east of HA AP. Prior to first light on 23 August, Company "D" will move to LOD between coordinates (BT 032725) and (BT 033728), and at 230530H, cross the LOD to patrol southeast through the Trung Luong comples to the LOA in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 044722). Simultaneously with Company "D"'s crossing the LOD in the vicinity of (BT 032272), Company "B" will begin a search and clear operation to the north when it crosses an LOD located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 052703). Company "B" will sweep to an LOA in the vicinity of (BT 050721). Company "B" also plans to conduct one patrol during the hours of 222300H to 230700H. This patrol will cover the area in and around the hamlets of Binh Key (2), (BT 063701), Khue Bong (1),

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(BT 054708), Hai An (BT 054714), Ba Tung (1), (BT 050701), and Binh Ky (1), (BT 055698).

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion will continue to occupy defensive positions south of the Song Cau Do (River). Extensive patrolling will be conducted in the assigned sector. Continued emphasis will be placed on the Cam Ne complex civil affairs program. The 2d Battalion will dispatch a total of six combat patrols, two ambushes, and three listening posts from (AT 973677) south to (AT 974661) and back north through An Trach (2), (AT 966664) and La Bong (2), (AT 968668). This patrol will depart 222200H and return 230500H. Company F will send out two combat patrols tonight. One patrol will move from (AT 980677) south to Le Son (1) (AT 978660) and then east to Yen Ne (1), (AT 987665). The patrol will depart 222330H and return 230500H. Company F will send another patrol into the villages of Cam Ne (1) and (2), (AT 985690), departing 222000H and returning 230300H. Company G will have two patrols tonight north of the Song Cau Do River. One patrol will depart from the RR bridge (AT 998707) at 222400H and move west along the northern bank of the river to (AT 977701). From here the patrol will move north to (AT 974712), arriving by 230500H. The other patrol from Company G will depart from the RR bridge (AT 998707) at 222400H and move north along the MSR to (AT 001722), and then return to the RR bridge. Time of arrival is 230500H. Company H will send a patrol from Duong Son (2), (AT 992677) south to (AT 997663), then back north through Duong Son (3), (AT 997670). This patrol departs at 222030H and returns at 230300H. In addition the 2d Battalion will establish two ambushes at (AT 972688) and (BT 013676). Three listening posts will be established at (AT 962681), (AT 981677), and (BT 004675).

9. Miscellaneous. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. 1st Battalion. None.

b. 2d Battalion. Mr. Luong, the chief of Hoa Thai Village, took his family into Danang today in preparation for his permanent return to Cam Ne (6) (AT 975684) tomorrow. He will live at the site of our future Battalion Dispensary (AT 981687) and will be protected by a squad of Marines already positioned in that area. Our medical team, consisting of four corpsmen, worked in Duong Son (1), (AT 998688), this morning treating the many patients they have acquired within the past month. At 221200H they moved into Cam Ne (6) (AT 974684), for the first time, and although the number of people treated were few, it is anticipated that our future dispensary will eventually serve the entire Hoa Thai area. A survey of damage was made in the La

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Bong area (AT 970670) today. The extensive damage will be classified in the combat clains category and information obtained as to owners, location, etc. will be passed on to RVN for processing.

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SITREP No. 46

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

2. Period Covered. 230001H to 232400H August 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The Ninth Marines continued to occupy defensive positions South of the SONG CAU DO River. Seventeen combat patrols were conducted during the last twenty-four hours. Five ambushes and three listening posts were established. The companies on the front line employed scout-sniper teams last night. Two VCS were captured today. There were no Marine combat casualties today.

a. 1st Battalion. Continues to occupy defensive positions in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR and conducted nine patrols, and three ambushes. Companies "B" and "D" are searching the Hamlets of TRUNG LUONG (BT 040723) and HAI AN (BT 050716). No enemy contact was made.

b. 2d Battalion. Three companies occupy defensive positions in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR. Company "G" remains on one hour alert as the Division mobile reserve. The 2d Battalion conducted eight patrols, two ambushes, and three listening posts. Two VCS were captured today by patrols. Eight VC carrying weapons on the west bank of the YEN River were fired at by a patrol at (AT 960683). The VC escaped.

4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion continues to occupy portions south of the Danang Airbase. The CP security Platoon provided by H&S Company has the responsibility of patroling the area south of the airfield.

(a) The 2d and 3d Platoons of Company "A" provide security for the ammo dump at (AT 987733) while the 1st Platoon occupies positions with Company "C" at (BT 036687).

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(b) Company "B", at 230530H, crossed an LOD located in the vicinity of (BT 052703) commencing a search and clear operation to the north through the Hamlets of BA TUNG (1), (BT 051702), KHUE DONG (1), (BT 055708) and HAI AN (BT 055716) and continued north to an LOA in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 050721).

(c) Company "C" continues to occupy positions in the vicinity of the Hamlets of MIEU DONG (1), (BT 018678), LIEM-LAC (1), (BT 025684) and MAN QUAN (1) (BT 037688).

(d) At about 221900H Company "D" (Rein) crossed an IP in the vicinity of the CAM LE Bridge (BT 015715) and conducted a night combat sweep/patrol to the vicinity of HA AP (BT 025715). At this point Company "D" established a night combat base and conducted patrols and ambushes from platoon bases established north and southeast of HA AP (BT 025715). Prior to first light this morning (23 August), Company "D" moved to an LOD between coordinates (BT 032725) and (BT 033728), and at 230530H crossed the LOD and swept southwest through TRUNG LUONG Complex (BT 040724) to the LOA in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 044722). As of 231500 neither company has made contact with the enemy.

(2) 2d Battalion. Companies "E", "F" and "H" continue to occupy defensive positions south of the SONG CAU DO River. Company "G" remains in Battalion reserve and provides one reinforced squad for the security of the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707).

(3) Fire Support. The 2d Battalion, 12th Marines fired twelve H&I missions last night expending twenty-four rounds of 105mm HE.

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion conducted nine patrols during the last twenty-four hours.

(a) Company "A" conducted one patrol which covered the area around the ammo dump (AT 987733) without enemy contact.

(b) Company "B" conducted one patrol during this period which covered the area in and around the Hamlets of BINH KY (2), (BT 063701). KHUE BONG (1), (BT 054708), HAI AN (BT 054714), BA TUNG (1), (BT 050701) and BINH KY (1), (BT 055698). This patrol was conducted between the hours of 222300H and 230700H.

(c) Company "C" conducted one patrol during this period. This patrol covered the area in and around the Hamlets of CO MAN (BT 028691) and LIEM LAC (BT 027697). This patrol had no enemy contact.

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(c) The CP security platoon conducted six patrols in the area south of the airfield. These patrols covered the area in and around the Hamlets of HOA MY (BT 024736), NGHIA HOA (BT 025731), BINH THAI (BT 006725) and the area along the northern banks of the SONG CAU DO River.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out eight patrols during this period.

(a) Company "E". At 230930H a reinforced squad combat patrol departed Company "E" positions at (AT 962686). The patrol moved southwest along the YEN River. At 231035H this patrol opened fire on eight VC from (AT 960683). The VC were on the western bank of the YEN River and were carrying weapons. After being fired upon, the VC fled to the west. There were no confirmed VC casualties. At 231055H this same patrol captured a VC suspect at (AT 959679).

(b) Company "F". Two patrols were sent out by Company "F" during this period. At 222330 a patrol departed from (AT 980677) and moved south to LE SON (1), (AT 978660) and then east to YEN NE (1), (AT 987663). The patrol returned at 230400H. There was no contact with the VC. A daylight patrol was sent from (AT 985684) into the village of CAM NE (2), (AT 988688). This patrol departed at 231300H and returned 231700H. No contact was made.

(c) Company "G". Dispatched three patrols during this period. All patrols were north of the SONG CAU DO River. At 222400H a patrol was sent from the railroad bridge (AT 998707) and moved west along the northern bank of the SONG CAU DO River to (AT 977701). From here the patrol moved north to (AT 974712), arriving at 230400H. At 222400H a patrol was sent from the railroad bridge (AT 998707) north along the MSR to (BT 001722), and then returned to the railroad bridge. No contact was made. Today at 231200H a patrol was sent from the railroad bridge southwest along the northern bank of the SONG CAU DO River to (AT 989700) and back to the railroad bridge without incident.

(d) Company "H". Sent out two patrols during this period. At 222030H a patrol was sent from DUONG SON (2), (AT 992677) south to (AT 997663) and then back north through DUONG SON (3), (AT 997670). This patrol returned at 230207H without making contact with the VC. Today a patrol was sent from DUONG SON (2), (AT 992677) south to DUONG SON (3), (AT 993670). This patrol departed 230730H.

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established three ambushes during the last twenty-four hours.

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(a) Company "C" established two ambushes during this period. These ambushes were established at (BT 021681) and (BT 035682), from 230100 to 230400. The CP security platoon established one ambush at (BT 003715). This ambush remained in position from 222100H to 222300H. None of these ambushes had enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion established two ambushes last night at (AT 972688) and (BT 013676). Neither ambush made contact with the VC.

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. None.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out three listening posts last night. Listening posts were established at (AT 962681), (AT 981677) and (BT 004675).

4. Change in Location of CP's

a. 1st Battalion

Company "D"	(BT 025715)
1st Platoon	(BT 025715)
2d Platoon	(BT 026718)
3d Platoon	(BT 030710)

b. 2d Battalion

Company "D"	Not Established

6. None

7. None.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. During the next twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion plans to conduct seven patrols and establish three ambushes and two listening posts.

(1) Company "A" plans to conduct one patrol, covering the area around the ammo dump (AT 987733). This patrol will be conducted during the hours of darkness.

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(2) Company "C" will establish one ambush at (BT 026687), and two listening posts at (BT 034688) and (BT 025691).

(3) Company "D" will move to the vicinity of (BT 027713) and patrol the immediate area tonight. Company "D" will remain in this area until first light on 24 August and continue to sweep to the west to the hamlet of CAN AM (BT 015704).

(4) The CP security platoon will conduct six patrols and establish one ambush during the next twenty-four hours. The patrols will cover the area in and around the Hamlets of HOA MY (BT 024736), NGHIA HOA (BT 025731) BINH THAI (BT 006725) and the area along the northern banks of the SONG CAU DO River. One ambush will be established by one squad from the CP security platoon at (AT 003719).

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion will continue to occupy defensive positions south of the SONG CAU DO River and patrol in assigned sector. Four combat patrols, four ambushes and three listening posts will be sent out tonight. Continued emphasis will be placed on the civil affairs project in the CAM NE Complex (AT 990690).

9. Miscellaneous. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion surgeon visited the sacred hearts orphanage today from 231300H to 231630H. 120 persons were treated for various deseases. The 1st Battalion Civil Affairs Officer visited the village chief of MIEU DONG (1), (BT 018678) today to discuss a settlement for damage done to a rice paddy caused when an LVT went off the road while moving through this village on 20 August. Settlement will be made on 27 August.

b. 2d Battalion. Medical teams from the 2d Battalion treated a total of one hundred and forty Vietnamese Nationals yesterday afternoon and this morning. Yesterday afternoon medical teams in CAM NE (2), (AT 980686) and DUONG SON (1),(AT 998688) treated thirty-five civilians. Medical teams in DUONG SON (1), (AT 998688), CAM NE (3), (AT 961684) and the BAS treated one hundred and five civilians this morning.

11. Late Entries

a. Company "B" picked up two VCS this afternoon during sweep who did not have proper identification. A booby trapped grenade was destroyed at (BT 055716).

b. At 231600H Company "D" had completed patrol of TRUNG LUONG (BT 040723) and was moving to the vicinity of HA AP (BT 028714) to establish a patrol base.

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SITREP No. 47

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

2. Period Covered. 240001H to 242400H August 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The Ninth Marines continued to occupy defensive positions South of the SONG CAU DO River. A portion of the Ninth Marines' command group is supporting the search and clear operation of the 4th RVN Regiment just South of the 2d Battalion's front line positions. Fourteen combat patrols were conducted during the last twenty-four hours. Five ambushes and two listening posts were established. One Marine was killed and five other wounded during this reporting period.

a. 1st Battalion. Continues to occupy defensive positions in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR and conducted nine patrols and three ambushes. Company "D" completed its sweep and search operation westward through the CAM NAM-PHONG LE (2) Complex to its LOA in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 999703). No enemy contact was made and there were no friendly casualties.

b. 2d Battalion. Three companies occupy defensive positions in the southwestern portion of the Regimental TAOR. Company "G" remains on one hour alert as the Division mobile reserve. The 2d Battalion conducted six patrols and two ambushes and established two listening posts. At 231730H, "F" Company received sniper fire from the vicinity of coordinates (AT 976677). The rounds impacted in the 2d platoon CP. A man was seen running from a house shortly afterwards. One 3.5" round was fired at the individual and a squad sent out to investigate. The results were negative. At 231945H, "F" Company reported one casualty as the result of the premature detonation of a hand illumination grenade. At approximately 232130H, an "H" Company patrol detonated what is believed to have been a booby trap at coordinates (BT 004671). One man was killed and two were injured. At 240635H "E" Company received two casualties as the result of a Marine picking up what he thought to be a "dud" grenade. He and another Marine were injured.

4. Activities

a. Operations

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(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion continues to occupy positions south of the airfield and south of the SONG CAU DO River from Highway #1, east to the Danang East complex. The 1st Battalion also furnishes security for the ammo dump at (AT 985733). These areas are being patrolled continuously.

(a) The 2d and 3d Platoons of Company "A" occupy positions around the ammo dump while the 1st Platoon continues to occupy positions with Company "C" at (BT 018679).

(b) Company "B" continues to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO River from (BT 044687) northwest to (BT 070703), with continuous patrols in this area.

(c) Company "C" occupies positions south of the SONG CAU DO River from Highway #1 at (BT 018679) east to (BT 033686).

(d) Last night Company "D" established a company combat base in the vicinity of HA AP at (BT 027713) and sent out combat patrols in and around the Hamlets of HA AP (BT 027713) and LO-GIANG (1), (BT 027707). This morning (24 August) at first light Company "D" continued to sweep west through the Hamlets of CAN NAM (BT 015705) and PHONG LE (2), (BT 005702) and held up at an LOA south of the Railroad Bridge at (AT 999703). At this point Company "D" concluded their search and clear operation with no friendly casualties and no enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. Companies "E", "F" and "H" continue to occupy defensive positions south of the SONG CAU DO River. Company "G" remains in Battalion reserve and provides one reinforced squad for the security of the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707).

(3) Fire Support. Artillery fire was called in on two suspected VC company locations. The fire was requested by the 4th RVN Regiment, through the Ninth Marines' command group that supported it. Seventy-five rounds of HE and one round of WP were expended.

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. During the last twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion conducted seven patrols.

(a) Company "A" conducted one patrol during the subject period. This patrol covered the area around the ammo dump (AT 985733) and returned to it's IP without enemy contact.

(b) Company "B" conducted local security patrols around the immediate area of their company CP (BT 055695) and the 2d and 3d Platoons' CP's (BT 044686) and (BT 070703) respectively.

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(c) Company "C" conducted one patrol during this period which covered the area in and around the Hamlets of CO LUAN (BT 028691) and LIEM LAC (1), (BT 025684). This patrol was conducted during daylight hours and had no enemy contact.

(d) The CP security platoon conducted six patrols during the last twenty-four hours. These patrols covered the area in and around the Hamlets of HOA MY (BT 024735), NGHIA HOA (BT 018724), BINH THAI (BT 006724) and the area along the northern banks of the SONG CAU DO River from (BT 015718) to (BT 002708). Five of these patrols were conducted during the hours of darkness and one during daylight hours. None of these patrols had enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out a total of six combat patrols during this period. Five patrols were sent out last night and one this morning.

(a) Company "E". Sent out two patrols last night. One patrol moved from (AT 963684) south to LA BONG (3), (AT 961678) and returned without making contact. The other patrol departed from (AT 967683) and moved southeast to (AT 974674) and then west to (AT 963674) and then returned to friendly front lines. No contact was made.

(b) Company "F". Last night Company "F" sent a patrol from (AT 985680) southeast along the Railroad tracks to YEN NE (1), (AT 987665). The patrol then moved northwest to (AT 980672) and returned without incident.

(c) Company "G". Sent a patrol from the Railroad bridge (AT 998707) north along the MSR to (BT 002723) and then back to the bridge. No contact was made.

(d) Company "H". Conducted two patrols during this period. Last night a patrol departed from (AT 999674) at 232100H and was scheduled to move southeast around QUA GIANG to (BT 003667). At coordinates (BT 004671) the patrol ran into what is believed to have been a booby trap. One man was killed and two others injured as a result of this incident. The particulars concerning this event are under investigation. Today Company "H" sent a patrol from (AT 993680) north along the Railroad tracks to DUONG SON (1), (AT 996990) and then east to QUANG CHAU (2), (BT 007687). From QUANG CHAU (2) they moved back to (AT 997676) and then returned to DUONG SON (2), (AT 993678).

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. Established two ambushes during the last twenty-four hours. Company "C" established one ambush at (BT 026687).

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The CP security platoon established one ambush during the last twenty-four hours at (BT 003719) from 232200H to 240200H. Neither of these ambushes had enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. Two ambushes were established at (AT 976666) and (BT 010672). No contact was made.

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. Established two listening posts last night. Both of these listening posts were established by Company "C" at (BT 034689), and (BT 025691). No enemy contact was made.

(2) 2d Battalion. Listening posts were established last night at (AT 984688) and (AT 991671). No enemy contact was made.

5. Change in Location of CP's

a. 1st Battalion

Company "D"	(BT 023732)

b. 2d Battalion — No Change

6. None.

7. None.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. Will conduct eight patrols and establish one ambush during the next twenty-four hours.

(1) Company "A" plans to conduct one patrol which will cover the area around the ammo dump at (AT 985733). This patrol will be conducted under the cover of darkness.

(2) At 250600H , Company "B" (-) (Rein), jumps off from the vicinity of Company "B" CP (BINH KY (1), (BT 055697)) and commences a combat patrol south to the hamlets of HAI AN (1), (BT 055677) and HAI AN (2), (BT 060682) east to the TRA KHE (2) complex (BT 071680) then north, terminating in the vicinity of (BT 072700). This patrol will have a mission of search and clear and will destroy any trenches, fortifications, or caves which have immediate tactical significance.

(3) Company "C" plans to establish one ambush during the next twenty-four hours. This ambush site will be at (BT 038688) and will remain in position from 242030 to 242400.

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(4) Company "D" plans to conduct six patrols during this period. These patrols will cover the area in and around the hamlets of HOA MY (BT 024736), NGHIA HOA (BT 025731), BINH THAI (BT 006725) and the area along the northern banks of the SONG CAU DO River.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion will continue to occupy defensive positions south of the SONG CAU DO River. Patrols will be sent out north and south of the SONG CAU DO River in assigned sector. Four patrols, two ambushes, and two listening posts will be sent out tonight. The 2d Battalion continues its Civil Affairs Program in the CAM NE Complex (AT 990690).

9. Miscellaneous. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. 1st Battalion. None. (WILL NOT HAPPEN AGAIN) D.

b. 2d Battalion. A total of forty-four Vietnamese Civilians were treated by the 2d Battalion today. Twenty-two were treated by the BAS and twenty-two were treated in DUONG SON (1), (AT 997687).

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SITREP No. 48

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

2. Period Covered. 250001H to 252400H August 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The Ninth Marines continued to occupy positions South of the SONG CAU DO River. Part of the Ninth Marines command group continued to support the search and clear operation of the 4th RVN Regiment. Fifteen combat patrols were conducted during the last twenty-four hours. Four ambushes and two listening posts were established. There was one WIA and one other casualty as a result of a self-inflicted wound. At 251340H, Colonel GORMAN, Commanding Officer of the Ninth Marines conducted a briefing for a party of visiting Korean dignitaries which included the Korean Ambassador to Vietnam and several Korean Generals.

a. 1st Battalion. Continues to occupy defensive positions in the southeastern part of the Regimental TAOR. The 1st Battalion conducted eight patrols and two ambushes. During the course of "B" company's operation, thirteen VCS were picked up and turned over to HOA VANG District Headquarters. At 250900H it was reported that a "B" company AO had received one round of small arms fire from the vicinity of coordinates (BT 079662). The AO checked out the area with negative results. There were no friendly casualties during this reporting period.

b. 2d Battalion. Three companies continue to occupy defensive positions in the southwestern part of the Regimental TAOR. Company "G" remains on one hour alert as the Division mobile reserve. The 2d

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Battalion conducted seven patrols and established two ambushes and two listening posts. At 241815H, Company "E" received approximately ten rounds of sporadic small arms fire from the vicinity of (AT 961679) and (AT 961678). "E" Company returned the fire but did not pursue physically. The results were unknown. At 250641H Company "F" reported a casualty resulting from a self-inflicted wound. The Marine involved borrowed an ARVN pistol at (AT 985683) and believing that it wasn't loaded, shot himself in the head. He was evacuated by helicopter but died later. At 251040H, "E" Company received one WIA from sniper fire coming from the vicinity of BO BAN (1), coordinates (AT 958682). They returned the fire with negative results. At 251442H, Company "F" received small arms fire from the area around coordinates (AT 967669). Armed Hueys were called in for support. The results are unknown at this time.

4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion continues to occupy positions south of the airfield and south of the SONG CAU DO River from Highway #1, east to the Danang East complex. The 1st Battalion also furnishes security for the ammo dump at (AT 985733). These areas are constantly patrolled.

(a) The 2d and 3d Platoons of Company "A" continue to occupy positions at the ammo dump at (AT 985733) while the 1st Platoon remains in position with Company "C" at (BT 018679).

(b) At 250600H, Company "B" (-) (Rein), jumped off from the vicinity of Company "B"'s CP near BINH KY (1), (BT 055697) and

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commenced a combat patrol/sweep through the hamlets of HAI AN (1), (BT 055677) and HAI AN (2), (BT 060682). At 250730 Company "B" destroyed two tunnels and captured two VCS at (AT 070679). Company "B" continued east through the TRA KHE (2) Complex (BT 071680) then north, terminating in the vicinity of (BT 072700). Company "B" returned to their CP at 251007H with thirteen VCS's. The VCS's were turned over to HOA VANG District Headquarters. During this operation at 250900H, AO Bravo received one round of small arms fire from (BT 079662). The AO checked the area out with negative results.

(c) At 250900H Company "C" established a check point at (BT 029689) to interdict boats. As of 251530H the check point reports negative results. This check point will be secured at 251930H.

(d) Company "D" furnished one platoon to relieve the 3d platoon of Company "B" in the vicinity of (BT 072700). The 3d platoon then established blocking positions for the "B" Company operation that followed.

(2) 2d Battalion. Companies "E", "F" and "H" continue to occupy defensive positions south of the SONG CAU DO River. Company "G" remains in battalion reserve and provides one reinforced squad as security for the railroad bridge and water point at (AT 998707).

(a) Company "E" occupies defensive positions from (AT 962694) to (AT 973682). At 241815H "E" Company received ten rounds of sniper fire from (AT 961679) and (AT 961678). Company "E" returned fire but there were no confirmed VC casualties. There were no USMC casualties. At 251040H Company "E" had one WIA as a result of sniper fire from

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BO BAN (1), (AT 958682). The casualty was evacuated by helicopter.

(b) Company "F" occupies defensive positions from (AT 977683) to (AT 988678).

(c) Company "H" occupies defensive positions from (AT 991676) to (BT 010676).

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion conducted eight patrols during the last twenty-four hours.

(a) Company "A" conducted two patrols during the subject period. One of these patrols was conducted during hours of darkness, covering the area around the ammo dump (AT 985734) but made no enemy contact. Redwood Alpha 1 left the IP at 251500H. This patrol will cover the area in and around the Hamlets of HOA MY (BT 024736), HOA KHUE (BT 021743) and TRUNG TAY (BT 027743).

(b) Company "B" conducted one patrol during the last twenty-four hours. This patrol was conducted during hours of darkness and covered the area in and around the Hamlets of BA TUNG (3), (BT 044707) and BA TUNG (2), (BT 044696). This patrol returned to its IP without enemy contact.

(c) During the last twenty-four hours Company "D" conducted six patrols. Five of these patrols were conducted under the cover of darkness and one during daylight hours, covering the area in and around the Hamlets of HOA MY (BT 024736), NGHIA HOA (BT 025731), BINH THAI (BT 006725) and the area along the northern banks of the SONG CAU DO River. None of these patrols had enemy contact.

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(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion dispatched seven patrols during this period.

(a) Company "E" sent a night patrol from (AT 968683) southeast to (AT 976681) and returned to (AT 972688).

(b) Company "F" sent a patrol from (AT 984684) into the village of CAM NE (2), (AT 988688). No contact was made with the VC.

(c) Company "G" sent out two patrols last night and one today. At 242100H a patrol was sent from (AT 977715) south to (AT 979702) where the patrol set an ambush. The patrol returned at 250105H without contact. The second patrol was sent from the railroad bridge (AT 998707) north along the MSR to (BT 002723) and then back to the bridge without making contact. Today a patrol was sent from (AT 988721) south to the SONG CAU DO River, then east along the northern bank to the railroad bridge (AT 998707). From the bridge the patrol moved north along the MSR to (BT 001724) and returned. No contact was made.

(d) Company "H" sent out one patrol last night and one today. Last night a patrol departed from (BT 009679) and moved north to (BT 008696), then west around the village of DUONG SON (1), (AT 998688) and returned. No contact was made. Today a patrol departed from (BT 013679) and moved north along the trail to Highway #1A (BT 013687). The patrol is due to return at 251800H. The last report showed no contact.

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c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established two ambushes during the last twenty-four hours. Company "B" established one ambush at (BT 071687) and Company "C" set an ambush at (BT 037688). There was no enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. Three ambushes were established last night. Company "E" had an ambush at (AT 971686), Company "G" at (AT 978702), and Company "H" at (AT 995689). No contact was made.

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. None.

(2) 2d Battalion. Established one listening post at (AT 974686).

5. None.

6. None.

7. None.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion will continue to occupy positions south of the airfield, around the ammo dump and south of the SONG CAU DO River. During the next twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion plans to conduct nine patrols, three ambushes and two listening posts.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion will continue to occupy defensive positions south of the SONG CAU DO River. Patrols, ambushes and listening posts will be conducted in the assigned sector. A total of four combat patrols, three ambushes and three listening posts will be sent out tonight.

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9. Miscellaneous. None.

10. Civil Affairs. The 1st Battalion's civil affairs made arrangements today to serve cookies and beverages to the local children at the school located at (BT 015725) on the 26th of August. The 3d Marine Division Band will also be present for their entertainment. 51 Vietnamese civilians were treated by the BAS during this period. The 2d Battalion BAS treated thirty-nine Vietnamese civilians today. Fifty-three civilians were treated in DUONG SON (1), (AT 998688) this morning.

