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1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Period 1 October to 31 October 1965

1. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

a. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines.

b. Location. The Ninth Marines command post is located at coordinates (AT 994723), DANANG, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, RVN. The 1st and 3d Battalions, Ninth Marines, occupy front line positions south of the DANANG Airbase in the southeast sector of the DANANG TAOR. The 2d Battalion, which is under operational control of III MAF, occupies the perimeter of the DANANG Airbase.

c. Period Covered. 1 October through 31 October 1965.

d. Commanding Officer, Staff and Principle Subordinates.

| | |
|---|---|
| CO Ninth Marines | Colonel J. E. GORMAN |
| Executive Officer | LtCol P. C. TRAMMELL |
| S-1 | Captain H. B. WEST JR. |
| S-2 | Captain Charles WARD |
| S-3 | LtCol Joshua W. DORSEY III |
| S-4 | Captain C. A. RECKEWELL |
| Communications Officer | Major M. E. IRONS |
| Motor Transport Officer | Captain L. D. DERRYBERRY |
| Supply Officer | Lieutenant [illegible] E. KALT |
| Chaplain | Lieutenant (USN) R. C. OSBORN |
| Medical Officer | Lieutenant (USN) F. N. TUC[illegible] |
| CO Headquarters Company | Captain ~~R. D. PROCTOR~~ |
| CO 1st Battalion | LtCol [illegible] |
| CO 3d Battalion | LtCol W. W. TAYLOR |

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2. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

a. ~~Personnel~~

(1) Regimental Strength Figures

| | 1 October | 31 October |
|---|---|---|
| USMC Officers | 144 | 135 |
| USMC Enlisted | 3,152 | 3,125 |
| USN Officers | 11 | 11 |
| USN Enlisted | 166 | 170 |

(2) USMC Casualties

| | |
|---|---|
| KIA | 17 |
| DOW | 3 |
| MIA | None |
| WIA | 58 |
| NBC | 42 |

(3) Forty-one persons who were hospitalized were returned to duty during October.

(4) The following replacements were received during the month of October:

| | |
|---|---|
| USMC Officers | 3 |
| USMC Enlisted | ~~146~~ |

(5) The timely replacement of personnel continues to be the major personnel problem area, although the ability of the 9th Marines to perform its mission has not been impaired.

b. Administration. None.

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c. Intelligence

(1) Viet Cong Strengths, Disposition and Tactics

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(a) Information derived from formalized Intelligence sources, both U.S. and GVN, local official and civilian reports, after action reports, patrol debriefings, ITT prisoner interrogation reports, and other sources indicate that the Viet Cong forces operating in the 9th Marines TAOR during this reporting period consisted of the following:

| Unit Designation | Estimated Strength | Location | Commanded by | Weapons | Validity |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 23rd BN | 400 | (AT 980610<br>(BT 000620) | LE LUYEN | 1-81mm Mort<br>2-60mm Mort<br>1-57mm RR<br>3-LMGs<br>15-ARs | Confirmed |
| H-50 BN(MF) | 300 | (BT 010630) | NGUYEN TRAI | 81mm Mort<br>60mm Mort<br>MGs<br>Small Arms | Probable |
| 105th(MF) BN | 350-400 | (BT 080684) | NAN | 2-81mm Mort<br>2-60mm Mort<br>4-MGs<br>9-BARs<br>Small Arms | Probable |
| 7th BN | 300 | (AT 9858) | NGUYEN CHU | 1-81mm Mort<br>1-60mm Mort<br>1-57mm RR<br>27-ARs<br>27-BARs<br>2-LMGs | Possible |
| TA-27(MF) BN | 250 | (BT 062638<br>(BT 080650) | HUY[illegible] LAM SON | 1-81mm Mort<br>3-60mm Mort<br>2-57mm Mort<br>2-ARs | Possible |

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| Unit Designation | Estimated Strength | Location | Commanded by | Weapons | Validity |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A-46 BN (MF) | 350 | (BT 108638) | TRAN VAN DOA | 60mm Mort<br>TMG<br>BAR<br>M-1 rifles<br>Mines | Possible |
| 27th BN(UNK) | Unk | (AT 9664) | CU | Unk | Possible |
| H-40(LF) Co<br>AKA Q-15,H-35,H-55) | 120 | (AT 9959) | PHAN AN NAM | 1-81mm Mort<br>1-60mm Mort<br>18-SMGs<br>1-57mm RR<br>3-LMGs | Confirmed |
| H-41(LF) Co<br>AKA Q-16<br>H-56 | Unk | (AT 9868) | DHAM DINH DHIEN (10Sep65)<br>NGUYEN DOA | 2-60mm Mort<br>7-ARs<br>1-LMG<br>30-SMGs | Confirmed |
| 345th Co (MF)<br>(AKA D-636) | 120 | (BT 0062)<br>(AT 9962) | VO DE (14Oct65)<br>NGUYEN SONH (17Oct65) | 1-60mm Mort<br>1-LMG | Probable |
| 343d Co(MF)<br>(AKA D-62 Co) | 50 | (AT 933604) | Sr. Capt CAT CO<br>Sr. Lt. DIEN XO<br>Sr. Capt Co PO | 1-57mm RR<br>2-60mm Mort<br>6-ARs<br>2-81mm Mort | Possible |
| QM-05 Co | Unk | (AT 990610)<br>(AT 990620) | DAN & HUY | 1-60mm Mort<br>9-ARs | Possible |



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| Unit Designation | Estimated Strength | Location | Commanded by | Weapons | Validity |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| VC Co | 100 Guerr | (BT 024691)<br>(BT 035682) | Unk | 2-60mm Mort<br>2-81mm Mort<br>2-MGs<br>4-BARs | Possible |
| VC Co (A-46 BN) | 100 | (BT 043679) | Unk | 4-BARs<br>10-TMGs<br>86-M-1s | Possible |
| VC Cp )-* (Rein) | 80-MF<br>40-LF | (BT 049710) | Unk | 12-M-1s<br>1-60mm Mort<br>3-BARs | Possible |



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(U) Of the total forces shown above, the maximum Viet Cong strengths (less local guerrilla forces) believed to have been operating at any one time in the 9th Marines TAOR during this reporting period included elements of two battalions (700 men), five separate companies (600 men) and several "special mission" units (350 men), for a total enemy strength of 1650 men. The "special mission" category would include a special task force estimated to have numbered approximately two hundred men which entered the TAOR for an attack on the Marble Mountain Air Facility, 27 October (see Operations), but this force is believed to have operated within the TAOR only during the period 27-31 October. This period reflected numerous reports of additional Viet Cong units, usually depicted as Main Force, from platoon to regimental strength, displacing to the TAOR for participation in specific operations. The reports frequently included details of strengths, weapons, dispositions, locations, and command personalities, and other facets of identification which gave credibility to the reports. Although several contacts indicated the involvement of otherwise unidentified Main Force units, sufficient evidence to credit the presence of these additional forces is still lacking and they remain unconfirmed.

Local guerrilla forces, organized in irregular units up to company strength (60-120), continued to operate in various locations. In some hamlets, the Viet Cong force consists of little more than a "cell" of four or five local sympathizers, while in other Viet Cong dominated areas, the local force is estimated to consist of a well-organized, directed units of full company strength (120 men) and equipped with a fair assortment of automatic and crew served weapons. Approximately four hundred (plus) local Viet Cong (guerrillas and political activists) were estimated to have been operating in the 9th Marines TAOR. This total is considerably below the figure credited during the previous reporting period (September) and the reduction is a result of frequent search and destroy operations conducted by the 9th Marines with attendant screening of the local populace by hamlet and village authorities, as well as saturation patrolling throughout the TAOR. These operations, and similar activities which maintained almost constant pressure and continual surveillance on those areas under the Marines control, not only resulted in the apprehension of Viet Cong guerrillas, guards, workers, and sympathizers, (see subparagraph (a) "Viet Cong casualties"), but also served to discourage participation by many others.

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(c) This reporting period saw several engagements in which Viet Cong forces estimated to have been involved were of company strength or larger. This escalation in the size of units contacted is the major distinction between actions during this, and previous, periods. On 1 October (010730H) Company B made contact with an estimated two Viet Cong companies in the vicinity of HA BANG village, grid square (BT 1163), resulting in four Viet Cong KIA (body count) and an estimated three additional Viet Cong KIA. The Viet Cong were described as wearing helmets, cartridge belts, and packs (haversacks) and were equipped with four or five automatic weapons which may have been machine guns. The description of the Viet Cong forces would indicate that the companies were Main Force units.

On 3 October (031330H) a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of LE SON (4) hamlet, coordinates (AT 960648), made contact with a large Viet Cong force and required assistance. Before the termination of the action several hours later, four USMC platoons were engaged by an estimated two Viet Cong companies, resulting in a reported thirty-two Viet Cong KIA. In this action the Viet Cong employed mortars, and Marine casualties were also heavy.

On 27 October (272005H) a Company I squad-sized ambush force made contact with an estimated 40-100 Viet Cong in the vicinity of AN TU (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 030692), resulting in fifteen Viet Cong KIA (body count). The Viet Cong unit was described as wearing uniform clothing, possessing automatic weapons and displaying discipline and tactical control which would indicate a conventional military unit (as opposed to a local force).

On 27 October, an estimated two hundred man Viet Cong force attacked the Marble Mountain Air Facility (MAG-16) and adjacent military facilities, with mortars and demolitions as well as small arms, exacting a high toll of equipment and personnel. It was reported that this force was introduced into this area via small boats from the sea, and were trained





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and directed by Main Force Viet Cong cadre. Of possible significance is a length of ammunition belt (metallic, linked) discovered at coordinates (BT 055745) on 28 October. This material was identified as an accessory to the CHICOM 7.62mm RPD machine gun, a weapon believed to have been issued only to Main Force units, which would indicate the presence of such forces in the area.

(d) This reporting period saw one conspicuous, and despicable, act of terrorism directed at a local Vietnamese official. On 25 October (252215H), the HOA HAI Village Chief and his family were attacked in their home by a Viet Cong terrorist squad, who threw two grenades into the house and fired a submachine gun at the occupants, resulting in injuries to the Chief and four other members of his family, including his wife and infant child. The ramaining three members of the family also received minor injuries. The Chief was a highly respected member of the community and a known friend and collaborator of the Marine units operating in the vicinity of his village. The high degree of credibility and the frequency of his reports of intelligence information, were commented on in the Command Chronology for September. The significance of this attack, only two days before the attack on the Marble Mountain Air Facility which is located in close proximity to the HOA HAI Village, did not go unnoticed.

(2) Viet Cong Casualties

(a) During October, the 9th Marines inflicted the following casualties on the Viet Cong in operations withing the TAOR:

| | |
|---|---|
| KIA (body count) | 59 |
| VC Captured | 53 |
| VC Captured (WIA) | 1 |
| VC Suspects Apprehended | 151 |

(3) Sources of Intelligence

[redacted] (a) The primary source of information of military intelligence value was the units in contact with the Viet Cong.





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Contact reports, patrol reports, after-action reports, and observations by front-line troops constituted the major, and most reliable, source of information.

(b) Periodic and special reports provided by U. S. and GVN military and civilian sources, were the major source of information of Viet Cong displacements, unit identifications, and intentions. The major difficulty experienced in evaluating reports of this nature was the lack of an adequate basis for estimating the reliability of the report's source, which was often an unidentified agent.

(c) ITT prisoner interrogation reports provided information of Viet Cong procedures, locations, personalities and morale, and the impact and influence of Viet Cong and friendly operations on the local civilian population. ITT screening of suspects apprehended during the reporting period identified the majority of those Viet Cong who are shown as captured in sub-paragraph (2).

(d) Reports by civilians directly to 9th Marines personnel were infrequent and usually of little consequence. A noticeable exception was the civilian informer who provided the location of an anti-tank mine to personnel of the 1st Battalion. The mine, consisting of approximately fifteen pounds of TNT rigged with what was described as a home-made pressure-type electrical detonator, was positioned on a trail at coordinates (BT 061727). The informer was awarded a small sum of money, a procedure which has been in effect for some time but heretofore had been unproductive.

(4) Electronics Surveillance Devices. During October, the Regiment employed the following electronics surveillance devices as indicated:

| | AN/TPS-21 | SID-150 | Infra-Red Sighting Device |
|---|---|---|---|
| Headquarters Co | 2 | 0 | 6 |





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| | AN/TPS-21 | SID-150 | Infra-Red Sighting Device |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1st Battalion | 2 | 2 | 16 |
| 2nd Battalion | 2 | 1 | 16 |
| 3rd Battalion | 2 | 0 | 16 |

(5) Psychological Warfare

(a) Psychological warfare operations increased in volume and scope; with scheduled leaflet drops, poster and leaflet handouts, helicopter loudspeaker broadcasts, I Corps PsyWar Detachment Audio Team presentations, and face to face persuasion by patrol leaders through interpreters. A psywar tactic which was employed in conjunction with search and destroy operations was the helicopter, loudspeaker broadcasts, which immediately prior to the initiation of an operation, advised the inhabitants of a surrounded area to move to a designated civilian collection point so as to minimize casualties to the villagers and assist the friendly forces in their mission. A secondary dividend of this tactic was the apprehension of Viet Cong Suspects as the result of screening of the displaced villagers by local GVN authorities at the Civilian Collection Point. (See paragraph 1.b.).

(b) Statistical information regarding psywar activities within the 9th Marines TAOR during the reporting period is as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Leaflets dropped | 80,000 |
| Leaflets handed out | 4,000 |
| Posters posted | 1,000 |
| Aerial loudspeaker broadcasts | 7 |
| Audio Team presentations | 17 |
| Propaganda section presentations | 14 |
| Face to face persuasion during patrols | 18 |

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d. Operations

(1) Operation Rice-Straw. (See the 9th Marines Operation Order 325-65, 051600H September 1965)

(a) At the end of September, the 2d Battalion was under the Operational control of III MAF as the Danang Airbase Defense Battalion, and the 1st and 3d Battalions were physically occupying positions on Phase Line Orange while control of the area to the south in the 9th Marines TAOR was being accomplished by aggressive patrol and ambush activity. The posture of the 9th Marines has not changed significantly during October. The 2d Battalion has remained under operational control of III MAF, and the 1st and 3d Battalion's major positions are still oriented along Phase Line Orange.

(b) October has seen an increase in patrol, ambush and Marine sniper activity in the 9th Marines rear areas and to the southern limits of the Regiment's TAOR which has effectively limited the Viet Cong's ability to operate in these areas. This has been indicated by the successful conclusion of Operation Golden Fleece early in October (See the 9th Marines Command Chronology for September 1965), by the failure of the Viet Cong to mount an attack in force against any of the 9th Marines positions, and somewhat by the reduced number of mine and booby-trap incidents this month as compared to previous months. Certain tangible benefits have resulted. There has been a noticible increase in the confidence of the civilian population in the ability of the Marines to defend them and defeat the Viet Cong. I Corps has begun an estensive pacification program in the rear areas of the 9th Marines TAOR to re-establish local government and to win the support of the local population to the central government. Also, the development of main supply routes to the forward Marine units has, at the same time, opened these routes to civilian traffic which was previously hindered by the Viet Cong. No doubt, this will have marked economic effects in the Danang area in the months to come. Relative to operation Rice-Straw, there has been an increased emphasis during October on civic action in the area under friendly control.



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(c) The following is a chronological summary of operations and significant events which pertain to Operation Rice-Straw:

(1) On 1 October, Company "K", reinforced with one platoon from Company "M" conducted a search and clear operation in LE SON (4), (AT 958647). A psywar team was employed during the operation. No enemy contact was made. (For details see the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 85)

(2) On 2 October, Company "K" conducted a search and destroy operation in two small hamlets at (AT 969648) and (AT 966647). A psywar team was employed during the operation. A large store of VC rice was recovered as well as a ChiCom grenade and one U.S. grenade. (For details see the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 86)

(3) On 2 October 1965, the 2d Platoon, Company "I", conducted a search of GIANG DONG (BT 007677) while the 3d Platoon and 3d Platoon, Company "L", blocked to the north and west. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 86)

(4) On 3 October, a reinforced squad of Company "I" and an ARVN squad searched CAM NE (2), (AT 992686), without enemy contact. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 87)

(5) On 4 October, Company "K" conducted a search and destroy operation in LE SON (2), (AT 975654), LE SON (3), (AT 975645), and LE SON (4), (AT 961647). (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 88)

(6) The 1st Platoon, Company "B", conducted a search and destroy operation in TRA KHE (2), (BT 072687) and captured four VCS. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 92)



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(7) The 1st Platoon, Company "L", and the 592 RF Company (-) conducted a search and destroy operation in CAM NE (2), (AT 985688), without enemy contact. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 92)

(8) On 11 October, the 3d Battalion conducted a search and destroy operation in LE SON (5), (AT 956637), and LE SON (4), (AT 958647). No VC forces were encountered. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 95)

(9) On 12 October, Company "A" conducted a search and destroy operation in VIEM DONG (BT 094658) but no contact was made with the eighty VC reported to have been in that area. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 96)

(10) On 10 October, the 3d Platoon, Company "C" recovered five tons of rice at (BT 059641) which was turned over to the local Vietnamese officials. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 94)

(11) On 12 October, a river block was constructed by engineers on the VINH DINH River at (BT 032663). (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 96)

(12) On 12 October, Company "K" conducted a search and destroy operation in grid square (AT 9965) without contact. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 96)

(13) On 12 October, the 1st Platoon, Company "L", and a platoon of the 592 RF Company conducted a search and destroy operation in CAM NE (3), (AT 965685), and CAM NE (6), (AT 973685), without contact. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 96)

(14) On 14 October, the 1st Battalion conducted a search and destroy operation in XUAN TRA (BT 067697) and TRA KHE (2), (BT 073685). One VC was killed and another wounded and captured. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 98)

(15) On 15 October, Company "L" and a platoon of the 592 RF Company conducted a search and destroy operation in DUONG SON (1), (AT 998688). Ten VCS were apprehended. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 99)



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(16) From 13-17 October the 2d Platoon, Company "B" conducted a patrol in HAI AN, (BT 038724) without locating any of the VC forces reported to have been in that area. (See the 9th Marines Situation Reports 97-101)

(17) On 17 October, the river block constructed at (BT 032663) by engineers was washed away by high water resulting from seasonal rains. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 101)

(18) On 18 October, Company "L" and a platoon from the 592 RF Company conducted a search and destroy operation in DUONG SON (2), (AT 993678). (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 102).

(19) Company "K" conducted a search and destroy operation in LE SON (3), (AT 968645), resulting in three VCS captured and one VC killed. (See 9th Marines Situation Report Number 103)

(20) On 20 October, one platoon of Company "B" was placed on alert for possible deployment against a civil disturbance near Marble Mountain. The disturbance was incited by the Viet Cong to protest against artillery fire. The demonstration was not enthusiastic and was successfully disbanded by the District Chief without the need for using Marine forces. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 104)

(21) On 21 October, the 3d Platoon, Company "L", conducted a search and destroy operation in YEN NE (2), (AT 985682) and apprehended thirteen VCS. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 105)

(22) On 22 October, the 3d Battalion conducted a search and destroy operation in grid square (AT 9965), YEN NE (2), (AT 985683), and YEN NE (3), (AT 981679). No contact was made, but tunnels were destroyed and one VCS was captured. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 106)



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(23) On 23 October, the 1st Platoon, Company "K", conducted a search and destroy operation in THAI CAM (1), (AT 976644), without enemy contact. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 107)

(24) On 24 October, Company "K", conducted a search and destroy operation in grid square (AT 9863). One VC was killed. Search and destroy operations were also conducted in grid squares (AT 9866) and (AT 9867) and in PHONG LE (2), (BT 002703), by Company "L" and the 703 RF Company. A platoon (-) from Company "M" conducted a search and destroy operation in LE SON (3), (AT 969643), and sustained two WIA by small arms fire from an estimated Viet Cong platoon in the hamlet. One VCS was captured. VC casualties were undetermined. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 108 for details)

(25) On 25 October, Company "B" conducted a search and destroy operation in grid square (BT 0768) to locate guerrillas reported to have been hiding in that area. There was no enemy contact. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 109)

(26) At 252230H, an unknown number of Viet Cong attempted to assassinate the HOA HAI Village Chief and his family. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 110)

(27) On 26 October, Operation Dragnet, a search and destroy operation in XUAN DIEN (2), (AT 963628), was conducted by Company "K" and Company "M". Three VCS were apprehended. (See the 9th Marines Frag Order 53-65 and Situation Report Number 110)

(28) On 27 October, the 1st Battalion conducted a search and destroy operation on the penninsula north of Marble Mountain in the vicinity of the Danang East Complex in an attempt to locate enemy forces reported to have been in that area. Five hundred civilians were screened by the local officials. Three VCS were apprehended. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 111)

(28) On the night of 27-28 October, the Viet Cong attacked the Danang East Complex in strength. Units of the 1st Battalion received fire in their positions which is believed was a diversion. There were three mine incidents during the night in which personnel of the 9th Marines were wounded. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 112)





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(29) On 30 October, the 3d Platoon conducted a search and destroy operation around the NMCB-8 Camp and recovered nine hundred pounds of rice. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 114)

(30) On 31 October, Company "I" conducted a search and destroy operation in grid square (BT 0362) without enemy contact. Company "K" conducted a search and destroy operation in DONG PHU (3), (AT 954625), and made contact with an estimated Viet Cong Company. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 115)

(d) The following is a summary of activities conducted durin the month which are related to Operation Rice-Straw. These figures are for a twenty-four hour period ending at 1800H on the date indicated.

| DATE | PATROLS | AMBUSHES | LISTENING POST | SCOUT-SNIPER TEAMS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 October | 25 | 10 | 6 | 5 |
| 2 October | 24 | 9 | 6 | 6 |
| 3 October | 31 | 10 | 6 | 5 |
| 4 October | 37 | 8 | 4 | 4 |
| 5 October | 25 | 9 | 4 | 6 |
| 6 October | 28 | 13 | 7 | 6 |
| 7 October | 24 | 9 | 6 | 6 |
| 8 October | 25 | 9 | 6 | 4 |
| 9 October | 28 | 10 | 6 | 6 |
| 10 October | 24 | 9 | 7 | 7 |
| 11 October | 22 | 7 | 5 | 4 |
| 12 October | 18 | 9 | 4 | 5 |
| 13 October | 26 | 11 | 6 | 6 |
| 14 October | 18 | 13 | 6 | 5 |
| 15 October | 18 | 8 | 6 | 6 |
| 16 October | 22 | 7 | 4 | 5 |
| 17 October | 16 | 8 | 4 | 2 |
| 18 October | 26 | 8 | 5 | 5 |
| 19 October | 22 | 11 | 6 | 8 |
| 20 October | 23 | 9 | 5 | 5 |
| 21 October | 24 | 11 | 5 | 6 |
| 22 October | 28 | 12 | 5 | 5 |
| 23 October | 26 | 7 | 5 | 4 |

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| 24 October | 18 | 76 | 2 | 3 |
| 25 October | 20 | 12 | 4 | 4 |
| 26 October | 23 | 14 | 8 | 8 |
| 27 October | 21 | 14 | 8 | 6 |
| 28 October | 4 | 78 | 3 | 6 |
| 29 October | 11 | 73 | 7 | 2 |
| 30 October | 22 | 17 | 4 | 5 |
| 31 October | 25 | 19 | 4 | 53 |

e. Casualties from Enemy Sniper Fire

| DATE/TIME | LOCATION | KIA | WIA |
|---|---|---|---|
| 020730H | (BT 094663) | | 1 |
| 060845H | (BT 048714) | | 1 |
| 071840H | (BT 047668) | | 1 |
| 081830H | (AT 962659) | | 1 |
| 081930H | (AT 973660) | | 1 |
| 101840H | (BT 049717) | | 2 |
| 131100H | (BT 055638) | | 1 |
| 201030H | (BT 042659) | | 2 |
| 230947H | (BT 059700) | | 1 |
| 300910H | (BT 054644) | | 1 |
| 311400H | (BT 048658) | | 1 |

f. Casualties from enemy mines and booby-traps

| DATE/TIME | LOCATION | CASUALTIES |
|---|---|---|
| 021130H | (BT 074700) | LVTP-5 damaged<br>1 WIA |
| 040938H | (AT 970650) | 1 WIA |
| 231000H | (BT 083704) | LVTP-5 damaged |
| 271455H | (BT 000660) | 3 WIA |
| 280930H | (BT 069692) | Tank damaged |
| 280245H | (BT 067725) | M422 damaged<br>4 WIA |
| 280920H | (AT 993652) | 2 WIA |



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(2) Operation Snatch. The 1st Battalion conducted Operation Snatch on 2-3 October in an attempt to save a Marine who was missing-in-action and was reportedly being held by the VC. On 2 October, a search was made of NGAN TRUN (1) (BT 050645), and on 3 October, a search was made of grid square (BT 1163). Three VC were killed during the operation and three VCS were apprehended. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Numbers 86-87 for details)

(3) Operation Skull. On 16 October, the 3d Battalion conducted a coordinated search and destroy operation in AN TU (1) (BT 024637), with the 592 RF Company and an intelligence team from I Corps. Numerous tunnels were destroyed and four VCS were captured when they attempted to move through the Marine blocking positions. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 100)

(4) NGU-HOANH-SON Campaign (Pacification Operation). (See the 9th Marines Operation Order 327-65, 200900H October 1965)

(a) Beginning on 21 October 1965, the QUANG NAM Special Sector Military Force consisting of the 59th RF Battalion, reinforced with five Peoples Action Teams (PAT) and Popular Forces, conducted a pacification operation in the I Corps Tactical Zone, which includes the 9th Marines TAOR. The 9th Marines provided combat support and limited administrative and logistical support. A liaison officer was stationed at the 59th RF Battalion's Headquarters at MIEU DONG (1), (BT 017680), and an FO team was provided during operations. This operation continued into November.

(b) On 22 October, Company "B" (-), (Rein), occupied blocking positions at (BT 042694) and (BT 046713) in support of the 59th RF Battalion. (See 9th Marines Situation Report Number 106)

(c) On 23 October, Company "I" and Company "K" (-) supported the 59th RF Battalion's pacification operation by blocking from (BT 010647) to (BT 029653) and from (AT 990665) to (BT 003646. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 107)





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(d) On 28-29 October, the 3d Battalion supported the 59th RF Battalion's Operation Black Cat Beer. Company "M" blocked from the YEN River along frid line (T 665) to grid line (A 980). Company "I" blocked from (BT 030664) to (BT 028652). (See the 9th Marines Situation Reports Numbers 112-113)

(e) Operation Bar-Bell. On 25 October 1965, the 234th Intelligence Team, I Corps, reinforced with a PF platoon, signal detachment, and four dog teams, conducted a search and destroy operation in DUONG SON (3), (AT 993670). and in QUA GIANG (2), (BT 003670). Companies "I" and "K" supported the operation. Two hundred villagers were interrogated and eight suspects were arrested. The villagers were made to tear down the VC defensive works in the hamlets.

e. Close Combat

(1) At 010100H, a squad patrol from Company "I" engaged an estimated ten Viet Cong in a fire fight at (BT 033646). There were no Marine casualties and enemy casualties were undetermined. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 85)

(2) At 010730H, an ambush from Company "B" killed four Viet Cong near (BT 118634) and a patrol in the same area was engaged by a large Viet Cong force and sustained one WIA. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 85 for details)

(3) At 012200H, Company "L" wounded one Viet Cong in a brief fire fight in their defensive positions at (AT 981687). (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 86)

(4) At 012340H, a squad size ambush wounded one Viet Cong at (AT 967642). (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 86)

(5) At 022245H near (AT 986643), a squad patrol from Company "M" exchanged fire with six Viet Cong wounding one. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 87)

(6) At 040615H, a squad patrol from Company "B" encountered a small Viet Cong unit at (BT 096654) and in the ensuring fire fight killed four VC and captured five. There were no friendly casualties. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 88 for details.



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(7) At 031230H, a thirty man patrol from Company "M" was ambushed by a large Viet Cong force, two companies or more, at (AT 963647) east of LE SON (4) and was pinned down. During the fight which continued throughout the afternoon, the 3d Platoon (-), Company "M", was committed, another platoon and the Company CP was heli-lifted to (AT 959649) and Company "I" (-) was heli-lifted to (AT 960651). These forces were still heavily engaged at 031850H and were receiving mortar fire. The 2d Platoon, Company "D", and the 2d Platoon, Company "A", were heli-lifted to (AT 965645). An air strike and artillery fire was called on the enemy positions. By 032100H, the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marine casualties were 13 KIA and 23 WIA, most of which were in the original patrol. It was estimated that the enemy suffered 45 KIA and numerous WIA. (For details see the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 88 and the After Action Report included in the 3d Battalion's Command Chronology)

(8) At 060045H, a squad patrol from Company "B" took six Viet Cong under fire at (BT 095674), but could not determine if there were any enemy casualties. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 90)

(9) At 070910H, a squad patrol from Company "D" engaged four Viet Cong killing one at (BT 040706). (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 91)

(10) At 071050H, a squad patrol from Company "D" fired at six Viet Cong at (BT 057706). Enemy casualties were undetermined.

(11) At 071250H, a patrol from Company "I" engaged six Viet Cong in a brief fire fight at (BT 012645). (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 91)

(12) At 101030H, a patrol from Company "A" had a brief fire fight with four Viet Cong at (BT 112651) without casualties. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 93)

(13) At 110949H, a squad patrol from Company "C" killed one Viet Cong at (BT 032678) and captured one VCS at (BT 035684). [redacted] the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 95)



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(14) At 121915H, Company "A", while in defensive positions had a brief exchange of fire with six Viet Cong at (BT 091667) without casualties. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 97)

(15) At 141220H, a patrol from Company "C" killed one Viet Cong sniper at (BT 035689). (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 98)

(17) During the night of 13-14 October, the forces of Company "L" manning defensive positions in CAM NE (AT 979687) were probed and harrassed by an unknown number of VC. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 98)

(18) At 141100H, a squad patrol from Company "M" were engaged by an unknown number of VC in a fire fight at (AT 963648). Artillery fire suppressed the enemy fire. No casualties were sustained. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 98)

(19) At 160900H, a patrol from Company "D" engaged approximately six Viet Cong in a brief fire fight near (BT 078694). One Marine was wounded and one VCS was captured. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 100)

(20) On the night of 15-16 October, the three bridges in the 3d Battalion's area, (AT 998707), (AT 993684), and (AT 999699) were probed by an unknown number of VC. No enemy casualties were observed. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 100)

(21) At 172030H, a scout-sniper team from Company "I" observed at VC at (BT 003661). After firing at the Viet Cong, the sniper team received fire from (BT 027663). (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 102)

(22) At 181645H, a squad size patrol from Company "K" engaged an unknown number of Viet Cong in a fire fight at (AT 052640). (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 103)

(23) At 201210H, a squad size patrol from Company "I" was engaged in a fire fight with an estimated Viet Cong platoon at (BT 013645). (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 105)



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(24) At 201920H, a squad patrol from Company "A" wounded two Viet Cong in a brief fire fight at (BT 093668). (See 9th Marines Situation Report Number 105)

(25) At 211215H, a platoon (-) patrol from Company "I" engaged an unkown number of Viet Cong in a fire fight at (BT 021638). One VC was believed wounded. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 105)

(26) On 24 October, while conducting a search and clear operation in LE SON (3), (AT 969643), a platoon (-) from Company "M" was engaged by an estimated VC platoon and sustained two WIA. One VCS was captured. VC casualties were undetermined. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 108)

(27) At 250915H, a squad patrol from Company "D" engaged an unknown number of VC at (BT 039654) and at (BT 039650). (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 109)

(28) At 250800H, a scout-sniper team from the 2d Platoon, Company "D", at (BT 064643) was fired on by VC. The fight continued until 251030H. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 109)

(29) At 252010H, a patrol from 3d Platoon, Company "D", were taken under fire briefly by seven VC. There were no casualties during the ensuing fire fight. (See the 9th Marines situation Report Number 110)

(30) At 261845H October, the Company "L" forces at the school house in CAM NE (AT 973690) were engaged by an unknown number of Viet Cong. One VC was killed. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 111)

(31) At 270720H, one man from a patrol from Company "M" was wounded in a fire fight with an unknown number of Viet Cong at (AT 970648). One VCS was captured. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 112)



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(32) At 272005H, an eleven man ambush from Company "I" ambushed a large VC force at (BT 030642) killing fifteen VC by body count. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 112 and the CO, 9th Marines, letter 2/CW/fob, 3800, of 25 October)

(33) At 271920H, a squad ambush from Company "K" fired at two Viet Cong at (AT 992669) with undetermined results. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 112)

(34) At 272230H, a squad ambush from Company "K" had a short fire fight at (AT 982656) with three VCS. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 112)

(35) At 280745H, the 3d Platoon, Company "K" sustained one KIA and three WIA at (BT 006548) in a fire fight with an undetermined number of VC. Enemy casualties are not known. (See the 9th Marines Situation Report Number 112)

f. Fire Support and Fire Support Coordination

(1) The Fire Support Coordination Centers at Regiment and Battalion levels operated in their normal capacity. Artillery and naval gunfire support was limited during this period due to the fact that control of fires within the 9th Marines TAOR is a combined consideration of the 3d Marine Division and I Corps. Harrassing and interdieting fires were used extensively.

(2) For a narrative summary of fire support for operations and close combat see the following documents included with this report.

(a) 9th Marines Situation Reports Numbers 85-115.

(b) The 1st Battalion Command Chronology for October.

(c) The 3d Battalion Command Chronology for October.

g. Combat Air Support. See the 9th Marines Situation Reports 85-115)



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h. Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Warfare. The use of chemical agents CS and CN was authorized during October but was not required. A smoke generator using Smokepot HC was employed to clear tunnels.

i. Training

(1) Training during October was limited by heavy operational committments.

(2) Training was conducted in the 60mm mortar before it was placed in service.

(3) For details see the 1st and 3d Battalion's Command Chronologies for October.

j. Command and Control.

(1) The 9th Marines were under the command and control of the 3d Marine Division throughout October.

(2) Subordinate units under command and control of the 9th Marines were:

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|---|---|
| 1st Battalion, 9th Marines | 1-31 October |
| 3d Battalion, 9th Marines | 1-31 October |

(3) The 2d Battalion, 9th Marines were under operational control of III MAF as the Danang Airbase Defense Battalion during October.

(4) The following units were in direct support and under operational control of the 9th Marines:

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| Company B(-); 3d Tank Battalion | 1-31 October |
| Company C(-); 3d AT Battalion | 1-31 October |
| Company B(-), 1st AmTrac Battalion | 1-31 October |
| Company A, 1st MT Battalion | 1-31 October |

(5) The 2d Battalion, 12th Marines, was in direct support of the Regiment throughout October.

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k. Communications-Electronics

(1) During the month of October, radio and telephone security was emphasized as a result of the capture of two AN/PRC-10 radios and suspected wire tapping by the Viet Cong.

(2) Back up radio teletype communications have been installed between the Regimental Headquarters and the 1st Battalion Headquarters in order to augment the radio relay line employed.

(3) The AN/PRC-25 radio was introduced into the 3d Battalion late in October. Results encountered thus far are encouraging in that much greater reliability of radio communications has been achieved in areas where the AN/PRC-10 failed to function effectively. However, since the AN/PRC-25 has a narrower frequency beam, the AN/PRC-10 must be tuned to the AN/PRC-25 in order to insure adequate net operations.

(4) Helicopter messenger service has been instituted between the Regimental Headquarters and higher headquarters. This should reduce over the road messenger service requirements in the future.

(5) The AN/TPS-21, ground surveillance radar, has been installed in an elevated observation post on Marble Mountain in hopes that its search will provide an early warning capability at maximum range. One AN/TPS-21 was destroyed when the vehicle in which it was being transported struck a mine. Another AN/TPS-21 was slightly damaged when components were being lifted by helicopter.

(6) Within the 3d Battalion area, the employment of AN/TRC-27 radio relay equipment as back up for wire lines proved quite successful. On three separate occasions the wire lines were cut due to engineer blasting. In each case the radio relay back up provided continuous communications with minimum interruptions.

l. Logistics

[redacted] (1) Cantonment Program. During October, the Regimental Headquarters cantonment was built. Thirty-one strong-back tents were constructed, the CP was relocated and the majority of the personnel were able to move into strong-backs. Eleven more



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strong-backs are scheduled to be constructed in early November. Work progressed rapidly during the month. Nine sets of Rattan furniture were purchased in the Phillippine Islands for use in the club and were flown to Danang on 27 October. It is anticipated the Officer's Club will be open by 10 November. The 1st Battalion's cantonment construction began on 8 October. (See the 1st Battalion Command Chronology)

(2) Highlights

(a) On 8 October, RO 11300.1 was published setting up trash and garbage regulations.

(b) On 12 October, the 9th Marines, supported by the 1st Amtrac Battalion and the 3d Engineer Battalion, set up a river block on the VINH DIEN River at (BT 033663). Heavy rains washed out the dead man and tank floats, but the river block will be re-installed early in November.

(c) On 14 October, the 3d Battalion requested shower units and water purification units. They were not received during October, but the S-4 is continuing action to procure them.

(d) On 20 October, the 3d Battalion commenced the relocation of their CP from (AT 996723) to (AT 992678). On the same day the Headquarters Company commenced operation of an independent mess feeding 260 personnel. The 2d Battalion, 12th Marines, operate their own mess.

(e) On 21 October, Regiment notified Division that all Battalions had received their 60mm mortars with the exception of spare parts bits, AN/PRC-6's, TA-1/PT's and binoculars 6x30.

(f) On 23 October, a Motor Transport Contact Team visited our area to help with existing problems and check on parts supply and storage facilities. The Regiment requested an additional twenty-one general purpose tents to complete the cantonment program. These tents are supposed to be available 6 November.



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(g) The Regimental S-4 attended a meeting on the 26th concerning the 5, 10 and 15 year camp construction program. Plans are being prepared for submission on 3 November.

(h) On 30 October the 1st Battalion forwarded a letter requesting an additional water trailer.

m. Medical and Dental Support

(1) No significatn medical problems reported. Surgical and medical supplies available locally. Patients received in Aid Station are examined and decision as to treatment and disposition is made. Minimal number of cases of mild diarrhea reported, but has not impaired functional capacity of unit. Air evacuation of casualties directly to Medical Battalion available.

(2) Treatment of civilian Vietnamese patients is being accomplished by the medical department in their locality. The majority of treatment consists of ulcerations and skin disorders, lacerations, upper respiratory infections, and vitamin deficiency.

(3) There were no outbreaks of communicable diseases reported. No major sanitation problems existed or were reported from the field. All individuals are in a prophylactic immuniaztion program receiving required immunizations and prophylaxsis for the prevention of disease.

n. Chaplain Support. There are no significant events on developments to report for this period.

o. Civil Affairs. For a detailed summary of Civil Affairs see the 9th Marines Situation Reports Numbers 85-115 and the 9th Marines Civil Affairs Situation Reports (S-1) for October.



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3. DOCUMENTS

a. The following documents are submitted with the original copy of the 9th Marines Command Chronology.

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(1) 9th Marines Operation Order 327-65, 200900H October 1965.

(2) 9th Marines Frag Orders 46-65 through 55-65.

(3) Commanding Officer's letter, 2/CW/feb, 3800, 25 October 1965, "Report of Viet Cong Contact in CAM NE (4) Hamlet, coordinates (BT 003704).

(4) Commanding Officer's letter, 2/CW/feb, 3800, 30 October, "Special Report of Squad-size ambush conducted on 27 October 1965".

(5) 9th Marines Situation Reports Numbers 85-115.

(6) 9th Marines Intelligence Summaries Numbers 85-115

(7) 9th Marines (S-1) Situation Reports for October

(8) Weekly Operation Overlay Reports for the Weeks Ending 3, 9, 16, 23 and 30 October 1965.

(9) Psycholozical Warfare Pamphlets (4) and Posters. (2)

(10) (S-1) Journal 20, 24, 25 NIF

(11) (S-2) Journal, 04-31 Oct 65

(12) (S-3) Journal

(13) (S-4) Journal

(14) 1st Battalion Command Chronology for October 1965.

(15) 2d Battalion Command Chronology for October 1965.

(16) 3d Battalion Command Chronology for October 1965.



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OPERATION ORDER 327-65

Ref: (a) 3d MarDiv OpOrder 346-65
(b) Maps: Ams Series L701 Sheets 6658I, 6658 IV, 6659II and 6659 III

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. (See current ISUMS and PIRs)

b. Friendly Forces

(1) QUANG NAM Special Sector Military Force consisting of the 59th RF Battalion, reinforced with five Peoples Action Team (PATS) and miscellaneous PF forces, conducts pacification campaign, introduces political cadres into area of operations. See Annex A (Operation Overlay).

(2) 3d Marines

(a) In coordination with 9th Marines conducts a search and destroy operation west of SONG YEN during period 200600H to 271800H from vicinity (AT 068700) to (AT 954650).

(b) Protects RVN Forces in 9th Marines zone from VC attack from the west.

(3) 12th Marines. Attaches one FO team to 9th Marines for employment in connection with this operation.

(4) III MAF. Provides maximum support to the NGU-HOANH-SON campaign (pacification operation) to be conducted by the QUANG NAM Special Sector, I Corps Tactical Zone.

2. MISSION. 9th Marines provides combat, limited administrative and logistics support to the QUANG NAM Special Sector pacification campaign in the regimental TAOR.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. Annex A (Operation Overlay) 9th Marines in conjunction with 3d Marines conduct a search and destroy operation on the east bank of the SONG YEN and prevents infiltration by VC forces from the west. 3/9 by



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continuing aggressive patrolling will protect RVN forces from VC attack from the south. 9th Marines will provide liaison and an FO team to the 59th RF Battalion and provide maximum combat limited administrative and logistics support to the pacification campaign.

b. Headquarters, 9th Marines

(1) Provide a liaison team consisting of one officer and two enlisted equiped with the necessary communications to provide continuous communications for operations in the 59th RF CP which will be established vicinity MIEU DONG (BT 016685).

(2) Provide facilities for coordination of on-call fire support throughout area of operation commencing 220600H.

(3) Coordinate and control medical evacuation and emergency resupply requirements of 59th RF Battalion.

c. 1stBn, 9th Marines

(1) Annex A (Operation Overlay) denotes zone 1 as the north western sector of the 1/9 TAOR. 1/9 will not patrol in this sector without the prior approval of headquarters, 9th Marines. (See Annex B (Schedule of Operation)).

(2) Protect by aggressive patrolling RVN forces in Zone from VC attack from EAST and SOUTH-EAST.

d. 3dBn, 9th Marines

(1) Be prepared to conduct in conjunction with 3d Marines a search and destroy operation along east bank of SONG YRU during period 200600H to 271800H from vicinity (AT 954650) to vicinity (AT 968700). A separate Frag Order will be issued at a later date to cover this operation.

