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9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade
FPO San Francisco 96601

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3 May 1965

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade

Subj: Command Diary (Report Symbol MC-5750-02); submission of

Ref: (a) 9th MEBO 5750.1

Encl: (1) 3d Marine Regiment Command Diary for the Period 1-30 April 1965

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND DIARY

1 April through 30 April 1965

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Enclosure (1)

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PART I

1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines (-) (Rein)

2. Period Covered. 1 April - 30 April 1965

3. Date of Submission. 3 May 1965

4. Commanding Officer. Colonel E. B. WHEELER

5. Command Posts. Initially at Camp Schwab, Okinawa. At 061500I, the command post shifted to the USS WHITFIELD COUNTY (LST 1169). At 130800, the command post opened vicinity DA NANG, Vietnam, at coordinates 983743.

6. Subordinate Units

HqCo, 3d Marines	Capt D. L. NICHOLS
1stBn, 3d Marines	LtCol H. J. BAIN (1-27 Apr)
	Maj R. J. LYONS (28 Apr)
	LtCol W. H. J. LANAGAN (29 -30 Apr)
2dBn, 3d Marines	LtCol D. A. CLEMENT
3dBn (Rein), 4th Marines	LtCol D. R. JONES (1-23 Apr)
	LtCol W. W. TAYLOR (24-30 Apr)
3dBn, 9th Marines	LtCol C. E. MCPARTLIN Jr.
Co A (-) (Rein), 3d Tk Bn	1stLt E. T. METZ
Co A (-) (Rein), 3d AT Bn	1stLt R. J. DONOHUE
Co D (-) (Rein), 3d Recon Bn	Capt P. G. COLLINS

Enclosure (1)

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PART II

1. Mission Assigned. At the beginning of the report period RLT-3 Headquarters was activated for planning as the number one surface RLT. On 4 April, the RLT was activated for operations and directed to load aboard 4 LSTs and proceed to DA NANG, Vietnam. Upon landing and assuming operational control of the 3d Marines (-) (Rein), the Regiment was directed to occupy and defend key terrain at DA NANG/HUE PHU BAI and provide security for the airfields at HUE PHU BAI and DA NANG, the 8th RRU at HUE PHU BAI and the Hawk Missile Battery situated on Hill 327 at DA NANG. On 20 April, the mission was expanded to include undertaking aggressive combat patrolling within TAORs and being prepared to conduct offensive operations as a mobile reaction force.

2. Movements Made. RLT-3 Headquarters loaded aboard assigned shipping during the period 5-7 April and sailed for DA NANG, Vietnam. Commencing 12 April, the RLT Headquarters off-loaded at DA NANG and occupied the present command post location.

3. Terrain and Weather. Terrain and weather had little effect on training. However, when deep patrols were authorized within the enlarged TAORs, an average of six heat casualties per day resulted. Because of the heat and humidity, the wearing of body aromor on patrols and operations was made optional in order to reduce the number of heat casualties.

4. Training Conducted. In spite of the mission assigned and the increased tempo of operations on 20 April, a significant amount of training was conducted by all units. Training was orientated along the lines prescribed in 9th MEB orders. Additional details as to training conducted are contained in Part III (Supporting Documents).

5. Morale and Discipline. The morale of this command during this period was extremely high. The movement from Okinawa and the prospect of combat ~~is~~ was a large contributing factor. The prompt arrival of mail, the hot meals, adequate shelter and the establishment of clubs has helped maintain this state of morale.

There have been exceptionally few disciplinary problems for a command of this size noted during this period. It is felt that the low rate of disciplinary problems is directly related to the high morale of this command.

6. Summary of Events

On 040825Z, RLT-3 was activated for operations. A Movement Report, Troop List and Weapons Density was submitted to CG, 3dMarDiv. Preparations were made to embark the major portion of 1/3 and 2/3 rear echelon and their remaining personnel, supplies and field equipment with RLT-3. Loading Plans were prepared for USS WHITFIELD COUNTY (LST-1169) USS VERNON COUNTY (LST-1161), USS WINDHAM COUNTY (LST-1170), USS WASHOE COUNTY (LST-1165). Troop Commanders and Embarkation Officers were assigned to each ship, and a tentative loading time was set at 051800I. Blocks of supplies were assigned to each ship. Concurrently, all personnel accounting cards of the attached units were submitted to the S-1 and then rearranged by ship for the preparation of embarkation rosters.

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Data Processing Platoon and Division Reproduction compiled and printed the embarkation rosters. Immediate distribution was made to the Commanding Officer of Troops assigned to each ship for correction of errors and updating. All corrected embarkation rosters were delivered to the Officer-in-Charge of 3d Marines Sub-Unit for distribution.

By 051100I April, rough loading plans for all ships had been completed. Current information was not available concerning the following three items: (1) composition of ammunition blocks; (2) composition of assigned encampment/garrison block; and (3) composition of additional 1/3 and 2/3 supplies. This lack of information precluded the preparation of accurate loading plans until the ships were actually loaded. Supplies continued to arrive at NAHA PORT and WHITE BEACH during loading. Beach support included fork lifts, cranes, and dunnage. POL cribs were constructed on the main decks of two ships at NAHA LST Ramp by personnel from 3d Engineer Battalion. At 051600I, the majority of vehicles and personnel departed from their various camps for embarkation points at NAHA PORT and WHITE BEACH. Supplies, rations, vehicles, and the assigned encampment/garrison blocks continued to arrive throughout the night. Loading continued in an orderly and efficient manner. By 060800I, the VERNON COUNTY completed loading at NAHA and sailed to WHITE BEACH to load ammunition. The WHITFIELD COUNTY and WINDHAM COUNTY moved to POL piers at NAHA and commenced loading POL.

The arrival of a Japanese tanker that required immediate berthing, resulted in a six hour delay in loading the USS WHITFIELD COUNTY and the movement of rations by stake bed trucks to another loading area. By 070500I, rough drafts of corrected loading plans were delivered to OIC, Sub-Unit No. 1, HqCo, 3dMar, for delivery to the Division Embarkation Officer. At 0830I, the WHITFIELD COUNTY, WINDHAM COUNTY and WASHOE COUNTY had completed loading and departed NAHA PORT for DA NANG. By 071400I, the VERNON COUNTY had completed loading ammunition at WHITE BEACH and sailed for DA NANG. Sailing reports were made from each ship via Navy communications in accordance with 3dMarDiv SOP.

At 071055I, CO, RLT-3, and a party of four departed FUTEMA via flight 5 for DA NANG to conduct liaison and initiate planning prior to the arrival of the remainder of the RLT Headquarters. Close coordination with 9th MEB was established and a detailed reconnaissance of the area was made by the 11th. Additionally, the Commanding Officer visited HUE PHU BAI on the 10th. During this visit a reconnaissance of the area was made, American advisors and units were visited and initial coordination was made with the CG, 1st Vietnamese Army Division, concerning the introduction of American forces into the area. That same day BLT 2/3 was briefed aboard the USS MT MCKINLEY concerning the arrangements that had been made.

The Regimental Headquarters chopped to CG, 9th MEB at 121200H and the four LSTs commenced off-loading personnel, vehicles and supplies, utilizing lighters and the LST ramp at TIEN SHA PENNINSULA adjacent to DA NANG. All POL, MCIs and "B" rations were delivered to BLSG. Supplies belonging to RLT-3 Hq, BLT 1/3 and BLT 2/3 were staged at RLT-3 CP site at coordinates 983743. The Command Post was officially opened the following morning at 0800H. Off-loading of all four ships was completed at about 131700H April, and all supplies were delivered to their destination by 2200H that night. Construction of the Camp area proceeded rapidly and efforts to improve it continue.

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At 140832H, 3/4 landed two reinforced rifle companies, a command element, 81mm mortar platoon and two sections of the 106mm RR platoon over Red Beach 2 and reported to this Headquarters for operational control. This force relieved Task Force ALPHA at HUE PHU BAI, which was returned to join 2/3 in their assigned TAOR at DA NANG. The exchange was effected by helicopters on the 14th. Task Force ALPHA was dissolved upon return to DA NANG.

On 15 April, Gen THROCKMORTON visited PHU BAI. A live fire demonstration was conducted on Hill 268 by 1/3 for Assistant Ambassador JOHNSON on 16 April. Additionally, he toured all 3d Marines areas. Gen WESTMORELAND visited 3d Marines positions on 17 and 18 April.

By 181200H, 3/4 had unloaded all Class III, personnel and vehicles. 96% of Class II, 99% of Class V and 50% of "L" Form supplies were on the beach. 3/4 completed unloading and closed PHU BAI on 20 April, several days earlier than had been anticipated.

Additional emphasis was placed on security as intelligence indicated an increased probability of VC attempts at infiltration and sabotage. Numerous incidents were reported on 18 April concerning incoming small arms fire. At 180920H, a large explosion inside the DA NANG Airfield resulted in 3/9 being placed on 100% alert and being directed to unilaterally search all Vietnamese vehicles on the Airfield for explosives and fire arms. Investigation revealed that the explosion was caused by a bomb falling off a Vietnamese ammunition truck resulting in a sympathetic detonation of other bombs and napalm. 3/9's alert status was terminated.

In an effort to improve the effectiveness of the 81mm mortar platoons in the Regiment, this Headquarters launched a program of firing for all battalions on 17 April. A two-day FIREX for each platoon was scheduled with a test administered by Regiment as the final phase.

At 190800H, RLT-3 was task organized as 3d Marines (-) (Rein) and a new Regimental task organization was published. Tanks, Antitanks, and Reconnaissance Platoons in the DA NANG area were detached from the infantry battalions and placed in direct support under the parent company administrative control. The first of several 3d Marines OPs was established at coordinates 922738 and there are currently four in operation.

9th MEB, in coordination with I Corps, negotiated a greatly enlarged TAOR. Similarily, a TAOR was established at PHU BAI for 3/4 in coordination with CG, 1st Division. On 20 April, the Regiment was authorized to commence daylight patrolling within this expanded TAOR. Consequently, on that day, Co D, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, attached to 1/3, sallied forth beyond the immediate area of hill masses 327, 268 and 368, 271. Initial objectives included route reconnaissance, limited hinterland reconnaissance and to see and be seen by the local populace. The first day's patrol was completed without incident as was another on 21 April. Valuable information of the area to an immediate front was obtained. 3/9 also began patrolling around the perimeter of the airfield on 20 April.

On 22 April the Regiment engaged the VC in combat for the first time. The engagement began in the vicinity of BINH THAI when the Reconnaissance

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Company was fired on by an estimated 150 VC. In order to capitalize on the situation, 1/3's quick reaction company was helilifted into the area. They became engaged and the enemy was pursued to the west and south. The firing continued throughout the early afternoon and when contact was finally lost both units were helilifted back to the battalion CP area. As a result of this action there was one VC KIA and two probable WIA. We also suffered our first battle casualties. Two Marines were wounded, neither seriously. A lesson learned during this day's operation was the impracticallity of fighting in the climate of SVN while wearing standard Marine Corps body armor. There were six heat casualties during the operation. Upon the completion of the 23 April patrol and effective 232400I, the Reconnaissance Company was detached from 1/3 and placed in general support.

By 24 April all elements of the Regiment had commenced daylight reconnaissance patrolling. Patrols around the airfield proceeded without incident as did 2/3's early patrols. However, in 1/3's TAOR patrols continued to receive intermittent sniper fire and harrassment resulting in several casualties, most of which were minor. 2/3 provided an ambush force to attempt to apprehend persons who had been harrassing Battery L, 4/12. The ambush remained in position all night but there was no activity in the area. LtCol JONES, CO of 3/4, apparently suffered a heart attack and was evacuated. LtCol TAYLOR assumed command.

The Commanding General, 9th MEB, inspected 3/9 on 23 and 24 April.

On the night of 23 April, 3/4 established a listening post on Hill 161, manned by elements of the attached Reconnaissance platoon. The post was attacked at 240101H. A sharp fire fight at close range ensued involving automatic weapons and hand grenades. The enemy was repulsed leaving two KIA on the battle ground and evidence pointed to two more WIA. 3/4 casualties included 2 KIA and 4 WIA.

Traffic control points were established at either end of the village of HOA PHAT by Marine and Vietnamese MPs, at 3d Marines request. Traffic flow has since noticeably improved. A People-to-People Officer has been appointed and plans are being drawn regarding a possible medical aid project in HOA PHAT.

On 26 April, patrols continued to be conducted within assigned TAORs including a company size road and area reconnaissance around Hill Mass 368. Significant contact was not noted. Fortification materials continue to be in short supply.

Light and scattered sniper fire was encountered during 25 April by 1/3 and 2/3 while engaged in aggressive patrolling. Two VC captives were taken but no organized resistance was noted.

During 28 April, 2/3 patrolled north and west of Hill 393 with 1/3 initially following in trace. No contact except an isolated sniper or two. 2/3's patrol swept to the northwest towards HOA MY. High grass, thick brush and rough terrain provided little circulation of fresh air and proved hard going. Company D, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, supporting 2/3, set in drop-off ambushes behind and to the flank of the patrol. This action paid dividends as two VC were surprised by one of these ambushes and taken under fire. One was killed and the other captured. 3/4 conducted daylight patrols and established night ambushes.

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This Regiment was honored by the visit of the Commandant of the Marine Corps on 28 April. He ate lunch in Company D, 1/3, mess hall on Hill 327. Following lunch, the Commandant flew over the Regimental positions and, after landing at 2/3 CP, was briefed on their disposition and plans. Additionally, the Commandant visited 3/4 at HUE PHU BAI.

At 290700H, 1/3 patrol departed by truck to their selected Point of Departure, dismounted and continued by foot. After reaching Check Point 26, the patrol's leading elements flushed two VC and took them under fire. No further incident occurred on this day. 3/9 conducted two reconnaissance patrols in the vicinity of the airfield. The Regimental Commander visited the 3/9 CP area and inspected the defensive perimeter. Also, Company D, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion made an aerial reconnaissance of the extreme western portion of the TAOR as the initial stage in establishing several observation posts to provide advance warning of the enemy approaching the DA NANG area. Resupply of patrols with water was accomplished by helicopter. Additionally, nine boxes of medical supplies for stock pile purposes were airlifted to HUE PHU BAI.

Late the 29th, a report was received that a VC regiment was massing in PHU LAC. The report was never confirmed. However, at 300025, 2/3 CP reported seeing 200-300 people about 2000 meters north of their CP. As a precautionary measure, 2/3 deployed a reinforced company to a blocking position vicinity 955778. Additionally, Co A (-), 3d Tank Battalion and one company of 1/3 were placed on a ten minute alert. No further reports of sightings were received and the regiment secured from the alert at 0608.

All units engaged in aggressive patrolling on the 30th. 1/3 was helilifted to a LZ west of Hill 393. All other patrols were foot patrols. Except for sniper fire near BINH THAI there was no enemy activity reported. All patrols returned prior to dark.

During this period, the Regiment suffered two KIAs, 17 WIA, twelve of which were only slightly wounded. We inflicted on the Viet Cong five KIA, two WIA with four more probable WIA and five captured.

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19 April 1965

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, Ninth MEB

Subj: Request for support of Reconaissance Company Patrol

Ref: (a) CG, 9th MEB ltr ser 3/JPW/labn dtd 17 April 1965

Encl: (1) Reconaissance Patrol Overlay

1. In accordance with reference (a), this Headquarters intends to commence patrolling the area to the west of our present TAOR's on 20 April. Enclosure (1) depicts the patrol routes for 20 April. The mission of the initial patrol is to conduct route, bridge and limited hinterland reconaissance; to be seen and to create favorable impression on the Vietnamese people in the area.

2. Company "D", 3d Reconaissance Battalion will conduct the patrol. Two platoons will cover the routes depicted in enclosure (1). The third platoon, mounted in vehicles, will generally be operating between the other patrols and will be prepared to move rapidly to assist either of the foot patrols if necessary, as well as act as a communications link. The foot patrols will cross their IP's at 0700H and will return by 1700H. The motorized patrol will displace from the vicinity of the northern IP in time to insure continuous positive communications between the foot patrols and the company headquarters.

3. It is requested that the following support be provided for this operation:

a. Four H-34's on 15-min stand-by. Pick-up point LZ DOVE.

b. Vietnamese Civil Affairs personnel, or if not available, English speaking Vietnamese liaison personnel.

c. A battery of artillery tracking the patrol from time of departure to time of return.

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d. An OE overhead as an additional communications link. Considering the distances involved, this coverage should not be required. However, the training derived will stand us in good stead when longer range reconaissance missions are assigned the company and an airborne relay station is actually required.

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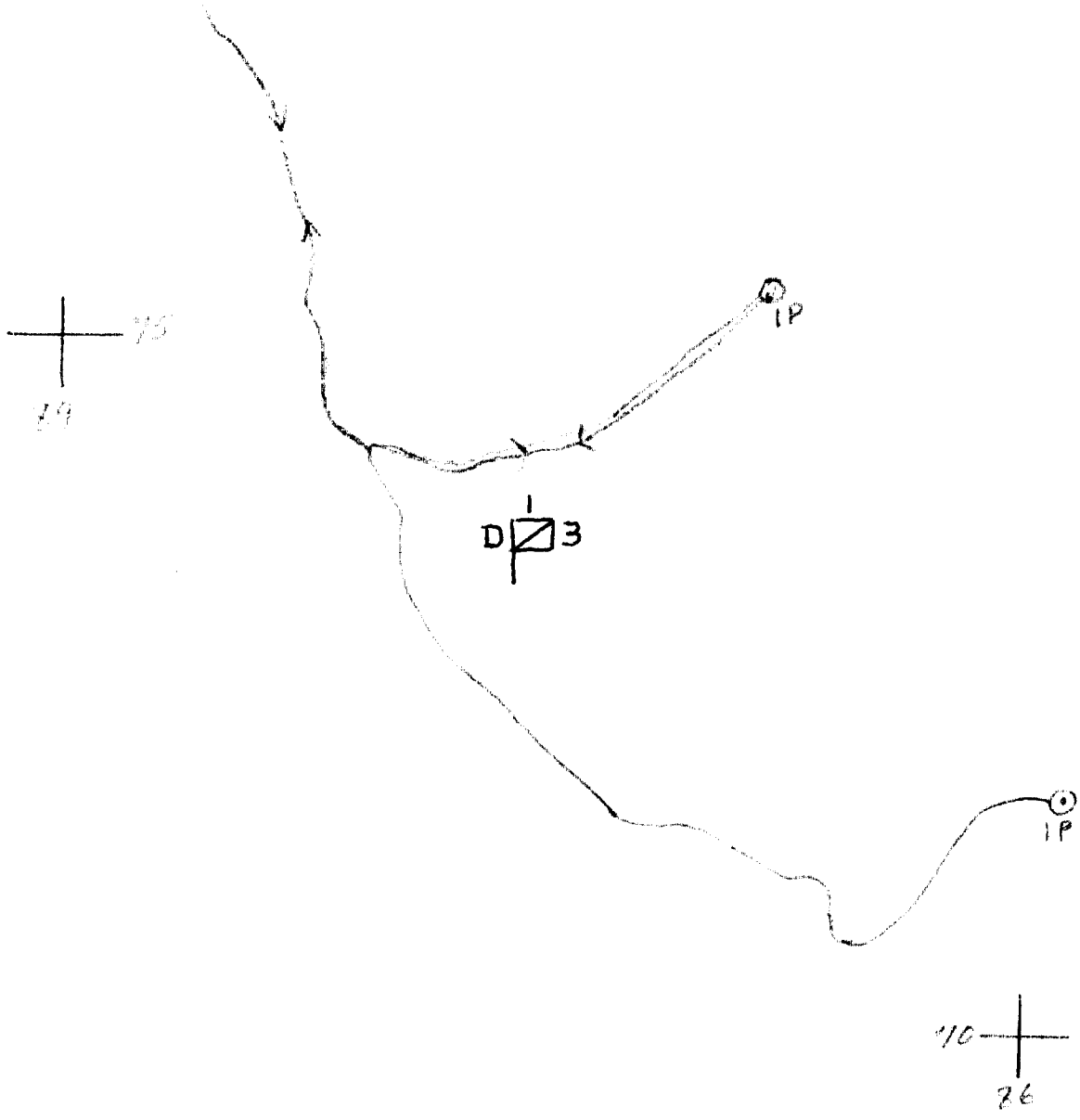

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16 APRIL 1965

HEADQUARTERS
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9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade
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REPORT OF PATROL INCIDENT OF 162100H APRIL

1. At dusk on 16 April the 1st Battalion, 3d Marines located a listening post at 947722. This listening post wasmanned by two members of the 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion attched to the infantry battalions. These men were:

WHITE, Kenneth H	PFC	2056369
LAGLE, Charles D	PFC	1987780

Pfc WHITE was in charge of this patrol.

