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3d BATTALION *3d* MARINES

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Encl: (1) 3d Battalion, 3d Marines Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines

H&S Company	LtCol R C SCHULZE 1-31 Jul
	Capt B J WILLIAMSON 1-22 Jul
	1stLt R C HOFFMAN 23-31 Jul
I Company	Capt J O TROTT 1-2 Jul
	1stLt T L ENGLE 3-31 Jul
K Company	Capt P B GOODWIN 1-31 Jul
L Company	Capt C C KRULAK 1-25 Jul
	1stLt J A BURNS 26-31 Jul
M Company	Capt M B RILEY 1-31 Jul
2. LOCATION.

01-20 Jul - XD129589, Cam Lo Map Sheet #6342 I, Series L7014	
21-26 Jul - YD115704, Cam Lo Map Sheet #6342 I, Series L7014	
27-31 Jul - XD129589, Cam Lo Map Sheet #6342 I, Series L7014	
3. STAFF OFFICERS.

Executive Officer	Maj K J SKIPPER 1-31 Jul
S-3	Maj R E DEFOREST 1-31 Jul
S-3A/2	1stLt H A DETERING 1-31 Jul
S-4	1stLt R E ORDWAY 1-2 Jul
	Capt J O TROTT 3-31 Jul
Adjutant	2dLt R L WINDHAM 1-31 Jul
Supply Officer	1stLt J B OLSON 1-29 Jul
	1stLt D P DUFFY 30-31 Jul
Personnel Officer	2dLt D G DENNISON 8-31 Jul
Communications Officer	2dLt D H SHARPE 1-31 Jul
Motor Transport Officer	2dLt L J POLSTRA 1-26 Jul
	1stLt D L MOORE Jr 27-31 Jul
Artillery Liaison Officer	2dLt J L FROST 1-31 Jul
Forward Air Control Officer	1stLt H A DETERING 1-31 Jul
Air Liaison Officer	Capt H A LOCKE 1-31 Jul
Chaplain	LtCmdr J DOLAGHAN 1-31 Jul
Battalion Surgeon	Lt M H GOODIER III 1-31 Jul
Battalion Sargeant Major	SgtMaj F E DES JARDINS 1-31 Jul
4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH.

USMC		USN	
Officer	Enlisted	Officer	Enlisted
33	1126	2	55

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. GENERAL OVERALL VIEW OF ALL ACTIVITIES. During the month of July the Battalion operated from the Cam Lo District Headquarters and stable positions to the north. Eight company search and clear operations lasting from 4-14 days were conducted. The Battalion continued to emphasize night movement, logistic self-sufficiency, minimum dependence on helicopter support, and prolonged small unit patrols and ambushes. Development and improvement of the fixed positions as well as mine sweeps of Route #9 and Route #561 continued to demand a large part of the Battalion's effort.

Enemy contact was generally of small scale and brief in duration. During the period of 24-28 July, there was heavy fighting in the western part of the AO involving Co I and later Co K and Co A, 3d Tanks. There was a concentrated attack by a NVA reinforced company from the west and the southwest. The attack was concentrated on the tanks. Despite heavy use of RPG's, the tanks remained operational.

There was emphasis on close air support, TPQ's, and Beacon strikes throughout the month. Ambushes during this reporting period were very successful. Five ambushes were executed, killing 23 NVA and capturing 2 POW's.

On the 14th of July, the NVA rocket attacks on Con Thien and C-2 increased. Mortar attacks were minimal throughout the reporting period.

Operation Virginia Ridge terminated on the 16th of July and Operation Idaho Canyon began.

The Battalion S-5 worked throughout the month with the local civilian with Med Caps and Dental Caps in conjunction with RVN authorities. Scholarships for 31 Vietnamese children, whose fathers were killed in the defense of Vietnam, were requested for the school year 69-70.

2. COMMAND RELATIONS.

- a. 01-31 July - ADCON 3d Marine Division
- 01-31 July - OPCON 3d Marines

b. Subordinate Units:

- 01-26 July - OPCON 3d Plt, Co D, 3d Recon Bn
- 25-29 July - OPCON Co H, 2d Bn, 3d Marines

3. MISSIONS ASSIGNED.

a. Regimental Frag Order 79-69

(1) Continue security for A-4, C-2, C-3 Bridge, CLDH, and LOC's located in AO.

(2) Conduct long duration patrols in grid squares 1063 and 1064 to reconnoiter for and destroy enemy encountered.

(3) Conduct liaison with CIDG in Mai Loc regarding upcoming operation ASAP. Submit concept on operation prior to its commencement.

b. Regimental Frag Order 80-69

(1) Continue assigned missions in AO.

(2) Submit to this headquarters by 021800H July, plan for relief/reinforcement of A-4, C-2, utilizing a tank-infantry overland move (not

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along Rt #561) of the helilift of one (1) company of 2d Battalion from a predetermined assembly area.

(3) Submit to this headquarters, deception plan for A-4 in accordance with previous instructions.

(4) Exploit suspected enemy activity vic 205537.

c. Regimental Frag Order 81-69

(1) Continue present mission.

(2) Extend operations in Rao Vinh area based on slippage of Eaton Lake.

(3) Submit to this headquarters ASAP a listing of all tenants at A-4 to include their title, parent unit, and mission. Also, and PRO's and CON's regarding tactical significance, on your level, of possible closing of A-4.

d. Regimental Frag Order 82-69

(1) Continue present mission.

(2) Assist 2d ARVN operation in passing through your AO.

(3) Submit informal report upon completion of combined operations with Regional and Popular Forces.

e. Regimental Frag Order 83-69

(1) Continue present mission.

(2) Plan submitted for operations in 2d ARVN AO approved. AO extension modified (PASEP).

(3) Be prepared to provide security squad for regrading Route #561 in the near future. Engineers will provide details.

f. Regimental Frag Order 84-69

(1) Continue present mission.

(2) Reconfigure contingency plans to include only organic units effective 11 July.

g. Regimental Frag Order 85-69

(1) Continue to provide security for A-4, C-2, C-3B, Rt #9 in AO, and mine sweeps in AO.

(2) Cease operations in Rao Vinh area NLT 13 July and redeploy forces into normal AO. Upon replacement send out maximum number of platoon sized elements to conduct thorough search along western, northern, and north eastern boundaries to confirm or refute reports of increased enemy activities in these areas.

i. Regimental Operation Order 8-69 (Idaho Canyon)

(1) Continue to provide security for fixed positions within AO.

(2) Provide security for LOC's and road sweeps within AO.

(3) With maximum number of platoon patrols continue thorough search for signs of enemy infiltration along western, northern, and north eastern boundaries.

j. Regimental Frag Order 87-69

(1) Continue present mission.

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(2) Boundary change allows block of infiltration route. Execute block until napalm drop then suggest force put blocks along points 092623 and 082638.

(3) Eastern boundary requested is effective 201800H. ARVN forces in close proximity to east prepare to block route with forces presently in vicinity. Suggest full company.

(4) Commence planning for reinforcement of block in Leatherneck Square with forces on order. Submit concept by 1600H.

(5) Deploy heavy section of tanks to C-3 bridge by 1600H for convoy security 0/0 3d Marines if required.

k. Regimental Frag Order 88-69

(1) Continue assigned missions.