(2) Conduct river patrols on SONG YEN during hours of darkness during period 20 through 26 October 1965. Direct liaison with 1/1 is authorized to effect the coordination necessary for this phase of the operation.

(3) Protect by aggressive patrolling the RVN forces in zone from VC attack from the south.



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e. Coordinating Instructions

(1) 9th Marines will retain responsibility for tactical security of area of operations.

(2) QUANG NAM Special Sector has OPCON 59th RF Battalion reinforced.

(3) CO Ninth Marines has been designated 3d MarDiv coordinating authority with RVN forces in zone.

(4) Forward battalions will coordinate through the 9th Marines liaison officer with the 59th RF Battalion in establishment of mutually satisfactory boundaries around those hamlets for which RF units will then provide and be responsible for local security. 9th Marines liaison officer will keep 9th Marines (Attn: S-3) informed by overlay submitted weekly of these boundaries.

(5) All liaison between units of 9th Marines and 59th RF Battalion will be effected through the 9th Marines liaison officer who will be located at the 59th RF Battalion CP vicinity (BT 016685).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. To be issued separately.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. Command Posts

(1) 9th Marines (AT 996725)

(2) 1/9 (BT 067714)

(3) 3/9 (AT 993678)

(4) 59th RF Battalion (BT 016685)

b. Communication-Electronics

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Annex B (Schedule of Operations) to Operation Order 326-65

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| 20 October | Establish CP vicinity (BT 016685) |
| 21 October | Preparation for recon/search and clear operations in Zone 1 (Annex A (Operation Overlay)). |
| 22 October | Conduct recon/search and clear operation in Zone 1 (Annex A (Operation Overlay)). |
| 23 October | Recovery Period |
| 24-25 October | Training in Pacification Techniques |
| 26 October | Prepare to enter Zone 2 |
| 27-30 October | Conduct recon/search and clear operation in Zone 2 (Annex A (Operation Overlay)). |
| 31 October | Deploy RF companies in villages of HOA DA, HOA CHAU, HOA THAI and HIA CA. |
| 1 November | Orient Pacification Teams. |
| 2-30 November | Continue Pacification Operations. |

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FRAG ORDER 46-65
A. ENCL (2) TO REGTO 3100.1
B. ENCL (1) OVERLAY TO RVN OPERATION 06 OCT 65 (ISSUED SEPARTELY)
0. RVN FORCES
A. TWENTY PF'S AND 2ND CO OF 11TH RANGER BN WILL SWEEP SOUTH FROM BRIDGE AT BT017675 TO CS BT 0164, WEST FROM ROUTE ONE AND SOUTH AND EAST OF SONG BAU KAU. FOLLOWED BY RICE HARVESTERS WHO WILL TAKE RICE OUT TO HIGHWAY ONE TO BE LOADED ON USMC TRUCKS.
B. PLT 594 CO RF/ CP IN MIEU DONG (1) AND BRIDGE GUARD AT BT 017678.

C. CONDUCT A SWEEP EAST OF HIGHWAY ONE AND WEST OF SONG VINH DIEN IN AREA BOUNDED BY BT 030645, BT 040651, BT 059630 AND BT 042620. RVN FORCES WILL BE 706, 743 AND 321 RF COMPANIES AND ONE PF PLT. TIME OF OPERATION 060500H TO 061800H OCT 65.
D. HOA CAM TRAINING CENTER. WILL CONDUCT A RIVER CROSSING TRAINING AT BT 014715 FROM 060800 TO 061700H OCT 65.
2. 1ST BN
A. CONTINUES RICE STRAW AND GOLDEN FLEECE.
B. PROVIDES BLOCKING FORCE EAST OF SONG VINH DIEN VIC BT 038672 TO BT 055640 FOR RVN OPERATION. BLOCKING FORCE WILL BE IN POSITION 060500H OCT 65 AND WILL NET WITH ADVISOR NET FREQ 40.5. ADVISOR CALL SIGN BEAVER SKIN 56.
3. 3RD BN
A. CONTINUE RICE STRAW AND GOLDEN FLEECE.
B. ESTABLISHES [illegible] SUPPORTING AMBUSHES AT BT[illegible] AND [illegible] DARK TO DAWN 06 OCT 65.
4. B CO 3RD [illegible] BN
A. CO [illegible]
B. PROVIDE ONE [illegible]
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5. B CO 1ST AMTRAC BN.
A. CO (-) OPCON 1/9
B. PROVIDE THREE LVT'S OPCON 3/9
Y. C CO 3RD AT BN
A. PROVIDE PLATOON OPCON 3/9
7. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS
A. REFERENCE A. DATED 6 OCT HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED AND IS THE NEW FORMAT FOR SUBMITTING SPOT REPORTS.
B. ALL COMPLETED 60MM MORTARS TRAINING WILL BE REPORTED DAILY PRIOR TO 160
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"B" CO THIRD TANK BN
"C" CO THIRD AT BN
"B" CO FIRST AMTRAC BN
"A" CO NINTH MT BN
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L
A. FRAG ORDER 47-65
1. FRIENDLY FORCES
   A. 3D ENGINEER BN INSTALLS RIVER BLOCK VIC (BT 032663) COMMENCING 120900H OCT65.
   B. ECHO BATTERY, 2ND BN, 12TH MAR DISPLACES TO POSITIONS VIC (AT 968672) SUBSEQUENT TO 110600H OCT65.
2. 1ST BN
   A. CONTINUE OPERATIONS GOLDEN FLEECE AND RICE STRAW IN ZONE.
   B. PROVIDE CONTINUOUS SECURITY FOR AND COVER BY FIRE RIVER BLOCK VIC (BT 032663) COMMENCING 120900H OCT65.
   C. PLAN FOR ASSUMPTION AIRBASE DEFENSE MISSION ABOUT 01NOV65.
3. 3D BN
   A. CONTINUE OPERATIONS GOLDEN FLEECE AND RICE STRAW IN ZONE.
   B. CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION 120800H OCT NORTH FROM EAST-WEST GRID LINE 64C TO 65F IN AREA BOUNDED ON THE WEST BY SONG YEN AND EAST ALONG NORTH-SOUTH GRID LINE 98.
   C. PROVIDE SECURITY FOR 3D ENGINEER BN INSTALLATION OF RIVER BLOCK VIC (BT 032663) COMMENCING AT 120900H OCT. DIRLAUTH 3D ENGINEER BN.
   D. BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE OPERATION SKULL ON ORDER.
4. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS
   A. PLAN FOR USE OF TEAR GAS (CS) AND RIVER MINES WHEN AUTHORIZED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS.
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C O N F I D E N T I A L
FRAG ORDER 48-65
A. CG 3D MARDIV MSG 131420Z
B. FRAG ORDER 47-65
1. ARVN INTELLIGENCE PLATOON, I CORPS SEOARCHES AN-TU (1) HAMLET (BT 024637) COMMENCING 160800H OCTOBER 1965.
2. 1ST BATTALION.
A. CONTINUE OPERATIONS GOLDEN FLEECE AND RICE STRAW IN ZONE;
3. 3D BN
A. CONTINUE OPERATIONS GOLDEN FLEECE AND RICE STRAW IN ZONE.

B. EXECUTE OPERATION SKULL 160800H.
4. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS
A. USE OF GRENADES CS AND CN IS AUTHORIZED FOR OPERATIONS GOLDEN FLEECE AND SKULL IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE (A).
B. ALL PERSONNEL IN FORWARD AREAS WILL WEAR EITHER STEEL HELMETS OR BALLISTIC HELMETS LINER AT ALL TIMES.
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(b) Map, Indo China, 1:50,000, Series L701, Sheets 6658IV

Encl: (1) Operation Overlay
(2) Intelligence Estimate

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. See Intelligence Estimate, Enclosure (2).

b. Friendly Forces

(1) 592d RF Company (-) OPCON 3/9.

(2) 2dBn, 12th Marines. Direct Support 9th Marines.

(3) 3d Recon Bn (-). General Support 3d Marine Division.

2. MISSION. 9th Marines will conduct a search and destroy opertaion south along both banks of the SONG VINH DIEN River from coordinates (BT 033657) to (BT 057627).

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept. See Enclosure (1) Operation Overlay. The operation will be a two company search and destroy operation south from the LOD through the village complexes on the EAST and WEST bank of the SONG VINH DIEN River. 3/9 is assigned responsibility for the area to the WEST of the SONG VINH DIEN, 1/9 for the area to the EAST. 1/9 will be assigned OPCON of participating units. On completion of the operation units will revert to OPCON parent units.

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b. 1stBn, 9th Marines

(1) Provide a minimum of one rifle company (reinforced) to conduct a search and destroy operation South from LOD through village complexes of TU CAU (2) vicinity (BT 035650), TU CAU (4) vicinity (AT 647646), NGAN TRUNG (1) vicinity (BT 052644), NGAN TRUNG (3) vicinity (BT 055639) to the LOA.

(2) Provide blocking force vicinity (BT 062630).

(3) Maintain normal patrol activity in Eastern sector of battalion TAOR.

c. 3dBn, 9th Marines

(1) Provide a minimum of one rifle company (reinforced) to conduct a search and destroy operation south from LOD through village complexes of VIEM TAY (1) vicinity (BT 040640), NGAN TRUNG (2) vicinity (BT 049637) THANH QUIT (5) vicinity (BT 041631), THANH QUIT (3) vicinity (BT 054634) THANH QUIT (2) vicinity (BT 042623) to the LOA.

(2) Provide blocking force vicinity (BT 045623).

(3) Maintain normal patrol activity in WESTERN sector of battalion TAOR.

d. "B" Company, 3d Tank Bn

(1) Company (-) OPCON 1/9.

(2) Provide one heavy section OPCON 3/9.

(3) Establish mobile blocking force between (BT 045658) and (BT 070633).

e. "C" Company, 3d AT Bn

(1) Company (-) OPCON 3/9.

(2) One platoon OPCON 1/9.

(3) Provide mobile blocking force along Highway 1 from (BT 025655) to (BT 042621).



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f. Coordinating Instructions

(1) LOD. Coordinates (BT 025655) to (BT 045658).

(2) LOA. Coordinates (BT 042621) to (BT 070633).

(3) H-Hour. First light 19 October 1965.

(4) Southern block elements to be in position at least 15 minutes prior to H-Hour. Armoured blocking elements will NOT move into position until after H-Hour.

(5) AO to be on station from H-Hour until operation secured.

(6) UH-1E (TACA) will be on station during daylight hours until operation completed.

(7) Boundaries. Area will be under OPCON 1/9 for duration of operation. Boundaries dilineated as follows:

(a) Inter-unit boundary - SONG VINH DIEN River.

(b) Eastern boundary, between coordinates (BT 045658) and (BT 070633).

(c) Western boundary, Highway #1, between coordinates (BT 025655) and (BT 042621). Boundaries revert to present boundary between battalions upon completion of operation.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Use of CS grenades is NOT authorized.

b. Psy-Warfare. Will be employed on this operation. Civilian Collection Points will be established on both sides of the SONG VINH DIEN River. 1/9 will submit coordinates of Collection Points and further Psy-Warfare requirements to Regimental S-2 no later than 181000H October 1965.

5. COMMAND, COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. Command. CO 1/9, has OPCON of all participating units. On completion of operation, units will revert to OPCON parent units.



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b. Communication

(1) The company and blocking elements provided by 3/9 for this operation will ensure that they enter the 1/9 tac net 15 minutes prior to H-Hour.

(2) Once 3/9 units involved revert to OPCON 3/9 they will re-enter 3/9 tac nets as required by CO 3/9.

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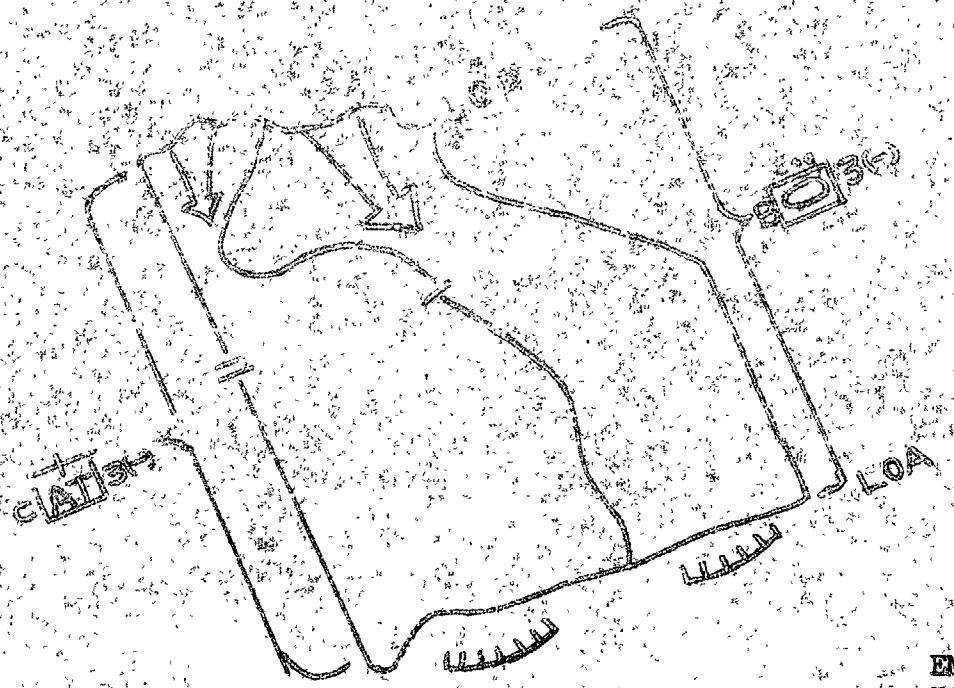


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INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE

Ref: (a) MAPS: Vietnam 1:50,000 Series AMS L701, Sheet 6659 II, III, 6658 I, IV.

1. MISSION.

a. N/R

b. N/R

c. N/R.

2. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AREA OF OPERATIONS.

a. Weather.

(1) General. October is a transition month introducing northeast monsoon season. Thunderstorm activity decreases while overall precipitation increases. Mean daily maximum temperatures are normally in 80's. Mean relative humidities are generally in the high 80's or low 90's. Fog occurs frequently during early morning and late evening hours.

(2) Precipitation. Mean monthly precipitation for DA NANG area amounts to more than 24 inches. Precipitation occurs primarily in the form of heavy showers and thunderstorms during the afternoon and early evening. These showers are generally intense and of short duration and are frequently accompanied by severe squalls. Flash flooding can pose a problem in some areas, but generally good drainage in TAOR minimizes probability.

(3) Visibilities. Visibilities in DA NANG area deteriorate from September to October. Haze aloft occurs with increasing frequency, resulting in poor air to ground visibility. Visibilities of less than 2 miles occurs in excess of 20% of time.

(4) Winds. In general, surface winds not a factor affecting operations, except during squalls.

(5) Sunrise-Sunset. (Tables attached).

b. Terrain and Roads. The area of operations is generally a low, flat area largely devoted to wet rice cultivation. National highway #1 provides an all-weather road delineating the western limits of the ZOA. There are few secondary roads/trails in the area, and the heavy precipitation may render them useless at times. Vegetation includes areas consisting of sparse, cultivated fields (many of them denuded due to rice harvest) and other areas where extremely dense foliage restricts observation and movement.



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3. ENEMY SITUATION.

a. Composition and strengths. Enemy strength and dispositions in proximity of the area of operations is as shown on attached list.

Of the units/strengths listed, it is extremely doubtful that more than 250 VC, comprising one VC Main Force company, augmented by two to three Local Force platoons, would be occupying this relatively limited area at any one time. In addition, up to 70-80 local guerrillas and political activists are known to be located in NGAN TRUNG (1) and (3) hamlets, PHONG HO (1) hamlet, THANH QUIT (3) hamlet, and VIEM TAY (1) hamlet.

b. Arms and Armament. Based on COB information, operational experience in this area, and intelligence reports, the VC located close enough to influence operations in this locality must be credited to have available for use at least two 81mm mortars, 3-60mm mortars, light machine guns, automatic rifles, a 3.5 inch rocket launcher and/or 57mm RR, AT and AP mines and normal arms. It is probable that a Main Force VC unit deployed to this area would possess weapons capable of interdicting military traffic on National Highway #1, which is in close proximity to this area, therefore anti-tank weapons of the type noted must be included.

c. Recent and Present Activities. Intelligence reports and actual VC actions indicate that the probable missions of VC units operating in this area are to assist in the gathering and transportation of the rice harvest, to continue harassing attacks against USMC units, and to continue terrorist and subversive campaigns designed to undermine the local government. Because of the proximity of DA NANG Airbase, and Marble Mountain Airbase, the possibility exists that a VC unit could be assembling in this area for a subsequent attack on these installations, but the possibility is remote. Other assembly areas exist which offer many advantages for such a mission which this area lacks.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

a. The VC in the area of operations can:

(1) Conduct harassing operations at any time in this area with about 250 men, lightly equipped with automatic and semi-automatic weapons, and some mortar capabilities.

(2) Defend in this area when attacked, using the SONG VINH DIEN as a natural barrier (to east or west), and the more heavily populated hamlets as fortified areas.

(3) Delay in successive positions utilizing the prepared defenses of the more heavily populated hamlets as defensive positions, and withdrawing to the south and west.



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(4) Merge with the local populace and hope to escape apprehension utilizing the extensive VC local infrastructure for cover.

5. CONCLUSIONS. The area of operations seems to hold no particular value justifying a determined defense by the VC. It is probable that the VC will attempt to avoid armed action and only resort to opposition when it can not be avoided or when the actions of the USMC provides a target which offers maximum chance of a local success with little hazard.

NOTE: The VC reaction may be influenced in large measure by the weather experienced during the period of operations. As the weather deteriorates, there is generally a corresponding increase in the probability that the VC will initiate affirmative defensive measures, to include a local attack in another area (Marble Mountain, CAM NE/DUONG SON complex etc.) to remove the pressure.



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## MOONRISE - MOONSET TABLES FOR DANANG 17-31 OCTOBER

| DATE | PHASE | MOONRISE | MOONSET |
|---|---|---|---|
| 17 | ½ | ---- | 1249 |
| 18 | ½ | 0017 | 1348 |
| 19 | ¼ | 0117 | 1440 |
| 20 | ¼ | 0220 | 1530 |
| 21 | ¼ | 0321 | 1614 |
| 22 | NEW | ---- | ---- |
| 23 | NEW | ---- | ---- |
| 24 | NEW | ---- | ---- |
| 25 | NEW | ---- | ---- |
| 26 | NEW | ---- | ---- |
| 27 | ¼ | 0900 | 2030 |
| 28 | ¼ | 0957 | 2119 |
| 29 | ¼ | 1051 | 2210 |
| 30 | ¼ | 1145 | 2301 |
| 31 | ½ | 1234 | 2353 |

## SUNRISE-SUNSET AND TWILIGHT DATA - PERIOD 17-31 OCTOBER

| DATE | BMCT | SUNRISE | SUNSET | EECT |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 17 | 0621 | 0642 | 1835 | 1856 |
| 18 | 0621 | 0642 | 1834 | 1855 |
| 19 | 0621 | 0642 | 1834 | 1855 |
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| 23 | 0622 | 0643 | 1832 | 1853 |
| 24 | 0622 | 0643 | 1832 | 1853 |
| 25 | 0622 | 0643 | 1831 | 1852 |
| 26 | 0622 | 0643 | 1831 | 1852 |
| 27 | 0622 | 0643 | 1830 | 1852 |
| 28 | 0622 | 0643 | 1830 | 1852 |
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| 30 | 0622 | 0643 | 1830 | 1852 |
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RECENT REPORTS WHICH MAY HAVE BEARING ON 1/9 - 3/9 OPERATIONS IN SUBJECT AREA

| DTG | LOCATION | INCIDENT OR REPORT | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|
| 131100H | (BT 055638) | Patrol rec'd S/A fire. | Sniper fire - Unk No. VC. |
| 131630H | (BT 043649) | Patrol cont 3 VC w/MG. | Rpt indicates perhaps 2 [illegible] + 1 auto carbine. 2 US[illegible]C KIA + 2 WIA. Close to C[illegible] |
| 130145H | (BT 060630) | NAD rpt of meeting place of assassination Plt DIEM TRUNG hamlet 1700-1800 | NAD rpts not very reliab[illegible] Rate this one D-4. |
| 130145H | (BT 060630) | NAD rpt VC fortifying area, trenches etc. from HOA HAI to Leper Center. | Not supported by A/O rp[illegible] |
| 121905H | (BT 038668) | Co C rec'd 20 rds S/A from 3 wpns. | Short-duration contact a[illegible] 200M range. Unk No. VC. |
| 100830H | (BT 059641) | Loc 3 tons rice. No VC guards. | Loc of cache on SONG VI[illegible] DIEN supports theory [illegible] river route used to e[illegible] |
| 101913H | (BT 037669) | Co C rec'd 8 rds S/A. Unk No.VC. | Sniper fire. |
| 101835H | (BT 066654) | Co C rec'd 20 rds S/A. Two VC positions. | Short-duration contact. 200+M range. |
| 091525H | (BT 070630) | I Corps rpt of 1 VC MF Co Loc here w/1 60mm Mort, 1 LMG etc. | C-3 rpt. VC LF Co H-40 previously rptd in area but no MF Co. |
| 071800H | (BT 045677) | HOA HAI Vill Chf rptd 100 VC Loc here with mission to collect rice. | Previous rpts from source proved correct. This rpt rated B-3. Probably LF. |
| 072000H | (BT 032630) | HOA VANG Dist Chf rptd 50-60 MF VC Loc here. | Loc given were to west of Highway #1. Not confirmed by later opns. (Rated C-4 |
| 060800H | (BT 046649) | Co C rec'd S/A fire. Unk No.VC. Long range. | Sniper fire. |
| 060930H | (BT 047641) | Co C obs 7 VC during ARVN sweep of NGAN TRUNG (2). | |
| 051815H | (BT 089634) | A/O rptd obs VC Sqd. | Arty fired at Sqd in building. Unk results. |



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| DTG | LOCATION | INCIDENT OR REPORT | REMARKS |
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| 042300H | (BT 049630) | QUANG NAM rpt that 2 VC MF Plts displaced to north from this Loc | VNAF rptd two Co's and that move not yet completed. Later opns indicat some VC here. |
| 032210H | (BT 022657) | Co I obs 4 VC armed w/at least 2 A/W. | |
| 020735H | (BT 053633) | A/O rec'd S/A fire. | Sniper fire. |
| 020750H | (BT 051644) | Co B found cache of rice and tobacco. No VC guards. | Loc on SONG VINH DIEN. Logical route of evac. |
| 020815H | (BT 056640) | Co C found 1000 anti-helo stakes destroyed same. | |
| 011410H | (BT 054644) | Co C patrol detonated booby-trapped grenade. | |
| 010100H | (BT 033646) | Patrol contacted 6 VC w/3 A/W. 4 more VC joined fight. | Contact of long duration. Apparently well prepared ambush. |



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| UNIT DESIGNATION | LOCATION | STRENGTH | WEAPONS | COMMANDER | DATE REPORTED | VALIDITY |
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| TA-27 Bn (MF) | (BT 062638) | 250 men | 1-81mm Mortar<br>3-60mm Mortars<br>2-57mm RR<br>2-ARs | HUNH LAM SON | 4 Sep 65 | Possible (remote). Majority of rpts locate this Bn in area along SONG YEN. |
| H-50 Bn (MF) | (BT 065620) | 300 men | 81mm Mortars<br>60mm Mortars<br>LMG | NGUYEN TRAI | 16 Sep 65 | Possible - rptd displaced to new location 27 Sep. |
| D[illegible] BAN (H-40) C[illegible] (LF) | (BT 070630) | 120 men | 1-81mm Mortar<br>1-60mm Mortar<br>18-SMG<br>1-57mm RR<br>3-LMG | PHAN AN NAM | 8 Oct 65 | Probable - This Co confirmed as operating in THOR. On 8 Oct confirmed at this location. May have displaced. |
| 2 VC Co's (No identification provided | (BT 032643) | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown | 27 Sep 65 | Possible - QUANG NAM Special Sector rptd those companies displaced to area shown on 26 Sep. No additional rpts. May have been enroute. |



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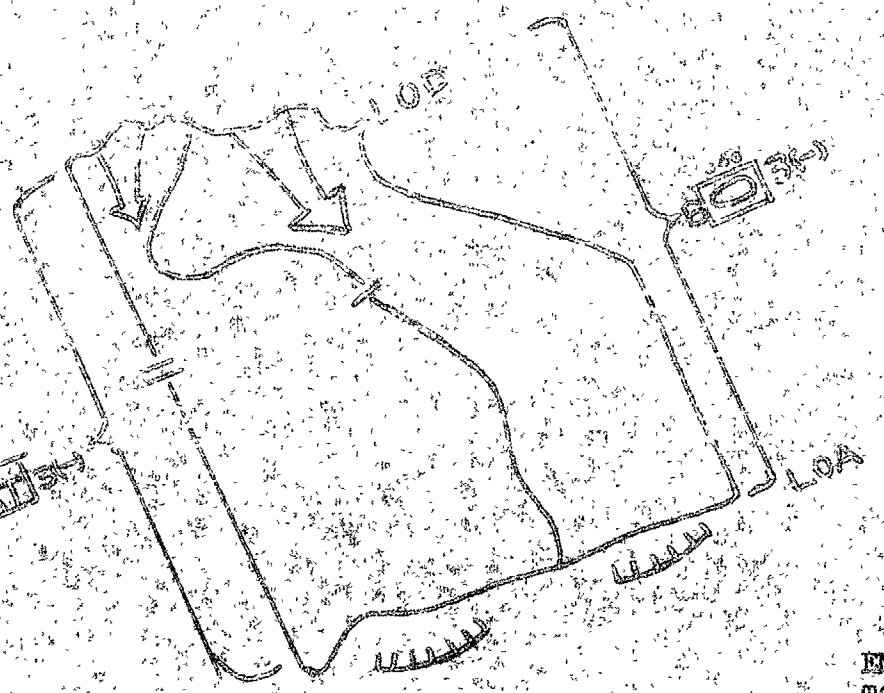


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FRAG ORDER 50-65
A. NINTH MARINES OPERATION ORDER 327-65
1. FRIENDLY FORCES
A. 59TH RF BN CONDUCTS A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN AREA TO EAST OF HIGHWAY NR 1 BETWEEN COORDINATES (BT 017715) AND (BT 016675) ANND BOUNDED BY SONG VING DIEN TO THE EAST, THE SONG BAU XAU TO THE SOUTH, AND THE SONG CAU DO TO THE NORTH.
2. 1ST BN
A. CONTINUE OPERATIONS GOLDEN FLEECE AND RICE STRAW IN ZONE.

B. OCCUPY TWO BLOCK POSITIONS VICINITY (BT 042694) AND (BT 046713) TO SUPPORT THE OPERATION BEING CONDUCTED TO THE WEST BY THE 59TH RF BN. BLOCKS TO BE OCCUPIED BY 220600H.
C. PROVIDE TWO LVT'S TO BE AT COORDINATES (BT 032734) AT 220600H TO MOVE 591ST RF COMPANY ACROSS THE SONG CAU DO.
3. 3D BN
A. CONTINUE OPERATIONS GOLDEN FLEECE AND RICE STRAW IN ZONE.
B. BE PREPARED, ON 23 OCTOBER TO SUPPORT A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION TO BE CONDUCTED BY 59TH RF BN IN GS (0967), (0966), (0066), (0067). AS OPERATIONS OVERLAY IS BEING PREPARED AND WILL BE ISSUED SEPARATELY.
4. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS
A. USE OF CLAYMORE MINES BY THE 9TH MARINE UNITS IS AUTHORIZED. UNITS WILL REPORT TO THIS HEADQUARTERS THE LOCATION AND QUANITY OF ANY MINES LAID.
B. REGIMENTAL LIASON OFFICER IS LOCATED AT 59TH RF BN CP VICINITY COORDINATES (BT 016685). CALLSIGN IS PEEPSIGHT LIASON ON THE REGIMENTAL TAC NET.
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FROM: NINTH MARINES

TO: 3DBN, 9TH MARINES

INFO: CG, 3D MARDIV
1STBN, 9TH MARINES
2DBN, 9TH MARINES
2DBN, 12TH MARINES
"B" CO, 3D TANK BN
"B" CO, 1ST AMTRAC BN
"C" CO, 3D AT BN
"A" CO, 9TH MT BN

FRAG ORDER 52-65

A. FRAG ORDER 52-65

B. OPERATION OVERLAY ISSUED SEPARATELY (NOTAL)

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES. I CORPS INTELLIGENCE INDICATES PRESENCE OF VC GUERRILLA PLATOON IN DUONG SON (3), (AT 999673) AND QUA GIANG (2), (BT 005672). THE VC ARE ORGANIZED INTO ASSASINATION AND SABOTAGE TEAMS AND HAVE ADDITIONAL MISSION TO HARASS AND SNIPE AT US MARINE POSITIONS. THEY HIDE IN DAYTIME AND OPERATE AT NIGHT. I CORPS HAS INFORMATION AS TO THE EXACT VC HIDING PLACES.

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B. FRIENDLY FORCES. I CORPS ARVN INTELLIGENCE TEAM REINFORCED BY A PF PLATOON, SIGNAL DETACHMENT, AND FOUR DOG TEAMS CONDUCTS MOTOR MARCH SOUTH ON HIGHWAY ONE TO MIEU DONG BARRACKS (BT 017682) ARRIVING BT 250400H. AFTER DETRUCKING MOVES BY FOOT TO CHECK POINTS A-1 AND B-1, LINKS UP WITH 3/9 BLOCKING FORCE, AND PROCEEDS INTO AREAS A AND B TO SEARCH OUT AND DESTROY OR CAPTURE VC THEREIN.

2. MISSION. 9TH MARINES CONDUCTS COMBINED OPERATION TO ASSIST I CORPS ARVN OPERATION IN DUONG SON (3) AND QUA GIANG (2) BY BLOCKING EXITS AND PREVENTING EXODUS FROM THOSE VILLAGERS AND IS PREPARED TO ASSIST IN OVERCOMING ANY VC RESISTANCE ENCOUNTERED.

3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATION (REFERENCE (B)) OPERATION OVERLAY) 3/9 ESTABLISHES BLOCKING POSITIONS AROUND DUONG SON (3) (AREA A) AND QUA GIANG (2) (AREA B) PRIOR TO FIRST LIGHT PREVENTING ANY EXODUS FROM BLOCKED AREA. I CORPS ARVN DETACHMENT IS GUIDED THRU 3/9 POSITIONS FROM MIEU DONG BARRACKS TO CHECK POINTS A-1 AND B-1. 9TH MARINE LIAISON TEAM ACCOMPANIES I CORPS ARVN

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DETACHMENT COMMAND HERE GROUP AS THEY CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN AREAS A AND B. 3/9 BLOCKING FORCE IS PREPARED TO ASSIST IN OVERCOMING VC RESISTANCE AS REQUIRED.

B. THIRD BATTALION

(1) BLOCK OFF AND PREVENT EXODUS FROM DUONG SON (3) (AREA A) AND QUA GIANG (AREA B) BY 258350E.

(2) PROVIDE GUIDE FOR I CORPS ARVN DETACHMENT FROM MINH DONG BARRACKS TO CHECK POINTS A-1 AND B-1 BY 250400E.

(3) BE PREPARED ASSIST I CORPS ARVN DETACHMENT IN OVERCOMING VC RESISTANCE ENCOUNTERED.

C. 9TH MARINE LIAISON DETACHMENT. ACCOMPANY COMMAND GROUP I CORPS ARVN AND PROVIDE CONTINUOUS COORDINATION LINK WITH 9TH MARINES AND 3/9 ON REGIMENTAL TAC NET.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) I CORPS ARVN DETACHMENT WILL WEAR WHITE ARM BANDS ON LEFT ARM FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES.

(2) UNCLASSIFIED CODE NAME FOR OPERATION "BAR HEL".

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(3) DURATION OF OPERATION TENTATIVELY 250550H TO 251600H.

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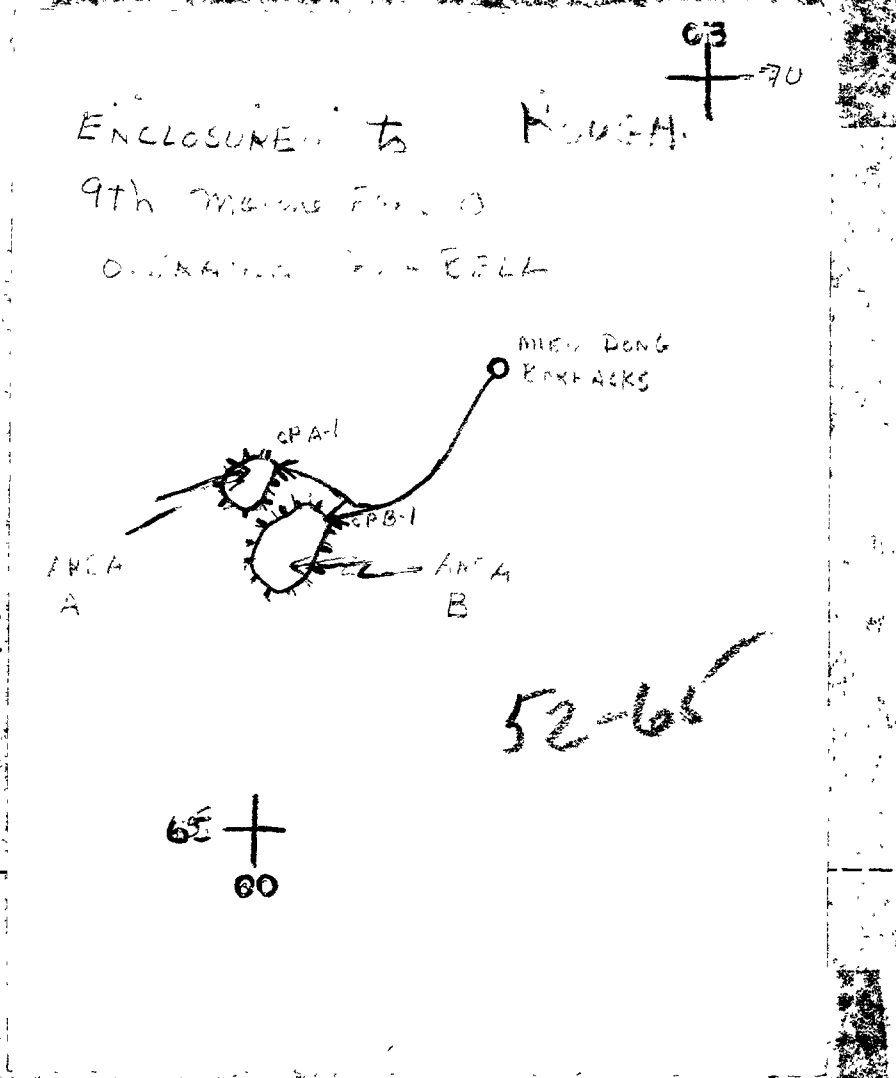


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ZEN/SECOND TWELFTH MARINES
ZEN/B CO THIRD TANK BN
ZEN/B CO FIRST AMTRAC BN
ZEN/C CO THIRD AT BN
RUMAUAQ/A CO NINTH MT BN

RELEASER: DORSEY, J.W., LTCOL
DRAFTER: DORSEY, J.W., LTCOL

C O N F I D E N T I A L
FRAG ORDER 53-65
A. OPORDER 327-65
B. FRAG ORDER 52-65
TASK ORGANIZATION CHANGES:
FOUR DOC TEAMS ATTACHED 1/9 UNTIL 29[illegible]0CH OCTOBER 1965
1. 1/9 CONTINUES OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE AND RICE STRAW IN ZONE.
2. 3/9
A. CONDUCT OPERATION "BAR BELL" 25[illegible]530H (REFERENCE B).
B. CONDUCT OPERATION "DRAG NET " 26[illegible]730H IN COORDINATION WITH 1/1 (3D MARINES)

C. ORIENT PATROL ACTIVITY TO ASSURE PATROL COVERAGE OF SONG YIN FROM (AT 9[illegible]) TO (AT 954[illegible]) DURING PERIOD [illegible]-31 OCTOBER 1965 (REFERENCE A).
D. DIRLAUTH 1/1 (3D MARINES).
3. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS
1. "HAY DAY" IS UNCLASSIFIED CODE NAME FOR MAXIMUM AMBUSH ACTIVITY. WHEN "HAY DAY" DIRECTED EACH FRONT LINE RIFLE PLATOON WILL CONDUCT A MINIMUM OF FOUR NIGHT AMBUSHES. AMBUSHES WILL BE PLANNED DURING NOT EARLY EVENING AND PRE-DAYLIGHT HOURS.
2. AMTRACS WILL NOT BE USED FOR LOGISTICAL PURPOSES EXCEPT IN EMERGIENCIES.
MAXIMUM USE OF TRUCKS AND HELICOPTERS FOR RESUPPLY IS DIRECTED.V
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INFO RUMAUAQ/CG THIRD MARDIV
ZEN/SECOND BN NINTH MARINES
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L
FRAG ORDER 54-65
1. SITUATION
A. ENEMY FORCES. INDICATIONS ARE THAT FORCE WHICH ATTACKED MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIRFIELD NIGHT OF 27-28 OCTOBER 1965 WILL ATTEMPT EVASION IN SMALL GROUPS THROUGH 9TH MARINES AREA MOVING SOUTH AND WEST. SIZE OF TOTAL FORCE BELIEVED TO BE APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED.
B. FRIENDLY FORCES. 59TH RF BATTALION CONDUCTS SEARCH OPERATION 28-29 OCTOBER 1965 THROUGH CAM NE AREA.

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2. MISSION. 9TH MARINES CONDUCTS MAXIMUM DAYLIGHT PATROLS ON 28 OCTOBER 1965 AND EXTENSIVE AMBUSH ACTIVITY NIGHTS 28 OCTOBER 65 TO INTERCEPT EVADING VC FORCE.
3. EXECUTION
A. 1ST BATTALION. CONDUCT MAXIMUM PATROLS IN ASSIGNED AREA DAYLIGHT OF 28 OCTOBER 1965 TO DETECT AND CAPTURE OR DESTROY VC FORCE EVADING FROM MARBLE MOUNTAIN AREA. ATTENTION TO ROUTES OF EGRESS AND HIDING PLACES. SEARCH BEACH NORTH FROM VICINITY (BT 092690) FOR EVIDENCE OF VC LANDING NIGHT OF 27 OCTOBER 65. SEARCH BEACH AND ROUTES INLAND OF MON KY MOUNTAIN SOUTH AND EASTERN PORTIONS TO LOCATE HIDDEN VC AND TO SELECT AMBUSH SITES FOR NIGHT OF 28 OCTOBER 1965. BEGINNING DARKNESS 28 OCTOBER 1965 THROUGH FIRST LIGHT 29 OCTOBER 1965, IMPLEMENT FULL SCALE HAY DAY WITH SAME MISSION OF INTERCEPTING EVADING VC. ATTENTION TO SMALL GROUP WITH DRAWAL BY SEA IN ADDITION TO OVERLAND MOVEMONT. COORDINATE ACTIVITIES IN DANANG EAST WITH TENANT UNITS.
B. 3D BATTALION. CONDUCT MAXIMUM PATROLS IN ASSIGNED AREA (LESS 59TH RF AREA OF OPERATION) DAYLIGHT OF 28 OCTOBER 1965 TO DETECT AND CAPTURE OR DESTROY VC FORCE EVADING TO SOUTH AND WEST. ATTENTION TO ROUTES OF EGRESS AND HIDING PLACES. FROM DARKNESS

28 OCTOBER 1965 THROUGH FIRST LIGHT 29 OCTOBER 1965, IMPLEMENT FULL SCALE HAY DAY WITH SAME MISSION OF INTERCEPTING EVADING VC.
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FRAG ORDER 55-65

RELEASER: L.N. ANGILO, MAJ.
DRAFTER: N.H. VREELAND, CAPT.

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A. 9TH MARINES OPORDER 327-65
B. OPERATION OVERLAY TO FRAG ORDER 55-65 (ISSUED SEPARATELY)
1. SITUATION
A. FRIENDLY FORCES
(1) HOA CAM TRNG CENTER.. CONDUCTS 3-COMPANY RF SEARCH IN GS 9570,9670,9770,9870 AT 290500H OCTOBER 1965. ONE - DAY OPERATION.
(2) 7TH BN,RF CONTINUES SEARCH OPERATION IN ZONE 2 (REFERENCE). A). CONLUDES 29 OCTOBER 1965.