2. The men were assigned a general location to establish their listening posts and were transported to the general area by vehicle ablong the south side of Hill 327. While on the vehicles the men observed about fifteen to thirty men and two women watching over a herd of approximately nine head of cattle in the vicinity of grid square 9471. They also observed an unusually large number of young adult males in one of the small villages in this area. The men were taken about one and one half miles past the spot that they would establish their listening post where they dismounted and doubled back by foot along the road to their assigned areas. It was still daylight when these two Marines arrived at the general position of their listening post. At dusk they moved to a more favorable position.

3. At approximately 2100, while trying to establish radio contact, small arms fire was received at their position. They immediately hit the deck and returned the fire. The first round hit their water can which was near by. The round shattered the handle and overturned the can. The VC were not using automatic weapons. The men have previously heard carbines fired and compared the firing to this type weapon, also, one of the weapons may have been an M-1. The flashes from the enemy rifles appeared to be about forty to eighty yeards away, covering a frontage of about forty to fifty yards. The Marines returned the fire immediately with their two modified M-14 rifles. About 20 rounds were fired by the Marines. Then one of the Marines, Pfc WHITE, threw a hand grenade at the center of the group. They heard an agonizing scream and assumed one of the VC had been wounded. The VC began to withdraw in a southerly direction firing sporadically. During this period, Pfc LAGLE was hit in the face with a fragment of splintered wood that apparently resulted from a round hitting a nearby tree. This man lost his vision and kept down while the other one continued to fire at the enemy. After the enemy withdrew, the Marines reestablished radio contact. Pfc WHITE did not consider that he could return Pfc LAGLE to the lines, so the Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion directed that a patrol be sent out to bring him back. A two squad patrol from "H" Company was sent to their aid and returned the two man patrol to the battalion area about 0300. The larger patrol did not make contact with any enemy.

Pfc LAGLE received a blow near the eye that caused his vision to blur. He also received superficial scratches on the face and wood splinters in the eyes. He is being x-rayed to see if he has a fracture of the facial

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cones that caused the sight blurring. He has not been evacuated.

A patrol from "D" Company is returning to the location of the action today to look for additional evidence of the enemy.

Pfc WHITE was debriefed by the Regimental Commanding Officer at 0400.

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FROM: CO THIRD MARINES
TO: CO NINTH MEB

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OPERATION SUMMARY NO. 1

PERIOD COVERED 110001H - 172400H APRIL

1. OPERATIONS AND TRAINING. THE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS CHOPPED TO CG 9TH MEB AT 121200H, COMMENCED UNLOADING AT THE MONKEY MOUNTAIN 1ST RAMP AND MOVED PERSONNEL, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT TO THE SELECTED CP SITE AT COORDINATES 983743. THE COMMAND POST WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED THE FOLLOWING MORNING AT 0800H AND OFF LOADING WAS FINISHED DURING THE EVENING OF THE SAME DAY. THE CONSTRUCTION FO THE CAMP AREA PROCEEDED RAPIDLY AND EFFORTS TO IMPROVE IT CONTINUE.

AT 130800H OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF 1/3, 2/3, TASK FORCE ALPHA AND 3/9 WAS ASSUMED. IN ADDITION, RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE DA NANG AREA AND UNITED STATES INSTALLATIONS IN THE PHU BAI AREA WERE ASSUMED.

3/4 LANDED TWO REINFORCED RIFLE COMPANIES, A COMMAND ELEMENT, 81MM MORTAR PLATOON AND TWO SECTIONS OF THE 106MM RR PLATOON OVER RED BEACH 2 COMMENCING AT 140832, AND REPORTED TO THIS HEADQUARTERS FOR OPERATIONAL CONTROL. THIS FORCE WAS THEN TRANSPORTED TO PHU BAI BY HELICOPTER TO RELIEVE TASK FORCE ALPHA. TASK FORCE ALPHA PERSONNEL WERE RETURNED TO DA NANG AND MOVED INTO THE TAOR WITH THE REMAINDER OF 2/3. TASK FORCE ALPHA WAS DISSOLVED AND THE BATTALION EXPANDED ITS OPERATIONS IN ITS TAOR.

ON 15 APRIL, THE DAY FOLLOWING THE LANDING OF 3/4 AT DA NANG, THE REMAINDER OF THE BATTALION COMMENCED OFF LOADING OPERATIONS AT HUE. THIS INVOLVED A SEVEN MILE MOVEMENT BY LANDING CRAFT UP THE SONG HUE AND THEN MOVEMENT TO PHU BAI VIA HIGHWAY 1. OFF LOADING OPERATIONS AT HUE CONTINUED AND ARE STILL IN PROGRESS, AS THE REPORTING PERIOD ENDS. THE BULK OF THE BATTALION AND ITS EQUIPMENT ARE CURRENTLY AT PHU BAI AND THE BATTALION HAS ESTABLISHED CONTROL OVER ITS ASSIGNED TAOR.

3/9 AND 1/3 CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE AIRFIELD AND CONTROL THEIR ASSIGNED TAOR, RESPECTIVELY. CONSIDERING THE SITUATION, THESE TWO UNITS CONDUCTED A GOOD DEAL OF TRAINING WITH EMPHASIS ON TYPES PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE FOR THE AREA OF OPERATIONS AND LIKELY WAYS OF EMPLOYMENT.

DURING THE NIGHT OF 16-17 APRIL, A RECONNAISSANCE LISTENING POST ENGAGED IN A BRIEF FIRE FIGHT DURING WHICH ONE MAN WAS SLIGHTLY INJURED. IT IS BELIEVED ONE VC WAS WOUNDED BY A GRENADE THROWN BY ONE OF THE TWO MEN. THE VC WITHDREW AND THE TWO MARINES REMAINED IN POSITION. THEY WITHDREW TO THEIR LINES AFTER BEING JOINED BY A TWO SQUAD PATROL FROM CO D, 1/3.

DURING THE VISIT OF ASSISTANT AMBASSADOR JOHNSON ON 16 APRIL, 1/3 CONDUCTED A LIVE FIRING DEMONSTRATION ON HILL 268. ORGANIC RIFLE COMPANY WEAPONS AND THE 106MM RR WERE DEMONSTRATED AND FIRED.

ONE PLATOON FROM 1/3 WAS ALERTED AT 172174, PREPARED TO ASSIST ONE OF THE ARTILLERY BATTERIES, THAT APPEARED TO BE UNDER ATTACK. ALERT SECURED AT 180010H.

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2. ADMINISTRATION

A. PUBLIC RELATIONS. VISIT BY LIFE MAGAZINE REPRESENTATIVES AT 3D MARINES CP ON 16 APRIL.

B. VISITS BY VIPS

(1) 15 APR - GEN THROCKMORTON VISITED PHU BAI.

(2) 16-17 APR - MR. JOHNSON, VICE AMBASSADOR TO VIETNAM, VISITED UNITS OF 3D MARINES.

(3) 17 APR - GEN WESTMORELAND VISITED PHU BAI.

C. SIGNIFICANT PEOPLE TO PEOPLE PROJECTS. NONE

D. COMMAND CHANGES. NONE

E. PERSONNEL SUMMARY AS OF 171800H APR.

	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
HQ CO 3D MAR(-)	20	128	0	2
CO D 3D RECON BN(-)	4	58	0	3
CO A 3D AT BN(-)	3	52	0	1
CO A 3D TK BN(-)	4	96	0	2
1/3	40	964	3	53
2/3	42	911	3	37
3/9	42	923	3	51
3/4	55	1341	5	56

DEATHS. NONE

3. LOGISTICS.

AT ABOUT 1200H, 12 APR 1965 USS WHITFIELD COUNTY (LST 1169)BEGAN OFFLOADING RLT-3 HQ PERSONNEL, VEHICLES AND SUPPLIES AT TIEN SHA PENNINSULA. THE USS WASHOE COUNTY (LST 1165) WAS OFF-LOADED BY LIGHTERS WITH VEHICLES GOING TO COMMERCIAL PIER IN DANANG AND SUPPLIES GOING TO LST RAMP AT TIEN SHA. THEREAFTER, THE USS VERNON COUNTY (LST 1161) AND THE USS WINDHAM COUNTY (LST 1170)WERE OFF LOADED AT THE LST RAMP IN THAT ORDER. ALL POL, MCI'S AND "B" RATIONS WERE SENT TO BLSG. SUPPLIES BELONGING TO RLT-3 HQ, BLT 1/3 AND BLT 2/3 WERE STAGED IN RLT-3 CP. OFFLOADING WAS COMPLETED AT ABOUT 1700, 13 APR AND THE LAST OF THE ~~[illegible]~~ OFF LOADED SUPPLIES WERE REMOVED FROM THE RAMP STAGING AREA AT ABOUT 2200, 13 APR 65.

ON 14 APR, 1/3 PICKED UP ITS SUPPLIES; 2/3 PICKED UP ITS SUPPLIES AT REGIMENTAL CP FOR POSITIONING IN ITS NEW CP.

ON 14 APR, 3/4 COMMENCED OFF LOADING AT HUE AND IT IS STILL CONTINUING.

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4. COMMUNICATIONS

THE SINGLE SIDE-BAND FAMILY OF EQUIPMENT HAS HELD UP VERY WELL DURING THIS OPERATION, ESPECIALLY IN AN OPERATIONAL COMPLEX WHICH INCLUDES TWO NEAR BATTALIONS, ONE BATTALION MASKED BY TERRAIN, AND A DISPERSED BATTALION 60 MILES DISTANT. NO OTHER EQUIPMENT COULD HAVE SERVED THIS PURPOSE.

THE NATURE OF THIS OPERATION CALLS FOR INSTANT AND CONSTANT COMMUNICATIONS. IN ORDER TO HANDLE THE DAILY TRAFFIC, THIS REGIMENT IS UTILIZING A COMMUNICATIONS COMPLEX OF LAND WIRE LINES, RADIO RELAY, AND RADIO NET, EACH PARALLELING THE OTHER. THIS GIVES THE UNIT THE CAPABILITY OF COMMUNICATIONS WITHOUT TOTAL RELIANCE ON ONE MEDIA.

5. PLANS. PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY.

6. MISCELLANEOUS. NONE.

DRAFTER G. H. HYNDMAN RELEASER D. H. BROOKS

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FROM: CO THIRD MARINES
TO: CG NINTH MEB

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OPERATION SUMMARY NO. 2

PERIOD COVERED: 180001H TO 242400H APRIL 1965

1. OPERATIONS AND TRAINING. DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD, INCREASED EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON SECURITY, SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO PREVENT INFILTRATION OR ATTACKS ON KEY INSTALLATIONS BY INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZED VC UNITS. INCREASED DAYLIGHT PATROLLING WAS AUTHORIZED IN THE ENLARGED TAOR ON 20 APRIL. REGIMENT TESTED TWO BATTALIONS ON MORTAR PROFICIENCY WITH EMPHASIS ON RECEIVING FIRE MISSIONS DURING AN APPROACH MARCH. NUMEROUS INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED ON 18 APRIL CONCERNING INCOMING SMALL ARMS FIRE. ADDITIONALLY, AT 180920H, A LARGE EXPLOSION INSIDE THE DA NANG AIRFIELD RESULTED IN 3/9 BEING PLACED ON 100% ALERT, AND DIRECTED TO UNILATERALLY SEARCH ALL VIETNAMESE VEHICLES ON THE AIR FIELD FOR EXPLOSIVES AND FIRE ARMS. THE EXPLOSION WAS CAUSED BY A BOMB FALLING OFF A VIETNAMESE AMMUNITION TRUCK RESULTING IN A SYMPATHETIC DETONATION OF OTHER BOMBS AND NAPALM.

AN/TPS-21 RECORDED NUMEROUS GROUPS OF PERSONNEL MOVING IN GRID SQUARE 9575 THE NIGHT OF 19 APRIL. ISOLATED INCIDENTS OF SNIPER FIRE WERE NOTED.

DURING 20-24 APRIL, 1/3 CONDUCTED DAYLIGHT RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS EMPLOYING THE ATTACHED RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY AND ORGANIC RIFLE COMPANIES. THE FIRST TWO PATROLS PROCEEDED WITHOUT INCIDENT AND WERE WELL RECEIVED BY THE LOCAL POPULACE. HOWEVER, ON 22 APRIL, THE PATROL MADE CONTACT WITH VIET CONG FORCES NEAR BINH THAI AND A FIRE FIGHT ENSUED WHICH LASTED FOR SEVERAL HOURS. THE QUICK REACTION COMPANY WAS FLOWN IN BY HELICOPTER TO REINFORCE CO D, 3D RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION. CONTACT WAS LOST DURING THE AFTERNOON AND ALL PERSONNEL WERE RETURNED TO THE CP AREA BY HELICOPTER. TWO MARINES WERE WIA AND VIET CONG CASUALTIES INCLUDED ONE KIA AND TWO PROBABLE WIA.

1/3 PATROLS ON 23 AND 24 APRIL WERE HARRASSED BY SNIPER FIRE WHICH RESULTED IN ONE WIA. OTHERWISE THEY PROCEEDED WITHOUT INCIDENT. THREE HUNDRED VIET CONG WERE REPORTED OPERATING IN THE VICINITY OF MY SON ON 23 APRIL. IN AN EFFORT TO LOCATE AND FIX THEMTHE QUICK REACTION COMPANY WAS FLOWN IN AND SWEPT THE AREA SOUTH OF AND PARALLEL TO THE PATROL ROUTE WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT.

CO D, 3D RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION WAS ATTACHED TO 1/3 FOR THEPURPOSE OF INITIATING THE PHASE OF DAYLIGHT RECONNAISSANCE ON 20 APRIL. UPON COMPLETION OF THEIR MISSION, AND EFFECTIVE 232400H, THE COMPANY WAS DETACHED AND RETURNED TO GS OF THE REGIMENT.

2/3 PATROLLED THE AREA NORTH AND EAST OF THEIR COMMAND POST ON 24 APRIL AND 3/9 CONDUCTED TWO RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS DURING THE PERIOD AROUND THE DA NANG AIRFIELD. CONTACT WAS NOT MADE BY ANY OF THESE PATROLS. 2/3 PROVIDED FORCES FORNIGHT SECURITY OF ARTILLERY POSITIONS ON 21 APRIL AND ESTABLISHED AN AMBUSH NEAR L BATTERY AND THE 8" PLATOON ON 20 APRIL IN AN ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE UNIDENTIFIED PERSONNEL WHO HAD BEEN HARRASSING THESE UNITS AT NIGHT. THE AMBUSH REMAINED IN POSITION ALL NIGHT BUT THERE WAS NO ACTIVITY.

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3/4 COMPLETED UNLOADING AT HUE AND CLOSED PHU BAI ON 20 APRIL. THEY HAVE CONTINUED TO DEVELOP AND EXPAND THEIR OPERATIONS IN THE PHU BAI AREA.

ON 20 APRIL, A TRUCK, ENGAGED IN MOVING SUPPLIES FOR 3/4, RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE RESULTING IN A PUNCTURED TIRE. DURING THAT NIGHT SEVERAL SMALL VC PROBES AND OCCASIONAL SNIPER FIRE WERE REPORTED. THE BATTALION COMMANDER SUFFERED A HEART ATTACK ON 24 APRIL AND WAS RELIEVED BY LTCOL TAYLOR.

3/9 WAS INSPECTED BY THE COMMANDING GENERAL 23-24 APRIL.

2. ADMINISTRATION

A. PUBLIC RELATIONS. THIS UNIT WAS VISITED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS DURING THE WEEK BY MEMBERS OF THE PRESS. OF SIGNIFICANT NOTE WAS MR. ED ADAMS OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS WHO ACCOMPANIED A RECON PATROL ON 22 APRIL. THE RECON COMPANY COMMANDER STATED THAT MR. ADAMS WAS ESPECIALLY HELPFUL WHILE ON THE PATROL, ASSISTING THE CASUALTY THEY SUSTAINED AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PATROL IN NEED OF HELP. ON 24 APRIL, MR. GEORGE SWIERS OF THE ST. PETERSBURG TIMES AND MR. ANDRE MENITT OF UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL ACCOMPANIED A CO B, 1/3 PATROL.

B. VISITS BY VIPS. NONE.

C. SIGNIFICANT PEOPLE TO PEOPLE PROJECTS. 1ST LT FRANCIS APPOINTED AS PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE OFFICER.

D. COMMAND CHANGES. LT COL W. W. TAYLOR RELIEVED LT COL JONES AS COMMANDING OFFICER, 3/4.

E. UNUSUAL INCIDENTS. THIS UNIT SUSTAINED FOUR WIAS EVACUATED. TWO PERSONNEL WERE INJURED BY ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES; ONE MAN KILLED BY AN ACCIDENTAL DETONATION OF A GRENADE AND ANOTHER WOUNDED. LT COL JONES, COMMANDING OFFICER OF 3/4, SUFFERED A HEART ATTACK ON 24 APRIL AND WAS EVACUATED.

F. DISCIPLINE AND MORALE. MORALE CONTINUES HIGH. THE TWO PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES OF WEAPONS WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

G. STRENGTHS

	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
HQ CO 3D PAR	20	131	0	2
CO A 3D TK BN	4	96	0	2
CO A 3D AT BN	4	70	0	1
CO D 3D RECON BN	4	57	0	3
1/3	40	967	3	52
2/3	39	937	3	38
3/9	43	947	4	51
3/4	55	1287	6	61

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SUN. 18 APR - S-4A (LT SCHMEDLER) VISITED 3/4 BY HELICOPTER. 3/4 REPORTED THAT AS OF 1200 THEY HADUNLOADED ALL PERSONNEL AND VEHICLES, 96% OF ALL CLASS II, ALL CLASS III, 99% OF CLASS V, AND 50% OF "L" FORM SUPPLIES. MANY SUPPLIES STACKED UP ON THE BEACH DUE TO A SHORTAGE OF FORKLIFTS AND TRUCKS.

MON. 19 APR - WORK BEGAN ON FORTIFICATIONS WITHIN AND AROUND THE REGT CP. AT 1600 S-4 (MAJ TURNER) RETURNED FROM A LIAISON VISIT TO 3/4. CONSOLIDATED WEAPONS DENSITY AND EQUIPMENT DENSITY REPORTS FOR THE REGT WERE SUBMITTED TO MEB. BY 1800, 3/4 HAD COMPLETED ALL UNLOADING, BUT STILL HADMANY SUPPLIES ON THE BEACH. A STAFF STUDY IS TO BE MADE TO RECOMMEND METHODS OF RESUPPLYING 3/4. THE SUPPLY OFFICER RECOVERED MOST OF THE REGIMENT'S MISPLACED ENCAMPMENT/GARRISON BLOCK AT BLSG.

TUES. 20 APR - ALL UNITS WERE ORDERED BY 3D MAR DIV TO REPORT ANY EAE ITEMS NOT YET REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DIVO 4400.14D NO LATER THAN 21 APRIL. BY NOON ALL OF 3/4'S SUPPLIES WERE IN ITS SUPPLY DUMPS.

WED. 21 APR - FIVE ADDITIONAL M-107 WATER TRAILERS WERE REQUESTED FROM 9TH MEB BY REGIMENT. COMMUNICATIONS PLATOON RECEIVED 15 REELS OF COMM WIRE FROM 3/4. FOUR M-4228 WILL DEPPLACED ON ADMIN D/L EACH DAY. ALL UNITS ARE ATTEMPTING TO MAINTAIN AT LEAST 30% OF VEHICLES ON ADMIN D/L. REGH LARLY SCHEDULED TIMES FOR PM ARE EACH SUNDAY.

THU. 22 APR - TRAFFIC CONTROL POINTS WERE ESTABLISHED AT EITHER END OF THE VILLAGE OF TONG VU SU BY MPS. ERIC BUL 6240 OF 17 ERA 65 FORBIDS THE USE OF ICE FROM DA NANG FOR OTHER THAN COOLING PURPOSES. BOAT REPAIR FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE AT BLSG. A BULK FUEL DET WAS SENT FROM BLSG TO 3/4 AT PHU BAI.

FRI. 23 APR - BRIGBUL 7200 OF 18 APR 65 STATES THAT MEB WILL CONTROL ALL IMPREST FUNDS AND THAT A DELEGATED OFFICER FROM EACH UNIT CAN REQUEST UP TO $100 PER PURCHASE, THE NEGOTIATIONS TO BE PERFORMED BY THE REQUESTING UNIT.

SAT. 24 APR - AN ENGINEER WORK REQUEST WAS SUBMITTED FOR BUILDING A BUNKER FOR THE REGT'L COMM CENTER.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

A. THE COMPLEXITY OF THE OPERATIONS AND THE INABILITY TO CONTROL INDEGENIOUS PERSONNEL IN THE VILLAGE BET WEEN THIS HEADQUARTERS AND THE MEB HEADQUARTERS FORCES A DIVERSITY OF COMMUNICATION PLANS TO BE EMPLOYED. NO ONE SYSTEM CAN SUFFICE, AND THEREFORE RADIO, RADIO RELAY AND WIRE PARALLEL EACH OTHER TO ENSURE RELIABLE COMMUNICATIONS. THE MOST IDEAL SOLUTION IS THE INSTALLATION OF A HIGH WIRE LINE ON BAMBOO POLES THROUGH THE VILLAGE.