(2) Be prepared on order to assist recon teams collecting BDA in the two eastern most strike zones with one company (-) reaction force.

l. Regimental Frag Order 90-69

(1) Continue to conduct assigned missions in AO.

(2) Upon completion of S/D operations to the NE of A-4, commence S/D operations to the south in the area bounded by the 18 gridline on the east, Route #561 on the west, and generally to the 64 gridline as the southern limit.

m. Regimental Frag Order 91-69

(1) Continue assigned missions in AO.

(2) Be prepared to accept OPCON 1 company of 2/3 anytime after 1500H on 25 July. Company will be delivered by truck to a point of your choosing. Submit plans for employment.

n. Regimental Frag Order 92-69

(1) Deploy another company to exploit recent enemy contacts vic of Bao Thuong Area and north thereof. Complete deployment this date.

o. Regimental Frag Order 93-69

(1) On 28 July begin south and eastward sweep with exploitation force in order to redispense forces in new AO by 30 July. Upon reorientation, conduct S/D operations in AO with primary emphasis in north and central Leatherneck Square and secondary emphasis on maintaining pressure against 1/11's southeastern boundary.

(2) Be prepared to pass OPCON of security force at A-4 to 1/11 for night of 28-29 July. Unit will return to 3/3's new AO and OPCON upon relief 29 July in AM.

(3) On 30 July transport and release H/2/3 back to OPCON of 2/3.

(4) Maintain battalion in a posture for helicopter redeployment anywhere in the division AO on four (4) hours notice.

4. INTELLIGENCE.

a. During the month, the Battalion was involved in Operations Virginia Ridge and Idaho Canyon. The first 16 days of the month were on Operation Virginia Ridge with the remaining 15 days on Operation Idaho Canyon. During the month, the enemy activity was light to moderate with

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one contact where elements of Co K and Co A, 3d Tanks came under heavy RPG and small arms fire from the west and southwest from an estimated 35-40 NVA. The attack was concentrated on the tanks. Three were hit but remained operational. Con Thien was hit with a total of 18 122mm rockets on 5 different occasions. In all, the enemy employed rockets and mortars against the Battalion 16 times.

b. Unit Identification.

Documents captured on 31 July at YD079613 revealed the presence of the 6th Co, 33d Sapper Bn, 27th Regt.

5. OPERATIONS. See paragraph 3.

6. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

a. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy.

KIA	Killed by Artillery/Air/ Naval Gunfire	POW
43	27	3

b. Casualties Sustained.

	KIA	WIA	NBC	DOW
USMC	4	26	67	2
USN	0	0	4	0

c. Weapons, Ordnance, and Equipment Captured and/or Destroyed.

Weapons

34 AK47 rifles	2 RPG7 launchers
2 SKS rifles	3 RPG2 launchers

Ordnance

310 7.62 rounds	7 AT mines
82 Chicom grenades	2 AP mines
103 82mm mortar rounds	1 M26 grenade
101 60mm mortar rounds	11 cans 60mm mortar increments
23 RPG rounds	15 cans 82mm mortar increments
2 82mm igniters	10 60mm mortar fuses
13 TNT sticks	60 82mm mortar fuses
1 Chicom Claymore	133 30cal rounds
5 Det cord (feet)	1 250lb bomb
1 105mm round	1 detonating device

Miscellaneous Equipment.

24 lbs rice	17 NVA gasmasks
28 NVA packs	3 gasmask filters
23 NVA canteens	6 rice cakes
17 NVA utilities	5 NVA helmets
6 NVA picks	324 bunkers
16 NVA E-tools	86 fighting holes
2 pr sandals	18 tunnels
61 AK47 magazines	3 60mm mortar sight boxes
4 soft covers	141 graves
1 fan	1 mortar evaluation sheet

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2 watches	2 NVA flares
3 maps	3 hammocks
5 lb pack dried fish	12 battle dressings
3 binoculars	4 ft rope
5 flashlight batteries	1 NVA ration
50 Christmas cards	7 candy bars
8 mortar pits	9 NVA cartridge belts
1 machete	1 NVA hoe
1 book	1 NVA bayonet
1 sachel charge	1 rice knife
4 newspapers	1 NVA flag
3 toilet articles	12 NVA ponchos
1 radio (helicopter)	1 first aid packet
2 timing devices	2 weaved baskets
4 flashlights	4 tennis shoes
1 bowl	1 compass
1 bottle cleaning oil	14 protein bars
125 m trenchline	assorted medical gear
3 NVA poncho liners	assorted food

7. SUPPORTING ARMS.

a. Artillery Units providing direct and general support:

- (1) Btry A, 1st Bn, 12th Marines
- (2) Btry B, 1st Bn, 12th Marines
- (3) Btry C, 1st Bn, 12th Marines
- (4) Btry W, 1st Bn, 12th Marines
- (5) Btry M, 4th Bn, 12th Marines
- (6) Btry L, 4th Bn, 12th Marines
- (7) 2d Provisional, 12th Marines
- (8) Btry C, 5th of the 4th Artillery USA
- (9) Btry C, 8th of the 4th Artillery USA
- (10) Btry C, 6th of the 33d Artillery USA
- (11) Btry B, 1st of the 40th Artillery USA
- (12) Missions Fired:

- (a) Illumination 29
- (b) Preparatory Fires 62
- (c) Night Defensive Fires 60
- (d) Suspected Enemy Positions 86
- (e) Spotter Rounds 48
- (f) Live Missions 158
- (g) H&I Fires 509
- (h) Ammunition Expended:

Type	HE	EP	ILL	HC
105mm	4744	61	471	13
155mm	655	67	67	
107mm	465	85	81	
8"	53			

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b. 81mm Mortars.

- (1) Preparatory Fires
- (2) Counter Mortar Fire
- (3) Targets of Opportunity
- (4) Suspected Enemy Positions
- (5) Illumination
- (6) H&I Fires
- (7) Ammunition Expended:

<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>Ill</u>
10,042	735	1478

c. Air Support.

- (1) 76 flights of fixed wing were requested and 71 received.
- (2) 95 TPQ's were requested and 35 received.
- (3) 104 AO's were requested and 145 received.
- (4) 38 medevacs were requested and received.
- (5) 6 C&C flights were requested and 4 received.
- (6) 7 flare ships were requested and 6 received.
- (7) 44 beacon hops were requested and 31 received.
- (8) 9 UH1E gunships were requested and received.
- (9) 1 C47 was requested and 4 received.
- (10) 14,000 pounds of cargo was lifted.

d. Armor.

- (1) 1-31 July - Co A, 3d Tank Bn was in direct support.

e. Naval Gunfire.

- (1) 1-31 July - Cruisers 'St Paul and Boston and destroyers Buchanan and Waddell were in direct support.
- (2) The ships fired 191 missions of blocking and H&I fires and expended 1544 rounds.

8. LOGISTICS.a. Supply.

- (1) Combat Essential Supplies on hand were 88% as of 31 July 69. Critical shortages existed in the following items:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Shortage</u>
Antenna, AS2236	2
Antenna, RC292	2
Telephone, TL1PT	53
Gasmask, M17	360

- (2) Class V was drawn from the ASP at Quang Tri CB and the ASP at VCB with no problems encountered.

b. Resupply. During July, resupply was by helicopters and trucks. No problems were encountered with helicopter resupply, however truck availability was occasionally inadequate to support the Battalion.

c. Evacuation & Hospitalization. All medevacs were by helicopters and no problems were encountered.