PAGE TWO RUMAUAQ C O N F I D E N T I A L
(3) 4TH ARMORED RGT CONDUCTS OPERATION BLACK CAT BEER. SEARCH OPERATION SOUTH OF MARBLE MOUNTAIN, EAST OF SONG VINH DIEN 29 AND 30OCTOBER 1965
YT
FRIDAY 29 OCTOBER APC'S CROSS LOD AT 290400 LINK UP QITH TANKS AT ASSEMBLY AREA AND SEARCH SOUTH THROUGH SECTORS B,C UND D (OPERATION OVERLAY). TANKS TO FERRY OVER TOURANE RIVER 290001 AND PROCEED DOWN MAIN ROAD TO MARBLE MOUNTAIN, CROSSING MARBLE MOUNTAIN BRIDGE. 30 OCTOBER CROSS LOD AND SEARCH EASTERN SECTORS E, F AND G FROM NORTH TO SOUTH. C CONCLUDE OPERATION SATURDAY 30 OCTOBER 1965.
2. 1ST BATTALION. A MAINTAIN PRESENT,POSITION. NIGHT OF 29 OCTOBER 1965 DO NOT ADVANCE SOUTH FROM EAST WEST GRID LINE 64. GL 64 IS ALSO NO FIRE LINE.
3. 3D BATTALION
A. MAINTAIN BLOCK FOR 5TH BATTALION 29 OCTOBER IN ZONE 2 (REFERENCE A).
B. ESTABLISH BLOCKING POSITION (BT 044640) TO ( BT 057628) FOR PERIOD 290500H UNTIL RELIEVED APPROXIMATELY 291630H.
4. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS
A. U.S. ARMY LIAISON
(1) PRIMARY CONTROL BEAVER SKIN 40 ON FREQUENCY 42.4
(2) 4TH ARMORED RGT ANTENNA WHIP 66

PAGE THREE RUMAUAQ C O N F I D E N T I A L
(3) TANK ADVISOR ANTENNA WHIP 67
(4) APC ADVISOR ANTENNA WHIP 68
B. REGIMENTAL LIAISON OFFICER ON REGIMENTAL TAC CALL SIGNPEEPSIGHT LIAISON FRAY WILL BE LOCATED WITH ANTENNA WHIP 66.
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25 October 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subj: Report of Viet Cong contact in GAN NE (A) hamlet, coordinates (AT 9769)

1. Ninth Marines's INTRUM #765 included an unit reporting contact made by a 3rd Battalion security squad positioned at GAN NE (A) hamlet, with Viet Cong at 243615H. Additional details are not available and are herewith provided:

At 242205H, the Battalion S-3 provided a recap report of an incident which occurred in the vicinity of the school house at GAN NE, coordinates (AT 9769 690), during the period 241615H-242015H. As the report reflected, at 243615H, school age children, who regularly play in the vicinity of the school house, called to members of the Marine security squad that a young Vietnamese girl, waiting a short distance away, wanted the Marines to follow her down the trail, where, for a certain sum of money, she would consent to sexual intercourse. The words were accompanied by unmistakable gestures and the children urged the Marines to join the girl. Four of the Marines did follow the girl down the trail for a distance of approximately two hundred meters, to a point identified as at coordinates (AT 9768). At that point, the girl, described at about twenty years of age, departed from the trail, motioning to the Marines to follow her. When the Marines approached this position however, they heard what appeared to be a bolt of a rifle chambering a round, and the Marines were then a little apprehensive, quickly withdrew and returned to the school house area. The squad leader of this unit however, upon hearing of this occurrence, decided it warranted investigation and ordered the same four Marines to return slowly to the area along the trail, ostensibly to resume the tryst. In the meantime, the squad leader led a separate group by another route, planning to converge at that point along the trail where the suspicious noise had been heard. In the vicinity of coordinates (AT 9768), this Marine group spied an armed Viet Cong positioned in a tree line. The Marines deployed to maneuver closer when a second Viet Cong appeared, moving as as to join his confederate. This second Viet Cong, armed unmistakably with an M-14 rifle, discovered the Marines and fired a burst of approximately six rounds from his M-14 rifle before being struck by the Marines' fire. In the resultant fire fight, a total of five Viet Cong were engaged. In addition to the M-14, several carbines were identified as weapons utilized by the Viet Cong in this action. The Marines fired a heavy volume of small arms fire and six 40mm (M-79) rounds at the Viet Cong. The Viet Cong broke contact, fleeing to the West, but not before one Viet Cong was observed retrieving the M-14 from the body of the dead Viet Cong. The fire fight itself lasted from 45-60 seconds. At its termination one Viet Cong was dead (body count), and extensive blood smears in the area the Viet Cong had occupied indicated that additional



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casualties were inflicted. No Marine casualties were reported. A search of the area revealed two M-14 magazines (full), one cartridge belt, two magazine pouches, one bayonet-knife with scabbard, one M-26 fragmentation grenade, and a small quantity of Vietnamese currency. Upon returning to the school house, the Marine squad received eight rounds of small arms fire, which inflicted no casualties. A short time later, four villagers were observed carrying a stretcher occupied by an unidentified Vietnamese woman who had sustained a gunshot wound in her shoulder. The origin of the wound was probably the fire fight in which the Marines had been engaged, but the villagers, and the wounded woman, provided no information. The woman was evacuated to an ARVN hospital for investigation and treatment.

C. WARD
By direction

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| 3dAT Bn | (1) |
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30 October 1965

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

Subj: Special Report of squad-sized ambush conducted on 27 October 1965; submission of

Ref: (a) Ninth Marines INTSUM #111, 2720005H entry
(b) Ninth Marines INTSUM #112, 280645H entry

Encl: (1) Sepcial Report of squad-sized ambush conducted on 27 October 1965

1. Reference (a) was the initial INTSUM submitted by this command reflecting the details of a squad sized ambush conducted by Company I, 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines on 27 October 1965 in the vicinity of AN TU (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 030642). Reference (b) added supplementary details of this engagement and also, included subsequent actions relative to the subject incident. This special report, based on a more detailed investigation of the action than was available when references (a) and (b) were compiled, provides a more comprehensive and perspicuous account of this engagement.

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SPECIAL REPORT OF SQUAD-SIZED AMBUSH CONDUCTED ON 27 OCTOBER 1965

1. At 280650H, the 3rd Battalion S-3 reported that two bodies had been found at the ambush site, coordinates (BT 031642), (see 272005H entry, 9th Marines INTSUM #111). The Regimental Intelligence Officer and Intelligence Chief departed the regimental C.P. area at 280720H, enroute to the location given to investigate the bodies, weapons, equipment, etc. that might be made available. When the Intelligence Officer arrived at the location, he was met by the Commanding Officer, Company I and the Battalion Intelligence Officer as well as a two-plateen-sized (reinforced) search and destroy unit.

2. The two bodies had been moved approximately 100 yards by the Marines to a point at the roadside of National Highway #1 at coordinates (BT 032642). The bodies were those of two male Vietnamese, estimated age was 25-30 years, possessing good physiques. The bodies were dressed in identical clothing; short black pants, black shirts, and light-colored (untinted) straw hats commonly referred to as 'coolie' hats. Neither body possessed foot gear of any type. Death must be attributable to multiple gunshot and fragmentation wounds. One body was devoid of the lower portion of the right arm apparently from the concentrated impact of many small arms (automatic weapon) rounds. Upon examination of the bodies and clothing, each of the dead Viet Cong were found to have in his possession GVN and Viet Cong Identification cards and passes. Photographs of a GVN policeman from DIEN BAN District who had been assassinated approximately one and one-half weeks ago were also discovered on one Viet Cong body.

3. No weapons were found at the ambush site but one ammunition magazine which was identified as a component of the CHICOM 7.62mm modified submachine gun K50/PPSH.41 (War Material Handbook, "Chien Cu", volume II page 20) was located. Fired cartridge cases, of 7.62mm (CHICOM type P), U.S. .30 caliber carbine, and U.S. 30.06 caliber (ball), as well as five-round charger clips of the type used with Model 1903 rifles, were scattered freely in many sections of the area. A notable exception was in the "killing zone" of the ambush site which was devoid of all cartridges except those fired by members of the ambush squad. The ambush area gave evidence of activity; surface soil was disturbed, furrows and scars probably resulting from the impact of small arms rounds, and two plots which may have been the impact areas of 40mm (M-79) rounds were evident. Blood traces were more difficult to discern, and the few spots which may have been blood were hard to differentiate from betel juice.

4. The cartridge cases (other than those of obvious USMC origin) were found at several points, especially in an area from which the Viet Cong unit had just emerged prior to receiving the Marines fire (shown on sketch map as LOCATION K). A few individual cartridge cases were found in the vicinity of a dike (LOCATION J) which paralleled National Highway #1 and which was identified as the position from which the Viet Cong delivered covering fire and directed fire at the Marines after they had displaced a short distance to a new position on National Highway #1. The very few cases found in this position where it was reported that a heavy volume of fire originated may be attributable to the proximity of the paddies which provided a handy disposal area. The appearance of the cartridge cases



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suggested nothing which would contradict the assumption that they had been fired during this engagement on 27 October. The brass was relatively untarnished and the cavities contained few traces of sand or similar foreign matter which usually accumulates quickly when cases are left to weather in the open.

5. Interviews with members of the ambush squad, both collectively and individually, conducted at the site provided a reasonably lucid and acceptable account of the positions, status, armament, and actions of the individual Marines. For purposes of illustration, a sketch map has been prepared and annotated to reflect the actions of the Marine ambush squad and the actions of the Viet Cong deduced from these interviews and available evidence.

6. The ambush unit consisted of twelve men, which included eleven Marines and one corpsman. The unit arrived at the ambush site, coordinates (BT 030642) at 271935H, and were well set in position by 271945H. Immediately upon the Marines arrival at the ambush position, occupant(s) of a nearby building (LOCATION A) commenced striking together pieces of wood and made other loud noises which the Marines believed were intended to warn Viet Cong of the Marines presence. A light, assumed to be that of a flashlight, was observed on the east side of the highway (LOCATION B), and by its patterned, 'on-off' operation may also have been intended as a signal.

7. At 272000H, the Marines became aware of movement along the trail to the west. As part of his preparation for the mission, the squad leader stated he had instructed the members of his unit to withhold fire until the very last minute; to allow the enemy to approach to point-blank range before commencing fire. Moreover, the Marines' fire would be initiated by the man armed with the M-60 machine gun, who, as indicated on the sketch map, was positioned deep within the ambush position (LOCATION C).

8. At a range of about fifteen yards forward of the Marine occupying the most forward position (LOCATION D), the Marines were able to identify the intruders as armed Viet Cong. In adherance to the squad leader's admonition, fire was withheld until seven Viet Cong had passed by the position of the most forward Marine and the point Viet Cong was six to seven feet away from the machine gun (LOCATION E). The number of Viet Cong who had passed the point man prior to the initiation of fire was given by the point man himself, who acknowledged his trepidation as the Viet Cong trooped by. This figure was confirmed by other members of the squad who were in a position to know.

9. When the point Viet Cong had reached what the machine gunner considered minimum range, the engagement was initiated by a long, steady burst of machine-gun fire which was immediately accompanied by the combined weapons of most of the other members of the squad. The opinion voiced by those members of the squad positioned to make a valid observation was that the first seven Viet Cong were all struck by this initial burst, and that the extremely heavy volume of this fire, delivered in a time span of approximately five seconds, killed all seven. The members of the squad were also unanimous in stating that these first seven Viet Cong did not fire even one round in return, the effect of the fire was so devastating. Return fire was evidently received from the Viet Cong



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who were following in close proximity to the first group, which the Marines opined constituted an advance party. The fire fight was said to have diminished very little in tempo, and lasted a total of sixty seconds or less. The squad leader reported firing several 40mm (M-79) rounds, using the flashes of the Viet Cong weapons to delineate the target. The squad leader stated that the short range in which this action was fought and the VC's initial deployment which found them generally aligned with the trail, maximized the effectiveness of the squad's fire. There were confirming accounts of three to five Viet Cong who had dropped to the side of the trail being lifted bodily by the detonation of a 40mm round (LOCATION F). One Viet Cong was said to have been in close proximity to the Viet Cong casualties and was observed as he retrieved what appeared to be two weapons and attempted to escape the Marines' fire by taking to the rice paddy on the south side of the trail (LOCATION G). The automatic rifleman positioned at that point is credited by the other Marines with this kill. Despite the absence of any fire from the advance party, the Marines stated that all of the Viet Cong in this group were armed, and automatic weapons such as submachine guns and carbines were identified.

10. As a counterpoint to this main action, a secondary activity commenced at the junction of the trail with National Highway number 1. The Marine rifleman positioned on the northwest corner of the junction observed first one Vietnamese male slip into the shadow of the wooden hut at that position (LOCATION H); then three additional Vietnamese males sped across the road and joined the first man. The first man was believed to have been an occupant of the building (LOCATION A), located in close proximity to the ambush position from which the warning noises originated. The rifleman who observed this movement was unavailable for comment (he was one of the two Marines who sustained wounds) but he nullified the threat by quickly tossing two fragmentation grenades into the area in the front of the hut. At least one Viet Cong was killed by the grenades.

11. The Viet Cong, recoiling from the fire of the Marines, marshalled their forces and effected a costly but adequate withdrawal. The Marine squad leader decided that a withdrawal was in order for his forces as well, as the volume of the Viet Cong fire, the absence of panic, and movements and noises well to the rear and now to the flanks of the known Viet Cong element indicated that he was numerically outmatched.

12. The squad leader ordered a hasty, but controlled withdrawal, but first admonished his troops to check the Viet Cong casualties and insure that they were dead. The Marines made a hasty check of the Viet Cong bodies, firing their weapons and in several cases bayonetting those which were not conclusively dead. The quick tally showed fifteen Viet Cong dead (confirmed by body count) which included two bodies sprawled close to the hut (LOCATION H) and were probably victims of the grenading. This check was necessarily limited to the immediate vicinity of the Marines' position.



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13. With covering fire provided by grenades, 40mm (M-79) and small arms, the squad withdrew from the ambush position and in an orderly but hasty movement redeployed to the east of National Highway #1 in a position approximately one hundred fifty meters north (LOCATION I). One Marine was a casualty at this point and required assistance to cross the highway. It was about this time that it received a very heavy volume of small arms automatic and semi-automatic fire from Viet Cong who had deployed to the north along the dike (LOCATION J) which ran perpendicular to the ambush trail and parallel to National Highway #1. The second Marine casualty was as the result of this fire. With incontestable unanimity, the member's reported that they counted eleven automatic weapons and six semi-automatic weapons firing from this position on the dike.

14. At this time the squad leader requested 81mm mortar support. After two adjusting rounds, fire for effect was ordered and delivered with accuracy and telling effect. The squad leader reported that he was able to direct the fire through the rice paddy area, heavily saturate the dike positions, and work back through the ambush site. A total of sixty 81mm mortar rounds were fired. When the squad leader terminated the mission, the Viet Cong fire had ceased and the squad's opposition had disappeared. The squad was able to continue its withdrawal to the company C.P. without incident.

15. This engagement had not yet run its course, however. It was evident that the Viet Cong had withdrawn back along its route of arrival in the direction of AN TU (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 025636). The indications were that the Viet Cong force, burdened with casualties, would be forced to proceed slowly, and, most likely would seek refuge in a close-by hamlet area. Unless it were accepted that the Viet Cong would be willing, and able, to proceed a minimum of 1200 additional meters to reach a haven in an area further away than AN TU (1), this hamlet area was the logical and probable location for the Viet Cong to be found. A TOT mission of sixty 105mm rounds was fired into this area. Additional artillery and mortar fires were scheduled to isolate this area increasing the hazards to the Viet Cong if they attempted to displace to a different location.

16. During the night, a Company I search and destroy unit comprised of two platoons (reinforced) was deployed so as to enter the ambush site at first light to conduct a thorough search. At 280645H, this unit reported finding the bodies of two Viet Cong, a quantity of expended cartridge cases, and other evidence of the action which had occurred the previous evening. Upon arrival at the ambush site, the Regimental Intelligence Officer conducted the on-the-spot investigation which is the basis of this report.

17. The Marines also apprehended a Vietnamese male who had sustained fragmentation wounds of the leg. A tentative identification made by members of the ambush squad indicated that this man was very likely the occupant of the building from which the warning noises had emanated (LOCATION A). This man was one of the four men who had attempted to participate in the action and who had been the target of USMC grenades. The suspect remained mute during the initial interro-



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gation attempted at the ambush site, and was evacuated to III MAF Collection Point for interrogation and investigation.

18. At 280630H, the search and destroy operation was expanded to include AN TU (1) hamlet, a logical temporary haven for the Viet Cong, and the target of the TOT mission the previous evening. On the trail leading from the ambush area to the hamlet, the Marines contacted a Vietnamese woman who was carrying a wounded child. A corpsman was directed to treat the child's injuries and he identified them as fragmentation wounds likely caused by USMC artillery fires directed at AN TU (1) hamlet. The corpsman further remarked that the child's injuries had received previous attention, and that the bandaging and medication reflected professional skill and training. Transportation was offered to the woman and child to a medical facility but she refused. The woman was uncooperative, and indicated that her objections extended to the corpsman providing fresh dressings on the child's wounds. The woman was allowed to proceed out of the area, although the conclusion was that the child's wounds had received the attentions of a Viet Cong medical cadre, most probably in AN TU (1) hamlet.

19. The trail running from the ambush site to the hamlet was thoroughly examined for indications of the passage of a large body of men but extensive usage by local villagers had worn the path smooth, and interpretation of trail signs was inconclusive. However, expended cartridge cases were found at several places along the trail, which may indicate that cartridge cases were removed from the ambush site and discarded along the way. The objective of such a procedure has not been determined. The Marines also located a box containing books and papers with Vietnamese and Chinese printing and writing. Initial examination in the field revealed no intelligence information but the material was evacuated to III MAF Collection Point for translation and evaluation. Its presence in a hole in the rear of a farm house is in no way conclusive of Viet Cong activities as similar material is frequently found by Marines in the field.

20. The Marines apprehended a Vietnamese male riding a bicycle along the trail from the direction of AN TU (1) hamlet. The man, who appeared prosperous and intelligent, although obviously in great fear, admitted having come from the hamlet but denied that he had been there during the night or that he had observed Viet Cong in the area. The probability that he possessed information, even if only of a negative nature, required that he be evacuated to the Collection Point for investigation.

21. AN TU (1) hamlet proved to be a scattered collection of farm dwellings with apparently no central area. Very few people were evident and those found were sullen and uncommunicative. A wounded child, in the company of its mother, was found and treated by a corpsman. As in the prior instance, the child's mother refused evacuation to a medical facility although the child's wounds were not minor. Very few male adults were observed, and all those were obviously unfit for military service.



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22. Because of the dispersed locations of the buildings and structures, the results of the artillery and mortar fires directed against the hamlet were less than anticipated. Fragmentation was evident in the scarred and pecked masonry, and at least two houses had holes in the roof, but it appeared that the relatively open terrain had absorbed the major force of the artillery and mortar fires.

23. No indications of Viet Cong occupancy were found. A thorough search of all buildings, minute examination of possible blood spots or wound dressings, and extensive probings of possible recent burial sites, all proved negative. The little interrogation that was accomplished in the hamlet provided no confirmation of the suspected presence of the Viet Cong. The search and destroy unit withdrew from the area of the ambush and AN TU (1) hamlet at 281055H.

24. Based on the available evidence including the statements made by the members of the ambush squad several facts are evident and certain conclusions are justified. The ambush conducted by this Marine squad was eminently successful. The claimed total of fifteen Viet Cong KIA is an underestimate that fails to reflect probable casualties which were inflicted outside of the "killing zone" of the ambush site and denies credit for casualties caused by the 81mm mortar fire requested and directed by the squad. The lack of physical evidence of additional casualties; ie: bodies, blood pools, etc. conforms to the pattern of many such Viet Cong contacts. The Viet Cong demonstrate an almost fanatical regard for their casualties and exercise great effort to deny the bodies of their dead to their enemies.

25. The lack of retrieved weapons does not serve to refute the report of the Marine unit and should not be used to diminish the stature of their accomplishment.

26. The composition and strength of the Viet Cong unit which was engaged is difficult to assess. That the force was at least forty men is established by the statements of the Marines and is supported by physical evidence. There are indications that the force was much larger than this figure, and may have exceeded company size. The deployment, reaction, and appearance of the Viet Cong suggests a Main Force unit. There is evidence that this unit was unfamiliar with the locality, as indicated by their adherence to the easily-interdicted trail even upon withdrawal. Although difficult to establish, there are indications that the Viet Cong attempted withdrawal at several contiguous points but desisted when the villagers' fences proved difficult to penetrate.

27. The chronology of this engagement is of particular import. The Marines were in position less than fifteen minutes before the action was initiated. Upon the arrival of the Marines, the villagers in the area commenced to sound what were likely warning signals. The appearance of lights on the east side of the highway indicates that a small scout party may have cleared the area of the ambush site prior to the arrival of the Marines, only to have the Marines occupy the position just in time to intercept the larger unit. The reactions of the Viet Cong, although disciplined and professional, suggests that the ambush found them unprepared and temporarily confused. The violence of the Marines' fire probably suggested a much larger force. The short duration of the fire-



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fight and the rapid commencement of mortar fires provided little opportunity for the Viet Cong to accurately assess the opposition. Their subsequent actions are in agreement with these assertations.

28. An analysis of this action for intelligence information and import will be compiled and submitted separately.



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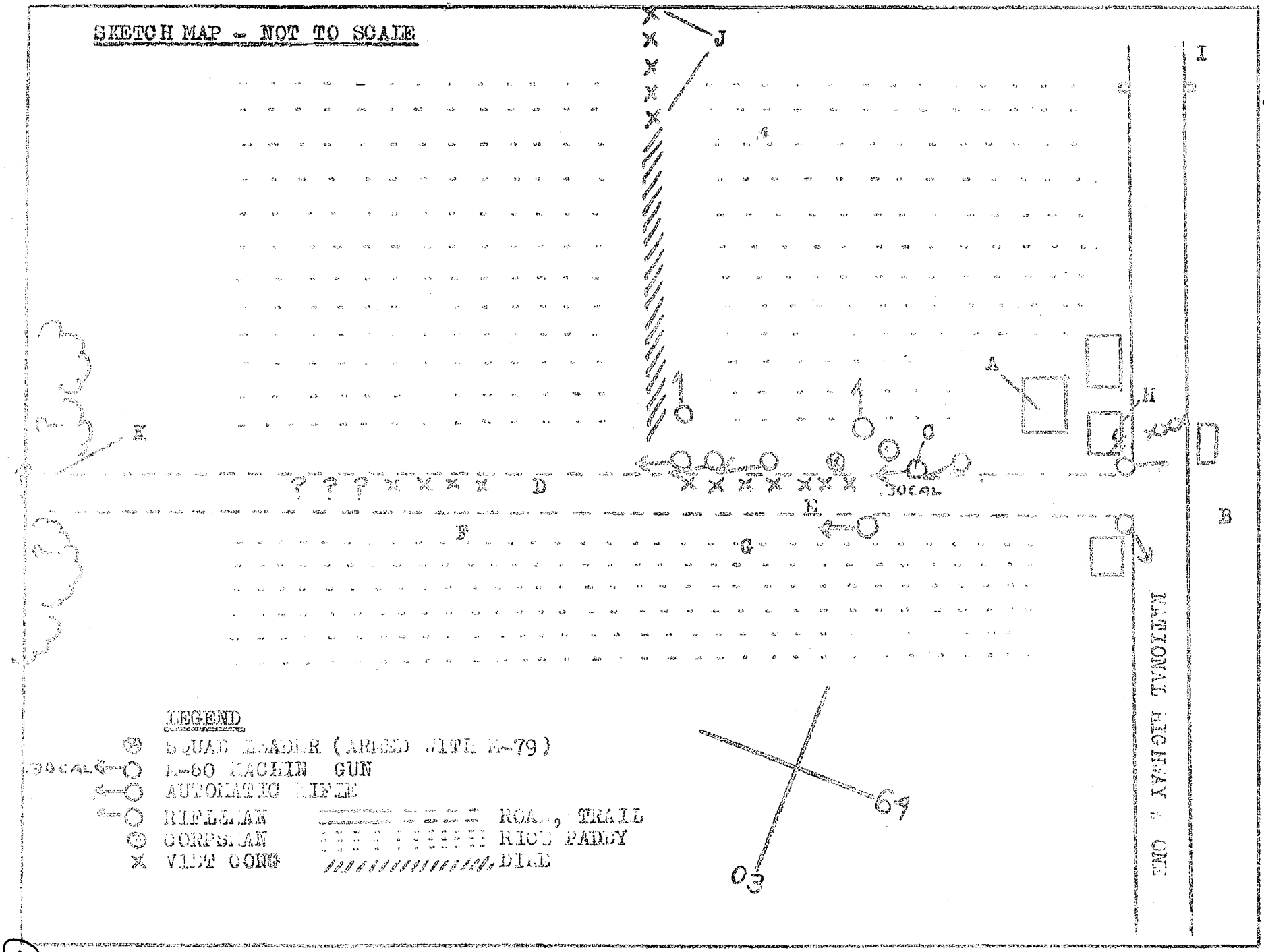


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From: Ninth Marines
To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 85

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

2. Period Covered. 301800H to 011800H to October 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The Ninth Marines conducted twenty-six patrols. Eight of these were day patrols. Ten ambushes and six listening posts were established during the night. Five scout-sniper teams were employed.

a. 1st Battalion. During the last twenty-four hours, the 1st Battalion conducted twelve patrols, established four ambushes and two listening posts, and employed one scout-sniper team. The 1st Battalion killed four VC (body count) wounded four VC, and captured one VCS. Enemy equipment captured was one carbine rifle, one cartridge belt, one medical kit, and five Chinese Communist grenades. The 1st Battalion sustained four casualties during this reporting period.

b. 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion conducted two day patrols and twelve night patrols, all of which were squad size. Six ambushes, four listening posts, and four scout-sniper teams were established last night. Operation Muskrat continued on schedule without enemy contact. A search and clear operation was conducted in LE SON((4) this morning. Three small, enemy forces were encountered during this period resulting in one Marine killed and one Marine wounded. Enemy casualties were undetermined. The CO, 3d Battalion was wounded by a mine along with one other Marine.

c. Results of Actions

| Friendly Casualties | WIA | KIA | MIA |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9th Marines | 7 | 1 | none |

Enemy Casualties

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|---|---|
| VC killed | five |
| VC wounded | three (not captured) |
| VCS apprehended | three |

Enemy material captured: One rifle, five Chi Com grenades, one cartridge belt, one medical kit, and two boxes of batteries.

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4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) 3d Battalion

(a) Company "I". Yesterday the Highway 1 check point at MIEU DONG (BT 017677) confiscated eleven gallons of gasoline, thirty gallons of fish sause, 100,000 units of penicillin, twenty atropine syrettes, five boxes of sulphur, five boxes of aspirin and 500 pounds of corn. Four VCS were apprehended. The goods and personnel were turned over to HOA VANG District Headquarters. India Papa Charlie, a squad size patrol, received one grenade, semi-automatic fire and automatic fire from (BT 028658) at 302330H. The patrol returned fire with small arms, three M-79 rounds and three 3.5" rocket rounds while assualting the enemy who withdrew. One KIA and one WIA were sustained. Both were helo-evacuated. Again at 302335H the patrol received automatic and semi-automatic carbine fire from (BT 024657). The Marines returned fire and illuminated the area; the VC broke contact and fled. Enemy casualties from the two actions could not be determined. India Papa Alpha, a squad size patrol, fought an estimated six VC at 010100H near (BT 033646). Half of the enemy had automatic weapons; the remainder fired semi-automatic weapons. A fire team envoloped the enemy force and received fire from another enemy force of four VC from (BT 034640). The VC fire was returned and the VC broke contact. A quick area search was conducted which showed no indication of VC wounded. Prior to enemy withdrawal, drums were heard in the area and ceased as the enemy withdrew. A small child was brought into the 2d platoons area, (BT 002661), with a bullet wound in the leg at 010726H. The origin of the wound is unknown. The child was helo-evecuated to the DA NANG Hospital.

(b) Company "K". Movement was observed in the vicinity of (AT 994650) by the AN/TPS-21 radar at 302100H. Several 50 cal. spotter rounds were used to mark the target and fire was delivered by a fire team at the suspected target. 81 mm mortar illumination was used, and one man was seen crouching in the rice paddy. Two rounds were received by the Marines and the VC withdrew with no apparent casualties. At first light this morning the 3d platoon surrounded LE SON(4), (AT 962647). The 3d platoon, Company "M", under operational control of Company "K", conducted a search and clear operation in LE SON (4) beginning at 010800H. A psy-war team in an aircraft used a loud speaker to tell the villagers to move to the civilian collection point at (AT 970655) prior to the operation.



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Three sniper rounds were fired at the helocopter from inside the hamlet. Approximately 850 pounds of unhusked rice were discovered in three fifty-five gallon drums in the hamlet. Ten fighting holes, five feet by three feet, and six twenty-five foot trenches were destroyed with twenty-five pounds of TNT and three WP grenades. One fifty foot trench and one 100 foot trench and eight fighting holes were destroyed at (AT 963647) with twenty-three pounds of TNT, five WP grenades and one fragmentation grenade.

(c) Company "L". At 302325, three or four VC were spotted advancing on the school house (AT 981687), from the north and nortwest. Ten rounds small arms fire was received. Five 81 mm mortar illumination riunds and four hand grenades were returned. The enemy withdrew. Patrol Papa30C apprehended one VCS at 011225H near (AT 982683) who appeared very nervous and had no identification.

(d) Company "M" 2d Platoon on operation Muskrat, remained last nite at (AT 967668). At 301950H approximately forty rounds of semi-automatic carbine fire was received from (AT 960650) to (AT 968654). One M-79 round and twenty small arms rounds were returned and the sniping ceased. Mike Papa 30A received approximately ten rounds of enemy fire two semi-automatic and one automatic weapon at 010230H from (AT 962654). The patrol did not return fire and continued on patrol route searching for VC and finding none. Operation Muskrat continued moving north at 010800H. Two spider holes were found near (AT 965666) and were destroyed. At (AT 966667) five fighting holes, three feet by five feet, one of which was booby-trapped by a hand grenade, were destroyed and two gates were blown. At (AT 965672) a tunnel network and several holes and trenches were destroyed with fifty pounds of TNT.

(2) <u>1st Battalion</u>

(a) Company "A" remains in Battalion reserve at (BT 068715). Company "A" also provides security for the Battalion CP. The 1st Platoon returned to the Company CP after being relieved by the 2d Platoon of Company "B".



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(b) Company "B". At 010200H the 2d Platoon of Company "B" commenced a platoon size combat patrol which was to cover grid square (BT 1163) and (BT 1064). This patrol dropped off an ambush in the vicinity of (BT 118634) and the patrol continued along the route. At 010730H the ambush spotted armed VC comming out of a village. The ambush opened fire killing four of the VC. The bodies were left in the village. One VCS was apprehended in the village where the VC came from, and was turned over to ITT. Hearing the fire fight, the patrol doubled back and made contact with what the Company Commander estimated to be two VC Companies. One hard Corps Company, dressed in helmets, cartridge belts and packs, and one local guerilla Company. They were armed with four or five automatic weapons, an undetermined number of carbines and many grenades. When the Vc spotted the patrol they set in a one-hundred eighty degree perimeter and commenced firing. The patrol returned fire with small arms semi-automatic and automatic weapons. The VC broke contact. As a result of the fire fight one Marine was wounded in the chest, and three VC were wounded. There were no confirmed VC KIA. The Marine WIA was evacuated by helocopter and was in critical condition. The patrol returned to the Company CP.

(c) Company "C". At 011200H in the vicinity of (BT 054644) a patrol from Company "C" set off a booby trapped grenade attached to a gate. Three Marines were wounded by schrapnel. The wounded Marines were taken back to the Platoon Patrol Base and evacuated by LVT. The wounds were not considered to be serious.

(d) Company "D". At 010245H the 1st squad , 1st Platoon, Company "D", reported that the AN/TPS-21 in position at the water point at (BT 701071) picked up three people one hundred yards out moving towards their positions. They requested 81 mm mortar illumination and eleven rounds were fired.

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion dispatched twelve patrols during this period.

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| Company "B" | |
| Bravo Homer 1 | 010500H to 010700H |
| Bravo Homer 1A | 010300H to 010900H |
| Bravo Homer 1C | 010800H to 011200H |
| Bravo Homer 30B | 302100H to 010100H |
| Bravo Homer 1B | 010500H to 011000H |



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|---|---|
| Company "L" | |
| Charlie Homer 30C | 302300H to 010300H |
| Charlie Homer 30B | 302300H to 010500H |
| Charlie Homer 30A | 302400H to 010600H |
| Charlie Homer 1C | 011300H to 011700H |
| Charlie Homer 1 | 010800H to 011400H |
| Company "D" | |
| Delta Homer 30B | 302300H to 010200H |
| Delta Homer 1A | 010800H to 011100H |

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion conducted thirteen patrols during this period.

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| Company "I" | |
| IP 30A | 010000H to 010600H |
| IP 30B | 302000H to 010200H |
| IP 30C | 302200H to 010300H |
| IP 30D | 010900H to 011500H |
| Company "K" | |
| KP 30A | 302000H to 010200H |
| KP 30B | 010300H to 010900H |
| KP 30C | 302000H to 010200H |
| KP 30D | 010600H to 011200H |
| Company "L" | |
| LP 30A | 302000H to 010600H |
| LP 30B | 302400H to 010600H |
| LP 30C | 010600H to 011500H |
| Company "M" | |
| MP 30A | 302400H to 010600H |
| MP 30B | 302200H to 010200H |
| MP 30C | 302000H to 010400H |

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established four ambushes this period.

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|---|---|---|
| Company "B" | (BT 091689) | 010500H to 010800H |
| | (BT 077657) | 302200H to 302400H |
| Company "C" | (BT 088671) | 302400H to 010300H |
| | (BT 036662) | 010100H to 010500H |



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(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion established six ambushes during this period.

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| Company "I" | (BT 024645) | 302100H to 302300H |
| Company "K" | (BT 985646) | 010200H to 010600H |
| Company "L" | (BT 996701) | 301800H to 302400H |
| | (BT 003703) | 302200H to 010300H |
| | (BT 001701) | 010200H to 010600H |
| Company "M" | (BT 001701) | 302200H to 010200H |

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established two listening posts last night.

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|---|---|---|
| Company "B" | (BT 092667) | 301930H to 010600H |
| Company "C" | (BT 060661) | 302000H to 010600H |

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion established four listening posts during this period.

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|---|---|---|
| Company "I" | (BT 099659) | 302100H to 302400H |
| Company "K" | (AT 996667) | 302400H to 010300H |
| Company "L" | (AT 981686) | 302000H to 302400H |
| Company "M" | (AT 967656) | 302000H to 302400H |

e. Scout-Sniper Teams

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion employed one scout-sniper team during this period.

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|---|---|---|
| Company "B" | (BT 094664) | 010300H to 010700H |

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion established four scout-sniper teams during this period.

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|---|---|---|
| Company "I" | (BT 012655) | 010300H to 011200H |
| Company "K" | (AT 985669) | 010300H to 010900H |
| Company "L" | (AT 972668) | 010300H to 011200H |
| Company "M" | (AT 967652) | 010300H to 011200H |



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5. Change of CP Location. No change.

6. Establishment or Change in OP Location. No change.

7. Training. No change.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion will continue to occupy its portion of the regimental TAOR with extensive patrols in the assigned areas. During the next twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion plans to conduct thirteen patrols, establish three ambushes and two scout-sniper teams. Added emphasis will be placed on the civil affairs program and Golden Fleece operation.

b. 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion will continue to occupy positions along Phase Line Orange. Operation Muskrat will continue as scheduled and a clear and search operation will be conducted in the hamlets at (AT 969648) and (AT 966647) tomorrow. Fourteen patrols, six ambushes, four listening posts and four scout-sniper teams are planned for tomorrow.

9. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. Hdqs, 9thMar - 3000 lbs of corn meal, 22 soccer balls, 3 boxes of vitamins, 11 boxes of soap, 75 bottles of milk of magnesia and 200 dolls were received from Division CA Officer for distribution.

b. 1/9 - The Battalion CA Officer presented another blackboard to the Village Chief for use of the HOA LANG School (BT 073704). The school teacher and children installed the board The project for the school latrine is now underway with materials being furnished by MCB-9 and the villagers accomplishing the labor under supervision of 1/9 personnel. The aid station of the Sacred Heart Orphanage (BT 054752) treated 40 divilians and Company "C" treated 10 children at KAI TAY (BT 047667).

c. 2/9 - 55 villlagers were treated by a medical team at HOA TIEN (BT 033755).

d. 3/9 - 240 civilians were fed at the civilian collecting point established at LE SON (AT 977646) during a search and clear mission. 42 civilians were treated at CAM NE (6), (AT 975685); 37 at MIEU DONG (1), (BT 018680); 11 at THAN BIN (BT 002722); 6 at AN TRACH (AT 967665); and 25 at the BAS for a total of 121 civilians treated by 3/9/

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11. Late Entries

a. 1st Battalion. At 011400H a patrol dispatched by the 2d Platoon of Company "C" discovered a man digging a hole at (BT 048671). The man attempted to run and was told to halt but failed to do so. The patrol shot and killed the man. One VCS was apprehended at the same spot. The body of the dead man and the VCS were evacuated to the water point (BT 071701) where the body was buried. The VCS was later taken to ITT. Military uniforms were found in the hole with adiary and pictures in one of the pockets. These items were turned over to the 1st Battalion S-2 Office.

b. 3d Battalion.

(1) During the search and clear operation of LE SON (4), (AT 959656), punji traps, booby traps and a six foot tunnel at (AT 959654) were discovered. All were destroyed.

(2) On operation Muskrat, four fighting holes were found near (AT 967669) and destroyed. A tunnel, of as yet undermined extent, was found in the same vicinity. At (AT 968670) five holes, six feet by four feet by three, with air holes, were found and destroyed. The 2d Platoon, Company "M", has set up a 360 degree defense at (AT 967671).

(3) At 011415H, the CO, 3d Battalion, and a recon party of fourteen men were checking out the railroad bridge at (AT 991642). Lt Colonel R. J. TUNNEL stepped on a mine on the railroad embankment on the north side of the bridge. As a covering force was withdrawing from the south end of the bridge another mine was detonated, resulting in another WIA. Snipper fire from the east and west side of the railroad bridge was suppresed by a HU-IE. Lt Colonel TUNNELL'S leg was traumatically amputated by the mine explo sion. The mines were estimated to be one pound of TNT, detonated by pressure. Major R. E. EIDSON assumed command at 011415H. A vietnamese woman was brough to the Company "M" CP (AT 972667) at 011605H with wounds that required helo-evacuation. She was taken to the DA NANG Hospital at 011406H. The nature of the wound has not been reported.

(4) The check point on Highway 1 at MIEU DONG (BT 017677) apprehended one female VCS and two boxes of batteries today. The woman and the batteries were taken to HOA VANG District Headquarters.

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2 Oct 1965

From: Ninth Marines
To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 86

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

2. Period Covered. 011800H to 021800H October 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The Ninth Marines conducted twenty-four patrols during the last twenty-four hours. Seven of these were daylight patrols and seventeen were night patrols. Nine ambushes and six listening posts were established last night. Six scout-sniper teams were employed.

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion dispatched ten patrols during the last twenty-four hours; three day patrols and seven night patrols. Three ambushes and two listening posts were established and two scout-sniper teams were employed. There was only one contact with the enemy during this period. Two caves and several booby-traps and punji stakes were destroyed today. One 40mm grenade for an M79 and several uniforms were found. One Marine from the 1st Amtrac Battalion was wounded. One other Marine was wounded while on patrol. Three VC were killed this afternoon. The 1st Platoon, Company "A", was placed on standy-by and positioned at the helo-pad at the Marble Mountain Airfield. This Mobile Reserve Platoon will again be positioned at the helo-pad tomarrow for immediate employment anywhere in the Ninth Marine TAOR as required. One VC was wounded today.

b. 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion conducted four day patrols and ten night patrols during this period. Six ambushes and four listening posts were established last night. Four scout-sniper teams were employed. Operation Muskrat continued into its third day. Two search and clear operations were conducted today.

c. Results of Actions.

| Friendly Casualties | WIA | KIA | MIA |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9th Marines | one | none | none |
| Supporting Units | one | none | none |

| Enemy Casualties | |
|---|---|
| VC killed | three |
| VC wounded (apprehended) | one |
| VC wounded (not- apprehended) | three |
| VCS apprehended | five |

Materiel Captured: one hand-made pistol, two M-14 magazines with ammunition, one helmet liner, one ChiCom grenade, one U.S. frag grenade, several uniforms, and one 40mm grenade for an M79.

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4. Activities.

a. Operations.

(1) 1st Battalion.

(a) Company "A" remains in Battalion reserve and continues to provide the security for the Battalion CP. This morning the 1st Platoon was placed on stand-by to reinforce Company C (-) who conducted Operation Snatch.

(b) At 020730H, the Redwood Bravo Homer 2 patrol received three rounds of small arms fire from two hundred and fifty meter to their front at (BT 094663). The patrol returned the fire, and the VC withdrew to the southwest. One Marine was wounded. The wounded man was evacuated before the patrol continued on its route.

(c) At dawn this morning, Company C (-) commenced Operation Snatch, a search to locate and recover a Marine who was captured and is reportedly being held by VC in the vicinity of the hamlet of NGAN TRUNG (1), (BT 050645). Company "I", 3d Battalion, occupied blocking positions from (BT 044647) to (BT 054637) and (BT 030650) to (BT 034645) at 020615H. Prior to dawn the 1st and 2d Platoons encircled the area at (BT 050645). At 020705H the search elements were in position and moved out. At 020935H the area had been searched and the two platoons began to re-search the area already covered. Three 55 gallon barrels of rice and materiel for making booby-traps were found. One round of sniper fire was received at 020945H. Two VCS were apprehended at 020950H. Two caves were destroyed with demolitions at (BT 051644). The search was completed at 021029H, and all elements returned to their company positions. One 40mm grenade for an M79 grenade launcher and several uniforms were captured. The two VCS apprehended were later identified by the village chief and released.

(d) At 021130H the 3d Platoon, Company "D", reported that an LVTP-5 from the 4th Platoon, Company B (-), 1st AMTRAC Battalion, hit a mine at (BT 074700). A Marine from 1st Amtrac Battalion was wounded slightly. The LVTP-5 was not badly damaged and was driven back to the 1st Battalion CP. At 021330H elements of the 1st Platoon, supported by engineers, commenced searching for mines between the bridge at (BT 071701) and the area where the LVTP-5 hit the mine (BT 074700).



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(2) 3d Battalion.

(a) Company "I" received sixty rounds of small arms fire at 011855H from (BT 018657), (BT 019658) and (BT 015653). The VC appeared to be firing three automatic weapons. The Marines returned the fire with machine guns and 3.5" rockets. The VC withdrew with no apparent casualties. There were no Marine casualties. The listening post at (BT 014655) sighted two men at 012100H. One was shot with the aid of a sniper-scope. The VC returned the fire with auto-matic weapons. The listening post moved to another position 200 meters to the southeast. At 020615H, The 3d Platoon, reinforced with two M50 Ontos, established blocking positions at (BT 044647) to (BT 054637) and (BT 030650) to (BT 034645) for Operation Snatch. The 3d Platoon received sniper fire from their rear at 020645H. At 020725H, three VC were observed walking in a southerly direction at (BT 069633). This was observed by an AO. The 3d Platoon returned to friendly lines at 021345H.

(b) Company "K" conducted a search and clear operation in two small hamlets simultaneously at (AT 969648) and (AT 966647). A civilian collection point was established at (AT 970652). A psy-war team, airborne, dropped leaflets and used a loudspeaker to inform the villagers of the operation and to tell them to move to the collection point. At 021045H four rounds of small arms fire was received from (AT 974665) The fire was returned and the VC broke contact. Each house in the two hamlets contained about eight bushels of rice. Two bushels of rice were found in a burned-out house in the vicinity of (AT 969648), and four bushels were found buried in the same vicinity. Thirty-four bunkers and an under-ground shelter were destroyed. One hand-made pistol, one ChiCom grenade and one U.S. hand grenade were found near (AT 966647).

(c) Company "L". At 012200H sniper fire was received from three VC firing carbines at (AT 985727) and (AT 983725). A Marine walking post returned the fire. Some fire was received from (AT 985727) and it was returned. At 012145H, twenty-five rounds of semi-automatic carbine fire was received at (AT 981687). The fire was returned. When the area was illuminated, it was observed that one VC was wounded. The body was not recovered. Sporadic fire was received around the Battalion CP (fwd), (AT 986683), throughout the night.