B. THE NECESSITY TO CONTINUALLY OPERATE MANY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS

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OVER-TAXES THE BASIC ALLOCATION OF PERSONNEL. AS AN EXAMPLE, THE REGT TAC NET MUST OPERATE LOCALLY FOR THREE BNS AND OVER AN EXTENDED DISTANCE FOR THE FOURTH BN AT PHU BAI. WHERE THERE ARE NORMALLY EIGHT RADIO NETS, THIS OPERATION REQUIRES TEN. THERE IS ALREED FOR AUGMENTATION OF THIS HEADQUARTERS TO ADEQUATELY SUPPORT THIS PLAN OF OPERATIONS OVER A LONG PERIOD.

5. PLANS. COUNTER ATTACK PLANS TO SUPPORT 9TH MEB OPERATION PLAN 322-65 COMPLETED AND PROMULGATED ON 24 APRIL.

6. MISCELLANEOUS. NONE.

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade

Subj: Concept of Patrol Operations 20 - 23 April 1965

Ref: (a) Your ltr 3/JEM/jpn of 20 April 1965

Encl: (1) Patrol Overlay
(2) Fire Support Overlay

1. In compliance with reference (a), the detailed concept of the subject operations is contained herein. Enclosure (1) sets forth patrol routes and enclosure (2) the fire support plan.

2. Background. Pursuant to instructions received from CG, 9th MEB, the TAOR of 1/3 was expanded to include the dominant terrain immediately west of their present positions. Extensive planning, study, coordination, rehearsal, and necessary modifications were effected preparatory to the employment of the first terrain and route reconnaissance patrol in this area on 20 April. The same detailed planning has been accomplished concerning the patrols scheduled for 21 - 23 April. Plans for the period 24 - 25 April are being reviewed and will be completed and submitted on 22 April.

3. General. The conduct of patrol operations necessitated detailed control measures, plans for communication with interested units, and plans for the employment of the reaction force, as well as analysis of terrain, supply routes and information of the local populus and its activities. In clarification of the concept of patrol operations, and in answer to your specific questions concerning the same, the following is submitted.

4. Concept of Patrol Operations

a. Control

(1) The mission of the Reconnaissance Company was to conduct a route reconnaissance in the western sector of 1/3's new TAOR, with an additional mission of effecting friendly overtures with indigenous personnel encountered enroute.

(2) The reconnaissance units carried out their assigned mission with two foot patrols, followed in trace by one mobile patrol to provide immediate reaction capability if necessary, and designated a series of checkpoints as shown in enclosure (1).

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(4) Call signs utilized by all patrols are those of the organic unit in accordance with current standard communications operating procedures.

c. Landing Zones and Reaction Force

(1) Landing Zones. The battalion made an extensive map reconnaissance and visual reconnaissance from there present TAOR to select tentative LZs. The patrol on 20 April used this information to further develop their knowledge of possible LZs and their suitability. In the battalion the FAC controls the helicopters with a tactical air request to proceed along known routes to a point where the FAC can assume visual control,for vector to selected LZs.

(2) Employment of Reaction Force. The Battalion reserve, Company B (Rein), was designated as Reaction Force for the patrol operations 20 - 24 April 1965. The Company Commander was included in all planning conferences conducted at Regiment/Battalion. The concept for employment and control of the reaction force, previously coordinated with Brigade air element, is as follows:

(a) 20 April 1965 one reinforced rifle platoon on 30 minutes alert/standby at LZ DOVE. Four UH-34D and four F4B on 15 minutes strip alert for tactical troop movement and close air support of the reaction force.

(b) 21 April 1965 one reinforced rifle platoon occupies positions vicinity 912745 by 0730 and supports Company D, 3d Recon Bn. Two reinforced rifle platoons on 30 minute alert at LZ DOVE. Four UH-34D and four F4B on 15 minutes strip alert for support of reaction force.

(c) 22 April 1965 one reinforced rifle company on 30 minutes alert/standby at LZ DOVE. Four UH-34D and four F4B on 15 minute strip alert for support of reaction force. Ten UH-34D on helo assistance stations within 30 minutes LZ DOVE directed by helo recall plan, emergency guard channel.

(d) 23 April 1965 same reaction force employment as 22 April 1965.

d. Rules of Engagement. All patrols have been operating under the rules of engagement promulgated by 9th MEB, and as such have been instructed to fire only when fired upon. To preclude engagement with friendly forces two interpreter/liaison personnel are assigned to the patrols. In addition, one platoon ARVN troops and a civil affairs team were also attached.

e. Patrols. To effectively carry out the mission of conducting route reconnaissance, the patrols must necessarily pass through villages and other inhabited areas, where the additional mission of gaining the

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b. Communications

(1) Dependent upon the situation and the terrain to be covered the following plan for communications was developed.

Plan 1 - (a) Stationed for relay from FAC, were 3 men with one PRC-47 and one PRC-10 at LZ BUZZARD (other stations to be used are dependent on the situation as it develops).

(b) The FAC, attached to the Reconnaissance Company Commander had 3 men with one PRC-41 and one PRC-10.

(c) On duty in the 1/3 CP (FSCC) were 2 men equipped with a PRC-47 and a PRC-10.

(d) On duty in the Regimental S-3/FSCC was 1 man equipped with a PRC-10.

(e) For relay purposes one team from 2/3 (adjacent to 1/3) is utilized with a PRC-10.

(f) Frequencies: PRC-10 - - - FM
PRC-41 - - - UHF
PRC-47 - - - USB

Plan 2 - (Same as Plan 1 except the FAC will carry a PRC-47, if available.)

(2) Frequencies made available to Regimental units during the conduct of all patrol operations include the following:

53.4 - - - BLT TAC #2/81's conduct of fire
41.0 - - - Recon primary TAC
42.1 - - - Recon secondary TAC
54.2 - - - TACP local
49.6 - - - LZ control #1
51.2 - - - LZ control #2
Red - - - -TAD-1 Navy/ Marine liaison nets
Green - - -TAD-2 Navy/Marine liaison nets
Purple - - TAD-3 Navy/Marine liaison nets

Coordination of frequencies used is effected via normal channels prior to any patrol operation.

(3) Communications with Artillery includes a Forward Observer Team (consisting of 3 men) attached to the Recon Company, with an AN/PRC-9 and 48 hours supply of batteries. The FO Team on Battery A 1/12 conduct of fire net, frequency 34.4 FM, is capable of executing rapid fire missions in the event of enemy contact on preplanned concentrations in the area of operations (see enclosure 2). An alternate means of communications for Artillery will be through the Reconnaissance net, monitored continuously by the FSCC during all patrol operations.

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confidence of the local populace and conditioning indigenous personnel to the presence of Marine units in the area, can also be accomplished. Instructions contrary to this have not been issued to the patrols. All personnel have been instructed to avoid cultivated fields.

3. Results of Recon Operations 20 April 1965. Reconnaissance operations were conducted by the Reconnaissance Company, 3d Recon Bn in the Battalion's expanded TAOR, and included a reaction force drill with a platoon from Company B. A separate and detailed report was submitted to 9th MEB.

a. Results of this reconnaissance operation were significant in that the Regiment was able to gain important information regarding routes in the new TAOR, areas of recent and anticipated enemy activity, and a workable knowledge of the characteristics of terrain in that area. The contact with indigenous personnel left favorable impressions where they were encountered, with no noticeable aura of hostility.

b. In conjunction with the Reconnaissance operations, a reaction drill was conducted utilizing two helicopters and one platoon from Company B, to test the procedures, timing, and coordination necessary for the employment of a reinforcing unit. The reaction platoon "secured" the LZ within 10 minutes from the time the request for the helicopters was called in.

c. The missions of the reconnaissance patrols and the reaction force were accomplished and considered successful.

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 9th MEB (Attn: G-2)

Subj: Patrol Report, Intelligence Observations and Comments for 23 April 1965

Ref: (a) Map; Indochina 1:50,000 AMS Series L701, Sheet 6659 III
(b) Patrol Overlay previously submitted

Encl: (1) Patrol Report, 1st Bn, 3d Marines 221200H April 1965

1. Men were observed working in fields. They appeared to be farmers; however, the men were armed with rifles.

2. As the reconnaissance patrol approached the areas in which contact was made, an unnatural quietness prevailed. No dogs, women, or children were observed in the streets or engaged in civilian activity. This is in contrast to friendly areas where laughing children would run up to patrols, women would jabber, and an atmosphere of interest and friendliness was prevalent. In the villages sympathetic to the Viet Cong, villagers that were questioned would deny knowledge of the Viet Cong's activity, locations, or very existence in an abrupt, quick, and brisque manner. This type of denials would in effect confirm the protection that the Viet Cong were enjoying either through sympathy or coercion.

3. At check point #47 the RVN adviser was informed by the villagers that the VC had been working the night before on mortar positions and were also working on the river beds on the west side of the river. No information as to what the VC were doing in the river beds was obtained. The villagers reported that two VC platoons had been seen that morning and had traveled west. At Binh Thai the adviser was informed that there were 150 VC in the immediate area and had moved slightly west. ARVN advisers made every effort to seek out information from indigenous personnel. Many villagers spoke freely and important intelligence was gathered in this manner. It is recommended that all patrols take these ARVN personnel with them and integrate them with their units. They were invaluable. The importance of Civil Affairs Teams and ARVN Translations and Interrogators is paramount to all operations of this type.

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4. An ingenious ambush was set wherein there were three directions a able to the enemy without masking each others fire. (DIAGRAM)

5. Drums were heard continually as the patrol moved towards the area whe contact with the enemy was made. Once contact was made, the drums ceased. Whisles were used to signal when the VC broke contact and immediately all contact was lost as the VC immediately effected a very definite organized dispersal in all directions and apparently just melted into the surrounding area.

6. 7.62mm and.30 cal. brass was found at various positions where the VC had been firing. Some of this was turned over to the 3d Counter-Intelligence Team. At the initial point of contact, the sniper fire was received directly at the radio sets, apparently to knock out communications.

7. Two VC were observed being carried out of the positions they were abandoning. Two blood spots were also observed from VC positions that had been abandoned.

8. At many different places holes wer dug. These holes gave the appearance of being unfinished and could be used for either "PANJI TRAPS", mortar positions or trenches.

9. In the village that had been harbering the VC, "PANJI TRAPS" were employed throughout the entire village, along with "Spider Traps", "Molotov Cocktails", and ammunition. As the Viet Cong village burned, explosion after explosion could be heard, indication ammunition that was either being hidden or stored in the individual homes. Many of the "PANJI's" were old and rotten while many appeared to be of recent vintage.

10. The high temperature and humidity caused two heat casualties that were evacuated. One ARVN had been wounded by a "PANJI TRAP", was also evacuated.

11. When fire was returned at snipers, the VC would invaribly withdraw. Danger of ambushes exists for pursuers of snipers.

12. The VC would shoot from shielded positions behind women and children. When the enemy village was being burned the women and children would fall on their hands and knees as if in prayer asking not to burn their village.

13. A mine field was found at coordinates 988718.

14. In some farm areas, one farm house would be heavily fortified while others would not be.

15. Villagers informed a patrol that the VC informed them not to go up a specific hill, coordinates 899715. The patrol intended to do so but were called back from their area of operations.

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16. In the enemy village there were old and new "PANJI TRAPS", one every t yards down the main thoroughfares. There were no Marine casulities caused by the "PANJI TRAPS". Proper precautions and procedures were sufficient to expose the "PANJI TRAPS".

17. Three women were brought in as prisoners. The senior ARVN advisor suggested that they were presumed to have been VC agents or wives of VC. They were interrogated by the Third CIT.

18. An extensive amount of documents, books, leaflets, coins, clothing, and personnal effects were brought in and turned over to the Third CIT.

19. The information gathered does not confirm that H&1 Company was the VC force, but it probable that at least 2 platoons of this company were employed.

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Tab 20: Operation Plan 322 (A)-65. 22 Apr 65

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade

Subj: Hue-Phu Bai defense arrangements

Encl: (1) Overlay for Proposed TAOR

1. Stemming from a succession of informal conferences at Hue and Phu Bai during the period 15-19 April, enclosure (1) is submitted for approval.

2. The demarcation of the TAOR and related agreements set forth below was negotiated by the undersigned with the Commanding General, 1st ARVN Division, the Commanding Officer of the Phu Bai Special Sector, their respective counterparts of the USMAAG, and members of their staffs.

3. The basis of the arrangements was the discussion with COMUSMACV at 8th RRU on 17 April.

4. The following agreements were made which are subject to the approval of the Commanding General, 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade:

a. Dong Da (Phu Bai) Special Sector will be responsible for defense measures in Zone A. This includes the critical area of the villages lying close-in to the north and east of the airfield.

b. Third Marines (3rd Battalion, 4th Marines) will conduct defensive operations in Zone B, with emphasis on quick reaction offensive moves within the TAOR.

c. Dong Da Special Sector and 3/4 will establish a joint operations center for coordination of efforts within Zone A and B.

d. Route #1 check points will be established within TAOR, operated by ARVN personnel and supported by 3/4.

e. The critical terrain feature in the area (Hill 180-"Virginia Hill") will be occupied by 3/4.

f. Water borne patrols will be established by ARVN along the canals on the northern edge of the zone.

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g. Zone C provides for unrestricted operations to the Laotian border

h. Training Center artillery and mortar range impact areas will be reoriented to the western edge of the TAOR to permit easier coordination between maneuvering elements of 3/4 and practice firing schedules of the Training Center.

i. A 3/4 liaison officer will be assigned to the 1st Division. Seven liaison officers will be assigned 3/4 from 1st Division.

j. Continuous liaison will be effected between 3/4 and the Training Center in order to coordinate the movement of 3/4 elements with the training carried out by the Center.

k. 3/4 will make plans, and be prepared on order, to gradually work into the northern villages of the TAOR to win the confidence and cooperation of the inhabitants, with a view toward gaining their assistance in defending against VC incursions.

l. Approval of the above is requested.

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade

Subj: Submission of Information on 81mm Mortar Firing Exercises

Ref: (a) G-3 Verbal Instructions

Encl: (1) Lesson Plan for 81mm Mortar FIREX
(2) 81mm Mortar Firing Test

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

2. In an effort to improve the proficiency of 81mm Mortar platoons within the Regiment, the HOA CAM Range was reserved for a period of six days for firing. Each battalion was scheduled for two days of firing with two sections firing each day. Additionally, a firing test was developed by this Headquarters and administered at 1400 each day firing was scheduled. The results of the test are included in enclosure (2). The 1st Battalion, 3d Marines scheduled firing dates were cancelled on order of CG, 9th MEB. This platoon continued non-firing training.

3. The ammunition employed in the live fire portion of the training was of the following types: HE M43A1, HE M362, and WP M57. The M57 rounds were made in 1944 and it was noted that, out of a total of 41 M57 rounds fired during the training period, the flight path of approximately 10 rounds was irregular.

4. In general, the exercise was considered to be satisfactory. However, additional firing exercises will be conducted to improve the effectiveness of the 81mm Mortar Platoons in the Regiment. Increased speed in adjusting fire, coupled with accuracy, are the primary goals.

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LESSON PLAN FORMAT

Unit: 81mm Mortar Plt, H&S Co, 3/9 Date: 17, 19, 20 April 1965

Instructor: Lt Lane - R.S.O. Time: 0900-1630

Place: Hoa Cam Training Area 966719 Unif & Equip: Util, T/O Arms-Body Armor

Tr. Aids: Full section of guns & F.D.C. and Communications

Title: Live Fire Exercise

INTRODUCTION (60 - 80 Min)

1. Gain Attention: Insofar as this is pure application, this phase will consist of laying the 2 sections (5500 meters grid) with the aiming circle, calibration check of sights, setting up the F.D.C., establishing communications to 3/9 CP and a conduct of fire net. Concurrently Lt. Lane will give a review of forward observer techniques with emphasis on the registering of the platoon or section. This class to include both current and prospective FO's.

2. State Purpose and Main Ideas: To exercise all elements of the platoon in the firing of missions, this to include the correct procedures for registering mortars in a parallel sheath. Emphasis also on cross training squad leaders, gunners, asst. gunners, ammo carriers (on the guns) and FO's and FC radio operators on correct fire mission formats.

I. Registration

1. Marking center section, adjusting to terrain feature, concentration designation.

2. Individual gun adjustment to parallel sheath.

3. Checking the sheath.

a. Volley right or left.

b. Converged sheath.

II. Indirect fire missions

1. Initial command and options available.

2. Subsequent and final fire commands.

3. Rotation of men on the guns, personnel in the F.D.C. to refresh section leaders on M-10 plotting board techniques.

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4. Advanced techniques.

   a. Searching and traversing fires for effect.

   b. Open, closed, converged sheaths.

   c. Volley fire.

III. Section test - Regimental S-3 Administered.

IV. Direct Fire Techniques

   1. Initial deflection ~~deflection~~ and elevation firing

   2. Subsequent adjustments.

      a. Lateral and depth bracketing.

      b. Creeping.

   3. Fires for effect.

Question and answer period: (30 - 50 Min)

When back in area and after evening chow, allow time for questions, ascertain degree of comprehension of direct fire techniques by crew drill supervised by section leaders.

Summary (30 Min)

1. Review and evaluate the days firing.

2. Emphasize most pertinent and/or critical mistakes made.

3. Turn to on care and cleaning of mortars and other gear used.

Notes:

1. Affect liaison w/Major Miles (Army MAAG) of Hoa Cam Camp day prior to shooting.

2. Insure resupply of ammo to maintain necessary stocks of ammo on position.

3. Allow one hour for travel to range each way.

4. Contact necessary S-functions for transportation, noon meals, communications etc.

5. Notify line companies to release their attached FO's and FO radio operators (one day prior to shooting).

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6. Submit detailed fire plan to S-3 prior to leaving area.

7. Insure emergency vehicle and corpsman on position while firing.

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81MM Mortar Test

1. This test was designed to measure the combat efficiency of the 81MM Mortar Platoons within the 3d Marines. It is a two part test designed to determine the mortar section's ability to fire missions in either a static or moving situation. Speed and accuracy were the two factors used to judge the efficiency of the mortar sections. Safety precautions were observed throughout the test.

2. Test Procedure

a. Part I

(1) Sections registered to seat base plates and check sights.

(2) Test Officer selected and pointed out target to Forward Observer.

(3) Forward Observer adjusted fire on target.

(4) Section fired six rounds for effect.

(5) Efficiency of section was judged by speed and accuracy.

(a) Time started when FO located target and ended when last round of FFE was fired.

(b) Accuracy was judged by number of rounds having effect on the target.

b. Part II

(1) Test started with section marching in tactical order with normal arms and equipment.

(2) Test Officer selected target for FO and gave command to start the test.

(3) Mortar laid.

(4) Mortar safety checked by officer.

(5) FO adjusted fire on target.

(6) Section fired six rounds for effect.

(7) Efficiency of section was judged by speed and accuracy.

(a) Time started when test officer gave command and ended when last round in FFE was fired (time required for safety check was not counted).

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(b) Accuracy was judged by the number of rounds having effect on the target.

3. General Information

a. FDC personnel included the platoon sergeant in addition to the section leader.

b. 45 seconds was subtracted for duds to compensate for lost time.

c. Rating system.

1. Part I

Outstanding	6 min or less	6 rounds on target
Satisfactory	6-15 min	3-5 rounds on target
Unsatisfactory	15 or more min	2 Or less rounds on target

2. Part II

Outstanding	9 min or less	6 rounds on target
Satisfactory	9-20 min	3-5 rounds on target
Unsatisfactory	20 or more min	2 or less rounds on target

4. Results

a. Part I

		Time		Rounds				
Unit	Section	Actual	Adjusted	Adjusted	FFE	Duds	On Target	Rating
3/9	1	9 Min	9 Min	3	6		6	Sat
3/9	2	6 Min	5¼ Min	1	6	1	5	Outs
3/9	3	5½ Min	5½ Min	1	6		3	Sat
3/9	4	14½ Min	12½ Min	5	6	2	6	Sat

b. Part II

		Time		Rounds				
Unit	Section	Actual	Adjusted	Adjusted	FFE	Duds	On Target	Rating
3/9	1	13 Min	13 Min	3	6		6	Sat
3/9	2	10½ Min	10½ Min	7	6		5	Sat
3/9	3	14½ Min	14½ Min	9	6		4	Sat
3/9	4	8 Min	6½ Min	4	6	2	2	Sat

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a. Part I

Unit	Section	Time Actual	Time Adjusted	Rounds Adjusted	Rounds FFE	Duds	On Target	Rating
2/3	1	5½ Min	5½ Min	2	6		6	Outs
2/3	2	12½ Min	12½ Min	3	6		6	Sat
2/3	3	13 Min	13 Min	5	6		6	Sat
2/3	4	8 Min	8 Min	3	6		6	Sat

b. Part II

Unit	Section	Time Actual	Time Adjusted	Rounds Adjusted	Rounds FFE	Duds	On Target	Rating
2/3	1	14½ Min	14½ Min	5	6		4	Sat
2/3	2	8½ Min	8½ Min	2	6		6	Sat
2/3	3	12 Min	12 Min	2	6		4	Sat
2/3	4	9 Min	9 Min	1	6		6	Sat

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SITUATION REPORT No. 1 as of 122245H April 1965

A. OPERATIONS. At 1505, first elements of RLT Headquarters moved into the new CP site.

B. ADMINISTRATION. No report.

C. LOGISTICS

1. USS WHITFIELD COUNTY (LST-1169) - 100% unloaded.

2. USS WASHOE COUNTY (LST-1165) - 50% unloaded.

D. PLANS. Detailed planning of camp site initiated.

E. MISCELLANEOUS. No report.

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Situation Report #2 as of 120415 April 1965

A. OPERATIONS. No Change.

B. ADMINISTRATION. No Change.

C. LOGISTICS

1. USS WHITFIELD COUNTY (LST-1169) - 100% unloaded.
2. USS VERNON COUNTY (LST-1161) -
3. USS WINDOM COUNTY (LST-1170) -
4. USS WASHOE COUNTY (LST-1165) - 65% unloaded.