11. Late Entries

a. At 251440H a patrol from Company "F" was taken under fire by snipers at (AT 967669). At 251445H the patrol reported they were receiving heavy small arms fire and Company "F" dispatched a reaction force. Company "F" had three WIA's, none seriously, as a result of the encounter the casualties were evacuated by helicopter.

b. Effective 260600H, the Ninth Marines will support the operation conducted by the 11th RVN Ranger Battalion within the southern limits of the TAOR.

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SITREP No. 49

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

2. Period Covered. 260001H to 262400H August 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The Ninth Marines continued to occupy positions south of the Danang Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO River. Seventeen patrols were conducted and five ambushes and five listening posts were established. A liaison party accompanied the 11th Ranger Battalion, ARVN, on their sweep through the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR. Because of intelligence reports of an impending attack on MCB-9 a platoon was moved to (BT 067727). Company "B" began moving this afternoon to the hamlet of THUY SON (BT 079709) where sixty to one hundred VC are reportedly planing to make an attack tonight on MCB-9. There were no Marine casualties during this period.

4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion continues to occupy positions south of the airfield and south of the SONG CAU DO River from (BT 017684) northeast to (BT 070703). This battalion is also responsible for security of the ammo dump at (AT 985732). These areas are patrolled.

(a) Company "A" moved one platoon to (BT 067727) at 252400H to provide security for the Naval Construction Battalion. At 260630H Company "A" moved by truck to relieve Company "B" of their positions

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from (BT 044687) to (BT 070703). The relief was completed at 261300H.

(b) At 261330H Company "B" started their move by truck to positions in the vicinity of (BT 023731). At 261545H Company "B" began moving by foot to the vicinity of the hamlet of THUY SON (BT 079709) to check out a report of one hundred VC's being in this village and preparing to make an attack tonight on MCB-9.

(c) Company "C" continues to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO River from (BT 017684) to (BT 033686).

(d) The 1st and 2d platoons of Company "D" provide security for the ammo dump at (AT 985732) while the 3d platoon remains in the vicinity of the Battalion CP at (BT 023731).

(2) 2d Battalion. Companies "E", "F" and "H" continue to occupy defensive positions in the southwestern part of the Regimental TAOR. Company "G" remains in battalion reserve and provides one reinforced platoon as security for the railroad bridge and water point at (AT 998707).

(a) Company "E" occupies defensive positions from (AT 962694) to (AT 973682). At 252035H Company "E" received a burst of small arms automatic weapons fire from (AT 959678) and also three rounds of carbine fire from (AT 964686). Company "E" returned fire with three 40mm grenades on each position. The sniper fire ceased. There were no confirmed VC casualties.

(b) Company "G" remains on one hour alert as the Division mobile reserve. One platoon (reinforced) provides security for the

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railroad bridge and water point at (AT 998707). At 260101H the security platoon at the railroad bridge received three rounds of sniper fire from (AT 996706). No fire was returned.

(c) Company "F" occupies defensive positions from (AT 977683) to (AT 988678).

(d) Company "H" occupies defensive positions from (AT 991676) to (BT 010676). At 252005H Company "H" heard movement forward of their front lines and fired four rounds of 7.62 and one frag grenade. There were no confirmed VC casualties.

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion conducted nine patrols during the last twenty-four hours.

(a) Redwood Alpha 5 departed the IP at 260330H and returned at 260630H, covering the area in and around the hamlets of HOA MY (BT 024735) and NGHIA HOA (BT 018723). Redwood Alpha 3 departed the IP 252300H and returned at 260300H covering the area in and around the hamlets of NGHIA HOA (BT 018723) and BINH THAI (BT 005724). Redwood Alpha 2 departed the IP at 252100H and returned at 260300H. This patrol covered the area in and around the hamlets of NGHIA HOA (BT 018723) and BINH HOA (BT 025731). Redwood Bravo 4 departed IP (BT 024732) at 260030H and returned at 260430H, covering the area in and around the hamlets of NGHIA HOA (BT 018723). None of these had enemy contact.

(b) Company "B" conducted one patrol during the period. Redwood Bravo Homer 2 left its IP at 260030H, covered the area in and around the area of the hamlets of BA TUNG (2), (BT 045696), BINH KY (1),

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(BT 055697), KHI TAY (1), (BT 052685), HAI AN (1), (BT 055677), and HAI AN (2), (BT 061682), returned to the IP at 260430H without enemy contact.

(c) Company "C" conducted two patrols during the last twenty-four hours. Redwood Charlie 1 departed the IP at 260730H covering the area in and around the hamlets of CO MAN (BT 028691) and LIEM LAC (2) (BT 028695) and returned to the IP at 261130H. Redwood Charlie 1 Alpha departed the IP at 252400H and returned at 260230H and covered the area in and around the hamlets of MAN QUAN (1), (BT 035689) and AN LUU (BT 037678). Neither patrol had enemy contact.

(d) Company "D" conducted two patrols during the last twenty-four hours. Redwood Delta 1 Alpha departed the IP at 252200H and returned at 260600H. This patrol covered the area in and around the hamlets of NGHIA HOA (BT 018723) and the area along the northern banks of the SONG CAU DO River. Redwood Delta 1 left the IP at 252330H and returned at 260100H, covering the area around the ammo dump with negative enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out seven combat patrols and one reconnaissance patrol during this period.

(a) Company "E" dispatched one combat patrol last night from (AT 958687) into DO DAN (1), (AT 954683). The patrol departed 252200H and returned 260200H without making contact. Today a combat patrol was sent from (AT 961685) at 260820H north along the YEN River to (AT 963690). Here the patrol crossed the river and moved to (AT 962688)

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and then returned at 261000H. This patrol found only three homes along their route which were occupied. All three families appeared to be friendly. The patrol gave medical aid to two civilians. At 261000H Company "E" sent a fire team size reconnaissance patrol to (AT 972678) to check the western edge of the hamlet YEN NE (4), (AT 974677). At 261045H as the patrol was withdrawing, they received sniper fire from within the village. The patrol returned 261105H. There were no USMC casualties.

(b) Company "F" dispatched one combat patrol last night from (AT 988678) south to (AT 982667) and (AT 988668). This patrol departed at 252030H and returned at 260130H without incident.

(c) Company "G" sent out two patrols during this period. At 252400H a patrol was sent from (AT 988722) east along the MSR to (BT 001721) and then south to (AT 998707). The patrol returned along the same route, arriving at 260210H. No contact was made. Today a patrol was dispatched from the railroad bridge (AT 998707) and moved west along the northern bank of the SONG CAU DO River to (AT 978702). From here the patrol moved back east through the hamlet of PHONG BAC (1) (AT 988706) and returned to the railroad bridge. This patrol departed at 260600H and returned 260900H without making contact.

(d) Company "H" sent out one patrol last night and one today. Last night a combat patrol was sent from DUONG SON (2), (AT 993677) south through DUONG SON (3), (AT 994673) to (AT 995659). The patrol then returned, moving back to the east of DUONG SON (3). The patrol departed at 252030H and returned at 260315H. No contact was made.

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Today a patrol was dispatched from (AT 991679) and moved north the railroad tracks to (AT 997696). The patrol then moved back along the tracks to DUONG SON (1), (AT 997687) searched the village and returned. The patrol departed at 260955H and returned at 261348H. No contact was made.

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established three ambushes during the last twenty-four hours.

(a) Company "A" established one ambush at (BT 005724). This ambush stayed in position from 252400H to 260200H.

(b) Company "B" established an ambush at (BT 045698) from 252000H to 260400H.

(c) Company "C" established an ambush at (BT 038685) from 260030H to 260200H. None of these ambushes had enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion established two ambushes last night.

(a) Company "F" established an ambush at (AT 981688) at 252100H. The ambush returned at 260300H without making contact.

(b) Company "H" established an ambush at (AT 992668) at 252000H. The ambush returned at 260430H without making contact.

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion estab;ished two listening posts during the subject period.

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8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. During the next twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion plans to conduct ten patrols and establish three ambushes. The 1st Battalion will continue to occupy positions south of the airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO River, with two platoons providing security at the ammo dump at (AT 984733).

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion will continue to occupy defensive positions south of the SONG CAU DO River. Four combat patrols, three ambushes, and three listening posts will be sent out tonight. Depending on the availability of helicopters, Company "E" will be relieved in place by Company "G", commencing at 270800H, Company "E" will then revert to the Division alert company in place of Company "G". The 2d Battalion will continue to emphasize the Civil Affairs Program in the CAM NE Complex (AT 990690).

9. Miscellaneous. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. 1st Battalion. A party was held for 500 school children in the village schoolyard of BINH THAI by the 1st Battalion. Over ninety gallons of juices and 1500 cookies were given out as the Division Band provided entertainment for the youngsters and their teachers. Both the Regimental and Battalion Commanders attended. Fifty-one villagers were treated in the 1st Battalion aid station.

b. 2d Battalion. A medical team from the 2d Battalion treated twenty-seven Vietnamese civilians in the hamlet of DUC [illegible] (1), (AT [illegible]) yesterday afternoon. Sixty-four civilians were treated there this morning. The 2d Battalion BAS treated twenty-[illegible] civilians [illegible].

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(a) Company "B" established a listening post at (BT 056697) which stayed in position from 252000H to 260600H.

(b) Company "C" established a listening post at (BT 024689). This listening post stayed in position from 252000H to 260600H. Neither listening posts had enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out three listening posts.

(a) Company "E" had a listening post at (AT 961684) from 252000H to 260600H.

(b) Company "F" had a listening post at (AT 980678) from 252200H to 260400H.

(c) Company "H" had a listening post at (AT 980678) from 252030H to 260400H.

5. Change in Location of CP's

a. 1st Battalion

Company "A"	
1st Platoon	(BT 044692)
2d Platoon w/Co CP	(BT 055698)
3d Platoon	(BT 072702)
Company "D"	
1st and 2d Platoon	(AT 982732)

b. 2d Battalion — No Change

6. None.

7. None

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11. Late Entries

a. The Ninth Marines Liaison with the 11th Ranger Battalion ARVN reported that the sweep in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR began at 260840H and was conducted at 261200H. The Ranger Battalion swept through the hamlets of LE SON (3), (AT 968644) LE SON (1), (AT 980660), LE SON (4), (AT 960640), ON TRACH (1), (AT 966661), THAI CAM (1), (AT 977645) YEN NE (1), AT 986663) and AN TRACH (3), (AT 958653). Three VC were killed and five weapons were captured. Two of the VC were killed by a helicopter strike at (AT 979657).

b. Company "B" moved to THUY SON (BT 079709) and swept that area by 261730H without VC contact. One VCS was picked up. Company "B" (-) returned to (BT 023731). One platoon moved to (BT 067727) to provide security for MCB-9 in relief of the platoon from Company "A".

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SITREP No. 50

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

2. Period Covered. 270001H to 272400H August 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The Ninth Marines continued to occupy positions south of the Danang Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO River. Ten patrols were conducted, and five ambushes and ten listening posts were established.

a. 1st Battalion. Continues to occupy positions south of the Danang Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO River in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR and provides security for MCB-9 at the Danang East Complex. Two Vietnamese women and one boy were wounded today by secondary explosions when Company "A" and engineers at 270900H blew a VC tunnel with a one pound C-4 charge at (BT 044696). The 1st Battalion conducted five patrols and established two ambushes and seven listening posts without enemy contact.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion continues to occupy defensive positions in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR south of the SONG CAU DO River. The 2d Battalion provides security for the water point and bridge at (AT 998707). Company "E" is the Division mobile reserve company. Company "G" relieved Company "E" in place this morning moving by helicopter to their new positions from (AT 962694) to (AT 973682). Two men were wounded in action during this relief at 270830H when elements of Company "G" came under fire in the LZ at (AT 968684).

4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion continues to occupy positions south of the airfield, around the ammo dump at (AT 984738), and south of the SONG CAU DO River. These areas are patrolled regularly.

(a) Company "A" occupies positions south of the SONG CAU DO River from (BT 044687) northwest to (BT 070703). At 261900H in the vicinity of (BT 045687) Company "A" received fifteen rounds of semi-automatic small arms sniper fire from approximately 200 meters out at a magnetic azimuth of 292 degrees. Fire was returned with 90mm

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and small arms fire. Sniper fire ceased. Area was searched with negative results. At 261925H the 2d Platoon of Company received eight rounds of small arms fire in the vicinity of (BT 077698). Azimuth and distance from which fire was coming was unknown. Fire was returned with small arms. At 270900H a squad from Company "A" reinforced by engineers discovered tunnels in the area of BA TUNG (2), (BT 044696). The tunnels were blown with a one pound C-4 charge, setting off secondary explosions in a nearby house, believed to be hand fragmentation grenades which were rigged as a booby trap. As a result of the secondary explosion two Vietnamese women received superficial wounds, one in the arm, the other in the leg just above the knee. There was a third person injured who was a Vietnamese boy who received schrapnel in the forehead and is considered in serious condition. Medical evacuation was requested immediately, and the three wounded Victnamese were taken to C&C. At (BT 037687) this squad encountered a second secondary explosion with no casualties.

(b) At 261545H Company "B" moved out from the vicinity of (BT 070703) to commence a search of the area in and around the hamlet of THUY SON (BT 079708) to check out a report of one hundred VC's being in that area with the mission of attacking MCB-9. Company "B" picked up one VCS in THUY SON who was turned over to the village chief after being properly identified. Company "B" completed the search and returned to the area of the Battalion CP at (BT 023733) without enemy contact.

(c) Company "C" continues to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO River from (BT 017684) to (BT 034687). At 270905H Company "C" requested helicopter for medical evacuation of one Marine wounded due accidential discharge in vicinity of the Company CP (BT 028690). Incident occured while one Marine was in the process of cleaning his weapon.

(d) The 1st and 2d Platoons of Company "D" continue to occupy positions around the ammo dump (AT 984733) while the 1st platoon occupies positions ij the area of the Battalion CP at (BT 023733).

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion continues tc occupy defensive positions south of the SONG CAU DO River. By 270935H Company "E" was relieved in place by Company "G". Companies "F" "G" and "H" now occupy front line positions. Company "E" is in reserve and remains as one hour alert as the Division mobile reserve. One reinforced platoon from Company "E" provides security for the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707).

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(a) Company "E" was relieved in place by Company "G" this morning.

(b) Company "F" continues to occupy defensive positions from (AT 977683) to (AT 988678).

(c) Company "G" relieved Company "E" this morning and now occupies defensive positions from (AT 962694) to (AT 973682). At 270830H Company "G" had two men WIA's. Company "G" was helilifted into Company "E"'s positions in order to effect relief. As elements of Company "G" were departing helicopters, they received sniper fire in the helicopter landing zone (AT 968684) from LA BONG (3), (AT 963677). One casualty received a stomach wound and was helicopter evacuated to C&C. The other casualty was minor and was treated by the BAS and returned to duty.

(d) Company "H" continues to occupy defensive positions from (AT 991676) to (BT 010676).

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion conducted five patrols during the last twenty-four hours.

(a) Company "A" dispatched one patrol during the subject period. Redwood Alpha 2 departed the IP (BT 043691) at 262400H covering the area in and around the hamlets of BA TUNG (3), (BT 042707) and BA TUNG (2), (BT 044693). This patrol returned to the IP at 270230H without enemy contact.

(b) Company "C" conducted three patrols during the last twenty-four hours. Redwood Charlie Homer 2 departed the IP (BT 030696) at 262000H and proceeded along a route covering the area in and around the hamlet of MAN QUAN (1), (BT 035689) moving southeast across the stream at (BT 037683) and returning to the IP. Redwood Charlie Homer 3A departed the IP (BT 063683) and moved north to the area around the hamlet of XUAN TRA (BT 087688) south to the trail at (BT 067683) and returned to the IP. Redwood Charlie Homer 3B left the IP (BT 034691) covering the area in and around the area of the hamlets of MAN QUAN (1), (BT 034688) and AN LUU (BT 035679) and returned to the IP.

(c) Company "D" conducted one patrol during the last twenty-four hours. This patrol left the IP (AT 991734) at 262330H, covered the area around the ammo dump and returned to the IP at 270100H without enemy contact.

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(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out five combat patrols during this period.

(a) Company "E" sent a combat patrol from (AT 970684) south to AN TRACH (1), (AT 968665). The patrol departed at 270130H and returned at 270325H. There was no contact with the VC.

(b) Company "F" sent out two patrols during this period. Last night a patrol was dispatched from (AT 984684) at 262000H. The patrol moved north to PHONG LE (1), (AT 993698) and then west along the southern bank of the SONG CAU DO River to (AT 982692). The patrol returned at 270302H without making contact. Today at 270800H a combat patrol was sent from (AT 974683) north to (AT 975690) and then east through the hamlet of CAM NE (1), (AT 985693). The patrol returned at 271400H. There was no contact.

(c) Company "G" sent out one combat patrol last night. This patrol departed from the railroad bridge (AT 998707) at 262100H and moved north along the MSR to (BT 001723). This patrol returned at 262400H without making contact.

(d) Company "H" sent out one combat patrol last night. The patrol departed from DUONG SON (2), (AT 996677) at 262030H and moved south to YEN NE (1), (AT 988664). From here the patrol moved east to (BT 002664) and then returned, arriving at 270310H. There was no contact with the VC.

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established two ambushes during the last twenty-four hours.

(a) Company "A" established an ambush at (BT 049687). This ambush stayed in position from 262400H to 270200H without enemy contact.

(b) Company "C" established an ambush at (BT 028694). This ambush stayed in position from 262200H to 270600H without enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion established three ambushes last night.

(a) Company "E" established an ambush at (AT 959681*. The ambush was in position from 262100H to 270600H. No contact was made.

(b) Company "F" had an ambush at (AT 976686) from 262300H to 270400H. No contact was made.

(c) Company "H" established an ambush at (AT 993682). This ambush was in position from 262030H to 270400H. There was no contact.

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d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established seven listening posts during the last twenty-four hours.

(a) Company "A" esrablished listening posts at (BT 073701), (BT 071699), (BT 054684), (BT 055687), (BT 044687), and (BT 045684).

(b) Company "C" established one listening post at (BT 031689). All of these listening posts stayed in position all night and none had enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out three listening posts last night.

(a) Company "E" had a listening post at (AT 961689) from 262100H to 270500H.

(b) Company "F" had a listening post at (AT 981679) from 262030H to 270100H.

(c) Company "H" had a listening post at (BT 010674) from 262030H to 270400H.

5. Change in Location of CP's

a. 1st Battalion — No Change

b. 2d Battalion

Company "E"	(AT 988722)
Company "G"	(AT 967684)

6. None.

7. None.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion will continue to occupy positions south of the Danang Airbase, south of the SONG CAU DO River and around the ammo dump at (AT 984733). During the next twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion plans to conduct five patrols, and establish one ambush and seven listening posts. The 1st Battalion is planning an operation to clear and hold a known VC area lying south of the Marble Mountain complex on the South China Sea Coast approximately 6.5 miles southeast of the City of Danang, and within the 1st Battalions area of responsibility. Commencing at approximately 282300H, the operation will commence with the "on position" relief of Company "A" by

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elements of Company "C" and the 593d RF Company. When relieved Company "A" moves by foot to an assembly area vicinity of TRA KHE (3). One reinforced platoon proceeds to a blocking position on the west bank of CAN BIEN River. At 290900H Company "D" (Rein) moves south along the beach in an LVT column supported by a platoon of tanks. When deployed Company "D" (Rein) and Company "A" (-), cross the LOD on order and sweep north to LOA in the vicinity of AN TRA (1), and (2), (BT 085695). Company "B", at 290600H, establishes contact with elements of the 593d RF Company and deploys on an LOD between (BT 072708) and (BT 083712) and on order sweeps south to an LOA in the vicinity of AN TRA (1) and (2).

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion will continue to occupy defensive positions south of the SONG CAU DO River. Four combat patrols four ambushes, and four listening posts will be sent out tonight. Continued emphasis will be placed on the CAM NE Complex (AT 990690) Civil Affairs Program.

9. Miscellaneous. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. 1st Battalion. Personnel from the 1st Battalion aid station treated fifty Vietnamese civilians near the hamlet of MIEU DONG (1), (BT 016683). Seventy-five Vietnamese civilians were treated at the Sacred Hearts Orphanage.

b. 2d Battalion. A medical team from the 2d Battalion BAS treated thirty-three Vietnamese civilians in the hamlet of DUONG SON (1), (AT 997687) today. Thirty-seven Vietnamese civilians were treated by the 2d Battalion BAS. For a detailed report of the 2d Battalion civil affairs program, see the 2d Battalion Civil Affairs report of this date. The Division Band entertained the troops of Company "C" and "E" Battery, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines and about one hundred villagers of PHUNG LE BAC (AT 995710) today.

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1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

2. Period Covered. 280001H to 282400H August 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The Ninth Marines continued to occupy positions south of the Danang Airbase and south of the CAU DO River and patrolled aggressively in these areas. Nineteen patrol were conducted during the last twenty-four hours. Company "C" was attacked last night around 272025H at (BT 034686). Company "C" received approximately one hundred and twenty-five rounds of automatic, small arms fire. It is believed three VC were wounded. No Marines were wounded.

a. 1st Battalion. Continues to occupy positions south of the Danang Airbase and in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR. The 1st Battalion conducted ten patrols in this area during the last twenty-four hours. The 1st Battalion provided security for the Danang East Complex and provided security for the FLSG ammo dump until 281200H. Company "C" wounded three VC last night at 272025H near (BT 034686) when approximately ten VC attacked the Company "C" CP firing automatic weapons.

b. 2d Battalion. Continues to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR. The 2d Battalion conducted ten patrols in this area during the last twenty-four hours. Company "E" (-) moved to the ammo dump at 281200H to relieve two platoons of Company "D", 1st Battalion. There was no enemy activity in the 2d Battalion area during this period.

4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion continues to occupy and patrol the area south of the Danang Airbase, south of the CAU DO River, and the area around the ammo dump at (AT 988733).

(a) Company "A" continues to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River with the 1st Platoon at (BT 044687), the 2d Platoon at (BT 070703) and the 3d Platoon at (BT 053687) with the Company CP.

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(b) Company "B" remains in the area of the Battalion CP at (BT 024733). Company "B" has the responsibility for patrolling the immediate area.

(c) Company "C" occupies positions south of the CAU DO River from (BT 016684) northeast to (BT 034686) with the Company CP at (BT 034686). Last night at 272025H Company "C"'s CP received fifteen rounds of automatic, small arms fire. Fire was returned with automatic and semi-automatic weapons and the VC broke contact as Company "C" pursued by fire. Three bodies were observed being dragged away. The Company Commander of Company "C" requested 81mm H.E. be fired at (BT 026688) on VC's in thr tree line. Four rounds were fired with unknown results.

(d) Company "D" continues to provide security for the FLSG ammo dump at (AT 988733) and patrols in that area.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion continues to occupy defensive positions south of the CAU DO River. By 281200H the first and third platoons of Company "E" assumed the responsibility of the security of the FLSG ammunition dump.

(a) Company "E" provides two platoons for the security of the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733). One reinforced platoon provides security for the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707).

(b) Company "F" occupies front line defensive positions from (AT 977683) to (AT 988678).

(c) Company "G" occupies front line defensive positions from (AT 962694) to (AT 972682).

(d) Company "H" occupies front line defensive positions from (AT 991676) to (AT CC9676).

(3) Fire Support. Battery "E", 2d Battalion, 12th Marines fired twelve H&I missions last night expending twenty four 105mm HE rounds.

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. Nine Patrols.

(a) Company "B" two patrols Redwood Bravo departed at 272000H, covered in and around the hamlet of BINH HOA (BT 024728) and returned at 280400H without enemy contact. Redwood Bravo Homer 3 departed at 272330H, covered the hamlets of BA TUNG (3), (BT 042704), BA TUNG (1), (BT 048701), BINH KY (1), (BT 9[illegible]97) and BINH KY (2), (BT 058700), and returned at 280400H without enemy contact.

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(b) Company "C" conducted four patrols during this period. Redwood Charlie 2A departed at 272100H, covered the hamlets of LIEM LAC (2), (BT 026697) and CO MAN (BT 027690) and returned at 280200H without contact. Redwood Charlie 3 departed at 281230H, covered the hamlets of MAN QUAN (1), (BT 035688) and AN LUU (BT 036680) and returned at 281630H without enemy contact. Redwood Charlie 2 departed at 281400H covered the hamlets of LIEM LAC (2), (BT 026697) and CO MAN, (BT 027690) and returned at 281800H without enemy contact.

(c) Company "D" conducted three patrols during this period. Two patrols were around the FLSG ammo dump from 280100H until 280300H and from 280300H until 280500H. Redwood Delta 1A patrolled the north bank of the CAU DO River between the Battalion CP and the railroad bridge at (AT 988707) between the hours of 272200H until 280600H without making enemy contact.

(d) H&S Company sent a patrol Redwood Yankee H2, through the hamlets of HOA KHUE (BT 020743), TRUNG TAY (BT 032742), HOA MY (BT 023737), and BINH HOA (BT 025730). The patrol departed at 281230H and returned at 281600H. No enemy contact was made.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out a total of ten combat patrols during this period.

(a) Company "E" sent out two patrols last night and one today. At 272200H a patrol departed from (AT 988722) and moved East to (BT 001723) and then south along the MSR to the railroad bridge (AT 998707). From the railroad bridge the patrol moved east along the northern bank of the CAU DO River to (BT 004709) and then moved back north along the MSR and returned at 280050H. No contact was made. Company "E" sent another patrol from the railroad bridge (AT 998707) south along the eastern side of the railroad to (BT 000690) where they crossed the railroad and moved back north to (AT 987704). From here the patrol moved southwest to (AT 996700), established an ambush and then returned to the railroad bridge. This patrol departed at 272300H and returned at 280230H without making contact. Today at 281300H a patrol was dispatched from the railroad bridge (AT 998707) and sent south to (BT 002699). From here the patrol moved west to (AT 982699) and then returned along the southern bank of the CAU DO River, arriving ay 281600H. No contact was made.

(b) Company "F" sent out one combat patrol last night and one today. Last night a patrol was sent from YEN NE (3), (AT 981680) south to LE SON (1), (AT 980661). The patrol departed at 272000H and returned at 280310H without making contact. Today a patrol was dispatched from YEN NE (3), (AT 981680) and sent south to the vicinity of AN TRACH (2), (AT 970658). This patrol departed at 281115H and was scheduled to return at 281800H.

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(c) Company "G" sent out two patrols during this period. Last night a patrol moved from (AT 962685) south along the YEN River to (AT 958680). From here the patrol moved east to (AT 968680) and then returned. This patrol departed at 272400H and returned at 280622H without contact. Today a patrol was sent from (AT 961684) south to LA BONG (3), (AT 961677). This patrol departed at 280810H and returned at 281125H. There was no contact with the VC.