(d) Company "M". A squad size ambush at [illegible] (AT 967642) opened fire on two VC at 012340H. One VC was wounded and the other escaped. As the kill zone was being searched, the Marines received auto-matic fire and withdrew leaving the wounded VC. The 2d Platoon continued Operation Muskrat this morning after spending the night at (AT 964675). At (AT 967671) three 50 meter trench lines,



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four 3' by 4' fighting holes, and one fifteen meter tunnel were destroyed. Two M-14 magazines, fully loaded, one smoke grenade and one helmet liner were recovered in the same vicinity.

(e) 592 RF Company (-). Reported that at 012015H they observed an estimated two VC platoons armed with BAR's in the vicinity of (AT 990688). The VC force was taken under fire. No further details are available.

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion dispatched ten patrols during the last twenty-four hours.

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| Company "B" | |
| Bravo Homer 1D | 012000H to 012400H |
| Bravo Homer 2 | 020300H to 021030H |
| Company "C" | |
| Charlie Homer 1D | 012000H to 020300H |
| Charlie Homer 1A | 020130H to 020600H |
| Charlie Homer 1B | 020300H to 020600H |
| Charlie Homer 2A | 020800H to 021100H |
| Charlie Homer 2 | 021200H to 021500H |
| Charlie Homer | continuous |
| Company "D" | |
| Delta Homer 1 | 012200H to 020100H |
| Delta Homer 2B | 020800H to 021300H |

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion conducted fourteen combat patrols of squad size during the period.

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|---|---|
| Company "I" | |
| India Papa 1A | 012400H to 020500H |
| India Papa 1B | 012000H to 020200H |
| India Papa 1D | 020700H to 021300H |
| Company "K" | |
| Kilo Papa 1A | 012000H to 020200H |
| Kilo Papa 1B | 012400H to 020400H |
| Kilo Papa 1C | 012400H to 020500H |
| Kilo Papa 1D | 020600H to 021200H |
| Company "L" | |
| Lima Papa 1A | 011800H to 020600H |
| Lima Papa 1B | 012400H to 020600H |
| Lima Papa 1C | 021000H to 021600H |



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| Company "M" | |
| Mike Papa 1A | 012000H to 020200H |
| Mike Papa 1B | 012400H to 020600H |
| Mike Papa 1C | 012200H to 020200H |
| Mike Papa 1D | 020600H to 021300H |

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established three ambushes during this period.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Company "B" | (BT 104650) | 020530H to 020900H |
| Company "C" | (BT 072647) | 020130H to 020500H |
| | (BT 035655) | 020030H to 020500H |

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion conducted six ambushes last night.

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|---|---|---|
| Company "I" | (BT 020643) | 012200H to 012400H |
| Company "K" | (AT 977656) | 012000H to 012300H |
| Company "L" | (AT 998701) | 012100H to 020200H |
| | (AT 993704) | 011800H to 020100H |
| | (BT 002708) | 012200H to 020100H |
| Company "M" | (AT 974671) | 020200H to 020500H |

d. Listening Posts

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

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Company "B" | (BT 095666) | 012000H to 020600H |
| Company "C" | (BT 048667) | 012000H to 020600H |

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion established four listening posts last night.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Company "I" | (BT 013655) | 012000H to 012400H |
| Company "K" | (AT 994660) | 012200H to 020200H |
| Company "L" | (AT 987680) | 012000H to 020530H |
| Company "M" | (AT 963656) | 012000H to 012300H |



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e. Scout-Sniper Teams

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion employed two scout-sniper teams during the last twenty-four hours.

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|---|---|---|
| Company "B" | (BT 075663) | 020300H to 020700H |
| Company "C" | (BT 048668) | 012100H to 020100H |

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion sent out four scout-sniper teams during this period.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Company "I" | (AT 999655) | 020300H to 020900H |
| Company "K" | (AT 997667) | 020400H to 020900H |
| Company "L" | (AT 978683) | 012100H to 012400H |
| Company "M" | (AT 978671) | 020300H to 021000H |

5. Change of CP Location. No change.

6. Establishment or Change in OP Location. No change.

7. Training

(1) 1st Battalion. None.

(2) 3d Battalion. During the last four days extensive 60 mm Mortar gun drill has been conducted, by all four letter companies.

8. Plans

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion will continue to occupy the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR and will patrol [illegible] in their assigned area. Commencing at 030730H, one squad of Company "D", accomponied by one liaison officer and an engineer team from the 3d Engineer Battalion will conduct a road reconnaissance between the bridge at (BT 071701) and (BT 067663). This team will destroy any mines or booby traps found. Commencing the evening of 4 October 1965, one reinforced platoon of Company "D" will conduct a four day combat patrol in grid square (BT 0371), (BT 0370), (BT 0471), (BT 0470), (BT 0571), (BT 0570) and (BT 0469). The mission of this patrol will be, to locate any VC in the area and kill or capture same. and to capture or destroy any materiel found. During the next twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion plans to dispatch fifteen patrols, establish five ambushes and two listening posts and employ two scout-sniper teams. The Golden Fleece operation will be continued in the Battalion assigned area. The Regimental Mobile Reserve Platoon, a reinforced platoon from 1st Battalion, will again be stationed at the helo-pad at the Marble Mountain Airfield to be immediately employed if any intelligence is received indicating the whereabouts of the Marine being held by the VC.



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b. 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion will continue operations in Muskrat as scheduled. Fourteen squad size combat patrols, six ambushes, four listening posts and four scout-sniper teams are planned during the next period.

9. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. Hdqs, 9th Marines - 55 civilians were treated at BINH THUAN (BT 030750).

b. 1/9 - 1,300 lbs of corn meal, 100 dolls and 4 cases of soap were received from the Regiment CA Officer for distribution. 53 civilians were treated at HOA LONG (BT 098708).

c. 3/9 - 247 civilians were fed at the collection point established at AN TRACH (1) (AT 973655) and 57 people were treated by the medical teams. 42 civilians were treated at CAM NE (AT 975685), and 25 civilians were treated at the BAS. 1300 lbs of corn meal, 100 dolls and 4 cases of soap were received for distribution.

11. Late Entries

a. 1st Battalion. At 021600H, the Redwood Bravo Homer 2 patrol opened fired on five VC who were armed with grenades at a distance of five meters. Three VC were killed, one was wounded and captured, and the fifth escaped. Several grenades were captured.

b. 3d Battalion. This afternoon Company K began a search and clear operation in LE SON (1), (AT 980660) and LE SON (2), (AT 975648). The 1st Platoon established a blocking position at (AT 997654) and the 2d and 3d Platoons began a search from the north to the south from (AT 987664). There was no enemy encounter in LE SON (1). A young mama was found in every house. These men were not in the village two days ago. Five were apprehended and taken to ITT.

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From: Ninth Marines
To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 87

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

2. Period Covered. 021800H to 031800H October 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The Ninth Marines conducted thirty-one patrols during the last twenty-four hours Eleven of these were day light patrols and twenty were night patrols. Ten ambushes and six listening posts were established last night. Five scout-sniper teams were employed.

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion dispatched sixteen patrols during the last twenty-four hours, seven day patrols and nine night patrols. Three ambushes and two listening posts were established and one scout-sniper team was employed. There was only one enemy contact during this period and it occured at the conclusion of Operation Snatch. Three VC were killed and five VCS were apprehended.

b. 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion conducted four day patrols and eleven night patrols during this period. Seven ambushes and four listening posts were established last night. Four scout-sniper teams were employed. Operation Muskrat continued into its fourth day. Two search and clear operation were conducted today without incident, however a patrol from "M" Company has encountered a large VC force. Additional information will im the form of a late entry.

c. Results of Action

| Friendly Casualties | WIA | KIA | MIA |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9th Marines | 1 | none | none |
| Supporting Units | none | none | none |

| Enemy Casualties | |
|---|---|
| VC killed | three |
| VC wounded (apprehended) | none |
| VC wounded (not-apprehended) | one |
| VCS apprehended | eleven |

Material Captured: None



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4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) 1st Battalion

(a) Company "A" sent out the 1st Platoon this morning to the helopad at the Marble Mountain Airfield (BT 065740) to act as the Division Mar Mt Reserve Platoon. The other two platoons acted as search elements in Operation Snatch in conjuction with Company "B". At 030900H in the vicinity of (BT 115632), elements of Company "A" participatingin Operation Snatch apprehended three VCS because they didn't have proper identification. One of the VCS appeared to be of military age. At 031000H in the vicinity of (BT 119638) two more VCS were apprehended. They were picked up because they were the only two men in the village. All the other suspects were taken to HOA VANG District headquarters. At 030937H the search element had reached the LOA. The two platoons from Company "A" participating in the operation were back at the Company CP by 031108H.

(b) Company "B" continues with a search and clear operation in the vicinity of grid square (BT 1163) this morning. This operation, designated Operation Snatch, was designed to recover a Marine POW who was reported being held in that area. Threetanks with two squads from Company "B" moved to the vicinity of (BT 122634), while the remaining tanks and LVT's with Company"A" prodeeded to Company "B"(-)'s position. Company "B" provided guides in the vicinity of (BT 113633) for Company "A". Company "B" assumed OPCON of Company "A" when contact was established. One squad of Company "B" remained in the vicinity of (BT 106647) with four tanks as cover. An AO was on station and on the 1st Battalion tactical net by 030630H. At 030700H several White Phosphorus rounds were spotted five hundred meters forward of the LOD. The origin of the rounds was unknown. At 030810H the covering tanks in positions at (BT 113633) spotted two VC moving southwest from their positions. At 030820H search elements reported that blocking forces were in position and that the search elements were moving south of Grid Line (T64). The search elements reported that they were five hundred meters south of the LOA at 030900H. At 030937 the search element had reached the LOA which ran north along the river bank at Grid Line (T 63). Near the conclusion of Operation Snatch the Platoon Leader of the 1st Platoon deviated from his planned route in an effort to reach the LOA and as a result ended up south of the LOA.



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As the platoon was attempting to cross the river at (BT 122629) to get to the LOA they were taken under fire by twenty-five Guerrillas from (BT 118627) to (BT 123628). The platoon immediately returned fire with small arms and 3.5 rocket fire, and assulted in the direction of the enemy. Three VC were blown apart by a 3.5 mm rocket round. The bodies were not recovered because they were on the opposite side of the river. The remaining VC broke contact. No friendly casualties were sustained. By 031108H Company "B" was back at the Company CP.

(c) Company "C". As part of Operation Snatch Company "C" moved two platoons to the vicinity of (BT 105647). These platoons were in position by 030600H and acted as a blocking forces for the operation. Two squads on two tanks established contact with Company "A" in the vicinity of (BT 100673) at 030610H and moved south with Company "A" to act as part of the search element. Company "C"'s LOA was at (BT 098627).

(d) Company "D". At 022145H the 3d Platoon of Company "D" reported that the TPS/21 had picked up approximately five people at (BT 089681). These people seemed to have been advancing toward their position. The 3d Platoon requested 81mm mortar illumination. The mission was cleared and fired. One round was fired, followed by three adjustment rounds. It was discovered that the portion they were attempting to illuminate was out of 81mm mortar range and artillery illumination was requested. Two rounds of artillery illumination were fired but no activity was observed in the area. At 030730H one squad from Company "D" accompanied one engineer liaison officer and an engineer team from the 3d Engineer Battalion on a road reconnassance between the bridge at (BT 071701) and (BT 067663). No mines or other enemy materiel was found.

(2) 3d Battalion

(a) Company "I" conducted a platoon search and destroy operation from (BT 006676) to (BT 010678). The 3d platoon Company "L" established a blocking position from (AT 999676) to (BT 004683). The 1st and 2d squads of the 3d platoon, with two M50 Ontos, were positioned at (BT 007676) and (BT 009679 as an additional blocking force. The 2d platoon, Company "I", conducted the actual search. An unusually large number of young men (eight) were in the area. All had proper identification Six VCS were apprhended. The operation began at 021600H and terminated at 021830.



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(b) Company "K" continued vigorous patrolling in their sector of the 3d Battalion TAOR. There was no enemy contact during this reporting period.

(c) Company "L". A reinforced squad from the 3d platoon accompanied by an ARVN squad and an interprter team, conducted a search and clear of CAM NE (2), (AT 992686) this afternoon. The operation was initiated as a result of the incident reported last night of a VC platoonin CAM NE (2).

(d) Company "M". The squad patrol, Mike Papa 2 Bravo encountered six VC at 022245H near (AT 986643). The VC had three automatic weapons and fired 150 rounds of small arms rounds. The enemy broke contact upon receiving 300 rounds of small arms fire from the patrol. One VC was wounded during the skirmish. The 2d platoon continued Operation Muskrat. At (AT 961686) twelve fighting holes, three feet by four feet, were destroyed. One twenty foot tunnel was destroyed at (AT (AT 958680) and trenches are being filled in from (AT 967687) to (AT 961686).

(e) 592 RF Company (-). At 022130h a platoon of VC entered CAM NE (2), (AT 987688). The VC collected 150 villagers to hold an anti-government protest meeting. The The RVN force broke up the meeting but were unable to apprehend any VC. No shots were fired by the RVN forces for fear of hitting innocent civilians. The VC escaped.



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b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. During the last twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion dispatched sixteen patrols.

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| Company "A" | |
| Alpha Homer | continuous |
| Company "B" | |
| Bravo Homer 2D | 022200H to 030500H |
| Bravo Homer 2C | 022300H to 030200H |
| Bravo Homer 3 | 030200H to 031800H |
| Bravo Homer 3B | 030200H to 031900H |
| Bravo Homer 2B | 030500H to 031100H |
| Bravo Homer 3D | 070700H to 031130H |
| Bravo Homer 2A | 031200H to 031700H |
| Bravo Homer 3A | 031600H to 031900H |
| Bravo Homer 3 | 030300H to 032400H |
| Company "C" | |
| Charlie Homer 2C | 022200H to 030200H |
| Charlie Homer 2A | 022400H to 030600H |
| Charlie Homer 3 | 030800H to 031200H |
| Charlie Homer 3A | 031300H to 031700H |
| Company "D" | |
| Delta Homer 2A | 022300H to 030200H |
| Delta Homer 3 | 031300H to 031600H |

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion conducted fifteen squad size combat patrols during this reporting period.

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|---|---|
| Company "I" | |
| India Papa 2A | 021700H to 022300H |
| India Papa 2B | 030300H to 030700H |
| India Papa 2C | 022200H to 030300H |
| India Papa 2D | 030900H to 031700H |
| Company "K" | |
| Kilo Papa 2A | 022000H to 030200H |
| Kilo Papa 2B | 030300H to 030600H |
| Kilo Papa 2C | 022200H to 030200H |
| Kilo Papa 2D | 030800H to 031600H |
| Company "L" | |
| Lima Papa 2A | 022000H to 030600H |
| Lima Papa 2B | 022000H to 030200H |
| Lima Papa 2C | 031000H to 031600H |



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|---|---|
| Company "M" | |
| Mike Papa 2A | 022000H to 022400H |
| Mike Papa 2B | 022000H to 030400H |
| Mike Papa 2C | 022400H to 030500H |
| Mike Papa 2D | 020800H to 031800H |

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established three ambushes during this period.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Company "B" | (BT 067671) | 022400H to 030400H |
| | (BT 083649) | 030600H to 031200H |
| Company "C" | (BT 074647) | 030100H to 030500H |

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion established seven ambushes during the night.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Company "I" | (BT 005670) | 030200H to 030600H |
| Company "K" | (AT 983667) | 030300H to 030600H |
| Company "L" | (AT 978683) | 022000H to 030400H |
| | (BT 000698) | 022000H to 022400H |
| | (BT 003703) | 022300H to 030300H |
| | (AT 995700) | 030200H to 030600H |
| Company "M" | (AT 969672) | 022400H to 030500H |

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established two listening posts last night.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Company "B" | (BT 095663) | 022000H to 030500H |
| Company "C" | (BT 046666) | 022000H to 030500H |

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion established four listening posts last night.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Company "I" | (BT 008660) | 022000H to 022400H |
| Company "K" | (AT 996661) | 022000H to 022300H |
| Company "L" | (AT 980685) | 022000H to 030600H |
| Company "M" | (AT 961654) | 022000H to 022400H |



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e. Scout-Sniper Teams

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion employed one scout-sniper team during this period.

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|---|---|---|
| Company "B" | (BT 119642) | 030600H to 031830H |

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion sent out four scout-sniper teams during this reporting period.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Company "I" | (AT 999659) | 030300H to 030900H |
| Company "K" | (AT 975658) | 022000H to 022400H |
| Company "L" | (AT 975657) | 022000H to 022400H |
| Company "M" | (AT 967655) | 030300H to 030700H |

5. Change of CP Location. No change.

6. Establisment or Change in OP Location. No change.

7. Training

a. 1st Battalion. None.

b. 3d Battalion. All four letter companies conducted 60mm mortar gun drill today.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion will continue to occupy and defend the souteast portion of the Regimental TAOR and will patrol extensively in their assigned area. During the next twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion plans to dispatch sixteen patrols, establish five ambushes and two listening posts, and employ two scout-sniper teams. Operation Golden Fleece will be continued and added emphasis will be placed on the Civil Affairs Program.

b. 3d Battalion. Operation Muskrat will end tomorrow at 1800 as scheduled. Two Companies (-) from the 3d Battalion will participate in a sear h and destroy operation in GS (AT 9961), (AT 9962) and (AT 9963). There will be an eight aircraft bull-pup missle strike from 041230H to 041300H on the railroad bed from (AT 995607) to (AT 995617). A company (-) will be helo-lifted into the vicinity of (AT 995607). The company (-) will move by foot , searching and destroying, to meet a blocking force of a company(-) at (AT 990642). Attack aircraft/ fighter aircraft will be on station from 041300H to 041800H if needed. Fourteen squad size, combat patrols, seven ambushes, four listening posts and four scout-sniper teams are planned for the next period.



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9. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. 1/9 - The battalion received a number of toys and soccer balls for civil affairs distribution. The Battalion Civil Affairs Officer and the HOA LONG Village Chief distributed lo dolls to the children of THUY SON (BT 078708) and NUI KIM SON (BT 073704) hamlets. The chief of HOA LONG village presented two soccer balls to the students of the school in NUI KIM SON hamlet.(BT 073704).

b. A set of non-military maps has been obtained from MAG-16 for use by the students of NUI KIM SON School (BT 073704).

c. An agreement has been made between the chief of HOA LONG village and this command to control the tracked vehicles moving through NUI KIM SON hamlet (BT 073704). The proximity of the village market area necessitates tracked vehicles going around this area.

c. The medical corpsman attached to "C" Company treated nine Vietnamese children for cuts and abraisions at the hamlet of KAI TAY (3), village of HOA LAN (BT 048665).

d. The Chief of HOA LONG village met for lunch at the Battalion Officer/Staff Mess with CO, 9th Marines, CO, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, former XO, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, S-3, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, and S-1 1st Battalion, 9th Marines. The village chief presented to these officers marble name plates for desk use. Engraved on the marble along with each officer's name was the thoughtful inscription: "From the People Of Mountain Vietnam 1965". All officers thanked the village chief, and CO, 9th Marines, through an interpreter, expressed the gratitude of the 9th Marines and 1st Battalion, 9th Marines for the very courageous assistance which the village chief has provided Marine units in his area.

e. 3/9 - 68 civilians received treatment: 10 at the BAS, 4 at the "L" Company area, 36 at CAM NE (1), 2 at YEN NE (1), and 12 at LE SON.

12. Late Entries

a. 3d Battalion. Patrol Mike Papa 3D received fire at about 031400H near LE SON (4), (AT 960648). Two (rein) squads were helo lifted into the area and they in turn were taken under fire.



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At 031615H an F4 air strike was called in. Two platoon from Company "I" was lifted into the area after the enemy force was estimated to be of company strength. Six Marine casualties have been sustained. One pilot and one crew chief were reported wounded at 031745H. Two platoons of the 1st Battalion were alerted for possible deployment.

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From: Ninth Marines
To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 88

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

2. Period Covered. C31800H to 041800H to October 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The Ninth Marines conducted twenty-four patrols during the last twenty-four hours. Ten of these were day light patrols and thirteen were night patrols. Eight ambushes and four listening posts were established last night. Four scout-sniper teams were employed. The 3d Battalion encountered a large VC force last night killing an estimated fforty VC while suffering thirty-seven casualties themselves.

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion dispatched eighteen patrols during the last twenty-four hours, nine of which were day patrols and nine night patrols. Four ambushes and two listening posts were established and two scout-sniper teams were employed. Early this morning a patrol from "B" Company killed four VC and captured five more. Operation Snatch was conducted today between 041400H and 041630H. The operation was completed with only one enemy contact and no enemy casualties or friendly casualties.

b. 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion encountered a large enemy force at the close of the period yesterday and a complete report was not available until today. The Marines employed four reinforced platoons from the 3d Battalion and two reinforced platoons from the 1st Battalion. A Company size search and clear operation was conducted in the surrounding battle area. An arms cache was being searched for at the close of this period and no results have been reported.

c. Results of Action

| Friendly Casualties | WIA | KIA | MIA |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9th Marines | 24 | 13 | none |
| Supporting Units | none | none | none |

Enemy Casualties

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| VC Killed | 4 (confirmed) | 45 (estimated) |
| VC wounded (apprehended) | none | |
| VC wounded (not apprehended) | none | |
| VC apprehended | 5 | |
| VCS apprehended | 3 | |

Material Captured: A new type booby trap consisting of wire and nails.



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4. Activities

Operations

(1) 1st Battalion

(a) Company "A", at 031824H, committed one platoon to reinforce Company "I" (-) of the 3d Battalion Ninth Marines which was engaged in a heavy fire fight with a large force of VC in the vicinity of the hamlet of LE SON (4), (AT 960648). Upon landing in that area the 2d platoon of Company "A" then went under the OPCON of the 3d Battalion, Ninth Marines. This platoon returned to its company at 041000H.

(b) Company "B". At 040615H this morning a patrol dispatched by Company "B", designated Redwood Bravo Homer 4B ran into three VC dressed in black and carring grenades at (BT 096654). The patrol fired on the VC and received small arms fire from several other VC fifteen meters away. The patrol immediately returned the fire with small arms and assualted the position from which the fire was coming. As a result of the fire fight four VC were killed. Five VC were captured. No friendly casualties were sustained. A new type nail/wire booby trap was found. At 041400H Operation Snatch commenced when Company "B" (-) along with the 3d Platoon of Company "D" depatred Company "D" CP, (BT 098669) on four tanks and 3 LVT's and proceeded to the vicinity of (BT 116633). They disembarked to sweep to the west. At last report they were proceeding without enemy contact.

(c) Company "C". The 3d Platoon of Company "C" occupied blocking position along the eastern banks of the HA XAU River in the vicinity of (BT 120628) in support of Operation Snatch. The platoon was in position by 041400H with two tanks and two LVTP-5's in there support. There had been no enemy contact at the last report.

(d) Company "D". Last night at031824H, on order of the Ninth Marines Regiment Commanding Officer, Company "D" committed its 2d Platoon to reinforce Company "I" (-) of the 3d Battalion, Ninth Marines which was engaged in a heavy fire fight with a large force of VC in the vicinity of LE SON (4), (AT 960648). Upon the arrival at the landing zone in the LE SON (4) area this platoon went under the OPCON of the 3d Battalion, Ninth Marines. This platoon returned to its Company this morning at 041000H.



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(2) 3d Battalion

(a) At approximately 031230H a thirty man patrol left Company "M" lines (AT 971665). The patrol consisted of one rifle squad, one machine gun squad, one rocket squad and an 81mm mortar FO team. They proceeded south along the YEN River untill they reached LE SON (4), (AT 958648). The small village was searched frome east to west and nothing was found of any significance. The patrol proceeded into the rice paddy east of the hamlet toward another hamlet at (AT 963647). About two-thirds of the way across the paddy they were taken under fire from the rear which was the hamlet they had just searched, and from the front. They were also fired upon from a group of houses on the right flank. At 031330H a medevac was requested. The medevac helo arrived but could not land because of small arms fire. At 031345H the remainder of the 3d platoon Company "M" (two squads) left the Company "M" lines by foot. At 031400H the original patrol reported they were receiving incoming mortar rounds and at that time their radio went dead. Later evidence confirmed that, three round mortar concentration impacted (AT 962647). At 031410H the Company "M" resupply helo was diverted to the area, as a medevac, and its crew chief and pilot were wounded by small arms fire. The AO station called in an air strike on the hamlet at (AT 962647). At 031600H a second reinforcing element consisting of two reinforced squads, an Artillery FO, an FAC team and the Company "M" CP group, was helo lifted from (AT 971655) to (AT 959649). The first and second reinforcing unit linked up near the landing zone (AT 959649). More reinforcements were requested and two platoons (rein) from Company "I" were helo lifted to a landing zone at (AT 960651) at 031750H. Company "I" (-) began receiving mortar fire at 031812H. All units in the vicinity were receiving heavy volume of small arms fire, both automatic and semi-automatic. At 031815H additional reinforcements were requested from the 9th Marines. By 031925H the 2d Platoon , Company "A" and the 2d Platoon, Company "D" began landing in helocopters at (AT 965645). By 032100H all forces had consolidated into a 360 degree perimeter at (AT 960647) and it appeared the enemy had broken contact and retreated. The VC force was estimated to be at least two companies and possibly as large as a Battalion. Many of the VC were wearing KHAKI uniforms with no helmets. The Marine casualties totaled thirteen KIA and twenty-three WIA, the majority of which were from Company "M". The VC casualties were estimated at forty KIA and numerous WIA's. This morning Company "M" (-), Company "I" (-) and the two platoons from the 1st Battalion continued to occupy their positions at (AT 960647).



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Company "K" conducted a search and clear from the vicinity of (AT 990655) through LE SON (2), (AT 975654), LE SON (3) (AT 975645) and linked up with the forces at LE SON (4), (AT 961647). All three platoons (rein) from Company "K" were usedin the operation along with three ontos. At 040938H near (AT 970650) a Marine was wounded when he stepped on a land mine and was helo evacuated. At 041130H Company "K" linked up with Company "M" and the forces at LE SON (4). During the search and clear by Company "K", tunnels and t[illegible] all along the route of advance were destroyed. Three VC[illegible] were apprhended in LE SON (4) , (AT 961648) and rushed to 3d ITT for interogation.

(b) At 032200H operation Muskrat was cancelled and the 3d platoon was diverted into a tight perimeter defense around Company "M" CP, (AT 971665).

(c) At 041600H a squad from 3d Platoon, Company "L" was dispatched to search for an arms cache buried near a pagoda in YEN NE (2), (AT 982681). The arms cache was reported by a captured VC after interogation. No results have been reported as yet.



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b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion dispatched eighteen patrols during the last twenty-four hours, nine of which were night patrols and nine day patrols.

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| Company "A" | |
| Alpha Homer | continuous |
| Company "B" | [illegible] |
| Bravo Homer | 030300H to 032400H |
| Bravo Homer 3 | 031800H to 032300H |
| Bravo Homer 3B | 031800H to 032300H |
| Bravo Homer 3C | 032200H to 040400H |
| Bravo Homer 4 | 040500H to 041000H |
| Bravo Homer 4A | 040430H to 041130H |
| Bravo Homer 4B | 040430H to 041130H |
| Bravo Homer 4C | 040430H to 041200H |
| Bravo Homer | 040500H to 041000H |
| Company "C" | |
| Charlie Homer 3 | 032200H to 040200H |
| Charlie Homer 3C | 032300H to 040600H |
| Charlie Homer 2D | 032300H to 040330H |
| Charlie Homer 3D | 032200H to 040600H |
| Charlie Homer 4 | 040800H to 041200H |
| Charlie Homer 4A | 041200H to 041600H |
| Company "D" | |
| Delta Homer 3A | 032200H to 040200H |
| Delta Homer 4 | 041200H to 041600H |

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion dispatched five patrols during the last twenty-four hours, four of which were night patrols and one day patrol.

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|---|---|
| Company "K" | |
| Kilo Papa 3A | 031900H to 032300H |
| Kilo Papa 3C | 032100H to 040100H |
| Company "L" | |
| Lima Papa 3A | 032000H to 040600H |
| Lima Papa 3B | 032400H to 040600H |
| Lima Papa 3C | 040600H to 041200H |



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c. Ambushes

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

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| Company "B" | (BT 073679) | 032300H to 040300H |
| | (BT 084674) | 040600H to 041000H |
| Company "C" | (BT 056668) | 032400H to 040500H |
| | (BT 041675) | 032400H to 040430H |

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion established four ambushes during the last twenty-four hours.

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|---|---|---|
| Company "L" | (BT 076681) | 032000H to 032400H |
| | (AT 995700) | 031800H to 032400H |
| | (BT 000695) | 032300H to 040200H |
| | (BT 003763) | 040100H to 040500H |

d. Listening Posts

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

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Company "B" | (BT 094667) | 032000H to 040500H |
| Company "C" | (BT 060661) | 032000H to 040500H |

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion established two listening posts during the last twenty-four hours.

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|---|---|---|
| Company "K" | (AT 978663) | 040300H to 040600H |
| Company "L" | (AT 980687) | 032000H to 040600H |

e. Scout-Sniper Teams

(1) 1st Battalion. During the last twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion employed two scout-sniper teams.

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|---|---|---|
| Company "B" | (BT 092665) | 040400H to 040900H |
| Company "C" | (BT 034672) | 032300H to 040500H |

(2) 3d Battalion. During the last twenty-four hours the 3d Battalion employed two scout-sniper teams.

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|---|---|---|
| Company "K" | (AT 992660) | 031900H to 032400H |
| Company "L" | (AT 980687) | 032000H to 032400H |



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5. No change.

6. No change.

7. None.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion will continue to occupy the souteast portion of the Regimental TAOR and will patrol extensively in their assigned areas. During the next twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion plans to dispatch eleven patrols, establish four ambushes and two listening posts and two scout-sniper teams.

b. 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion will reorganize and continue to occupy and defend the southwest part of the Regimental TAOR. During the next twenty-four hours the 3d Battalion plans to send out fourteen patrols, establish five ambushes and three listening posts and employ three scout-sniper teams.

9. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. 1/9 - A "Martin Clemens" patrol entered the village of HOA PLUNG (BT 0570) and distributed govermental informational magizines and pamphlets. A U.S. Army Psychological Warfare team operated in HOA LONG (BT 073704). Films and tapes of govermental policies and programs were presented and narrated. Twenty-one civilians received medical treatment at HOA LAN (BT 048665).

b. 3/9 - Twenty-eight children received medical treatment at THEN BIN (BT 002722). Three children were treated at the BAS and eleven at the Lima Company area, near the ammo dump.

11. Late Entries

(a) 1st Battalion. At 091630H the Company Commander of Company "B" reported that Operation Snatch was completed but troops were not yet withdrawing. An effort was being made to retrieve stuck LVT's. Tanks supporting the operation reported that they had possibly killed five VC when they fired one 90mm round at a bunker at (BT 124625). Kills were not confirmed.

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From: CO, Ninth Marines
To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 89 -- 041800H to 051800H October 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights. The Ninth Marines conducted nineteen patrols during the last twenty-four hours. Ten of these were night patrols and nine were daylight patrols. Eight ambushes and four listening post were established last night. Four scout-sniper teams were employed.

2. Operations

A. 3d Battalion

(1) Company "I" check point at MIEU DONG (BT 716685) confiscated nineteen pounds of rice, six pounds of salt and eighteen gallons of gasoline. The goods were turned over to HOA VANG District Headquarters. Company "I" had no enemy contacts.

(2) Company "K". At 041600H a woman entered the 3d platoon, Company "K" position (AT 960945). The interpreter determined she had information concerning a food cache and was willing to show its location. She admitted beating drums for the VC when Marines were in the vicinity. At 050800H another woman wandered into the Company lines at (AT 974654) with multiple fragmentation wounds. The interpreter said she was injured by artillery fire in LE SON (4), (AT 962649) last night. It was noticed that the wounds on her hands, arms abdomen, waist and chest were bandaged in a professional manner.

(3) Company "L". The security squad from Company "L" at the railroad bridge (AT 998707) reported at 041910H that the ARVN observed three VC in a boat at (AT 990701) heading west. Three 60mm mortar rounds were fired at the boat and the boat fled. The Marines were not involved.

(4) Company "M" had no enemy contact during this period.

B. 1st Battalion

(1) Company "A" remained at the Battalion CP site and is the Battalion's reserve company.

(2) Company "B" continued to occupy and patrol its assigned area without enemy contact.



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(3) Company "C". At 042300H the 2d Platoon of Company "C" dispatched a patrol designated Redwood Charlie Homer 4C . At 050100H approximately two hundred fifty meters northwest of the LP, at (BT 047668), this patrol observed three VC. The VC threw one grenade at the patrol, setting off a booby trap. When the patrol fired on the VC they were observed running into a bunker. The patrol threw a hand grenade into the bunker and continued the patrol without checking the bunker. At050130H at (BT 046663) Redwood Charlie Homer 4C fired on eleven VC and the VC returned fire with one automatic weapon and two semi-automatic weapons. The VC broke contact and the patrol returned to the 2d Platoon's CP at 050200H without further enemy contact.

(4) Company "D" continued to occupy and patrol its assigned area. At 042320H elements of the 3d Platoon of Company "D" in position in the vicinity of the French Bunker at (BT 081696) reported that a TPS/21 Radar Set mounted at their position picked up movement eight hundred meters west of their position at (BT 074690). The movement was not checked out.

C. Summary

(1) Major unit actions. None

(2) Small unit action

(a) Night contact 2

(b) Day contact 0

(c) Total contacts 2

(d) Action without contact 34

(e) Box score of units that have made contact:

| PROVINCE/ COORDINATES | DATE/ TIME | TYPE OF ACTION | FRIENDLY UNIT/ LOSSES | ENEMY UNIT/ LOSSES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 047668) | 050100H | Patrol | "C" Co. 1/9/none | unk/ unk |
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 046663) | 050130H | Patrol | "C" Co. 1/9/none | unk/ unk |



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3. Plans Summary

A. Major Unit Plans. None

B. Offensive Operation Plans

(1) 1st Battalion. During the next twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion plans to dispatch thirteen patrols, establish five ambushes and two listening posts, and employ two scout-sniper teams. Tomorrow elements of the 1st Battalion will occupy blocking positions from (BT 040653) to (BT 057653) as a part of an ARVN operation which will commence at 060500H and is expected to secure by 061800H. The blocking force will be in position by 060500H.

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion will conduct fourteen squad combat patrols and establish six ambushes, four listening posts and four scout-sniper teams during the next twenty-four hours.

4. Civic Action

A. 1st Battalion. The I Corps Pyschological Warfare Battalion Audio Unit played tapes, showed movies and distributed seventy magizines yesterday to the villagers in the vicinity of the orphanage (BT 0774). Various patrols from the battalion conducted face to face persuasion in the hamlets during this period.

Today a U.S. Psychological Warefare team accompained the Battalion Surgeon to Stella Maris Convent (BT 054752). The Psychological Warefare team took advantage of the large crowd at the aid station in order to distribute GVN magizines and propaganda. A number of types explaining GVN programs were played. Approximately one hundred and fifty civilians received magazines and pamphlets.

Plans have been made to have an Army Psychological Warfare team meet with the "Martin Clemens" patrol on 6 October 1965 in the hamlet of HAI AN, village of HOA PLUNG (BT 054716). The Psychological Warfare team will use both audio and visual means to make known the policies and programs of the GVN. The village chief will accompany the Psychological Warfare team in order to read the informational material to his people.

At 051000H Company "C" reported a medical evacuation for a Vietnamese Civilian male who had been bitten by a dog at (BT 048668). The man was evacuated and taken to the ARVN Hospital.



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B. 3d Battalion. This morning from 050900H to 051200H a psy-war team from the 3d Battalion accompanied the HOA VANG District Propaganda Team to PHONG LE (2), (BT 002702). While the Propaganda Team played and sang folk music and made propaganda speeches, the Battalion pys-war team treated seventy-five villagers and handed out 200 bars of soap. The HOA VANG District Propaganda Team has also been preparing U.S./ Vietnamese friendship banners.

The Memorial Service for the Marines of "M" Company, 3/9, was conducted by the Battalion Chaplain in the abandoned Catholic Church in AN TRACH (2), (AT 968654). Not only did all the available men in the Company attend but also they were joined by several Christians from AN TRACH. The local caretaker prepared the church by sweeping the interior and lighting what appeared to be every available candle. In response the Battalion Chaplain willsecure candles to replenish their meager supply.

| TAOR | UNIT TREATING | NO. TREATED |
|---|---|---|
| Da Nang | 1/9 | 54 |
| Da Nang | 3/9 | 54 |
| Da Nang | 9th MarHq | 77 |

5. Miscellaneous

A. Change of CP Location

(1) 1st Battalion. Last night at 042030H the 2d Platoon of Company "C" moved its CP from (BT 047668) [illegible] (BT 062642).

B. Visit of VIP's

(1) 1st Battalion. The Commanding General of the 3d Marine Division visited the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines CP today at 051125H enroute to Company "B" and Company "D" CP's.

Late Entries: At 051215H a report was received that a group of sixty people were observed at (BT 006655). No ARVN units were in the area and at 051235H the 1st and 2d Platoons of Company "I" were dispatched from their positions to investigate. At 051355H a group of civilians were observed in grid square (AT 9965) moving in a westerly direction. At 051404H no contact with any VC had been established. The 1st Platoon was at (BT 011650) and the 2d Platoon was at (BT 005650). At 051545H the two platoons began their return to the company lines. The operation produced no indication of any VC in the vicinity.

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From: CO, Ninth Marines
To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 90 -- 051800H to 061800H October 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights. The Ninth Marines conducted twent-eight patrols during the last twenty-four hours. Eighteen of these were night patrols and ten were day patrols. Thirteen ambushes and seven listening posts were established 1st night. Six scout-sniper teams were employed.

2. Operations

A. 1st Battalion

(1) Company "A" remained at the Battalion CP site and is the Battalion reserve company.

(2) Company "B". At 060045H Redwood Bravo Homer 05B encountered six VC in the vicinity of (BT 095674) and took them under fire. The enemy withdrew but the casualties could not be determined.

(3) Company "C". While Company "C" was blocking for an ARVN search and clear operation, they received small arms sniper fire from across the river in GS (BT 0463) at 060800H. There were no Marine casualties.

(4) Company "D" received one sniper round at (BT 048714) at 060845H, resulting in one Marine WIA. A squad was dispatched to search the area from where the sniper was believe to be firing. No indication of any VC was found.

B. 3d Battalion

(1) Company "I" continued to occupy and patrol its assigned area. There were no enemy contact.

(2) Company "K" continues to occupy and patrol its assigned area. There were no enemy contact.

(3) Company "L" received one sniper round from (AT 988684) at 051730H. Two Vietnamese men were observed running across a paddy toward CAM NE (2), (AT 983688). An eight man patrol was sent out to search the area. No indication of a sniper was found.

(4) Company "M" continued to occupy and patrol its assigned area. There were no enemy contact.



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C. Summary

(1) Major unit actions. None

(2) Small unit actions

(a) Night contacts 1

(b) Day contacts 3

(c) Total contacts 4

(d) Action without contact 53

(e) Box score of units that have made contact:

| PROVINCE/ COORDINATES | DATE/ TIME | TYPE OF ACTION | FRIENDLY UNIT/ LOSSES | ENEMY UNIT/ LOSSES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 988684) | 051730H | SNIPER | "L" CO 3/9/NONE | UNK/NONE |
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 095674) | 060045H | PATROL | "B" CO 1/9/NONE | UNK/NONE |
| QUANG NAM/ GS (BT 0463) | 060800H | SNIPER | "C" CO 1/9/NONE | UNK/NONE |
| QUANG NAM (BT 048714) | 060845 H | SNIPER | "D" CO 1/9/1 WIA | UNK/NONE |

3. Plans Summary

A. Major Unit Plans. None

B. Offensive Operation Plans.

(1) 1st Battalion. During the next twenty-four hours 1st Battalion plans to dispatch eleven patrols, establish four ambushes and two listening posts, and employ two scout-sniper teams.

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion will conduct fourteen squad combat patrols and establish six ambushes, four listening posts and four scout-sniper teams during the next twenty-four hours.



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4. Civic Action

A. 1st Battalion. The Battalion Civil Affairs Officer received a series of maps and photographs from the "United States Information Service" for the school in NUI KIM SON hamlet, village of HOA LONG (coordinates (BT 073704). The maps and photographs were given to the Chief of HOA LONG village who presented them to the school master before the assembled students. A series of textbooks was presented at the same time. The presentation drew a large crowd of villagers, who were obviously please by the gifts.

The chief of HOA LONG and HOA LAN village have requested assistance in building a storehouse for the rice harvested by their villagers. The District chief has been informed of the request but as yet no action has been forthcoming.

The chief of HOA LONG village was supplied with 307 GVN information magazines by this command. The chief distributed these propaganda pieces at the medical station in NUI KIM SON hamlet, (BT 073704).

A patrol from Company "D" entered HOA AN (BT 056715) at 061300H and assembled approximately 150 inhabitants of the village. The patrol attempted to convince the people that they should be anti-VC and that they should persuade the VC to put down their arms and come over to the side of the government of Vietnam.

B. 3d Battalion. The Battalion Chaplain conducted a memorial service for Marines killed on 3 October in the church at AN TRACH (1), (AT 967665). Several villagers also attended and helped the chaplain prepare for the services.



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C. PSY-WAR. The I Corps PsyWar Battalion Audio Section presented folk music and propaganda recordings to a gathering of villagers at QUA GIANG (BT 0166). They also showed motion pictures and distributed magazines, posters and leaflets.

The Ninth Marines PsyWar Officer emplaced a two-sided bulletin board at the traffic control point at MIEU DONG in order to display PsyWar posters, leaflets and announcements.

D. Medical Treatment

| TAOR | UNIT TREATING | NO. TREATED |
|---|---|---|
| Da Nang | 1/9 | 52 |
| Da Nang | 3/9 | 212 |

5. Miscellaneous

A. 1st Battalion. At 070800H Company "A" will assume that portion of the TAOR presently occupied by Company "B". In turn Company "B" will assume Company "A"'s mission of Battalion Reserve Company.

Late Entries. At 061521H a squad size patrol from Company "D" received sniper fire from (BT 027643). The sniper fire was suppressed by three friendly 81mm mortar high explosive rounds. Shortly after this the patrol discovered a wounded civilian and returned with him to Highway #1 where he was evacuated by ambulance.

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From: CO, [redacted] Marines
To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 91 - 061800H to 071800H October 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights. The Ninth Marines conducted twenty-four patrols during the last twenty-four hours. Fifteen of these were night patrols and ten were day patrols. Nine ambushes ans six listening posts were established. Six scout-sniper teams were employed. Two of these teams employed in the 1st Battalion area were trained scout-sniper teams from Division. One scout-sniper team with the 3d Battalion accounted for one probable kill last night.