D. PLANS. Planning of camp site completed.

E. MISCELLANEOUS. No change.

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SITUATION REPORT No. 3 as of 130730H April 1965

A. OPERATIONS. Vehicles, personnel and supplies are being off-loaded and moved to vic of airfield via river ferry.

B. ADMINISTRATION. Strengths of units arrived is as follows:

	USMC		USN	TOTAL	
	OFF!	ENL	OFF ENL	OFF	ENL
Hq, 3dMar	12	125	2	12	127
8" How	2	50	1	2	51
L Btry	4	102	2	4	104
HqBtry, 1/12	0	26	0	0	26

C. LOGISTICS. Unloading Status.

SHIP	PERS/VEH/SUPP(in %)	TYPE	TONNAGE	EST COMPL TIME
WASHOE	0/2/50	I, II	50, 45	
WHITFIELD	100/100/100	I, II, III	167, 45, 696 drums	Completed
VERNON	100/100/60	II, V	10, 120	0800
WINDOM	0/0/0	III		

D. PLANS. Continue present operations.

E. MISCELLANEOUS. Negative report.

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SITUATION REPORT No. 4 as of 131130H April 1965

A. OPERATIONS.

1. At 130740H, 1/e fired 81mm mortar platoon for registration on RP 4. One Vietnamese was killed, possible as a direct result of and 81mm round. Cg, 9th MEB assigned an investigation officer.

2. Executive Officer, 2/3, reconnitered a possible new CP location at 950778.

3. At 130800H, BLT 2/3, 1/3 3/9 and Task Force ALPHA reported to RLT-3 for operational control. Additionally, RLT-3 opened CP at 183743 and reported to CG, 9th MEB for operations.

B. STRENGTH OF UNITS ON ARRIVAL. 20% of personnel on WINDOM COUNTY off-loaded. Will determine at next report unit breakdown.

C. LOGISTICS

SHIP	PERS/VEH/SUPP(in %)	TYPE	TONNAGE	EST COMPL TIME
WASHOE COUNTY	100/100/100	I, II	I-150	completed
WHITFILED COUNTY	100/100/100	I, II, III	167, 45, 696 drums	compl
VERNON COUNTY	100/100/100	V	184	compl
WINDOM COUNTY	20/100/0	I, II, III	2400	

D. PLANS. Continuing present operations.

E. MISCELLANEOUS. Continuing planning on 3/4 operations.

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SITUATION REPORT No. 5 as of 131500H April 1965

A. OPERATIONS.

1. 3/4 has established Check Point MIKE on airfield.

2. 2/3 rear elements reports company patrol operating in assigned TAOR. Recon for the new CP was accomplished.

3. 1/3 reports 4 shots vic coord 936750 at 131445.

B. STRENGTH OF UNITS ON ARRIVAL. 80% of personnel on WINDOM COUNTY off-loaded. Detailed breakdown of units will be supplied as available.

C. LOGISTICS.

WASHOE COUNTY - No change.
WHITFIELD COUNTY - No change.
VERNON COUNTRY - No change.
WINDOM COUNTY - 80% of personnel, 100% of vehicles, Type Supplies - I, II, III.
Estimated Completion Time - 2200.

D. PLANS. Continuing present operations.

E. MISCELLANEOUS. Continuing planning on 3/4 operations.

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SITUATION REPORT No. 6 as of 131900H April 1965

A. OPERATIONS. No change.

B. STRENGTH OF UNITS ON ARRIVING. Elements of following units debarked from the WINDOM COUNTY:

	USMC	NAVY	TOTAL
3dMar Hq	4/1	0/0	4/1
1/3	0/16	0/18	0/34
2/3	0/32	0/2	0/34
"D" MT	1/10	0/1	1/11
"A" Engr	1/19	0/0	1/19
"A" Tk	1/22	0/1	1/23
"A" AT	1/14	0/1	1/15
"D" Recon	1/7	0/0	1/7

C. LOGISTICS. No change except WINDOM COUNTY with 100% unloaded as of 1800.

D. PLANS. Continuing present operations.

E. MISCELLANEOUS. None.

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SITREP #7 as of 140300H Apr 1965

A. OPERATIONS. No change.

B. ADMINISTRATION. No change.

C. LOGISTICS. No change.

D. PLANS. No change.

E. MISCELLANEOUS. None.

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SITREP 8 as of 140700H

A. OPERATIONS: No change.

B. ADMINISTRATION: No change.

C. LOGISTICS: No change.

D. PLANS: Continue present operations.

E. MISCELLANEOUS: The CO, CommO and ALO will proceed to Beach Red 2 to coordinate with 3/4. CO will accompany 3/4 CO to his assigned area of responsibility.

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SITREP 9 as of 141100H

A. OPERATIONS:

1. Regt CO and Regt ALO proceeded to Red Beach at 0800 to observe 3/4 movement ashore.

2. 3/4 first wave landed at 0832.

3. The following elements of 3/4 landed: Command grop (60 personnel) Co L (rein); Co K (Rein); 81mm Mortar Platoon; and 2 sections 106RR.

4. First wave, 8 helicopters, departed at 141027H for PHU BAI.

5. Total of 152 personnel heli-lifted from Red Beach 2 be end of period.

6. 3/9 reports, at 140720H, a flat bed civilian construction truck cut across runway proceedint towards AF side; troops unable to halt vehicle. This is a common ocurrence.

7. 1/3 dispatched 1 scout team to OP at coord 954727, and one schot team to OP at coord 931740.

B. ADMINISTRATION:

1. 3/4 off loaded 505 personnel at Red Beach.

C. LOGISTICS:

1. 100% of personnel from 3/4 scheduled to land at Red Beach are ashore.

2. 3/4 landed 3 radio jeeps, 8 mules, 4 106RR and 2 Mites w/trlrs.

D. PLANS: Continue present operations.

E. MISCELLANEOUS: Negative.

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SITREP 10 as of 141500H Apr 1965

A. OPERATIONS:

1. Helicopter lifted elements of 3/4 cleared LZ at Red Beach 2 at 141405H. The total number of lifts required were 66 H-34 loads. Lifted 505 personnel. 3/4 CP now opened at HUE PHU BAI. Vehicles for lift by C 123 aircraft are presently staged at DA NANG Airbase awaiting availability of aircraft. Anticipate first loading to begin at 141500H.

2. 2/3 reported at 141345H that 34 men were moving in a northerly direction across a paddy at coord 821727. Mer were dressed in dark brown clothing and were carrying rifles.

3. Task Force Alpha commenced return to DA NANG at 141110H and have all returned except for approximately 20 liaison personnel who remained to assist 3/4 in establishing themselves in the area. Task Force Alpha vehicles are still awaiting transportation back to DA NANG.

B. ADMINISTRATION: No change

C. LOGISTICS: None of 3/4 vehicles have been transported tp PHU BAI. Awaiting airlift are 3 radio vehicles, 2 Mites with trailer, 8 mules (4 w/106RR) and 2 ground mount 106RR.

D. PLANS: 3/4 now has two rifle comapnies, command groups and 81 mm mortar platoon at PHU BAI and are presently establishing their forces in the positions previously occupied by Task Force Alpha and preparing for arrival ofremainder of battalion.

E. MISCELLANEOUS: A mine and flare were detonated, in 3/9's area, by dogs.

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SITREP #11 141900H

A. OPERATIONS:

1. Btry A, now occupies position in the Southeast corner of 1/3's TAOR. Their positions tend to channelize units using counter-attack routes. Situation will be corrected.

2. 3/9 conducted training in the following areas:

(a) Wire obstacles

(b) Field Fortifications

(c) Defensive Tactics

3. 2/3 elements that returned from Phu Bai now occupy positions vic 2/3 CP.

B. ADMINISTRATION:

1. PFC Gerald L. MOONEY [redacted] Co. A, 1/3 slipped on a rock while bathing. He has a possible skull fracture and was evacuated to the aid station.

C. LOGISTICS: 1/3 picked up supplies brought to Da Nang aboard regimental shipping.

D. PLANS: Continuation of present operations.

E. MISCELLANEOUS: None.

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SITREP 12 as of 142300H

A. OPERATIONS:

1. Entire 3/4, including vehicles, is now at PHU BAI. 2/3 vehicles have returned to DA NANG. Task Force Alpha dissolved at 142300H April 1965. 2/3 20 man liaison group remains at PHU BAI.

2. Battalions patrolling in assigned TAORs.

B. ADMINISTRATION:

1. 3/4 strength at 412.

C. LOGISTICS:

1. Partial shipment of 3/4 Class I and V received at PHU BAI.

D. PLANS: No change.

E. MISCELLANEOUS: No change.

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SITREP 13 as of 150300H

A. No change.

B. No change.

C. No change.

D. Continue present operations.

E. Currently out of communications with 3/4.

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SITREP #14 as of 150700H Apr 1965

A. OPERATIONS. No change.

B. ADMINISTRATION. No change.

C. LOGISTICS. No change.

D. PLANS. No change.

E. MISCELLANEOUS. No change.

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SITREP #15

A. OPERATIONS:

1. CO, 3d Marines departed for PHU BAI at 0735 to meet Gen THROCKMORTON and Gen KARCH.

2. 2d Platoon, Co A, 3d Engineers reverted to ISG Control at 151030H.

3. An anti-personnel mine exploded in the Co I, 3/9 area at 150635H. It was exploded by a dog.

4. Training was conducted in the following areas:

a. Tactics

b. Physical Training

c. Field Fortifications

d. Construction of Obstacles

5. An equipment inspection was conducted by 3/9 Battalion Commander.

B. ADMINISTRATION: No change.

C. LOGISTICS: No change.

D. PLANS: Continue present operations.

E. MISCELLANEOUS: None.

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SITREP #16 as of 151500H

A. OPERATIONS:

1. Two combat patrol dogs and their handlers were returned to this Headquarters at 151430H.

2. As of 151230H, the following was off-loaded at HUE.

a. "I" Company

b. ½ of H&S Company

c. Ontos Platoon

d. Co "C" (-) 3d Motors

3. Artillery has not been unloaded at HUE as of 151230H.

4. A total of 36 loads, by ICU and LCVP, reached the beach by 151230H.

5. CO, 3d Marines returned from PHU Bai at 151330H. While at PHU BAI, CO, 3d Marines briefed Gen THROCKMORTON and met with CO, 3dBn, 4thMar.

6. At 151120, a mine was detonated by a dog at the south end of the runway in Co "M", 2dBn, 3dMar area.

B. ADMIN: No change.

C. LOGISTICS: No change.

D. PLANS: Continue present operations.

E. MISCELLANEOUS: Negative.

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SITREP #17 as of 151900H

A. OPERATIONS:

1. Three of 3/4's companies are available for operations. One company is being employed for Air Field Security. Co K is located at coord. 873110. Co L is being employed as 3/4 CP security.

2. One platoon from B Co, 1/3 fired all organic weapons except the .45 cal pistol and 3.5 rockets at HOA CAM Range.

3. Co 1/3 conducted a recon of a road located vicinity COL DE DAI LA PASS.

4. Pattrolling continues throughout TAOR.

5. Coordinating group that remained at PHU BAI to assist 3/4 in their occupation of the TAOR returned to 2/3 area at 151830H.

6. The following training was conducted for the period:

a. Construction of Fortified Positions.

b. Tactics.

c. General military subjects.

d. Physical conditioning.

B. ADMINISTRATION:

1. 70% of personnel of 3/4 personnel have been off-loaded at HUE.

C. LOGISTICS:

1. 3/4 has off-loaded 60% of vehicles and 5% of supplies.

D. PLANS: Continue present operations.

E. MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Senator DODD visited 3/9 area at 151530.

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SITREP #18 as of 152300H

A. Operations.

1. A mine was detonated by a dog in "M" Co, 3/9 area at 151831H.

2. A mine was detonated by a dog in "I" Co, 3/9 area at 151905H.

3. Tracer rounds were observed by "L"Co, 3/9 in westerly direction fron the south end of the runway at 152040H. Rounds were not fired by "L" Co.

4. There will not be any landings or movements along roads by 3/4 between 151700H and 160600H by order of CROWD-6.

5. 2/3 requested number of nearest artillery concentráio to c coordinates 945794 as they had seen some suspicious movement in this area. Investigation thru MEB and DaNang Special Sector revealed that a popular Forces patrol was operating in that exact location. The area is under continued surveillance by 2/3.

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SITREP #19 as of 160300H

A. Operations

1. 2245 3/9 reported hearing MG fire approximately 1000 yards to the south of the runway.

2. 3/9 reported an estimated group of 15 to 20 people at the north end of the runway. The group had a loudspeaker and appeared to be holding a demonstration. The people were approximately 200 yards from the end of the runway. The group dispersed at approximately 0215.

3. 2/3 reports unidentified personnel in vicinity of 2/3 TAOR. Appear to be Popular Force troops. E Co noticed movement in their area at about 2315. Troops dispatched to investigate. They did not locate any evidence of personnel.

B. Admenistration. No change

C. Logistics. No change

D. Plans. Continue present operations

E. Miscellaneous. Negative

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SITREP #20 as of 160700H

A. Operations. No change

B. Administration. No change

C. Logistics. No change

D. Plans. Continue present operations.

E. Miscellaneous. Negative

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SITREP #21 as of 161100H

A. OPERATIONS

1. One half of 3d platoon, Co A, Recon and all of 1st platoon Co D, Recon are firing organic weapons at HOA CAM Range.

2. One small arms round was fired through Co C, 2/3 CP tent at 160900H. The round came from an estimated angle of 90 to 110 degrees. Origin unknown. No injuries or damage.

3. 2/3 has commenced movement to new CP, coordinates 946775, at 160900H.

B. ADMINISTRATION: No change.

C. LOGISTICS:

1. 2/3 has commenced picking up their supplies located at 3d Marines CP at 160900H.

D. PLANS:

1. Continue to improve positions.

2. Continue present operations.

3. Continued improvement of 3d Marines.

E. MISCELLANEOUS: Negative.

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SITREP 22 as of 161500H

A. OPERATIONS:

1. 1/3 reports on e platoon Co B fired all weapons except 3/5 and .45 cal pistol at HOA CAM Range. 3d Platoon, Co C fired all weapons in assigned impact area at 161300H in preparation for VIP visit.

2. 1/3 will replace Recon Surveillance Early Warning Teams at 1600 by vehicles. Team 3D1 replaces team 1D2 at 922732. Team 3D2 relieved by team 14D at 944718. Platoons are being rotated on the TAOR instead of companies.

B. ADMINISTRATION:

1. 3/4 has 950 personnel at PHU BAI.

2. Col WHEELER was visited by Mr. John FLYNN of LIFE magazine, and Mr. SPENZER, correspondent during reporting period. Both correspondents requested bo be informed of all patrols. They expressed a desire to accompany a Marine patrol.

3. Col WHEELER proceeded to 3/9 area to meet Mr. JOHNSON.

4. At 161330H, 1stLt from MP Company arrived at Regimental CP to discuss traffic problem between CP and airfield complex.

C. LOGISTICS:

1. 3/4 received 94 loads by helicopter. 85% equipment and 50% general supplies unloaded.

2. 2/3 continues to move supplies to new CP location at 946775.

D. PLANS: Continuing present operations at PHU BAI.

E. MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Protestant services conducted at 161400H, Catholic services at 161330H.

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SITREP 23 as of 161900H

A. OPERATIONS:

1. Assistant Ambassador JOHNSON, accompanied by Col E. B. WHEELER and LtCol C. E. MCPATRIN, visited 3/9 CP area for briefing by CO and staff on situation and airfield defense problems. Other installations on the airfield were visited, prior to proceeding to Hill 268 by helicopter. Among those present were BGEN F. J. KARCH, Col WHEELER, LtCol BAIN, and Capt PETERSON, Co C CO. The Assistant Ambassador received a briefing by Col WHEELER on the oveall tactical defensive situation. 1/3 CO and CO, Co C briefed Mr JOHNSON on the Bn's defensive situation, including VC avenues of approach, possible counter-attack routes, and immediate action plans. A live fire demonstration followed, utilizing all organic battalion weapons except 81mm mortars. Col WHEELER conducted a Helicopter tour of the area, terminating at 2/3 CP, where LtCol CLEMENTS briefed the ambassador. The official party then departed the area.

2. GySgt HINES of 1/12 was fired on (one round) while laying line in vicinity coord 964749. Incident occured at 161710H. Fire came from vicinity coord 962745.

3. Regimental Artillery reported patrol apparently fired on by 60mm mortar rounds vic coord 91727 at 1830. Awaiting report from 1/3.

4. Co D Recon relieved in place the two scout teams located at coord 954727 and 931740.

5. 2/3 is preparing to relieve companies E and H on their respective hills with companies F and G.

6. 2/3's new CP was opened at 161000H.

B. ADMINISTRATION: No change.

C. LOGISTICS: 2/3 finished picking up their supplies from this headquarters at 161700H.

D. PLANS: Continue present operations.

E. MISCELLANEOUS: Negative.

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SITREP #24 as of 162300

A. OPERATIONS:

1. At 162130H, 1/3 reported that Recon personnel attached to 1st Sqd, 1st Plat, Co D received small arms fire. The small arms fire was returned by Recon.

2. At 162145H, 1/3 radar reported small group of men moving west of 948732. The radar was located at 960731. At 162022H, 1/3 received report that 1 man in a two man listening post had an eye injury and can not see. It was not caused by a gun shot wound.

3. Later, 1/3 radar reported 2 groups of men approximately 1000 yds apart, not moving in a definite direction. One group was at 952729. 1/3 dispatched two squads with the mission of recovering the two man listening post. If the squads make contact, wcontact will be maintained.

B. ADMINISTRATION: No change.

C. LOGISTICS:

1. 2/3 continues movement of supplies to new CP.

D. PLANS: Continuing present operations.

E. MISCELLANEOUS:

1. 2/3 reported flare north west of airbase. Flare also reported in general area of MEB Compound.

2. 1/3 reported flare vicinity coord 976758.

3. 1/3 reported Vietnamese interference with their TAC net.

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SITREP 25 as of 170300H

A. OPERATIONS:

1. At 170115, 1/3 reported Delta patrol made contact with Recon 1-Delta. Injured man, wooden splinters and facial lacerations treated by Corpsman. Should commence return about 5 Min. Appears enemy bullet hit tree causing injury.

2. At 170134, 1/3 reported 81mm will illuminate front of Delta Co position where movement observed by radar in previous SITREP. G-3 notified.

3. Delta patrol had not returned by end of period.

B. ADMINISTRATION: No change.

C. LOGISTICS: No change.

D. PLANS: Continue present operations.

E. MISCELLANEOUS:

1. 3/9 reported Lima Co challenged two men inside double apron fence at 2345. Men ran when challenged.

2. 3/9 reported Mike Co reported one round fired at 0110 and three rounds fired at 0157. Coord 015743.

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SITREP 26 as of 170700H

A. OPERATIONS:

1. Unhurt member of recon patrol questioned by CROWD 6 at 0400. Man states that they were fired on by an estimated 5 VC. The fire fight lasted from 3 to 5 minutes. The patrol threw one grenade which they believe hurt one VC because of the noises made. The VC withdrew and the patrol remained in its position. The wounded man received wod fragments in the face and eyes which apparently resulted from a tree near him being struck by rifle fire. The Recon patrol reutnred to their lines when joined by a two squad patrol from "D" Co, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines. Time of return was about 0300H. The man was not seriously enough hurt to be evacuated.

B. ADMINISTRATION: No change.

C. LOGISTICS: No change.

D. PLANS. Continue present operations.

E. MISCELLANEOUS. Negative.

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SITREP 27 as of 171100H Apr 1965

A. OPERATIONS:

1. 3/9 81mm mortars commenced firing at HOA CAM Range at 171000H.

2. At 160900H, Vietnamese radio station cut into MEB tac net causing contact to be lost.

3. 1st Platoon, Co B, 1/3, commenced firing at HOA CAM Range at 170900H.

4. A squad size patrol from Co D was sent to the vicinity coordinates 944719, to check position formerly occupied by SJ1D1.