(d) Company "H" sent out two patrols last night and one today. At 272230H a patrol moved from DUONG SON (2), (AT 992677) southeast to (BT 000671) established an ambush, and then returned, arriving at 280425H. No contact was made. Another patrol was sent from (BT 011677) south to (BT 005664) and then returned. The patrol departed at 272000H and returned at 280400H without making contact.

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. Company "A" established an ambush at (BT 043693) at 271830H. At 271910H the ambush fired forty-five rounds at three VC dressed in black and white, one of whom was armed with a BAR. The VC returned approximately five rounds of fire and then withdrew toward BINH LY (1) (BT 055697). One appeared to be wounded.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion established four ambushes last night.

(a) Company "E" established an ambush at (AT 996700). This ambush was established by a patrol which departed at 272300H and returned at 280230H. No contact was made.

(b) Company "F" had a ambush at (AT 975663) from 272400H to 280530H. No contact was made.

(c) Company "G" established an ambush at (AT 955685) from 272100H to 280555H. No contact was made.

(d) Company "H" established an ambush at (BT 000671). This ambush was established by a patrol which departed at 272230H and returned at 280425H without making contact.

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established three listening posts during the last twenty-four hours.

(2) Company "D" established three listening posts during the subject period. One listening posts was established at (BT 023724) at 272000H and stayed in position until 272400H. Another was established at (BT 013721) and stayed in position from 272300H to 280200H. A third stayed in position from 280100H to 280400H at (BT 005715). None

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of these listening posts had enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out four listening posts last night.

(a) Company "E" had a listening post at (AT 995706) from 280030H to 280130H.

(b) Company "F" had a listening post at (AT 992685) from 272000H to 280430H.

(c) Company "G" had a listening post at (AT 972687) from 272000H to 280535H.

(d) Company "H" had a listening post at (BT 000677) from 272200H to 280445H.

5. Change in Location of CP's

a. 1st Battalion. None.

b. 2d Battalion

Company "E" (-) (AT 988733)

6. None.

7. Training

a. 1st Battalion. Today at 281300H Company "B" moved by truck to the HOA CAM Firing range for application on firing the 60mm Mortar. Training was completed and Company "B" moved back to the area of the Battalion CP.

b. 2d Battalion. None

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. During the next twenty four hours the 1st Battalion plans to conductfour patrols and one ambush. The operation previously reported by this battalion will be carried out as planned. The 1st Battalion will continue to occupy positions south of the airfield and south of the CAU DO River.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion will continue to prepare defensive positions south of the CAU DO River. Extensive pstrolling will be conducted in the assigned sectors. Five combat patrols, three ambushes and three listening posts will be sent out tonight. The 2d

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Battalion will continue to emphasize its civil affairs program in the CAM NE Complex (AT 990690).

10. Civil Affairs

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion civil affairs officer of the 1st Battalion visited the area of TAN LUU (BT 077707) with dolls and other toys for the local children and other useful household items for the adult Vietnamese civilians. Thirty-one Vietnamese civilians were treated at the Battalion Aid Station.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion BAS treated thirty-three Vietnamese Civilians today. A Corpsman attached to the security squad in CAM NE (2), (AT 980686), treated thirty-two Vietnamese Civilians.

c. Twelve civilians were treated in the Regimental Aid Station.

d. MedCap supplies were distributed today as were incidental goods such as thread, zippers, buttons, soap and children's books.

e. The Regimental CAO attended a III MAF civil affairs meeting on 27 August 1965.

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SITREP No. 52

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

2. Period Covered. 290001H to 292400H August 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The Ninth Marines continued to occupy positions south of the Danang Airbase and south of the CAU DO River and patrolled aggressively in these areas. Sixteen patrols were conducted and four ambushes and six listening posts were established during the last twenty-four hour period. Four scout-sniper teams were employed last night. Today a combined search and clear operation was conducted south of Marble Mountain. At last report ~~three~~ 14 VC had been killed, eight wounded and two weapons had been captured. Sixteen VCS were segregated from the civilians at the civilian collection point. Four Marines were wounded in action this morning during the search and clear operation.

a. 1st Battalion. Continued to occupy positions south of the Danang Airbase and south of the CAU DO River in the southeast portion of Regimental TAOR. The 1st Battalion conducted eight patrols and established two ambushes during this reporting period. One scout-sniper team was employed last night. Today Companies "A", "B" and "D", in a combined operation with the 593d RF Company, conducted a search and clear operation south of Marble Mountain. The Hamlets of TRA KHE (1), (BT 090670), TRA LO (BT 084682), AN TRA (1) and (2), (BT 085695), TAN AN (BT 090690) and TAN LUU (BT 076704). Sixteen VCS were taken. ~~Three~~ 12 VC were killed and two weapons captured. Eight VC were wounded plus ten unconfirmed wounded. Four Marines were wounded during the sweep which began at 290620H and ended at 291445H.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion continued to occupy defensive positions south of the CAU DO River in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR. They conducted eight patrols and established two ambushes and six listening posts during the period. They employed three scout-sniper teams last night. Sniper fire was received in the 2d Battalion positions several times during the night but there were no Marine casualties.

4. Activities

a. Operations.

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(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion continues to occupy and patrol the area south of the airfield and south of the CAU DO River. Last night the 1st Battalion commenced a two-day search and clear operation with an "on position" relief of elements of Company "A" at the bridge at (BT 070700) by elements of Company "C" and the 593d RF Company at 282300H.

(a) At 282400H, following a contact relief in position by elements of Company "C" and the 593d RF Company, Company "A" assembled in the vicinity of (BT 064694) and moved to the vicinity of TRA KHE (3), (BT 072671), arriving by approximately 290300H. At 290400H Company "A" dispatched one reinforced platoon to blocking positions on the west bank of the CAN BIEN River in the vicinity of (BT 082674). The remainder of the company patrolled east to secure the village complex in the vicinity of (BT 083670) and TRA KHE (1), (BT 090670). At approximately 290830H Company "A" deployed in the vicinity of TRA KHE (1), (BT 090670) and affected link-up with Company "D" in the vicinity of (BT 093672). After link-up was completed operational control of Company "A" (-) went Company "D"(rein) and both companies commenced a search and clear mission to the north. At approximately 290835H Company "A" made enemy contact in the vicinity of (BT 093672). The sweep phase of the search and clear operation was concluded at 291445H with four friendly WIA's, eight VC WIA's, ~~three~~ 12 ~~confirmed~~ VC KIA's, ten estimated VC KIA's, eight VC's captured and sixteen VC suspects. Two enemy weapons were captured during the operation. Type of weapon is unknown at this time.

(b) At 282330H Company "B" embarked on trucks at the Battalion CP (BT 023733) and proceeded to a debark point in the vicinity of (BT 064733), reorganized and deployed on the LOD in the vicinity of (BT 073706) to (BT 083707). At approximately 290600H Company "B" established contact with elements of the 593d RF Company on the right (west) portion of the LOD. After making contact with the 593d RF Company, Company "B" crossed the LOD and commenced a search and clear mission southeast in the zone to an LOA in the vicinity of AN TRA (1) and (2), (BT 085695). At 290830H Company "B" reported being at the LOA (BT 085695) and had established blocking positions in that vicinity. Company "B" reported two-hundred-fifty Vietnamese civilians being at the civilian collection point and approximately ten VCS's have been segregated.

(c) Company "C" maintains two platoons in position on the western portion of the 1st Battalion's zone of responsibility south of the CAU DO River from (BT 016684) to (BT 027690) while the 3d platoon located in the vicinity of MAN QUAN (1), (BT 035687) moved to the vicinity of (BT 044692) and (BT 053694) and relieved elements of Company "A" of these positions with one squad in each position.

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At 282400H Company "C" released one section of AT's to go under operational control and direct support of Company "B" and two LVT's for direct support of Company "D" for the duration of the operation.

(d) At approximately 282300H Company "D" moved by trucks from the Battalion CP to debark point in the vicinity of (BT 064733) and proceeded to an assembly area in the vicinity of (BT 067733). Upon arrival at the assembly area Company "D" assumed operational control of LVT and Tank platoons and moved by armored column southeast along the beach to (BT 099676) where they deployed to the west to the vicinity of (BT 093173) and effected link-up with Company "A" (-). At approximately 290830H both companies crossed the LOD to conduct search and clear operations to the north within the assigned zone to the LOA in the vicinity of AN TRA (1) and (2) (BT 084697).

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion continues to occupy defensive positions south of the CAU DO River. By 281200H the first and third platoons of Company "E" assumed the responsibility of the security of the FLSG ammunition dump.

(a) Company "E" provides two platoons for the security of the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733). One reinforced platoon provides security for the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707).

(b) Company "F" occupies front line defensive positions from (AT 977683) to (AT 988678).

(c) Company "G" occupies front line defensive positions from (AT 962694) to (AT 972682). At approximately 291145 Company "G" received three rounds of small arms, sniper fire into their position at (AT 961684). The rounds came from (AT 963685). Two fire teams were sent to locate and eliminate the sniper but lost contact with him. Also, Company "G"received four rounds of small arms, sniper fire from vicinity (AT 960683) and (AT 966677) into their lines at coordinates (AT 966684). Snipers were pursued physically but could not be found.

(d) Company "D" continues to provide security for the FLSG ammo dump at (AT 988733) and patrols in that area.

b. Patrols

a. 1st Battalion. During the last twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion conducted eight patrols.

(a) Company "A" conducted one patrol during the subject period. This patrol left the IP (BT 058701) at 281700H, covered the area in and around KHUE DONG (1), (BT 054708), BA TUNG (3), (BT 042706), BA TUNG (2), (BT 043695), BA TUNG (1), (BT 050704) and returned to the IP at 282000H without enemy contact.

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(b) Company "C" conducted three patrols during the last twenty-four hours. Redwood Charlie 2A left the IP (BT 027690) at 282000H, covered the area in and around the area of CO MAN (BT 027691), LIEM LAC (2), (BT 028696), TUNG LAM (1), (BT 035703) and returned to the IP at 282400H. Redwood Charlie 3A left the IP (BT 033679) covered the area in and around AN LUU (BT 037678), MAN QUAN (1), (BT 035688) and returned to the IP at 290300H without enemy contact. Redwood Charlie H3 left the IP (BT 038680) 291300H covering the area in and around the hanlets of AN LUU (BT 037678) and MAN QUAN (1), (BT 035688) and will return to the IP at 291700H.

(c) The CP security platoon conducted four patrols during the last twenty-four hours. Redwood Yankee H3 departed the IP (BT 024733) and covered the area along the northern banks of the CAU DO River and BINH THAI (BT 005720) and returned to the IP. This patrol was out from 282300H to 290300H. Redwood Yankee H5 departed the IP (BT 024733) at 282400H covered the area in and aroundHOA MY (BT 028737) and returned to the IP at 290300H. The LVT patrol left the Battalion CP by foot at 282200H, moved to the railroad bridge (BT 998707) and patrolled the CAU DO River until 290600. Redwood H2 departed the IP (BT 024733) at 291230H. This patrol will cover the area in and around two hamlets of TRUNG TAT (BT 028742) and NGHIA HOA (BT 020725) and will return to the IP at 291600H. None of these patrols had enemy contact.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out a total of eight combat patrols during this period.

(a) Company "E" sent out two patrols last night and two today. At 282400H a squad size patrol departed from (AT 998708) and moved northeast along the MSR to (BT 901724). They then patrolled southeast and west of the MSR and returned to (AT 998708) at 290330H. No contact was made, Another squad size patrol was sent around the FLSG ammunition dump. This patrol departed at 290030 from (AT 987730), moved west to (AT 977727), south to (AT 978724) and then northwest to their initial point at (AT 987730). They returned at 290230H without making contact. Today they sent out two squad size patrols. The morning patrol circled around the FLSG ammunition dump and the afternoon patrol went northeast from their initial point at (AT 987732) to (AT 998735) and back to their initial point. They had no enemy contact.

(b) Company "F" sent out one platoon (-) combat patrol today. The patrol traveled south from (AT 989677) to the village of LE SON (1), (AT 982658) and back to their assigned defensive positions at (AT 987677). They departed at 290915H and will return at 291830H.

(c) Company "G" kad a platoon (rein) sized night combat patrol departing at 282000H from the village of CAM NE (3), (AT 963684). The patrol moved southeast along the YEN River to the village of AN TRACH (1)

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(AT 967666). From here they moved northeast to LA DONG (1), (AT 973670) and then back to friendly lines at 290630H. At approximately 290310H while passing by the village of LA DONG (2), the patrol received small arms, sniper fire. The patrol pursued by fire and physically but lost contact with the enemy. There were no friendly casualties and no known enemy casualties.

(d) Company "H" sent out one patrol last night and one today. At 282000H a patrol departed DUONG SON (2), (AT 993679) and moved northeast along the Battalion MSR to (AT 997679) and returned along the same general route at 290330H. No contact was made. The Company "H" day patrol departed from DUONG SON (2), (AT 993677), moved southeast to NHON THO (1), (AT 999663), northeast to QUA GIANG (ET 004673) and back to DUONG SON (2). The patrol returned at 291630H.

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established two ambushes during the last twenty-four hours.

(a) Company "C" established an ambush at (BT 037680) which stayed in position from 282000H to 282400H.

(b) Company "A" established an ambush at (BT 058701) which remained in position from 282000H to 290600H. Neither of these ambushes had enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion established two ambushes last night.

(a) Company "F" maintained a squad (-) size ambush at (AT 984663) from 290300H to 290700H. No contact was made.

(b) Company "H" established a squad size ambush at (BT 008668) from 282100H until 290600H.

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. None.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion established six listening posts during this reporting period.

(a) Company "E" has a continuous listening post at (AT 979735).

(b) Company "H" had three listening posts. Two listening posts were established at (AT 988694) and (AT 975685) from 282000H to 290330. A third listening post was established at (AT 978668) from 282100H to 290400.

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(c) Company "G" had a listening post at (AT 957685) from 282300H to 290300H.

(d) Company "H" had a listening post at (BT 003675) from 282200H to 290330H.

e. Scout-Sniper Teams

(1) 1st Battalion. Company "C" employed an scout-sniper team in the vicinity of the company CP (BT 027683). This team remained in position the duration of the night without enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion had three sniper scopes in use during this reporting period.

(a) Company "F" employed their sniper scope at (AT 980670) from 282100H to 290500H.

(b) Company "H" employed two sniper scopes at (AT 994676) and (BT 004677) from 282100H to 290545H.

f. Psycological Warfare

a. Prior to the search and clear operation to the south of Marble Mountain conducted by the 1st Battalion today, an aircraft broadcast in Vietnamese that the Vietnamese should leave the villages for their safety. They were told to go to the beach where they would be taken to the civilian collection point and given food and medical aid. Six hundred and seventy-six civilians were processed at the collection point. Sixteen VCS were taken.

5. Change in Location of CP's

a. 1st Battalion

Company "D" (BT 085697)

b. 2d Battalion No Change

6. Change in Location or Establishment of New OP's

a. 1st Battalion. An OP was established on Marble Mountain in the vicinity of (BT 068709) at approximately 290500H and remained in position until 291445H.

b. 2d Battalion. Company "E" established a permanent OP at (AT 979735).

7. Training

a. 1st Battalion. None.

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b. 2d Battalion. From 281330H to 281630H Company "E" conducted a 60mm mortar FIREX at HOA CAM Training Center.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion will continue to occupy positions south of the airfield and south of the CAU DO River. During the next twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion plans to conduct eight patrols and establish one ambush. Two scout-sniper teams will be employed. The 1st Battalion will continue the search and clear operation as planned. Upon arrival and recorganization at the LOA Company "D" will prepare 360° positions in the vicinity of AN TRA (1) and occupy, defend and patrol the area around this position until relieved. The operation is expected to last until approximately 301700H.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion will continue to prepare defensive positions south of the CAU DO River. Extensive patrolling will be conducted in the assigned sectors. Four combat patrols, four ambushes and three listening posts will be sent out tonight. The 2d Battalion will continue to emphasize its civil affairs program in the CAM NE Complex (AT 990690).

9. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. 1st Battalion. Six hundred seventy-six civilians were cared for and fed at the civilian collection point in the area north of Marble Mountain (BT 075713). Today during the operation two hundred fifty were given medical care. Forty-two Vietnamese civilians were treated at the Battalion Aid Station during the subject period.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion BAS treated thirty-one Vietnamese civilians today. Also, a village sick call team at DUONG SON (1) treated sixty-one Vietnamese civilians for minor illnesses.

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1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

2. Period Covered. 300001H to 302400H August 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The Ninth Marines continued to defend the south of the Danang Airbase and south of the CAU DO River. The 1st and 2d Battalions conducted patrols, ambushes, listening posts and scout-sniper teams throughout these areas. The 1st Battalion has one company patrolling the hamlets of AN TRA (1) and (2), (BT 085695), as a follow up to yesterday's search and clear operation south of Marble Mountain. Five Marines have been wounded in action and one killed in the last twenty-four hour period. Today a search and destroy operation was conducted in grid square (BT 0166). A VC company has been reported in the hamlet of QUA GIANG (1), (BT 016665). The operation began at 301230H and is not over yet. The 1st and 2d Battalions are participating. There has been no enemy contact during this operation.

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion continues to occupy positions south of the Danang Airbase and south of the CAU DO River, with one company occupying and patrolling the area in and around AN TRA (1) and (2), (BT 085696), as a continuation of a two-day sweep and clear operation which commenced 290620H. The 1st Battalion conducted eight patrols and established two ambushes during this reporting period. Two scout-sniper teams were employed last night. Company "B" (Rein) and one platoon of Company "C" participated in combined saerch and clear operation with one company (-) from the 2d Battalion to clear the area from (BT 018662) north to (BT 015674). The 1st Battalion sustained two WIA's and one KIA during this reporting period.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion continued to occupy defensive positions south of the CAU DO River in the southwest portion of the regimental TAOR. Nine patrols, four ambushes and two listening posts were conducted during this period. Company "G" had three WIA's during this period from sniper fire. All were evacuated but none was wounded seriously. Today Company "H" (-) supported operations of Company "B", 1st Battalion, 9th Marines by sweeping QUA GIANG (2), (BT 003669) and then established blocking positions along the eastern edge of QUA GIANG. At 301200H Company "E" assumed the responsibility of the Division Alert Company.

4. Activities

a. Operations

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(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion continues to occupy positions south of the airfield and south of the CAU DO River with one company occupying positions as far east as AN TRA (1) and (2), (BT 085696).

(a) After the sweep phase of the operation on 29 August, Company "A" returned to positions south of the CAU DO River from (BT 044687) to (BT 070703). At 291715H a sergeant from Company "A" was returning to the Battalion CP by Amtrac when at (BT 029720) the Amtrac received two rounds of sniper fire. Fire was returned with fifteen rounds of small arms fire. Results unknown. At 300300H Company "A" received two hand grenades and one Energa grenade on their positions at (BT 070700). This incident resulted in one friendly WIA and one friendly KIA. At 300630H a squad from Company "A" found two enemy ~~had~~ frag grenades, enemy documents written in Chinese, and ARVN boots and uniform at (BT 072700). These documents and other items were taken to the Battalion S-2. Company "A" also found evidence of people crawling around the position where the two hand grenades were thrown.

(b) At 291600H Company "B" arrived at the Battalion CP (BT 023733) after being secured from the operation, where they remained the duration of the night. At 301130H Company "B" (Rein) moved by truck to a helo loading zone and truck assembly areas and arrived at the loading point by 301200H and the assembly area in the vicinity of LIEU DONG (1) by 301230H. Company "B" (-) moved overland from the assembly area to an LOD in the vicinity of (BT 024662) and one platoon (rein) landed by helicopter in an LZ in the vicinity of (BT 016660). Company "B" crossed the LOD (BT 024662) at 301423H and conducted a search and destroy sweep north through QUA GIANG (1), (BT 020667) to an LOA in the vicinity of (BT 015674). At 301520H Company "B" reported being six-hundred meters from the LOA and still proceeding north without enemy contact.

(c) Company "C" continues to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River from (BT 017683) to (BT 034687) with extensive patrols in this area. Company "C" provided one platoon as a blocking force for a combined search and destroy sweep conducted today from an LOA in the vicinity of (BT 024662) north through QUA GIANG (1), (BT 020667) to an LOA in the vicinity of (BT 015674). This platoon was in position at (BT 014675) by 301200H. Company "C" (-) was maintained on an alert status for possible employment in the area of the operation as reinforcements.

(d) Company "D" continued to occupy and patrol the area in the vicinity of AN TRA (1) and (2) (BT 085696). At 300515H a member of Company "D" on a squad-size patrol which was part of a two-day search and clear operation being conducted by the 1st Battalion stepped on a mine at (BT 082689) causing injuries to his legs and arms. The Marine was evacuated to C&C. His condition was considered good.

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(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion continues to occupy defensive positions south of the CAU DO River. Companies "F", "G" and "H" occupy front line positions while company "E" provides security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707).

(a) Company "E" provides security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) with two platoons and also the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707) with one reinforced platoon. However, this morning the platoon providing security for the railroad bridge was placed in Battalion reserve and security for the railroad bridge and water point was provided by a squad (-) from H&S Company. The Battalion reserve platoon moved into position in the vicinity of GIANG DONG (BT 005675) for possible deployment in support of Company "H" search and clear operation of QUA GIANG (2), (BT 016665). At 301200H Company "E" was designated as the Division mobile reserve company.

(b) Company "F" continues to occupy front line defensive positions. Front line positions were extended today to include DUONG SON (2), (AT 994678). These positions were previously occupied by Company "H". Therefore Company "F" front line positions now extend from (AT 977683) to (AT 998677).

(c) Company "G" occupies front line defensive positions from (AT 962694) to (AT 972682). At 291730H Company "G" had two WIA's as a result of sniper fire from (AT 958685). Niether casualty was wounded seriously and both were evacuated by helicopter. The company dispatched one squad which fired 3.5" rocket rounds at the sniper position. Two houses were hit at (AT 956682) which were believed to be sniper positions. There were no confirmed VC casuatlies. At 300750H Company "G" had another WIA at (AT 958679) as a result of sniper fire from (AT 961676). The casualty received a gunshot wound in the left thigh and was evacuated by helicopter.

(d) Company "H" occupied defensive positions from (AT 991676) to (BT 009676) until 301150H. At this time Company "H" (-)crossed the LOD and proceeded to sweep and clear QUA GIANG (2), (BT 016665) and then establish blocking positions along the eastern edge of QUA GIANG (2) (BT 000660). Present blocking positions were retained at GIANG DONG (BT 007677). Blocking positions were established in support of Company "B" 1/9 search and clear operation of QUA GIANG (1), (BT 018667) commencing at 301300H.

(3) Fire Support. The 2d Battalion, 12th Marines fired nine H&I missions last night expending eighteen rounds of 105mm HE.

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b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion conducted nine patrols during the last twenty-four hours.

(a) The CP security platoon conducted one patrol during the subject period. Redwood Bravo Homer 6 departed the IP (BT 023733) at 301300H, covered the area in and around the hamlets of TRUNG TAY (BT 028742), HOA KHUE (BT 020742), HOA MY (BT 024735), BINH HOA (BT 025731) and NGHIA HOA (BT 018725) and returned to the IP at 301530H without enemy contact.

(b) Company "B" conducted two patrols during the last twenty-four hours. Redwood Bravo Homer 5 departed the IP (BT 023733) at 292400H, covered the area along the northern banks of the CAU DO River from (BT 030732) to (BT 012716) and returned to the IP at 300300H. The foot/LVT patrol was conducted by Company "B" between the hours of 292200H to 300600H. The patrol covered the area along the northern banks of the CAU DO River from (BT 022724) to the vicinity of the railroad bridge at (AT 998707), and the CAU DO River from (AT 998707) to (BT 025725). Neither of these patrols had enemy contact.

(c) Company "C" conducted five patrols during the last twenty-four hours. Redwood Charlie Homer 2 departed the IP (BT 028690) at 292030H, covered the area in and around the hamlets of LIEM LAC (1), (BT 025687) and LIEM LAC (2), (BT 025695) and returned to the IP at 292400H. Redwood Charlie Homer 1 departed the IP (BT 037681), covered the area in and around the hamlets of AN LUU (BT 038678) and THI AN (2), (BT 035673). This patrol was conducted between the hours of 300230H to 300600H. Redwood Charlie 3 Alpha departed the IP (BT 028688) at 300700H, covered the area in and around the hamlets of MAN QUAN (1), (BT 034688), AN LUU (BT 038678) and MIEU DONG (2), (BT 031681) and returned to the IP at 301100H. Redwood Charlie 2 Alpha departed the IP (BT 028691) at 301300H, covered the area in and around the hamlets of LIEM LAC (2), (BT 027697) and LIEM LAC (1), (BT 035707) and returned to the IP at 301600H. Redwood Xharlie 1 Alpha departed the IP (BT 018681) at 301400H. This patrol covered the area in and around the hamlets of MIEU DONG (1) (BT 018678) QUA GIANG (1), (BT 023667), THI AN (1), (BT 027668), traveled northwest along the stream from (BT 027668) to (BT 020675) and is scheduled to return to the IP at 301730H. None of these patrols had enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out a total of nine combat patrols during this period.

(a) Company "E" sent out one patrol last night and one patrol today. Last night a patrol departed from the railroad bridge (AT 998707) at 292015H and moved north along the MSR to (BT 002724)

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and returned, arriving at 292241H. No contact was made. Today a patrol was sent from (AT 980730) southwest to (AT 971720). From here the patrol moved southeast to (AT 983705) and then east to the railroad bridge (AT 998707). The patrol departed at 301100H. No contact was made.

(b) Company "F" sent out one patrol last night and one today. Last night a patrol departed from YEN NE (3), (AT 982679) at 292040 and moved south to YEN NE (1), (AT 986666) and then southwest to LE SON (1), (AT 980662). The patrol returned at 300415H without enemy contact. Today a patrol was sent from YEN NE (3), (AT 982679) south through YEN NE (1), (AT 987665) and then to LE SON (1), (AT 980660). This patrol departed at 300800H and returned at 301030H with one VCS was turned in to 2d Battalion S-2.

(c) Company "G" sent out two patrols during this period. Last night a patrol was sent from (AT 966684) south to LA DONG (2), (AT 970667). This patrol departed at 292314H and returned at 300225H without making contact. Today a patrol was sent from (AT 959688) south to (AT 958673). This patrol departed at 300632H. At 300750H the patrol received sniper fire from (AT 961676) and received one WIA. The casualty had a gunshot wound in the left thigh and was evacuated by helicopter. At 301035H as the patrol was returning to friendly front lines, they received sniper fire from (AT 956678).