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d. Transportation.

- (1) Total mileage on organic vehicles during July was 17,008.
- (2) Truck support was inadequate.
- (3) Four (4) M151A1 vehicles have been on order (code H), and are needed by the Battalion:

1 vehicle - Dec 68
 1 vehicle - Jan 69
 2 vehicles - Apr 69

9. COMMUNICATIONS & ELECTRONICS.

- a. During the month, communications remained excellent with one exception; when Co M was deployed along the DMZ then the Battalion CP moved to Con Thien for a period of a week.
- b. A series of bad lots of BA386/U for the PRC25's was discovered.
- c. The PRC88 under certain conditions will override the PRC25.

10. EQUIPMENT. Combat Essential Equipment at 88% on 31 July 1969.11. CIVIC ACTION.

a. During the reporting period the Battalion S-5 assisted in 6 Med Cap and 1 Dental Cap. Three of the Caps were combined projects with the Medical Staff and S-5 Officer of the 2d ARVN Regt. The Med Cap treated 474 Vietnamese. The Dental Cap treated 182 Vietnamese. Four Vietnamese were redeployed.

b. Surgical soap was given to 75 Vietnamese mothers and the need for washing children explained.

c. Solatium payments totalling \$25,500V was paid.

d. Scholarships requested for school year 69-70 totalled \$54,000V.

e. 800 sandbags were distributed for refugee assistance after a wind storm of 28-29 July.

f. The Bru sewing school construction progressed from 20% to 80% completion. The Bn S-5 worked in advisory capacity.

12. PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION.a. Personnel.

Gains:	9 USMC Off	178 USMC Enl	1 USN Off	16 USN Enl
Losses:	9 USMC Off	137 USMC Enl	0 USN Off	11 USN Enl

b. Administration.

(1) During the month of July, 2 SPCM were held and 2 Court Martials are pending. The Battalion Commander held 11 Office Hours and 3 are pending. There were 18 Company Commander Office Hours held and 2 are pending.

(2) R&R continued to be a major morale factor. The Battalion received and used 95 Out Of Country man quotas. There were 15 In Country

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R&R quotas received and used.

- (3) Morale was considered good.
- (4) Postal service was very good.
- (5) No liberty was authorized during the month.
- (6) Marine Exchange facilities were not available to the Battalion as a whole. Limited Exchange facilities were available for the rear area personnel. The personnel forward were supplied with SP's.
- (7) During the month, the Battalion presented the following

awards:

Silver Star	1	Purple Heart	15
Bronze Star	1	Navy Achievement	14

13. TRAINING.

a. Training of newly joined personnel was conducted in accordance with DivO 1510.3D (COATIP).

b. Cross training and OJT in the O3 field is used extensively.

c. The following quotas were used during the month:

- (1) Land Mine Warfare & Booby Trap School 6
- (2) Staff NCO School 2
- (3) NCO School (Okinawa) 2
- (4) Embarkation School (Officer) 1
- (5) Embarkation School (Enlisted) 1
- (6) NCO School 2
- (7) Projectionist School 1
- (8) Ground Surveillance School (PPS6) 1
- (9) Vietnamese Language School 1
- (10) Drug Abuse Lecture (given to the Battalion Rear)
- (11) Personnel Response School 1

14. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Weather. The weather for the month was hot, humid, and very windy with very little precipitation.

Mean High	88°
Mean Low	76°
Humidity	73%
Rainfall	.03"

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 01 Jul 0930H Co M discovered a bunker containing ordnance.
- 02 Jul 0800H Co I detained a civilian carrying ordnance.
0845H Co L fired on 2 NVA. Both escaped.
- 03 Jul 1225H Co K conducted extensive patrol without any enemy activity.
1530H Co L initiated contact with 4 NVA. One Marine KIA.
1630H Co L initiated contact with NVA in bunker. 4 NVA KIA's, 1 Marine KIA and 4 WIA's.
- 04 Jul 0930H Co L discovered bunker complex containing ordnance, gear, and weapons.
- 05 Jul 0400H Co L initiated ambush on 6 NVA. 5 NVA KIA's.
0900H Popular Forces and CAP Marines detonated a booby trap.
1500H Co L discovered the sixth NVA from the 0400 ambush. 1 NVA KIA.
1945H Recon team Harsh Word was taken under fire by 20 NVA and extracted by Co M.
- 06 Jul 0730H Co M discovered a bunker and 6 fighting holes containing ordnance.
1845H Co L ran 3 flights of fixed wing resulting in 4 secondary explosions and 1 secondary fire.
- 07 Jul 0659H Co K observed 4 NVA.
0730H Co M discovered a well used trail.
1500H Co M searched area of enemy activity with negative results.
1600H Held Med Cap in Cam Thai.
1830H Co M discovered a mortar pit.
- 08 Jul 0730H Co L discovered a bunker complex.
0835H Road sweep team discovered a mine and blew in place.
1230H Co L initiated contact with 3 NVA.
- 09 Jul 1625H Co L ran 4 flights of fixed wing on a bunker complex and had 2 large secondary explosions.
2300H Co L had movement under the bridge and killed a dog.
- 10 Jul 0945H Co K observed 35 NVA.
1030H Co K observed 40 NVA.
1050H Held Med Cap in Cam Lo.
1330H Co L discovered bunker complex and grave. 1 NVA KIA.
1759H Co K observed 3 NVA.
- 11 Jul 0800H Recon team Salinas made contact.
0815H Co K discovered 2 NVA killed by artillery.
0815H Co K discovered 6 fighting holes with blood around them.
0900H Recon team Salinas discovered 3 tunnels.
0920H Co K observed 2 NVA.
1830H Co K observed 3 NVA.
- 12 Jul 0915H Co I discovered 1 homemade mine.
1130H AO observed 10 destroyed bunkers possibly by TPQ.
- 13 Jul 0630H Co K discovered 2 bunkers and 12 fighting holes.