2. Operations

A. 1st Battalion.

(1) Company "A" assumed Company "B"'s position along the southeastern part of the Battalion TAOR.

(2) Company "B" took over as Battalion reserve company and remained at the Battalion CP.

(3) Company"C". At 061445H a patrol from Company "C" while passing through a village in the vicinity of (BT 044649) noticed one man trying to hide from them in a house. The patrol entered the house through the back door and seized the VCS. He had no identification. Shortly afterwards the patrol came upon a second VCS in the same vicinity near the bank of a river. The man took evasive action and was apprehended. The safety pin to a grenade was found in his pocket and he did not have identification. He was turned over to ITT.

(4) Company "D". At 070700H a patrol from "D" Company in the vicinity of (BT 053714), saw two VCS five or six hundred meters away. The patrol pursued and fired four warning shots. The VCS fled into a village and could not be found. At 070910H a reinforced squad size patrol, Redwood Delta 3, was sent to a pagoda in the vicinity of (BT 040706). At 070930H the patrol fired small arms at four VC . The VC ran into the pagoda to escape fire. As the VC left the pagoda the squad fired two 3.5 high explosive rounds. One round fell short and the other detonated in the treeline. Upon investigation the patrol found one VC dead along with a cartridge belt, one grenade and some ammunition. At 071050H another patrol from Company "D" was fired upon by 6 VC in the vicinity of (BT 057706). Two of the weapons were automatic while the rest were semi-automatic. The patrol returned the fire but could not make any estimate of VC casualties. One Marine was WIA but did not have to be evacuated.



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B. 3d Battalion

(1) Company "I". At 071036H two VCS were apprehended at BO MUNG (1), (BT 028651). One was apprehended at a suspected sniper location and the other ran from a Marine patrol. Both are being sent to 3d ITT. The squad patrol India Papa 6D was engaged in a fire fight near (BT 012645) at 071225H with approximately six VC. Company "I" sent a reinforced platoon to the area. Upon arrival of the platoon the enemy broke contact. The patrol continued along its route and the platoon returned to the Company CP. There were no Marine casualties.

(2) Company "K". At 062030H two VC were observed sitting on their haunches watching the 1st platoons positions from (AT 975654). One of them was believed wounded when he was observed falling over backwards when one round was fired at him, with the aid of a sniper scope. The other VC pulled the wounded man away under Marine automatic fire. The patrol Kilo Papa 6C searched the area and found blood stains but were unable to follow them. At 062130H three VC were seen in the same area. A 3.5 rocket WP round was fired at the VC and one appeared to be wounded. One civilian was killed by a stray round and was buried by the villagers. At 062355H eight VC were observed walking east in the vicinity of (AT 974650). The VC fired about fifty rounds of semi-automatic carbine fire and the Marines returned the fire with M79 grenades. It was not known if any VC were wounded. No Marine casualties were sustained. At 070200H two VC were observed heading north along the railroad at (AT 987662). Eight small arms rounds were fired at them and a fire team began the pursuit. The Marines were unable to maintain contact.

(3) Company "L". At 062015H the bridge security squad station at the railroad bridge, (AT 998707) apprehended one VCS who had improper identification. He had an ammunition box that smelled of kerosene in his possession. During preliminary questioning he attempted to escape. The VCS was taken to HOA VANG District Headquarters by the ARVN Lt. for further questioning. At 070425H the school house, (AT 982687) received two hand grenades and thirty small arms rounds. The fire appeared to come from six VC in the tree line to the west. The fire was returned with apparently no VC casualties. At 070550H three, four round bursts of automatic fire was received at the school house from the same area. On this occasion someone was heard beating on bamboo. The fire was again returned with no apparent result. No Marine casualties were sustained in either fight.



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(4) Company "M". At 071315H the 2d platoon received small arms fire from the vicinity of (AT 964664). Five rounds were returned by the Marines and the VC broke contact.

C. Summary

(1) Major unit actions. None.

(2) Small unit action

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (a) | Night contact | 6 |
| (b) | Day contact | 4 |
| (c) | Total Contacts | 10 |
| (d) | Action witout contacts | 43 |

(e) Box score of units that have made contact:

| PROVINCE/ COORDINATES | DATE/ TIME | TYPE OF ACTION | FRIENDLY UNIT/ LOSSES | ENEMY UNIT/ LOSSES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 975654) | 062030H | SNIPER | CO "K" 3/9/NONE | UNK/1 KIA (PROB) |
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 975654) | 062130H | SNIPER | CO "K" 3/9/NONE | UNK/1 WIA (PROB) |
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 974650) | 062355H | DEF. FIRE FIGHT | CO "K" 3/9/NONE | UNK/UNK |
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 987662) | 070200H | SNIPER | CO "K" 3/9/NONE | UNK/UNK |
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 982687) | 070425H | SNIPER | CO "L" 3/9/NONE | UNK/UNK |
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 982687) | 070550H | SNIPER | CO "L" 3/9/NONE | UNK/UNK |
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 040706) | 070930H | PATROL | CO "D" 1/9/NONE | UNK/1 KIA (CONF) |
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 057706) | 071050H | PATROL | CO "D" 1/9/1WIA | UNK/UNK |



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| QUANG NAM/ (AT 964664) | 071315H | DEF. FIRE FIGHT | CO "M" 3/9/NONE | UNK/UNK |
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 012645) | 071225H | PATROL | CO "I" 3/9/NONE | UNK/UNK |

3. Plans Summary

A. Major Unit Plans. None.

B. Offensive Operation Plans

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion will conduct thirteen patrols during the next twenty-four hours. Three ambushes, two listening posts and two scout-sniper teams will be employed. Based on intelligence information a two platoon operation will began at 080600H. The mission will be to conduct a search and destroy and mine clearing operation in grid squares (BT 0757), (BT 0768) and (BT 0769). A platoon from "B" Company will conduct a sweep from the vicinity of (BT 069692) to the southeast and then north to the blocking force established by a platoon from "A" Company between (BT 073675) and (BT 078673).

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion will conduct fourteen patrols tomorrow. Five ambushes and four listening posts and four scout-sniper teams will be employed during the next twenty-four hours. Tomorrow a detailed search and destroy operation of CAM NE (2), (AT 985685) will commence. One platoon of the 592 Company (-) RF, one squad of the 3d platoon, Company "L" and a demolition team from the 3d Engineer Battalion will take part. The operation is anticipated to take several days.

4. Civic Action

A. 1st Battalion. The Battalion Civil Affairs Officer met with the chiefs of Hoa Phung and Hoa Hai villages. The meeting was held in the hamlet of Nui Kim Son and the villager of Hoa Long (BT 073704). The discussion centered on the role of the rural police who patrol the village of Hoa Long. This command asked that the rural police accompany USMC forces on all future operations. The chiefs readily agreed to the request.



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The district chief has agreed to supply the materials requested for the construction of a rice storehouse in the hamlet of Son Thoy Ap, village of Hoa Long (BT 073708). The storehouse will be built to store rice harvested in the villages of Hoa Hai, Hoa Lan, Hoa Long and Hoa Phung. The local populace will construct the storehouse and the security of the storage area will be the responsibility of the ARVN forces located at Hoa Vang District Headquarters.

All arrangements have been completed for the evacuation of Nguyen T. Chuc a twelve year old Vietnamese national suffering from a hair lip, to a Saigon hospital for corrective surgery. The period of hospitalization will last one week whereupon the child will return to her home. The project was initiated while the Battalion was at its old CP site and is a part of the medical program entitled "Operation Hairlip".

B. 3d Battalion. The Battalion CA Officer and a corpsman with MEDCAP supplies visited the School House at QUA GIANG (1) (BT 017668) accompanied by the I Corps Psy War Audio Section. In addition to showing films and distributing information material, the corpsman treated six adults and twenty children. An estimated two hundred children were at the school at the time of the visit.

Liaison by the Battalion CA Officer was effected with the Hoa Vang District Chief to discuss current plans for the Pacification Program of hamlets and villages south of the Song Cau Do River. CA Officer also made contact with District Advisors regarding the possible insertion of the District Census Grievance Committee into the 3/9 TAOR. Contact has also been made with the National Police Advisor to prepare for the proper coordination of possible future introduction of village Police when areas south of the River became secure.

C. PSY-WAR. A psychological warfare team from Hoa Vang District was in operation during the reported period, in the hamlet of Nui Kim Son village of Hoa Lang (BT 073704). The unit used sound trucks and tapes to disseminate propaganda and the programs of the GVN. The information received wide dissemination because the sound truck was located in the village market where large numbers of people were gathered. The Hoa Vang District Propaganda Section at the request of the 9th Marines emplaced five banners proclaiming U.S. - Vietnamese friendship and asking for cooperation in our joint effort against the Viet Cong. The banners were displayed at the north and south ends of the bridges across the Song Cau Do at (AT 998706) and (BT 016715) and at the traffic check point at MIEU DONG (1) (BT 017685).



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D. Medical Treatment

| TAOR | UNIT TREATING | NO. TREATED |
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| Da Nang | 1/9 | 41 |
| Da Nang | 3/9 | 75 |
| Da Nang | 9th Mar Hq | 80 |

5. Miscellaneous

A. 1st Battalion. At 071730H Company "A" assumed that portion of the TAOR formally occupied by Company "B". In turn Company "B" assumed Company "A"'s mission of Battalion Reserve Company.

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8 Oct 1965

From: CO, Ninth Marines
To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 92 - 071800H to 081800H October 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights. During the course of an operation conducted by units from the 1st Battalion, four VCS were apprehended. There was one Marine casualty and one proable VC casualty during this period. The MIEU DONG checkpoint continues to eliminate the passage of contraband material over Highway #1 and 1A within the Regimental TAOR. This checkpoint at MIEU DONG (1) hamlet (BT 016685) is a joint National Police/9th Marines operation designated to provide control of vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Representatives of the National Police along with a detail of Marines operate the checkpoint during the period 0600H-1900H daily. Aided by an interpreter they inspect all material and Vietnamese civilians that pass through the checkpoint. The Ninth Marines conducted twenty-five patrols and established nine ambushes, six listening posts and four scout-sniper teams during this period.

2. Operations

A. 1st Battalion

(1) Company "A". At 072035H the 3d platoon received approximately twenty-five rounds of sniper fire from the vicinity of (BT 074670). One round of small arms fire was returned and the sniper fire ceased. At 080623H a platoon from Company "A" was in position as a blocking force between (BT 073675) and (BT 078673). The platoon did not make contact with the enemy.

(2) Company "B". The 1st platoon of "B" Company reinforced with two ontos, one engineer team and one EOD team moved out at 080430H from their IP at (BT 071701) and began the mine clearing phase of their search and destroy operation. At 0535H they uncovered an AP mine at (BT 071699) and proceeded to blow it in place. After clearing approximately 1500 meters, the platoon reached the LOD, (BT 068692) and commenced the search and destroy portion of the operation.



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At 080730H they apprehended 1 VCS at (BT 068688). The platoon reached the LOA (BT 080675) at 080900H and patrolled north back to the LOD. At 080920H they apprehended eight VCS in a rice paddy in the vicinity of (BT 074689). The platoon returned to the IP at 081030H. Five of the VCS were cleared by the chief of the village and the other four were turned over to HOA VANG District.

(3) Company "C". At 071840H the "C" Company CP (BT 047668) received approximately twenty rounds of automatic and semi-automatic sniper fire. The Marines returned the fire and one squad was sent to investigate. The squad found an abandoned house with an overabundance of rice stored within. Upon entering the house they received two rounds of long range sniper fire which wounded one Marine slightly. The patrol proceeded back to the company lines without further incident. Plans are being made to recover the rice from the house.

(4) Company "D" continued to patrol aggressively within there assigned sector but did not make contact with the enemy.

B. 3d Battalion

(1) Company "I". Yesterday the MIEU DONG check point at (BT 016685) confiscated five bottles of iodine, two pounds of coffee, one bottle of tertin hydrate, twenty cans of "C" rations and thirteen and three fourths gallons of gasoline.

(2) Company "K". At 072130H two VC were observed at (AT 973654) crawling across a dry rice paddy from east to west. One round was fired by the Marines with the aid of a sniper-scope. One of the VC was seen falling. A fire team was sent to investigate. No body was found.

(3) Company "L". At 080240 an unknown number of VC were observed placing twelve to fifteen pounds of TNT on the path at (AT 981687). The TNT was detonated by an unknown force and the Marines fired small arms rounds at the VC with negative results. The 1st platoon with a squad from the 592d Company (-) RF began at 080900H a search and destroy operation of CAM NE (2), (AT 985688). Numerous trenches and tunnels were destroyed during the day.



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(4) Company "M". At 081155H a Vietnamese woman walked into the Company CP, (AT 972667) suffering from a bullet wound in her arm. She explained that the VC had taken her rice and she was shot when the VC left. Again at 081400H a Vietnamese man entered the Company CP with a bullet wound in the arm. He claimed he was shot by a sniper while carrying rice for the ARVN. Neither the man nor the woman could tell where they received their wounds. Both civilians were given first aid and evacuated.

C. Summary

(1) Major unit action. None
(2) Small unit action

(a) Night contact 2

(b) Day contact 2

(c) Total contact 4

(d) Action w/o contact 46

(e) Box scores of units that have made contact:

| PROVINCE/ COORDINATES | DATE/ TIME | TYPE OF ACTION | FRIENDLY UNIT/ LOSSES | ENEMY UNIT/ LOSSES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 047668) | 071840H | PATROL | "C" CO 1/9/1WIA | UNK/UNK |
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 973654) | 072130H | PATROL | "K" CO 3/9/NONE | UNK/1 WIA (PROB) |
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 068688) | 080730H | SWEEP | "B" CO 1/9/NONE | UNK/1 VCS |
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 074689) | 080920H | SWEEP | "B" CO 1/9/NONE | UNK/3 VCS |

3. Plans Summary

A. Major Unit Plans. None

B. Offensive Operation Plans



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(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion will conduct fourteen patrols during the next twenty-four hours. Four ambushes, three listening posts and two scout-sniper teams will be employed.

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion will conduct fourteen squad combat patrols during the next twenty-four hours. Five ambushes, four listening posts and four scout-sniper teams will be sent out tonite. The 3d Battalion will execute operation Skull upon order from higher headquarter The search and destroy operation in CAM NE (2) will continue tomorrow.

4. Civic Action

A. 1st Battalion. The chiefs of Ha Long, Ha Hai, Ha Lan and Ha Phung villages have been invited to lunch with the Battalion Officers who, with the chiefs, comprise our Area Security Council. The lunch will be the backdrop for discussion of area security and civil affairs matters.

The son of one NGUYEN DUOC, a native of Ha Hai village who was evacuated to Danang hospital on 6 October, was delivered to the Ha Hai village chief. The chief requested that the Battalion Civil Affairs Officer obtain housing and care for the yound child. The Battalion Civil Affairs Officer contacted the nuns at Sacred Heart Orphanage who agreed to care for the child until the parents return. The chief thanked the Marines for their interest and help.

B. 3d Battalion. During a Kilo Company sweep of Tan Hanh (AT 999655) candies and goodies were given to the children and a corpsman performed emergency treatment on a young woman with a seriously infected foot.

Kilo Company also reports discussing damage claim problems with one of their neighbors in the CP area. Civil Affairs and Claims Officer will be brought into the picture.

The Battalion Chaplain has an appointment with Chaplain J. McGuire, Catholic Chaplain for 3d Marine Division to meet with the Roman Catholic Bishop of Danang to discuss the future of the Catholic Church in AN TRACH. Specifically to be discussed is the possibility of the return of a priest to the church and assistance required to make this possible.



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C. PSY-WAR. The Psychological Warfare Team from Hoa Vang District Headquarters has been requested for 11 October. It will be employed in the market place of Nui Kim Son hamlet Hoa Long village (BT 073704). The past operation in that area proved moderately successful.

The I Corps PSY-WAR Battalion Audio Section together with a group of Marines, visited DONG SON (1), (AT 998688) where an audio propaganda program was presented to the villagers and leaflets were handed out.

D. Medical Treatment

| TAOR | UNIT TREATING | NO. TREATED |
|---|---|---|
| Danang | 1/9 | 15 |
| Danang | 3/9 | 102 |

5. Miscellaneous

A. 1st Battalion. 3d Platoon, Company "D" is now located at (BT 047713).

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9 Oct 65

From: CO, Ninth Marines
To: CG, Third Mar Div

SITREP No.93 - 081800H to 091800H October 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights. Lieutenant General KRULAK along with Major General WALT and party visited the Ninth Marines CP today at 1450H. The Commanding Officer of the Ninth Marines presented General KRULAK with a Ninth Marines plaque. General KRULAK then proceeded to the 3d Battalion CP. There were three enemy contacts during this reporting period in which three Marines were WIA. There was no estimate of VC casualties. Twenty-eight patrols were conducted and ten ambushes were established. Six listening posts and six scout-sniper teams were employed.

2. Operations

A. 1st Battalion

(1) Company "A". At 082240H Company "A" located at (BT 092667) received five rounds of sniper fire. They returned 4 M-79 rounds and twentyfive rounds of small arms fire and enemy activity ceased. At 091430H a patrol recovered 600 lbs of rice at (BT 084680). The rice was given to the village chic

(2) Company "B". At 082230H a patrol , while searching a cave at (BT 068704), captured one Vietnamese male who was hiding under a blanket. He had no ID card and was turned over to Hoa Vang District Headquarters.

(3) Company "C" continued to patrol in its assigned area but had no enemy contact.

(4) Company "D". At 090845H while returning to the Battalion CP the 3d platoon of Company "D"received small arms fire from (BT 058718). They returned fire and the VC broke contact. There were no Marine casualties.

B. 3d Battalion

(1) Company "I". The MIEU DONG check point at (BT 716685) confiscated fifty yards of black cloth, and ten gallons of fish sauce yesterday. Two suspicious persons also were apprehended and taken to HOA VANG District.

(2) Company "K" at 081930H received automatic weapons fire from (AT 974656) and immediately returned the fire. One Marine was wounded during the skirmish. The 1st platoon destroyed tunnels and excavation in the vicinity of their platoon area at (AT 977657) today.



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(3) Company "L". The 2d squad, 3d platoon moved to positions at (AT 999700) to establish a defensive perimeter around the new bridge.

(4) Company "M". At 081830H one round of sniper fire was received at (AT 962659) from across the river. The exact location is unknown. One Marine was wounded. At 081930H approximately twenty-five rounds of carbine fire were received from (AT 973660) and another Marine was wounded. Twenty rounds of small arms fire were returned. No enemy casualties could be ascertained. At 090945H the 1st platoon crossed the line of departure at (AT 965664) on a search and destroy operation from (AT 965664) to (AT 965676). The 1st and 2d squad of the 3d platoon established a blocking position at (AT 970667). An artillery FO team accompanied the 1st platoon. There has been no enemy contact up to this time.

C. Summary

(1) Major unit actions. None.

(2) Small unit actions

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (a) | Night contacts | 3 |
| (b) | Day contacts | 0 |
| (c) | Total contacts | 3 |
| (d) | Action without contact | 49 |

(e) Box score of units that have made contact:

| PROVINCE/ COORDINATES | DATE/ TIME | TYPE OF ACTION | FRIENDLY UNIT/ LOSSES | ENEMY UNIT/ LOSSES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 962659) | 081830H | SNIPER | CO "M" 3/9/1WIA | UNK/NONE |
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 974656) | 081930H | DEF. FIRE FIGHT | CO "K" 3/9/1WIA | UNK/UNK |
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 973660) | 081930H | DEF. FIRE FIGHT | CO "M" 3/9/1WIA | UNK/UNK |



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3. Plans Summary

A. Major Unit Plans. None.

B. Offensive Operation Plans

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion will conduct eleven patrols, and five ambushes in the next twenty-four hours. Two listenimg posts and two scout-sniper teams will also be employed.

(2) 3d Battalion. Tomorrow two 3d Division scout-sniper teams will be employed in the 3d Battalion sector. A search and destroy operation of CAM NE (1), (AT 985682) will be conducted beginning tomorrow morning. The 3d Battalion is preparing to execute operation Skull on order from higher headquarters, Fourteen combat squad patrols will be conducted during the next twenty-four hours. Five ambushes, four listening posts and four scout-sniper teams will be employed tonight.

4. Civic Action

A. 1st Battalion. A luncheon was held at the Battalion Command Post for members of the Area Security Council. The chiefs of HOA LONG, HOA PLUNG, HOA LAN, HOA HAI, and the HOA VANG District Chief attended. Many problems of mutual interest were discussed. The district chief promised to clear all vendors from the Battalion M.S.R. The luncheon further solidified cordial relations between the leaders of the local populace and the USMC forces.

B. 3d Battalion. Commanding Officer of India Company has requested advise from Battalion Civil Affairs team to assist local schools in the area. The Battalion Chaplain has received four additional boxes of toys and soap from Saint Ann's Episcopal Church in Sayville, New York for use in Civil Affairs programs.

C. Psy-War. Several patrols from the 1st and 3d Battalion conducted face to face persuasion among the villagers today.



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D. Medical Treatment

| TAOR | UNIT TREATING | NO. TREATED |
|---|---|---|
| Da Nang | 1/9 | 236 |
| Da Nang | 3/9 | 39 |
| Da Nang | 9th Mar Hqs | 78 |

5. Miscellaneous

A. Several units from the 1st and 3d Battalion changed their locations today. A complete report will follow in the form of the weekly operation overlay.

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10 Oct 1965

From: CO, Ninth Marines
To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 94 - 091800H to 101800H October 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights. Senator BREWSTER visited the 9th Marines today. During the past twenty-four hours there were three enemy contacts. Two Marines were WIA and two VCS were apprehended as a result of todays action. During this period twenty-four patrols were conducted and nine ambushes were established. Seven listening posts and seven scout-sniper teams were employed.

2. Operations

A. 1st Battalion

(1) Company "A". At 101030H a patrol from Company "A" received small arms fire from an estimated four VC at (BT 112651). The patrol returned fire and the enemy broke contact.

(2) Company "B" remained in reserve and continued to provide local security for the 1st Battalion CP.

(3) Company "D". This morning at 100830H the third platoon recovered five tons of rice at (BT 059641). The rice was turned over to the Marble Mountain village chief. There was no enemy contact during the entire operation.

(4) Company "D" continued to have one platoon operate in the area of HAI AN, (BT 050715). There was no enemy contact.

(5) Company "B", 3d Tank Battalion fired fifty rounds of machine gun fire at four VC located at (BT 061725). The result of this action could not be determined.

B. 3d Battalion

(1) Company "I". Yesterday at MIEU DONG check point, (BT 016685), sixteen pounds of canned corn beef, fourteen cans of "C" rations and fourteen gallons of gasoline were confiscated. The goods were taken to HOA VANG District Headquarters. Company "I" had no enemy contact during this period.



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(2) Company "K" at 091900H received three rounds of sniper fire from (AT 990658). The Marines returned four rounds of small arms fire and the VC withdrew. No casualties were sustained.

(3) Company "L". At 091920H two Vietnamese men were seen in a boat at (BT 000708) heading south across the Song Cau Do. The ARVN security force fired two 60mm mortar rounds and seven small arms rounds at the boat. No Marines participated and the boat disappeared in the bush against the southern river bank. The 1st platoon commenced the search and clear of CAM NE (1), (AT 982692) at 100933H. A platoon of the 592d RF Company participated in the operation with the 1st platoon. Ten tunnels were destroyed from 100800H to 101300H. Each was ten feet to fifteen feet in length. The entrance to each was camouflaged and well away from any dwellings. Two tunnels were found at (AT 984691), two at (AT 977690), three at (AT 977690) and one at (AT 979691), (AT 981693) and (AT 981693). The 1st platoon returned to the Battalion CP at 101500H. At 101130H one VCS was apprehended for not having identification. He had a substantial amount of Laotian an Vietnamese currency. He was taken to 3d ITT.

(4) Company "M". The Company continued to conduct aggresive patrolling in its assigned sector. No enemy contact was made.

C. Summary

(1) Major unit actions. None

(2) Small unit action

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|---|---|---|
| (a) | Night contact | 3 |
| (b) | Day contact | 0 |
| (c) | Total contact | 3 |
| (d) | Action without contact | 49 |

(e) Box score of units that have made contact;



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| PROVINCE/ COORDINATES | DATE/ TIME | TYPE OF ACTION | FRIENDLY UNIT/ LOSSES | ENEMY UNIT/ LOSSES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 986692) | 101130H | OPER. | "L" CO 3/9/NONE | UNK/1 VCS |
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 000652) | 101435H | PATROL | "I" CO 3/9/NONE | UNK/1 VCS |
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 075677) | 101425H | PATROL | "A" CO 1/9/2WIA | UNK/NONE |

3. Plans Summary

A. Major Unit Plans. None.

B. Offensive Operation Plans

(1) 1st Battalion. In the next twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion will conduct twelve patrols, establish four ambushes , three listening posts and will employ two scout-sniper teams.

(2) 3d Battalion. Tomorrow at 110800H Company "I" (-) will commence a search and destroy heliborne operation from (AT 951641)-(AT 970640) to (AT 959657)-(AT 977657). Company "A", 1st Battalion, 1st Marines will block from (AT 959658) to (AT 975658). Company "K" reinforced with a heavy section of tanks will block from (AT 967643) to (AT 972658). The 3d Battalion is prepared to execute operation "Skull" on order. Twelve squad combat patrols, eight ambushes, four listening posts and four scout-sniper teams are scheduled during the next twenty-four hours.

4. Civic Action

A. 1st Battalion. The Battalion Civil Affairs Officer has obtained approximately five hundred propaganda posters for distribution by a patrol in the village of HOA PHUNG. The posters describe the recent defeat of the Viet Cong at Chu-Lai and the rual reconstruction projects in operation at JE MAY. The posters will be read to the assembled populace of each hamlet, after which, they will be distributed.

B. PSY-WAR. The I Corps Psy-War Battalion Audio team operated in CAM NE (1) and CAM NE (6) from 100930H to 101300H. They showed movies, played music and distributed bars of soap and pamphlets to the villagers. Several patrols today conducted face to face persuasion within the hamlets.



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D. Medical Treatment

| TAOR | UNIT TREATING | NO. TREATED |
|---|---|---|
| Da Nang | 1/9 | 20 |
| Da Nang | 3/9 | 103 |

5. Miscellaneous

A. Senator BREWSTER from Maryland visited the 9th Marines Regimental CP, 1st Battalion and the 3d Battalion CP's.

Late Entries

At 101425H a squad patrol from the 3d platoon of Company "A" detonated a booby trap. Two Marines were wounded and were evacuated. The trap was located at (BT 075677). At 101400H the patrol received small arms fire from (BT 095655). The patrol returned the fire and was supported by Company "A"'s 81mm mortars and the VC broke contact. At 101410H the second platoon captured one VCS at (BT 093656) who was fleeing from a 3d platoon patrol.

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From: CO, Ninth Marines
To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 95 - 101800H to 111800H October 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights. During the 3d Battalion's operation today there was no enemy contact, however numerous tunnels, caves, booby traps and punji pits were destroyed. During this reporting period there were three enemy contacts. Two Marines were wounded, one VC killed and one VCS was apprehended. Twenty-two patrols were conducted during this period. Seven ambushes, five listening posts and four scout-sniper teams were employed.

2. Operations

A. 1st Battalion

(1) Company "A" continued to occupy positions along the MLR and comtinued its patrol activities.

(2) Company "B" remained in reserve, providing local security for the 1st Battalion CP.

(3) Company "C". At 101820H the 3d platoon received twenty rounds of small arms fire from (BT 038671). When they returned fire the VC broke contact. The 1st platoon received twenty rounds of small arms fire at 101835H from (BT 055665) and the VC fled when the fire was returned. At 101910H the 3d platoon received seven rounds of sniper fire from (BT 037669). Enemy activity ceased when the platoon returned fire. This morning at 111000H a patrol from Company "C" encountered a boat with two men in it at (BT 034685). The patrol ordered them to stop and fired warning shots. When this was ignored the patrol sunk the boat with small arms fire. The two men escaped and the patrol was not able to recover the boat.

(4) Company "D". At 101840H the 2d platoon received one round of sniper fire at (BT 049717). This single round wounded two Marines who were evacuated shortly afterwards.

B. 3d Battalion. A search and destroy operation was conducted today in grid squares (AT 9565), (AT 9564), (AT 9665) and (AT 9664). At 110735H prep fires were delivered in grid squares (AT 9563) and (AT 9663). At 110750H an air strike of four A4 aircraft bombed and straffed the landing zones at (AT 960640) and (AT 975641).

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By 110730H Company "M" (-) and Company "A" (-), 1st Battalion, 1st Marines were in blocking position from (AT 962661) to (AT 970661) and (AT 953647) to (AT 959 658) respectively. At 110745H Company "K" (-) reinforced with a heavy section of tanks from Company "B", 3d Tank Battalion and a heavy section of ontos from Company "C", 3d Antitank Battalion occupied blocking positions from (AT 968643) to (AT 971658) Company "I" (-) was helo-lifted to landing zones at (AT 960640) and (AT 975641) in three waves of seven helicopters each. The first wave landed at 110803H and by 1100 the second and the third waves had landed. Approximately one hundred tunnels and punji traps, twenty booby-traps and one machine gun bunker were destroyed during the course of the operation by Company "I" (-). The operation was completed at 111230H and the participating units returned to their previousely occupied positions.

(1) Company "I". Yesterday the MIEU DONG check point (BT 016685) confiscated fifty yards of nylon line and apprehended one Vietnamese woman. Both were taken to HOA VANG District Headquarters.

(2) Company "K". At 102330H two VC were observed through a sniper-scope, creeping toward Company "K"'s positions at (AT 974655). Two small arms rounds were fired at the VC and they dropped out of sight. A fire team searched the area and found the brush trampled down but no indication of any wounded.

(3) Company "L" continued to patrol aggresively in its assigned sector but did not make enemy contact.

(4) Company "M". At 110005H the squad patrol Mike Papa 10C received two rounds of carbine fire from five VC at (AT 969650). The patrol returned eight rounds and the VC broke contact. The patrol continued along its route without further incident.

C. <u>Summary</u>

(1) Major unit actions. None.

(2) Small unit action

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (a) | Night contact | 0 |
| (b) | Day contact | 3 |
| (c) | Total contacts | 3 |
| (d) | Action without contact | 40 |

(e) Box score of units that have made contact:



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| PROVINCE/ COORDINATES | DATE/ TIME | TYPE OF ACTION | FRIENDLY UNIT/ LOSSES | ENEMY UNIT/ LOSSES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 049717) | 101840H | SNIPER | CO "A" 1/9/2WIA | UNK/UNK |
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 032678) | 110940H | PATROL | CO "C" 1/9/NONE | UNK/1 KIA |
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 035684) | 111200H | PATROL | CO "C" 1/9/NONE | UNK/1 VCS |

3. Plans Summary

A. Major Unit Plans. None.

B. Offensive Operation Plans

(1) 1st Battalion. Seven patrols, five ambushes, two listening posts and two scout-sniper teams are planned for the next twenty-four hours.

(2) 3d Battalion. A platoon from Company "L" will conduct a joint clear and destroy operation with one platoon of the 592d Company (-) RF in CAM NE (6), (AT 973684) tomorrow. A platoon (-) from Company "K", reinforced with a light section of ontos, will conduct a search and destroy operation in grid square (AT 9965). Fifteen combat squad patrols, five ambushes , four listening posts and four scout-sniper teams are planned for the next twenty-four hour period.

4. Civic Action

A. 1st Battalion. The chiefs of HOA HAI and HOA LONG villages met with the Regimental Commander and a party of offical visitors. The chiefs led the visitors through the hamlet of NUI KIM SON, village of HOA LONG (BT 073704). The economic situation of the village and it's recent deliverance from the hands of the Viet Cong were discussed. The chiefs were impressed by the interest shown in the village by the visiting party.



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B. PSY-WAR. Several patrols conducted face to face persuasion today.

C. Medical Treatment

| TAOR | UNIT TREATING | NO. TREATED |
|---|---|---|
| Da Nang | 1/9 | 11 |
| Da Nang | 3/9 | 122 |

5. Miscellaneous

A. At 101847H the 2d platoon , Company "D" changed its location from (BT 049712) to (BT 040715).

Late Entries. At 110949H a patrol from Company "C" killed one VC at (BT 032678). He was armed with a 1903 springfield rifle which was recovered. At 111200H the same patrol apprehended one VCS at (BT 035684). He was of military age and had no ID card. He was turned over to ITT.

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SITREP No. 96 - 111800H to 121800H October 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights. There was no enemy contact today. There were no Marines casualties during this reporting period. During two search and destroy operations conducted by the 3d Battalion, numerous tunnels and caves were destroyed. There were eighteen patrols conducted during this period. Nine ambushes, four listening post and five scout-sniper teams were employed.

2. Operations

A. 1st Battalion

(1) Company "A". At 112020H Company "A" received four rounds of sniper fire at (BT 091663). The fire was returned and the enemy activity ceased. Based on information from the village chief that there were eighty VC in this area Company "A" at 120705H conducted a search and clear operation in the village of VIEM DONG, (BT 094658). The operation was completed at 120850H without enemy contact.

(2) Company "B" remained in reserve and continued to provide security for the Battalion CP area.

(3) Company "C" assigned the 3d platoon the mission of providing continuous security and coverage by fire of the river block located at (BT 032663). This mission was assumed at 120900H and will continue until further notice.

(4) Company "D" continued to provide security for vital installations in the battalion's rear area and has one platoon operating in the vicinity of (BT 040715).

(5) At 111930H a Marine from Company "B", Third Tank Battalion. located at (BT 093665), had an accidental discharge wounding himself in the wrist. He was evacuated shortly thereafter.



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B. 3d Battalion

(1) Company "I". The 1st platoon commenced providing security of the river block at (BT 032663) today.

(2) Company "K". Two squads of the 2d platoon reinforced with a light section of ontos and an artillery FO commenced a search and destroy operation in grid square (AT 9965) at 121015H. As of this time there was no report of enemy contact.

(3) Company "L". At 121002H the 1st platoon conducted a joint search and destroy operation with a platoon of the 592d Company (-) in CAM NE (6), (AT 973685). The search progressed from CAM NE (6) thru CAM NE (3), (AT 965685) to the SONG YEN River in the vicinity of (AT 963688). Eight tunnels were destroyed near (AT 974685). There was no enemy contact today.

(4) Company "M". At 120800H the 3d platoon reinforced with an artillery FO team, established a blocking position from (AT 962674) to (AT 960679) in coordination with a search and destroy operation conducted by Company "A", 1st Battalion, 1st Marines. At 120830H sniper fire was received from east of the SONG YEN at (AT 957680). Company "A", 1st Battalion, 1st Marines was notified and was asked to take action against the VC sniper.

C. Summary

(1) Major unit actions. None.

(2) Small unit action

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|---|---|---|
| (a) | Night contact | 0 |
| (b) | Day contact | 0 |
| (c) | Total contacts | 0 |
| (d) | Action without contact | 39 |

(e) Box score of units that have made contact:

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3. Plans Summary

A. Major Unit Plans. None.

B. Offensive Operation Plans

(1) 1st Battalion. For the next twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion has scheduled twelve patrols, five ambushes, two listening posts and two scout-sniper teams. In support of ARVN operation 1 plt will block from BT043737 to BT044749 tomorrow.

(2) 3d Battalion. Tomorrow Companies "I", "K" and "M" will readjust the platoons within their sectors of responsibility. Fourteen patrols, five ambushes, four listening posts and four scout-sniper teams are planned for tomorrow.

4. Civic Action

A. 1st Battalion. The Chief of HOA HAI village, invited the Battalion Commander and the Battalion Staff Officers to a luncheon at his home in THUY SON hamlet, village of HOA LONG (BT 076708). The district chief and the chief of HOA LONG village also attended. The village chief gave the luncheon party to express his thanks to the USMC forces in this area. The HOA VANG District chief spoke of the great progress made in the district since the arrival of the Marines.

B. PSY-WAR. Fifty adults and fifty children attended movies and propaganda lectures from 121300H to 121500H at the Am-Track (1) school house, (AT 972662). The material was presented by the I Corps Battalion Audio Team.

C. Medical Treatment

| TAOR | UNIT TREATING | NO. TREATED |
|---|---|---|
| Da Nang | 1/9 | 11 |
| Da Nang | 3/9 | 54 |
| Da Nang | Hdqs | 42 |

5. Miscellaneous

A. 1st Battalion. The 3d Platoon, Company "C" changed its position from (BT 037671) to (BT 032663).

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To: CG. Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 97 - 121800H to 131800H October 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights. Three VIP's visited the Regimental CP today. There were two enemy contacts during this reporting period in which one Marine was WIA and one VCS was apprehended. Twenty-six patrols were conducted dur this period. Eleven ambushes, six listening posts and six scout-sniper teams were employed.

2. Operations

A. 1st Battalion

(1) Company "A" received at 121915H, approximately thirty rounds of small arms fire from an estimated six VC at (BT 091667). Upon the return of fire by the Marines the action was quickly terminated by the VC. There were no friendly casualties and Company "A" was unable to determine the results of its fire.

(2) Company "B" is currently in reserve and has the mission of defending the Battalio's CP and providing local security patrols for that section of the Battalion's TAOR.

(3) Company "C" has its 3d platoon providing security of the river block at (BT 032663). At 121905H this platoon received an estimated twenty rounds of sniper fire from (BT 038669). Fire was promptly returned and the VC broke contact. At 131100H a Company "C" patrol had one Marine wounded by sniper fire at (BT 055638). The patrol investigated the area but with negative results. The wounded Marine was evacuated by helicopter shortly thereafter.

(4) Company "D" continues to patrol in the rear areas of the Battalion TAOR, with particular emphasis placed on the area around HAI AN, (BT 055714).



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B. 3d Battalion

(1) Company "I". Squad patrol India Papa 12A apprenhended one VCS at 122230H near (BT 005695). The VCS had an invalid identification card and was turned over to 3d ITT.

(2) Company "K". Today a readjustment of platoon positions was accomplished. The Company continued to patrol aggressively but did not make enemy contact.

(3) Company "L". Three Vietnamese civilians, a man and his two sons, were killed and a woman and an infant were injured at 122000H. The two boys, ages twelve and fifteen picked up a box of ten blasting caps at the bridge at (AT 993684 the blasting caps were taken to their home in the vicinity of (BT 000688) and thrown in a fire causing an explosion. The mother and infant were brought ti the bridge (AT 993684) by civilians at 130900H and evacuated to the 3d Battalion Aid Station. The matter was referred to the 3d Engineer Battalion for investigation. At 130940H a small Vietnamese girl was brought to the bridge, (AT 993686) with burns on her right arm. She was evacuated to the Battalion (fwd) Aid Station with her mother. The cause of the injury was unknown.

(4) Company "M". The Company continued to aggressively patrol its assigned sector but met with no enemy activity.

C. Summary

(1) Major unit actions. None.

(2) Small unit action

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|---|---|---|
| (a) | Night contact | 1 |
| (b) | Day contact | 1 |
| (c) | Total contacts | 2 |
| (d) | Action without contact | 42 |

(e) Box score of units that have made contact:



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| PROVINCE/ COORDINATES | DATE/ TIME | TYPE OF ACTION | FRIENDLY UNIT/ LOSSES | ENEMY UNIT/ LOSSES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 055638) | 131100H | PATROL | CO "C" 1/9/1WIA | UNK/NONE |
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 005695) | 122230H | PATROL | CO "I" 3/9/NONE | UNK/1 VCS |

3. Plans Summary

A. Major Unit Plans None.

B. Offensive Operation Plans

(1) 1st Battalion. The battalion has scheduled seven patrols, eight ambushes, two listening posts and two scout-sniper teams for the next twenty-four hour period. A company sized operation is planned for the area of XUAN TRA, (BT 067691) and TRA KHE (2), (BT 071680) from 141000H until 141800H.

(2) 3d Battalion. Operation "Skull" will be executed on order from higher headquarters. Thirteen combat patrols, four ambushes, four listening posts and four scout-sniper teams are planned during the next twenty-four hour period.

4. Civic Action

A. 1st Battalion. The chiefs of HOA LONG and HOA LAN villages have begun to store rice from their respective villages in the storage facility located in the hamlet of NUI KIM SON, village of HOA LONG (BT 073704). The local farmers are supporting the project and the recently captured VC rice caches have been stored at the above mentioned site.

B. PSY-WAR. A helicopter aerial broadcast was conducted over HAI AN in the vicinity of (BT 0571), MAN QUAN (1) and (2), (BT 0368) and (BT 0468), PHONG HO (1) and (2), (BT 0662) and (BT 0663), HA GIA (BT 1063), HA BANG (BT 1063) and TRA LO (BT 0868). The theme of the broadcast was that the VC were hurting the people while the GVN was seeking to assist them. The helo received automatic weapons fire from MAN QUAN (1) and (2) and HA BANG. There were no casualties or damage to the craft.

The I Corps Psy War Battalion Audio team today, presented movies, made announcements and distributed magizines and leaflets at THO SON (BT 068709). Face to face persuasion was conducted during the course of several patrols from the 3d Battalion.



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D. Medical Treatment

| TAOR | UNIT TREATING | NO. TREATED |
|---|---|---|
| Da Nang | 1/9 | 13 |
| Da Nang | 3/9 | 178 |
| Da Nang | Hdqs | 1 |

5. Miscellaneous

A. 1st Battalion. Correction to SITREP No. 96. The 3d Platoon, Company "C" did not change its position from (BT 037671) to (BT 032663) but rather remained at (BT 037671).

B. 3d Battalion. Company "K" has relocated its positions as follows:

1st Platoon (AT 972655)
2d Platoon and Company CP (AT 993666)
3d Platoon (AT 983666)

C. VIP'S. Mr. Cullough, a reporter from Time Magazine, visited the 9th Marines's CP today. Mr. Nahao, Chairman of International Youth Committee of Japan and Mr. Yohoyama, Chief Editor of the International Youth Magazine, also visited the 9th Marines today.

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SITREP No. 98 - 131800H to 141800H October 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights. There were four enemy contacts during this reporting period. There were no Marines WIA or KIA however there were three casualties. There were three VC casualties and one VCS was apprehended. During the past twenty-four hours, eighteen patrols were conducted and thirteen ambushes established. Six listening posts and five scout-sniper teams were employed.

2. Operations

A. 1st Battalion.

(1) Company "A" provided a blocking force consisting of one platoon at (BT 073675), one squad at (BT 083674) and a squad at (BT 083680) for Company "D"'s search and destroy operation.

(2) Company "B" assigned one squad the mission of providing security for an engineer mine detection effort on the road between (BT 072702) and (BT 069693) in conjunction with the Company "D" search and destroy operation. In addition, the bridge security force located at (BT 072702) remained in place and served as a blocking element for the operation.