5. An OP by 2/3 is being established on Co H's hill complex.

6. 2/3 has commenced shifting companies on hill masses 308 and 278.

B. ADMINISTRATION: No change.

C. LOGISTICS: 2/3 is continuing to shift supplies to their new CP.

D. PLANS:

1. Continue to improve position.

2. Continued development of 3d Marines CP.

3. Continued surveillance of TAOR.

E. MISCELLANEOUS: Negative.

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SITREP 28 as of 171500H Apr 1965

A. OPERATIONS:

1. 3/9's 81mm mortar platoon still conducting fire exercise at HOA CAM Range. Mortar target shifting examination conducted by this Headquarters at 1400H.

2. 50-55 Helilifts of supplies and equipment flown to 3/4 CP area during period. Approximately one ton per load.

3. Co F, 2/3, commenced relieving Co H on Hills 278 and 312. Rotation of units will not be completed until late afternoon.

4. At 171210H, Recon helilifted six additional personnel to LZ BUZZARD BRAVO to bring SJ1D2 OP to required strength.

5. Co C, 1/3 sent a two platoon patrol to vicinity coordinates 944719 with instructions to return by 171800H.

6. At 171430H, 1st Platoon, Co A, 3d AT - Heavy Section commenced conducting a Drivex to vicinity HOA CAM Range.

B. ADMINISTRATION:

1. Co F, 2/3 sustained two heat casualties while climbing Hill 312. Casualties are at 2/3 BAS and will not require further evacuation.

2. 3/4 personnel strength at PHU BAI now 85%.

C. LOGISTICS:

1. 3/4 has unloaded 90% of its equipment.

2. 3/4 has unloaded 65% of its supplies.

D. PLANS: Will commence coordinated daylight reconnaissance patrols in vicinity of the airfield on 20 April. Patrols will be accompanied by indigenous personnel with the prupose of being seen by the Vietnamese people, to create a good impression and gain familiarity with the area.

E. MISCELLANEOUS: Negative.

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SITREP #29 as of 171900H

A. Operations.

1. Burke "C" patrol is dropping off one platoon to establish an ambush when t e patrol returns.

2. Burke "A" establishing a squad ambush at coordinates 926736 and providing security for Engr TD 18 that threw a track and must remain in their vicinitky for the night.

3. Report of firing made by HqCo wire team. Firing came from vicinity C ord. 965752.

B. Administration. No change

C. Logistics. No change

D. Plans. Continue present operations with particular emphasis placed on keeping alert for VC infiltrations. Units are establishing strong listening posts well out to the west in assigned TAOR's.

E. Miscellaneous. Negative

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SITREP # 30 as of 172300H Apr 1965

A. OPERATIONS:

1. Machine Gun fire was reported along route 1 at coord 996768 in Co L, 3/9, area at approximately 172230H. The fire was estimated ~~approximately~~ to be 1000 meters away down the road from Checkpoint "Charlie" and of unknown origin.

2. Grenade and maching gun fire was reported by 3/9 at coord 005730. The fire lasted about five minubes and is estimated to have occured approximately 172130H. It is of unknown origin.

3. Samll arms fire and illumination grenades were fired in vicinity Battery L, coord 965765 from 172005H to 172146H. .50 cal machine gun rounds were passing over 1/3's lines apparently coming from Battery L.

4. 15 to 20 rounds of small arms fire was observed vicinity grid square 9678 at 172155H. 5 rounds 81mm mortar illumination were placed on 2/3 perimeter.

5. at 171815H, it was reported by Co L, 3/9 that one shot was fired from 006769 in unknown direction. Sounded like possible ~~xxxx~~ .22 cal.

6. At 171858H, it was reported by Co M, 3/9, that 5 tracer rounds, in 4 rd. bursts, of machine gun fire were observed coming from vicinity 015740 firing in a southwerterly direction.

7. At 171940H, it was reported that tracers were observed firing east to west approximately 1000 meters south of runway.

8. At 171955H, it was reported by Co M, 3/9, that 25 men at coord 005740 were observed milling around carrying torches.

9. At 172010, it was reported by Co L, 3/9, that fire was observed 500 to 600 meters down road in a northwest direction from Checkpoint "Charlie".

10. At 172055H, it was reported by Co M, 3/9, that artillery fire was observed at an azimuth of 230 degrees from Co M, 3/9, CP. Flash to ~~long~~ BANG time was 7 seconds. It was also reported that a short fire fight ensued at vicinity coord 005730. It appeared to be an ambush. 2 or 3 grenades were exploded. Single shot and automatic weapons fire was also heard. There was considerable activity in the area after the firing ceased.

11. At 172107, it was reported by Co L, 3/9, that maching gun tracer fire was observed vicinity 1500 meters northwest of CP "Charlie" on old route 1. Fire appeared to be directed generally down road toward airfield. Did not observe strike of bullets as tracers burned out before reaching perimeter.

12. At 172110, Co L, 3/9, reported fire from same area.

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B. ADMINISTRATION: No change.

C. LOGISTICS: No change.

D. PLANS:

1. Co K and Recon elements of 3/4 to be recalled into perimeter at first light 18 April.

2. Co L, 3/4, will deploy one platoon (rein) to vicinity coord 882116 at dusk 18 April.

3. Recon teams with TIPSY 21 will deploy to best position to scan Co K's former positions at moonrise 18 April.

E. MISCELLANEOUS:

1. It was reported by Co L, 3/9 that two trip flares were set off 50 meters north of CP 18 at 171859H.

2. A mine exploded in Co M, 3/9 area at 172055H. Cause unknown.

3. Loud speaders were reported in Co I, 3/9 area west of Checkpoint 9 at unknown distance. Vietanmese language spoken.

4. Loud speakers reported in Co L, 3/9, area at 172139H at an azimuth 315° from CP 17. Unknown distance from Checkpoint. Vietnamese language spoken.

5. At 172140H, a mine was detonated in Co I, 3/9 area vicinityCP 8. Cause unknown.

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SITREP 31 as of 180300H Apr 1965

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B. ADMINISTRATION. No change.

C. LOGISTICS. No change.

D. PLANS. No change.

E. MISCELLANEOUS. None.

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SITREP #32 as of 180700H Apr 1965

A. OPERATIONS. No change.

B. ADMINISTRATION. No change.

C. LOGISTICS. No change.

D. PLANS. No change.

E. MISCELLANEOUS. None.

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SITREP 33 as of 181100H

A. OPERATIONS:

(1) All units of BLT 3/4 have returned to 3/4 CP area.

(2) At 180930H, Crowd 6 and Bruke 6 made a recon vicinity coord 947726.

(3) At 180920H, 3/9 was directed to man night security posts as a result of an explosion which occured vicinity coord 008755. They were further directed to stop all vehciles in vicinity of airfield and check for weapons and explosives.

(4) At 181002H, it was determined that the explosion was cuased as a result of a bomb falling off a Vietnamese ammo truck exploding and enflaming napalm.

(5) At 181028H, Sugar Bowl 3 directed Crowd to stand down from alert and resume normal operations. At 1035, 3/9 was notified.

B. ADMINISTRATION: No change.

C. LOGISITCS: BLT 3/4 now has 95% of its equipment and supplies unloaded.

D. PLANS: Continue present operations.

E. MISCELLANEOUS:

(1) General KARSCH visited 3/9 CP at 180930H.

(2) At 180930H, L Co, 3/9 reported one RVN dead and 2 wounded as a result of explosion. All three were evacuated.

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SITREP 34 as of 181500H

A. OPERATIONS:

1. 2 shots were fired at a vehicle on highway 1 approximately 5 miles northwest of PHU BAI at 181232H. 1st Division ARVN troops conducting investigation. No xxx casualties sustained.

2. Rotation of 2/3 units on hills 368 and 289 completed at 181420H.

3. SJ1D2 OP coord 931740 secured at 181200H.

4. 3/4 reports Vancouver completely unloaded.

B. ADMINISTRATION: No change.

C. LOGISTICS:

1. 100% of 3/4 supplies unloaded.

2. 100% 3/4 vehicles unloaded.

3. 96% 3/4 Class II items unloaded.

4. 100% 3/4 Class III items unloaded.

5. No 3/4 Class IV items unloaded.

6. 97% 3/4 Class V items unloaded.

7. 50% of 3/4 F-1 supplies unloaded.

8. 3/4 estimated time of completion of unloading 181800H.

D. PLANS: No change.

E. MISCELLANEOUS: No chnage.

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SITREP #35 as of 181900 April 1965

A. OPERATIONS:

1. 3/4 defensive posture vicinity airport and 8th MEU. One plt "L" Company(Rein) at coord 882116. One plt recon vicinity coord 890117.

B. ADMINISTRATION:

1. 3/4 reports LCpl J. F. MOLIFIELD, 1998818 of "I" Battery 3/12, vehicle driver, accidently shot himself in the upper left leg. Evacuated to hospital at Da Nang. Estimated hospitalization time 7 to 10 days. Clean wound. No bones broken. Incident happened between 1700H and 1800H at Hue.

C. LOGISTICS: No change.

D. PLANS: No change.

E. MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Received 181928H. A wheel came off back of a truck in 3/4 area and hit a Vietnamese bicycle. Vietnamese owner desires to make claim against U. S. Government for wheel. Investigating Officer has been appointed.

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SITREP 36 as of 182300H Apr 1965

A. OPERATIONS: No change.

B. ADMINISTRATION: No change.

C. LOGISTICS: No change.

D. PLANS: No change.

E. MISCELLANEOUS:

1. 3/9 reported 8 to 10 people moving into a house in vicinity of coord 017740. Small arms fire has been received from this house on previous occasions. House is being kept under close surveilande.

2. 2/3 reported small arms occured from up at coord 099768 at 182032H.

3. 1/3 TIPS-21 picked up an estimated 12 or more people in grid square 9573 at 182055H. Lost caontact at 2150H.

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SITREP#37 as of 190300H reported at 190245H

A. OPERATIONS: No Change.
B. Administration: No change.
C. LOGISTICS: No change.
D. PLANS: No change.
E. MISCELLANEOUS:
1. Burke Bravo Patrol departed at 190100H.
2. Burke's TR521 radar out of operation due to generator malfunction as of 1900-30H

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SITREP #38 as of 190700H reported at 190655H

A. Operations. No change

B. Administration. No change

C. Logistics. No change

D. Plans. Nochange

E. Miscellaneous.

1. 0200 Burke "C" outpost 4 observed 6 rounds of small arms fire at Coord 955378.

2. 0245 Burke "A" reported unidentified man attempted to enter CP. One round was fired by Burke "A" and the man disappeared.

3. 0310 Fertilizer "L" reported firefight 900m in front of their position. They heard automatic rifle fire and grenades, and saw flares. No rounds came into their area.

4. 0313 Fertilizer "I" reported mine detonated where "I" Co joins "M" Co. Believed to be dog.

5. 0411 Fertilizer "M" reported artillery firing west toward ARVN camp from coordinates 013738.

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SITREP 39 as of 191100H Apr 1965

A. OPERATIONS:

1. 2 sections of 3/9 81mm Mortar Platoon are preparing to fire on HOA CAM Range.

2. 1/3's 106RR platoon commenced firing on HOA CAM Range at 0900H.

B. ADMINISTRATION: No change.

C. LOGISTICS: No change.

D. PLANS: To establish four regimental OPs around the perimeter with direct communications to the 3d Marine Command Center.

E. MISCELLANEOUS: No change.

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SITREP 40 as of 191500H Apr 1965

A. OPERATIONS:

1. It was reported to this Headquarters that artillery would be registering at 1600 at coord 95107270. Notified all units to clear area of troops.

2. 3/9's 106RR platoon secured firing at HOA CAM Range at 1200.

3. Co A, 3/4, completed movement to 3/4 CP at 1200.

4. 2/3 OP established at coord 922783. Manned by artillery FO, comm personnel and S-2 scouts. Personnel will provide own security.

5. At 1335H, a quick reaction drill was conducted by Co K, /39, involving helo-lifting one platoon of Co K to HOA CAM Traing Area.

B. ADMINISTRATION:

1. 3/4 personnel strength 1380 officers and men.

C. LOGISTICS:

2. Estimate that 3/4 supplies and equipment will reach PHU BAI area at approximately 1800H.

D. PLANS: At 1600H, reinforce 2/3 OP with FAC, additional comm personnel, and HUF spot team.

E. MISCELLANEOUS:

1. 3/4 reported a vehicle accident involving two 2½ ton trucks, serial numbers 188759 and 136154. Time of accident and exact area unknown as yet. Estimated to trucks is as follows:

DAMAGE

a. Truck number 188759 - $1800.

b. Truck number 136154 - $35.

c. No injuries to Marine or civilian personnel. No damage to civilian property. Investigation of incident is presently being conducted.

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SITREP 41 as of 191900H Apr 1965

A. OPERATIONS:

1. 3/4 platoon on hill 26 pulling in after dark.

2. CPS on Armored Personnel Carrier returned from hill 26 at 1600H.

3. Co D, 3/4, moving after dark to position along EW grid line 11 and between NS grid line 89 and 86.

4. Recon platoon will execute ambus plan vicinity DICOUT.

5. At 191855H, 1/3 "D" reported recurring richochets from vicinity HOA CAM Training Center.

6. Six shots were fired in 1/3 CP area. Three members in a 106RR mounted M-274 Mule received six shots at approximately 1530H. Rounds were also heard by members of 81mm mortar platoon. Investigation did not disclose where shots came from or impacted. It was believed that shots originated from a carbine rifle.

7. 2/3 platoon size ambush established around Battery L and 8" positions. Mission - to apprehend people who have been harrassing batteries previous nights by throwing grenades.

B. ADMINISTRATION: 1stSgt D. W. BAIRD was evacuated to "C" Med. Diagnosis discloses he has emphesema.

C. LOGISTICS: No change.

D. PLANS: Unit on hill 327 will observe small arms fire coord 975728.

E. MISCELLANEOUS: At 1905H, a Navy truck drove through Checkpoint D in 3/9 area travelling approximately 40 miles per hour without stopping. License number reported: 93-25963.

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SITREP #42 as of 192300H

A. Operations.

1. At 1810H, two vehicles returning fr om Hue were fired upon by small arms fire vicinity coordinates 812188. Origin unknown. Fire was returned. The tire on the lead vehicle was punctured as a result of the fire. While the tire was being repaired, one pistol shot was fired from a window of a passing bus. Fire was not returned. Pursuit not possible. No casualties sustained.

2. 3/4 receiving fire vicinity coord 903143. Fire returned.

3. "I" Co 3/4 receiving sporadic small arms fire in perimeter around airfield.

4. 3/4 received small arms fire between 2210H and 2220H from vicinity coord 903143. All fire was from semi-automatic weapons. No automatic weapons reported. It was believed that fire was also received from two 60mm mortars.

5. At 2330H, a TPS-21 located at 957737 reported personnel moving about the bushes. Number and exact location unknown.

B. Adminsitration. No change

C. Logistics. No change

D. Plans. No change

E. Miscellaneous. No change

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SITREP 43 as of 200300H Apr 1965

A. OPERATIONS:

1. 2/3 conducting special night operations in position. No enemy contact.

2. 3/4 reported probe of 4 to 5 men at point on route 1 between Co L and Battery I, commencing at 200150H. Fire was returned with no casualties to either side. Probe took place vicinity coord 883135.

B. ADMINISTRATION: 3/4 total strength ashore now 1378 (100%).

C. LOGISTICS: No change.

D. PLANS: No change.

E. MISCELLANEOUS: Recon platoon's ambush was inadvertently disclosed by other enemy forces. Recon platoon recalled to CP.

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SITREP# 44 as of 200730 April 65

A. OPERATIONS:
"3#- 2/3 Specil Night OPS in position. No enemy contact.

B. ADMINISTRATION: No change

C. LOGISTICS: No change

D. PLANS: No change

E. MISCELLANEOUS: mM Company ,3/4 Rec 3 rounds fire from unidentified personnel fromfront. No casualties ,fire not retured.

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SITREP 45 as of 201100H Apr 1965

A. OPERATIONS:

1. Co G, 2/3, special ambush element for Battery L, returned to 2/3 CP at 0700H.

2. Counterattack drill was conducted by 3/9 from 0900H to 1015H.

3. Co D, 3d Recon, conducting a Route Recon on hill 327 in conjunction with future operations.

B. ADMINISTRATION: No change.

C. LOGISTICS: No change.

D. PLANS: No change.

E. MISCELLANEOUS:

1. 2 explosions occurred 2000 meters from left flank of Co I, 3/9, lines in the vicinity of the south end of the runway. Cause unknown.

2. Two rounds were fired on the south slope of hill 327 near the HAO CAM Training Center at 0625.

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1800		1	041800I	Journal Opened	S
1810		2	040825Z	Fr 3dMarDiv, Activated for operations 040800Z	S
	1930	3	041000Z	To 3dMarDiv for release MOVREP	S
	2240	4	041400Z	To 3dMarDiv ; Weapons Density & Trp List	S
050900		5	050014Z	Fr 3dMarDiv, verbal instruction to execute, followed up by msg	S-T
061300		6		RLT-3 departed Camp Schwab	S-T
1535		7		Arrived Naha Port Embarked aboard USS WHITFIELD COUNTY, USS VERNON COUNTY, USS WASHOE COUNTY, USS WINDHAM COUNTY	S-T
070900		8		Departed Naha Port	S-T
1055		9		CO RLT-3, S-3, S-4, CommO and CO 1/12 departed Futema via Flt #5, Arr DaNang 1605	S
091430		10		CO RLT-3 on recon to Phu Bai	S
101500		11		Recon Phu Bai area from 1030-1500 liaison with 1stARVN Div Comdr, Div Advisors, 8th RRU, DaNang Training Camp Advisors. Visit in connection with introcution of elements of BLT 2/3 to Phu Bai	S
1630		12		Briefed BLT 2/3 Comdr and staff & CG 3dMEB on Phu Bai aboard USS MT MCKINLEY	S

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1700		13		Fr CO RLT-3 to CG 9thMEB Rpt of Phu Bai area	S
111500		14		CO RLT-3 helo recon of DaNang area	S
121200		15		Main body of RLT-3 arr DaNang	S-T
~~1910~~	1910	16	120910Z	To AIG-6 from RLT-3 MOVREP	S
2300		17		To 9thMEB: SITRP #1	S
2400		18		Journal Closed	
				Summary of Operations. Period 4-12 April 1965	
				RLT-3 activated for operations on 4 April, ordered to execute on 5 April, loaded aboard four LSTs at Naha. Departed Naha 7 April. CO RLT-3 and part of staff moved to DaNang. CO RLT-3 9-11 April on recons of area. 12 April main body RLT-3 arrived.Danang.	

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	0300	1		To 9thMEB: SITREP #2	S
	0700	2		To 9thMEB: SITREP #3	S
0825		3		Fr 1/3: Reports OPCON RLT-3 effective 130800	S-F
0828		4		Fr 3/9: Reports OPCON RLT-3 effective 130800	S-F
0940		5	130130Z	Fr 2/3: Acknowledge yr OPCON at 130800	S-F
1030		6	131020H	Fr 1/3: Reports possible KIA of VN civilian by stray 81mm Motar round incident occured prior to RLT-3 assuming OPCON over BLT 1/3	S
	1130	7		To 9thMEB: SITREP #4	S
1512		8	130035Z	Fr 9thMEB: Frag Order 13-65 to 9thMEB, BLT 3/4	S
	1530	9		To 9th MEB: SITREP #5	S
	1930	10		To 9thMEB: SITREP #6	S
2135		11		TELECON fr 3/9: M Co listing post had rocks thrown at them at approx 2035. Also loud speaker or radio in house about 50 yd from position vic coord 006738. M Co will keep informed. MEB notified.	S
	2145	12		To 9th MEB: UnitRpt #1	S
	140305	13		To 9thMEB: SITREP #7	S
	0715	14		To 9thMEB: SITREP #8	S
	1200	15	141150H	To 9thMEB: 1/3 reports that FO spotted 60 trps coord 9272. Direction of movement unknown.	S
	1130	16		To 9thMEB: SITREP #9	S
1355		17		Fr MEB-3: Task Org of 9thMEB	S

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1405		18	140300Z	Fr 2/3: 1st elements of of Task Group A arr 1130	S
	1530	19		To 9thMEB: SITREP #10	S
	1945	20		To 9thMEB: SITREP #11	S
2325		21	141150Z	Fr MEB: Mbrs of this command will wear upper body armor when on flts in helo/obs aircraft.	S
	2330	22	142300H	To 9thMEB: SITREP #12	S
2400		23		Journal Closed	S
				Summary of Operations Period 13-14 April 1965. SITREPs continue to be submitted at four hour interval. 1/3, 2/3 and 3/9 reported OPCON 3d Marines. Body armor must be worn during flights.	