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- 14 Jul 0830H Co K observed 4 122mm rockets land outside their perimeter.
 0850H Co M observed 2 122mm rockets land outside their perimeter.
 0900H Co K observed 8 122mm rockets land outside their perimeter.
 1120H Co M had 4 122mm rockets land inside their perimeter.
 1150H Co K observed 2 122mm rockets land outside their perimeter.
 1350H Co M observed 4 122mm rockets land outside their perimeter.
 1400H Co M observed 8 122mm rockets land outside their perimeter.
 2100H Air Liaison ran a beacon hop on suspected rocket position resulting in 7 secondary explosions and 2 fire balls.
- 15 Jul 0730H Co I detonated a booby trap. 1 Marine KIA and 2 WIA's.
 1500H Co M searched area of beacon hop.
- 16 Jul 0830H Co I discovered 1 NVA KIA.
 1800H Operation Virginia Ridge terminated. Began Operation Idaho Canyon.
 1920H Co M observed 2 large explosions. Later learned to be friendly.
 1930H Co I observed 2 NVA.
- 17 Jul 0700H Co I searched a bunker complex.
 1115H Co I discovered 12 bunkers.
 1430H Recon team Salinas observed 7 NVA.
 1540H Co I discovered 7 bunkers.
- 18 Jul 0700H Co M searched area of AO sightings.
 1345H Recon team Elk River made contact with 8-10 NVA. 4 Marine WIA's (Recon).
 1640H Co I discovered a bunker complex.
 2245H Co K heard movement of 3-5 NVA.
 2305H Co M observed 10 vehicles through the NOD.
- 19 Jul 0330H Co I initiated an ambush on 2-4 NVA killing 2.
 0900H Co M received 1 sniper round and 1 RPG round. 1 Marine WIA.
 0900H AO checked area of sighting with negative results.
 1100H Co I discovered a booby trap.
 1230H Co I discovered a 250# bomb.
 1900H AO checked area of beacon hop.
 2030H Co K observed what appeared to be vehicles through a NOD.
 2150H Co I observed 4 NVA.
 2255H Co K observed 10 rounds impacting. Appeared to be rockets.
- 20 Jul 0315H Co K observed muzzle flashes from suspected rocket position.
 0315H Co K observed 4 122mm rockets land outside their perimeter.
 0645H Co M observed 10 NVA running into a treeline.
 0815H Co I discovered a bunker complex.
 1000H Co I swept area of ambush.
 1055H Air Liaison ran a beacon hop.
 1830H Recon team Peach State observed 6 NVA.
 1920H Co M observed 9 NVA.
 1945H Co I observed 8-10 NVA moving south.
 2222H Recon team Sandboy heard movement around their position.
- 21 Jul 0410H Recon team Peach State initiated contact with 8-10 NVA.
 0700H Co M searched bunker complex.

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- 0800H Co M received 8 60mm mortar rounds outside their perimeter.
 - 0820H Co K, while on road sweep, was ambushed by 15-25 NVA. 2 Marine KIA's and 1 WIA (Engineers) and 1 Army WIA.
 - 1000H Bn CP moved to Con Thien.
 - 1100H Co M searched bunker complex and found 3 NVA KBA's.
 - 1325H Co K found 1 NVA KIA.
 - 1420H Co I observed 2 NVA and killed both of them.
 - 1945H Co I observed 10-12 NVA on a hill.
- 22 Jul 0645H Co I searched the hill where the NVA had been seen and found 1 NVA KBA.
- 0715H Co I observed 3 NVA.
 - 0805H Road sweep team received 1 60mm mortar round.
 - 1100H AO reported BDA.
 - 1600H Co M, 800m from artillery mission, had 1 Marine WIA from shrapnel.
 - 2240H 4 NVA were observed moving west.
 - 2345H Ground surveillance reported 5-7 NVA in the area of the trash dump.
- 23 Jul 0210H Co M received 15 60mm mortar rounds outside their perimeter.
- 0800H AO reported BDA.
 - 0900H Co M swept thru a bunker complex.
 - 1600H Co M heard NVA firing mortar on their former position.
- 24 Jul 0615H Co I initiated contact with 6-8 NVA. Results were 4 NVA KIA's, 1 Marine KIA and 3 WIA's.
- 0745H Co M searched an old civilian graveyard and found 1 NVA KIA.
 - 0800H Co M had a Marine step on a mine. 1 Marine KIA.
 - 0850H Co K discovered AP mine on road sweep.
 - 0930H AO ran fixed wing on bunker complex.
 - 0935H Co I received 10 82mm mortar rounds. 1 Marine WIA.
 - 0945H AO checked BDA.
 - 1100H Co I killed 1 NVA and found 1 dead NVA.
 - 1540H AO ran fixed wing on bunker complex.
 - 1600H AO ran air strike on suspected enemy position.
 - 1640H AO ran air strike on suspected enemy position.
 - 1750H Co I received 10 60mm mortar rounds while receiving their resupply.
 - 1800H Co I discovered evidence of recent enemy activity.
 - 1830H Co I received 3-4 rounds of sniper fire. 1 Marine WIA.
 - 1845H AO received 20-50 rounds of 50cal fire.
- 25 Jul 1000H Co I made contact with NVA company. 20 NVA KIA's.
- 1730H Assume OPCON Co 1, 2/5.
- 26 Jul 0630H Co I continued search of contact area. 8 NVA KIA's.
- 0900H Chop OPCON 3d Inf, Co D, 3d Recon Bn.
 - 1045H Co K discovered a NVA 60mm mortar.
 - 1600H AO ran 2 flights of fixed wing and had 1 secondary explosion.
 - 2130H Co I observed 3 NVA moving south.
 - 2140H Co I heard movement and had grenades thrown at them. 2 Marine WIA's. Also had 105mm mortar round land. 7 Marine WIA's.

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- 27 Jul 0800H A0 ran fixed wing on suspected NVA mortar and bunker complex.
 0850H Co K received 35-40 82mm mortar rounds inside their area wounding 9 Marines (3 from 3d Tanks).
 0940H Co K called fire mission on 3 NVA.
 1125H Co K discovered 2 mortar positions.
 1400H CP returned from Con Thien.
 1920H Co K called fire mission on 2 NVA.
- 28 Jul 0100H Co I initiated contact against a NVA force. Results were 6 NVA KIA's and 1 Marine WIA.
 0325H NVA initiated contact against Co K and Co A, 3d Tanks with RPG's and small arms. 3 Marine KIA's (Tanks) and 12 WIA's (6 from Tanks).
 0430H Co H, 2/3 captured 1 NV...
 0615H Co K discovered 1 NVA KIA...
 0640H Co K found weapons and ordnance in contact area.
 0730H Co K discovered 1 NVA KIA.
- 29 Jul 1500H Chop Co H, 2/3.
- 30 Jul No significant events.
- 31 Jul 0020H Co I initiated ambush on NVA killing 5 and capturing 1.
 1630H Co L followed blood trail and captured 1 NVA.
 1930H Co L observed 2 NVA moving into a treeline.

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21 Jul 1945H Recon team Eagle Night enter their recon zone.
2004H Recon team Jawbreaker enter their recon zone.

22 Jul 0655H Eagle Night reached their OP.
0715H Jawbreaker reached their OP.
1400H Eagle Night and Jawbreaker in night positions.
1500H Jawbreaker discovered a bunker complex.
1900H Eagle Night received 6 60mm mortar rounds.
2300H Eagle Night and Jawbreaker all secure.

23 Jul 0915H Jawbreaker exited the DMZ.
1045H Eagle Night exited the DMZ.
1045H DMZ recon patrols terminated.

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01 Jul

0930H In the area of YD118722 elements of Co M discovered a bunker, 10x5x5ft, about 6 months old containing 13 sticks TNT, 3 60mm rounds, 1 assault pack, 30 AK47 rounds, 1 NVA canteen, and 2 NVA E-tools. The bunker and equipment were destroyed.

02 Jul

0800H In the area of YD139613 elements of Co I detained 1 male VN when observing him carrying det cord, blasting caps, and a 105mm cannister. Detainee released by ITT after questioning.

0845H In the area of YD155534 elements of Co L made contact with 2 NVA, wounding one. The wounded NVA dropped his pack and sandals as they headed west. Area was searched finding blood trails, 1 NVA pack with dried fish, and 1 pair of Ho Chi Minh sandals.

03 Jul

1225H In the area of YD0963, YD0964, YD1063, and YD1064 elements of Co K conducted extensive patrolling and found no signs of recent enemy activity.