(3) Company "C". At 131900H the 2d platoon received ten rounds of small arms fire in the vicinity of (BT 046676). No action was taken and there were no casualties. A Company "C" patrol operating at (BT 035689) received eight rounds of sniper fire at 141220H. The patrol returned the fire and one VC was killed. The body was left in the area an no weapon was recovered. At 141225H the same patrol received sniper fire from (BT 037684). When the Marines returned the fire the VC broke contact.

(4) Company "D" reinforced and supported by elements of Company "A" and Company "B", conducted a detailed search and destroy operation between (BT 067698) and (BT 075676). The LOD was crossed at 141000H and at 141110H one VC was killed after ignoring two warning shots. The area was searched but no weapon was discovered. There are two late entries which effect this summary.



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B. 3d Battalion

(1) Company "I". At 140430H one Marine was killed and one was wounded when a hand grenade was detonated in a three-man fox hole (BT 005660). The third Marine was uninjured. The origin of the grenade is unknown.

(2) Company "K". At 132200H Kilo Papa 13A ambushed two or three VC at (AT 975660). Four magizines of 7.62 mm ammunition were expended and one VC was believed to have been wounded as evidenced by traces of blood on the ground.

(3) Company "L". At 132145H the 2d squad, 3d platoon fired four small arms rounds at one VC in a rice paddy at (AT 998692). It could not be determined whether or not he had been hit. The 2d squad, 3d platoon reported observing eight persons moving in a southerly direction at 132150H near (AT 995700). One round of 81mm mortar illuminatin was fired and the figures disappeared into the treeline. At 132240H the same squad took an unknown number of VC under fire and received forty to fifty rounds of automatic fire from them. The VC broke contact without giving any indication of having casualties. There were no Marine casualties. At 132145H one 30cal sniper round was received at the school house (AT 979687). The Marines fired three small arms rounds and the enemy broke contact. At 132210H the 1st squad, 3d 3d platoon listening post at the school house, (AT 979687). observed movement and threw one frag grenade and fired ten rounds of small arms fire. The enemy broke contact and one Marine received minor frag wounds from the friendly grenade. At 140940H one VCS was apprehended when he was observed hiding in a rice paddy at (AT 995687). The VCS was initally observed digging and a search was conducted by ARVN and Marines for a possible arms cache. A cache was found and the following goods were found: two land mines, forty rounds of 30 cal linked ammunition, eight empty M2 carbine magizines, one full AR-15 magizine, various documents, a map showing the location of the cache, clothing, one shelter half, one first aid packet and a canteen. The VCS and the contraband were taken to Hoa Vang District Headquarters.

(4) Company "M". A squad size patrol Mike Papa 13C received small arms sniper fire from (AT 963648) at 141100H. The patrol closed on the VC sniper and came under heavy small arm fire. 81mm mortar WP rounds were called in on the VC and two squads and an artillery FO Team were dispatched to reinforce the patrol at 141130H. At 141250H four wounded civilians were helo evacuated. At 141325H artillery fire was requested at (AT 961641) against the snipers in the tree line.



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At 141350H the fire mission commenced. At 141400H the artillery fire was lifted and the 2d Platoon began a search of the sniper area. No bodies were found in the area and the platoon returned to the company lines at 141600H. There were no Marine casualties.

C. Summary

(1) Major unit actions. None.

(2) Small unit action

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|---|---|---|
| (a) | Night contact | 1 |
| (b) | Day contact | 3 |
| (c) | Total contacts | 4 |
| (d) | Action without contact | 44 |

(e) Box score of units that have made contact:

| PROVINCE/ COORDINATES | DATE/ TIME | TYPE OF ACTION | FRIENDLY UNIT/ LOSSES | ENEMY UNIT/ LOSSES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 975660) | 122200H | AMBUSH | CO "K" 3/9/NONE | UNK/1 KIA (ARCD) |
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 995687) | 140940H | SECURITY | CO "L" 3/9/NONE | UNK/1 WOUNDED |
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 035689) | 141120H | PATROL | CO "C" 1/9/NONE | UNK/1 KIA |
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 085667) | 141445H | PATROL | CO "A" 1/9/NONE | UNK/1 KIA CAPTURED |

3. Plans Summary

A. Major Unit Plans. None.

B. Offensive Operation Plans

(1) 1st Battalion. In the next twenty-four hour period the 1st Battalion will employ eight patrols, seven ambushes, two listening posts and two scout-sniper teams.



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(2) 3d Battalion. Operation "Skull" will be conducted Saturday. Ten combat patrols, four ambushes, four listening posts and four scout-sniper teams are planned for tomorrow.

4. Civic Action

A. 3d Battalion. A mad dog, foaming at the mouth, was shot by a member of Lima Company near CAM NE (AT 981687). The dog was attacking a Vietnamese man who was trying to protect himself with a stick.

B. PSY-WAR. The I Corps Psy-War Battalion Audio Team visited Company "K" CP (AT 993666) today from 140930H to 141230H. An ARVN Warrant Officer spoke to the civilians over a mobile public address system. Face to face persuation was conducted with the patrol and pamphlets were given out. Six Vietnamese people were given first aid for minor ailments. A Psychological Warfare team from I Corps Headquarters was was in operation during the reporting period in the hamlet of NUI KIN SON , Village of HOA LONG (BT 073704). The unit operated in the vicinity of the market, thereby attracting a large crowd. The Psychological Warfare Team employed both sound equipment and pamphlets that explained the programs of GVN. Approximately one hundred and fifty civilians received the GVN pamphlets and a large number heard the audio presentation.

C. Medical Treatment

| TAOR | UNIT TREATING | NO. TREATED |
|---|---|---|
| Da Nang | 1/9 | 64 |
| Da Nang | 3/9 | 69 |
| Da Nang | 9th Mar Hqs | 60 |

5. Miscellaneous. None.

Late Entries

1. At 141445H the second platoon of Company "A" was returning to the Company CP and encountered one VC who had been sniping at the CP. During the pursuit the VC was wounded and managed to hide his weapon before being captured. He was evacuated to the 1st Battalion CP.

2. The VC reported killed by Company "D" was a Vietnamese woman. The body has been turned over to her husband for burial

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SITREP No. 99 — 141800H to 151800H to October 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights. There was one enemy contact during this reporting period, in which ten VCS were apprehended and turned over to ITT. There were no Marine casualties. During the last twenty-four hours, eighteen patrols were conducted and eight ambushes were established. Six listening posts and six scout-sniper teams were employed.

2. Operations

A. 1st Battalion

(1) Company "A" reported sighting ten VC, at least two of whom were armed, at 151130H in the vicinity of (BT 08,658). Permission was given to fire 81mm mortars but the results at this time are not known.

(2) Company "B" was relieved of the mission of providing security for the bridge and water point at (BT 072702) and the French bunker at (BT 082697) by Company "D" and remained in reserve.

(3) Company "C". At 150930H a patrol captured one VCS male without an I.D. card at (BT 027675) and at 150945H another VCS male and two VCS female at (BT 029669). None of these suspects had I.D. cards. At 151045H the patrol apprehended two VCS females, who also had no I.D. cards, in the vicinity of (BT 035669). All suspects were sent to the 1st Battalion command post for interrogation. All remaining patrols and ambushes have been cancelled due to a lack of serviceable communication gear. All but two suspects were released and they were sent to Hoa Vang District.

(4) Company "D" releived Company "B" of the mission of providing local security in the rear of the Battalion's TAOR. The company continued to patrol but did not make enemy contact.



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B. 3d Battalion

(1) Company "I" continued to patrol aggressively but did not make enemy contact.

(2) Company "K". At 151200H patrol Kilo Papa 140 received small arms fire from three automatic weapons at (AT 979650). As the patrol moved in towards the VC they received fire from (AT 982656). Another squad was sent from the company position with demolitions to aid in clearing out the VC. No VC were found in the area and both squads returned to their Company positions at 151600H.

(3) Company "L". At 142035H one VC was observed by the treeline at (AT 980687). Twelve to fifteen rounds of small arms were fired at the VC. The VC broke contact without returning the fire. At 150930H the 1st Platoon (rein) and a platoon of ARVN of the 592d Company (-) commenced to search and clear DUONG SON (1) (AT 998688). Ten VCS were apprehended for faulty identification cards and they were sent to 3d ITT. At 151410H the squad at the school house (AT 985681) received light sniper fire. The sniper fire was returned and the VC broke contact. One wounded civilian came to the school house and he was evacuated.

(4) Company "M". At 151000H a squad size combat patrol was dispatched to search and clear the area in the vicinity of CAM NE (6) (AT 975684). At 151315H sniper fire was received from a pagoda at (AT 972683). An artillery mission was fired at 151330H. At 151340H the 3d platoon, Company "M" joined the patrol and established a blocking position at (AT 971680). The 1st platoon, Company "L" was diverted after having cleared DUONG SON (1) (AT 999688) and began a search and clear of CAM NE (6) (AT 975684) at 151400H. At 151400H they commenced to clear along grid line 69 through CAM NE (1) and (2). Company "A", 1st Battalion, 1st Marines established a blocking position west of the SONG YEN at (AT 960685) in conjunction with this operation. There was no further enemy contact as of 151600H.

C. Summary

(1) Major unit actions. None.



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(2) Small unit action

(a) Night contact 0

(b) Day contact 1

(c) Total contacts 1

(d) Action without contacts 39

(e) Box score of units that have made contact:

| PROVINCE/ COORDINATES | DATE/ TIME | TYPE OF ACTION | FRIENDLY UNIT/ LOSSES | ENEMY UNIT/ LOSSES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 995678) | 151200H | OPERATION | CO "L" 3/9 | NONE UNK/10 VCS |

3. Plans Summary

A. Major Unit Plans. None.

B. Offensive Operation Plans

(1) 1st Battalion. Twelve patrols, two ambushes, two listening posts and two scout sniper teams are scheduled by the battalion for the next twenty-four hours.

(2) 3d Battalion. Operation "SKULL" will be conducted tomorrow. Eleven patrols, six ambushes, three listening posts and three scout sniper teams are planned for the next twenty-four hours.

4. Civic Action

A. 1st Battalion. The chief of Hoa Vang District has announced a ban on the river traffic south of Da Nang River. This decree is expected to aid the collection of rice in the Battalion's TAOR, by limiting the clandestine shipments of rice out of the villages.

B. 3d Battalion. An agreement was made with the village chief concerning the disposal of trash by Marines in that area. The Marines will collect it and the Vietnamese will dispose of it.

A meeting was held at the Hoa Vang District Headquarters for all village chiefs and company representatives within the battalion TAOR. Mutual problems were discussed in a seemingly friendly and cooperative atmosphere.



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C. PSY-WAR. Face to face persuation was conducted within the 3d Battalion's TAOR.

D. Medical Treatment

| TAOR | UNIT TREATING | NO. TREATED |
|---|---|---|
| Da Nang | 1/9 | 14 |
| Da Nang | 3/9 | 41 |

5. Miscellaneous

A. 1st Battalion

(1) "B" Company was placed in reserve and is now located at (BT 068715).

(2) "D" Company. Elements of "D" Company are now located at (BT 072702), (BT 082697) and (BT 068715).

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From: CO, Ninth Marines
To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 100 - 151800H to 161800H to October 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights. Operation "Skull" was conducted today and resulted in the apprehension of 4 VCS and the destruction of numerous tunnels and bunkers. There was one other enemy contact during this period in which one Marine was WIA. Twenty-two patrols were conducted during the past twenty-four hours. Seven ambushes and four listening posts were established and five scout-sniper teams were employed.

2. Operations

A. 1st Battalion

(1) Company "A" continued its aggressive patrol activities in its area of the battalion TAOR but did not make contact with the VC.

(2) Company "B" remained in reserve, withhthe exception of the 2d platoon which is on a two day combat patrol in the vicinity of HAI AN (BT 055715). At 160805H this patrol reported the discovery of twenty-five US 105mm duds and a chicom frarmentation grenade booby trap at (BT 051701). Security was placed around the area and EOD was notified. At 0930H the 1st platoon participated in a search operation at (BT 078694) after a Company "D" patrol received heavy sniper fire in that area.

(3) Company "C". At 152330H a patrol operating in the vicinity of (BT 047657) observed unusual activity to their front and set up a hasty ambush. When the unknown people approached within twenty-five meters the patrol opened fire & the unknown persons fired a red flare and dispersed. The area was searched and the patrol found one dead Vietnamese woman and a slightly wounded boy. The boy was treated at the battalion aid station and turned over to Hoa Vang District Headquarters.

(4) Company "D" continued the mission of providing security in the Battalion's TAOR. At 161630H it also assumed the mission of harbor security. A patrol from Company "D" was taken under heavy sniper fire from (BT 078694) at 160900H.



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There were an estimated six VC armed with two automatic weapons four carbines. When the patrol returned the fire the VC broke contact and fled. The patrol had one Marine WIA and captured one VCS. The area was searched shortly thereafter by the 3d platoon of Company "D" and the 1st platoon of Company "B" but with negative results. The one VCS was turned over to Hoa Vang District Headquarters.

B. 3d Battalion

(1) Company "I". Yesterday one Vietnamese civilian and five gallons of gasoline were apprehended at the MIEU DONG check point, (BT 016685) and turned over to Hoa Vang District Headquarters.

(2) Company "L". Bridge #1 (AT 998705) received approximately twenty rounds of small arms fire from (AT 995704) at 152045H. The Marines returned thirty to forty small arms rounds. No VC were observed wounded and no Marines were injured. At 152030H Bridge #3, (AT 993684) received eighteen carbine rounds from (AT 998690). The Marines returned forty-five rounds and the VC broke contact. No casualties were reported. At 152045H Bridge #2, (AT 999699) received four or five rounds of carbine fire from (AT 996700). The Marines returned approximately ten rounds and the enemy broke contact. No casualties were sustained. Again at 152120H Bridge #2 received carbine and BAR fire from (AT 996700). The Marines returned the fire and the enemy broke contact. No casualties were received. Today the 1st and 3d Platoons were attached to Companies "I" and "K" respectively for Operation "Skull".

(3) Company "M". At 160945H the squad patrol Mike Papa 15C received four or five rounds of sniper fire from LE SON (4), (AT 965648). The patrol deployed toward the vicinity of the sniper fire. Nothing was found in the area as the VC had withdrawn. No casualties were sustained.

(4) Operation Skull. In accordance with the coordinated plan developed with the I Corps intelligence personnel on the evening of 15 October, it was intended to seal off the SKULL area with USMC troops and have the I Corps Intelligence platoon search and destroy within the sealed area. At 160800H Companies "I" and "K" and the 592d Regional Force Company encircled the SKULL area. At this time the I Corps personnel indicated that they would go into the area only after it had been cleared by USMC troops. After this modification to the plan, Companies "I" and "K" commenced the search and destroy operation at 160900H. The companies moved east from the vicinity of (BT 015636) to Route #1 where the 592d RF Company and a heavy section of ontos had established a blocking position on the eastern side of Route #1 in the vicinity of (BT 032643).



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Sniper fire which was initially reported to the rear of Companies "I" and "K" turned out to be I Corps personnel reconning by fire and moving behind the companies. At 161030H Companies "I" and "K" received carbine fire from the vicinity of (BT 023633). The Marines returned approximately sixty well aimed rounds and the enemy fire ceased. There were no Marine casualties. The effectiveness of the Marines' fire was not known, however the AO on station reported that the encirclement was successful in that no VC troops moved from the area. During the course of the clearing operation four VCS were apprehended at (BT 030631) while attempting to press through the blocking force and were turned over to 3d ITT. Many small tunnels were found and destroyed in the vicinity of (BT 026634) and (BT 021635) as well as six large bunkers in the vicinity of (BT 024637). The majority of tunnels were small family tunnels and not extensive ones as indicated by intelligence nor was the location of the tunnels depicted by intelligence information. Riot control agents were not required or used. The smoke machine was used once with good results. The operation was completed by 161230H. Approximately thirty I Corps troops were involved in the operation along with several representatives from ITT.

(5) A platoon size patrol was conducted by the Popular Forces from Hoa Vang District Headquarters in the area around the Ninth Marines CP (AT 996725). The patrol was led by the S-2 from Hoa Vang District and one officer and one NCO from the Ninth Marines accompanied the patrol. The patrol commenced at 161520H and was completed by 161630H. Two male suspects of military age were apprehended along with one PF deserter. They were taken to the District Headquarters.

C. Summary

(1) Major unit actions. None.

(2) Small unit action

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|---|---|---|
| (a) | Night contact | 1 |
| (b) | Day contact | 3 |
| (c) | Total contacts | 3 |
| (d) | Action without contacts | 44 |

(e) Box score of units that have made contacts:



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| PROVINCE/ COORDINATES | DATE/ TIME | TYPE OF ACTION | FRIENDLY UNIT/ LOSSES | ENEMY UNIT/ LOSSES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 078694) | 160900H | PATROL | CO "D" 1/9/1WIA | UNK/UNK |
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 030631) | 161200H | OPER. SKULL | CO "K" 3/9/NONE | UNK/4 VCS |
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 997725) | 152250H | DEF. | HQ 9th MAR/1 WIA | UNK/UNK |

3. Plans Summary

A. Major Unit Plans. None.

B. Offensive Operation Plans

(1) 1st Battalion. The battalion will employ six patrols, six ambushes, two listening posts and two scout-sniper teams in the next twenty-four hours.

(2) 3d Battalion. Fourteen squad combat patrols, six ambushes, four listening posts and four scout-sniper teams are scheduled during the next twenty-four hours. Company "K" (-) reinforced with a heavy section of ontos will conduct a search and destroy operation of LE SON (1) (AT 980658) tomorrow. Company "K" will establish a civilian check point at (AT 993664) from 170600H to 170800H.

4. Civic Action

A. 3d Battalion. The village chief and vice village chief of THANH SON Village, DIEN BAN District, were assigned to the 3d Battalion by the DIEN BAN District Chief, Major LONG, to assist this Battalion in its operations in the DIEN BAN District. They are currently assigned to Company "I".

B. Medical Treatment

| TAOR | UNIT TREATING | NO. TREATED |
|---|---|---|
| Da Nang | 1/9 | 84 |
| Da Nang | 3/9 | 18 |
| Da Nang | Hdqs 9th Mar | 81 |



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C. PSY-WAR. A leaflet drop was conducted today and announcements were made through the use of loud speakers and an aircraft, which operated in the 3d Battalion Sector from 160730H to 160845H. Broadcasts were made over all the hamlets with particular emphasis on CAM NE (1), (2) and (6). The message said, " Respected villagers, whenever VC's are in the area, take cover because when Marines are fired upon they will reply with strong force." Safe conduct pass leaflets were dropped at (AT 986617), (BT 001606), (BT 026576), (BT 031640), (BT 041631) and (BT 035621). Fifteen thousand leaflets were dropped in the Battalion sector.

5. Miscellaneous. None.

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Headquarters Ninth Marines. At 152250H, a two man listening post positiomed outside the perimeter of the Regimental CP, received one fragmentation grenade in position, resulting in one Marine WIA. The other member of the LP directed three rounds of small arms fire at an undetermined number of Viet Cong with negative results. The wounded Marine required helicopter evacuation.

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To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 101 - 161800H to 171800H to October 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights. There was no enemy contact during this reporting period. There were no Marine casualties. During the past twenty-four hour period sixteen patrols were conducted and eight ambushes were established. Four listening posts and two scout-sniper teams were employed.

2. Operations

A. 1st Battalion

(1) Company "A". At 170830H the 2d platoon received small arms fire from (BT 092652). They returned fire and pursued the VC to (BT 094635) where they lost contact. They then patroled west to (BT 080649) and linked up with the company commander and a reinforced platoon for the return to the CP. At 171300H they received fire at (BT 071692) and when they returned fire the VC fled. Shortly thereafter the patrol was ambushed at (BT 072653) and during the exchange of fire six civilians were wounded and evacuated by helocopter. During the entire action there was no Marine casualties and the patrol was unable to determine enemy losses.

(2) Company "B" remained in reserve with the exception of the 2d platoon which is continuing to patrol in the area of HAI AN (BT 055715).

(3) Company "C". The river block at (BT 032663) has been evacuated by the engineers due to high water and the Company "C" covering force is therefore no longer needed.

(4) Company "D" continues to provide rear security with two squads at the bridge and water point (BT 071701) and one squad at the French bunker at (BT 082697).

B. 3d Battalion

(1) Company "I". Yesterday the MIEU DONG check point, (BT 016685) confiscated ten liters of gasoline which was turned over to the Hoa Vang District Headquarters. The river block security squad was secured from their positions, (BT 032663), at 171330H because of the high rising water,



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(2) Company "K". The squad size patrol Kilo Papa 160 conducted a search and destroy operation in LE SON (1), (AT 981659) and one tunnel was found and destroyed at 170930H at (AT 981659).

(3) Company "L". At 162135H the squad at Bridge #2, (AT 999700) fired four small arms rounds at four VC but received no fire in return as the enemy withdrew.

(4) Company "M" continued to patrol aggressively but did not make enemy contact.

C. Summary

(1) Major unit actions. None.

(2) Small unit action

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|---|---|---|
| (a) | Night contact | 0 |
| (b) | Day contact | 0 |
| (c) | Total contact | 0 |
| (d) | Action without contacts | 33 |

(e) Box score of units that have made contact:

| PROVINCE/ COORDINATES | DATE/ TIME | TYPE OF ACTION | FRIENDLY UNIT/ LOSSES | ENEMY UNIT/ LOSSES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| NONE | NONE | NONE | NONE | NONE |

3. Plans Summary

A. Major Unit Plans. None.

B. Offensive Operation Plans

(1) 1st Battalion. During the next twenty-four hours the battalion will employ five patrols, eight ambushes, two listening posts and two scout-sniper teams.

(2) 3d Battalion. The Battalion (fwd) CP will displace tomorrow from (AT 985684) to (AT 991679). Fifteen patrols, three ambushes, three listening posts and three scout-sniper teams are planned for the next twenty-four hour period. Tomorrow morning a joint two platoon search and destroy operation will be conducted in DUONG SONG (2), (AT 991679) with a platoon of Company "L" and a platoon of 592d RF Company (-).



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4. Civic Action

A. 1st Battalion. The Battalion Civil Affairs Officer and chiefs of HOA LAN (BT 048665) and HOA LONG (BT 073704) Villages have arranged for the distribution of children's clothing to the needy families in the area. The distribution of the clothing will take place on Tuesday, 19 October, at the school in NUI KIM SON (BT 073704) hamlet, HOA LONG Village.

B. Medical Treatment

| TAOR | UNIT TREATING | NO. TREATED |
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| Da Nang | 1/9 | 15 |
| Da Nang | 3/9 | 8 |

5. Miscellaneous. None.

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SITREP No. 102 - 171800H to 181800H October 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights. There were three enemy contacts during this reporting period. There was one Marine WIA. Four VCS were apprehended and turned over to ITT. During the past twenty-four hours twenty-six patrols were conducted and eight ambushes were established. Five listening posts and five scout-sniper teams were employed.

2. Operations

A. 1st Battalion.

(1) Company "A" continued to occupy positions along the MSR and, despite its aggressive patrol activities was unable to make contact with the VC.

(2) Company "B" continues to have the mission of Battalion reserve company, which includes the defense of the Battalion CP and providing one platoon for a reaction force.

(3) Company "C" remains in the south western portion of the battalion TAOR and continues to intensely patrol in its assigned area. There was no contact made with the Viet Cong during this period.

(4) Company "D" has the responsibility for the northern section of the battalion's area and has one squad at the bunker (BT 082697) and two squads at the bridge and water point (BT 071701). In addition, six men from Company "D" are providing harbor security.

(5) At 172020H one grenade was thrown into the western portion of the 1st Battalion CP perimeter (BT 064714) causing one minor WIA. The perimeter fired at what appeared to be two men running away and a tank from Company "B" 3d Tank Battalion was also able to place fire from its 30 caliber machinegun on the fleeing individuals but they escaped in the



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darkness. Shortly afterwards MCB-9 reported observing four men running across a dike at (BT 057717) after the battalion had fired 81mm mortar illumination. Immediately the 81's fired a high explosives mission and one platoon from Company "B" was dispatched to investigate the area. The platoon conducted a thorough search, but with negative results. At 172100H an OP at (BT 071710) observed four moving lights across the SONG CAN BIEN River at (BT 058715) and a 81mm mortar H.E. mission was again fired. The results of this mission were not able to be determined and all fire missions secured at 172115H.

B. 3d Battalion

(1) Company "I". At 172030H a scout-sniper team observed a VC at (BT 003661). Two rounds were fired and the VC withdrew. At 181045H seven sniper rounds were received from (BT 027633). The Marines returned one M-79 round and one 3.5" rocket round and the enemy broke contact. The effectiveness of this fire could not be determined. There were no Marine casualties.

(2) Company "K". Three VCS were apprehended at 180900H near (AT 993653) for invalid identification and were taken to 3d ITT. The VCS were apprehended by patrol Kilo Pappa 170.

(3) Company "L". At 180430H one VCS was apprehended at Bridge #3, (AT 994687) and turned over to 3d ITT. The 1st platoon commenced a joint search and destroy operation with a platoon of the 592d Company (-) of DUONG SONG (2), (AT 993678) at 180935H. The operation was completed at 181050H and two tunnels at (AT 993678) and (AT 995679) were destroyed with eight pounds of explosives.

(4) Company "M" continued to aggressively patrol their assigned sector but encountered no enemy during this period.

C. Summary

(1) Major unit actions. None.

(2) Small unit action

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| (a) Night contact | 2 |
| (b) Day contact | 1 |
| (c) Total contacts | 3 |



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(d) Action without contacts 45

(e) Box score of units that have made contact:

| PROVINCE/ COORDINATES | DATE/ TIME | TYPE OF ACTION | FRIENDLY UNIT/ LOSSES | ENEMY UNIT/ LOSSES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 064714) | 172020H | Defense | Co "B" 1/9/1 WIA | UNK/UNK |
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 994687) | 180430H | Security | Co "L" 3/9/None | UNK/1 VCS |
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 993653) | 180500H | Patrol | Co "K" 3/9/None | UNK/3 VCS |

3. Plans Summary

A. Major Unit Plans. None.

B. Offensive Operations Plans

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion will employ twelve patrols, four ambushes, two listening posts and two scout-sniper teams during the next twenty-four hour period.

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion has commenced moving the (fwd) CP from (AT 985684) to its new location at (AT 991679). The move should be completed by the end of the week. Fourteen combat patrols, six ambushes, three listening posts and four scout-sniper teams are planned for the next twenty-four hour period. A platoon from Company "K" will conduct a search and destroy operation in LE SON (2), (AT 975648) and a platoon (rein) from Company "L" will conduct a search and destroy operation in PHONG HE (1), (AT 995698) tomorrow. A dawn to dusk civilian collection point will be established tomorrow at (AT 993661).

4. Civil Action

A. 1st Battalion. The local village chiefs have become alarmed over reports of assassination squads being in the vicinity of HOA LONG Village. Three village chiefs have decided to remain in Danang until the danger has passed. This situation has hampered the formulation of civil action proj



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The Battalion Surgeon treated two Vietnamese children for tropical infections at the Battalion Command Post.

The Medical Corpsman attached to "A" Company gave medical assistance to seven children at the hamlet of TRA-KHE (1), village of HOA-HAI (BT 092668).

The Medical Corpsmen attached to "C" Company treated three civilians for minor ailments at the hamlet of KAI-TAY (3), village of HOA-LONG (BT 048668).

B. 3d Battalion. Two Vietnamese civilians with tumors were evacuated to the Vietnamese hospital in Danang for treatment.

Corpsmen stationed at the school house in CAM NE (AT 975685) treated two adult males and ten children for skin ulcerations.

The forward BAS treated one adult female and five children for skin and eye infections in the vicinity of the forward CP (AT 985684).

Kilo Company corpsmen treated two adult females and two children in LE SON (1), (AT 980660). Later in the day the corpsmen treated two adult males and five children in LE SON (2), (AT 974655). Most treatments were for skin problems.

The team from the rear BAS visited THEN BIN (BT 002722) and treated one adult male and eight children for skin and eye problems. A case of soap was handed out to the people.

C. Medical Treatment

| TACR | UNIT TREATING | NO. TREATED |
|---|---|---|
| Da Nang | 1/9 | 12 |
| Da Nang | 3/9 | 36 |

D. PSY-WAR. The I Corps PSY-WAR Battalion Audio Team assisted by a MedCap corpsman, one squad of Marines and three ARVN, visited MIEU DONG (2), (BT 021681). The team showed movies, played propaganda tapes and distributed handouts from 181445H to 181800H.

5. Miscellaneous. None.

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To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 103 - 181800H to 191800H to October 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights. During this reporting period there were four enemy contacts. Three VCS were apprehended, one VC was wounded and one VC was killed. There were two Marines WIA. During this past twenty-four hours twenty-two patrols were conducted and eleven ambushes were established. Six listening posts and eight scout-sniper teams were employed.

2. Operations

A. 1st Battalion

(1) Company "A". At 191300H local intelligence sources reported that thirty-five armed VC were at (BT 080668). Company "A" is investigating the report at this time.

(2) Company "B" is in reserve and is responsible for the security of the Battalion CP. The Company did not make enemy contact during this period.

(3) Company "C" continues its patrol activities in its portion of the TAOR but has made no contact with the Viet Cong in the last twenty-four hours.

(4) Company "D" has reported no contact with the VC during this period but continues to patrol and guard the rear portion of the TAOR.

B. 3d Battalion

(1) Company "I". Two gallons of gasoline were confiscated yesterday at the MIEU DONG check point. The contraband was turned over to Hoa Vang District Headquarters.

(2) Company "K". At 181645H a squad patrol left the company lines and shortly thereafter sniper fire was received from (AT 982640) from an unknown number of VC. At 181810H a squad of Marines mounted on a tank moved down the railroad bed to reinforce the patrol. The tank fired three canaster rounds at the snipers with unknown results and the entire force withdrew to the company lines. Twenty-two M-79 rounds and approximately 1000 rounds of small arms were expended. No casualties were sustained.



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At 190600H Company "K" (-) commenced a search and destroy operation in LE SON (3) and grid square (AT 9764). At 190700H three VCS were apprehended near (AT 977646) for faulty identification. Shortly afterwards three VC were observed running from a hamlet in the vicinity of (AT 973645). The Marines fired upon them and one was reported wounded but it could not be confirmed. Four tunnels averaging ten feet in length were destroyed with thirty pounds of TNT. At 190900H during the return, an AO was observed being fired at from (AT 985[illegible]7). Six 60mm mortars were fired at maximum range but landed short of the target. Artillery was requested and twenty rounds were fired at the VC in the open at (AT 993642). One VC was observed dead on the railroad bed by the AO. At 19104[illegible]H the AO on station called an airstrike in on the same vicinity but the results were not known. The Company (-) had returned to their positions by 190930H as they were unable to cross the Song Bau Tau River and could not get within range of the VC.

(3) Company "L". At 182053H three rounds of carbine fire was received at Bridge #3, (AT 995689). No action was taken as a listening post was in the line of fire. The search and destroy operation of PHONG LE (1) (AT 995698) was cancelled due to high water and a lack of boats.

(4) Company "M". Patrol Mike Pappa 18D received five automatic small arms rounds from a house at (AT 975669). The patrol set up an ambush in the vicinity when people began following them but they did not enter the kill zone. The patrol continued on their patrol route without further incident.

C. Summary

(1) Major unit actions. None.

(2) Small unit action

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| (a) Night contact | 0 |
| (b) Day contact | 4 |
| (c) Total contacts | 4 |
| (d) Action without contacts | 48 |

(e) Box score of units that have made contact:



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| PROVINCE/ COORDINATES | DATE/ TIME | TYPE OF ACTION | FRIENDLY UNIT/ LOSSES | ENEMY UNIT/ LOSSES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 977646) | 190700H | OPER. | CO "K" 3/9/NONE | UNK/3 VCS |
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 993664) | 190730H | OPER. | CO "K" 3/9/NONE | UNK/1WIA (PROP) |
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 993638) | 190945H | OPER. | CO "K" 3/9/NONE | UNK/1KIA (COM) |
| (BT 083668) | 191600H | PATROL | CO "A" 1/9/2WIA | NONE/NONE |

3. Plans Summary

A. Major Unit Plans. None.

B. Offensive Operation Plans

(1) 1st Battalion. Twelve patrols, three ambushes, two listening posts and two scout-sniper teams will be employed by the Battalion during the next twenty-four hours.

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion will conduct fourteen combat patrols, five ambushes, four listening posts and four scout-sniper teams during the next twenty-four hour period.

4. Civic Action (For further details see the Daily Civil Affairs Situation Report)

A. 1st Battalion. MedCap treatment was given at (BT 073704 (BT 092668) and (BT 048668). Five Corpsmen provided the treatment. There were no significant cases to report.

B. 3d Battalion. MedCap treatments were given in the following locations: BAS rear CP (AT 997725), BAS forward CP (AT 992677), YEN NE (1) (AT 990664) and the school house in CAM NE (AT 975685). All treatment was administered by either BAS personnel or company corpsmen. The majority of cases involved skin ulcerations.

C. Medical Treatment

| TAOR | UNIT TREATING | NO. TREATED |
|---|---|---|
| Da Nang | 1/9 | 27 |
| Da Nang | 3/9 | 81 |

D. PSY-WAR. An airdrop was conducted at approximately 190730H during which propaganda leaflets were distributed over



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the following complexes: THAN QUIT (BT 040622), THUY BO (AT 985586), LATHO NAM (BT 002607), DONG TIEN (1) and (2) (BT 001613) and KINH NHI (BT 020573).

5. Miscellaneous

A. The command group of the 3d Battalion (Fwd) CP completed its move today at 191400H from (AT 985683) to (AT 992677).

B. All companies of the 9th Marines have been trained in the firing of the 60mm mortar and are using the 60mm mortar operationally.

Late Entries. At 191600H a patrol from Company "A" operating in the vicinity of (BT 083668) suffered two WIA's when a member of the patrol detonated a mine. Both men were evacuated by helicopter at 191615H.

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From: CO, Ninth Marines
To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 104 - 191800H to 201800H to October 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights. Companies "K" and "L" had contact with the Viet Cong last night while in defensive positions. Patrols from Companies "C", "I" and "K" had contact with the enemy today. A patrol from Company "I" made contact with an estimated VC platoon and called in an artillery fire mission on them. There was a civil demonstration at the water point at (BT 071701) from 201030H until 201330H which was despersed by the Popular Forces without incident. Twenty-three suspicion females who were involved in the demonstration were taken to HOA VANG District Headquarters. Five VCS were apprehended during this period. Two Marines were wounded. During the past twenty-four hours, twenty-three patrols and nine ambushes were conducted. Five listening posts and five scout-sniper tea were employed.

2. Operations

(1) Company "A" continued to operate in the eastern portion of the Battalion TAOR but did not make contact with the Viet Cong during the last twenty-four hours.

(2) Company "B" placed one platoon on alert for possible deployment against the civil disturbance which took place from 201030H until 201330H at the water point (BT 071701). The platoon was not employed.

(3) Company "C" reported that one of its patrols operating in the vicinity of (BT 042659) received three to five rounds of small arms fire at 201030H, wounding two Marines. The patrol returned fire, setting on fire a building into which they observed a VCS running. The patrol continued along its route after checking the house with negative results. One of the casualties was evacuated by helicopter, but the other continued with the patrol.

(4) Company "D" continued to patrol and defend vital areas in its area of the TAOR. The company did not make contact with the enemy.

B. 3d Battalion

(1) Company "I". At 201210H the squad size IP190 patrol received heavy small arms fire from (BT 013645). The fire was returned. Two squads were sent from the company positions to reinforce the patrol. The two forces joined at



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201400H. At 201430H the platoon (rein) received fire from (BT 013639). At 201540H an artillery mission was fired at an estimated VC platoon at (BT 015640). Eighteen rounds were expended.

(2) Company "K". At 191845H sporadic small arms fire was received from (AT 977648). The Marines returned six 3.5" rockets, ten 40mm grenades and approximately one hundred small arms rounds. The enemy broke contact. No casualties were sustained.

(3) Company "L". At 192125H the squad at the school house at (AT 981687) received approximately thirty rounds of carbine fire and four frag grenades from (AT 983685), (AT 987685) (AT 989688) and (AT 980688). The Marines returned sixty rounds of small arms fire and four rifle grenades. The enemy broke contact and fled to the north.

(4) Company "M". Continued aggressive patrolling without contact.

C. Summary

(1) Major unit actions. None.

(2) Small unit action

(a) Night contacts 2

(b) Day contacts 3

(c) Total contacts 5

(d) Actions without contacts 41

(e) Box score of units that have made contact:

| PROVINCE/ COORDINATES | DATE/ TIME | TYPE OF ACTION | FRIENDLY UNIT LOSSES | ENEMY UNIT LOSSES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| QUANG NAM (BT 042659) | 201030H | Patrol | Co "C" 1/9/2WIA | UNK/UNK |
| QUANG NAM (AT 977648) | 191845H | Defense | Co "K" 3/9/NONE | UNK/UNK |
| QUANG NAM (AT 981687) | 192125H | Defense | Co "L" 3/9/NONE | UNK/UNK |



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| PROVINCE/ COORDINATES | DATE/ TIME | TYPE OF ACTION | FRIENDLY UNIT LOSSES | ENEMY UNIT/ LOSSES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| QUANG NAM (BT 013645) | 201210H | Patrol | Co "I" 3/9/NONE | UNK/UNK |
| QUANG NAM (AT 982658) | 201500H | Patrol | Co "K" 3/9/NONE | UNK/5VCS |

3. Plans Summary

A. Major Unit Plans. (See 9th Marines Operation Order 327-65). The 9th Marines will provide combat support and limited administrative and logistical support for the 59th RF Battalion and Peoples Action Teams conducting a pacification operation in the 9th Marines TAOR. A liaison officer and FO team will work with the 59th RF Battalion beginning 220600H. When ordered the 3d Battalion in conjunction with the 3d Marines will conduct a search and destroy operation along the YEN River from (AT 954650) to (AT 968700).

B. Offensive Operation Plans

(1) 1st Battalion. Twelve patrols, three ambushes, two listening posts and two scout-sniper teams will be employed during the next twenty-four hours.

(2) 3d Battalion. Fifteen patrols, six ambushes, three listening posts and three scout-sniper teams will be employed during the next twenty-four hours.

4. Civic Actions. (For further details see the 9th Marines Daily Civil Affairs Situation Report)

(a) 2nd Battalion. A patrol from Company "H" visited THUONG NGHAI (AT 991744), THON DUONG PHUOC (AT 999732), BON VAI (BT 005725) and THAN BINH THAI (BT 009719) giving medical aid and distributing salt and soap.

(b) 1st Battalion. MedCap treatment was given at (AT 092668) and (BT 048668) by five corpsmen. Soap was distributed.

(c) 3d Battalion. MedCap assistance was given to the Vietnamese at the Battalion BAS.

(d) Medical Treatment



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| TAOR | UNIT TREATING | NO. TREATED |
|---|---|---|
| Da Nang | 1/9 | 18 |
| Da Nang | 2/9 | 15 |
| Da Nang | 3/9 | 4 |

5. Miscellaneous. The Regimental S-3 and the Regimental Liaison Officer attended a meeting today in MIEU DONG (1) to discuss the forthcoming pacification operation of the 59th RF Battalion within the Regimental TAOR. Present at the meeting was the Battalion Commander of the 59th RF Battalion, the Hoa Vang District Chief and advisors from Hoi An Special Sector and Hoa Vang District.

Late Entries. At 201500H, a patrol from Company "K" heard shots from the direction of LE SON (1) hamlet (AT 980658) and moved in that direction. They saw five men at the temple at (AT 982658) who tried to escape. The men all had identification but had large sums of piasters. One of the men is on the list of known VC. All were apprehended as VCS and taken to ITT.

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From: CO, Ninth Marines
To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 105 - 201800H to 211800H October 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights. Four patrols and one search operation made contact with the Viet Cong today and sixteen VCS were apprehended. It is probable two VC were wounded or killed in one action and one other VC may have been wounded in another. One Marine was WIA today. Twenty-four patrols, eleven ambushes, five listening posts, and six scout-sniper teams were employed during the last twenty-four hours.

2. Operations

A. 1st Battalion

(1) Company "A", located at (BT 093668), received three rounds of small arms fire at 201915H. There were no casualties and Company "A" did not return fire. At 201920H a patrol from the 1st platoon received heavy small arms fire from an estimated three semi-automatic rifles and one automatic rifle. The patrol immediately returned fire and assaulted the enemy position causing the VC to flee. No friendly troops were wounded but there were two probable VC WIA. The patrol leader reported that he saw two men wounded by a 40mm grenade and marks were found on the ground where the bodies had been dragged away.

(2) Company "B" was relieved by Company "C" at 211600H at the bridge and water point (BT 071701), the French bunker (BT 082697) and harbor security. Company "B" still remains in Battalion reserve.

(3) Company "C". At 211145H a patrol apprehended one male VCS at (BT 043663). Shortly thereafter the patrol discovered two men in a house at (BT 053653). The men had two expended .45 caliber rounds in their possession. Both men were apprehended. In the adjoining house the patrol found ten temporary ID cards. The three VCS and the captured gear was turned over to ITT.



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At 210800H Company "C" was relieved in place by Company "D". The operation was completed at 211330H. Company "C" is now the Battalion rear security company and has two squads at the bridge and water point (BT 071701) and one squad at the French bunker (BT 082697).

(4) Company "D" has relieved Company "C" as of 211330H on the southwestern portion of the MLR.

B. 3d Battalion

(1) Company "I" relocated the platoon positions and Company CP to avoid high water. The Company CP is presently at (BT 022656) and platoons are relocated as follows; 1st platoon (BT 017656), 2d platoon (BT 026657) and 3d platoon (BT 020656). At 211215H the rear guard of the two squad patrol IP20D received 150 rounds of small arms fire from an estimated ten semi-automatic and automatic weapons at (BT 021638). The patrol returned fire with small arms, 3.5" rockets and 60mm mortar rounds. Two buildings, from which the VC were firing, were destroyed and one VC was believed wounded. The enemy broke contact and the patrol continued on its route.

(2) Company "K" continues to aggressively patrol their assigned sector but failed to make enemy contact.

(3) Company "L". The 3d platoon conducted a search and destroy operation in YEN NE (2), (AT 985682), as a result of the small arms fire received by H&S Company at 210930H. Thirteen VCS were apprehended in YEN NE (2), (AT 985682), at 211000H by the platoon and they were evacuated to 3d ITT. The platoon returned at 211100H to the Battalion CP.

(4) Company "M". At 210035H patrol Mike Papa 20A observed four VC at (AT 961653) and established a hasty ambush. The VC did not enter the ambush zone and were not seen again. At 210125H a sick Marine was med evacuated from the Company LZ.