(d) Company "H" sent out two patrols last night and one today. Last night one patrol was sent from DUONG SON (2), (AT 993677) south to (AT 999663). From here the patrol moved to (BT 001666), established an ambush and returned. This patrol departed at 291600H and returned at 292235H. At 292015H the patrol, while set in ambush position at (BT 01666), was taken under sniper fire from three different directions with M-79 (40mm), carbine, and M-1 (30 caliber) weapons. The patrol returned fire with 40mm and broke contact. There were no USMC casualties. Another patrol was sent from DUONG SON (2), (AT 993677) south to (AT 995660). The patrol departed at 292230H and returned at 300510H. No contact was made. Today a patrol was sent from GIANG DONG (BT 007677) south to QUANG CHAU (2), (BT 005687). This patrol departed at 300732H and returned at 301300H. No contact was made.

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established two ambushes during the last twenty-four hours.

(a) Company "C" established an ambush at (BT 031674) which stayed in position from 300330H to 300600H.

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(b) Company "D" established an ambush at (BT 088699). This ambush stayed in position from 300300H to 300500H. Neither of these ambushes had enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion established four ambushes last night.

(a) Company "F" established an ambush (AT 984661) from 292040H to 300400H. No contact was made.

(b) Company "G" established two ambushes last night. One ambush at (AT 970667) from 300100H to 300230H. No contact was made. The other ambush was at (AT 967672) from 300300H to first light. No contact was made.

(c) Company "H" established one ambush last night at (BT 001666). At 292015H the ambush was taken under fire from three separate directions. The ambush returned fire with 40mm, broke contact and returned at 292235H. There were no USMC casualties.

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. None.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out two listening posts last night.

(a) Company "F" had a listening post at (AT 995690) from 202000H to 300300H.

(b) Company "H" had a listening post at (BT 012673) from 292354H to 300600H.

e. Scout-Sniper Teams

(1) 1st Battalion

(a) Company "A" employed one scout-sniper team in the vicinity of (BT 058697).

(b) Company "C" employed one scout-sniper team in the vicinity of (BT 025383). Neither of these teams had enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. None.

5. Change in Location of CP's

a. 1st Battalion — No Change

b. 2d Battalion

Company "H" — Not Established

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6. None.

7. None.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion plans to conduct eight patrols, establish two listening posts and employ two scout-sniper teams during the next twenty-four hours. At approximately 301800H Company "D" will secure the last phase of the two-day operation commenced by the 1st Battalion at 290620H in the area south of Marble Mountain. Company "B" will be prepared to remain in the vicinity of QUA GIANG (1), (BT 020667) if their mission is not completed by dark. If the mission is accomplished by dark Company "B" will reassembly in the vicinity of (BT 017678) and return to the Battalion CP. The 1st Battalion will continue to occupy positions south of the airbase and and south of the CAU DO River with extensive patrolling of the assigned area. The civil affairs program will be stepped up in the villages within the area assigned the 1st Battalion.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion will continue to occupy defensive positions south of the CAU DO River in assigned sector. Five patrols, two ambushes and two listening posts will be sent out tonight. Comtinued emphasis will be placed on the 2d Battalion civil affairs program.

9. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. 1st Battalion. Fifty-four Vietnamese civilians were treated at the Battalion Aid Station today. The Battalion Civil Affairs Officer had planned to visit the Sacred Hearts Orphanage with the Battalion surgeon today but the visit was cancelled due to the lack of an interpreter.

b. 2d Battalion. A medical team from the 2d Battalion treated fifteen Vietnamese civilians in CAM NE (2), (AT 980687) yesterday afternoon. Medical teams from Companies "F" and "G" treated a total of one hundred and thirteen civilians while a medical team treated forty-seven civilians in DUONG SON (1), (AT 997687).

c. Additional MedCap Supplies were distributed to the Battalions today including vitamin pills, milk of magnesia, mineraloil, cod liver oil, bandaids and bubble gum.

11. Late Entries

a. At 301645H Company "B" reached the LOA in the vicinity of

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(BT 015674), ending the search and destroy sweep which commenced at 301423H. Company "B" swept from an LOD in the vicinity of (BT 024662), north through QUA GIANG (1), (BT 020667) to an LOA in the vicinity of (BT 015674) without enemy contact. Company "B" expects to return to the Battalion CP by 301800H.

b. 2d Battalion. After receiving an intelligence report of two VC platoons hiding in CAM NE (4) (AT 969695), Company "G" dispatched one platoon to sweep the village. As of 301620H Company "G" reports they have encountered pungee stakes, trenches and some wire. There has been no resistance from the VC.

c. Regt. HQ's — provided medical aid for 73 civilians in BINH THAI today.

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From: CO, Ninth Marines
To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 54

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

2. Period Covered. 310001H to 312400H August 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The Ninth Marines continue to defend the area south of the Danang Airbase and south of the CAU DO River. The Ninth Marines continues to aggressively patrol in this area and establish listening posts and ambushes. Scout-sniper teams are being employed by the front line companies. Nineteen VCS were taken yesterday which were not previously reported and ten VCS were taken today. There were 4 Marines wounded today and one was killed. There were two VC killed to today.

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion continues to occupy positions south of the Danang Airbase and south of the CAU DO River in the southeast portion of the regimental TAOR, with one reinforced squad with the Naval Construction Battalion for security of the hospital site at (BT 075713). The 1st Battalion conducted eight patrols, established ten listening posts and employed three scout-sniper teams. The 1st Battalion accounted for nineteen VCS's and two VC KIA's during the last twenty-four hours.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion continues to occupy defensive positions south of the CAU DO River in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR. Nine patrols, three ambushes, and three listening posts were conducted during this period. Company"G" had one KIA and two WIA's today. The KIA and one WIA came as the result of sniper fire while the other WIA was received when a Marine stepped on a booby trapped mine. Five scout-sniper teams were sent out during this period. A platoon size sweep this morning of LA BONG (3), (AT 963677) by Company "G" resulted in ten VCS captured.

4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion continues to occupy positions south of the airfield and south of the CAU DO River with one squad providing security at the

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hospital site at (BT 075713) with MCB-9. At 302345H a listening post located in the vicinity of (BT 024733) observed five unidentified people moving east in the vicinity of (BT 024734). Two rounds of 81mm Mortar illumination fired with negative results. At 3100 OH three rounds of 81mm Mortar illumination was fired with negative results. At 310142H the Battalion CP received one round of small arms incoming. Direction and distance of source of incoming round were unknown.

(a) Company "A" continues to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River from the vicinity of MAN QUAN (2), (BT 044686) to (BT 979699), with extensive patrolling of this area.

(b) Company "B" continue to occupy positions at the Battalion CP site at (BT 024733). At 301740H Company"B" requested one truck for transportation for nineteen VCS in the vicinity of (BT 015674). These VCS were picked up at 301800 and taken to HOA VANG District Headquarters at approximately 301800H. The VCS had been taken during the search and destroy operation yesterday from (BT 018662) to (BT 015677). A pouch containing VC documents was also captured by Company B during the search and destroy operation.

(c) Company "C" continues to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River from (BT 017683) to (BT 034687) with extensive patrols in this area.

(d) The 2d and 3d platoons of Company "D" occupy positions in the vicinity of (BT 068708) with the Company CP while the 1st platoon reinforced remains in the vicinity of (BT 085697). One reinforced squad provides security at the hospital site at (BT 075713).

2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion continues to occupy defensive positions south of the CAU DO River. Companies "F", "G" and "H" occupy front line positions while Company "E" provides security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707).

(a) Company "E" provides security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) with two platoons and the railroad bridge and water point with one reinforced

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platoon. Company "E" was relieved of the responsibilty of the Division mobile reserve company at 301800H. At 302030H the railroad bridge security platoon (AT 998707) reported two tracer rounds were fired over the railroad bridge from (BT 000704). These were followed by a burst of automatic weapons fire from an unknown position which was not directed at the bridge. The security platoon returned fire with small arms and the enemy fire ceased.

(b) Company "F" continues to occupy front line defensive positions from (AT 977683) to (AT 988678). One squad provides security for medical station located at (AT 980686).

(c) Company "G" continues to occupy front line defensive positions from (AT 962694) to (AT 972682). At 301740H the platoon size sweep of YEN NE (4), (AT 972677) was completed. No contact was made with the reported two VC platoons in this area. After completing the sweep of YEN NE (4), the platoon moved south and began a sweep of LA BONG (1), (AT 975672). The sweep of LA BONG (1) was completed at 301915H. After leaving LA BONG (1), the paltoon patrolled north by CAM NE (3), (AT 961683) and returned. No contact was made with the VC throughout the entire operation.

(d) Company "H" continues to occupy front line defensive positions from (AT 991676) to (BT 009676).

(3) Supporting Units

(a) The 2d Battalion, 13th Marines fired twelve H&I missions expending twenty-four rounds of 105mm HE. Fifty-seven rounds of HE and four rounds of WP were expended in registration missions.

(b) Company "D", 3d Recon Battalion and a platoon of the 593d RF Company were relieved of the security mission in the Marble Mountain area as of 311445H.

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion conducted eight patrols during the last twenty-four hours.

(a) Company "A" conducted four patrols during the subject period. Redwood Alpha Honor 6 departed the IP (BT 067698) at 302200H, covered the area in and around

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the hamlets of KUAN TRA (BT 068690), moved west to the trail at (BT 052690), proceeded north to the vicinity of (BT 050700) and returned to the IP at 310200H. Redwood Alpha 1 left the IP at 310700H proceeded to the area around BA TUNG (2), (BT 045696). At 310845H this patrol received three rounds of small arms sniper fire from the vicinity of (BT 045692). Patrol checked area out with negative results. Redwood Alpha 2 departed the IP at approximately 310730H and moved south. At 310850H this patrol received eight rounds of sniper fire at (BT 069698). Fire was returned with small arms fire and sniper fire ceased. The patrol checked the area and found one cartridge belt, two Chinese Communist grenades and three full magazines of 9mm ammunition covered with blood. Company "A" dispatched a mobile patrol which covered the area in and around the hamlets of TRA KHE (BT 078679), TRA LO (BT 078673) and AN NONG (BT 080670). At 311105H in the vicinity of (BT 081670) this patrol received thirty rounds of automatic small arms fire from a distance of five-hundred meters across a body of water. Two VC's were spotted in the area. Fire was returned with small arms and four rounds of 90mm HE and two rounds of WP. The two VC were tossed in the air by the force of the explosion of the 90mm HE and are presumed dead.

(b) Company "B" conducted two patrols during the last twenty-four hours.

(1) Redwood Bravo Homer 7 left the Battalion CP at 302400H. This patrol covered the area in and around the hamlets of NGHIA HOA (BT 018724) and HOA MY (BT 026747) and returned to the Battalion CP. Niether of these patrols had enemy contact.

(2) Redwood Bravo Homer 8 departed the Battalion CP (BT 023733) at 311300H covered the area along the northern banks of the CAU DO River to the railroad bridge at (AT 998707) and returned to the Battalion CP at 311500H.

(c) Company "C" conducted one patrol during the subject period. Redwood Charlie 3B departed the IP (BT 040689) at 310030H, covered the area in and around the hamlet of MAN QUAN (1), (BT 035689) and returned to the IP at 310330H without enemy contact.

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(d) Company "D" conducted one patrol during the last twenty-four hours. Redwood Delta Homer 5 departed the IP (BT 067705) at 302300H, covered the area in and around the hamlet of KIM SON (BT 070707) and returned to the IP 310100H without enemy contact.

(b) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out nine combat patrols during this period.

(a) Company "E" sent out two patrols last night and one today. At 302055H a patrol was sent from the ammunition dump (AT 990733) southwest to (AT 976724). The patrol returned at 310620H without making contact. Another patrol was sent from the railroad bridge (AT 998707) north along the MSR to (BT 001723). This patrol departed at 302100H and returned at 302320H. The patrol set in a listening post at (BT 004714) for one hour. No contact was made with the VC. Today a patrol was dispatched from (AT 982727) and covered the area south of the FLSG ammunition dump to (AT 996735). This patrol departed at 311245H and returned at 311600H. No contact was made.

(b) Company "F" sent out two patrols during this period. Last night a patrol departed from (AT 980678) at 302200H and moved south to YEN NE (1), (AT 986664). The patrol returned at 310400H without making contact. Today a patrol was sent from (AT 980680) north through CAM NE (6), (AT 975686) then northeast through CAM NE (1), (AT 987693). The patrol returned through CAM NE (2), (AT 990688) moving from east to west. This patrol departed at 311200H and was scheduled to return at 311700H. As of 311600H no enemy contact had been made.

After receiving intelligence information that a VC 57mm recoilless rifle was located in CAM NE (1), (AT 987693) a platoon size patrol from Company "F" was sent into the village at 311330H. Mr. HON village chief of HOA CHAU village accompanied the patrol. The patrol returned at 311630H without locating the weapon.

(c) Company "G" sent out two patrols today. At 310648H a patrol was sent from (AT 958688) south to LE CHAU (3), (AT 958677). At 310800H the patrol received fire at (AT 958678) and had one WIA. The sniper fire came from LA BONG (3) (AT 962678). As a result, Company "G" dispatched a reinforced platoon patrol to move down the YEN NE River and sweep LA BONG (3), (AT 962678). At 310925H the platoon commenced the sweep of LA BONG (3). At 311102H

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as the previous patrol was moving through LA CHAU (3), (AT 955678) one man was WIA as the result of a booby trapped mine. The casualty had his leg blown off below the knee. The casualty was evacuated by helicopter. At 311150H the reinforced platoon from Company "G" completed the sweep of LA BONG (3), (AT 962678). Ten VCS were picked up and turned over to the HOA VANG District Headquarters. Both of these patrols left a scout-sniper team, one in LA CHAU (3), (AT 957677). And311225H the scout-sniper team in LA BONG (3) received fire and had one KIA. The sniper fire came from LA BONG (3), As a result the scout-sniper team located in LA CHAU (3) spotted the sniper and took him under fire. They reported the sniper as being a hard Corps VC, armed with a rifle, dressed in a uniform with helmet and cartridge belt. The scout-sniper team thought the sniper was hit, went out to check but no body was found. At 311430H Company "G" had two additional WIA's at (AT 962678) while carrying theirKIA's out of the field. The casualties came as a result of fragmentation from a booby trap. The casualties were not serious and returned to duty.

(d) Company "H" sent out two patrols during this period. Last night a patrol was sent from GIANG DONG (BT 008677) south to (BT 004661). The patrol departed at 302000H and returned at 310326H without making contact. Today a patrol was sent from DUONG SON (2), (AT 993677) south to NHON THO (1), (BT 001662). The patrol departed at 310430H and returned at 311030H without making contact.

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. None

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out three ambushes last night.

(a) Company "F" had an ambush at (AT 984668) from 310330H to 310600H. No contact was made.

(b) Company "H" had an ambush at (AT 990665) from 312105H to 310326H. No contact was made.

(c) Company "G" had an ambush at (AT 975675) from 310330H to 310600H. No contact was made.

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d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established ten listening posts during the last twenty-four hours.

(a) Company "A" established listening posts at the following coordinates: (BT 045691), (BT 055697) and (BT 075698). This listening posts stayed in position between the hours of 302000H to 310600H. None of these listening posts had enemy contact.

(b) Company "B" established one listening post at (BT 024733) last night. This listening post stayed in position from 302100H to 310500H. At 302345H this listening post observed five unidentified individuals out in front of his position movingeast in the vicinity of (BT 024734). Three rounds of 81mm Mortar illumination were fired with negative results.

(c) Company "C" established four listening posts last night. One listening post was established at (BT 025697) and stayed in position from 302300H to 310300H. Another listening post was established at (BT 024673) which stayed in position between the hours od 302200H to 310200H. A third listening post was established at (BT 062698) which remained in position from 302330H to 310030H. Company "C" also had a listening post at (BT 019678) which stayed in position from 302400H to 310400H. None of these listening posts had enemy contact.

(d) Company "D" established two listening posts last night. The listening posts were located at (BT 070702) and (BT 082697). The first listening post remainded in position from 302000H to 310500H and the second one from 302100H to 310500H. Neither of these listening posts had enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out three listening posts last night.

(a) Company "F" had a listening post at (AT 977684).

(b) Company "G" had a listening post at (AT 953680).

(c) Company "H" had a listening post at (BT 000678).

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e. Scout-Sniper Teams

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion employed three scout-sniper teams last night.

(a) Company "A" employed one scout-sniper team at (BT 052697). This team stayed in position from 302000H to 310500H.

(b) Company "C" employed a scout-sniper team at (BT 025683) between the hours of 302100H to 310500H.

(c) Company "D" esployed one scout-sniper team at (BT 069698). This team stayed in position from 302000H to 300600H. None of these teams hadenemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. Sent out six scout-sniper teams during this period.

(a) Company "F" had a scout-sniper team at (AT 985669) last night from 302030H to 310600H. No contact was made.

(b) Company "G" had two scout-sniper teams sent out today. One team was in LA CHAU (3), (AT 957678). This team fired on a VC sniper at 311330H in LA CHAU (3), The scout-sniper was hit butno body could be located. Company G" had another scout-sniper team in LA BONG (3), (AT 963677).

(c) Company "H" sent out three scout-sniper teams last night at (BT 005675) (AT 997676) and (AT 995680) from 302000H to 310600H. No contact was made

5. Change in Location of CP's. None.

6. Change in Location or Establishment of New OP's. None.

7. Training. None.

8. Plans

(a) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion will continue to occupy and patrol positions south of the Danang Airbase and south of the CAU DO River. During the next twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion plans to conduct eight patrols,

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establish three ambushes and nine listening posts and employ three scout-sniper teams. The 1st Battalion will continue to its civil affairs program in its assigned area.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion will continue to occupy defensive positions in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR. Four patrols, two ambushes and three listening posts will be sent out tonight.

9. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion surgeon visited the Sacred Hearts Orphanage today and treated one hundred fifteen Vietnamese civilians. Eighty-five Vietnamese civilians were treated at the Battalion Aid Station.

b. 2d Battalion. Corpsmen in Companies "E", "F" and "G" treated a total of one hundred and fifty four Vietnamese civilians yesterday. The 2d Battalion BAS treated thirty nine civilians today. A medical team in DUONG SON (1), (AT 997687) treated sixty-three civilians today.

c. The Regimental Aid Station treated one hundred and eight Vietnamese in the hamlet of BINH THAI (BT 010724) today.

11. Psychological Warfare

a. Yesterday, prior to the search and destroy operation from (BT 018662) to (BT 015674) pamphlets were dropped from an aircraft over the village in the area. The pamphlets had English Vietnamese translations on it and were pro USMC and anti VC.

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SitRep
1Aug65

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report

1. Strength: No change.

2. Replacements: None.

3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.

4. POWs: None.

5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.

6. Civil Affairs: A meeting was held on Civil Affairs at 9th Marines CP. Representatives from 1/9, 2/9, 3dTk, 3dAT, 3dMTrs, and 1stAmTrac attended. A woman reporter visited the CP area this date on Civil Affairs.

7. Casualty Reports: None.

8. Civilian Employees: None.

9. Miscellaneous: PFC reported missing on 31Jul 65 SitRep was found at C&C sick.

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SitRep
2Aug65

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: ~~Strength~~ Situation Report

1. Strength: No Change

2. Replacements: None

3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report

4. POWs: None

5. Morale and Personnel Services: Pay day was held this date

6. Civil Affairs: Accompnied a lady reporter and Major Keever in the area accross the bridge in conducting a survey for a news release on Civil Affairs.

7. Casualty Reports: Reports received after 1700 1Aug65
1 KIA and 4 WIA from 2/9

8. Civilian Employees: None

9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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SitRep
3 Aug 65

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report

1. Strengths: No change.

2. Replacements: None.

3. Disicpline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.

4. POWs: None.

5. Morale and Personnel Services:

a. Newspapers are distributed daily.

b. Movies are shown nightly in three areas.

c. An EM Club and a combined Officer's/Staff Club function each night in the mess area. Construction of a permanent EM Club has started.

6. Civil Affairs: The Regimental Surgeon and the Regimental Civl Affairs Officer visted Duong Son #1 to survey setting up an aid station. Six people were treated on the spot and one child was evacuated, who was hit by sniper fire while they were in the area.

7. Casualty Reports: 3 WIA 1/9

8. Civilian Employees: None.

9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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SitRep
4 Aug 65

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report

1. Strengths: No change.

2. Replacements: 1 LtCol 0302 (Regt XO)

3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.

4. POWs: None.

5. Morale and Personnel Services: NO change.

6. Civil Affairs: Maj COLIA, Division Civil Affairs Officer toured 1/9 & 2/9 areas and discussed problems with Battalion Civil Affairs' officers.

7. Civilian Employees: None.

8. Casualties: None.

9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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SitRep
5 Aug 65

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report

1. Strengths: No change.

2. Replacements: None.

3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.

4. POWs: None.

5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.

6. Civil Affairs: Nothing to report.

7. Civilian Employees: None.

8. Casualty Reports: None.

9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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SitRep
6 Aug 1965

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report

1. Strengths: No change.

2. Replacements: None.

3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.

4. POWs: None.

5. Morale and personnel Services: No change.

6. Civilian Affairs: Nothing to report.

7. Casualties Reports: None:

8. Civilian Employees: None.

9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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SitRep
7 Aug 1965

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report

1. Strengths: No change

2. Replacements: None

3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.

4. POW's: None

5. Morale and personnel Services: No change.

6. Civilian Affairs: Nothing to report.

7. Casualties Reports: None

8. Civilain Employees: None

9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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SitRep
9 Aug 65

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report

1. Strengths: No change.

2. Replacements: None Jd 3 Enl 2532 8Aug65

3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report

4. POWs: None.

5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.

6. Civil Affairs: Medical treatment of civilians is continuing throughout the 9th Marines area.

7. Casualty Reports: None.

8. Civilian Employees: None.

9. Miscellaneous: Headquarters was visited by Mr. Robert Morse, Regional Editor, Far East for "Life" magazine and Mr. Peter Kemp of "News of the World".

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SitRep
10 Aug 65

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report

1. Strengths: No change.

2. Replacements: 1 Sgt reported 9 Aug 65, further reported 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: Nothing to report.

7. Casualty Reports: 1 WIA (2/9)

8. Civilian Employees: None.

9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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SitRep
11 Aug 65

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report

1. Strengths: No change.

2. Replacements: Jd 1 Capt USMC

3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.

4. POWs: None.

5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.

6. Civil Affairs: Received people to people supplies in limited amounts for distribution.

7. Casualty Reports: 9 WIA 1 KIA 2/9

8. Civilian Employees: None.

9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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SitRep
12 Aug 65

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report

1. Strengths: No change.

2. Replacements: 1 PFC 0331 USMC

3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.

4. POWs: None.

5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.

6. Civil Affairs: Nothing to report.

7. Casualty Reports: 11 WIA 2/9

8. Civilian Employees: None.

9. Miscellaneous: Change of Command ceremonies were held at 1600 this date.

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SitRept
13 Aug 65

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report

1. Strengths:

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17	155	2	1

2. Replacements: 1 Colonel 9906 USMC

3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.

4. POWs: None.

5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.

6. Civil Affairs: Medical Officer and Chaplain are assisting 3d Tanks and Anti-Tanks in their People-to-People program.

7. Casualty Reports: 1 WIA-1/9

8. Civilian Employees: None.

9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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SitRep
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From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report

1. Strengths: No Change
2. Replacements: None
3. Discipline, Law and order: Nothing to report
4. POWs: None
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change
6. Civil Afairs: No Change
7. Casualty Reports: None
8. Civiliam Employees: None
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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SitRep
15 Aug 65

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report

1. Strengths: Non Change.

2. Replacements: None.

3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.

4. POWs: None.

5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.

6. Civil Affairs: Nothing to report.

7. Casualty Reports: None.

8. Civilian Employees: None.

9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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SitRep
16 Aug 65

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report

1. Strengths: No change.

2. Replacements: None.

3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.

4. POWs: None.

5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.

6. Civil Affairs: Capt Martin visited the Hoa Vang District the am to Division Civil Affairs, Capt HOANG visited this Headquarters the pm.

7. Casualty Reports: 1 WIA 1/9

8. Civilian Employees: None.

9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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SitRep
17 Aug 65

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report

1. Strengths: No change.

2. Replacements: 1 GySgt 0239 jd today

3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.

4. POWs: None.

5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.

6. Civil Affairs: The Regt S-2 and the S-1 (Civil Affairs Officer) visited the Chief of Staff of "I" Corps, Col THANH, in connection with civil affairs activities in planned operations. LtCol LANG and Maj THUNG of "I" Corps were present at the meeting along with Col St. CLAIR U.S.A. advisor.

7. Casualty Reports: 1 KIA 2-9 1 WIA 1-9

8. Civilian Employees: None.

9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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SitRep
18Aug65

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report

1. Strengths: No change.

2. Replacements: None.

3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.

4. POWs: None.

5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.

6. Civil Affairs: CCP set up across the bridge as of 1200 this date. 115 refugees were fed.

7. Casualty Reports: 11 WIA 2/9 1 WIA 1/9 1 KIA 3/9

8. Civilian Employees: None.

9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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SitRep
19Aug65

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report

1. Strengths: No change.

2. Replacements: None.

3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.

4. POWs: None.

5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.

6. Civil Affairs:

a. 102 villagers from Cam Ne complex voluntarily came to the civilian collecting point set up, Duong Son #1. These people were given shelter, food, clothing and medical attention from 170700H till approximately 181200H when they had all located friends and relatives to stay with till operations are completed in Cam Ne area and they can safely return to their homes.

b. 51 villagers who had remained in the Cam Ne area were brought to the collecting point at 191430H where they have been fed, given medical treatment and shelter.

c. Medical aid stations will be established in Cam Ne villages upon return of civilians.

d. A detailed report of Civil Affairs actions accomplished during the Cam Ne operations will be submitted this date to the CG.

e. 3/9 has assumed responsibility for medical treatment in those areas near the air base previously operated by 1/9. Approximately 50 people a day are handled in 3 separate aid stations.

7. Casualty Reports: 3 WIA 2/9

8. Civilian Employees: None.

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9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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SitRep
20Aug65

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situatuion Report

1. Strengths: No change.

2. Replacements: 1 HM1, 1 LCpl 1441 jd today

3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.

4. POWs: None.

5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.

6. Civil Affairs: Nothing to report.

7. Casualty Reports: None.

8. Civilian Employees: None.

9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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SitRep
21 Aug 1965

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report

1. Strengths:

Off	Enl	NavOff	NavEnl
17	155	2	2

2. Replacements: [redacted] 3 Corpsmen reported to 3/9.

3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.

4. POWs: None.

5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.