1530H In the area of YD145537 elements of Co L made contact with 4 NVA. One NVA was hit but was dragged away. The elements moved into the area and attempted to seal off the escape route. Set off a booby trap causing 1 Marine WIA.

1630-1830H In the area of YD144526 elements of Co L made contact with 10 NVA in bunkers. Closing on the enemy, they received heavy fire and pulled back. An AO came on station and directed an artillery mission. The NVA had a machinegun, AK47's, and grenades. They were green utilities. Results of the contact was 1 Marine KIA and 4 WIA's, 2 NVA KIA's.

04 Jul

0930-1300H In the area of YD138525 elements of Co L discovered a complex of 30 bunkers. Search of the bunkers found 10 82mm mortar rounds, 2 SKS rifles, 14 RPG rounds, 69 AK47 rounds, 133 30cal rounds, 2 AK47 magazines, 3 NVA E-tools, cooking utensils, 1 set of binoculars, 5 flashlight batteries, 2 NVA packs, 10 sets of green utilities, and 50 Christmas cards. The bunkers and gear was destroyed.

05 Jul

0400H In the area of YD147527 elements of Co L initiated an ambush using Claymores and small arms on 6 NVA. Results were 5 NVA KIA's, 4 AK47's, 8 AK47 magazines, 17 Chicom grenades, medical gear, and documents. Medical gear and documents were sent to Regt S-2 and the rest destroyed.

0900H In the area of YD124615 Popular Forces and C/P Marines were setting in position when an 81mm mortar round booby trap was detonated wounding 3 Marines and 1 PF. No other booby traps were found in the area.

1500H In the area of YD147527 elements of Co L found the sixth NVA, who was in the C/P ambush and had crawled approximately 100m. He was missing 1 arm and 1 leg. 1 NVA KIA.

1945-060050H In the area of YD132726 recon team Harsh Word came under fire from approximately 20 NVA. The enemy had formed a 360° around the recon team. Elements of Co M with tanks were employed to extract the team and took the enemy under fire. The enemy

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06 Jul 0730H In the area of YD125724 elements of Co M returned to the area of last evenings contact and discovered 1 bunker and 7 fighting holes. Bunker and fighting holes were covered with logs and dirt. Two 82mm mortar rounds were found in the bunker. The bunker, holes, and ordnance were destroyed.

1845H In the area of YD131501 elements of Co L ran 3 flights of fixed wing on a bunker complex resulting in 4 secondary explosions, 1 secondary fire, and 4 bunkers destroyed.

07 Jul 0659H In the area of YD103658 elements of Co K observed 4 NVA, wearing green utilities and packs, moving south. The NVA were taken under fire with 81mm mortars and the area searched with negative results.

0730H In the area of YD114716 elements of Co M discovered a well used, 2ft wide, trail running southeast. The trail appeared to have been used within the last day. Searched the area with negative results.

1500H In the area of YD092710 elements of Co M moved into area of suspected activity and searched area with negative results.

0500-1600H In the village of Cam Thai, Cam Lo Hamlet a Med Cap was held in conjunction with a cordon and search operation under the direction of Dai Yu RAO. This was Civic Operation 36. 620 civilians were screened with 1 suspect detained. There were 120 patients treated. The Med Cap team consisted of the Bn Surgeon, 4 Navy Corpsmen, 1 USA Medic (MACV), and 1 VN interpreter/medic.

1830H In the area of YD115715 elements of Co M located a mortar pit connected to a bunker. The area appeared to be 4-6 months old and was destroyed.

08 Jul 0730H In the area of YD145533 elements of Co L found 12 bunkers, all well constructed, and 1 messhall able to hold 15-18 people. All bunkers appeared to have been occupied 48hrs prior. A small amount of old clothing was found and destroyed, as were the bunkers.

0835H In the area of YD140613 elements of Co B Engineers sweep team found 1 AT mine and destroyed it in place.

0840H In the area of YD098707 elements of Co M discovered a 4-6 month old fighting hole with ordnance. Found were 28 60mm mortar rounds, 1 AK47 magazine, 2 cans of increments, 2 cans of fuses, All ordnance was destroyed.

1230H In the area of YD145529 elements of Co L initiated contact with 3 NVA. The NVA wore green utilities and pith helmets, and moved to the southwest. Artillery fired on the escape routes and searched the area with negative results.

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- 09 Jul 1829H In the area of YD149524 elements of Co L ran 4 flights of ~~fixed~~ wing on a suspected bunker/cache location. Results were 14 bunkers and 1 fighting hole destroyed and 2 large secondary explosions.
- 2300H In the area of YD148603 elements of Co L heard movement under a bridge and threw frags killing 1 dog.
- 10 Jul 0945H In the area of YD155663 elements of Co K observed 35 NVA, wearing mixed uniforms, moving west. A fire mission was called and the area searched with negative results.
- 1030H In the area of YD165677 elements of Co K observed 40 NVA wearing black PJ's and straw hats, digging along a river. Artillery was called in with negative results.
- 1030-1500H In the Cam'Lo resettlement village, a Med Cap was held treating 42 children and 30 adults.
- 1330H In the area of YD122652 elements of Co L found 12 bunkers approximately 1 year old. Also found a grave with 1 NVA body in a green uniform. Results were 1 NVA KIA and 12 bunkers destroyed.
- 1759H In the area of YD172665 elements of Co K observed 3 NVA carrying packs and weapons, camouflaged with leaves, moving SE. Artillery was called and the area searched with negative results.
- 11 Jul 0800H In the area of YD095726 recon team Salinas made contact with 2 NVA (possibly point of larger unit). NVA broke contact leaving behind 2 packs, 1 machette, and web gear. The gear was destroyed.
- 0815H In the area of YD160661 elements of Co K found 2 NVA bodies, 4-6 days old, killed by shrapnel. Results were 2 NVA KBA.
- 0815H In the area of YD173672 elements of Co K found 6 fighting holes with traces of blood around one. The holes were filled in.
- 0900H In the area of YD095726 recon team Salinas found 3 tunnels. While searching the area, team had movement 25m to the NW. AO on station also took fire from the west. Team continued to move.
- 0920H In the area of YD197677 elements of Co K observed 2 NVA assembling what appeared to be a force labor unit. An AO on station called in artillery with unknown results.
- 1830H In the area of YD125664 elements of Co K observed 3 NVA moving west. NVA were taken under fire with tanks and mortars. Results unknown.
- 12 Jul 0915H In the area of YD150608 elements of Co I found 1 homemade AT mine. Mine was blown in place.
- 1130H In the area of YD116702 an AO observed 10 destroyed bunkers, possibly destroyed by TPG on 1 July.
- 13 Jul 0630H In the area of YD107657 elements of Co K found 2 bunkers and 12 fighting holes, a ~~year~~ old. Searched area with negative results. Bunkers were destroyed.

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0830H In the area of YD155646 elements of Co K observed 4 122mm rockets land outside their perimeter. Called in A0 who directed artillery on rocket site.

0850H In the area of YD116701 elements of Co M observed 2 122mm rockets land outside their perimeter. Artillery called on the suspected enemy position with unknown results.

0900H In the area of YD155646 elements of Co K observed 8 122mm rockets land on the road outside their perimeter. A0 continued to call artillery on suspected rocket position.

1120H In the area of YD116701 elements of Co M received 4 122mm rockets inside their perimeter. No injuries. Crater analysis was used to find azimuth and artillery was called on enemy position. Results unknown.