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0325		1	150225H	Fr 9thMEB: Visit to Hue Phu Bai by DEPCOMUSMACV	S
	0340	2		To 9thMEB: SITREP #13	S
0745		3		Fr 3/9: An explosion was reported at 0635 in either I Co area or BLS area. Location unknown Placed on 150700 SITREP 3/9 will advise on location.	T
	0755	4		To 9thMEB: SITREP #14	S
0800		5		Fr 3/9: Explosion that occured 150635H result of dog crossing mine field.	F
	0810	6		At 150735 Crow 6 departed for BEARMAT CP.	S
	1135	7		To 9thMEB: SITREP #15	F
1205		8		Fr 3/9: At 1120 one mine was detonated by dog at south end of runway in M Co area.	S
1440	~~1440x~~	9		Fr 2/3: Preparation of new CP area coordinates 946775 now underway. Est occupation this site will begin 160630H.	S
	1525	10		To 9thMEB: SITREP #16	S
	1900	11		To 9thMEB: SITREP #17	S
	2000	12		To 9thMEB: Unit Rpt #3	S
	2330	13		To 9thMEB: SITREP #18	S
160128		14		Fr 3/9: Report of people north of runway G-3 notified.	S
0240		15		Fr 3/9: Report crowd of people at end of runway dispersed at 0215.	S

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0340		16		Fr 2/3: Co E noticed movement in their area, dispatched troops to investigate but found no evidence of personnel.	S
	0400	17		To 9thMEB: SITREP #19	S
	0715	18		To 9thMEB: SITREP #20	S
0905		19		Fr 2/3: 2/3 has started movement of CP to coord 946775.	M
0935		20		Fr 1/3: At 160900H one rd was fired thru Co C CP. Origin unknown.	S
	1045	21		To All Units: Report ASAP corrd and time of arr of Bty L, 4/12	S
	1130	22		To 9thMEB: SITREP #21	S
1500		23		Asst Ambassor JOHNSON toured 3d Marines positions with Col WHEELER	S
	1530	24		To 9thMEB: SITREP #22	S
1935		25		Fr Squire: New CP Opened at 161000H	M
	1935	26		To 9thMEB: SITREP #23	S
2130		27		Fr 1/3: Rec'd small arms fire, returned same, will advise when more info available.	S
2220		28		Fr Crowd 2: Radar picked up small group of men moving west at 948732 time 2145H, lost target because of woods.	S
	2340	29		To 9thMEB: SITREP #24	S
2400		30		Journal Closed. Summary on page three.	S

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				Suumary of operations period 15-16 April 1965. 2/3 completed move to new CP. Mr JOHNSON visited 3d Marines positions. Scattered reports of firings received and unidentified persons moving in area.	

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0115		1		Fr 1/3: Recon listening post fired upon, fired returned. One man injured by wooden splinters, no other casualties.	T
	0358	2		To 9thMEB: SITREP #25	S
0407		3		Fr 1/3: Injured man at 1/3 aid station cannot see. Will be unable to come to Crowd 3.	S-T
0444		4		Fr 1/3: Injured man to be retained at Aid Sta tonight. Will be evac for x-rays in morning.	S-T
	0700	5		To 9thMEB: SITREP #26	S
0900		6		Fr MEB NetOp (ALLEN): Viet radio cut into Regt-MEB tac net causing loss of contact.	S
1000		7		Fr 9thMEB: FMFPac & CMC concerned about lack of info passed to high Hqs. Have impression of lack of effort on part of reporting units. Assured not so. Assured reporting units will again be made aware of need for more information.	S
	1120	8		To 9thMEB: SITREP #27	S
1245		9		Fr 9thMEB: ARVN captured VC. Interogating resulted in VC claims that all VC UNITS in DaNang area instructed to harass all USMC units. Mortar platoon in DaNang area.	S

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1247		10		Fr 9thMEB: Captured VC disclosed VC mortar platoon in grid square 9178 directly south of KIEN KIEN village.	S
	1530	11		To 9thMEB: SITREP #28	S
	1900	12		To 9thMEB: SITREP #29	S
1936		13		Fr 3/9: M Co reported 4-5 round bursts and one single shot vicinity corrd 015740.	S
2000		14		To 9thMEB: UnitRpt #5	S
2050		15		Fr 3/9: M Co report of meeting of 25 men, tracer firing and men w/torches. L Co reports flare west of 1st Plt CP.	S
2140		16		Fr 3/9: Co L reports MG fire down road from CP "C" coord 996767 on Rt #1. Fire coming from approx 1000 meters.	S
2300		17		Fr 2/3: Observed small arms fire 15-20 rounds automatic and 12 rounds individually 2155H. Fired 5 rounds 81mm ill. on position.	S
	2347	18		To 1/3: Prepare platoon to assist L or B Btry on short notice.	T
	2330	19		To 9thMEB: SITREP #30	S
2400		20		Journal Closed.	
				Summary on page three.	

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				Summary of operations period 17 April 1965. Recon listening post fired upon, one man WIA. Captured VC says VC units instructed to harass USMC. Isolated reports of firing noted.	

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0010		1		Fr 9thMEB: Stand down from alert.	S
	0655	2		To 9thMEB: SITREP #31	S
0850		3		Fr Crowd 2: MEB-2 reports Air Force ammo dump blown at 0855.	S
0940		4		Fr Crowd 6: Bn have 3/9 man all positions fully uniformed and ready.	S
1002		5		Fr 3/9: RVN bomb truck RVN guard reported that he saw a bomb fall off, this started fire to some napalm. There is a big crater in the road. Air Force pers are in the area investigating. Company in area report hearing no shots fired.	S
1028		6		Fr 3/9: Reports notified to return to normal operations.	S
	1120	7		To 9thMEB: SITREP #33	S
1210		8		Fr 9thMEB: Location of all VN liaison officers	F
1650		9		Fr 9thMEB: At 0500 four trucks leave speical sector DaNang for coord 915745, to get 708 RF Co and bring them to Mar helo pad for lift, 2/3 notified	S
1935		10		CO departed CP 1530H to recon hills 327 & 268 and find position for RegtCP. Returned 1720.	F

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	2000	11		To 9thMEB: UnitRpt #6	S
2235		12		Fr 9thMEB: At 8" HowPlt grenade thrown in area. One slight hand wound result (WIA). Sent patrol to make contact-waiting for results.	S
2250		13		Fr CO 3dMar: CO wants program on VN language to ensure each pers will be albe to use min of 50 key words in a reasonable period of time. Rpt per cent of prof on UnitRpt.	S
	2320	14		To 9thMEB: SITREP #36	S
2400		15		Journal Closed	S
				Summary of operations period 18 April 1965.	
				Explosion at air field resulted in 3/9 being put on 100% alert. Caused determined accidental drop of bomb. 3/9 stood down from alert. Continued reports of small arms firing.	

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	0300	1		To 9thMEB: SITREP #36	S
0330		2		Fr 1/3: A Company reported 1 man unidentified attempted to enter their CP. One round was fired and theperson disappeared.	F
	0715	3		To 9thMEB: SITREP #38	S
	1115	4		To 9thMEB: SITREP #39	S
1145		5		Fr Saint Joe Delta: Scheme of maneuver for operation on 20Apr65	S-F
	1530	6		To 9thMEB: SITREP #40	S
1540		7		Fr 1/3: Rounds fired into vicinity of 81mm area. Light caliber. Sqd investigation. Regt CO notified.	S
1550		8		Fr 1/3: Mule was coming down road, was fied upon. 3 men in mule tried to pursue. 81mm reported shots over position.	S
	2000	9		To 9thMEB: UnitRpt #7	S
2015		10		Fr 9thMEB: No changes but new para 7 deals with coordination and MEB is handling. FragO 14-65 has been approved.	S
	2030	11		To 9thMEB: SITREP #41	S
2035		12		Fr 3/9: Exercise counter attack plan to determine reaction and familiarize personnel with plan.	S
2241		13		Fr 1/3: TPS-21 picked up small group of personnel. Time 2220H at coord 957737.	S

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2302		14		Fr 1/3: Burke Alpha reported MP fired four rounds at man who set off trip flare. Man ran itno bushes at 958756.	S
	2357	15		To 9thMEB: SITREP #42	S
2400		16		Journal Closed	S
				Summary of operations period 19 April 1965.	
				Scattered reports of firing at units of the 3rd Marines.	

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	0150	1		To 9thMEB: Request for support of Recon Patrol	S
	0340	2		To 9thMEB: SITREP #43	S
0730		3		Fr 9thMEB: Establish ambush and blocking positions.	S
	0740	4		To 9thMEB: Recon patrol departed from CP at 200718H. Patrol accompanied by ARVN platoon.	S
	0759	5		To 9thMEB: SITREP #44	S
	1150	6		To 9thMEB: SITREP #45	S
1444		7		Fr Saint Joe Delta: Arrived 3dMar CP.	S-M
~~2000~~ 2000		8		To 9thMEB: UnitRpt #8	S
2035		9		Fr 3/9: Observed small arms fire from general coord 950773 on azimuth 160 degrees, appears to be coming from Bravo Btry, time observed 2025H	S
2056		10		From 3/9: "B" Btry appear to have infiltraters. 2/3 will call.	S
2238		11		From 3/9: 400 meters NW Check Point #17, observed 17 rounds from car and 2 flares setoff	S
210646		12		Fr Saint Joe Delta: Loaded 6x6 enroute to first Check Point	S
1028		13		Fr Saint Joe Delta: one heat casualty. Evac by helicopter MEB notified	S
0800		14		21 ARVN and MP vehicular established in village of Tong Vu Su	S

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1304		15		Fr 2/3: 2/3 OP at 949-776 has rec'd 10 rounds rifle fire commencing at 1230H	S
~~1550~~	1550	16		To 9thMEB: 2 rounds from left flank of CP. Rounds from same location as rounds fired the other day. Pursuit made by squad. Firing continuing.	S
2100		17		Fr 2/3: Reports the Crowd OP's 2 and 3 are being manned and nothing to report. No movement at all.	S
	2000	18		To 9thMEB: UnitRpt #9	S
2200		19		Fr 1/3: TPS-21 pick up movement of what appears to be about 50 men.	S
2235		20		Fr 2/3: Ground flare observed 3500 meters at bearing 340 degrees.	S
2300		21		Fr 3/9: Radar haspicked up 1 man in I Co area about Check Point #9, he walks a while and then stops, they think he is checking the fence.	S
2400		22		Journal closed. Summary of operations for period 20-21Apr65. Recon patrol comm 0740 ret 1444. No contact. MP's established road control. Continued reports of small arms fire.	S

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0015		1		Fr 3/9: L Co reports 6 bursts auto fire. Approx 20 rounds fr 280 degrees mag range of 600 meters	M
0345		2		Fr 3/4: Co I OP fired on by 4 men from approx 50 meters at 0210. Fire returned, no casualties either side. MEB notified.	S
	0645	3		To 9thMEB: Saint Joe Delta patrol departed 0645 via north pass, then to departure point.	S
0915		4		Fr Recon: Rpt will had VC last night moved west this morning.	S
0945		5		Fr 1/3: Patrol reports 8 VC plt vic CP 47 at 212400H moved west this morning, passingout propaganda and moving Panji traps.	S
1058		6		First wave reaction force off.	S-T
1100		7		Fr 1/3: estimate VC plt departed check point 49 under fire, toward CP 50. Patrol in pursuit,	T
	1150	8		To 9thMEB: 1 man wounded, Has been evac to 2/3 position.	S
	1200	9		To 9thMEB: Firing has ceased. Co B 877708.	S
1220		10		Fr 1/3: Recon & Co B have joined forces 200 hards west of CP 50. Searching village vic ~~CO 1/3 in command.~~	S

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1240		11		Fr 1/3: Contact w/VC regained at 1235. VC number and position unk.	S
	1355	12		Fr 1/3: Request for four F4B. Use rockets and napalm possible. 3/9 will control.	S
1520		13		Fr 1/3 14A; Air strikes being conducted on ridge south of river now. No coord avail this time.	S
1620		14		Fr 1/3: Am consolid and checking area. Will be ready to leave at 1700, no enemy contact.	S
1745		15		Fr S-3: Airlift returning 1/3 started 1700. Est ecompl time 1800, 1st lift Recon, prisoner dead will be body behind.	S
	1810	16		To 9thMEB: CO 1/3 reports all pers returned.	S
2000		17		To 9thMEB: UnitRpt #9	S
2005		18		Fr 9thMEB: Counter Mortar fire picked up 3 salvos of mortar fire at coord 95647401 & 96077397.	S
	2030	19		To 9thMEB: Patrol Opns 24-25 Appil 1965.	S
2112		20		Fr 9thMEB: Patrol in TAOR look for possible tunneling sites tomorrow.	S-T
2400		21		Journal closed Summary operations for 22Apr65 Recon patrol fired upon by VC, 1 WIA, quick reaction company helilifted to area. VC withdrew scattered sniper fire reported.	S

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0100		1		Fr 3/9: L Company reports saw 5 rounds of tracer coming from south end of runway.	S
0200		2		Fr 3dMar: Illim grenades 155 How	S
0645		3		Fr Recon: Patrol departed base camp	S
0830		4		Fr 1/3: Reports one accidental discharge, man to be evac, heli on way, will mark LZ.	S
0910		5		Fr Recon: Patrol 900 meters SW of POD. Villager tole them of VC on other side of ridge in same direction. Rec'd sniper fire fr north.	S
0942		6		Fr Recon: ~~[illegible]~~ Has found grenades and ammo in village.	S
1045		7		Fr Recon: Has resumed check point 42, found mine field.	S
1137		8		Fr 1/3: Call for quick reaction force. 1/3 sweep south of recon route.	S
1155		9		Fr 1/3: Launch reaction force.	S
1200		10		Fr 1/3: Caught sniper. You instruct take directly to MEB.	S
1438		11		Fr Recon: All reaction force troops landed.	S
	1615	12		To 9thMEB: Firing in CP from hillside to south. 1/3 reaction plt dispatched.	S
1642		13		Fr Recon: Units are ~~receiving sniper fire.~~	S

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1813		14		Fr 1/3: Patrol returned 1902.	S
1930		15		Fr 1/3: Burke A returned.	S
~~2000~~	2000	16		To 9thMEB: UnitRpt #10	S
2400		17		Journal closed	S
				Summary operations period 23 April 1965.	
				Recon patrol covered same area as yesterday. No contact except isolated sniper fire. Company from 1/3 helilifted into area make no contact. Isolated incidents of sniper fire reported. No casualties.	

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0545		1		Fr 3/4: 0425 one Marine killed by own grenade.	S
0605		2		Fr 3/4: CO had a coronary attack evac to Nha Trang	S
0710		3		Fr 1/3: Patrol departed	S
0715		4		Fr 2/3: Patrol Alfa going north and Bravo going south.	S
0815		5		Fr 1/3: Civil affairs personnel accompaning patrol.	S
0905		6		Fr 2/3: Patrol reports VN civilian said 300 VC were in village to NW called HOA HIEP.	S
1000		7		Fr 1/3: Picked up Russian radio interference on 1/3 Bravo net on B518.	S
1035		8		Fr 2/3: B reports no enemy contact, reconed whole area.	S
1115		9		Fr 1/3: Patrol receiving sniper fire from 2 or 3 snipers. Flushing them out. One WIA.	S
1150		10		Fr 1/3: Received the WIA, heli on way for evac.	S
1230		11		Fr 1/3: WIA has been evac.	S
1315		12		Fr 1/3: Reported WIA has four superficial wound, 3 in thigh, 1 in forearm, prognosis good, believe wounds caused by shrapnel or buckshot.	S
1555		13		Fr 1/3: Many panji traps found in village coord 870755.	S
1800		14		LtCol TAYLOR assumed comd 3/4.	S
	2000	15		To 9thMEB: Unit Report #11	S
2110		16		Fr 3/9: At 2055 I Co heard 8 to 50 rounds from automatic weapon.	S
2400		17		Journal Closed.	S
				Summary of operations period 24 April 1965. One marine killed by own grenade, CO 3/4 had heart attack. 1/3 patrolled TAOR, one WIA. LtCol TAYLOR assumed command of 3/4. Reports of scattered fire reported.	

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0020		1		Fr 3/9: two small arms incidents reported from L Co	S
0110		2		Fr Crowd OP#1: Report one flare vicinity F Btry	S
0140		3		Fr 3/4: Report of Recon hit by VC. One KIA and two WIA.	S
0215		4		Fr 3/4: Relief for Recon has not yet been made, Saigon not notified of this incident. Was forwarded to MEB upon receipt.	S
0520		5		Fr 3/4: Confirmation of casualty report, one KIA, three WIA, two MIA, req first light evac of WIA, names to follow later report.	S
0630		6		Fr 3/4: KIA WENZEL, Carl Richard Pfc B Co Recon 4thMar, WIA, STEWARD, Steven Ralph 2033986 BCo Recon LCpl WILLIAMS Leslie Everett 2035843 Pfc BCo Recon 3/4, LEATHERS Roger Dale 5992306 HM3 BCo Recon 3/4, MIA no names.	S
0716		7		Fr 3/4: Neg info on MIA, Sugar-Bowl notified.	S
0745		8		Fr 3/4: Recon may have MIA's located, will advise.	S
	0831	9		To 9thMEB: 1st helo lifting Co C airborne.	S
0858		10		Fr 1/3: 1st wave Co C landed 0850	S
0900		11		Fr 1/3: Co D now in assembly area and Bn OP is est same vic. Drums in vicinity DONG VI & Co D moving to CP 46. No enemy activity.	S
0900		12		Fr 3/4: Have one VC KIA, req disposition of body. Fr Regt to 3/4: Turn over to VN military in your area.	S
0902		13		Fr 2/3: Regt OP rpts 3-5 tracer rds in village DONG MIEU, GS 9172. Red flares went off and a house started burning. Drums to NW all morning.	S
0945		14		Fr 1/3: Air strike underway 875710 North to South	S
0953		15		Fr 1/3: Hv E,S,W slopes w/air-strikes Hill 107.	S

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1025		16		Fr 1/3: Co C secured LZ & proceeding to CP 53. Airstrike was on Hill 107 - E,W,S slopes.	S
1050		17		Fr 1/3: Air strike call 1030-1040 vicinity 864712.	S
1150		18		Fr 3/4: Report 2 VC KIA and two possible KIA in action last night. Have wpns and gear of dead VC.	S
1350		19		Fr 1/3: "C" leaving village. Receiving sniper fire.	S
1528		20		Fr 1/3: Link up effected between "C" and "D" patrols.	S
1530		21		Fr 2/3: "B" patrols left POD at 1505.	S
1535		22		Fr 2/3: "A" departed 1507. "A" reached CP at 1530.	S
1650		23		Fr 3/9: Patrol departed CP XRAY.	S
1602		24		Fr 1/3: Patrols at LZ DOVE.	S
1625		25		Fr 1/3: Elements of 1/3 patrols landed at LZ DOVE.	S
1703		26		Fr 2/3: "A" patrol pass CP 3. "B" patrol back in CP.	S
1800		27		Fr 9thMEB: 2 VC wpns at Phu Bai must be delivered tonight so can be flown to Siagon in morning.	S
1815		28		Fr 1/3: All pers returned from patrol.	S
~~2000~~	2000	29		To 9thMEB: Unit Report #12	S
2052		30		Fr 2/3: Reports fire fight south west of MY SON village GC 8776.	S
2105		31		Fr 3/4: Reports 2 rds fired VC, small arms, 1 slight WIA, VC activity GC 880100 WIA evac first light.	S
2155		32		Fr 3/9: 30 to 40 rounds of automatic fire at coord 005725.	S
2400		33		Journal Closed. Summary of operations for period 25 April 1965. 3/4 Recon outpost nit by VC, two KIAs, 4 WIAs, VC suffered 2 KIAs and 2 possible WIAs. 1/3 patrolled TAOR, 2/3 patrolled in TAOR. CAS in 1/3 TAOR. Isolated reports of firings throughout period.	S

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TIME I	TIME UT	SER NO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	S-STAFF
0110		1		Fr 3/9: 0003 L Co reported light machine gun fire in fron ot post #20.	S
0627		2		Fr 3/9: Co L reported mine exploded vic 001734 at 0540. Just prior to this a shot was reported coordinates 998733.	S
0723		3		Fr 2/3: Recon patrol departed 2/3 CP position.	S
0750		4		Fr 2/3: Patrol departed with 3 Swiss newsmen and phtographer 0750.	S
1600		5		Fr 9thMEB: Changing ARVN plts.	S
1605		6		Fr 2/3: Patrol returned at 1600;	S
~~2000~~	2000	7		To 9thMEB: Unit Report #13	S
2010		8		Fr 3/9: At 2000 between CP 8 & 9 pers approached fence. Marine approached him and he ran into house across street. Lot of noise coming from house.	S
2045		9		Fr 3/9: CP "B" reports five rounds fired in north direction 800 meters from position vicinity 014775.	S
2137		10		Fr 3/9: CP "B" reports 10-15 short bursts at 320 degrees 800 meters of their position.	S
2205		11		Fr 2/3: Co G 1st Plt reported OP at 9475, saw 4-6 persons who fired at OP. OP returned fire. Saw 4 more persons, fired at them.	S
2400		12		Journal Closed.	S
				Summary of operations for 26 April 1965.	
				Isolated incidents of firing reported. 2/3 patrols reported no contact.	