6. Civil Affairs:

a. 31 people were treated at Duong Son #1 (AT998687) by the Regimental medical team.

b. 50 lbs of rice was distributed to those villagers from Cam Ne who are living with relatives in Duong Son #1 (AT998687)

c. A child from Yen Ne (AT980680) had a fever of 106.4° and was sent with her father to the Regimental Aid Station. The Regimental Surgeon bathed her and packed her in ice till her temperature was lowered, at which time she was evacuated from the Regimental Aid Station to the USAM hospital.

d. A new aid station was established at Phong Le Bac (AT995712) on a daily basis through arrangements with the Hamlet Chief. 23 people were treated the first day by the Regimental Surgeon.

7. Casualty Reports: None.

8. Civilian Employees: None.

9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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SitRep
22 Agu 65

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report

1. Strengths: 17 Off 156 Enl 2 NavOff 2 NavEnl

2. Replacements: None

3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.

4. POWS: None.

5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.

6. Civil Affairs: Medical Care continued throughout the 9th Marines for civilian personnel.

7. Casualty Reports: 3 WIA 2/9 — 1-KIA 2/9

8. Civilian Employees: None.

9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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SitRep
23 Aug 65

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report.

1. Strengths: No change.

2. Replacements: Dp 1 Capt 0302, Jd 1 Capt 0302

3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.

4. POWs: None.

5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.

6. Civil Affairs: Capt MARTIN attended a briefing at Hoa Vang District Hqts at 1600 this date. Medical aid to civilians continued throughout 9th Marines area.

7. Casualty reports: 2 Non-battle DOA at BAS

8. Civilian Employees: None.

9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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SitRep
24 Aug 65

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report

1. Strengths: No change.

2. Replacements: Jd 1 Sgt 0141 this date

3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.

4. POWs: None.

5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.

6. Civil Affairs: 1/9 BAS treated 15 villagers in their BAS. Arrangements were completed for a party for all the children from surrounding villages of 1/9. The Division Band will play and refreshments will be served; 2/9 BAS treated 22 villagers in Duong Son and 23 villagers in their BAS; 3/9 - 25 civilians were treated at the adjacent village area south of the airstrip.

7. Casualty Reports: 1 KIA 1 WIA - 2-9

8. Civilian Employees: None.

9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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SitRept
25 Aug 65

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report

1. Strengths: No change.

2. Replacements: None.

3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.

4. POWs: None.

5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.

6. Civil Affairs: Regimental Chaplain visited village adjacent to 9th Marines CP this a.m. Medical aid to civilians continued throughout the 9th Marines area.

7. Casualty Reports: 1 WIA 3 NBC 2-9

8. Civilian Employees: None.

9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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SitRep
26 Aug 65

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report

1. Strengths: No change.

2. Replacements: None.

3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.

4. POWs: None.

5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.

6. Civil Affairs:
a. A party was held for 500 school children in the village schoolyard of Binh Thai by 1/9. Over 90 gallons of juices and 1500 cookies were given out as the Division Band provided entertainment to the youngsters and their teachers. Both the Regimental and Battalion Commanders attended.
b. 51 villagers were treated in 1/9 aid stations.

c. 39 villagers were treated at the 2/9 Battalion Aid Station.

d. 52 people were treated at the village of Duong Son by 2/9.

e. Arrangements were made for the Band to entertain the village of Phung Le Bac by the Regimental Civil Affairs Officer.

7. Casualty Reports: None.

8. Civilian Employees: None.

9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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27 Aug 65

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report

1. Sgrengths: No change.

2. Replacements: None.

3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.

4. POWs: None.

5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.

6. Civil Affairs:

a. MedCap supplies arrived today. These supplies will allow continuance of the medical assistance program throughout the 9th Marines TAOR.

b. 1/9 treated 16 civilians in the Bn Aid Station and 12 villagers near Marble Mountain.

(1) 2/9 treated 25 civilians in the Bn Aid Station and 64 villagers in Duong Son #1.

c. The Division Band entertained the troops of "G" Company 2/9, "E" Btry 2/12 and about 100 villagers of Phung Le Bac today. Sick call was held afterwards and 12 villagers were treated for skin infections and minor ailments.

7. Casualty Reports: 1 NBC 1-9; 3 WIA 2-9.

8. Civilian Employees: None.

9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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SitRep
28 Aug 65

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report

1. Strengths: No change.

2. Replacements: None.

3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.

4. POWs: None.

5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.

6. Civil Affairs:

a. A meeting was held by the MAF Civil Affairs Officer on 27 Aug at Div Hqtrs with representatives of I Corps, Hoa Vang District, various govt agencies and 9thMar Civil Affairs personnel. Subjects discussed included methods of improving the Peoples Action teams, acquisition of reconstruction materials for villages and PsyWar methods to be effected.

b. MedCap supplies were distributed to all battalions as were incidental People to People goods such as thread, zippers, buttons, soap and childrens books.

c. Treatment of Civilians

(1) 1/9 treated 31 civilians in the Bn aid station and 11 villagers at Marble Mountain.

(2) 2/9 treated 37 villagers in the Bn Aid Station and 33 residents of Duong Son #1.

(3) 3/9 made arrangements to assist a local dispensary near Binh Thai village.

(4) 12 civilians were treated in the 9thMar Hq aid station.

7. Casualty Reports: None.

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8. Civilian Employees: None.

9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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SitRep
29 Aug 65

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report

1. Strengths: Off-17 Enl-155 NavOff-3 NavEnl-3

2. Replacements: None.

3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.

4. POWs: None.

5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.

6. Civil Affairs:

a. 1/9 treated 29 civilians at the Bn aid station.

b. 2/9 treated 33 civilians at the Bn aid station and 32 civilians at Cam Ne #2.

c. Hq, 9thMar treated 53 civilians at Yen Bac and 24 children at Binh Thai village.

7. Casualty Reports: 5 WIA 1-9; 1 NBC 3-9.

8. Civilian Employees: None.

9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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SitRep
30 Aug 65

From: S-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report

1. Strengths: MCOff - 17, MCEnl - 158; NavOff - 3, NavEnl - 3

2. Replacements: None.

3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.

4. POWs: None.

5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.

6. Civil Affairs:

a. 297 villagers from Thuy Son and Tan Luu were treated during the sweep and clear operation near Marble Mountain in a 24 hour period by 1/9 personnel.

b. 1/9 treated 42 civilians at the Bn aid station.

c. 2/9 treated 26 civilians at the Bn aid station, 24 villagers in Cam Ne #2 and 61 villagers in Duong Son #1.

d. 3/9 assisted in treatment of civilians at the District dispensary near Binh Thai.

e. Regt Hqtrs treated 73 civilians in Binh Thai.

f. These figures combine to total 523 civilians treated in a 24 hour period by the 9th Marines.

g. Additional MedCap supplies were distributed to Bns today including vitamin pills, milk of magnesia, mineral oil, ~~x~~ cod liver oil, band aids and bubble gum.

7. Casualty Reports: 2 WIA, 1 KIA - 1/9; 1 WIA 2-9

8. Civilian Employees: None.

9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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SitRep
31 Aug 65

From: G-1
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report

1. Strengths: No change.

2. Replacements: None.

3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.

4. POWs: None.

5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.

6. Civil Affairs:

a. 1/9 treated 31 civilians at the Bn aid station.

b. 2/9 treated 32 civilians at the Bn aid station, 47 villagers in Duong Son #1.

c. Regt Hqtrs treated 108 civilians in Vin Thai.

d. These figures combine to total 218 civilians treated in a 24 hour period by the 9th Marines.

7. Casualty Reports: 2 WIA, 2-9.

8. Civilian Employees: None.

9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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3800
1 August 1965

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

1. Intelligence Summary #23, Period ending 010900H August 1965

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

b. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. The Bn sent out 6 patrols as part of A/F defense. They reported that nothing unusual was observed.

At 312205 A/F Post #8 and #9 heard sounds like bolts going home and observed movement. At 312305H a squad was dispatched to the area in question. Squad reported all quiet, houses darkened and no Vietnamese seen.

At approximately 311700H A/F Post #1 reported a parade of women and children walking and men riding in trucks. The people carried RVN flag and a black and white flag. This incident was reported by this office to Division with a request for CI investigation. A preliminary investigation disclosed that this was a funeral.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. The Bn continues to conduct search and clear operations in HOA CHAU Village (GS0069). At 311900 Co "H" reported sniper fire from Duong Son (1), i.e., the rear of Co "H" lines vic (AT998687).

At approximately 312300H Co "H"s stake-out patrol fired on 6 man VC probe. The patrol reported having struck one VC in chest with an M-79 round. A squad size patrol was dispatched at first light to investigate area where the 6 VC were reported ambushed. No bodies or signs of blood were observed; however, in a hut vic Coords (AT992693) a bloody mat was found. Another patrol sent out to investigate 2 suspicious VN vic of Duong Son (2) received A/W fire from 100 meters out of Duong Son (2). The patrol sustained 3 casualties (1 KIA, 2 WIA's).

(3) HOA VANG District HQ. The Dist HQ reported at 312040H that an agent and an unidentified woman reported a Main Force Platoon hiding Coords (AT985692). Platoon's mission is to attack and confuse USMC units. The woman reported information to her son, who is an ARVN & who was on leave and about to go to the area where the MF Plt is reported operating.

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Also reported by HOA VANG is the existence of a LF company commanded by one Cao Xuan Long and armed with 4 BAR's and other small arms. This force is believed to be located vic (BT077666). This was reported by a HOA VANG agent.

(4) VC casualties since 10 July 1965:

Confirmed		Probable	
KIA	34	KIA	6
VCS	13	WIA	17
VCC	4		

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2/SEC/fob
3800
2 August 1965

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

1. Intelligence Summary #24, Period ending 020900H August 1965

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

b. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. The Bn sent out 8 night patrols as part of A/F defense. They reported picking up one, Quy Yet. The man had no ID and was initially considered a VCC; however further investigation by HOA VANG District HQ disclosed the man to be a mute and was identified as being innocuous. Another patrol returning at 020310H reported a hidden punji pit (AT996774). The pit was located on an east-west path which lead through treeline separating a paddy area. Pit was 2 feet by 3 feet and had a bamboo barricade approximately 3 feet high and 1 foot in front of pit. The function the barricade appeared to be one of channelling a would-be patrol coming from east into pit. Marine patrol approached from west. Patrol caved in sides but did not remove barricade.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. The Bn continues to conduct search and clear operations in HOA CHAU Village (GS 0069). At 011130H the Bn reported that a civilian construction firm, viz, RMK, complained of their drivers being shaken-down by VN demanding gasoline on threat of VC retaliation. A C.I. investigation was requested. At 011900H a Mr. T. V. McCARTHY renewed his complaint concerning gas shake-down. Attention was directed towards a man, clad in white heading south of the area. The man reportedly had been at the scene several times when supposed shake-downs occurred. The man was apprehended. His name was Ong Van Dong. His ID was in order; however due to the circumstances was considered a VCS and was turned over by S-2, 2/9 to ITT.

Co "G" reported sniper fire at various times coming from vic of Phong Le (2) (AT995694) and Duong Son (2) (AT998687). Co "G" also reported at approximately 012200H that at the junction of Highways #1 and #1A flares were lit and people were gathering. Co "F" reported at 012300H receiving 5 rounds incoming (BT042704) of either 105mm or 155mm. This found not to be Marine fire; it has not been determined whether it was ARVN or not.

The Bn reported at 011700H that a PFC Leonard F. KIRBY JR. 2107916 H&S, 2/9 discovered wallet containing ID card, Geneva Convention Card etc. missing. The Marine feels it may have been stolen by VN while he was

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painting a Buddhist school on a people to people program Coords (BT003682). The wallet was in a jacket which was left in a near-by vehicle.

A patrol out at 1030 which inadvertantly crossed Vinh Dinh River observed trenches, punji traps and set off one grenade booby trap. When patrol recrossed river at (BT027668) was fired upon by 4 A/W.

(3) HOA VANG District HQ. The 9th Mar Liaison Office reported at 012150H that I Corps related that POW sources informed authorities that VC intend to organize Anti-American demonstrations on 3 August in the hamlets My Thi (BT052745), Da Phuoc (AT943791) and the HOA DA Village. Another demonstration is scheduled 10 August in Da Nang. HOA VANG District Chief comment: "A similar situation occurred several months, ca. March, to protest air strikes. People carried dead into Da Nang - one of the caskets contained explosives which killed an MP". (Source called reliable but given F-4 rating).

The liaison officer also reported that within last 24 hours 10 families have left Trung Luong (BT044725) believing in an eminent conflict between VC and USMC. Some of the 10 families went to HOA PHONG Village and some went to Lo Giang hamlet (BT025706).

(4) 2d Plt, Co "D", 3dReconBn. Recon reported at 011600H 3 men walking into a hamlet Coords (BT068698) wearing black clothing. The men were carrying 3 rifles. These 3 men were later (Approx 011650) observed at Coords (BT065694). They were aiming at the Recon Plt. Marines opened fire and the men retired across rice paddies where they were joined by 2 more VC.

(5) VC casualties since 10 July 1965:

Confirmed		Probable	
KIA	34	KIA	6
VCS	15	WIA	17
VCC	5		

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3d Marine Division (FWD) (Rein), FMF
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2/SEC/fob
3800
3 August 1965

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

1. Intelligence Summary #25, Period ending 030900H August 1965

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

b. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. The Bn sent out 9 night patrols as part of the A/F defense. They reported nothing unusual was observed.

A/F post #21 reported at approximately 022230H receiving small arms fire. An investigation revealed nothing.

At approximately 020410H Cpl D. J. MALONEY was shot in upper body. After being shot the Cpl returned 2 rounds at muzzle blast. Shots were believed to come from Coords 99757375. HOA VANG District HQ was notified and Co "A" 1/9 was dispatched to investigate under the direction of Capt HOA, the District Chief. The search disclosed nothing.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. The Bn continues search and clear operations in HOA CHAU Village vic (GS 0069). At approximately 021415H Co "G" reported receiving 2 rounds sniper fire from vic Coords (AT992694). At 021435H Co "F" reported receiving 4 rounds sniper fire from vic Coords (BT036693). Co "G" reported receiving sniper fire vic Coords (AT990689). Co "G" also reported receiving either an M-79 round or mortar fire. Co "G" could not determine the direction from whence mortar fire came. At approximately 021540H Co "F" observed 2 VC dressed in usual native garb with weapons vic Coords (BT036693). Three rounds 60mm mortar were fired at them. The VC then dispersed.

(3) HOA VANG District HQ. The 9th Mar liaison officer reported that H.V. Dist HQ released 3 VCS. Another, Dong Nha, is still being observed.

(4) 2d Plt, Co "D", 3d Recon Bn. Recon reported at 021810H receiving fire from vic (BT073722). Two men were spotted dressed in black carrying one rifle. They were later joined by a 3d man. At approx 021820H, Recon reported 2 rounds from hamlet (BT068698). No one was sighted. The above three men were spotted at 021820H being joined by another man. They

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were carrying bundles and moving carefully. An F.O. Team with Recon reported they spotted 2 men walking in treeline at Coords (BT073722). They were believed to have been carrying rifles.

(5) VC casualties since 10 July 1965:

Confirmed		Probable	
KIA	34	KIA	6
VCS	12	WIA	17
VCC	5		

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FPO, San Francisco 96601

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3800
6 August 1965

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

1. Intelligence Summary #28, Period ending 060900H August 1965

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

b. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 2ndBn, 9thMar. The Bn continues search and clear operations in its assigned portion of the TAOR. Co "G" reported at 050910H that it was searching the hamlets of Binh Ky (1) and (2) in (GS 0569), and that one VC company had previously occupied these hamlets. It could not be determined if this company was a Main or Local Force unit, nor could it be determined when this unit left the area. A great amount of cactus was observed being used as obstacles.

Throughout the entire Bn operation, Marines encountered only light sniper fire.

Co "H" reported at 050914H that they received information from village women that 100 VC were in the hamlet of Binh Hoa last week. The hamlet was fortified.

(2) 1stBn, 9thMar. The Bn sent out 3 patrols as part of the airfield defense. Nothing unusual was noted.

At 052231H a truck passing Airfield Defense C.P. Bravo fired upon the C.P. Immediately after this report, a USMC truck reportedly passed the truck in question. It was an ARVN truck. The last three digits were 954. HOA VANG District HQ was notified and will report any further info.

At 050230H, a concussion type grenade was thrown into the Defense Plt perimeter around ASP #1. Grenade landed against a stone wall 20 feet from sentry. Immediate search of area was negative.

(3) 2d Plt, Co "D", 3d Recon Bn. At 051350H Recon reported 2 VC captured with rifles vic Marble Mtn and that prisoners had been turned over to ARVN forces. Subsequent investigation revealed that the two prisoners

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were picked up by ARVN troops (592nd Co) vic Coords (BT070645) in area where LVT ran over mine. Prisoners were not armed as had been previously reported. The ARVN troops turned prisoners over to Recon who delivered them to ARVN Post at base of Marble Mtn. S-2, 9th Marines directed that prisoners be returned to Marine custody. The prisoners were returned to Marine custody and turned over to CI who reported that prisoners were being delivered to I Corps.

At 050920H Recon reported receiving fire from a bunker vic (BT049681). Fire was returned and one VCS was taken. Recon also reported at 051000H 3 VCS KIA at Coords (BT036656) when Recon elements returned sniper fire.

(4) Btry "D", 2dBn, 12thMar. The Battery reported at 051030H having detained 15 Vietnamese. At 051050H all but 2 were released. These two were handed over to Danang Special Sector.

* (5) VC casualties since 10 July 1965:

Confirmed		Probable	
KIA	40	KIA	6
VCS	27	WIA	18
VCC	5		

* Includes Recon Bn rpts.

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3300
8 August 1965

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

1. Intelligence Summary #30, Period ending 080900H August 1965

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

b. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. At 071835H Cpl W. D. HILDENRAND, a member of Co "B" AmTrac Bn, was wounded by fragments from an incoming rifle round from the vicinity of coordinates (BT 044689). The round struck an LVT and resulted in splinters which wounded the Cpl slighty.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued search and clear operations in its assigned portion of the TAOR. At 072317H Co "G" reported receiving 2 rounds small arms fire from vicinity coordinates (BT 003608). Bravo fired 2 rounds of 81mm illumination over the area, but no personnel were observed. At 072330H illumination was fired again in the same area and two people were believed observed.

(3) 3d Platoon, Company D, 3rd Recn Bn.

At approximately 070930H the unit reported that while at an OP vicinity (AT 990690) the patrol received one round sniper fire from Cam Ne (2). The patrol returned fire and observed hitting one man. The body was observed periodically for over an hour. The man was wearing a utility shirt and khaki trousers. At approximately the same time the first man was fired upon, a man dressed in black shirt and trousers and what appeared to be a pith helmet was seen carrying a rifle and moving out of sight to the northeast. When the patrol displaced to a new position approximately 2 hours later the body of the man fired upon was observed to have been removed. The patrol reconnoitered the hamlet of Cam Ne (1) and discovered an encircling 2.5 foot trench line and punji pits. The village appeared to be deserted.

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At approximately 071000H the 2nd Squad, 3d Platoon, Company D, 3rd Recn Bn reported that while moving towards the hamlet of Yen Ne (2) they were taken under fire by 3 VC vicinity of (AT 985674). One VC was wounded and pinned down by fire. The other two escaped to Yen Ne (3). The patrol recovered the wounded VC who was removed with his effects to the Co "C" 2/9 CP. Upon immediate questioning by the Regt S-2 the prisoner stated he was NGUYEN VAN THANH of the 1st Co, 16th VC Main Force Battalion and that his company was moving into the Cam Ne (1) area. Examination of the POW's effects revealed an identification paper with the name NGUYEN NHUNG. (S-2 Comment: The seriousness of the POW's wounds and his apparent state of shock may have caused him to slur the pronunciation of his name, hence the discrepancy in names). A medical evacuation by helicopter was effected. Upon arrival at the C & C Company the prisoner was given immediate medical attention including oxygen and heart massage, but was shortly pronounced dead by the attending Medical Officer. All of the prisoner's effects were turned over to the ITT representative at the C & C Company by the Regt S-2.

(4) Co "C", 3d AT Bn. At 071410H an Ontos hit a land mine at coordinates (BT 044690). The mine damaged a road wheel, a section of track and a torsion bar. The mine was reported to be of a pressure detonating type. The mine was set in a pathway that has frequently been used by tracked vehicles. Wood base fragments were noted in the area.

(5) Co "B", 3d AmTrac Bn. At 071655H an AmTrac reported receiving one round sniper fire from the south side of road vicinity (AT 992712). A squad was dispatched to search area with negative results.

(6) Hoa Vang District HQ. At 071550H the Regimental Liaison Officer reported that a secret agent disclosed that the VC planned to attack the radio station east of Highway #1 at coordinates (BT 021674). The attacking units are reported to be a guerrilla platoon in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 015665) and a Main Force unit of undetermined strength in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 015655).

Also reported was the transfer of Dong Nha to HOI AN. This VCS was previously apprehended by Co "B" during a patrol.

(7) VC casualties since 10 July 1965:

Confirmed		Probable	
KIA	41	KIA	8
VCS	27	WIA	18
VCC	5		

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3800
9 August 1965

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

1. Intelligence Summary #31, Period ending 090900H August 1965

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

b. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. At 081635H 1stBn reported that a Cpl George FERDINER, a member of Co "B", 1st AmTracBn, was WIA at coordinates (BT 044689). Due to the noise level generated by the AmTracs, it was impossible to determine number of rounds of fire received, however the Cpl was hit twice. No one was seen and the direction of fire could not be determined.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. At 081210H Co "G", located at coordinates (AT994696), reported receiving short burst of automatic weapons fire from vicinity (AT 984686). The weapon was believed to be an M-2 carbine. Two men were seen wearing camouflaged hats carrying small arms weapons. They were taken under fire by rifle, MG and a 3.5 rocket launcher (HE & WP) and 90mm tank guns. The enemy position was destroyed and no other movement was observed.

At 081910H 1st Platoon "G" Co reported receiving 5 rounds of small arms fire from the vicinity of the northern treeline of Duong Son (2). No one was observed.

At 082010H 3rd Platoon "G" Co reported observing 8 to 10 persons at coordinates (BT 003680). Illumination was employed - results negative.

At 082115H "G" Co reported that its AN/TPS-21 detected one man at coordinates (AT 994680). The man was taken under fire. He was last detected moving back to Duong Son (2).

The Vietnamese Liaison Officer attached to Co "G" reported that the VC who DOW on 7 August was one Nguyen Nhung, 25 years of age, a squad leader of a 7 man squad. He was born in the Hoa Vang District and was married.

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(3) Special Report. See attached document and translation. This information obtained by Regt S-2 from HOA VANG District Police Chief at 081930H.

(4) VC casualties since 10 July 1965:

Confirmed		Probable	
KIA	41	KIA	8
VCS	27	WIA	18
VCC	5		

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10 August 1965

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

1. Intelligence Summary #32, Period ending 100600H August 1965

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

b. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Six night patrols were conducted as part of the airfield defense. Nothing unusual was observed.

At 090700H 9 VCS were picked up by a PF patrol at coordinates (BT 056697). Three of the nine had proper ID's; however the PF's detained them all and turned them over to the Hoa Vang District HQ.

At 091035H the Bn reported that elements of 1st Bn, 1st Regt Regional Forces, encountered a VC patrol vicinity (BT 010660). The RF's are reported as killing 7 VC and capturing a variety of small arms.

At 091700H an Amtrac attached to Co "B" reported receiving semi-automatic fire from (BT 043665). At approximately the same time troops from 2d Plt Co "B" who were bathing in a river in the vicinity were taken under fire from same coordinates as Amtracs. Tanks attached to 2d Plt Co "B" returned fire and destroyed position from whence fire delivered. No bodies were found in the search that followed. At 090115H Airfield post #19 observed small arms fire approximately 1400 meters north of position. Three rounds were reported to be tracer. At 090317H Airfield post #6 reported hearing three shots about 500 meters out at an azimuth of 160 degrees. The shots were not incoming.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. At 091826H Co "G" reported receiving 5 rounds sniper fire from vicinity (AT 937683). At 092130H Co "G" reported that the AN/TPS-21 in its area discovered 6 targets at coordinates (AT 991685). Two rounds M-79 were fired with negative results.

At approximately 100400H Co "H" dispatched their attached artillery forward observer to the 3d Tank Battalion CP to conduct crater analysis of the mortared area.

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(3) 3d Tank Bn. At approximately 092353H 3d Tank Bn reported receiving approximately 20 rounds of mortar fire from north bank of the Song Cau Do (River) vicinity Yen Bac (1) coordinates (AT 987703). A crater analysis report from 12th Marines received approximately 100500H indicated a destructive mission was conducted and that azimuth to the mortar tube flashes observed indicate the gun position may have been in the vicinity of Cam Ne (5) and Cam Ne (1). The initial rounds were short and were walked into the 3rd Tks CP area. Indications are that the fire mission was observed and adjusted.

(4) VC casualties since 10 July 1965:

Confirmed		Probable	
KIA	41	KIA	8
VCS	27	WIA	18
VCC	5		

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11 August 1965

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

1. Intelligence Summary #33, Period ending 110600H August 1965

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

b. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Seven patrols were sent out as part of the airfield defense. Nothing unusual was observed.

At 101700H Co "B" apprehended 5 VCS in front of 2d Plt lines at coordinates (BT 034687). At 101720H 1st Plt Co "B" picked up another VCS. The VCS were not in uniform, carried no weapons, and 3 had valid ID. The 6 VCS were caught observing Co "B"'s lines. All were turned over to Hoa Vang District HQ. All 6 were later confirmed as VC, one of whom was identified as hard core. (See special report attached).

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. At 100820 Co "G" reported sighting a VC OP vicinity (AT 998683). Six people - 3 women and 3 men - all armed with weapons were observed. The Bn fired 5 rounds 106's completely destroying OP site. It is not known if any were killed.

At 101340H Co "G" reported snipers in woodline vicinity (AT 990688). Three rounds of HE were fired. Sniper fire ceased.

(3) 3d Tank Bn. At 101830H an FO with Tanks reported spotting approximately 100 troops in open at coordinates (AT 964675). The enemy wore black shirts, white trousers and were armed with rifles. Artillery was initially called upon enemy and subsequently an air strike and then additional artillery fire. The FO reported effective results.

(4) 2dBn, 12thMar. The crater analysis of the mortar rounds directed against the 3dTkBn CP at 082355H indicated 81mm and 60mm mortars were used. One dud was found; a US 81mm M43A1, Shell Lot number 7M-146-1945-8, fuse PD-M-52A1B1, Fuse Lot number NP-32-583-45. The dud indicates

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that the mortar was fired with a reduced charge. The bore riding pin was jammed in place. The mortar fire is believed to have come from vicinity Cam Ne (5).

(5) Hoa Vang District HQ. The Division Liaison Officer reports VC company of 80 men commanded by one Nguyen Doa in vicinity La Chau (AT 960675).