1150H In the area of YD133646 elements of Co K received 2 122mm rockets outside their perimeter. An air strike was diverted to YD058666 and was observed by A0. Results were 3 bunkers and 20m of trail destroyed.

1350H In the area of YD116701 elements of Co M observed 4 122mm rockets land outside their perimeter.

1400-1415H In the area of YD116701 elements of Co M observed 8 122mm rockets land on the road outside their perimeter. An A0 ran an air strike on suspected rocket position with unknown results.

2100H In the area of YD057684 Bn Air Liaison Officer ran an A6 beacon hop on suspected rocket position. Results were 7 secondary explosions; 2 fireballs were yellow-orange in color and rose 200-500 feet in the air.

15 Jul 0730H In the area of YD113624 elements of Co I detonated what appeared to be a booby trapped grenade. It resulted in 1 Marine KIA and 2 WIA's.

1500H In the area of YD093703 elements of Co M searched area of A6 beacon hop on 13 July and found 3 bunkers destroyed and a trail running west for 100m that had been used in the last 2 days.

16 Jul 0830H In the area of YD112625 elements of Co I found a decayed body, believed to be NVA, in a khaki uniform. The body was about 6 months old. Results were 1 NVA KIA.

1920H In the area of YD116702 elements of Co M observed 2 large explosions outside the perimeter. It was later determined to be another unit destroying Class V ordnance.

1930H In the area of YD096626 elements of Co I observed 2 NVA moving south in tall elephant grass. Could not determine if they carried weapons. An A0 observed 1 going into a bunker and used his rockets to destroy the bunker. The A0 spotted 6 more bunkers in the area and Co I fired mortars on the bunkers and searched the area finding 1 bunker and 10 fighting holes. They were all destroyed.

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17 Jul 0700H In the area of YD096626 elements of Co I researched the area where the bunkers were spotted by the AO on 16 July with negative results.

1115H In the area of YD134614 elements of Co I discovered 12 bunkers covered with logs and camouflaged. Each had a tunnel in the rear large enough for 1 man. The bunkers were 3-8 months old. All bunkers were destroyed.

1430H In the area of YD099732 recon team Salinas observed 7 NVA in the open and 1 secondary explosion at YD103732 caused by an air strike on a bunker complex. An AO reported only seeing 1 enemy.

1540H In the area of YD098629 elements of Co I found 7 bunkers about 8-12 months old. Three were connected by tunnels. Found in the bunkers were 1 NVA E-tool and several old battle dressings. The bunkers were destroyed.

18 Jul 0700-1830H In the area of YD103732-105730 elements of Co M searched area of 17 July recon sighting and AO report. The area was extremely thick. Two bunkers were found that had been destroyed by air and 1 small trail leading north for 300m.

1345H In the area of YD134750 recon team Elk River made contact with 8-10 NVA in prepared positions. An AO was called but the NVA broke contact before he arrived (direction unknown). The team was extracted by helicopter and the escort helicopter was hit by small arms. Two flights of fixed wing were called along with an artillery mission. Results unknown. There were 4 Marine WIA's (Recon).

1640H In the area of YD084624 elements of Co I discovered 14 bunkers and a fighting hole 75m north of the complex. The bunkers were covered with dirt and logs and 2 were caved in due to age. The complex had been used within the last 2 days. Search of the area uncovered 1 NVA pith helmet, 2 82mm mortar rounds, 2 82mm igniters, 2 cans of increments, and a 48" length of rope. The bunkers and gear were destroyed.

2245H In the area of YD133652 elements of Co K heard movement of 3-5 enemy. They were sighted, one was carrying a pack and weapon, and taken under fire. The NVA broke contact and mortars were used with unknown results.

2305H In the area of YD140768 elements of Co M had a NOD sighting of 10 vehicles. Artillery was called and 2 secondary explosions were seen. Continued to fire until NOD lost sight of vehicles.

19 Jul 0530H In the area of YD082639 elements of Co I ambushed 2-4 NVA on the road heading east. Claymores, grenades, and M16's were used. The unit withdrew to Company perimeter, to return at first light. Upon returning, they found tracks of 6 NVA and several blood trails heading north. Continuing the search they found 2 NVA KIA's, 4 AK47 rounds, 1 NVA ration, and a candybar.

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0900H In the area of YD141733 elements of Co M received 1 sniper round and 1 RPG round from the area of YD136736. Artillery was called with unknown results. There was 1 Marine WIA.

0900H In the area of YD140768 an AO checked the area of the vehicle sighting on 18 July but saw no sign of any vehicles.

1100H In the area of YD084645 elements of Co I found a booby trap consisting of an M26 grenade with the pin removed and earth packed around to hold the spoon. The grenade was blown in place.

1230H In the area of YD093624 elements of Co I found 1 250lb bomb buried in a river bank. It appeared to be 2-3 weeks old. To be blown as soon as possible.

1900H In the area of YD153749 an AO observed an A6 beacon hop being run. He observed 6 bunkers and 50m trenchline destroyed, and 3 trails cut. While observing, the AO received automatic weapons fire from YD153761. Artillery was called with unknown results.

2030H In the area of YD122749 elements of Co K had a NOD pick up what appeared to be trucks moving west. Artillery was called with unknown results.

2150H In the area of YD086650 elements of Co I heard movement and observed 4 NVA moving east down the road. They were taken under fire and artillery called in with unknown results.

2255-2315H In the area of grid square YD1070 elements of Co K observed 10 rounds impact, believed to be rockets. Artillery was called on the suspected enemy rocket position with unknown results.

20 Jul 0315H In the area of YD116696 elements of Co K observed 3-5 muzzle flashes of suspected artillery or rockets in grid square YD1070 and YD1069. LP observed air bursts. Called in artillery.

0315-1130H In the area of YD116701 elements of Co K received 4 122mm rockets approximately 100m outside their perimeter. Crater analysis indicated rockets came from the vicinity of YD058688.

0645H In the area of YD146728 rear elements of Co M observed 10 NVA running into a treeline. The NVA were taken under fire with small arms and an AO called. The AO observed the NVA and what he thought was a 50cal site. Fixed wing was called. After the air strike the AO received fire. Elements of Co M swept the area with negative results.

0815H In the area of YD084645 elements of Co I discovered 9 bunkers, 7 were unusable, 1-12 months old along the side of a stream. The bunkers were 4m x 4ft with logs overhead. Two of the bunkers appeared recently used. The bunkers were destroyed.

1000H In the area of YD086651 elements of Co I swept the area where they executed an ambush at 190330H and discovered 25 bunkers used for storage and living that were about a year old.

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The complex was set in a 360' with connecting trails. Search of the complex resulted in finding an unknown type of detonating device that was destroyed in place.

1000H In the area of YD148724 elements of Co M searched an area where a fixed wing strike was executed on a bunker complex. The bunker complex consisted of 18 bunkers approximately 2 weeks old. The overhead covering consisted of bamboo, dirt, and green leaves. Also found was a mortar pit. All indications were that the complex had been used within the last 1-2 days. Well used trails led N-S. Search of the complex resulted in finding 32 82mm mortar rounds, 6 60mm mortar rounds, 1 NVA cartridge belt, 2 Chicom grenades, 1 bayonet, 2 NVA shovels, 1 NVA hoe, 1 rice knife, 1 book, 2 AT mines, 1 satchel charge, newspapers, and toilet articles.