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0720		1		Fr 1/3: Patrol departed.	S
0830		2		Fr 2/3: Patrol moved out at 0830.	S
0915		3		Fr 1/3: Villagers in Phu Tha say 2 VC companies in Giao-Tri. No enemy contact.	S
1005		4		Fr 1/3: 2 WIAs encountered 1000 meters south of check point 47.	S
1030		5		Fr 9thMEB: Five liaison officers reported from MEB 1030.	S
1155		6		Fr 1/3: "A" received one sniper fire from river 600 meters from check point 25.	S
1215		7		Fr 2/3: E patrol report of 4 rds hitting rice paddy near patrol.	S
1235		8		Fr 1/3: Patrol reports 10 rounds sniper fire in Hoi-Vuc. Now at check point 31.	S
1245		9		Fr 1/3: Have received one casualty from sniper are returning fire.	S
1248		10		Fr 1/3: Patrol has 2 prisoners brining to CP.	S
1345		11		Fr 2/3: Vicinity check point Z16, some rounds exchanged, slight cut on head. More to follow.	S
1400		12		Two POWs at Regimental CP, Turned over to MEB.	
1445		13		Fr 3/9: Morning patrol returned at 1250.	S
1615		14		Fr 3/9: Platoon for Red Beach #1 for POL and pumping area tomorrow. Stay at beach 3 days, bring 1 day rations, 7 water.	S
1700		15		Fr 2/3: Reached bivouac area at 1630.	S
1825		16		Fr 1/3: Patrol returned to CP.	S
	2000	17		To 9thMEB: Unit Report #14	S
2210		18		Fr 3/9: Observed boy and girl carrying a rifle.	S
2245		19		Fr 3/9: 2/3 fire team outpost heard and saw 3 people in rice patty in front of their position, the 3 fired on them.	S
2400		20		Journal Closed.	S
				Summary on page two.	

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				Suumary of operations 27 April 1965. 2/3, 1/3 sent out patrols in their TAORs. 1/3 had two WIAs, both patrols received isolated sniper fire. 1/3 captured to VCs. VCs returned to Regiment and MEB. Many heat casualties occured specially from 2/3.	

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9TH MEB
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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	S-STAFF
0043		1		Fr 3/9: CP 20 reports 8 rounds at azimuth 320 degrees approx 900 meters from position 009776. 0020 approximate time of shooting.	S
0546		2		Fr 3/9: Kilo Platoon left CP 0530.	S
0630		3		Fr 2/3: Echo patrol departed CP 280605H.	S
0710		4		Fr 1/3: Patrol departed CP 0700.	S
0940		5		Fr 1/3: Patrol receiving sniper fire.	S
1040		6		Fr 2/3: Helicopters landing now.	S
1050		7		Fr 2/3: first load landed, pciking up more troops at CP.	S
1115		8		Fr 9thMEB: CMC will not be at 3/9. Wants CO 3/9 at General's mess now.	S
1120		9		Fr 2/3: All is quiet in LZ. Troops have landed and are moving out.	S
1120		10		Fr 2/3: 2nd wave in LZ at 1050 3d wave started at 1105, 1110 lift is completed.	S
1115		11		Fr 9thMEB: Take body armor off troops in area where CMC will eat.	S
1030		12		Fr Recon: One VC KIA. More info to follow.	S
1220		13		Fr 2/3: Heat case had been picked up and are getting dead VC now.	S
1225		14		Fr 2/3: Patrol C fired 100 meters upon south check point 91.	S
1312		15		Fr 2/3: Reports 30 to 40 heat casualties, evacucation helicopters on the way.	S
1410		16		Fr 2/3: Has sent out a patrol to pick up VC KIA.	S
1545		17		VC KIA at Regt CP evac to ARVN hospital.	S
1807		18		Fr 3/9: Debriefed patrol, 1745 returned to CP.	S
1930		19		Fr 2/3: Reports of 50 rounds and a snake bite.	S
~~2000~~	2000	20		To 9thMEB: Unit Report # 15	S
2035		21		Fr 2/3: Foxtrot has reported into CP.	S
2305		22		Fr 2/3: Patrol Frag Order #2, modifies Frag Order #1.	S
2400		23		Journal Closed.	S
				Summary on page two.	

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I	UT	NO	DTG		
				Summary of operations for 28 April 1965. 1/3 and 2/3 sent out patrols. CMC visited 3d Marines units. 1/3 reports one VC KIA. 2/3 reports many heat casualties. Scattered reports of firing received.	

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TIME I	TIME UT	NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENT, EVENTS, ORDERS	S-STAFF
0050		1		Fr 2/3: Trip flares set off at 931781 at 2250.	S
0530		2		Fr 3/9: Reports heard small arms and grenade vicinity coord 002776. Appeared to be fire fight. Lasted approximately 15 minutes.	S
0736		3		Fr 1/3: Patrol departed area at 0710	S
1015		4		Fr 1/3: Burke Bravo 500m SW check Point 26. Two enemy contacts, 1 escaped, 1 KIA. Unable to bring remains, not enough left.	S
1030		5		FrRegtCo: Advise 1/3 elements of one VC company has been operating vicinity 905719.	S
1055		6		Fr 9thMEB: Regt should conduct rehearsal of counter attack plan on 1 May.	S
1108		7		Fr 1/3: VC KIA at 1015. Location 880705. Will continue on mission after remains are picked up.	S
1315		8		Fr 1/3: Marine WIA has gunshot wound in right thigh. Condition good.	S
1515		9		VC KIA at Regt CP evacuated to ARVN Hospital.	S
1700		10		Fr 1/3: Burke Bravo returned to area.	S
	2000	11		To 9thMEB: Unit Report #16	S
2240		12		Fr 9thMEB: DaNang Special Sector has report from Naval Advisory Det which has a report from a guard chief that a VC Regt is moving in tonight to Phu Loc (Coordinates 975785) with all types of weapons to destroy DaNang air field. This report is totally unconfirmed. If a flare plane is employed, we will be notified.	S
2400		13		Journal Closed. Summary operations for 29Apr65. 1/3 patrol TABR, one WIA. One VC KIA. MEB alerted unit that VC regiment was in area. Scattered reports of sniper fire.	S

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9TH MEB
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TIME I	TIME UT	SER NO	DTG	INCIDENTS, ENGAGES, ORDERS	S-STAFF
0020		1		Fr 2/3: Out post at 918713 reported large crowd right below his position. Am going to fire 81mm illumination. Coordinates of large group of troops vic 945795.	S
0025		2		Fr 2/3: Artillery FO at 2/3 out post reported 200-300 persons, 1 truck, evenly spaced. After illumination (20 rounds) they disappeared. Have one company standing by CP location to move out on order to 957778. Lt sent tanks and platoon Ontos also ready.	S
0045		3		Fr 2/3: Just started movement to CP.	S
	0100	4		To 1/3: Place reserve company on 10 minute alert.	S
	0103	5		To 9thMEB: Request you put 10 6x6 on minute alert.	S
0130		6		Fr Regt CO: Req Tank Company to 1/3.	S
0220		7		Fr 2/3: CO with company and light section of tanks and ontos at 955776.	S
0330		8		Fr 2/3: Activated search lights, saw nothing.	S
0603		9		Fr 2/3: No change. Company E commenced to return to CP area.	S
	0607	10		To Tanks: 1/3, 2/3: Stand down from alert. Return to normal operations.	S
0940		11		Fr 2/3: 2/3 moved out 0915.	S
1345		12		Fr 1/3: SITREP ~~3#6~~ #16. Engaged sniper with machine gun and mortar fire vic Check Point 2. No casualties. Have lost contact.	S
1540		13		Fr 3/9: Patrol departed at 1520.	S
1740		14		Fr 2/3: E Patrol returned to CP at 1715H.	S
2000		15		Fr 1/3: Patrol returned at 1935.	S
	2000	16		To 9thMEB: Unit Report #18	S
2220		17		Fr 3/9: Small arms fire, machine gun fire at coord 011736, flares at 011733. 5 tracer, 2 81mm illumination rounds.	S
2220		18		Fr 3/9: Lima reports 9 tracer rounds E side air strip. Going from east to west.	S

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9TH MEB

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2226		19		Fr 1/3: Company C out post #3 heard noise on front of out post. Threw illumination grenade, saw two people running away, fired at them, heard a scream. Company C sending out a squad.	S
2400		20		Journal Closed. Summary of operations for period 30 April 1965. 2/3 reported 200-300 people in the vicinity of airport. 2/3 and 1/3 alerted. and moved out. No further report of VC activity, companies returned to CPs. 1/3 and 2/3 conducted patrols no incidents. Isolated reports of firing and illumination.	S

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ROUTINE - 130647Z

FROM: RLT THREE
TO: RLT THREE
INFO: CG NINTH MEB

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FRAG ORDER 1-65

MISSION. RLT-3 DEFENDS THE DA NANG AIRFIELD COMPLEX.
EXECUTION. BLTS 1/3, 2/3, 3/9 AND TASK FORCE ALPHA CONTINUE TO EXECUTE ASSIGNED MISSIONS. FIRST BN (-)(REIN) 3D AT BN, CO D(-)(REIN) 3D RECON BN OCCUPY ASSEMBLY AREA VIC RLT-3 CP. CO D (-)(REIN) 9TH MT BN OCCUPY ASSEMBLY AREA VIC BLSG. BE PREPARED TO REVERT TO CONTROL OF BLSG ON ORDER. CO A(-)REIN) 3D ENGR BN OCCUPY ASSEMBLY AREA VIC BEG. BE PREPARED TO REVERT TO CONTROL OF BEG ON ORDER. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. SITREPS DUE THIS HQ 1100H AS OF 1100H AND EVERY FOUR HOURS THEREAFTER. TASK FORCE ALPHA SUBMIT ONE HOUR EARLY. UNIT REPORT AS OF 1800H FOR PRECEDING 24 HR PERIOD DUE THIS HQ 1800H. TASK FORCE ALPHA REPORT PERIOD AS OF 1600H DUE THIS HQ 1800H. TASK FORCE ALPHA REPORT PERIOD AS OF 1600H. COMMAND AND COMM-ELEC. RLT-3 CP LOCATED COORD 983743.

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PRIORITY - 180423Z

FROM: CO THIRD MAR (REIN)
TO: CO 3/9
INFO: THIRD MAR
CG NINTH MEB

C O N F I D E N T I A L

FRAG ORDER 2-65

1. FRIENDLY FORCES. NINTH MEB PROVIDES VIETNAMESE LIAISON PERSONNEL TO ACCOMPANY PATROLS AND OBATINS CLEARANCE FOR PATROLS. THIRD MAR (REIN) CONDUCTS DAYLIGHT PATROLS VICINITY DA NANG AIRFIELD ACCOMPANIED BY INDIGENOUS PERSONNEL TO BE SEEN BY THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, TO CREATE A FAVORABLE IMPRESSION AND TO GAIN FAMILIARITY WITH THE AREA. THIRD BN, NINTH MAR. CONDUCT DAYLIGHT ONLY RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS COMMENCING 20 APRIL. SUBMIT TWO COPIES OF PATROL OVERLAY TO THIS HEADQUARTERS BY 1200H OF DAY PRECEEDING SCHEDULED PATROL. PATROLS WILL NOT LEAVE THE CONFINES OF THE AIRFIELD UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY INDIGENOUS PERSONNEL. PATROLS STRENGTH WILL BE 8-14 PERSONNEL.

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D CO 3RD RECON BN

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PRIORITY - 180424Z

FROM: CO, 3D MARINES

TO: 3D MARINES

INFO: CG, 9TH MEB

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FRAG ORDER 3-65

TASK ORGANIZATION (EFFECTIVE 190800H)

3D MARINES (-) (REIN)	COL WHEELER
HQ CO (-), 3dMAR	
1ST BN, 3D MAR	LTCOL BAIN
2D BN, 3D MAR	LTCOL CLEMENTS
3D BN, 9TH MAR	LTCOL MCPARTLIN
3D BN (REIN), 4TH MAR	LTCOL JONES
3D BN, 4TH MAR	
DET HQ CO, 4TH MAR	
BTRY I (REIN), 3D BN, 12TH MAR	
3D PLT (REIN), CO B, 3D AT BN	
3D PLT (REIN), CO B, 3D ENGR BN	
3D PLT (REIN), CO C, 3D TK BN	
1ST PLT (REIN), CO C, 3D MT BN	
3D PLT (REIN), CO B, 3D RECON BN	
DET, 3D MED BN	
DET, 3D SVC BN	
DET, 3D FSR, FMF	
DET, HQBN, 3D MARDIV	
DET, 3D DENTAL COMBANY, FMF	
CO A (-)(REIN), 3D TK BN	1STLT MERZ
CO A (-)(REIN), 3D AT BN	1STLT DONOHUE
CO D (-)(REIN), 3D RECON BN	CAPT COLLINS

EXECUTION. CO A, 3D TK BN AND CO A, 3D AT BN PLACE ONE PLATOON IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF EACH BATTALION. CO D, 3D RECON BN, DIRECT SUPPORT 1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES.

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A CO 3RD TK, A CO AT BN
D CO 3RD RECON BN

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ROUTINE - 231125Z

FROM: CO, 3D MARINES

TO: 3D MARINES

INFO: CG, 9TH MEB

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FRAG ORDER 4-65

EFFECTIVE 232400H CO D (-)(REIN), 3D RECON BN DETACHED FROM 1ST BN, 3D MAR, AND PLACED IN GS.

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ROUTINE 26ØØ43Z

FROM: CO THIRD MAR

TO: CO THIRD BN, NINTH MAR

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FRAG ORDER 5-65

FRIENDLY FORCES. 1ST LAAM BN PROVIDES TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM HAI VAN PASS AND MRC 83 FOR COMM LINK WITH 3/9, LAAM CP, AND RECON PARTY. MAJOR G. C. LONG 1ST LAAM BN, IS OIC. MISSION. 3D MAR PROVIDES SECURITY FORCE FOR RECON TO HILL 700 AND VEHICLE SECURITY AT HAI VAN PASS. EXECUTION. 3/9. PROVIDE 2 SQDS FOR LAAM RECON PARTY ON 27APR65. ONE SQD ACCOMPANIES RECON PARTY TO HILL 700. ONE SQD PROVIDES SECURITY FOR PERSONNEL AND VEHICLES AT HAI VAN PASS. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. PICKUP TIME AT 3/9 CP IS 270745H. ETR IS 271700H. DIRECT LIAISON IS AUTHORIZED WITH 1ST LAAM BN. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS. CARRY 1 MIC PER INDIVIDUAL. WATER AS REQUIRED. BODY ARMOR NOT REQUIRED.

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Operation Plan 322(A)-65

Ref: (a) Map: TOURANE, 1:50,000 Sheet 6659 III Series 1701
(b) RegtO P2000.10

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. See current intelligence.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) TF 77 provides close air support in emergency situation.

(2) CG, I Corps coordinates employment of ARVN forces with 9th MEB.

(3) COM 7th Fleet provides NGF support on request.

(4) 1 ASOC provides flare plane and additional support aircraft on thirty minute alert, as required.

(5) Artillery. BAG General Support. One Btry DS counter attack force.

(6) Air. MAG 16(-) prepared to provide CAS aircraft as required and prepared to lift minimum one rifle company by helicopter.

c. Attachments and Detachments. None.

d. Assumptions.

(1) That Viet Cong will penetrate present defenses from the southwest and launch an attack against the DA NANG airfield.

(2) That main impetus of Viet Cong attack will be stopped before execution of this plan.

(3) That Viet Cong executes holding attacks to pin forces on High ground.

(4) That Viet Cong execute harassment and/or sabotage to require Battalion (-) to hold airfield.

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2. MISSION. 3d Marines maintain one infantry battalion (-) (Rein) on 30 minutes alert for execution of counter attack; on order assembles forces vicinity coord. 981742: and executes counter attack along route Blue on order.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of operations.

(1) 3d Marines holds high ground with forces already located thereon, assembles battalion (-) at coordinates 981742 and a reinforced company at coordinates 007743; on order advances simultaneously along converging axis of advance, attacks and seizes Brigade objective A and Regimental objective 1 and prepares to seize Regimental objective 2.

(2) Annex A (Operation Overlay).

b. 1st Battalion, 3d Marines.

(1) Continue to hold high ground with forces disposed thereon.

(2) Be prepared to assign one rifle company to operational control 2/3.

(3) Support 2/3 by fire.

(4) Be prepared to attack and seize Regimental objective 2 on order.

c. 2d Battalion, 3d Marines.

(1) Continue to hold high ground with forces disposed thereon.

(2) Be prepared to assemble battalion (-) vicinity 981742 on thirty minutes notice via Route Green.

(3) Be prepared to assume operational control of one rifle company of 1/3 on order.

(4) Be prepared to execute counter attack over route Blue to seize and defend Brigade objective A.

(5) Be prepared to support 1/3 by fire.

d. 3d Battalion, 9th Marines.

(1) Continue to defend airfield.

(2) Be prepared to assemble one company supported by tanks and ontos vicinity coordinates 006742 on thirty minutes notice.

(3) Be prepared to attack and seize Regimental objective 1 on order.

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e. Co A (-) (Rein), 3d Tk Bn.

(1) One platoon DS 2/3 and 3/9.

(2) Co (-) support 2/3 attack by fire from vic 983733.

f. Co A (-) (Rein), 3d AT Bn.

(1) One platoon DS each battalion.

g. Regimental Reserve: Co D (-) (Rein), 3d Recon Bn.

(1) Assemble vicinity Regimental CP.

(2) Be prepared to assist 2/3 on order.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Units will maintain the following minimum supplies on hand to support this plan:

(1) Class I (MICs) - 1 day.

(2) Class III (MOGAS & DIESEL) - 1 day.

(3) Class V - B/A plus 1 DOA.

b. Basic allowance, Class V for all weapons except M-14 (Mod). One hundred rounds per M-14 (Mod).

c. One full canteen of water per individual.

d. Protective armored vests and helmets will be worn.

e. Subordinate units prepare plans for immediate resupply of Class V, resupply of Classes I and III as required and evacuation of casualties.

f. Check fuel tanks of vehicles daily between 1730-1830 to ensure that they are at least 3/4 full.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Reference (b).

b. Command posts.