(5) H&S Company. At 210930H the Battalion CP (fwd) received twenty to twenty-five rounds of small arms fire from the vicinity of (AT 983684). Two squads mounted on a light section of tanks departed to investigate the area from where the small arms fire was received and found twenty empty cartridges. One Marine was wounded and evacuated.



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C. Summary

(1) Major unit actions. None.

(2) Small unit actions

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (a) | Night contacts | 0 |
| (b) | Day contacts | 5 |
| (c) | Total contacts | 5 |
| (d) | Action without contact | 48 |

(e) Box score of units that have made contact:

| PROVINCE/ COORDINATES | TIME/ DATE | TYPE OF ACTION | FRIENDLY UNIT/ LOSSES | ENEMY UNIT/ LOSSES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 983684) | 210930H | DEF. | H&S CO 3/9/1WIA | UNK/UNK |
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 985682) | 211000H | PATROL | CO "L" 3/9/NONE | UNK/13 VCS |
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 021638) | 211215H | PATROL | CO "I" 3/9/NONE | UNK/UNK |
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 097659) | 201920H | PATROL | CO "A" 1/9/NONE | UNK/2 WIA (P |
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 043662) | 211145H | PATROL | CO "C" 1/9/NONE | UNK/1 VCS |
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 053653) | 211230H | PATROL | CO "C" 1/9/NONE | UNK/2 VCS |

3. Plans Summary

A. Major Unit Plans. None

B. Offensive Operation Plans



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(1) 1st Battalion. At 220600H Company "A" will occupy two blocking positions at (BT 042694) and (BT 046713) in support of a 59th RF Battalion operation. At 220600H the Battalion will provide two LVTP-5's at (BT 032734) to move the 591st RF Company across the CAU DO River. The Battalion will employ thirteen patrols, two ambushes and two scout-sniper teams during the next twenty-four hours.

(2) 3d Battalion. Company "K" (-), reinforced with a squad of engineers, will conduct a search and destroy operation in GS (AT 9665) beginning at first light. A platoon (rein) from Company "L" will conduct a search and destroy operation in YEN NE (2), (AT 982683), and YEN NE (3), (AT 984680, commencing at approximately 220900H. Fourteen combat patrols, four ambushes, two listening posts, and one scout-sniper team are planned for the next twenty-four hours.

4. Civic Action (For details see the 9th Marines Civil Affairs Situation Report)

a. 1st Battalion. Distributed twenty pounds of clothing to fifty-nine persons and forty-one bars of soap at NUI KIN SON Hamlet (BT 073704). Medical assistance was given at (BT 092668) (BT 048668) and (BT 073704).

b. 3d Battalion. A Company "K" patrol visited houses in HOA CHAU Hamlet (AT 987663) and distributed 4 pounds of food to eight families. India Company treated a seven year old boy hit by a truck at BO MUNG (1), (BT 026656) and arranged for him to be evcuated. He died on the way to the hospital. India Company assisted the family in returning the casket home. The villagers thanked the Battalion Executive Officer for the assistance. Medical assistance was also given in HOA LOI Hamlet (AT 971662), HOA CHAU Hamlet (AT 990664), and at (AT 987663).

c. Medical Treatment.

| TAOR | UNIT TREATING | NO. TREATED |
|---|---|---|
| DANANG | 1/9 | 57 |
| DANANG | 3/9 | 62 |

d. PAY-WAR. The 1st Battalion employed the I Corps Psyops Audio Team at XOM DA ME (BT 059729). A movie, a taped presentation and face-to-face propaganda were included. Magazines and leaflets were handed out.

5. Miscellaneous. LtGen LAK of Thailand accompanied by the CG 3d Marine Division visited the Commanding Officer of the 9th Marines this afternoon.

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LATE ENTRIES.

a. At 211430H, Company "B" (-), reinforced with a demolition team, began a special operation in the vicinity of (BT 071689) to locate a large cave reportedly housing ten Viet Cong who are believed to be part of the assasination squad which has been reported to be in this area. No contact was made with VC during the operation, but a chest containing some supplies and documents were found.

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To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 106 - 211800H to 221800H October 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights. Company "B", 1st Battalion, occupied blocking positions in support of the 59th RF Battalion which conducted a search and destroy operation east of Highway #1A between (BT 017715) and (BT 016675) and bounded by the VINH DIEN River to the east, the BAU XAU to the south, and the CAU DO to the north. Company "B" had no contact with the VC, but the 9th Marines Liaison Officer reported that the 59th RF Battalion captured several VC and deserters and one VC mine. There were three minor contacts with the VC during the last twenty-four hour period. One VCS was captured. There were no Marine casualties during this period. Twenty-eight patrols, twelve ambushes, five listening posts and five scout-sniper teams were conducted.

A. 1st Battalion

(1) Company "A" reported at 211920H that a patrol at (BT 096662) received three rounds of small arms fire. The patrol returned fire and the Viet Cong immediately broke contact and fled. There were no Marine casualties and the patrol was not able to determine if there were any VC losses.

(2) Company "B". At 220600H Company "B" (-) (Rein) occupied two blocking positions at (BT 042694) and (BT 046713) in support of the 59th RF Battalion Operation. No contact with the VC was made.

(3) Company "C" continues with the mission of Battalion rice security and patrols and occupies the areas in the eastern portion of the TAOR.

(4) Company "D" remains the MLR and has moved the Company C.P. to (BT 048667). During the last twenty-four hours they have reported no contact with the Viet Cong.

(5) At 220800H the engineer mine detection team located and destroyed one dud 60mm mortar round at (BT 048667).



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B. 3d Battalion

(1) Company "I" continued to patrol their assigned sector with no enemy contact.

(2) Company "K". At 212115H three rounds of sniper fire was received from (AT 978650). One 3.5" rocket white phosphorous, was fired at the sniper but no results could be ascertained. Company "K" (-) conducted a search and destroy operation in GS (AT 9965). The villagers said fifteen VC left the area and headed in the direction of (BT 000653). One female VCS who had no identification was apprehended during the operation. She was taken to 3d ITT. The operation commenced at 220635H and was completed at 220908H.

(3) Company "L". The 3d platoon commenced a search and destroy operation in YEN NE (2), (AT 985683), and YEN NE (3), (AT 981679), at 221015H. The operation was completed at 221250H. One round of sniper fire was received from (AT 978677). Two tunnels were destroyed, one at (AT 990683) and the other at (AT 982681). Both were ten to fifteen feet long and had concealed entrances in hedgrows. One 105mm dud was destroyed at (AT 988683). At 221200H Bridge #3, (AT 995689) received fifteen to twenty rounds of small arms fire which was directed at a truck stuck by the bridge. Twenty rounds of small arms fire was returned by the Marines. Company "L" was conducting a search and destroy operation in the area and went to the position the two VC were firing from, (AT 993668).

(4) Company "M" continued to aggressively patrol their assigned sector with no enemy contact.

C. Summary

(1) Major Unit Actions. None

(2) Small Unit Actions

| | |
|---|---|
| (a) Night contacts | 1 |
| (b) Day contacts | 2 |
| (c) Total contacts | 3 |
| (d) Action without contact | 52 |

(e) Box score of units that have made contact:



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| PROVINCE/ COORDINATES | TIME/ DATE | TYPE OF ACTION | FRIENDLY UNIT/ LOSSES | ENEMY UNIT/ LOSSES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 976850) | 212115H | Defense | Co "K" 3/9/NONE | UNK/UNK |
| QUANG NAM/ GS (BT 9965) | 220635H | Operation | Co "K" 3/9/NONE | UNK/1VCS |
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 995689) | 221200H | Defense | Co "L" 3/9/NONE | UNK/UNK |

3. Plans Summary

A. Major Unit Plans

(1) Friendly Forces. Commencing 230600H, the 59th RF Battalion will conduct a search and destroy operation in the area bounded by the railway track from (AT 999699) to (AT 989672) from there to (AT 989672), to (BT 006647), and then northwest along the VINH DIEN River and highway #1A to (AT 999699). The 3d Battalion will block to the south.

B. Offensive Operation Plans

(1) 1st Battalion. At 221600H Company "B" (-) (Rein) will displace from its blocking positions and commence a two day combat patrol in the HAI AN area (BT 050715). The company patrol base for the night of 22-23 October will be at (BT 045716). At 230700H Battery "D", Second Battalion, Twelth Marines, will displace to the vicinity of (BT 063680). Prior to this engineers will clear the route to be taken commencing at 220600H. Two tanks and a reinforced squad from Company "B" will clear the road each morning. During the next twenty-four hours the Battalion has scheduled fourteen patrols, two ambushes tow listening posts and two scout-sniper teams.

(2) 3d Battalion. In support of the 59th RF Battalion, Company "K" (-) and Company "I" (-) will occupy blocking positions from (AT 990665) to (BT 003646) and from (BT 010647) to (BT 029653) respectively from 230600H until completion. Thirteen combat patrols, five ambushes, two listening posts and two scout-sniper teams are planned during the next twenty-four hour period.



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4. Civil Action. (For more details see the Daily Civil Affairs Situation Report).

A. 1st Battalion. MedCap assistance was given and soap distributed at the BAS. Twenty-three bars of soap were given out.

B. 3d Battalion. MedCap assistance was given by patrols throughout the Battalion area. Forty-seven persons were treated.

C. Medical Treatment

| TAOR | UNIT TREATING | NO. TREATED |
|---|---|---|
| Da Nang | 1/9 | 13 |
| Da Nang | 3/9 | 47 |

D. PSY-WAR

A. The I Corps psy-war Audio Team was helo lifted into AN TRACH (1), (AT 968660) this afternoon where they were joined by a squad of Marines from Company "M", 3d Battalion and a corpsman. Movies were shown, tapes were played and leaflets were handed out.

5. Miscellaneous. None.

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From: CO, Ninth Marines
To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 107 - 221800H to 231800H October 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights. Companies "I" and "K" (*), 3d Battalion, occupied blocking positions while supporting the 59th RF Battalion search and destroy operation today. There was one night contact and four day contacts with the Viet Cong during this period, Twenty-six patrols, seven ambushes, five listening posts and four scout-sniper teams were employed during the last twenty-four hour period. Two Marines were WIA. Four VCS were apprehended.

2. Operations

A. 1st Battalion

(1) Company "A" reported at 231000H that a LVTP-5 returning from the Company "C" CP struck a mine at (BT 083704). The mine caused secondary explosions and fire which detonated small arms ammunition and grenades being carried inside. The area was checked but no civilians were present. The road where the mine was placed had been cleared by engineers this morning. There were no casualties.

(2) Company "B". The 2d platoon continued to operate in the vicinity of HAI AN (BT 050715). At 230947H the 2d platoon reported having one WIA, which was caused by a single round from a high powered rifle which was fired in the vicinity of (BT 059700). The platoon returned fire and the VC fled. The wounded Marine was evacuated by helicopter.

(3) Company "C" remains in rear security and continues to patrol throughout the north portion of the TAOR.

(4) Company "D" remains on the eastern half of the MLR. Dispite there offensive operations they have had no contact with the VC during the last twenty-four hours.

(5) The Engineer Mine Detection Team reported destroying one dud 81mm mortar illumination round and one dud M-26 hand fragmentation grenade at 231100H in the vicinity of (BT 092668). Battery "D" has completed desplacing to (BT 064680) and is reinforced with one squad of Company "B" and two tanks.

(6) During the last twenty-four hours the Battalion employed fourteen patrols. two ambushes, two listening posts and two scout-sniper teams.



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B. 3d Battalion

(1) Company "I" continues to aggressively patrol their company sector with no enemy contact.

(2) Company "K". A search and clear of THIA CAM (1), (AT 976644), was conducted by Company "K" (-).

(3) Company "L" continues to provide security in the 3d Battalion's TAOR with no enemy contact.

(4) Company "M". At 231015H one VCS was apprehended at (AT 973678) by patrol Mike Papa 22D. The VCS was found hiding under a house and was taken to 3d ITT.

(5) H&S Company. At 222205H two rounds of small arms fire were received at (AT 993678) resulting in one Marine wounded. Med evac was not necessary. At 231300H an unscheduled fire team patrol apprehended one female VCS at (AT 984684). She admitted her husband was a VC and she was evacuated to 3d ITT.

(6) The 3d Battalion conducted three days and nine night patrols, five ambushes, three listening posts and two scout-sniper teams during the last twenty-four hours.

C. Summary

(1) Major unit actions. (See late entries)

(2) Small unit actions

(a) Night contacts 1

(b) Day contacts 4

(c) Total contacts 5

(d) Action without contacts 43

(e) Box score of units that have made contact:

| PROVINCE/ COORDINATES | TIME/ DATE | TYPE OF ACTION | FRIENDLY UNIT/ LOSSES | ENEMY UNIT/ LOSSES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 993678) | 222205H | DEF. | H&S CO 3/9/1 WIA | UNK/NONE |
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 057697) | 231235H | Patrol | Co "B" 1/9/none | UNK/2 VCS |



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| QUANG NAM/ (BT 059700) | 230947H | PATROL | CO "B" 1/9/1 WIA | UNK/UNK |
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 973678) | 231015H | PATROL | CO "M" 3/9/NONE | UNK/1 VCS |
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 984684) | 231300H | PATROL | CO H&S 3/9/NONE | UNK/1 VCS |

3. Plans Summary

A. Major Unit Plans. None

B. Offensive Operation Plans

(1) 1st Battalion. During the next twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion has scheduled 36 ambushes, seven patrols, and two scout-sniper teams.

(2) 3d Battalion. Tomorrow two platoons (rein) from Company "K" will conduct a search and destroy operation in GS (AT 9863) west of the SONG BAU XAU. Company "L" will search and destroy in PHONG LE (2), (BT 002703). Twelve combat patrols, forty ambushes, three listening posts and two scout-sniper teams are planned during the next twenty-four hours.

4. Civic Action. (For more details see the Daily Civil Affairs Situation Report)

A. 1st Battalion. MedCap treatment was given at (BT 09266 (BT 048668), and (BT 073704) by five corpsmen and two hundred seventeen bars of soap were distributed to one hundred three persons.

B. 3d Battalion. MedCap treatment was given at BO MUNG (1), (BT 025656), YEN NE (1), (AT 992667), LA BONG (1), (AT 974654), at the school house in CAM NE (6), (AT 975685), ANTRACH (1), (BT 972662), and ten bars of soap were distributed. Company "K" established civilians check points at (AT 998663) and (AT 987664) from 231200H until 231400H. Seventy civilians were checked for identification and and leaflets were distribute

C. Medical Treatment

| TAOR | UNIT TREATING | NO. TREATED |
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| Da Nang | 1/9 | 75 |
| Da Nang | 3/9 | 161 |



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D. Psy-War

(1) The 9th Marines Liason Officer reported that a Psy War team accompanied the 59th RF Battalion in their search and clear operation throughout the hamlets of DUONG SON (1), (AT 998688), GIANG DONG, (BT 007678), DUONG SON (2), (AT 995675), QUA GIANG (2), (BT 003667), NHON THO (1), (BT 003658), QUA GIANG (1), (BT 015654) and BO MUNG (1), (BT 025657). Propaganda leaflets were handed out and air-dropped to the villagers. They apperared to be particularly receptive to the literature and also to the loudspeaker announcements that were made. The Psy War effort was extremely worth while and effective in the hamlet of QUA GIANG (1).

(2) An air borne psy-war team conducted loudspeaker transmissions throughout the 3d Battalion TAOR today. Approximately 6,000 surrender leaflets were dropped in each of the following grid squares: (BT 0164), (BT 0060), (AT 9857), (BT 0326) and (BT 0259). Loudspeaker broadcasts were made to all the major hamlets in the 3d Battalion TAOR. The broadcast warned the villagers to take cover when the VC are in the area, and not to be in the way during firefights.

5. Miscellaneous. None.

Late Entries

(a) Company "I" and the 2d and 3d platoons of Company "K" established blocking positions at 230630H in support of the 59th RF Battalion from (BT 010647) to (BT 029653) and from (AT 990665) ti (BT 003646) respectively. Both units were secured by 231630H. No enemy contact was encountered.

(b) The 2d Platoon, Company "B", 1st Battalion, apprehended two male VCS at (BT 057697) at 231235H.

(c) Major Unit Actions.

(1) Friendly Forces. The 9th Marine Liaison Officer reported that the 59th RF Bn began its search and destroy operation in the area between the VINH DIEN River and Highway 1A at 230630H. The operation was concluded at 231330H. Three VCS were apprehended as well as two draft dodgers.

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To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 108 - 231800H to 241800H October 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights. In six daylight contacts with the Viet Cong today three VC were killed, and four VCS were apprehended. Eighteen patrols were conducted during this period. Seventy six ambushes, two listening posts, and three scout-sniper teams were employed during the last twenty-four hours. Two Marines were wounded in action.

2. Operations

A. 1st Battalion

(1) Company "A" continues to occupy positions along the MLR but has not made contact with the VC during this period.

(2) Company "B" remains in reserve and despite its patrol and ambush activities did not encounter any VC.

(3) Company "C". At 232245H the third platoon reported personnel moving outside their perimeter, located at (BT 082697). The sentry illuminated the area and fired two bursts from his automatic rifle. A search of the area failed to disclose any bodies.

(4) Company "D" continues to patrol extensively throughout the south western portion of the TAOR but did not encounter any VC during the last twenty-four hours.

(5) During the last twenty-four hours the battaliom employed thirty-six ambushes, seven patrols and two scout-sniper teams. No division trained sniper teams were employed.

B. 3d Battalion

(1) Company "I" continued to aggressively patrol the assigned sector with no enemy contact.



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(2) Company "K". Company "K" (-) reinforced with a light section of tanks, conducted a search and destroy operation in grid square (AT 9863) west of the SONG BAU XAU. One VC sniper was killed at (AT 988638). The body was across the river and could not be recovered but was plainly visable in the rice paddy. The Company (-) returned at 251530H.

(3) Company "L". The 3d platoon conducted a search and destroy operation in grid square (AT 9866) and (AT 9867) as a follow up to the sniper fire received by "E" battery from that area during the night. Nothing was found and the platoon returned at 241400H. The 1st platoon reinforced with a platoon (-) of the 703d RF Company conducted a search and clear of PHONG LE (2), (BT 002703) beginning at 241443H.

(4) Company "M". Patrol Mike Pappa 23B, consisting of two squads reinforced with an artillery FO, left the company lines at 240630H to conduct a search and destroy of LE SON (3), (AT 969643). At 240730H two rounds of small arms fire were received from (AT 969649). One Marine was wounded and evacuated. Thirteen 60mm mortar rounds and small arms fire were returned. At 240900H the patrol reached their objective and received two rounds of small arms fire from (AT 963647). The hamlet was searched and nothing was found. On the return route at 241000H the patrol was at (AT 969649) when they received small arms fire from three positions. Three to five VC, two dressed in khaki clothing, fired twenty rounds from an automatic weapon at (AT 968648). Three to five VC with one automatic weapon fired twenty rounds from (AT 972644). From (AT 969644) ten VC with one automatic weapon fired eighty rounds at the patrol. Artillery fired smoke rounds into the area and the patrol fired fourteen 60mm mortar rounds, four 3.5" WP rocket rounds and numerous small arms rounds. One Marine was slightly wounded but he was not evacuated. When the fire ceased the patrol moved thru the areas and cleared each of them. At 241023H a reinforced platoon was alerted and moved to (AT 968655) to reinforce the patrol on order. They were not committed. The patrol returned to the company position at 241330H. At 231900H three rounds of sniper fire were received from a house next to the company CP at (AT 969660). The owner of the house was apprehended as a VCS and taken to 3D ITT this morning.



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(5) Battery "E", 2DBN, 12th Marines. At 231915H the "E" Battery position at (AT 985675) received automatic small arms fire from (AT 984667). The 3d Battalion CO dispatched two tanks, one with a search light, to illuminate and destroy the bunkers, where the fire was coming from. Fourteen rounds of 90mm were expended and the bunkers were destroyed. The 2d platoon, Company "K" moved into the area to act as a blocking force but was unable to encounter any VC. No casualties were reported and VC casualties could not be determined. All units returned to their former positions by 232200H.

(6) 3d Battalion conducted three daylight patrols and eight night patrols. Forty ambushes, two listening posts and one scout-sniper team were sent out last night. No division sniper teams were employed.

C. Summary

(1) Major unit actions. None.

(2) Small unit actions

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|---|---|
| (a) Night contacts | 1 |
| (b) Day contacts | 6 |
| (c) Total contacts | 7 |
| (d) Action without contacts | 98 |

(e) Box score of units that have made contact:

| PROVINCE/ COORDINATES | TIME/ DATE | TYPE OF/ ACTION | FRIENDLY UNIT/ LOSSES | ENEMY UNIT LOSSES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 969660) | 231900H | Defense | CO "M" 3/9/NONE | UNK/1VCS |
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 967649) | 240745H | Patrol | CO "M" 3/9/1WIA | UNK/UNK |
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 969649) | 241000H | Patrol | CO "M" 3/9/1 WIA | UNK/UNK |
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 984627) | 241300H | Operation | CO "K" 3/9/NONE | UNK/3VCS |
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 973690) | 241630H | Defense | CO "L" 3/9/NONE | UNK/1VC KIA |



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| PROVINCE/ COORDINATES | TIME/ DATE | TYPE OF/ ACTION | FRIENDLY UNIT/ LOSSES | ENEMY UNIT/ LOSSES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 988638) | 241400H | Operation | CO "K" 3/9/NONE | UNK/1KIA |
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 064643) | 241415H | Patrol | CO "D" 1/9/NONE | UNK/1KIA |

3. Plans Summary

A. Major unit plans. None

B. Offensive Operation Plans

(1) 1st Battalion. During the next twenty-four hours the Battalion has scheduled twelve patrols, four ambushes, four listening posts and two scout-sniper teams.

(2) 3d Battalion. Company "M" will re-adjust their platoon positions to assume the west sector of Company "K"'s area of responsibility today and tommorow. The 3d Battalion has planned twelve patrols, four ambushes, three listening posts and three scout-sniper teams during the next twenty-four hour period.

4. Civil Actions. (For more details see the Daily Civil Affairs Situation Report).

A. 1st Battalion. MedCap treatment was given at (BT 092668) and (BT 048668). Five medical Corpsmen provided the treatment. There are no significant cases to report. There is one construction project underway. A children's swing will be constructed for the school in NUI KIM SON, (BT 069705).

B. 3d Battalion. The battalion Civil Affairs Officer gave a one hour class to the company on "The Individual Marine and Civil Affairs." India Company corpsmen treated five children at GIANG NAM (BT 024657) for skin ulcerations. Ten bars of soap were also distributed to the villagers. A India Company patrol aided a Vietnamese woman wounded in a fire fight with the VC at NA TAY. She was brought back to the India Company CP and evacuated by vehicle to the USOM Hospital.



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Kilo Company corpsmen treated three children in YEN NE (1), (AT 98665) for skin diseases. Also treated was one adult male and one child at (AT 992667). Both were sent to BAS to determine cause of illness. Lima Company corpsmen at the school house in CAM NE (6) treated two adult males, seven adult females and eighteen children for minor ailments. Mike Company corpsmen treated eleven children in AN TRACH (1), (AT 972662) for minor ailments.

C. Medical Treatment

| TAOR | UNIT TREATING | NO. TREATED |
|---|---|---|
| DaNang | 1/9 | 27 |
| DaNang | 3/9 | 52 |

D. PSY-WAR. A Kilo Company patrol passed out Chu Lai leaflets to the few villagers present in CAM HAI (1), (AT 978643

5. Miscellaneous. None.

Late Entries

A. At 241415H a patrol from the 2d platoon, Company "D", engaged six VC armed with automatic weapons at (BT 064643). The patrol sustained no casualties. One VC was killed by a 40mm grenade.

B. At 241300H Company "K" apprehended three female VCS at (AT 984627). They were taken to 3d ITT.

C. At 241630H, five VC fired eight rounds of carbine fire into the school at (AT 973690) in the Company "L" area. A squad leader pursued the VC and killed one and captured a cartridge belt, a magazine and forty rounds of ammunition.

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From: CO, Ninth Marines
To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 109 - 241800H to 251800H to October 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights. The 234th Intelligence Team I Corps, operating in the 9th Marine TAOR conducted Operation Bar Bell. The team interrogated approximately two hundred villagers and apprehended eight VCS, two of whom were taken to 3d ITT and six of whom were taken to G-2, I Corps. The villagers were made to tear down defensive fences around the village. Companies "I" and "K" (-) supported Operation Bar Bell and the 3d Battalion conducted psy-ops in conjunction with the operation. Company "B" (-), 1st Battalion, conducted a search for tunnels in grid square (BT 0768). In one night contact and four day contacts one VC was wounded and three VCS were apprehended. There were no Marine casualties. Twenty patrols, twelve ambushes, four listening posts, and four scout-sniper teams were employed.

2. Operations

A. 1st Battalion

(1) Company "A" continued to occupy and aggressively patroled the southeastern portion of the Battalion TAOR without making contact with the VC.

(2) Company "B". This morning at 250900H Company "B" (-) commenced a search and destroy operation in grid square (BT 0768) in search of guerrilla's reported hiding in tunnels in the vicinity of (BT 071685). Five squads surrounded this area while one squad searched for tunnels, booby-traps and any other enemy material. The Company was supported by an engineer demolition team. The civilians in the area were screened for VCS, but there was no enemy contact.

(3) Company "C" maintains the responsibility of Battalion rear security. There was no enemy contact.

(4) Company "D". At 250915H a squad patrol from Company "D" encountered three VC at (BT 039651). The patrol fired on the VC possible wounding one. The VC withdrew without further resistance. At (BT 039654) this patrol made contact with three snipers armed with semi-automatic weapons



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The patrol received twelve rounds from the vicinity of (BT 036654). The enemy fire ceased when the patrol returned small arms fire. At (BT 038666) this same patrol found a dummy made of straw, dressed as a VC, with a black shirt and a coolie hat, and armed with a banboo stick shaped like a rifle. The dummy was positioned in a hole in a firing position. The patrol checked the area for booby traps and blew up the dummy. At 251115H a scout-sniper team from the 2d Platoon, Company "D", in position at (BT 064643) was fired on by several VC armed with three automatic weapons from the vicinity of (BT 059648). The team received ten rounds at irregular intervals between 250800H and 251030H. The team returned forty rounds of small arms fire and three 40mm rounds. The team was unable to observe the enemy, but remained in position and continued its mission.

(5) During the last twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion conducted twelve patrols, one of which was of Platoon Reinforced size, one squad size, one platoon (-) size, two squad (Rein) size and seven squad size. The Battalion established three listening posts, three squad size ambushes, and two scout-sniper teams. No Division trained sniper teams were employed.

B. <u>3d Battalion</u>

(1) Company "I". At 250406 Company "I" (-) was in position around QUA GIANG (2), (BT 003669) as part of Operation "Bar Bell". No enemy contact was encountered during the QUA GIANG portion of the operation. Company "I" was secured at 251135H and returned to their positions.

(2) Company "K". At 242045H the ambush, Kilo Alpha 24, observed movement in the treeline at (BT 001664) while they were moving to their ambush site. A hasty ambush was established and sprung when the VC were at (AT 998644) by small arms rounds and three grenades. Two rounds of 81mm mortar illumination were fired and the area searched. Nothing was found. At 250400H Company "K" (-) was in position surrounding DUONG SON (3), (AT 999673), as part of Operation "Bar Bell". At 250558H the Regimental Liason Officer and thirty ARVN troops arrived at check point A-1, (BT 001675), and commenced the search of DUONG SON(3) at 250617H. At 250710H two VCS were apprehended at (AT 998668) and one wounded VC was observed heading south towards (BT 000663). At 250835H two-thirds of the Company was secured and the remaining one-third was secured at 251135H.



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(3) Company "L". The two squad combat patrols from Lima Pappa 24A apprehended one VCS at 251200H near (AT 979687). The VCS, NUGUYEN LIEN, has information concerning VC and was taken to 3d ITT.

(4) Company "M". Continues to aggressively patrol their sector of responsibility with no enemy contact.

(5) The 3d Battalion conducted five night, squad size patrols and three platoon (-) daylight patrols. Nine ambushes, two scout-sniper teams and one listening posts were sent out last night. No Division trained sniper teams were employed.

C. Summary

(1) Major unit actions. None.

(2) Small unit actions:

(a) Night contacts 1

(b) Day contacts 4

(c) Total contacts 5

(d) Actions without contacts 40

(e) Box score of units that have made contact:

| PROVINCE/ COORDINATES | TIME/ DATE | TYPE OF/ ACTION | FRIENDLY UNIT/ LOSSES | ENEMY UNIT/ LOSSES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 001664) | 242045H | Patrol | CO "K" 3/9/NONE | UNK/UNK |
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 001675) | 250710H | Oper | CO "K" 3/9/NONE | UNK/1 WIA, 2VCS |
| TU CAU (2)/ (BT 039651) | 250915H | Patrol | CO "D" 1/9/NONE | UNK/NONE |
| NGAN TRUNG(3) (BT 064643) | 251115H | S/S Team | CO "D" 1/9/NONE | UNK/NONE |
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 979687) | 251200H | Patrol | CO "L" 3/9/NONE | UNK/1VCS |



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3. Plans Summary

A. Major unit plans. None.

B. Offensive Operation Plans

(1) 1st Battalion. During the next twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion plans to dispatch twelve patrols, establish eight ambushes and five listening posts, and employ two scout-sniper teams.

(2) 3d Battalion. Tommorow, Operation "Dragnet", a search and destroy operation, will be conducted. Company "A", 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, and Company "M" will land at landing zones in their respective TAOR's along east-west grid line (T62) and search and destroy north along each side of the SONG YEN. Company "M" will be reinforced by two engineer squads. A platoon of Company "K" will assume the defense of Company "M" positions. The operation will commence at 260800H, and continue for approximately two days. Eight squad size night patrols, four platoon (-), day patrols, seven fireteam ambushes, four listening posts and three scout-sniper teams are planned during the next twenty-four hours.

4. Civil Actions. (For more details see the 9th Marines Civil Affairs Situation Report).

A. 1st Battalion

(1) Five corpsmen gave MedCap treatment at (BT 092668) and (BT 048668).

B. 3d Battalion. None reported.

C. Medical Treatment

| TAOR | UNIT | NO. TREATED |
|---|---|---|
| DANANG | 1/9 | 12 |

D. PSY-WAR. During Operation "BARBELL" the 3d Battalion dropped thirty thousand pamphlets which described Vietnamese children wounded by Viet Cong mortar fire. These were dropped at the bollowing locations:

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|---|---|
| HA DONG AND VIEM TAY | (BT 0064) |
| LA THU NAM | (BT 0060) |
| PHONG THU | (AT 9857) |
| NHI KINH | (BT 0257) |



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In addition, loudspeakers broadcasts were made from a UH1E from 250730H until 250845H over the ZOA telling the civilians to take cover when the VC fire at ARVN/USMC because the fire would be returned.

5. Miscellaneous. Mr. Henry KISSENGER, Special Consultant to Ambassoder Lodge, visited the 9th Marines CP this morning and was briefed on Civil Affairs by the Commanding Officer.

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From: CO, Ninth Marines
To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 110 - 251800H to 261800H October 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights. Operation "Dragnet" was conducted today by two companies from the 1st Battalion. Two VCS were captured by Company "K" during the operation and were turned over to ITT. There were no other enemy contacts during this period. There were no Marine casualties.

2. Operations

A. 1st Battalion

(1) Company "A". At 260945H the 2d squad, 2d platoon, Company "A", in an ambush position at (BT 091665), observed fifteen VC moving southeast in the vicinity of (BT 088658). The squad took the VC under fire and the VC fled south firing at the squad as they withdrew. The Marines fired two hundred rounds of 7.62 and three 40mm rounds and the VC returned fire with twenty rounds of small arms fire. No friendly casualties were sustained. Enemy casualties were unknown.

(2) Company "B". At 252230H an unknown number of VC fired fifteen rounds of small arms fire into the house of Mr. Trinh, the village chief of HOA HAI, at (BT 071701). Four grenades were thrown into the house after the small arms fire ceased. The VC fled after the attempted assassination. Mr Trinh and his oldest daughter are listed as being in serious condition. They suffered multiple fragmentation wounds and were evacuated by helicopter to the USOM hospital. Mrs Trinh, her baby, and sixteen year old daughter are listed in fair condition. They were taken by ambulance to the USOM hospital. The three remaining Trinh children were treated for minor fragmentation wounds and housed in the 1st Battalion area. Two squads, one from Company "B" and one from Company



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"C" were immediately sent out in search of the would-be assassins, however neither squad was able to establish contact. Both squads were secured at 0000H.

(3) Company "C" provided one squad to search for a group of VC who attempted to assassinate the village chief of HOA HAI last night at 252230H in the vicinity of (BT 071701). The squad searched the area and secured at 0000H without making contact with the VC.

(4) Company "D". At 252010H the point of a patrol dispatched by the 3d platoon, Company "D" tripped a VC alarm consisting of a trip wire connected to a nail on top of a "C" ration can at (BT 033665). When the alarm went off the patrol received fire from approximately seven VC armed with carbines and high powered weapons. The VC fired five M-1 tracer rounds, twenty semi-automatic rounds and five other rounds. The patrol returned fire with twelve 40mm rounds and five 7.62 rounds. The patrol remained in position approximately fifteen minutes after which they continued their mission without further incident.

(5) During the last twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion dispatched twelve patrols, two of which were platoon (-) in size, two squads (Rein), and eight of squad size. The Battalion established eight squad size ambushes, five listening posts and two scout-sniper teams. No Division trained sniper teams were employed.

B. <u>3d Battalion</u>

(1) Company "I" continued to patrol their sector of the 3d Battalion TAOR with no enemy contact.

(2) Company "K". The 1st platoon, Company "K" and the 1st platoon, Company "M" received small arms fire from at least one automatic weapon at 251835H from (AT 971652). Both platoons returned ten 3.5" rockets and four M79 rounds. The enemy withdrew and fifteen H&I M79 rounds were fired in the vicinity of the firing. There were no Marine casualties. Enemy casualties were unknown.

(3) Company "L". At 252130H the squad at the school house (AT 982679) received six rounds of small arms fire from (AT 979687) and (AT 982688). The Marines did not return fire. Today a platoon (-) conducted a search and destroy of DUONG SON (1), (AT 998688) beginning at 261430H. No further information is available at this time.



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(4) Company "M". At 252230H the reinforced squad patrol Mike Papa 25 received eight small arms rounds from (AT 968670) and (AT 972669). Fire was returned with small arms, M79 rounds and hand grenades. The enemy force estimated at seven VC, withdrew from the fight.

(5) Operation "Dragnet". At 260740H artillery prep fires were delivered on LZ Blue Bird, (AT 961620). After the artillery prep fires it was decided to move LZ Blue Bird and the LZ was shifted to (AT 955620). The F4 aircraft bombed and strafed the new LZ and the first elements of Company "M" landed at 260840H. At 250922H all elements of Company "M had touched down and were deploying toward XUAN DIEM (2), (AT 963628). At 261037H "M" Company's left flank was anchored at (AT 955626) with the right flank searching and destroying in XUAN DIEM (2). At 261110H Company "K" with two platoons (-) reinforced with tanks were alerted to move to a mobile blocking position in the vicinity of (AT 9864) and be prepared to move with Company "M" in a north westerly direction. At 261205H Company "K" (-) left their position. At 261315H Company "M" crossed phase line Plumb (AT 956629) with their left flank. At 261400H two VCS were apprehended as they attempted to run through Company "K"'s blocking force at (AT 984641). They will be turned over to 3d ITT upon evacuation.

(6) The 3d Battalion conducted nine squad size night patrols and two platoon (-) daylight patrols. Six fireteam ambushes, three listening posts and three scout-sniper teams were employed during the last twenty-four hours.

C. Summary

(1) Major unit actions. None.

(2) Small unit actions

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|---|---|
| (a) Night contacts | 0 |
| (b) Day contacts | 1 |
| (c) Total contacts | 1 |
| (d) Actions without contacts | 54 |



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(e) Box score of units that have made contact:

| PROVINCE/ COORDINATES | TIME/ DATE | TYPE OF/ ACTION | FRIENDLY UNIT/ LOSSES | ENEMY UNIT/ LOSSES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 984641) | 261300H | OPER | CO "K" 3/9/NONE | UNK/2VCS |

3. Plans Summary

A. Major unit plans. None.

B. Offensive Operation Plans

(1) 1st Battalion. During the next twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion plans to dispatch twelve squad size patrols, establish four squad size ambushes and five listening posts and employ three scout-sniper teams. Tomorrow morning commencing at 270630H the 1st Battalion plans to conduct a Company size search and clear operation, the LOD being in the vicinity of the 1st Battalion CP at (BT 067715). The LOA will be in the vicinity of (BT 050752). One platoon of PF's will be used.

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion plans to conduct seven squad and two platoon (-) patrols and establish twelve fireteam ambushes, three listening posts and two scout-sniper teams.

4. Civil Action

A. 1st Battalion. MedCap treatment was given at (BT 092668), (BT 048668) and (BT 073204). Five medical corpsmen provided the treatment. There were no significant cases to report. A children's swing has been constructed for the school in NUI KIM SON Hamlet, HOA LONG Village (BT073704

B. 3d Battalion. India Company corpsmen treated three adult males, four adult females and eleven children at GIANG NAM (BT 024657) for minor ailments. Villagers are very appreciative of all assistance being rendered. Kilo Company corpsmen treated one child for a severe cut on the left leg at (AT 992667). He was evacuated to BAS for further treatment. Lima Company corpsmen treated five adult males, seven adult females and fourteen children for minor ailments at the school house in CAM NE (6).



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Mike Company corpsmen treated five children for minor ailments at AN TRACH (1). Also, ten civilians carried a old women into the CP that had received hip, leg and arm wounds from a fragmentation grenade. After corpsmen administered first-aid she was evacuated to the USOM Hospital in Da Nang. The only detail available on this incident at this time is that she was carried in from the direction of AN TRACH (1). The BAS treated one adult female for a minor ailment. Kilo Company set up a civilian control point in the vicinity of BICH BAC (AT 986635). Very few villagers were present. The interpreter thinks that most of the villagers have gone across the river with the VC. The Civil Affairs Officer assisted a family in filing a claim as the family had been displaced by the 3d Battalion CP. The Civil Affairs Officer also lectured approximately 100 Marines in India Company at their CP. The topic was the importance of Civilian Affairs and Psychological Warfare. The Civil Affairs Officer plans to lecture the remaining Companies on the same topic in the near future.

C. Medical Treatment

| TAOR | UNIT TREATING | NO. TREATED |
|---|---|---|
| Da Nang | 1/9 | 42 |
| Da Nang | 3/9 | 52 |

D. PSY-WAR. Chu Lai leaflets were again distributed to the villagers of BICH BAC (AT 986635).

5. Miscellaneous. None.

Late Entries. Tomorrow at 0700H Company "D" (-) reinforced with one platoon of tanks, one section of AT's, two LVT's and one squad of flames will cross the LOD between (BT 072654) and (BT 076647) and commencing an area search to the LOD between (BT 054641) and (BT 046647). The operation is expected to terminate at 271800H.

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From: CO, Ninth Marines
To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 111 - 261800H to 271800H to October 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights. In eight contacts with the Viet Cong during the last twenty-four hours twenty-three VCS were apprehended, one VC was killed (confirmed) and an additional four VC were probably killed. One Marine was KIA and four Marines were WIA during this period. The 9th Marines conducted twenty-one patrols, fourteen ambushes, eight listening posts, and six scout-sniper teams during this period.

2. Operations

A. 1st Battalion

(1) Company "A". At 1830H last night Company "A"'s CP, at (BT 090667), received three rounds of small arms fire from three hundred meters south of their positions Company "A" returned fire with eight 81mm mortar HE rounds and small arms. The small arms fire ceased. No friendly casualties were sustained. Enemy losses were unknown. One round of small arms fire was fired into the 1st platoon's sector of the "A" Company perimeter at 261830H. The 1st platoon returned fire with twenty 7.26 rounds, one 40mm round, and three 60mm mortar rounds. A squad was sent out to investigate the area but did not find any VC or any evidence of VC casualties.

(2) Company "B". At 270630H Company "B" (-) (Reim) commenced a search and clear operation to the northeast from the vicinity of coordinates (BT 065707) to clear all civilians from the area of operations and moved the civilians to a collection point in the vicinity of (BT 054756). The search elements searched the area to locate possible VC hiding places, arms or food caches. Blocking forces to the east of the area of operations were provided by elements of Company "B" (1/9), Company "B", 3d Tank Battalion, MCB-8, and MCB-9. Company "B" provided one reinforced squad to block from (BT 062728) to (BT 059732) and two reinforced squads to block from (BT 049748) to (BT 054748).



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Indigenous personnel were directed by the use of a helicopter loudspeaker and by interpreters with the clearing elements to proceed to the civilian collection point. Upon arrival at the LOA at 271000H, Company "B" reorganized and patrolled south through the objective area to the Battalion CP at (BT 067715). Five hundred civilians were screened by local government officals, received indoctrination by the Psychological Warfare Team, and offered the opportunity to receive medical treatment and food. Three VCS were apprehended, one of which was on the black list. Twenty house boats were reported being in the river in the vicinity of (BT 050743). Search elements of Company "B" were unable to investigate the boats. The boats did not respond to the loudspeakers' instruction to move ashore. Appropriate GVN authorities were requested through the Ninth Marines to investigate these boats and the personnel occupying them. Company "B" maintains the responsibilities of manning the Battalion CP perimeter, conducting local patrols, and providing a reaction platoon for the Battalion perimeter.

(3) Company "C" maintains the responsibility of security for the bridge at (BT 071701), for the Naval component Command [illegible] and furnishes one squad for security of Battery "D", 2d Battalion, 12th Marines, at (BT 065683).

(4) Company "D" continues to occupy and patrol its assigned portion of the Battalion TAOR with no contact.

(5) During the last twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion dispatched twelve squad size patrols, established four squd size ambushes and five listening posts, and employed three scout-sniper teams. No Division sniper teams have been employed.

B. <u>3d Battalion</u>

(1) Company "I". Yesterday the MIEU DONG Check Point at (BT 016685) confiscated ten gallons of gasoline. It was turned over to Hoa Vang District Headquarters.

(2) Company "K". Continued to aggressively patrol their sector of the Battalion TAOR with no enemy contact. At 271455H three Marines were slighty wounded near (BT 000660) when a mule, M-274, detonated a mine or booby trap. The Marines have been taken to 3d Battalion Aid Station.