1055H In the area of YD153761 the Air Liaison ran an A6 beacon hop and an A0 checked the area observing 14 bunkers, 50m tree line, and 50m trenchline destroyed. The A0 reported fresh trails leading north to the target and many bunkers not destroyed.

1830-2350H In the area of YD092712 a recon team Peach State observed 6 NVA in the open. An A0 and artillery mission were called. The A0 received small arms fire from about 30m from the team's position and was diverted. At 2200H the team heard movement around their perimeter and began to receive small arms fire from about 30m away. More artillery and an OV10 was called in. Fire was suppressed and team reported all secure. Results unknown. Artillery CS was requested but was not used because team had insufficient number of gas masks.

1920H In the area of YD145735 elements of Co M observed 9 NVA in full equipment moving south. They were taken under fire with small arms and artillery was called. Three enemy were observed being hit and falling. The rest took refuge in nearby trees. The NVA escaped due to rain and darkness. Area will be searched next day.

1945-2130H In the area of YD093650 elements of Co I observed 8-10 NVA moving south. The enemy were wearing packs and some type of head gear. Ambush teams were alerted and artillery was called. Area will be searched next day.

2222H In the area of YD138723 recon team Sandboy had movement to the north, west, and south of their position. The movement seem to indicate dipping. Artillery was on standby but movement ceased and team reported all secure.

21 Jul 0410H In the area of YD089709 recon team Peach State initiated contact with 8-10 NVA with a machinegun. The NVA broke contact and fled into the treeline. Search of the area resulted in finding 3 NVA packs, 1 pair of sandals, 1 empty AK47 magazine, and 4 blood trails.

0700H In the area of YD145737 elements of Co M searched area of contact and found 11 bunkers 30x3ft and approximately 1 month

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The bunkers appeared to have been used within the last 2 days. Found in the bunkers were 20 60mm mortar rounds, 3 RPG rounds, a destroyed radio possibly from a helicopter, 2 timing devices, 3 AT mines, 8 82mm mortar rounds with increments, 12 82mm fuses, 6 60mm fuses, 3 shovels, 2 picks, 6 Chicom grenades, 12 AK47 rounds, and 3 filters possibly for gasmasks. The gear was destroyed and the bunkers will be destroyed by supporting arms.

0800H In the area of YD148755 elements of Co M received 8 60mm mortar rounds that landed outside their perimeter. Artillery was called on the suspected enemy position with unknown results.

0820H In the area of YD127678 elements of Co K, while on road sweep security, was ambushed from both sides of the road by 15-25 NVA dressed in camouflaged utilities. They used RPG's and automatic weapons. Dusters and the security unit returned fire while elements of Co K and 5 tanks came to assist. They swept the area finding blood trails, 2 RPG rounds, and 1 small NVA flag. There were 2 Marine KIA's and 1 WIA (engineers) and 1 USA WIA.

1100H In the area of YD154742 elements of Co M discovered 3 bunkers approximately 2-4 weeks old. The bunkers could accommodate 2-3 men per bunker. Also found was a mortar pit. Further search of the area uncovered 15 more bunkers 2-4 weeks old and had been occupied within the last 2 days. Most of the bunkers had been destroyed by artillery and air strikes and the remaining were destroyed. Found in the bunkers were 1 AK47 (damaged), 4 AK47 magazines, 200 AK47 rounds, 3 gasmasks, 6 NVA belts, 1 shovel, 6 60mm mortar rounds with primers and increments, 1 NVA poncho, 8 Chicom grenades, 7 battle dressings, and 3 NVA bodies KBA.

1335H In the area of YD127678 elements of Co K with tanks continued the search for the NVA ambush team. They observed 1 NVA and killed him resulting in 1 NVA KIA and 1 RPG7 with sight captured.

1420H In the area of YD098676 elements of Co I observed 2 NVA in a hedgerow and took them under fire with small arms and M79's. The NVA fired 1 RPG round, then the hedgerow was assaulted killing the NVA and finding 3 RPG2's, 1 RPG7, 3 packs, 2 gasmasks, 1 NVA E-tool, 4 rice cakes, 3 Chicom grenades, 6 RPG rounds, and 1 set of green utilities. 2 NVA KIA.

1945H In the area of YD082639 elements of Co I observed 10-12 NVA moving into a position on top of a hill. Artillery was called on the NVA. Later, 2 NVA were seen near the position and M79's were fired at them. Results unknown on both occasions.

22 Jul 0645H In the area of YD081639 elements of Co I started search of the hill where 10-12 NVA were observed and artillery had fired on during the night. They discovered 1 NVA body, dead for 12 hours and stripped except for shirt, belt and trousers and hidden in the vegetation. Footprints indicated the NVA had fled to the northwest. Results: 1 NVA KBA.

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0715H In the area of YD093652 elements of Co I observed 3 NVA moving south wearing green utilities and carrying rifles. A squad moved into the bush area where the NVA had disappeared and found 4 bunkers 4-6 months old. The bunkers were destroyed.

0805H In the area of YD113554 the road sweep team received 1 round believed to be a 60mm mortar which landed 15-20m on the far side of the road.

1100H AO reported battle damage assessment of an A6 beacon hop ran on 201827H. Results were 7 bunkers destroyed, 5 uncovered, and 10m trenchline destroyed, 10m uncovered.

1600H In the area of YD155747 elements of Co M were observing an artillery mission from a distance of 800-1000m when a piece of shrapnel hit a Marine. 1 Marine WIA.

2240H In the area of YD136657 5 NVA were observed, moving west, using the NOD. Mortars and tanks fired on enemy with unknown results.

2345H In the area of YD136657 the ground surveillance at Con Thien noted movement of 5-7 NVA in the vicinity of the trash dump. Fired mortars and mounted tanks and swept the area with negative results.

23 Jul 0210H In the area of YD155747 elements of Co M received 15 60mm mortar rounds that landed outside the perimeter. Artillery was called with unknown results.

0800H In the area of YD155747 the Air Liaison had an AO search the area where an A6 beacon hop was used on 221835H. The AO observed 5 bunkers destroyed. The Air Liaison had observed a secondary explosion the previous day.

0800H In the area of YD155748 elements of Co M swept thru a bunker complex near the contact of 221920H. No blood or bodies were found but footprints were leading into the complex. The complex had 10 bunkers and were 2-3 months old. Also found a mortar position with a concrete base. Search of the area resulted in finding 21 82mm mortar rounds, 11 82mm mortar fuses, 2 NVA gasmasks in good condition, 1 belt, 2 picks, 1 NVA first aid packet, 4 NVA helmets, and 2 weaved baskets.

1600H In the area of YD165732 elements of Co M heard the NVA firing 60mm mortars on to their old position. They fired 6-8 rounds. Artillery was called on the enemy with unknown results.

24 Jul 0615-0730H In the area of YD090653 elements of Co I observed 6-8 NVA southwest of their position. Five minutes later 4-5 NVA appeared just outside of their lines. They were taken under fire with small arms and machinegun. Artillery provided blocking fires. Results were 4 NVA KIA's (The NVA were wearing new green utilities, tennis shoes, soft covers, and had fresh haircuts.), 1 Marine KIA and 3 WIA's, 4 AK47's, 3 NVA packs, 5 AK47 magazines, 3 gasmasks, 3 flashlights, 5 ponchos, 1 fan,

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broken watch, 3 NVA canteens, 3 Chicom grenades, 1 bottle cleaning oil, 3 NVA maps, 1 compass, 2 NVA E-tools, 1 NVA pick. The maps were taken to S-2.