(6) VC casualties since 10 July 1965:

Confirmed		Probable	
KIA	41	KIA	8
VCS	27	WIA	18
VCC	11		

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SPECIAL INTERROGATION REPORT OF VC APPREHENDED AT [redacted] ON 10 AUG 65

1. NAME: Nguyen HAN; age 28

2. HOME: Area southwest of Marble Mountain.

3. Has been a communist for 14 years.

4. UNIT: Special Sabotage Team of the Nguyen Van Troi Co - (168 men).

5. This unit bombed the SAIGON Theatre in Feb 65 and DANANG Airfield on 1 Jul 65.

6. [redacted]

7. On the 1 July attack of the Airfield he was positioned near road in DO XO (BT 032735) to ambush units attempting to cut off Co's escape.

8. On 9 Aug he went into Cam Ne during early evening. Later his company fired 30 rounds from 3 81mm mortars. (No info on what RD's mission was). Afterwards the company moved southwest along the SONG YEN River bank to the hills vic (AT 9362). The weapons were hidden and the company dispersed.

9. Additional VC comments: Cam Ne (1) has many AT traps (2m x 6m) dug in center of hamlet. Duong Son (2) and (3) have an VC guerrilla platoon, many dugouts. The heaviest fortifications are near the RR tracks (about 30 VC).

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12 August 1965

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

1. Intelligence Summary #34, Period ending 120600H August 1965

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

b. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Eight patrols were conducted as part of the airfield defense. Nothing unusual was reported. At 111630H Co B reported apprehending 1 VCS vicinity (BT 072709) who was initially identified as an ARVN deserter believed to have joined a VC band. He returned to his hamlet recently posing as a merchant. The VCS was sent to HOA VANG District for interrogation. Six other men were apprehended and turned over to HOA VANG District HQ and later released. At 112035 Co B apprehended 4 VCS (3 men and 1 woman). All men had ID's and one man was reported to be the ARVN deserter's brother. All suspects were sent to HOA VANG District HQ.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. At 120540H immediately prior to receiving fire from Duong Son (2), Co G reported hearing sounds like the beating of pans from the village. During clearing operations in Duong Son (2) Co G reported receiving fire from the east side of hamlet. At 110656H Co G observed people moving east from Duong Son (2).

At 110952H Co H reported receiving sniper fire from Duong Son (3). At 111050H Co H reported that villagers informed the company that Duong Son (3) was mined and held 30 VC. The villagers also reported that Giang Dong contained 20 VC and was also mined.

At 111130H Co G apprehended 1 VCS at (AT 999675). He was identified by a Vietnamese Lt as a VC.

At 111304H Co H reported receiving sniper fire from (BT 005674). The company reported one VC KIA.

At 111330H Co G reported 1 VC KIA at coordinates (AT 999673). At 111625H Co G reported apprehending 1 VCS and 3 female VC sympathizers

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at (AT 994678). The VCS was to be turned over to I Corps by the HOA VANG District HQ. The 3 women were to be returned to their hamlet.

At 112140H the Bn reported that an AN/TPS-21 located at (AT 994687) detected a group of approximately 30 people moving in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 982690). Batteries D and E 2ndBn, 12thArr fired on target with unknown results.

At 112155H Co G reported receiving heavy small arms fire from (AT 988672).

At 112214H Co F reported receiving 60mm mortar fire from vicinity Cam Ne (2).

At 112215H Co G reported receiving an undetermined amount of 60mm mortar fire from Cam Ne (2). Co G's FO requested a fire mission. Battery E, 2/12 fired the mission at (AT 980680).

At 112259H Co F reported receiving small arms fire from Cam Ne (2) (AT 988672). A HU-1E fired rockets on the target and was reported to have drawn fire.

At 112303H Co F reported firing 3.5 WP and M-79 rounds at 7 persons vicinity (AT 984698). Result undetermined.

(3) Special Report. The HOA VANG District Police Chief reported 2 VC KIA and 12 VC WIA as a result of an artillery mission and air strike conducted at 101830H against an estimated 100 VC in the open vicinity coordinates (AT 964675). This information is not confirmed and is not reflected in the casualty figures below.

(4) VC casualties since 10 July 1965:

Confirmed		Probable	
KIA	43	KIA	8*
VCS	34	WIA	19
VCC	11		

* Does not include special report.

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13 August 1965

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

1. Intelligence Summary #35, Period ending 130600H August 1965

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

b. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Eight patrols were sent out as part of the airfield defense. Nothing unusual was reported.

At 121930H, Co B reported receiving a 10 to 15 round burst of automatic weapons fire. The company was unable to determine the location of the sniper. During the reporting period, Co B apprehended 18 VCS in the vicinity of the hamlet of Khue Dong. (See attached report).

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. At 120840H Co G reported that a female, (further identification not available), stopped by Marine outguards when attempting to pass from Duong Son (3) to Duong Son (2), informed the Marines that a force of 10 to 12 VC were located in Duong Son (3). This woman also stated that, on the night of 11 August, approximately 100 Main Force VC entered the hamlet of Duong Son (3). She reported that they were brown uniforms and departed the hamlet on the morning of 12 August.

At 121116H Co G reported receiving small arms fire from the tree-line vicinity (AT 991679).

Analyses made of 60mm mortar craters as a result of the mortar attack on Co G positions on 11 August, indicates the guns were probably positioned at a point along an azimuth of 300 degrees from impact point ((AT 990678) to (AT 992679)).

A bamboo-stake marker system was found at coordinates (AT 995677) which led to the discovery of a tunnel leading from Duong Son (2) to Duong Son (3). Length of tunnel was approximately 300 meters.

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At 130250H a AN/TPS-21 detected movement of 3 to 6 people at coordinates (AT 984674) in the vicinity of a bunker. Movement recovered at 130315H

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and 2 rounds 106mm (HE) was fired; visual examination indicates partial destruction of the bunker.

At 121320H Co H reported the finding and destruction of a food cache consisting of 3 pounds of ground meat in trenchline at coordinates (BT 002679).

At 120840H Co H reported that an attached Vietnamese intelligence agent informed the company that 1 VC Co and 1 VC mortar platoon armed with 2 60mm mortars and 1 57mm Recoilless Rifle are located in Yen No (2) at coordinates (GS AT 9868). The agent also stated that the VC have positioned booby traps in Qua Giang, vicinity GS (BT 0066).

At 121955H Co H reported receiving 15 rounds of small arms fire from a house in the hamlet of Qua Giang.

(3) 3d Tank Bn. At 121500 the FO with Co B 3d Tank Bn reported observing 20 to 35 people in small house 1000 meters from position at coordinates (AT 978703). The people were observed carrying coffin-like boxes into the house. Hoa Vang dispatched a PF patrol to check out incident with negative results. Co B 3d Tank Bn also sent out a 30 man patrol; also with negative results.

(4) Co D, 3d Recon Bn. At 121730H Co D reported receiving 2 rounds small arms sniper fire vicinity (AT 987668). At 121805H Co D reported 1 VC running in direction of northwest from coordinates (AT 986667). The VC was reported wearing white clothing and carrying a rifle. At 121825H Co D reported 15 to 20 villagers moving north with belongings at coordinates (AT 985665). At 121829H Co D reports receiving 5 rounds sniper fire from vicinity (AT 991692).

(5) VC casualties since 10 July 1965:

Confirmed		Probable	
KIA	43	KIA	8
BCS	52	WIA	19
VCC	11		

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LIST OF VCS PICKED UP BY "B" COMPANY 1/9 ON 12 AUG 65
ALL TURNED IN TO HOA VANG DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

NAME	AGE	PLACE OF CAPTURE (COORDS)	DTG	CAPTURING UNIT	CIRCUMSTANCES
Nguyen Mai	36	(AT 056705)	120800	3d Plt, B Co 1/9	Captured at Khue Dong - inaccurate ID card. Found laying in rack with grass and leaves on his head, suspect said he was sick, had fresh mud on his feet.
Nguyen Thi Dong	35	(AT 056705)	120800	3d Plt, B-1-9	Wife of Nguyen Mai. No ID card.
Nguyen Be	14	(AT 048706)	120800	4th Plt, B 1st Amtracs	Leaving hamlet.
Ngo Ve	55	(AT 045695)	120800	B-1-9	Fleeing with 2 men who were carrying wpns, 2 men carrying wpns were not caught.
Tran Phong	71	(AT 056705)	120800	3d Plt, B-1-9	No ID card.
Thai Thao	50	(AT 042705)	120800	B-1-9	
Tran Dan	63	(AT 056705)	120800	3d Plt, B-1-9	Inaccurate ID card
Tran Than	45	(AT 042705)	120800	B-1-9	
Ho Tri	46	(AT 056705)	120800	3d Plt, B-1-9	Lost ID card.
Tran Hung	66	(AT 042705)	120800	B-1-9	
Ngo Thuong	53	(AT 042705)	120800	B-1-9	Woman in hamlet said he was VC.
Tran Lan	61	(BT 050687)	221630	B-1-9	Captured outside primeter from Hoa Lan village.
La Mach	31	(BT 054687)	121630	B-1-9	Kicked at Co B CO. Tried to escape. Had no ID card. Lives in Hoa Long village.
Nguyen Giao	39	(BT 054687)	121630	B-1-9	Lives in Hoa Lan village. No ID card.
Tran Van Thuan	21	(BT 003368)	120630	B-1-9	No ID card.
Tran Ha	35	(BT 032687)	120600	B-1-9	No ID card.
Tran Phuc	51	(BT 032687)	120600	B-1-9	No ID card.
Dinh Lung	29	(BT 030685)	120800	B-1-9	No ID card. Taken from boat.

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3800
14 August 1965

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

1. Intelligence Summary #36, Period ending 140600H August 1965

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

b. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Eight patrols were conducted as part of the airfield defense. Four VCS were apprehended but were released when identified as ARVN personnel.

At 131608H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a Vietnamese male resident of Ap Nam hamlet (further identification not provided) stated that the Ap Nam villagers were warned by Main Force VC to move out of their village. According to this source, the VC stated that within two or three days, they would attack the USMC position, coordinates (BT 07170[illegible]), and that Ap Nam would be bombed in retaliation. The source further reported that the Main Force VC element referred to consists of one platoon, from Quang-Tri Province, and is presently bivouaced in the vicinity of Viem Dong. Their armament includes three automatic rifles, and they are dressed in khaki shirts and khaki shorts. The source further stated that the VC claim that the Main Force element will be joined by 50-100 local guerrillas for the attack. The Battalion S-2 officer rates this source a F-6.

At 131900H, the Battalion S-2 reported that two VCS were apprehended in front of Co B CP at 122200H, and delivered to Hoa Vang District Headquarters.

At 132015H, Co B observed a group of ten persons in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 069685). The personnel were carrying small arms and were running in a direction away from the Co B position. The VC were taken under machine-gun fire by tanks and one VC was believed hit and was observed being carried away. In the same area, at 131800H, two VCS were apprehended, and delivered to the Hoa Vang District Headquarters for interrogation.

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(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar.

Throughout the reporting period the Bn received sporadic small arms sniper fire.

At 131545H, the battalion reported that 50 to 60 people were observed evacuating Cam Ne (2) vicinity coordinates (AT 998588) and carrying clothes, a pig, and household effects. The people were heading in a southerly direction.

At 131545H, Co G reported hearing what appeared to be Vietnamese language traffic on the company's radio frequency. The traffic included some English language.

At 132100H, Co G reported yells and screams eminating from Duong Son (3). An interpreter with Co G went into Duong Son (3) to investigate. Villagers informed the interpreter that the VC intend to attack Marines within a day or two and that the VC instructed the villagers to follow the battle in order to pick up useful items from the battlefield.

At 132140H, an AN/TPS-21 detected six (6) people moving from coordinates (AT 985675) to railroad tracks. One round 106 was fired at target; results unknown.

At 132350H, Co G reported receiving one round 60mm mortar fire. The round landed at (AT 990676) - between the AN/TPS-21 position and Co CP.

At 132215H, Co G reported that AN/TPS-21 detected 8-10 people in cemetery vicinity (AT 984676). Two rounds 106 were fired at target. No movement was detected after firing ceased.

At 132330H, Co G also reported observing 2-3 people moving around a bunker vicinity (AT 986673). A 106 was fired at target. No movement was observed after firing ceased.

(3) Co B, 3d Amtrac Bn. At 132155H, Co B reported being gassed. Later information discloses that the gas came from a single hand thrown grenade which landed outside the company area.

(4) VC casualties since 10 July 1965:

Confirmed		Probable	
KIA	43	KIA	8
VCS	56	WIA	20
VCC	11		

*NOTE: The 2 VC reported KIA on 12 Aug 65 (INTSUM #34) were

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reported by the Hoa Vang District Police Chief on 13 Aug 65 to be:

NGO LUC - Local Force Platoon Leader from Cam Ne (1).
NGO CHUNG - Local Force Platoon Leader from Phong Nam.

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

2/JAB/fob
3800
15 August 1965

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

1. Intelligence Summary #37, Period ending 150600H August 1965

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

b. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Eight patrols were conducted as part of the airfield defense. Nothing unusual was reported.

At 140930H, a security patrol observed a Viet female at coordinates (BT 040682). When the patrol approached her location, the woman attempted to flee. When the woman failed to stop in response to two warnings called out by a PF member of the patrol, a warning shot was fired. Her continued flight resulted in the patrol firing to hit, and the woman was wounded in the leg. The woman was captured and evacuated to C and C.

At 142305H, approximately three rounds of incoming small arms fire was reported in the vicinity of security posts #2, 4 and 5.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Throughout the reporting period the battalion received sporadic small arms sniper fire.

At 142130H, movement of what appeared to be a squad-size VC patrol toward the 1st Platoon, Co G positions, in vicinity of coordinates (AT 992678), was observed. Contact was lost before effective counteraction could be initiated.

At 142130H, loud noises and shouting were heard coming from Qua Giang, coordinates (BT 002669). In addition to Vietnamese, shouts in English of "MARINES MUST LEAVE VIETNAM" were heard.

At 142320H, an AN/TPS-21 detected the movement of six to eight people in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 983677). One 106 RR round was fired at the target. No movement was detected after the firing cessed.

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At 150215H, Co G reported receiving one round 60mm mortar fire. The round hit at coordinates (AT 992688), resulting in one USMC WIA. The casualty was evacuated by Helo.

At 150325H, Co G reported receiving small arms sniper fire, from the vicinity of coordinates (AT 986672). Thirty-five rounds of 81mm mortar were fired on suspected enemy positions. Two VC casualties were observed.

(3) Special Report. At 142100H, Hoa Vang District Headquarters reported that the Village Chief of BINH THAI was killed and two Vietnamese with him were wounded by a VC ambush vicinity coordinates (AT 998714). At 150015H, the Hoa Vang District Headquarters reported that a police operation has been scheduled to commence 150530H, in the vicinity of Phong Le Bac Hamlet, to round up suspects.

(4) VC casualties since 10 July 1965:

Confirmed		Probable	
KIA	43	KIA	8
VCS	57	WIA	22
VCC	11		

c. Destroyed and captured enemy materiel. None

d. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. None

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

2/JAB/fob
3800
17 August 1965

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

1. Intelligence Summary #39, Period ending 170600H August 1965

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

b. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar.

At 161630H, control of the Air Base Defense passed from the 1st Battalion to the 3d Battalion. The 1st Battalion Headquarters displaced to (BT 021729).

At 161035H, the battalion reported that, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 996744), tanks (other identification not provided) moving in a northwesterly direction along highway #1, received small arms sniper fire. No casualties were reported. Hoa Vang District Headquarters sent a patrol to investigate, with no reported results.

At 161905H, a platoon of Co B conducted a sweep of the area in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 071695). Eleven VCS were picked up and evacuated to Hoa Vang. (See attached list).

At 161945H, an observer with Co C reported that it was suspected that an enemy mortar position was located at coordinates (AT 984663) (Yen No (1)). The FO could contribute no new information to confirm previous suspicions raised of this possibility, but was relaying information which originated with 2nd Battalion personnel who recently operated in this area.

At 162045H, two Vietnamese were apprehended by a Co D patrol in the area in front of the Battalion CP and were evacuated to Hoa Vang. (See attached list).

At 162130H, one Vietnamese was apprehended by a patrol at coordinates (BT 025736). When he could not produce adequate identification he was evacuated to Hoa Vang District Headquarters. (See attached list).

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(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. At 162019H, an AN/TPS-21 detected a group of people and a vehicle at coordinates (AT 983676). The group increased in size, and 106 Recoilless Rifle fire was directed at the position at 162140H. Contact was lost without apparent results.

At 162140H, Co G received six rounds of small arms sniper fire from coordinates (AT 989691). One round was fired from an M-79, and the sniper firing ceased. No casualties were reported.

(3) 3dBn, 9thMar.

At 161630H, control of the Air Base Defense passed from the 1st Battalion to the 3d Battalion. Three patrols were conducted as part of the Airfield Defense. Nothing unusual was reported as the result of these patrols.

At 161945H, a siren was heard being sounded in an area about 800 meters south of the battalion CP. The sound lasted about 50-60 seconds but was not accompanied by any other unusual activity.

At 162315H, Co A reported receiving small arms fire from Phong Bac (1), vicinity coordinates (AT 990705). ARVN delivered 60mm mortar and machine gun fire on the position and contact was broken. No casualties were reported.

(4) 3d Tank Bn. At 162312H, the battalion reported receiving a heavy volume of small arms fire from rifles and automatic weapons. The fire came from the direction of coordinates (AT 993704) and (AT 986708). Two explosions, similar to 60mm mortar rounds or rifle grenades, were heard close by the battalion position. An estimated six VC were observed in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 985707) by 3d AT Bn observers at this time. A FO with the Tank Battalion observed VC moving towards the woodline at coordinates (AT 981690) and artillery fire was requested. The artillery FO reported an estimated 15-20 VC KIA. The FO further stated that mortar fire was received from this same position, coordinates (AT 981690).

(5) Special Reports. PFC Clifford E. NUMMERER, 2092012, USMC, reported the loss of his identification card. PFC NUMMERER believed his I.D. card was lost sometime between the evening of 13 August and the morning of 16 August, somewhere within the 9th Marines Regimental CP area.

At 161600H, a report was received from the Hoa Vang Police station that the Secret Service had information that one VC battalion has moved into the Hoa Lan village area, coordinates (BT 040680), (BT 050680), (BT 040670) and (BT 050670). This battalion's strength was reported to be 300 men; equipped with 81mm mortars, Automatic Rifles, and individual arms. The report stated that the VC told the villagers in the area that they would have to move to Thanh Thuy (not otherwise identified). The report further stated that one VC small unit (size undetermined) of this battalion has moved to coordinates (BT 033725) in order to fire 81mm mortars into USMC positions at coordinates (BT 022730). The purpose of this is to create propaganda for use 19 August 1965. The report states that this VC unit

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came to Khai Dong area on 14 August 1965; commander is unknown. The collecting agency (Hoa Vang Police Station) rates this source as C-1.

At 161800H, Division G-2 reported that, at the FLSG water point, a 9th Motor Transport Battalion driver was approached by a White SSgt, approximately 5 foot 8 inches in height and heavy set, wearing new USMC utility uniform and armed with a caliber .45 pistol. The SSgt asked for a ride to the Division CP, but the driver refused. The SSgt then asked where 9th Motor Transport and 3rd Motor Transport Battalion CP's were located. The SSgt said that he might know someone (in those organizations) and wanted a ride to the CP. The driver refused and the SSgt departed, only to return 5 minutes later with a colored PFC, who was armed with a rifle. The driver became suspicious of the two alleged Marines because of the apparent nervousness of the SSgt and finally inquired where he was stationed and was told Chu Lai. The driver drove off and reported the incident to authorities. The driver reports that the colored PFC had a green (olive-drab) bag which appeared to contain another rifle wrapped in a camouflaged cover.

At 162100H, the Hoa Cam Training Center passed on a report from an intelligence agent that one VC company had been located since 161200H in La Chau (3) hamlet (AT 954673). The VC company was reported to be equipped with one 60mm mortar; one machine gun, caliber .30; three automatic rifles; and individual arms. The company was reported to be commanded by one Thanh. (This report is rated as F-3).

At 162215H, Hoa Vang District Headquarters reported that an estimated ten VC fired small arms at a PF unit located at coordinates (BT 010701). Contact was broken when the PF unit returned the fire. No casualties were reported.

(6) VC casualties since 10 July 1965:

Confirmed		Probable	
KIA	44	KIA	8
VCS	77	WIA	22
VCC	11		

c. Destroyed and captured enemy materiel. None

d. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. None

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By direction

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

2/CW/fob
3800
18 August 1965

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

1. Intelligence Summary #40, Period ending 180600H August 1965

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the psriod.

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

b. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar.

At 171130H, Co B reported that a mine detection team found an explosive charge at coordinates (BT 066698). The charge consisted of two 155mm shells (type not indicated) and a detonating charge of 4-8 pounds of high explosive (type not indicated) coupled to a storage battery. EOD was notified, disarmed the charge, and removed it. No further information is available.

At 171525H, an FO with Battery F located at OP #2 (Hill 271), reported observing sixteen persons, attired in black and white clothing, moving into a wooded area, coordinates (AT 987702). A patrol was dispatched by the 1stBn to investigate. The patrol reported finding Yen Bac (1) village (AT 984702) deserted. The villagers had apparently removed cattle, clothing etc. and departed. The patrol reported no contact with the enemy.

At 172015H, S-2 reported the apprehension of two VCS. One VCS was apprehended at 171500H in the vicinity of (BT 025745), when he could not produce adequate identification. The second VCS was apprehended at 171930H, in the vicinity of (BT 012671), when he also could not produce adequate identification. The two VCS were evacuated to Hoa Vang for investigation.

At 172020H, a patrol from Co A reported that, during an identification check of personnel at a house located at (BT 017707) Cam Nam hamlet, a Vietnamese male fled through a straw-mat covered hole in the building wall and escaped. The male, described as about 25 years of age, took with him a Vietnamese boy approximately 8 years of age (relationship, if any, unknown). The other occupants of the building, four men and three women, were not apprehended as their identification cards were in order. (No other information was provided).

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(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar.

At 170610H, Co H moved from Duong Son (1), coordinates (AT 995687), to Yen Ne (2) and Yen Ne (3), coordinates (AT 983683).

At 171200H, Co H reported receiving five rounds of small arms sniper fire from a position located at coordinates (AT 983687). One round of 3.5 inch HE was fired into the position, and the firing ceased. No casualties were reported.

At 171621H, Co H reported receiving small arms sniper fire from Cam Ne (2). One Marine KIA. Co H returned the fire and armed HUEY's were requested. Before the HUEYs arrived on station, contact was broken (171645H).

At 171855H, S-2 scouts observed two armed men entering a building in Cam Ne (1) hamlet (AT 983693). Observation was continued but no further activity was reported.

At 172043H, an air strike was conducted on Cam Ne (2), coordinates (AT 980688), and on Cam Ne (6), coordinates (AT 974684). Four to six buildings were observed burning at Cam Ne (2). Observation of Cam Ne (6) was obscured, and results could not be evaluated at this time.

(3) 3rdBn, 9thMar.

Throughout the reporting period, the battalion received sporadic small arms sniper fire. Unusual civilian activity was reported in the vicinity of Airfield posts #15, #19 and #20.

Three patrols were conducted as part of the Airfield defense. At 180330H, patrol Kilo P-2 reported receiving fire in vicinity of coordinates (AT 999769). One Marine KIA and one ARVN WIA. The other two airfield patrols reported no unusual activity.

During the period 172255 through 180030, several attempts by the VC to penetrate the Airfield perimeter were reported. The principal actions occurred in the vicinity of posts #8, #6. The attempts were of the nature of small unit probes, which included small arms fires, automatic weapons and grenades. The battalion reported that no actual penetration was achieved. The Airfield defense forces estimate that one VC was KIA and two VC WIA, although no bodies were recovered.

(4) Special Reports.

At 171048H, Hoa Vang District Headquarters reported that VC play volleyball with Marines during daylight hours at coordinates (AT 980660), then, during the hours of darkness, utilize the information gained to attack USMC positions in the area. Hoa Vang District S-2 requested that the Viet volleyball players be apprehended and evacuated to Hoa Vang for investigation. (S-2 comment: Investigation revealed that no Marines are positioned at the

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location given, Le Son (1) hamlet. Hoa Vang District Headquarters was informed of this discrepancy).

At 171741 Hoa Vang District Headquarters reported that at 171500H, one VC Main Force Battalion is located in hiding at coordinates (AT 984692), Cam Ne (1) hamlet. This force is reported dressed in fatigue uniforms, helmets, and is equipped with an assortment of heavy weapons (types and quantities not specified). The commander of this force is not indicated. (S-2 comment: The collecting agency, Hoa Vang, rates this source as E-1).

At 171925H, Danang Special Sector reported that one VC company is now located in the vicinity of (AT 975665). The company reportedly numbers 125 men and is equipped with 60mm and 81mm mortars (quantities not specified). Danang Special Sector further reported that a similarly equipped VC company is located at (AT 985668), Yen Ne (1) hamlet.

At 172040H, Hoa Vang District Headquarters reported that one VC company moved from (AT 956643) Phu Son (3) hamlet, to (AT 965633) Xuan Diem (1). The company commander was reported as one NGUYEN DOA.

At 172328H, Hoa Vang District Headquarters reported that ten VC were located in the Airfield perimeter on the south edge, between Hoa Vang District Headquarters and Route #1 (BT 005735).

The Airfield defense units were notified. (S-2 comment: The numerous enemy contacts reported by Airfield defense forces during the period 172015H through 180005H makes definite substantiation of this report impossible. It does appear however, that no actual VC penetration of the Airfield perimeter was accomplished).

At 172255H, the 3rd CIT reported that a VC document now in their possession indicates that the VC have placed mines in three places along the South Vinh Dien (River) in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 029691).

(5) VC casualties since 10 July 1965:

Confirmed		Probable	
KIA	44	KIA	9
VC Apprehended	11	WIA	24
VCS Apprehended	79		

c. Destroyed and captured enemy material. None

d. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. None

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By direction

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

2/JAB/fob
3800
19 August 1965

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

1. Intelligence Summary #41, Period ending 190600H August 1965

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

b. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Maintained defensive positions south of the Air Base and provided security for the FLSG ammo dump (AT 987733).

At 181715H, a reconnaissance patrol reported observing sixty to seventy people cutting long poles at coordinates (BT 066713). Co B dispatched a patrol to the area and twenty-one VCS were apprehended. The VCS were evacuated to Hoa Vang District Headquarters.

At 182125, a Co B patrol reported that one round of what appeared to be mortar fire (type not specified) was received at coordinates (BT 072698). No casualties were reported.