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(3) Company "L". At 261700H a fire team patrol in CAM NE (6), entered a house at (AT 981688) and observed a man armed with a rifle escaping from the rear of the house. The patrol pursued him and beleive he joined approximately ten others near the stream vicinity of (AT 972681). The patrol did not see them, but heard much noise as the enemy broke into two groups and escaped into the hamlet at (AT 976686). The patrol apprehended a man and a boy who occupied the house at (AT 981688). This same boy was involved in the incident at the school house in CAM NE at (AT 973690) on 24 October when several boys and a girl attempted to lure a Marine fire team into an ambush. At 261845H the school house LP at the same location was taken under a heavy volume of enemy fire from three houses in the area. The enmey fired approximately 600 rounds, two-thirds of which was automatic fire. The LP reinforced by another fire team fired 200 small arms rounds, two frag grenades, one WP grenade and twelve M-79 rounds. One VC was killed. (Confirmed by body count). At 270600H an eight man patrol searched the area around the school house and found a large amount of blood. It is estimated four VC were killed in addition to the one confirmed. No Marines were injured. The patrol apprehended fifteen VCS, one of which was suffering from a head, shrapnel wound. Fourteen were taken to 3d ITT and the injured man was taken to the Da Nang Hospital. At 270900H the 1st Platoon commenced a search and destroy operation in QUANG CHAU (1), (BT 008695), and QUANG CHAU (2), (BT 007689). No enemy contact was made.

(4) Company "M". At 270720H the platoon (-) patrol Mike Papa 26 near (AT 970648) received small arms fire from the front & rear simultaneously. The VC had two automatic weapons. The Marines returned fire and the enemy broke contact. One Marine was wounded and medevac'd. At 270945H the same patrol received one round of fire at (AT 966648). The round killed one Marine. The patrol continued on its assigned patrol route and returned to the Company lines at 271300H. The patrol apprehended one VCS at 270730H near (AT 969649).

(5) The 3d Battalion conducted six squad size nightt patrols and three platoon (-) size day patrols. Ten fire team ambushes,, three listening posts and three scout-sniper teams were employed during the last twenty-four hours. No Division trained snipers were available.



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C. Summary

(1) Major unit actions. None.

(2) Small unit actions

(a) Night contacts 1

(b) Day contacts 7

(c) Total contacts 8

(d) Action without contact 45

(e) Box score of units that have made contact:

| PROVINCE/ COORDINATES | TIME/ DATE | TYPE OF ACTION | FRIENDLY UNIT/ LOSSES | ENEMY UNIT/ LOSSES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 080692) | 270930H | OPS. | CO "B"1/9/NONE | UNK/ 1 VCS |
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 054756) | 271000H | OPS. | CO "B"1/9/NONE | UNK/ 3 VCS |
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 065731) | 270915H | OPS. | CO "B"1/9/NONE | UNK/2 VCS |
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 981688) | 261700H | DEF. | CO "L"3/9/NONE | UNK/2 VCS, 1 KIA(CON) 4 KIA(PROB) |
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 970648) | 270720H | PATROL | CO "M"3/9/1WIA | UNK/UNK |
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 981689) | 270600H | PATROL | CO "L"3/9/NONE | UNK/15 VCS |
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 966648) | 270945H | PATROL | CO "M"3/9/1KIA | UNK/NONE |
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 000660) | 271455H | MINE | CO "K"3/9/3WIA | UNK/NONE |



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3. Plans Summary

A. Major unit plans. None.

B. Offensive Operations Plans

(1) 1st Battalion. Tonight, beginning at 272000H, the 1st Battalion will carry Operation "Hay Day" by establishin fourty three ambushes during the night. Tomorrow the battalion plans to continue its patrol activity and will conduct four squad size daytime patrols and employ three scout-sniper teams. At 280800H Company "B" will commence an on position relief of Company "A".

(2) 3d Battalion. Will conduct operation "Black Snake" commencing at 280700H. Company "I" (-) (rein) and Company "K" (-) (rein) will search and destroy approximately 1000m along both sides of SONG BAU XAU from (BT 010620) to (AT 990627). A platoon of Company "L" reinforced with Ontos, will establish a blocking force in the vicinity of (BT 020638). The operation is scheduled to be completed at 281600H. Thirty-five ambushes and three scout-sniper teams are planned during the next twenty-four hours from 280500H to 291600H the 59th Battalion RF, RVN, will conduct a search and destroy operation in the area encompassed by the SONG CAU DO to the north, the railroad (AT 990675) to the east, the SONG YEN to the west and grid line (T66) to the south. Company "M" will support the 59th Battalion by establishing a Company (-) blocking position along grid line (T665) from the SONG YEN east to the vicinity grid line (A980) and a two squad blocking position in the vicinity of (AT 977667). The 3d Battalion will also provide guides to the 59th Battalion. Each of the four RF Companies will spend the night of the 28th and 29th in the following four hamlets: CAM NE (1), (AT 984691); CAM NE (2), (AT 982687); YEN NE (2), (AT 982682); and YEN NE (4), (AT 976676).

4. Civil Actions

A. 1st Battalion. Five corpsmen gave MedCap assistance at (BT 092668) and (AT 948668) and handed out forty-seven bars of soap.

B. 3d Battalion

(1) At 261900H a Vietnamese civilian was brought into Company "M" CP (AT 963659) with a bullet wound in his foot. He was evacuated.



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(2) At 270910H a Vietnamese woman came to the school house at (AT 981688) with a bullet wound in her side. She was evacuated.

C. Medical Treatment

| TAOR | UNIT | NO. TREATED |
|---|---|---|
| Da Nang | 1/9 | 71 |
| Da Nang | 3/9 | 32 |

D. PSY-WAR. The I Corps, PsyWar Battalion, Audio Team was helo lifted to the Company "I" CP, (BT 019653) this morning to present their program to the people of BU MUNG (1), (BT 026657). Company "I" provided a corpsman and the necessary security. The Audio Team secured about 271600H.

5. Miscellaneous. None.

Late Entries

A. 1st Battalion. At 270930H the search elements of Company "B" apprehended one VCS at (BT 080692) when he attempted to run from the Marines. One pair of wire cutters were found on his person. The VCS was taken to ITT.

B. At 270400H Company "A" commenced a search and clear operation in the hamlet of HA QUANG (4), (BT 106647), and VIEM DONG (BT 095657). At 271150H an Amtrac in support of the operation ran over a land mine at (BT 098658), damaging the road wheel and blowing off the track. The Amtrac was repaired on the spot and driven away. Numerous trenches and fortifications were discovered and destroyed. Twenty-five man traps, fifty punji traps and one booby trapped grenade were found northwest of HA QUANG (BT 106664). All were destroyed. No booby traps, man holes, or punji traps were found in VIEM DONG. However, leaflets encouraging Negro Americans against war was found in the vicinity of VIEM DONG. Company "A" completed this operation at 271230H without enemy contact.

C. At 270915H search elements of Company "B" apprehended two VCS during the search of AN NUOC MIN (BT 065731). These men's names were TRAN SON and HUYN HAU. They were both on the village chief's black list, and were taken to ITT.



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D. This morning at 0700H Company "D" (-), reinforced with one platoon of tanks, one section of AT's, two LVT's and one squad of flames crossed an LOD between (BT 072654) and (BT 076647) and conducted an area search to the LOA between (BT 054641) and (BT 046647). During the operation Company "D" made contact with ten VC and reported that six were possible killed. Company "D" returned to their OP at 271430H. No friendly casualties were sustained. A more detailed report is to follow. Details of this action are not known at this time.

E. 3d Battalion. Corpsmen gave MedCap assistance at GIANG NAM (BT 024657), QUA GIANG (1), (BT 001667), at (AT 985660), at (AT 992667), AN TRACH (1), (AT 972662), and at the school house at CAM NE (6), (AT 973690).

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From: CO, Ninth Marines
To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 112 - 271800H to 281800H October 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights. During the attack on the Danang East Complex last night Companies "C" and "A" and Battery "D", 2/12, received fire which is believed was a diversion. After the attack, Company "B" apprehended two VCS, and the 3d platoon, Company "A", sank three boats. An ~~eight~~ eleven man ambush from Company "I" killed fifteen VC last night at (BT 030642). During the twenty-four hour period, eleven VCS were apprehended, fifteen VC were killed, [illegible]) and three boats were sunk. A large cache of equipment was recovered. One Marine was killed and twelve were wounded. The Regiment conducted four patrols, seventy-eight ambushes, three listening posts and six scout-sniper teams.

A. 1st Battalion. After the attack on the Danang East Complex this morning, Company "B" began searching north from Marble Mountain to grid line (T75) between the HAN River and the sea coast. Company "B" also sent the 3d platoon to search TAN AN Hamlet (BT 090690).

(1) Company "A" located at (BT 092668) received ten rounds of carbine fire from several directions from approximately four VC. The firing began at 280030H and ended at 280045H without losses on either side. This is believed to have been a diversion for the attack on the Danang East Complex. At 280445H the 3d platoon, Company "A", moved to (BT 097661) where it joined its patrol RWA Homer 27 Charlie, and then moved to blocking positions at (BT 094685) and occupied this position while the 3d platoon, Company "B", searched TAN AN (BT 0[illegible]687). Two tanks from Company "B" (-), 3d Tank Battalion, observed three boats off the coast and brought fire on them, sinking two. No other contact was made and the platoon returned to its CP at 280615H.

"A". At 280930H a tank from 1st platoon Company "B", 3d Tank Battalion, in support of Company "A" ran over and detonated a mine at (BT 069692). The mine was approximately twenty poinds of TNT and was activated by a pressure device. The tank entered the road from the south while engineers were still sweeping the same road further



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north. The escape hatch of the tank was blown open and a fuel cell may have been blown. Two suspension wheels were blown off. The engine was possibly wrecked. The tank was towed to Company "B", 3d Tank Battalion's, CP.

(2) Company "B". At 280115H the 3d platoon, Company "B", left the 1st Battalion CP with three tanks from Company "B", 3d Tank Battalion, and proceeded to (BT 088696) to set up an ambush in an attempt to block the VC. At 280350H the platoon patrolled to (BT 084703) apprehending four VCS. They then proceeded to TAN AN (BT 094687), then south to (BT 097680) where they fired on three boats sinking one. The platoon proceeded back to the 1st Battalion CP without further incident, and arrived at 280630H. At 280615H the 2d platoon of Company "B" commenced a search of the area between (BT 078713) and (BT 065748) and returned to the Battalion CP at 281000H without enemy contact. At the same time the 1st platoon, Company "B", searched the area between (BT 057715) and (BT 051748) without enemy contact.

(3) Company "C". A squad from Company "C", located at the french bunker at (BT 081697), received ten rounds from one carbine and one automatic weapon from the southwest from a distance of seventy-five meters. Fire was returned and the VC broke contact. This action begun at 280015H and ended at 280035H. There were no casualties. All action against the 1st Battalion, MCB-8, and MCB-9 were probably diversionary actions for the attack on the Marble Mountain Airfield. This morning at approximately 280730H one reinforced squad of Company "C" departed Landing Zone Ostrich (BT 065715) and moved by helicopter to a landing zone in the vicinity of (BT 057701) to attempt to locate and capture the assassination squad reported being in that area. Another squad of Company "C" occupied blocking positions between (BT 057698) and (BT 060697).

(4) Company "D" occupied and patrolled their assigned areas without enemy contact. The 1st platoon moved its position to (BT 047659) and the 2d platoon moved to (BT 047668).

(5) Last night the 1st Battalion conducted operation "Hay Day" by establishing forty-three squad size ambushes throughout the night. The Battalion dispatched four squad size patrols and employed three scout-sniper teams during the last twenty-four hours. Two dog teams were returned to the kennels yesterday. Of the two remaining teams, one was



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employed by Company "A" and one by Company "D" on local patrols. At 280245H a vehicle from the 1st Battalion enroute to MMAF carrying personnel to assist in interrogating captured VCC struck a mine at (BT 067725) resulting in four WIA's from the 1st Battalion. After this incident the road was cleared by an engineer detecting and clearing team, and a mine consisting of fifteen pounds of TNT and an electrical detonation was discovered and blown in place at (BT 063737). These mines were emplaced some time after 272400H. The infantry along with the engineer observed two VC at a distance of about four hundred meters and opened fire, hitting one. The area was not physically checked. The 81mm mortar platoon fired normal H&I fires between 272000H and 280030H at which time fire was intensified. HE was fired in grid squares (BT 0570), (BT 0470), (BT 0471), (BT 0571), (BT 0371) and (BT 0473). Illumination was fired in grid squares (BT 0570), (BT 0571), (BT 0572), (BT 0672), (BT 0671), (BT 0670), (BT 0669), (BT 0770), (BT 0771), (BT 0772), (BT 0871), (BT 0870) and (BT 0767). Sixty-three rounds of illumination and two hundred thirty-eight rounds of HE were expended. All fire missions ceased at 200615H. At 280005H Battery "D" (BT 063680) received twelve rounds of semi-automatic rifle fire from an estimated four VC. The fire was at a distance of two hundred fifty meters from the south and east. Fire was returned and the VC broke contact at 280020H. There were no losses.

B. 3d Battalion

(1) Company "I". At 272005H the squad ambush India A2 ambushed what is believed to have been the advance party of a VC company moving west to east at (BT 030642). After the initial Marine fire a search was conducted and the search teams received semi-automatic and automatic fire from an estimated forty VC at (BT 027643). The ambush returned fire and withdrew under the covering fire of 81mm mortars and artillery which was called for and adjusted by the squad leaders. He walked the mortars in on the enemy positions and eighty-five percent of the sixty, 81mm mortar rounds and sixty,105mm HE rounds were on the target. It was confirmed by body count that fifteen of the advance party were killed. It is not known how many casualties the VC suffered from the fire fight and mortars and artillery missions. The fire discipline of the VC was excellant and they did not run as soon as the ambush was sprung. Two Marines were wounded in the fire fight and were medevac'd. At 280645H Company "I" (-) reached the ambush ~~sight~~ site to conduct a thorough search. Two



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bodies were found dressed in black. One carbine magazine was found near the bodies at (BT 030642). Large amounts od Chinese brass was found in the area. A Vietnemese child who lives in the area had been bandaged professionally, presumably by the VC. At 280700H two VCS were apprehended at (BT 030642) and were taken to 3d ITT. A search of AN TU (1), (BT 025640) was conducted and no enemy contact was made. The villagers acted very afraid of the Marines and refused aid. Company "I" (-) returned to the Company CP at 281028H.

(2) Company "K". At 271920H the squad ambush Kilo 2 fired at two VC near (AT 992669). Both were seen falling and were probably wounded. A brief search was conducted of the area and the patrol withdrew. Att first light this morning a search of the area was conducted. A ½ pound block of old TNT was found along with a metal cup with a bullet hole in it. At 272230H the squad ambush Kilo 3 observed three VC at (AT 982656) approximately 150 meters away. The squad moved within fifty meters of the VC and received twenty rounds of small arms fire. Six rounds were returned and one VC looked like he was wounded as they escaped into LE SON (1), (AT 980659). The 3d platoon that was dispatched at first light to search the ambush site at (AT 992669) received fire from three VC with automatic weapons at 280745H from (BT 000648). One Marine was killed and three were wounded. At 280920H the 2d platoon was moved into the vicinity of (BT 002648) in an attempt to regain contact with the VC. At 281025H a booby trap was detonated at (AT 993652) and two Marines were wounded and med-evac'd. A mine field was located at (AT 993647). The mine field was marked by Vietnamese writing as "booby trap". The extent of the mine field and the type of mines is not known at this time.

(3) Company "L". At 271715H the platoon (-) patrol Lima Papa 27 received three rounds of small arms fire from (AT 977688). One VCS was apprehended when he was found hiding in the rafters of a house near (AT 977688). Another VCS was apprehended when a disassembled M-26 grenade was found on his porch. At 271950H the squad at the CAM NE school house at (AT 982688) received approximately sixteen rounds of automatic and semi-automatic fire from the vicinity of (AT 982688). The Marine squad fired twelve small arms rounds and the VC withdrew. The squad at the school house (AT 982679) was permenantly withdrawn today when elements of the 59th RF Battalion moved into CAM NE (AT 980680).



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(4) Company "M". At 290630H Company "M" (-) occupied blocking positions along grid line (T665) from the SONG YEN to grid line (A 980) and two squads blocked in the vicinity of (AT 977667). The positions were manned in conjunction with the 59th RF Battalion pacification operation in the area. The two squads were secured at 281400H. Company "M" will continue to occupy their positions until 291600H. At 280730H one VCS was apprehended at (AT 977666). The VCS was wearing a kakhi uniform under his civilian clothing.

(5) 3d Battalion. Operation "Black Snake" was postponed until 30 October. The 3d Battalion established thirty-two fire team reinforced and three squad (-) reinforced ambushes, three listening posts, and three scout-sniper teams during the past twenty-four hours.

C. Summary

(1) Major unit actions. None.

(2) Small unit actions:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (a) | Night contacts | 8 |
| (b) | Day contacts | 5 |
| (c) | Total contacts | 13 |
| (d) | Action without contact | 91 |

(e) Box score of units that have made contact:

| PROVINCE/ COORDINATES | TIME/ DATE | TYPE OF ACTION | FRIENDLY UNIT/ LOSSES | ENEMY UNIT/ LOSSES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 977688) | 271715 H | PATROL | CO "E" 3/9/NONE | UNK/2 VCS |
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 992669) | 271920H | PATROL | CO "K" 3/9/NONE | UNK/UNK |
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 030642) | 272005 H | PATROL | CO "I" 3/9/2WIA | UNK/15 KIA |
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 982656) | 272230H | PATROL | CO "K" 3/9/NONE | UNK/UNK |



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| QUANG NAM/ (BT 063737) | 280330H | MINE CLEARING OPER. | CO "B" 1/9/NONE | UNK/1 WIA (PROB) |
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 084703) | 280350H | Patrol | CO "B" 1/9/NONE | UNK/4 VCS |
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 097680) | 280500H | SEARCH & CLEAR OPER. | CO "B" 1/9/NONE | UNK/1 BOAT SUNK |
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 098687) | 280530H | SEARCH & CLEAR OPER. | CO "B" 1/9/NONE<br>CO "A" 1/9 NONE<br>CO "B" (-) 3d TK BN | UNK/2 BOATS SUNK |
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 030642) | 280700H | PATROL | CO "I" 3/9/NONE | UNK/2 VCS |
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 977666) | 280730H | BLOCKING POSITION | CO "M" 3/9/NONE | UNK/1 VCS |
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 993652) | 280745H | PATROL | CO "K" 3/9/1 KIA 3 WIA | UNK/none |
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 993652) | 281025H | PATROL | CO "K" 3/9/3 WIA | UNK/NONE |
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 054742) | 281415H | SEARCH & DESTROY | CO "B" 1/9/NONE | UNK/2VCS* |

*The following equipment and documents were recovered: a number of Navy and USMC messages, medicine, 782 gear, batteries for the AN/PRC-6, ten radios, a twenty round magazine of 9mm ammunition and several boxes of technical papers.

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| QUANG NAM/ (BT 067725) | 280245H | MINE | H&S CO 1/9/4WIA | UNK/NONE |



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3. Plans Summary

A. Major Unit Plans. The 9th Marines will conduct Operation Hay Day tonight to attempt to intercept any VC forces which might be moving from the Marble Mountain area to the south or to the east.

B. Offensive Operation Plans

(1) 1st Battalion. During the next twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion plans to dispatch five squad size patrols. In compliance with operation "Hay Day" the 1st Battalion plans to establish forty squad size ambushes during the night. Two scout-sniper teams will be employed. At 281800H one reinforced platoon and two Antracs will depart the vicinity (BT 071712) and move north along the beach to (BT 078819). The infantry will move to this point by foot. They will then board the LVT's and move to (BT 118812) and return to grid square (BT 0681) and search the entire area. The patrol will then return to (BT 060767) where they will establish an ambush. The Antracs will continue down the beach and return to pick the platoon up in approximately one hour. The patrol will then return to the 1st Battalion CP.

(2) 3d Battalion. Company "M" will continue to occupy blocking position along grid line (T665) in support of the 59th RF Battalion. The 3d Battalion will support the ARVN forces on Operation "Black Cat Beer". Two daylight patrols, and twenty-one ambushes, are planned during the next twenty-four hour period. Company "L" will commence a relief of Company "M" at 290900H with one squad per platoon from each company replacing their counterparts. The relief will be completed by 20 October 1965.

4. Civil Actions

A. 1st Battalion. MedCap assistance was given at (BT 092668), (BT 048688) and (BT 054746). One hundred eleven bars of soap were given out and sixty-four pounds of food was distributedttto four hundred seventy-five persons.

B. MedCap assistance was given at (BT 024667), (AT 988663), (AT 975685), (AT 972662) and (AT 989678). Thirty bars of soap were given put and forty pounds of food were distributed.



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C. Medical Treatment

| TAOR | UNIT | NR. TREATED |
|---|---|---|
| Da Nang | 1/9 | 424 |
| Da Nang | 3/9 | 97 |

D. PSY-WAR. None.

5. Miscellaneous. None.

Late Entries

A. At 281415H the 1st platoon of Company "B" completed the search of the hamlet in the vicinity of (BT 054742). The platoon found a number of Navy and USMC messages, Medicine, 782 gear, batteries for the AN/PRC-6 and ten radios. They also found one full twenty-round clip of 9mm ammunition, four rounds of 57mm ammunition, and several ration boxes full of technical papers. The platoon also apprehended one male VCS and one female VCS. VCS and other material were picked up by the Battalion S-2 Officer. The VCS were later turned over to ITT. The platoon patrolled south along the river to the Battalion CP.

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From: CO, Ninth Marines
To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 113 - 281800H to 291800H to October

1. Ninth Marines Highlights. From 280600H until 291000H October 1965, one platoon from Company "K" and one platoon from Company "M" supported the 59th RF Battalion pacification operation in the HOA THAI Village. The operation resulted in one VC KIA, two VCS females captured and two VCS apprehended. In three contacts during this period the 9th Marines apprehended three VCS. There were no Marine casualties. Operation "Hay Day" was conducted last night. Seventy-three ambushes were established. Eleven patrols, seven listening posts and two scout-sniper teams were conducted during this period.

2. Operations

A. 1st Battalion

(1) Company "A" continues to occupy and defend their assigned positions without enemy contact.

(2) Company "B". Between 281800H and 290015H, the 2d Platoon (Rein), Company "B", supported by two Amtracs, from Company "B" (-), 1st Amtrac Battalion, patrolled the beach between (BT 080717) and (BT 078819) by foot, and patrolled the coast between (BT 078819) and (BT 118812). An ambush was established at (BT 060767) between 282230H and 282330H. No enemy contact was made. At 282340H an ambush established by elements of Company "B", in position at (BT 080708) fired at a man heading south from their position. The rounds missed the man and he continued to move south. This ambush had no further contact.

(3) Company "C". At 282400H elements of the 3d Platoon, Company "C" occupying positions at the French bunker (BT 083697) received thirty rounds of thirty caliber and carbine fire from three hundred meters north-northeast of their position. The enemy fire originated from the vicinity of (BT 084700). No friendly casualties were sustained.

(4) Company "D" continues to occupy and patrol its assigned portion of the 1st Battalion's TAOR with out making contact with the VC.



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(5) During the last twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion dispatched one platoon reinforced patrol and eight squad-size patrols, established forty squad-size ambushes and three listenin posts, and employed two scout-sniper teams. The two dog teams attached to the Battalion were employed on local patrols but no contact was made with the enemy. Both dog teams will be returned to the kennels by 291500H.

B. 3d Battalion

(1) Company "I". At 290545H Company "I" (-) manned blocking positions in support of operation "Black Cat Beer". Two squads blocked from (BT 030664) to (BT 028652). A platoon patrolled between coordinates (BT 044647) to (BT 051628), blocking that position. At 291630H, these positions were secured.

(2) Company "K". At 291030H one eighty year old female VCS was apprehended at (AT 991659). She was carrying blue print drawings of East Camp Decontamination Area Assignments including M&BS-11 and H&MS-11. She was taken to 3d ITT.

(3) Company "L" commenced the relief of Company "M" this morning by sending one squad per platoon to the Company "M" positions in exchange for one squad per platoon from Company "M".

(4) Company "M". At 290505H a woman walked into an ambush at (AT 966664). When challenged she attempted to flee and was shot once in the knee. It was not known she was a woman. She was evacuated to the BAS as a VCS. Company "M" commenced the relief of Company "L" this morning by sending one squad per platoon to the Company "L" positions and received an equal number of squads from Company "L". Company "M" continued to man blocking positions along grid line (T665) from the YEN River, to grid line (A980) until 291630H in support of Operation Black Cat Beer.

(5) The 3d Battalion conducted two platoon (-) daylight patrols. Thirty-three ambushes and four listening posts were established last night.



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C. Summary

(1) Major Unit Actions. None.

(2) Small Unit Actions:

(a) Night contacts 0

(b) Day contacts 3

(c) Total contacts 3

(d) Action without contact 95

(e) Box score of units that have made contact:

| PROVINCE/ COORDINATES | TIME/ DATE | TYPE OF ACTION | FRIENDLY UNIT/ LOSSES | ENEMY UNIT/ LOSSES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 991659) | 291030H | PATROL | CO "K" 3/9/NONE | UNK/1 VCS |
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 966664) | 290505H | PATROL | CO "M" 3/9/NONE | UNK/1 VCS |
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 000675) | 291345H | PATROL | CO "K" 3/9/NONE | UNK/1 VCS |

3. Plans Summary

A. Major Unit Plans. None.

B. Offensive Operation Plans

(1) 1st Battalion. During the next twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion plans to dispatch eleven squad-size patrols, establish six squad-size ambushes, one listening posts, and employ two scout-sniper teams.

(2) 3d Battalion. Company "M" and Company "L" will complete their relief of each other tomorrow. Company "K" will conduct a platoon (-) search and destroy in the vicinity of (AT 993647). Thirteen patrols, fourteen ambushes, two listening posts and three scout-sniper teams are planned during the next twenty-four hours.



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4. Civic Action

A. 1st Battalion. Five corpsmen gave medical assistance at (BT 092668) and (BT 048668) and distributed twenty-two bars of soap.

B. 3d Battalion. Corpsmen gave medical assistance at (BT 031645), (AT 992667), (AT 972662) and (AT 989678).

C. Medical Treatment

| TAOR | UNIT | NO. TREATED |
|---|---|---|
| Da Nang | 1/9 | 22 |
| Da Nang | 3/9 | 58 |

D. Psy-War. None

5. Miscellaneous. None

Late Entries

A. At 291345H one female VCS was apprehended by a Company "K" recon patrol. The VCS was burying some VC documents at (BT 00067 She will be taken to 3d ITT.

B. At 291000H the hamlet chief of AP MUOC NAN (BT 059731) reported that there was an AT mine located at (BT 061727). Engineers in support of the 1st Battalion located and removed the mine. It consisted of fifteen pounds of TNT with a home made pressure, electrical detonating device. The engineers took the mine to the 3d Engineers Battalion's CP to be used for instructional purposes.

C. At 291625H, the 1st Platoon, Company I received small arms fire from 15 VC armed with auto-matic and semi-automatic rifles. The platoon returned the fire with small arms, eight 60mm mortar rounds and three 40mm grenades. After three minutes the VC broke contact. There were no casualties.

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

9th Marines SITREP Number 114 as of 301000Z October 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights

A. Box Score

(1) Activities

| | S&C Opns | Patrols | Ambushes | List Post | Scout-Sniper | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fire Team | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 11 |
| Squad | 0 | 20 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 35 |
| Platoon | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Company | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Total | 4 | 22 | 17 | 4 | 5 | 52 |

(2) Contacts

| PROVINCE/ COORDINATES | TIME | TYPE | FRIENDLY LOSSES | ENEMY LOSSES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 030645) | 291810H | Patrol | CO "K" 3/9/NONE | UNK/5VCS |
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 955638) | 301402H | S&C | CO "K" 3/9/NONE | UNK/2WIA |
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 060732) | 292400H | S&C | CO "B" 1/9/NONE | UNK/NINE HUNDRED POUNDS OF RICE |
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 054644) | 300910H | SNIPER FIRE IN POSITION | CO "D" 1/9/ ONE WIA | UNK/~~NONE~~ 1 VC KIA |



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B. Operational Highlights

(1) This morning the 3d platoon, Company "B" conducted a S&C operation around the MCB-8 camp and recovered nine hundred pounds of rice.

(2) Company "K" supported a S&C operation of Company "H", 2/3, by moving south along the east bank of the YEN River toward a blocking position at (AT 957626).

(3) Company "M" (-) and one platoon of Company "L" blocked south of CAM NE at (AT 973680) for the 59th RF Battalion which conducted a search and destroy operation in CAM NE (AT 9806901.

(4) Company "A" was chopped to 3d Battalion at 701445H and one platoon blocked at (AT 975662) while the Company (-) became the Battalion reserve.



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2. Operations.

A. 1st Battalion. The 3d Platoon (-), Company "B", conducted an S&C operation around the perimeter of the MCB-9 camp and found VC cache of rice of 900 pounds. Company "B" relieved company "A" on position, and Company "A" was chopped to 3d Battalion at 301445H.

(1) Company "A". This morning at 300800H an on position relief of Company "A" by Company "B" commenced. Company "A" moved to the Battalion CP site at (BT 068713). At 301400H Company "A" departed the 1st Battalion CP (BT 067713) and moved by trucks to (AT 995681) arriving at 301445H and was chopped to 3d Battalion, 9th Marines, to take part in the S&C operation in the vicinity of (AT 970670).

(2) Company "B". At 292245H MCB-8 (BT 065719) reported that there were approximately twenty Vietnamese males moving west through the hospital site perimeter at (BT 052726). MCB-8 reported sighting two men in a boat at (BT 060725) under 81mm illumination fired by the 1st Battalion. No action was taken against the boat. At 292255H the 3d platoon (-), Company "B", reinforced with two tanks from 1st platoon, Company "B", 3d Tank Battalion, was sent to MCB-9's area at (BT 059735). The 1st Battalion's perimeter was put on one hundred percent alert at 292355H. At 292325H the 3d platoon, Company "B", arrived at MCB-9's area and began a search of the area where the VC had been spotted. At 292355H the search elements received six rounds of S/A fire from a temple at (BT 060732), northwest of the hospital site. Fire was returned with two 90mm rounds. The patrol investigated the temple and the vicinity there of and found the temple to be badly damaged. Approximately nine hundred pounds of rice was found in the temple. About two hundred pounds were in bags, and a large amount was in large wooden barrels which the Marines were unable to move. The rice in the bags was taken to the 1st Battalion's CP to be turned over to the HOA HAI Village Chief. The rice in the barrels was left to be picked up by MCB-9 on 30 October and turned over to the village chief. No evidence of any VC casualties was found. At 300035H the 3d platoon moved south along the river and returned to the 1st Battalion CP with no further enemy contact. At 292300H MAG-16 launched a flare plane which the 1st Battalion assumed control of as soon as it was air borne. The plane stayed on station until 300045H. Before the plane was launched the 1st Battalion fired ninety rounds of 81mm mortar illumination. MAG-16 also scrambled two



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HU-1E's which were ineffective because of low visibility due to rain. After the patrol returned to the 1st Battalion's CP, MCB-9 received one round of sniper fire from the vicinity of the temple (BT 060732). No action was taken. At 300800H elements of Company "B" moved by AMTRACS to Company "A"'s front line positions commencing an on position relief. The relief was completed at 301300H.

(3) Company "C". Continued to occupy its assigned positions without making contact with the enemy.

(4) Company "D". At 300910H Company "D" received one round of sniper fire at (BT 054644). One Marine was wounded in the leg. The wounded Marine was evacuated by helicopter.

(5) Detachment, 3d Engineer Battalion. At 291653H MCB-8 reported that an explosion occured north of their perimeter at (BT 059726). During a search of the area by a Detection and Clearing Team a three-foot wide crater was found in the same vicinity of the explosion. A hinged board was found on the ground near the crater. The area was cleared and the team returned to the 1st Battalion CP.

B. 3d Battalion

(1) Company "I". At 291810H small arms fire was received from (BT 030645). Fire was returned and the VC broke contact. The area was searched and five VCS were apprehended and taken to 3d ITT. A platoon is on alert for possible deployment with Company "K".

(2) Company "K". At 291940H small arms fire was received from four carbines at (AT 993666), The fire was returned and the VC fled to the northwest. At 301030H Company "K" (-) departed their positions to move to the vicinity of (AT 954620). At 301258H a 200 foot tunnel network with numerous punji stakes was found near (AT 958653). The Company (-) force will be the blocking force for the 3d Marines S&C operation west of the YEN River. At 301402H Company "K" (-) encountered an estimated eight VC with semi-automatic and automatic weapons near (AT 955638). Two VC were killed in the encounter.



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(3) Company "L". The 3d platoon commenced a S&C operation at 301155H in the vicinity of YEN NE (2), and YEN NE (3), (AT 985683). After clearing YEN NE (2) and YEN NE (3), at 301300H the 3d platoon moved to (AT 979677) to block for the 59th RF Battalion search and destroy operation in CAM NE (AT 980680).

(4) Company "M". At 300840H the 2d platoon established a blocking position at (AT 958680) and at 300920H the 3d platoon joined the 2d platoon. The block was established in support of an operation conducted on the west side of the SONG YEN. AT 301215H the two platoons were released and established a position along grid line (T68) from the SONG YEN to (AT 974680)

(5) Company "A". At 301445H: Company "A", 1st Battalion, came under operational control of the 3d Battalion to conduct a S&C operation in the vicinity of (AT 970670).

3. Plans Summary

A. 1st Battalion. During the next twenty-four hours, the 1st Battalion plans to dispatch fourteen squad size patrols establish seven squad size ambushes, and one listening post and employ one scout-sniper team. Company "A" is under the OPCON of the 3d Battalion Ninth Marines and will remain under their OPCON until further notice.

B. 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion will continue normal patrolling in its TAOR. Company "A", 1st Battalion, will be employed as the Battalion reserve.

C. Box Score Summary of Operation Plans

| | S&C Opns | Patrols | Ambushes | List Posts | Scout-Sniper | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fire Team | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 11 |
| Squad | 0 | 23 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 39 |
| Platoon | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Company | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Total | 1 | 26 | 19 | 4 | 4 | 54 |



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4. Miscellaneous. None.

5. Civil Affairs

A. 1st Battalion. Five corpsmen gave medical assistance at (BT 092668) and (BT 048668) and gave forty-four bars of soap to forty-four persons. Chief Trinh of the HOA HAI Village was brought to the Battalion CP from the Danang Hospital and will live there with his family until a safe residence is found.

B. 3d Battalion. Medical assistance was given at (AT 992667), (AT 999661), (AT 972662) and (AT 989678).

C. Medical Treatment

| TAOR | UNIT | NR. TREATED |
|---|---|---|
| Da Nang | 1/9 | 44 |
| Da Nang | 3/9 | 108 |
| Total | | 152 |

Late Entries

A. At 301540H Company "M" (-) began the S&C operation of the LA BONG-AN TRACH area (AT 970670), and moved south toward grid line (T662). A platoon of Company "A" and the remainder of Company "M" blocked along the same grid line. Two platoons of Company "A" are the 3d Battalion reserve and are located at (AT 992678).

B. Company "K" (-) had not reached Hill 55 as of 301600H and has not made contact with Company "H", 2d Battalion, 3d Marines.

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31 Oct 1965

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

9th Marines SITREP Number 115 as of 311000H October 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights

A. Box Score

(1) Activities

| | S&C Opns | Patrols | Ambushes | List Posts | Scout-Sniper | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fire Team | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 8 |
| Squad | 0 | 24 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 41 |
| Platoon | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Company | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Total | 3 | 25 | 19 | 3 | 3 | 53 |

(2) Contacts

| PROVINCE/ COORDINATES | TIME | TYPE | FRIENDLY LOSSES | ENEMY LOSSES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 072703) | 310900H | PATROL | CO "C"1/9/ NONE | UNK/1 VCS |
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 049739) | 311035H | PATROL | CO "C"1/9/ NONE | UNK/1 VCS |
| QUANG NAM/ (BT 048658) | 311400H | PATROL | CO "D"1/9/ 1 WIA | UNK/NONE |
| QUANG NAM/ (AT 978641) | 301800H | S&C | CO "K"3/9/ 1 WIA | UNK/1 KIA |



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D. Operational Highlights

(1) Company "K" (-) (Rein) completed its S&C Operation in the vicinity of (AT 954620) yesterday at 301930H. During that part of the operation which was conducted during this reporting period, one VC was killed (confirmed) and the Company Commander estimated supporting arms inflicted heavy casualties on an enemy force of approximately twenty-five VC.



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2. Operations

A. 1st Battalion

(1) Company "A" remains under the OPCON of the 3d battalion, 9th Marines. Company "A" will participate in operation "Black Snake, and is expected to be released from the OPCON of the 3d Battalion on the morning of 2 November.

(2) Company "B" occupies front line positions in the 1st Battalion's TAOR with the 1st and 2d Platoons at (BT 091035) with the Company CP, while the 3d platoon occupies positions at (BT 073077). Company "B" continues to occupy and patrol its assigned areas without enemy contact.

(3) Company "C". At 310900H the 1st Platoon of Company "C" apprehended a Vietnamese woman at (BT 072703) because she had a fake ID card in her possession. The police chief of HOA LONG advised the 1st Battalion S-2 officer to send the woman to HOA VANG District Headquarters. The woman was turned over to HOA VANG District Headquarters for further action. A patrol dispatched by the 2d Platoon, Company "C", designated Redwood Charlie 30 Charlie was checking ID cards at 311035H in the vicinity of (BT 049739) when a Vietnamese male whom they were checking became very uncooperative and hostile. The man was apprehended and turned over to HOA VANG District Headquarters as a VCS.

(4) Company "D". At 30 1845H the 3d Platoon, Company "D" received ten rounds of sniper fire in their CP at (BT 062560) from south east, south west and west of their CP from a distance of approximately one hundred fifty meters. The platoon returned fire with fifty rounds of small arms and two 40mm rounds. The fire ceased immediately. No friendly casualties were sustained. At 311400H a patrol designated Redwood Delta 31 Echo received fifteen rounds of small arms fire at (BT 048658) while returning to the Platoon Patrol Base. The rounds came from an unknown direction. One Marine was wounded in the upper arm. The patrol moved to the Platoon Patrol Base, which was only two hundred meters away, and called a medical evacuation for the wounded Marine. A patrol was sent out to search the area around the Platoon Patrol Base but made no contact with the VC.

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(5) Last night between the hours of 302100H and 310200H Battery "D", 2d Battalion, 12th Marines, fired sixty rounds of H&I fire within the 1st Battalion's TAOR. 81mm mortars implaced at the 1st Battalion CP (BT 067713) fired ten rounds of H&I's between 302000H and 310930H. A Mine Detection and Clearing Team from Company "C", 3d Engineer Battalion, in support of the 1st Battalion, swept the area from (BT 072707) to (BT 086697) to (BT 087698) but found no mines or booby traps. Between thr hours of 310740 to 310935H another engineer team swept the area between (BT 070716) and (BT 048765) but found nothing. A Mine Detection and Clearing Team in support of Company "D" cleared all trails to Company "D"'s Patrol Bases between 311000H and 311200H. At 311110H the team discovered and destroyed a booby trap at (BT 062650). No other booby traps or mines were found.

B. 3d Battalion

(1) Company "I". At 311040H eight rounds of small arms fire was received from (BT 008648) from an estimated six VC. The fire was received by India Papa 30C at (BT 011650). The patrol returned fire and returned to Company lines. At 311201H Company "I" (-) left the company lines to conduct an S & C operation in GS (BT 0362) in responce to an intelligence report of increased enemy activity in the area. The Company (-) completed the operation at 311530H with no enemy contact. As of 311400H no Marine forces are required at the MIEU DONG Check Point (BT 026685). Beginning at 311800H a squad will man a river block at (BT 032663) on a twenty-four hour basis.

(2) Company "K". At 301800H the 2d Platoon which was participating in the Company "K" (-) (rein) S&C Operation being conducted in the vicinity of (AT 954620), received twenty rounds of small arms fire at (AT 978641) from ammunknown number of VC firing automatic carbines. One Marine was wounded. The platoon returned one hundred small arms rounds and five 3.5" rockets killing one VC who was fleeing. At the same time the 3d Platoon, was withdrawing toward the 2d Platoon, Company "A", 1st Battalion, which was at (AT 985642) as a blocking force. At 301830H the 2d Platoon, Company "A", came under heavy small arms fire from (AT 989638), (AT 986637) and (AT 9836[illegible] The VC had ten automatic carbines and numerous other small arms weapons. The force was estimated at twenty-five VC. Twenty-six 90mm rounds, eight 81 mm mortar rounds and numerous small arms rounds were returned. The supporting arms fire fell on the VC positions and the Company Commander indicated the VC must have suffered heavy casualties. Company "K"(-) received approximately fifty rounds of small arms fire from (AT 992651). at 301900H. The company deployed at (AT 987647) and fired two 90mm rounds and four 106mm rounds and numerous small arms rounds at the enemy who broke contact. The Company returned at 301930H to their Company positions.



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(3) Company "L". The Company "L" relieved Company "M" on position at 311245H.

(4) Company "M". Company "M" assumed the mission of Company "L" at 311400H after being relieved on position.

(5) Company "A". The 1st platoon spent the night in the Battalion CP at (AT 991679) as the 3d Battalion reserve. The 2d platoon occupied positions in Company "K"'s lines at (AT 992662) and the 3d platoon established themselves at (AT 985683). The 2d platoon conducted a S&C operation in LE SON (2), (AT 976648), LE SON (3), (AT 969642) and ANTRACH (2), (AT 968656). The platoon left at 311050H. At 311215H two of small arms fire were received from an unknown source. The platoons position was (AT 969642). No further incidents occured and the platoon returned to the Battalion CP at 311345H without having made contact.

3. Plans Summary

A. 1st Battalion. During the next twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion plans to dispatch twelve squad size patrols, establish four squad size ambushes and one listening posts and employ two scout-sniper teams.

B. 3d Battalion. Tomorrow operation Black Snake will commence at 010700H. Company "I", Company "K" and Company "A", 1st Battalion, will conduct a S&C operation moving generally in a southwesterly direction from Highway 1 to north-south grid line (A980). The northern boundary will be grid line (T660) and the southern boundary will be grid line (T618).

C. Box Score Summary of Operation Plans

| | S&C Opns | Patrols | Ambushes | List Posts | Scout-Sniper | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fire Team | 0 | 0 | 2 | 24 | 12 | 38 |
| Squad | 0 | 23 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 36 |
| Platoon | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Company | B | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | B |
| Total | B | 23 | 16 | 24 | 12 | 78 |

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Medical Affairs

A. 1st Battalion. Five corpsmen gave medical treatment at (BT 092668) and (BT 048668) and distributed twenty-two bars of soap.

B. 3d Battalion. Medical treatment was given at (BT 024667), (AT 989678).

C. Medical Treatment

| TAOR | UNIT | NR. TREATED |
|---|---|---|
| Danang | 1/9 | 22 |
| Danang | 3/9 | 57 |

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