9th MEB - 995751 (primary)
003753 (alternate)

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B- Fire Support Overlay

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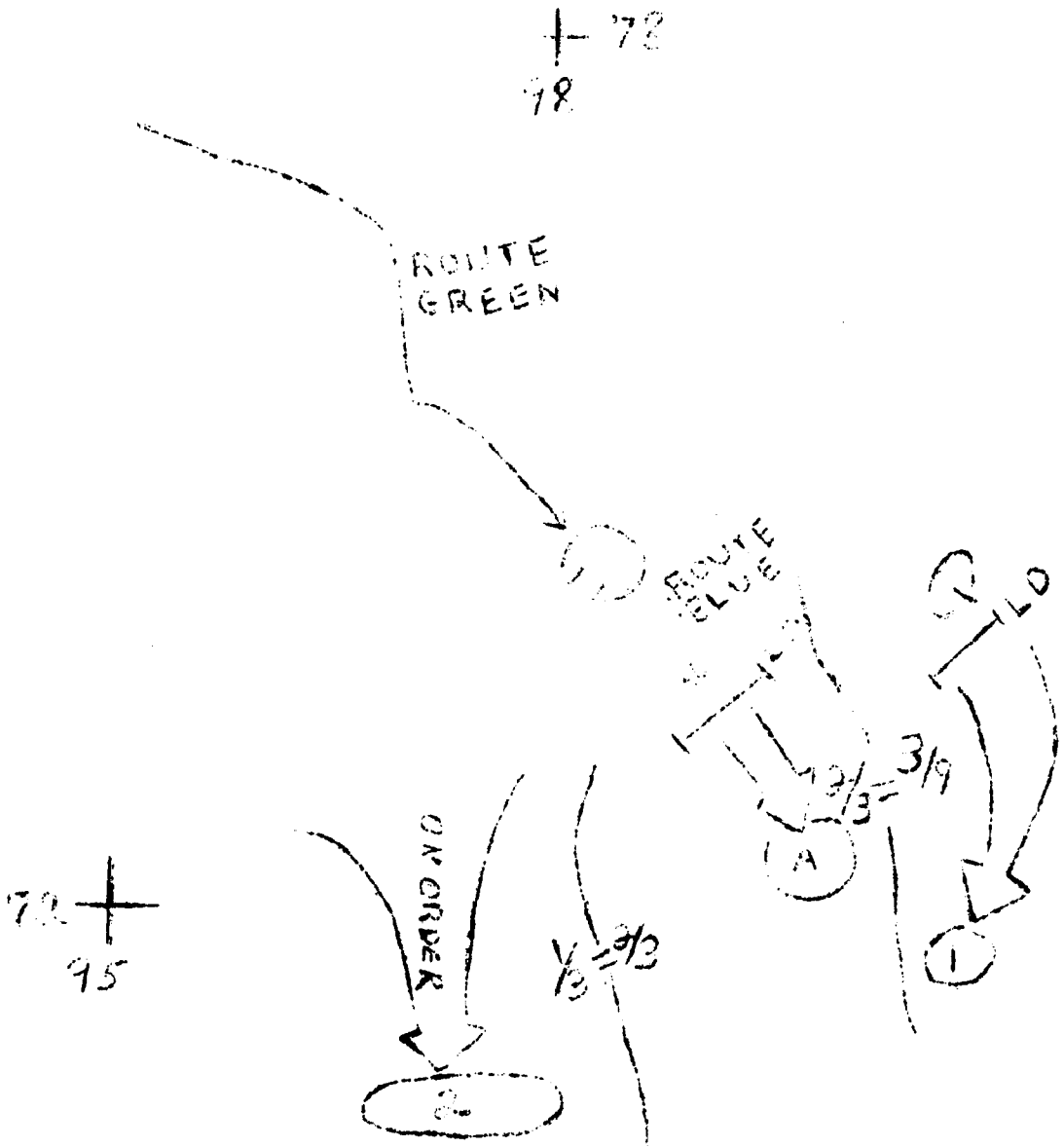

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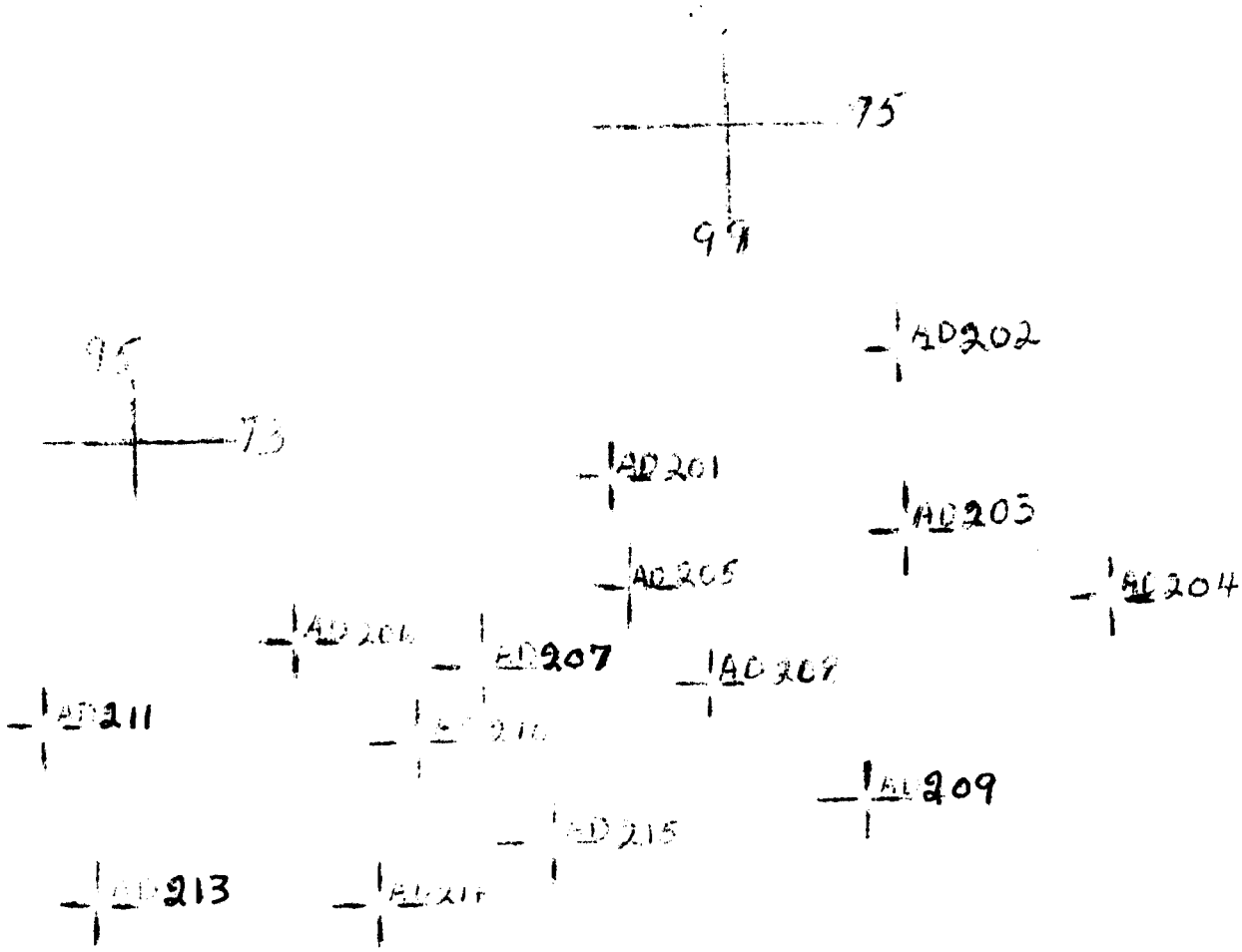

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APPENDIX:

1 - Target Description List

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Appendix 1 (Target Description List) to Annex B (Fire Support Overlay) to Operation Plan 322(A)-65

CONC	TARGET	COORD
AD201	Road Junction	981728
AD202	Road Junction	001736
AD203	Road Junction	001723
AD204	Bridge	014718
AD205	Trail Junction	981719
AD206	Road & Trail Junction	960716
AD207	Trail Junction	972715
AD208	Built Up Area	987712
AD209	Bridge	998709
AD210	Built Up Area	967709
AD211	Built Up Area	942710
AD213	Bridge	946699
AD214	Built Up Area	965698
AD215	Built Up Area	976704

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(b) RegtO P2000.10

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(2) That main impetus of Viet Cong attack will be stopped before execution of this plan.

(3) That Viet Cong executes holding attacks to pin forces on high ground.

(4) That Viet Cong execute harassment and/or sabotage to require Battalion (-) to hold airfield.

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2. MISSION. 3d Marines maintain one infantry battalion (-) (Rein) on 30 minutes alert for execution of counter attack; on order assembles forces vicinity coord. 981742; and executes counterattack along route Red on order.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of operation.

(1) 3d Marines hold high ground with forces already located thereon, assemble battalion (-) at coordinates 981742, on order advance along Route Red, attacks and seizes Brigade objective B and prepares to seize Regimental objective 3.

(2) Annex A (Operation Overlay).

b. 1st Bn, 3d Mar.

(1) Continue to defend high ground with forces disposed thereon.

(2) Be prepared to assemble Battalion (-) vicinity 981742 on thirty minutes notice.

(3) Be prepared to assume operational control of one rifle company 3/9, Co A (-), 3d Tank Bn, and Co A (-), 3d AT Bn.

(4) Be prepared to execute counter attack over route Red to seize and defend Brigade Objective B on order.

(5) Be prepared to support 2/3 attack by fire.

c. 2d Battalion, 3d Marines.

(1) Continue to defend present positions.

(2) Support 1/3 by fire.

(3) Be prepared to seize Regimental objective 3 on order,

d. 3d Battalion, 9th Marines.

(1) Continue to defend present positions.

(2) Be prepared to assign one rifle company to operational control of 1/3.

e. Co A (-) (Rein), 3d Tank Bn.

(1) Co (-) operational control 1/3.

(2) One platoon DS 2/3.

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f. Co A (-) (Rein), 3d AT Bn.

(1) Co (-) operational control 1/3.

(2) One platoon DS 2/3.

g. Regimental Reserve: Co D (-) (Rein), 3d Recon Bn.

(1) Assemble vic Regimental CP.

(2) Be prepared to assist 1/3.

h. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) This plan effective for planning on receipt and for execution on order.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Units will maintain the following minimum supplies on hand to support this plan:

(1) Class I (MICs) - 1 day.

(2) Class III (MOGAS & DIESEL) - 1 day.

(3) Class V - B/A plus 1 DOA.

b. Basic allowance, Class V for all weapons except M-14 (Mod). One hundred rounds per M-14 (Mod).

c. One full canteen of water per individual.

d. Protective armored vests and helmets will be worn.

e. Subordinate units prepare plans for immediate resupply of Class V, resupply of Classes I and III as required and evacuation of casualties.

f. Check fuel tanks of vehicles daily between 1730-1830 to ensure that they are at least 3/4 full.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Reference (b).

b. Command Posts.

9th MEB - 995751 (primary)
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ANNEXES:

A - Operation Overlay
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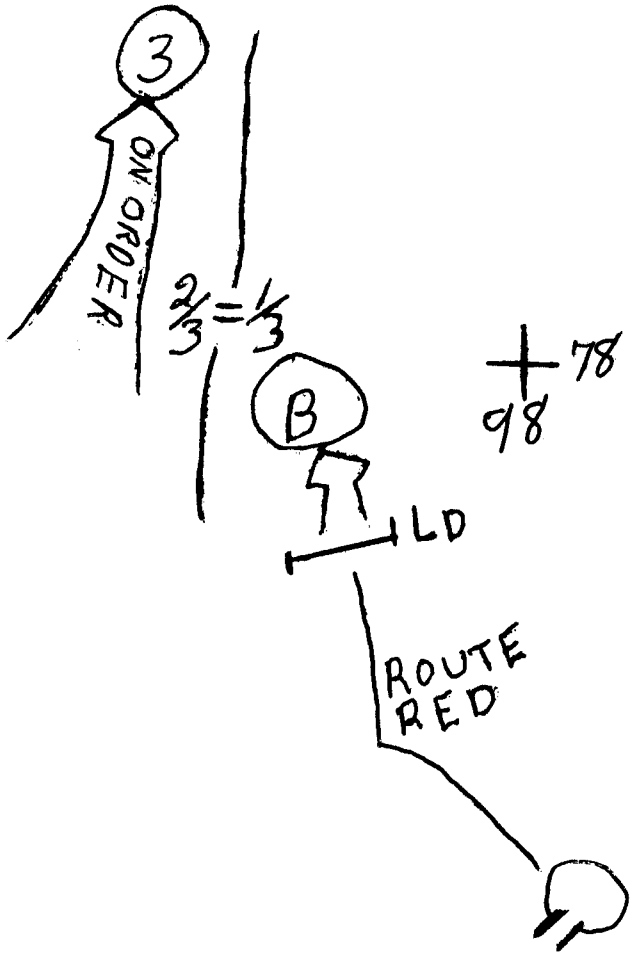

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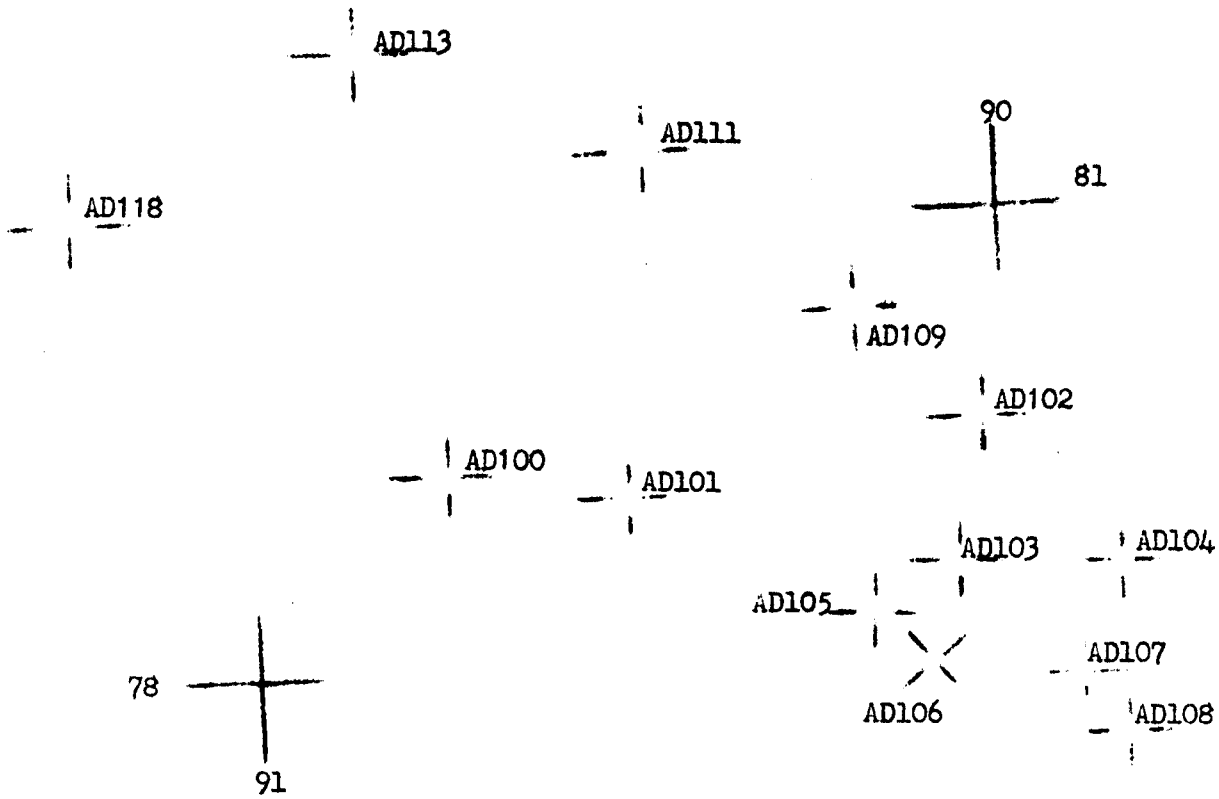

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1 - Target Description List

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CONC	TARGET	COORD
AD101	Road Junction	934792
AD102	Trail Junction	948796
AD103	Road Junction	956786
AD104	Road	967785
AD105	Road Junction	951784
AD106	Road Junction	954779
AD107	Road Junction	968775
AD108	Road Junction	967774
AD109	Road Junction	950804
AD110	Road Junction	923793
AD111	Stream and Lake Junction	937814
AD112	Ruins	918822
AD113	Trail and Stream Crossing	898810

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Ref: (a) Map: AMS Series L701 1:50,000 Sheet 6559 II & III, 6558 I & IV
(b) Map: AMS Series L005 1:50,000 Sheet 6560 III, 6559 IV

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: No Change.

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy forces.

(1) 9th MEB VC OOB as of 1 Apr 65 w/ch 1 or CG, 9th MEB msg 041626Z Apr.

(2) 9th MEB Intelligence Estimate msg 050902Z April.

(3) Daily INTSUMS.

b. Friendly forces.

(1) 9th MEB, in coordination with I Corps, occupy defensive positions and key terrain at DA NANG/HUE PHU BAI and provide security for airfields and critical installations; undertake aggressive combat patrolling within TAOR's; establish a system of deep reconnaissance along principal avenues of approach; and conduct offensive operations as a mobile reaction force.

(2) I Corps, RVNAF, continues operations against Viet Cong (VC).

(3) 2d Air Div maintains air supremacy and conducts operations against DRV and VC.

(4) VNAF conducts CAS missions for I Corps RVNAF and strikes against DRV and VC.

(5) VNN maintains counter-infiltration screen along coast from DMZ south.

(6) US Seventh Fleet conducts naval and air operations against DRV and VC and maintains readiness to provide NGF and air support to 9th MEB upon request.

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(7) BLSG, BEG and MAG-16 (-) continue to provide combat support and combat service for operations as required.

c. Attachments and Detachments. None.

2. MISSION. 3d Marines occupies and defends key terrain at DANANG/HUE PHU BAI; provides security for airfields, 8th RRU, and Hawk Missle Battery on Hill 327; undertakes aggressive combat patrolling within TAOR's; and conducts offensive operations as a mobile reaction force.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations.

(1) 3d Marines provides security for DANANG Airfield and provides forces for the defense of the Hawk Missile Battery, 8th RRU and the airfield at HUE PHU BAI.

(2) 3d Marines conducts aggressive combat patrolling within TAOR's at DANANG and HUE PHU BAI in order to prevent the VC from conducting surprise mortar attack with impunity, to increase control of routes of approach and to permit early detection of the assembly of strong VC assualt forces. Simultaneously, provide close-in security for the DA NANG complex by occupying strong points which control key terrain and roads and passes leading through and around the hill masses located directly west of the airfield.

(3) 3d Marines maintains maximum forces available for reinforcing units operating in TAOR's if suitable targets develop and conducts offensive operations as a mobile reaction force.

(4) Annex A (Operations Overlay)

b. Battalion No 1.

(1) Defend Hawk Missle Battery with minimum of one reinforced platoon under all circumstances.

(2) Control the 327, 268 hill masses and all avenues of approach leading from the west and southwest into the DA NANG Airfield.

(3) Conduct aggressive day and night combat and reconnaissance patrolling within assigned TAOR.

(4) Be prepared to conduct unilateral company/battalion sized operations within TAOR if suitable targets develop.

c. Battalion No 2.

(1) Control the 368, 278 hill masses and all avenues of approach leading from the west and northwest into the DA NANG Airfield.

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(2) Conduct aggressive day and night combat and reconnaissance patrolling within assigned TAOR.

(3) Be prepared to conduct unilateral company/battalion sized operations within TAOR if suitable target develops.

d. Battalion No 3.

(1) Provide perimeter security for the DA NANG Airfield complex.

(2) Conduct daylight only reconnaissance patrols.

(3) Be prepared to provide security for the primary and tactical MEB command posts on order.

(4) Be prepared to assume operational control of other MEB units that may be assigned for the defense of the airfield.

e. 3d Battalion (Rein), 4th Marines

(1) Provide security for the airfield and 8th RRU at HUE PHU BAI.

(2) Control assigned TAOR by aggressive day and night combat and reconnaissance patrolling within assigned TAOR.

f. Co A (-) (Rein), 3d Tank Bn

(1) One platoon DS each battalion.

g. Co A (-) (Rein), 3d AT Bn

(1) One platoon DS each battalion.

h. Co D (-) (Rein), 3d Recon Bn

(1) Be prepared to conduct reconnaissance missions on order.

i. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Current battalion designations as follows:

(a) Bn No 1 - 1/3

(b) Bn No 2 - 2/3

(c) Bn No 3 - 3/9

Future battalion designations to be published by separate directive.

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(2) Annex A (Operation Overlay).

(3) Annex B (Air Support).

(4) Following rules of engagement are applicable to all operations:

(a) Rounds will not be inserted in the chamber of individual weapons unless an encounter with enemy is obvious, and, in the judgement of the senior Marine present, this measure must be taken to preserve the lives of USMC personnel.

(b) Employment of CAS and artillery will be under the positive control of an ALO/FAC or FC. Tanks will not fire unless the target has been identified and confirmed. Use of all supporting arms will be cleared through the 9th MEB FSCC.

(c) Indigenous personnel are not permitted within original TAORs on the Hill 271, 327, 268 and the Hill 368, 312, 278 complexes. Units occupying these hill masses will apprehend indigenous personnel found within these areas and 3d Marines Headquarters (S-2) will be notified immediately.

(d) In night operations the sequence of engagement will be:

1. Challenge.

2. If there is no response to the challenge, or the response is incorrect, the area will be illuminated.

3. If the persons challenged open fire or make an overt hostile move that precludes apprehension and endangers the life of the challenger, he may load and fire.

(5) Written after-action reports will be submitted within 36 hours after completion of the operation. Reports will contain the following information:

(a) Statistical Data. (Units involved, strengths, time of departure, time of completion, nature of operation, etc.)

(b) Narrative account of action.

(c) Lessons learned, principal problems or difficulties encountered, areas or matters requiring increased training or attention, suggestions for future operations.

(6) Patrol plans and operations plans for offensive operations will be submitted to this Headquarters a minimum of 36 hours prior to execution.

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(7) Reports of significant events will be reported on occurence, and routine reports will be made every 30 minutes in accordance with the SALUTE format.

(8) One reinforced rifle company will be maintained on two hour alert for helicopter borne rapid reaction operations within 50 miles of DA NANG. The schedule for this responsibility will be published separately.

(9) All units will use 3d Marines checkpoint and route overlay system for reporting location.

(10) All units will use 3d Marines helicopter overlay to identify and locate established LZs in the TAOR.

(11) No fewer than eight men will be placed in isolated positions at night. All patrols will consist of at least eight men.

(12) Body armor mandatory for personnel manning defensive positions. Body armor optional on patrols and operations. Any individual who wishes to wear body armor will be permitted to do so.

(13) Patrols/operations in vicinity of Vietnamese villages will be accompanied by representatives from I Corps Civil Affairs Company. Submit requests for liaison personnel to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) along with patrol and operations plans.

(14) All patrols will be accompanied by ARVN liaison personnel.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Basic allowance per weapon except M-14 (Mod). For M-14 (Mod) carry 100 rounds.

b. Two full canteens of water will be carried by each individual.

c. Units plan for rapid resupply of Classes I and V supplies by helicopter.

d. Individuals take water purification tablets.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications.

(1) 9th MEB Operation Plan 37D-65.

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(2) Communications in accordance with RegtO 2000.2 (to be issued).

(3) Requests for frequencies for deep patrols will be addressed to this Headquarters.

b. Command Posts. Annex A (Situation Overlay).

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