At 190115, an OP located at (BT 034734) observed a squad of men approaching their positions from the north. The men were armed with shoulder weapons and appeared not to wear helmets. The stature of the men was small, and suggested Vietnamese. The OP fired hand-illumination, and the squad changed direction and disappeared to the east over a slight rise. A listening post located 200-300 meters to the east also observed this squad. The OP and LP did not fire on the squad due to the possibility that it was a friendly patrol operating in the area.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. This battalion conducted a clear and hold operation in the Cam Ne village complex (AT 990690) commencing at 180838H when Co E and Co F began a sweep to the west. A leaflet drop and loud-speaker address from a helicopter encouraging the villagers to move to the civilian collecting point established at coordinates (AT 997691) preceded the sweep. One hundred fifty-three villagers were processed at the collecting point. Nine VCS were apprehended and evacuated to Hoa Vang District Headquarters. Ninety-five villagers elected to temporarily remain at civilian collection point (AT 997691) where they were fed, sheltered and were provided security.

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(3) 3rdBn, 9thMar. Two patrols were conducted as part of the Airfield defense. Nothing unusual was reported as the result of these patrols.

At 181535H, Post #8 (BT 002732) reported a noticeable reduction in the number of civilians in the vicinity of the post. A similar situation was noticed on 17 August, which was followed by a small unit probe of the Airfield perimeter at this locality. As a result of this similarity, Hoa Vang District Headquarters was notified, and a police patrol was dispatched to investigate, with negative results.

At 181150H, a small explosion occurred at the FLSG ammo dump (AT 998745). The source of the explosion could not be determined, although observers stated it appeared to be a rifle grenade explosion. No casualties were reported.

At 181535H, traces of blood pools were discovered in the vicinity of post #6. (S-2 comment: A small unit probe occurred in this locality 172310H, which probably resulted in VC casualties).

(4) Special Reports. At 180930H, Hoa Vang District Headquarters reported that the VC have been forcing people who are residing along Highway #1 between Mieu Dong (1) (BT 016685) and Binh Dien (BT 055588) to move to a new locality. Hoa Vang District Headquarters stated that the reason for this movement was not known at this time and rates source as B-1. (S-2 comment: The map measurement of the stretch of highway referred to exceeds 10,000 meters. It is difficult to connect a displacement of inhabitants along such an extensive line with the type and size of the operations presently experienced in this area).

At 181745H, G-2 reported that Captain WILKS, I Corps (no further identification provided), reports that one VC Battalion is now located in the vicinity of (BT 0470) to (BT 0670).

At 182140, G-2 reported that the Military Secret Service Army Security unit has information that VC troops displaced to the Marble Mountain area on 15 August. The VC are said to be deployed in the vicinity of Hai An (2) (BT 060681), Nam hamlet, Hoa Long village, and Bien Dong hamlet (BT 084682). The VC unit is reported to be of company to battalion size, and is armed with one 81mm mortar, two 60mm mortars, three machine guns, and individual weapons. This report is rated as B-3.

At 182200H, Hoa Vang District Headquarters reported that one VC company is now located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 960656), (AT 960650), and (AT 955650). The company commander is reported to be one Nam; the assistant commander is one Nguyen Huu Thanh. The company reportedly numbers 130 men, and is armed with two 81mm mortars, one machine gun, seven automatic rifles, and individual arms. The District Chief requested an immediate air strike on the target area. (S-2 comment: Five volleys of one Battalion 105mm Artillery fire was fired on these positions at 182300H. Results of the artillery mission could not be discerned).

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At 182150H, Hoa Vang District Headquarters passed on a report from Danang Special Sector which states that one battalion of Main Force VC are now operating in the vicinity of (BT 005676). The report states that this VC unit is preparing to attack USMC units located between Hau Duc (AT 929689) and Hoa Vang District boundary. The VC are reported intending to fire mortars on the relay station at Qua Giang hamlet, the bridge at (AT 998706), and the Hoa Cam Training Center, for the purpose of achieving a propaganda victory on 19 August. (S-2 comment: This report is rated F-6).

At 190250H, G-2 passed on a Naval District Report that the VC had moved one 102mm Gun to a location southeast of Nai Van pass, approximately 15 kilometers from Danang Air Base. The report states that the VC plan to shell the airfield and other strategic locations in Danang vicinity, on 19 August. (S-2 comment: 102mm Gun is not known in arsenal of Soviet Bloc weapons. It might be 105mm gun, 107mm RR, or 120mm mortar. We have requested clarifying information).

(5) VC casualties since 10 July 1965:

Confirmed		Probable	
KIA	44	KIA	9
VC Apprehended	11	WIA	24
VCS Apprehended	88		

c. Destroyed and captured enemy material. One device, detonating, (mechanical). Type unknown. Metallic, 3 3/4 inches in length (pull-type fuze).

d. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. None

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

2/JAB/fob
3300
20 August 1965

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

1. Intelligence Summary #42, Period ending 200600H August 1965

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

b. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of Danang Air Base in the southeast portion of the regimental TAOR.

At 191531H, Co B reported that the chief of Nam hamlet (BT 072703), one Huynh Ba Trinh stated that VC units (size of units not indicated) are located in vicinity of An Nong hamlet (BT 082671), Dong Ap hamlet (BT 088673), Thi An (2) (BT 086672), and An Luu hamlet (BT 087678). The hamlet chief reported that the An Luu area contains a large concentration of VC.

In a continuation of this report, Co B commander stated that information gained by patrolling supported the hamlet chief's information. Co B commander further stated that indications are that VC units (size undetermined) are also located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 085664), (BT 078695), (BT 071687), (BT 076680), and Hai An hamlet (BT 055713). The area between coordinates (BT 070690) and (BT 077680) is reported to contain a large concentration of VC. (S-2 comment: Military Secret Service Army Security Unit reported that a VC unit of company to battalion size was located in this area. This report was shown in Intelligence Summary #41).

At 191526H, Co B reported apprehending eight VCS in the vicinity of (BT 040715). Seven of the VCS were dressed in monks' robes. The VCS were apprehended as a result of small arms fire received by a Co B patrol. The suspicious actions of the eight and their uncooperative attitude made further investigation advisable and the eight were evacuated to Hoa Vang District Headquarters.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions around the Cam Ne village complex (AT 990690) and to continue the clear and hold operation.

At 191000H, Co E reported that villagers in Cam Ne (1) (AT 987692) stated that approximately one hundred VC had occupied Cam Ne (1) until 17

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August, when they displaced. The VC were armed with rifles. The villagers reported that some VC wore jungle (camouflage) uniforms and others wore black uniforms.

At 191057H, Co H reported receiving small arms sniper fire from the vicinity of coordinates (AT 966780). The fire was returned and contact was broken. No casualties were reported.

At 191231H, Co G reported receiving small arms sniper fire from the vicinity of Cam Ne hamlet, coordinates (AT 964684). The fire was returned and one VC was observed falling from a tree, presumably hit by the return fire. Five villagers were observed carrying the VC into the village. A patrol was dispatched to investigate, with negative results.

(3) 3rdBn, 9thMar. Seven patrols were conducted as part of the Airfield defense. Nothing unusual was reported as the result of these patrols.

(4) Special Reports.

At 191930H, the Hieu Duc District Chief reported that one VC company was then located in the vicinity of Bo Ban (1) (AT 956682), and one VC company was then located in the vicinity of (AT 945675) and (AT 943662). The report stated that the two VC companies were displacing and moving in an easterly direction. The report was rated C-2.

At 192000H, G-2 reported that the VC have placed mines (type not indicated) at three locations in Co Man hamlet (BT 023691). The locations are: the Buddhist Pagoda, the village school, and the village Pagoda.

At 192058H, Hoa Vang District Headquarters reported that one VC company is now located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 060650) and (BT 055650). (S-2 comment: This report is rated F-6).

(5) VC casualties since 10 July 1965:

Confirmed		Probable	
KIA	44	KIA	9
VC Apprehended	11	WIA	25
VCS Apprehended	96		

c. Destroyed and captured enemy materiel. None

d. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications.

CAM NE Complex:	Bunkers	28
	Tunnels	60
	Trenches	5
	Gates	* 41

* 25 of which were booby trapped.

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

2/JAB/fob
3800
21 August 1965

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

1. Intelligence Summary #43, Period ending 210600H August 1965

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

b. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to defend positions south of the Danang Air Base.

At 202019H, Co B reported that Redwood Bravo #2 patrol received small arms sniper fire from the direction of BA TUNG (2), coordinates (BT 044692). Five rounds of 90mm HE and small arms fire was directed at the enemy positions. Enemy fire ceased without inflicting casualties.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar.

Completed the clear and hold operation of the CAM NE complex (AT 990 690), BO BAN (1) (AT 958685), and BO BAN (2) (AT 960697), and established defensive positions from (AT 953680) east to (BT 014686).

At 200819H, an FO positioned in the 3rd Tank Bn area observed approximately fifteen unidentified persons, dressed in black clothing, entering the woodline in the vicinity of CAM NE (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 991686). Continued observation did not disclose any unusual activity.

At 200900H, Co F reported the apprehension of a female VCS in the Co F area. The VCS was evacuated to ITT.

At 202040H, Co H reported hearing sounds of movement from the direction of coordinates (BT 007656). Small arms fire was directed at the suspected location and contact was broken. At 202250H, Co H reported hearing sounds of movement in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 006626). Small arms and two rounds of M-79 were fired on the suspected position. Contact ceased with no reported casualties.

At 202300H, Co F reported that two grenades and several rounds of small arms fire were received by an 81mm Mortar position located in the vicinity of Co F command post. No casualties were reported. A Co F patrol operating in the area of YEN NE (2) returned the fire with 3.5 inch W.P.

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rockets and M-79 rounds. The patrol estimated that three VC were KIA. The patrol maintained an ambush position in the vicinity of the suspected enemy position until 210710H, with negative results.

(3) 3rdBn, 9thMar. Continued defense of the Danang Air Base perimeter. Six patrols were conducted as part of the Airfield defense. Nothing unusual was reported as the result of these patrols.

Co K conducted a sweep of DONG PHOUC hamlet (BT 004726) during the period 200530H to 200730H. Five VCS were apprehended and evacuated to Hoa Vang District Headquarters.

(4) Special Reports. At 201240H, G-2 relayed a report from the 23rd AB Group (USAF) that an AO observed six to eight persons excavating holes into both sides of the railroad embankment in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 990640) to (AT 993608). There were approximately fifteen holes, the largest of which approximated 8 feet X 8 feet. The report stated that no tracks or defined trails/roads could be discovered leading to the holes.

At 201930H, G-2 reported that RF Co 591, on patrol in the vicinity of Co B, 9th Marines, (BT 085715), apprehended two VC, and captured three weapons. The VC were evacuated to Danang Special Sector for interrogation and investigation. At 210005H, Danang Special Sector reported that the two VC stated that they were members of an 150 man VC Co, now located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 035690), (BT 040670) and (BT 050713). The VC stated that the Co plans to attack USMC positions. No further information is presently available.

At 202000H, Hoa Cam Training Center relayed a report from I Corps G-2, that a VC unit (size and type not specified) is located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 970676) (AT 980670) and (AT 980688). This unit is expected to attack USMC positions and the Hoa Cam Training Center. The rport provided no time for the expected attack. (This report is rated F-6).

At 202145H, G-2 reported that two VC Main Force platoons equipped with claymore mines and standard infantry weapons are located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 956628). The report further stated that one VC Main Force company is located in the vicinity of (AT 950630), one VC squad is located at (AT 943671), and that VC 81mm mortars (quantity not known) are positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 955625). These units were reported to have moved into these areas approximately three days ago. (This report is rated B-2).

At 202145H, G-2 reported that a group of small craft were observed at sea approximately five miles off the coast in the vicinity of Marble Mountain, (BT 1070) and moving in the direction of Danang Air Base. A destroyer was dispatched to investigate and reported that the craft were a group of approximately fifty fishing junks, whose position remained stationary. Helicopter observation is being maintained.

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(5) VC casualties since 10 July 1965:

Confirmed		Probable	
KIA	44	KIA	9
VC Apprehended	11	WIA	25
VCS Apprehended	102		

c. Destroyed and captured enemy materiel.

1 - Deadfall (concrete with bamboo spikes; approx 20 lbs)
1 - Trouser, pr. (Type worn by VC Main Force personnel)
1 - Jacket (Khaki colored - Type worn by VC personnel)
1 - Package of medicine (possibly was used by VC forces) (Two bottles; one contained liquid, one contained pills. Also a number of tablets wrapped in foil)
2 - Documents (Vietnamese language; initial investigation indicates documents relate to VC activities).
1 - Canteen, metal (canteen has fragment holes).

d. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications.

YEN NE (2) and (3):

	Gates	9
	Bunkers	21
	Punji pits	3
	Tunnels/caves	430 meters
	Trenchline	350 meters
*	Fenceline	50 meters

* Two Russian friction-type Fragmentation Grenades were affixed to fence. Minefield warning signs (Vietnamese language) were also in fence area.

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

2/JAB/fob
3800
22 August 1965

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

1. Intelligence Summary #44, Period ending 220600H August 1965

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

b. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to consolidate positions in the southeast portion of the TAOR. Nine patrols were conducted with no reported enemy contact.

Late report: At 202145H, a Co B patrol made contact with an estimated four VC in the vicinity of Yuan Loc hamlet coordinates (BT 069697). Small arms fire was exchanged and the VC broke contact. The patrol estimated one VC was WIA, but were unable to apprehend the enemy.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to consolidate positions in the southwest portion of the TAOR.

At 211650H, Co F reported receiving small arms sniper fire from Cam Ne (6) hamlet, coordinates (AT 971680). One Marine was KIA. No enemy casualties were reported.

At 211800H, Co F reported receiving a large volume of small arms sniper fire from Yen Ne (4) hamlet, coordinates (AT 974679). Fire was returned and a M-79 round detonated a series of explosives set at about five yard intervals along a trail leading into the hamlet. Co F conducted a sweep of Yen Ne (4) hamlet and encountered light small arms fire. Upon reaching the south edge of the hamlet, Co F received four rounds of 60mm mortar fire from an open position at coordinates (AT 968675). A heavy volume of small arms and M-79 fire was directed at the position and the mortar ceased firing. In the vicinity of coordinates (AT 967672), three VC were observed carrying what appeared to be an 81mm mortar and baseplate. Small arms and 3.5 inch HE fire was directed at the VC. One round of 3.5 inch HE is believed to have scored a direct hit; however heavy enemy small arms fire restricted pursuit, and no bodies or equipment were recovered. Contact was broken at 212135H, with an estimated three VC KIA.

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At 211011H, Co F reported receiving small arms sniper fire from the vicinity of Le Bong hamlet, coordinates (AT 963678). Small arms fire was directed at a suspected enemy position and the firing ceased. No casualties were reported.

At 212125H, Co F reported receiving three rounds of small arms sniper fire from Yen Ne (4) hamlet. Sounds described as "moaning, wailing and yelling" were heard emanating from the hamlet. Close observation was maintained on Yen Ne (4) hamlet but no further activity was observed.

(3) 3rdBn, 9thMar. Continued to provide close-in security for the Da Nang Air Base. Six patrols were conducted as part of the Airfield defense. Nothing unusual was reported as the result of these patrols.

At 211645H, Post #1 reported the apprehension of one VCS, who could not produce the required identification papers. The VCS was taken into custody by the ARVN representative located at Post #1. Results of any investigation conducted or disposition of the VCS have not yet been disclosed by the ARVN.

(4) Special Report. At 211700H, Hoa Vang District Police Headquarters made available to the S-2, 9th Marines a copy of a report from a canton Police Chief in Quang Nam Province which provided information about enemy troop dispositions in this area and projected enemy plans and operations. (See attached document).

(5) VC casualties since 10 July 1965:

Confirmed		Probable	
KIA	44	KIA	9
VC Apprehended	11	WIA	25
VCS Apprehended	102		

c. Destroyed and captured enemy material. None

d. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. None

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Canton Police Chief
of Quang-Nam province

Republic of VN -

Information by -

Origine: National Canton police of HOA-VANG district

Kind of Information: VCS activities
Value: B-1
Date of reception: 2000 hours on 20 Aug 1965

I. VC situation:

In QUANG-NAM province, they have 3,000 VC reinforced; they send these men and women to the HOA-LAN, HOA-PHUNG, HOA-HAI (HOA VANG District); THANH-TRUONG, THANH THUY, THANH-SON, and THANH-TRUNG hamlets, they used the only road: "Due-Ky Road" (AT 974612) and crossed by the boat at Chu Buoi (AT 960600) every day at 1700 hours.

II. They want to open some important operations and after that, they will go to the peaceful agreement.

III. The VC's economy and food. Every day, each man have one tin can of rice. They increase some taxes so the villagers were very unhappy, they wanted to escape to the National Zone.

IV. They're afraid we'll open the inspection in this area. If we put our soldiers there, their supply and movement road will paralyse.

V. Military:

There are two companies of 105 unit at LA-HUAN village; and one company with the commander NGUYEN HUU THANH from northwest HOA VANG district. Two companies at KHAI-DONG, they move to HOA HAI. Two companies at THANH TRUNG, one company at THANH SON.

We received the information at HOA THAI; HOA LOI, they declared with the people: help the food and the capability to their men to solve the battle within two months (August and September).

These informations are very important. To the captain, chief of district, Canton police Chief at Quang Nam province.

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

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3300
23 August 19[illegible]

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF ([illegible])

1. Intelligence Summary #45, Period ending 230600H August 19[illegible]

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

b. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar.

At 220900H, Co B observed what appeared to be a friend[illegible] crash in the vicinity of Ba Tung (1) hamlet (BT 047702). [illegible] observed to have ejected from the aircraft and landed by [illegible] mately the same location. A patrol, including two tanks, [illegible] the site to investigate and to provide security. The pa[illegible] the aircraft, and locating the pilot, who was uninjured, [illegible] an F4U from VMCJ. The pilot was evacuated at 220955H, and [illegible] by flame tanks at 221940H.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar.

At 221205H, four female VCS were apprehended in th[illegible] coordinates (AT 9[illegible]). The women had in their possessio[illegible] three hundred feet of communication wire and could not pro[illegible] identification. [illegible] women were evacuated to Hoa Vang Dist[illegible] for investigation.

At 221425H, approximately twenty-four civilians we[illegible] from Cam Ne (2) hamlet, burdened with what appeared to be [illegible] The battalion civil affairs officer investigated the situ[illegible] the incident to have no special significance.

At 221526H, Co F reported the apprehension of two VCS [illegible] Yen Ne (4) hamlet. The two adults, a man and woman, could not [illegible] adequate identification and acted evasively when interrogated. [illegible] were evacuated to Hoa Vang District Headquarters for investigation.

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At 221800H, [redacted] reported that two 105mm artillery rounds were discovered in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 988672). EOD personnel were requested to report to the location at first light on 23 August to investigate and dispose of the rounds. No additional information is available at this time.

(3) 3rdBn, 9thMar. Continued to provide close-in security for the Da Nang Air Base. Six patrols were conducted as part of the Airfield defense. At 230315H, a Co K patrol reported receiving small arms fire from a friendly unit at coordinates (BT 004775). No casualties were reported. The patrol reported that the incident may have served to compromise the primary password as indigenous personnel were observed in the area at the time identification of the units was being made. G-2 was notified and 9th Marines units instructed to switch to the alternate password.

(4) Special Reports.

At 221315H, G-2 relayed a report from Quang Nam Province that a VC training course is being conducted at coordinates (AT 945594). The report states that the course, which is conducted on a fifteen day cycle, began 17 August. The report adds that training day in the course begins at 1600 daily.

At 222010H, Hoa Vang District Headquarters reported that one VC company is now located in the vicinity of Phong Luc (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 013640). The company is reported commanded by one Pham Trong.

At 222225, Da Nang Special Sector Headquarters reported that approximately one hundred fifty VC were displacing from coordinates (BT 050710) to (BT 042722). The VC unit was reported to have the mission of firing mortars at Da Nang Air Base. The report added that this unit was probably the Special Works Company 515, and credited the information as probably true.

(5) VC casualties since 10 July 1965:

Confirmed		Probable	
KIA	44	KIA	9
VC Apprehended	11	WIA	25
VCS Apprehended	108		

c. Destroyed and captured enemy materiel. None

d. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. None

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

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3800
24 August 1965

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

1. Intelligence Summary #46, Period ending 240600H August 1965

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

b. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. At 231200H, Co B reported apprehending two VCS in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 055711) and (BT 050711). The VCS were evacuated to Hoa Vang District Headquarters for investigation.

At 232140H, Co B reported receiving small-arms automatic fire from the direction of Ba Tung (2) hamlet (BT 043693). Small-arms fire and one round 90mm HE was fired on the suspected enemy position and the enemy broke contact. No casualties were reported.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. At 231020H, a Co E patrol observed approximately eight armed VC on the west bank of the SONG YEN in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 960683). A heavy volume of small arms fire was delivered but the enemy group moved rapidly out of range. No casualties were reported.

At 231110H, Co E reported apprehending one VCS at La Chau (3) hamlet, in the vicinity of (BT 959679). The VCS was reportedly a deaf mute. A relative (uncle, not further identified) accompanied him when he was evacuated to Hoa Vang District Headquarters for investigation.

At 231110H, Co E reported locating a minefield at coordinates (AT 958683). The Co reported that the minefield location is also the site of a suspected VC arms cache. A mine clearing detail has been requested to clear the area. No further details are available at this time.

At 230830H, Co H reported the apprehension of a male Vietnamese in Duong Son (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 997670). The suspect could not produce adequate identification and was evacuated to Hoa Vang District Headquarters for investigation.

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At 231730H, Co F reported receiving small-arms sniper fire from coordinates (AT 976677). One VC was observed and one 3.5 inch rocket round was fired at his position. The enemy fire ceased and a patrol was dispatched to investigate but reported negative results.

At 232305H, a Co H patrol reported detonating a booby-trap at coordinates (BT 004671), which resulted in one WIA,(wounded Marine was DOA at C and C). The initial report indicated that the booby-trap was probably a WP grenade, but examination at C and C disclosed that the Marine, although suffering from extensive burns, died of gunshot wounds. No further information is available at this time.

Co H subsequently reported that this same patrol detonated a second booby-trap in the same locality. Two Marines were WIA; one of whom required immediate evacuation. This booby-trap was reported to be of the fragmentation grenade type. No further information is available at this time.

At 240455H, the S-2 reported that, during the period 230455H and 230500H, an unidentified station intruded on the Battalion Tactical Net. An English-speaking voice (poor quality of enunciation and grammar indicated that the speaker was not American) repeatedly asked "What is your name?" and "What do you want?". The speaker was also reported to have voiced obscenities. No further information is available at this time.

(3) 1st Amtrac Bn. At 231440H, the S-2 reported that the Security Chief of Phong Le Bac hamlet, (AT 997708), stated that approximately fifteen VC were located in Phong Le Bac. As the result of this report, at 231745H, the Battalion dispatched a squad-sized patrol to Phong Le Bac to investigate. The patrol was augmented by two policemen from Hoa Vang District Headquarters and a four-man Regional force detachment. The patrol apprehended a suspected ARVN deserter but reported no indications of VC activity in the hamlet. The suspected deserter was evacuated to Hoa Vang District Headquarters for investigation.

(4) VC casualties since 10 July 1965:

Confirmed		Probable	
KIA	44	KIA	9
VC Apprehended	11	WIA	25
VCS Apprehended	111		

c. Destroyed and captured enemy materiel. None

d. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. None

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

2/JAB/fob
3800
25 August 1965

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

1. Intelligence Summary #47, Period ending 250600H August 1965

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

b. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. At 242015H, Co C reported receiving three fragmentation grenades thrown in the vicinity of the company command post. No casualties were reported and no additional information is available.

At 242125H, Co A reported that the second platoon, positioned at the ammunition dump (AT 992734), received small arms fire emanating from the vicinity of the NAF trash dump (AT 985735). A heavy volume of small arms fire was directed at the suspected enemy position and the enemy fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. At 240930H, the S-2 reported that a helicopter reconnaissance flight received five to ten rounds of small arms sniper fire from the vicinity of Ha Dong hamlet, coordinates (AT 9964). No casualties or damage to the helicopter were reported.

At 241020H, the S-3 reported that villagers in Dong Son (1) hamlet (AT 996689) stated that eleven VC were hiding in shelters in the hamlet and adjacent area. A platoon from Co H, augmented by a Popular Force detachment and Hoa Vang District policemen, conducted a search of the area with negative results.

At 242030H, Co F reported hearing small arms fire and sounds described as "screaming and yelling" emanating from Yen Ne (4) hamlet, coordinates (AT 976676). No further information is available at this time.

At 250200H, Co G reported apprehending eight Vietnamese personnel in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 002722). The Vietnamese were detained for investigation. No further information is available at this time.

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(3) Special Reports. At 241025H, the 4th ARVN Regiment, conducting a search and destroy operation in the area south of the 2nd Battalion's front line positions, reported that it had established contact with a VC company in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 990663) and that the enemy was withdrawing towards Yen Ne (1) hamlet (AT 987663). The ARVN Regiment directed an air strike and artillery fire on the enemy positions. No additional information is available at this time.

At 241420H, MCB 9 reported that a military policeman (further identification not provided), on patrol in the vicinity of Marble Mountain, received several rounds of small arms sniper fire. No casualties were reported. No further information was provided.

At 241830H, G-2 relayed an NAD report dated 16 August, which stated that a six hundred man VC battalion was located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 998631). The report stated that the VC Battalion was equipped with one 57mm RR, one 81mm mortar, three 60mm mortars and four machine guns. The report added that the VC battalion may displace to Khai Dong village south of Marble Mountain (further identification/location not provided). NAD rated this report B-3.

At 241815H, the Hoa Vang District Police Chief reported that the VC headquarters for Diem Ban sector is located at Quang Ban (3), (AT 992620). The report added that VC assembly areas are established at Quang Ban (3) and Duc Ky (AT 980615). (S-2 comment: This report is rated B-3).

At 241815H, the Phong Le village chief reported that there are indications that the VC may attempt mining of the 2ndBn, 9thMar MSR, which is adjacent and parallel to the railroad embankment in the area south of the Song Cau Do (river) to Dong Son (2) hamlet (AT 993678). The report added that the mining may include the railroad underpasses in that region. This report is rated B-3. (S-2 comment: 2ndBn, 9thMar has been advised to initiate a sweep of their MSR daily prior to commencement of foot or vehicular traffic).

(4) 3rd Reconnaissance Bn. At 241935H, Co D reported that an ARVN unit operating in the Marble Mountain area contacted approximately twenty VC in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 087694). In the resultant firefight, the ARVN unit received a heavy volume of small arms fire and an undetermined number of 60mm mortar rounds. Two ARVN personnel were reported WIA. No further information is available at this time.

(5) VC casualties since 10 July 1965:

Confirmed		Probable	
KIA	44	KIA	9
VC Apprehended	11	WIA	25
VCS Apprehended	111		

c. Destroyed and captured enemy materiel. None

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d. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. None

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

2/JAB/fob
3800
26 August 1965

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

1. Intelligence Summary #48, Period ending 260600H August 1965

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

b. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. At 251025H, Co B reported apprehending thirteen VCS in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 071682). The suspects were evacuated to Hoa Vang District Headquarters for investigation.

At 252130H, a report was received from an ARVN unit located in the vicinity of Marble Mountain that there were indications that approximately sixty to one-hundred VC would launch an attack against friendly positions in the Marble Mountain area. The report stated that this attack would be in retaliation for the burning of Thuy Son hamlet, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 079710). (S-2 comment: On 24 August an ARVN unit reported engaging VC in the general vicinity of Thuy Son hamlet, but the report did not include details of the action within the hamlet itself or mention burning of buildings. Additional information will be sought).

At 260030H, Co A dispatched a reinforced platoon to the [illegible] area to constitute a reaction force to counter the possible VC attack. (No further activity in the Marble Mountain area has been reported during the period covered by this summary).

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. At 251100H, Co E reported receiving small arms sniper fire from the vicinity of Ba Ban (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 958632). One Marine was WIA and required helicopter evacuation.

At 251145H, Co H reported the apprehension of two male VCS in the vicinity of Giang Dong hamlet, coordinates (BT 005676). The suspects were reported to have aroused suspicion by attempting to purchase quantities of Packaged Operational Rations. An examination of their identification papers indicated discrepancies. The suspects were evacuated to Hoa Vang District Headquarters for investigation.

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At 251850H, Co F reported observing four VC in the vicinity of La Bong (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 973671). The VC were armed, and one appeared to be wearing a green colored uniform and a type of headgear which appeared to be a helmet. The VC displaced to a building located at coordinates (AT 969670), and an air strike was directed against the enemy position. Two HU-1Es fired rockets and machine guns at the position with several direct hits observed. A large secondary explosion occurred when a rocket round hit a straw rick, possibly detonating an ammunition cache. At the conclusion of the air strike, a Co F patrol apprehended one VCS who was observed running from the building believed to have been occupied by the VC. A search of the structure by the patrol produced negative results. As the patrol withdrew from the position, it received small arms fire from the direction of coordinates (AT 969670) and (AT 971669). The enemy fire increased in volume until fire was received from an estimated twenty to twenty-five separate positions. A heavy volume of small arms, machine-guns, 3.5 inch rockets, and M-79 fire was directed against the enemy positions. An M-79 round hit in a group of 4 VC and all 4 were observed downed by the explosion. Three VC were cut down by M-60 machine-gun fire. Three Marines were WIA, none seriously. During the helicopter evacuation of the wounded, the helicopters received small arms fire from the direction of Yen Ne (4) hamlet, coordinates (AT 966677). The VCS apprehended by the patrol was evacuated to Hoa Vang District Headquarters for investigation.

At 252005H, Co H reported hearing movement from the area in front of the company positions in the vicinity of coordinates (ET 009676). Two fragmentation grenades and small arms fire were delivered into the suspected area and the movement ceased. No additional information is available at this time.

At 25[illegible]35H, Co E reported receiving a short burst of automatic small arms fire from the direction of La Chau (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 959675). M-79 fire was directed against the suspected enemy positions. No casualties were reported.

(3) 3rd Reconnaissance Bn. At 252205H, Co D relayed a report from the Commanding Officer of an ARVN detachment located in the vicinity of Marble Mountain, that the VC (strength not indicated) are deployed in the vicinity of New Life hamlet, coordinates (BT 088689) and (BT 084685).

(4) VC casualties since 10 July 1965:

Confirmed		Probable	
KIA	44	KIA	9
VC Apprehended	11	WIA	32
VCS Apprehended	127		

c. Destroyed and captured enemy material. None

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d. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications.

Tunnels	3	Vicinity (BT 071682) (Total length - approx 45 meters)
Punji Traps	6	Vicinity (BT 072693)

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3dMar	(1)
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3d TnkBn	(1)
3d AT Bn	(1)
1st Amtrac Bn	(1)
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S-3	(1)
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S-2	(3)
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HEADQUARTERS
9th Marines
3d Marine Division (Fwd) (Rein), FMF
FPO, San Francisco 96601

2/JAB/fob
3800
27 August 1965

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

1. Intelligence Summary #49, Period ending 270600H August 1965

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

b. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continues to occupy positions south of DANANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) from (BT 017684) northeast to (BT 070703).

At 261937H, a Co A patrol reported receiving small-arms fire from two VC positions in the vicinity of HAN QUAN (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 033687). A heavy volume of small-arms fire and several rounds of 90mm RR were directed against the suspected positions and the enemy fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

At 270310H, a Co A patrol reported receiving small-arms fire from an estimated five VC in the vicinity of (BT 033687). The fire was returned and the patrol directed illumination of the suspected enemy positions. The enemy broke contact with no reported casualties.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continues to occupy defensive positions in the southwestern portion of the Regimental TAOR.

At 261120H, a Co F patrol reported receiving small-arms fire from the vicinity of YEN NE (4) hamlet, coordinates (AT 972678). The fire was not returned as friendly troops were reported operating in the area. No casualties were reported.

(3) 3rd Recon Bn. At 261416H, Co D reported that an ARVN detachment apprehended four VCS in the vicinity of THUY SON hamlet, coordinates (BT 079709). The VCS were wearing black pajama-type clothing and white hats. The report adds that the VCS state there are approximately one hundred VC located in the vicinity of THUY SON hamlet.

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At 261545H, Co B, 1stBn, 9thMar conducted a search and destroy operation in the area of THUY SON hamlet and vicinity, without VC contact. One VCS was apprehended and evacuated to the HOA VANG District Headquarters.

(4) Special Reports. At 261445H, the HOA CAM Training Center reported that on the night of 25 August, a small number of VC infiltrated the training center and threw three or four grenades into a training class being conducted in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 972710). Two ARVN were KIA; thirty seven ARVN were WIA. No VC casualties were reported. No additional information is available.

At 261715H, a usually reliable source reported to the 9th Marines S-2 that the VC Chief of HOA CHAU village, one TRAN-TIEN, members of his political cadre, and an unspecified number of village guerrilla troops are located in QUA GIANG (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 003669). (S-2 comment: This report is rated B-3).

During the period 260840H through 261200H, the 11th Ranger Battalion ARVN conducted a search and destroy operation in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR. The 9th Marines Liaison Officer to the Ranger Battalion reported that the ARVN troops moved through the hamlets of LE SON (3), (AT 968644); LE SON (1), (AT 980660); LE SON (4), (AT 960640); AN TRACH (1), (AT 966661); THAI CAN (1), (AT 977645); YEN NE (1), (AT 986663); and AN TRACH (3), (AT 958653). Three VC were reported killed and five weapons captured. Two of the VC were reported killed by an armed helicopter strike at coordinates (AT 979657).

(5) VC casualties since 10 July 1965:

Confirmed		Probable	
KIA	44	KIA	9
VC Apprehended	11	WIA	32
VCS Apprehended	127		

c. Destroyed and captured enemy materiel. None

d. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. None

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By direction

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G-2	(3)	3d AT Bn	(1)
3dMar	(1)	1st Amtrac Bn	(1)
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2/9	(1)	S-3	(1)
3/9	(1)	S-2	(3)
3d TnkBn	(1)	1st ForReconCo	(1)
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HEADQUARTERS
9th Marines
3d Marine Division (Fwd) (Rein), FMF
FPO, San Francisco 96601

2/JAB/fob
3800
28 August 1965

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

1. Intelligence Summary #50, Period ending 280600H August 1965

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

b. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continues 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 provides security for NCB-9 at the DA NANG East Complex.

At 270900H, Co A reported that two Vietnamese women and one boy were wounded by a secondary explosion (suspect booby trap) when Co A and engineers demolished a tunnel located in the vicinity of BA TUNG (2) hamlet (BT 044696), by detonating a one pound C-4 charge. The three wounded were evacuated to C and C. No additional information is available at this time.

At 271915H, Co A reported that a patrol deployed in an ambush position in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 052692), made contact with three VC, one of whom was armed with a BAR. The ambush element fired forty to fifty rounds of small arms and received four to five rounds in return. One VC appeared to have been wounded in the exchange and the enemy broke contact, moving in the direction of BINH KY (1) hamlet.

At 272030H, Co C reported receiving an estimated one hundred to one hundred fifty rounds of small arms fire in the vicinity of the Company CP at coordinates (BT 028690) from approximately ten VC. The enemy fire ceased when four rounds of 81mm HE were fired on suspected enemy positions in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 026688). No casualties were reported.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continues to occupy defensive positions in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR, south of the SONG CAU DO (river).

At 270855H, during the relief in place of Co E by Co G by helicopter, two Marines were WIA when elements of Co G received small arms sniper fire in the LZ at (AT 968684).

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At 271150H, Co G reported that a village policeman was wounded when hit by one round of small arms fire from the vicinity of coordinates (AT 971664). The sniper was observed and pursued to CAM NE (6), where he disappeared. A search was conducted, with negative results. The policeman's wound was described as light.

At 271251H, Co F relayed a report from the Chief of Police of HOA CHAU village that the inhabitants of YEN NE (4) hamlet have reported that seven VC are dead as the result of the Co F patrol action 251650H in the vicinity of LA BONG (2) hamlet, and as the result of actions during the past two days in the YEN NE (2) area. An unspecified number of VC were reported WIA as the result of the same actions. The Village Police Chief further reported that the VC have constructed a concealed tunnel, reinforced with railroad ties, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 975675) as an avenue of approach to YEN NE (4) hamlet.

At 271600H, Co G reported apprehending two Vietnamese women in YEN NE (3) hamlet. The apprehension was made upon the recommendation of a village policeman, who stated that the women were known by the villagers to be VC sympathizers. The women were evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

At 272014H, Co H reported observing what appeared to be six to eight mortar rounds impacting approximately 1500 meters in front of the Co H positions, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 006666). No additional information is available at this time.

The battalion S-2 reported that man-traps constructed to appear as foxholes have been discovered in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 980678). The man traps are 2' X 5' X 4', and have a false bottom which conceals a 2' space containing 18" - 24" punji stakes. (See attached diagram).

(3) Special Report. At 280500H, HOA CAM Training Center reported that, at 280400H, the center received an unspecified volume of small arms fire in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 965718). The report added that a patrol would be dispatched to investigate and that illumination would be fired in the area. No additional information is available.

(4) VC casualties since 10 July 1965:

Confirmed		Probable	
KIA	44	KIA	16
VC Apprehended	11	WIA	32
VCS Apprehended	129		

c. Destroyed and captured enemy materiel. None

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d. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications.

Tunnel - located coordinates (ST 044696). Length 25-30 feet.

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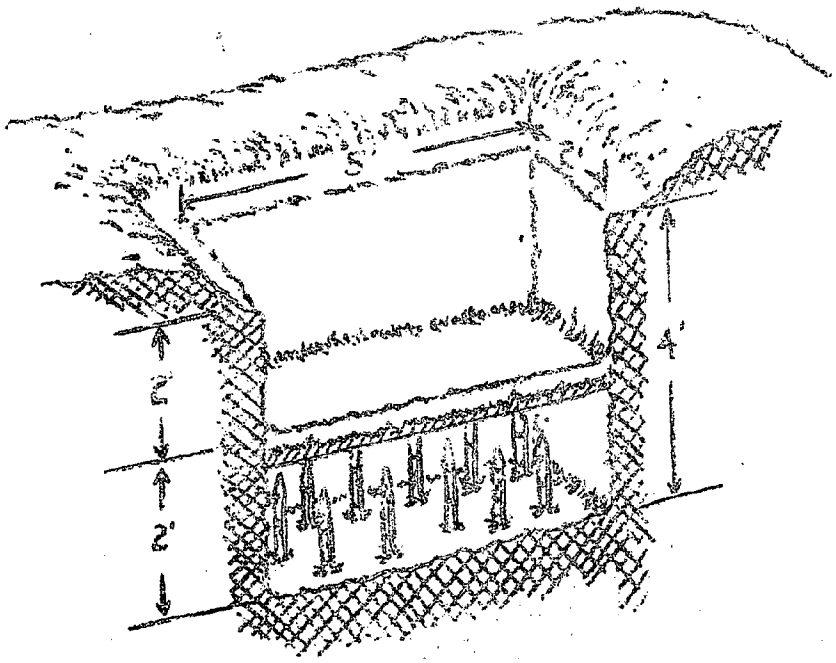

Schematic drawing of Man-Trap (Prone shelter constructed with concealed punji stakes).

All dimensions shown are approximate.

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

S/SAB/feb
3800
29 August 1965

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

1. Intelligence Summary #51, Period ending 290600H August 1965

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

b. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. At 220600H, Co A reported the apprehension of seven VCS in the vicinity of Grid Square (BT 0769). (See attached list). The VCS were evacuated to the ITT for investigation.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. At 231400H, a Co F patrol apprehended two male VCS in LE SON (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 985664). While escorting the VCS to Co F positions, the patrol received approximately thirty rounds of small-arms from the direction of LE SON (2) hamlet coordinates (AT 979681). No casualties were reported. The two VCS were evacuated to the ITT for investigation.

At 281500H, Co F reported the apprehension of three VCS, (one male and two females), in the vicinity of YEN NE (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 981680). The VCS were evacuated to the ITT for investigation.

At 282140H, Co F reported receiving approximately fifteen rounds small-arms sniper fire from the direction of YEN NE (3), coordinates (AT 981679). Small-arms fire and one 3.5 inch round was directed against the suspected enemy position and the enemy fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

At 290320H, a Co G patrol reported receiving several rounds of small-arms fire from the direction of LA DONG (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 969688). Machine gun and M-79 fire was directed against the suspected enemy position and the enemy fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

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(3) VC casualties since 10 July 1965:

Confirmed		Probable	
KIA	44	KIA	16
VC Apprehended	11	MIA	32
VCS Apprehended	139		

e. Destroyed and captured enemy material. Captured equipment:

2 - Grenades, hand (fragmentation), Chicom
1 - Flashlight
1 - Shirt (khaki) — OH BOY
1 - Belt, Cartridge — WOW
1 - Shirt (black) — GOLLY
300 - Cartridge Cases, Caliber .30, M-1 (fired)
1 - Bucket, approx four (4) gallons (4" round hole in top) - Gee Whiz
4 - Batteries, PRC/10 (taped and tied together for possible use as a mine detonator) I betcha

Above items found in vicinity of coordinates (BT 093643).

d. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications.

1 - Tank Trap, 8' X 10' (bamboo panjis). Found vicinity Coordinates (AT 988666)
1 - Gate (booby trapped) located vicinity Coordinates (AT 987663)
1 - Boat, 10' long (destroyed by WP grenade)

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3d AT Bn	(1)
1st Amtrac Bn	(1)
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LIST OF VCS CAPTURED BY A-1-5 ON 28 AUGUST 1965

NAME	AGE	COORDINATES OF CAPTURE	TIME OF CAPTURE
Huynh Van En	15	(BT 076697)	280700
Mai Lien	34	(BT 078693)	280730
Le Phi	48	(BT 078694)	280715
Nguyen Chau	33	(BT 075698)	280700
Huynh Van Chin	17	(BT 075699)	280630
Than Van	34	(BT 078693)	280800
Nguyen Quy	36	(BT 078693)	280730

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

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3300
30 August 1965

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

1. Intelligence Summary #52, Period ending 300600H August 1965

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

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. Commencing 290630H, Companies "A", "B", and "D", in a combined operation with the 593rd RF Company, conducted a search and destroy operation south of Marble Mountain.

Preliminary to the operation, at 290630H, an ARVN Liaison Officer aloft in an HUL8, broadcast instructions to the villagers, urging them to withdraw from the area in which the search and destroy operation would take place, and to move to the beach where transportation awaited to convey them to a civilian collection point where they would be secure, and provided food, temporary shelter and medical care. The battalion reported that seven hundred twenty nine villagers responded to this broadcast, thereby minimizing civilian interference with the conduct of the operation, facilitating movement and control, and contributing to the accomplishment of the search and destroy mission.

At 290830H, Company A reported initial contact with the enemy, resulting in three VC KIA and three VC captured. The report added that the bodies of the three VC KIA were carefully searched, then were turned over to the villagers for burial. One enemy weapon was captured -- a pistol reported to be of French manufacture -- and it was turned in to ITT for examination. The three VC prisoners were evacuated to ITT.

At 291025H, an FO attached to Company D reported that Company D had received ten 81mm mortar rounds in the vicinity of (BT 079682). No casualties were reported. (S-2 comment: This report was later modified to read "60mm", vice "81mm". No additional information is available at this time).

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At 292000H, the S-2 provided an interim report on the search and destroy operation being conducted by the battalion. The report stated that an estimated VC company was encountered in the area of the operation, and added that no concentration of VC forces was found, but rather that the enemy were dispersed throughout the area, coordinates (BT 069705) to (BT 083710), and (BT 100674) to (BT 075675). The report further stated that approximately ten 60mm mortar rounds were received, and an undetermined amount of automatic weapons fire. The report added that the VC suffered twelve KIA, eight WIA, eight VC apprehended, and seven VCS apprehended. Detailed information will be provided when assembled by the battalion. (S-2 comment: These figures do not include enemy losses reported by Company D, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, to wit: two KIA, three VCS, and one VCI).

At 291845H, Company A reported that two rounds of small arms fire were received from the direction of coordinates (BT 029720). Small arms fire was directed against the suspected enemy position and the enemy fire ceased.

At 292110H, the S-2 reported that seven hundred twenty nine villagers were processed and fed at the civilian collection point during the search and destroy operation, and that more than three hundred of these villagers were given treatment by the aid station established at the dilection point.

At 300335H, Company A reported receiving three 60mm mortar rounds in the vicinity of (BT 072700) from an undetermined location. One Marine was KIA, and one Marine WIA. No further information is available at this time.

At 300515H, Company D reported one Marine WIA as the result of a mine or booby trap detonated in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 082689). No further information is available at this time.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy defensive positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR.

At 291145H, Company G reported receiving three rounds of small arms fire from the direction of CAM NE (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 963685) to (AT 961684). A patrol was dispatched to locate the sniper, with negative results. No casualties were reported.

At 291345H, Company G reported that the ricefields in grid square (AT 9668) are heavily infested with anti-helicopter stakes. The report adds that, because of the height of the rice stalks, the stakes are impossible to discern at a distance.

At 291630H, Company H reported apprehending one male VCS in the vicinity of GIANG DONG hamlet (BT 006678). The VCS was evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

At 291730H, Company G reported receiving four rounds of small arms fire from a building located in BO BAN (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 956684), resulting in two USMC WIA. A patrol was dispatched and small arms and 3.5 inch rockets

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were directed at the suspected enemy position. The report adds that the patrol entered the building but found no indications of VC occupancy. The report indicated that the patrol received no casualties.

At 292015H, Company H reported that a deliberate ambush by a reinforced squad received small arms fire and several rounds of M-79 and was pinned down for approximately twenty five minutes in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 014669). The report added that the patrol was unable to discern the locations of the enemy positions and was forced to withdraw to Company H lines. No casualties were reported. The battalion S-2 comments that this action appears to confirm the report received from HOA VANG District Headquarters that a VC company has moved to QUA GIANG (1) hamlet (BT 017668). (See HOA VANG District Headquarters report under "Special Reports", this Intelligence Summary).

Late Reports -- A company H patrol conducted 28 August in the DUONG SON (3) area, reported that the villagers of DUONG SON (3) state that the VC had frequently used the village as a rest stop, usually between the hours of 2300H-0300H; but that, as the result of persistent USMC patrolling of the area, the VC had not entered the village for several nights.

A company G patrol conducted 28 August in the CAM NE (3) area reported that the villagers of CAM NE (3) state that NGO NAI (identified by the villagers as the CAM NE (3) VC hamlet chief) and HO NIEM (identified by the villagers as the CAM NE (3) hamlet VC Guerrilla Chief) were last seen on 18 August departing in a southwest direction.

(3) 3rd Recon Bn. At 291702H, Company D provided an interim report of VC losses as the result of the company's participation in the Ninth Marines search and destroy operation conducted in the Marble Mountain area. The report stated that Company D killed two VC, captured one VC and apprehended three VCS. The report added that one VC weapon, a rifle identified as a U.S. Rifle, Model 1903, was captured and turned in to 3rd Recon Bn for examination.

(4) Special Reports. At 292045H, HOA VANG District Headquarters reported one VC company, commanded by one PHAM THONG, displaced from DAT MY area, THANG SON village, coordinates (BT 012645), to QUA GIANG (1) hamlet, (BT 017668) and GIANG NAM hamlet (BT 017666). The report stated that this VC unit has the mission to ambush government convoys travelling along Highway #1. The report added that an undetermined number of Main Force VC and guerrilla troops have been deployed in scattered groups in the vicinity of LE SON and AI TRACH hamlets with the mission of observing USMC operations in the area.

At 292325H, G-2 reported that student demonstrations are expected in DA NANG commencing 300930H, and may continue for a period of one week. The report states that those demonstrations will be in support of similar demonstrations conducted in HUE last week. (S-2 comment: Previous reports from G-2 have indicated that the HUE demonstrations have been anti-GVN government in nature).

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(5) VC casualties since 10 July 1965:

KIA	*72
VC Apprehended	19
VCS Apprehended	147
WIA (Probable)	32

* Includes sixteen shown on previous reports as 'probable'.

NOTE: The above totals do not include enemy casualties reported by Company D, 3rd Recon Bn, participating in 9th Marines search and destroy operation, 29 August. (See 3rd Recon Bn Report, this Intelligence Summary).

c. Destroyed and captured enemy materiel.

1 - Pistol (Reported to be of French manufacture).

NOTE: Reports of additional destroyed or captured enemy materiel as a result of 1stBn, 9thMarines search and destroy operation were not received by the termination of the reporting period of this summary. Will be indicated on later summary.

d. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. See NOTE in sub paragraph 2. c. above.

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By direction

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

2/JAB/feb
3800
31 August 1965

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

1. Intelligence Summary #53, Period ending 310600H August 1965

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

b. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continues to occupy positions south of the DANANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river), with Company B occupying and patrolling the area in and around AN TRA (1) and (2), (BT 085696), as a continuation of the search and destroy operation which commenced 290630H in the Marble Mountain area. Company B (Rein) and one platoon of Company C participated in a combined search and destroy operation with Company H (-) from the 2nd Battalion in the area from (BT 018662) north to (BT 015674).

At 300915H, Company A reported the results of its investigation of the 60mm mortar attack at 300335H, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 072700), which resulted in one Marine KIA and one WIA. (See Intelligence Summary #52). The report stated that examination of fragments and other residue at the site indicated that at least one rifle grenade (HE fragmentation) and possibly two defensive hand grenades (stick-type) were employed in the attack. No evidence of mortar fragments was found, and the report concluded that the Marine casualties are attributable to a grenade attack. The report noted that two unexploded defensive hand grenades (stick-type), and one rifle grenade ([illegible]) were found during this investigation in close proximity to the site of the attack, providing additional evidence as to the means probably employed.

At 301640H, the battalion S-2 reported the apprehension of one VCS in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 080688). The report stated that there are indications this VCS is a member of an 81mm mortar platoon reported operating in this area. The VCS was evacuated to HOA VANG District [illegible] for investigation.

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At 301845H, battalion S-3 provided an interim report of the search and destroy operation conducted in the vicinity of QUA GIANG (1) and QUA GIANG (2) hamlets. The report indicated a total of twenty six suspicious persons were apprehended and evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation. (S-2 comment: This total included seven suspicious persons apprehended by Company H, 2nd Bn, during the conduct of this operation).

At 302015H, the S-2 Officer turned in a pouch retrieved by Marines of the 1st Platoon, Company B, from a fleeing Vietnamese in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 015663). The initial examination of the contents of the pouch indicated that it contained information and material pertaining to VC activities. The pouch was delivered to G-2 for subsequent analysis. No additional information is available at this time.

(2) 2nd Bn, 9th Mar. Continues to occupy defensive positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR. Company H (-) supported operation of Company B, 1st Bn, in the vicinity of QUA GIANG (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 003669).

At 301025H, a Company G patrol reported receiving small arms fire from the direction of coordinates (AT 956678). One Marine was WIA. An additional squad was dispatched to reinforce the patrol but the enemy fire was discontinued and no further contact was made.

At 301230H, Company H reported observing approximately one hundred personnel departing QUA GIANG (1) hamlet, moving in the direction of Highway #1. The report added that the personnel appeared to be unarmed villagers. (S-2 comment: The chronology of the search and destroy operation in the QUA GIANG area raises the suspicion that this movement of a sizable portion of QUA GIANG hamlet's population was attributable to foreknowledge of our plans. HOA VANG District Headquarters has been requested to interrogate the VCS apprehended during this operation regarding this possibility).

At 301900H, Company F reported the apprehension of three VCS in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 9868). The VCS were evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

At 301905H, Company H reported the apprehension of seven suspicious persons in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 000660) and (BT 006670). The suspects were evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

(3) Special Reports. At 301020H, 2nd Bn, 9th Marines relayed a report from a usually reliable source that a VC platoon is located in CAM NE (1) and CAM NE (6) hamlets. The report states that a VC unit armed with 81mm mortars, has established mortar positions in the vicinity of THACH BO hamlet, coordinates (AT 955683). The report adds that the commander of the VC platoon is one HUYNH KHI. (S-2 comment: This report was relayed to 3rd Marines, as THACH BO hamlet is located within 3rd Marines TAOR. 3rd Marines S-2 reports that a

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patrol was dispatched to investigate THACH BO, with negative results).

At 301430H, HOA VANG District Headquarters relayed a report from a Political Action Team (RVN) which have operated in CAM NE village area, that two VC platoons are located within YEN NE (4) hamlet, coordinates (BT 974677). This report was rated G-4. (S-2 comment: At 301530H, Company G dispatched a patrol to YEN NE (4) to investigate this report. The patrol reported finding no indications of recent VC occupancy).

(4) VC casualties since 10 July 1965:

KIA	72
VC Apprehended	19
VCS Apprehended	151

c. Destroyed and captured enemy materiel.

1 - Grenade, rifle (ENERGA) destroyed in place (See paragraph 2.b.(1), 300915H entry, this summary)
2 - Grenades, defensive, fragmentation (stick-type). Rendered inert (See paragraph 2.b.(1), 300915H entry, this summary)
1 - Pouch, waterproof, containing unevaluated documents (See paragraph 2.b.(1), 302015H entry, this summary)

d. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. No report.

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3dMar	(1)
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2/9	(1)
3/9	(1)
3d TnkBn	(1)
3d AT Bn	(1)
1st Amtrac Bn	(1)
2/12	(1)
S-3	(1)
S-2	(3)
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