0745-1715H In the area of YD170715 elements of Co M discovered a grave complex consisting of approximately 120 graves. An AO had reported 20 fresh graves. Inspection and digging in the area determined that the graves were probably civilians from the area. Further searching uncovered a decomposed NVA body lying in a depression covered with clear plastic sheet, leaves, and dirt. Cause of death undetermined. 1 NVA KIA.

0800H In the area of YD137727 elements of Co M, while on patrol, had a Marine step on a mine. Searching of the area uncovered no more mines. 1 Marine KIA.

0850H In the area of YD129677 elements of Co K, while on a road sweep, discovered an AP mine. The mine was blown in place and the explosion indicated a larger charge under the mine. There were footprints leading to the southwest from the mine area.

0930H In the area of YD092728 an AO ran a fixed wing air strike on a bunker complex. There were 5 bunkers and 15m of trenchline destroyed.

0935H In the area of YD092653 elements of Co I received 10 82mm mortar rounds. AO was called on station while artillery and mortars were called on the suspected enemy position. Results unknown. There was 1 Marine WIA.

0945H In the area of YD164753 an AO checked for battle damage assesment of an A6 beacon hop run at 231807H. Results were 2 bunkers and 30m of trail destroyed.

1100-1230H In the area of YD091652 elements of Co I followed blood trails into a draw and sighted 1 NVA with a battle dressing on the right shoulder. The S-2 tried to get the man to Chieu Hoi but he fired his weapon instead and was killed. The unit continued to sweep the area and 75m further ahead another dead NVA was found. Both NVA had fresh haircuts, soft covers, and clean finger nails. Results were 2 NVA KIA's, 2 AK47's, 6 AK47 magazines, 2lb of rice, 6 packages of candy, 2 canteens, 1 gasmask, and 1 pair of binoculars.

1540H AO ran a fixed wing air strike at YD094728 on a suspected enemy position and the results were 2 bunkers destroyed and 1 secondary explosion.

1640H AO ran a fixed wing air strike at YD091716 on a suspected enemy position and the results were 1 secondary explosion.

1750H In the area of YD091553 Co I was receiving resupply by helicopter when 10-12 rounds of 60mm mortar was received. Counter fire and an AO were called with unknown results.

1800H In the area of YD080654 elements of Co I, while moving into their night position, discovered evidence of recent enemy

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The grass was flattened along the trail as if personnel had laid down and a mortar pit with aiming stakes was found.

1830H In the area of YD091653 elements of Co I began to drive north and received 3-4 rounds of sniper fire. There was 1 Marine WIA.

1845H In the area of YD088655 an AO received 25-50 rounds of 50cal fire (with tracers). Countered with AO's ordnance and artillery with unknown results.

25 Jul 1000-2045H In grid square YD0866 Co I received 15 60mm mortar rounds, 2 RPG rounds, and small arms fire while driving north, from a tree line. Countered with organic weapons and observed a 4 man NVA RPG team withdrawing to the southwest. An AO came on station and observed artillery missions. Co I marked the enemy position with 60mm mortar fire and the AO observed 8-10 NVA moving into the bushy area in the central portion of the grid square. Three flights of fixed wing had previously prepped the area with napalm and snake bombs. The AO called in more fixed wing and gunships. Two large secondary explosions were observed during the strikes. The AO and gunships reported taking small arms fire from the area. The fire was suppressed with OV10 ordnance. At 1230H the AO reported 1 NVA KBA, 4 NVA probable, 5 bunkers destroyed and 4 damaged. Between 1230 and 1315 the area of contact was searched locating 15 fighting holes, freshly dug. Co I coordinated with Co C, 1/3 to the west who was also in contact. Following the air strikes and artillery missions, a systematic search of the area resulted in finding 2 60mm mortars (1 damaged and 1 destroyed), 1 destroyed 82mm mortar, 3 damaged AK47's, 24 82mm rounds, 35 82mm fuses, 5 boxes of 82mm increments, 1 mortar evaluation sheet, 1 RPG round, several charred NVA packs, 10-12 lbs of rice, 7 AK47 magazines, 2 gasmasks. The trails showed fresh footprints leading into a bushy draw which was completely bombed out and still burning. The stench of burning flesh and dead bodies was overbearing throughout the area. The enemy force was estimated to have been a NVA company with supporting mortar, RPG, and machinegun platoons. It was most difficult to make a total body count due to the extensive bombing and napalming. 20 NVA KBA, possibly more.

26 Jul 0630-1050H In the area of YD083661 Co I continued the search of the contact area and discovered packs and 60mm mortar sight boxes with names and numbers on them; Troun Guon, Thi Tong, Quet, 0233 Cheoj, and Thoun 0233. Some equipment had been hit by shrapnel and some partially buried. Continued to find flesh and blood in the area. Also found were 1 AK47, 2 NVA canteens, 3 AK47 magazines, 4 gasmasks, 3 NVA poncho liners, 2 Chicom grenades, 4 60mm mortar rounds, 2 NVA E-tools, lbs of rice, 2 60mm mortar sight boxes, 3 bags of 60mm increments, 4 60mm fuses, and 2 NVA flares.

1000H In the area of YD066694 an AO ran 2 UH1E gunships, 2 flights of fixed wing, and his ordnance. The damage was 10 bunkers destroyed, 5 damaged, 1 trail cut, and 24 fighting holes destroyed.

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1056 2015H In the area of YD0866 Co I continued searching the area of contact. Corpsmen assisted in evaluating the number of enemy killed. Many body parts were found throughout the area and assorted gear and weapons. All were charred and mangled. A 500lb bomb had made a direct hit on a fairly large bunker. A total of 8 NVA KIA were confirmed but more were undoubtedly killed in the area.

1045H In the area of YD077668 elements of Co K found a 60mm mortar round dated 1966.

1600H In the area of YD058698 an A0 ran 2 flights of fixed wing on a recent trail and bunker complex. The aircraft destroyed 2 bunkers and accounted for 2 secondary explosions.

2130H In the area of YD085662 elements of Co I, while moving into ambush positions, observed 3 NVA moving south. A hasty ambush was set but the NVA did not appear. Movement was heard to the flank and grenades were thrown with negative results.

2140H In the area of YD093666 elements of Co I heard movement north of their position, approximately 10-15m away. The unit threw grenades and received 1 Chicom grenade, wounding 2 Marines. While the unit was returning to their CP a short 105mm round landed near them wounding 7 Marines.

27 Jul 0800-0900H In the area of YD065675 an A0 ran 3 flights of fixed wing and 1 OV10 on an enemy mortar position and bunker complex. Eight bunkers were destroyed and 12 damaged.

0850H In the area of YD072672 Co K received 35-40 rounds of 82mm mortar inside their position. Artillery and fixed wing were called on the suspected mortar position. Results unknown. There were 9 Marine WIA's (3 from 3d Tanks).

0940H In the area of YD063684 elements of Co K observed 3 NVA moving into a treeline. Fired tanks and artillery with unknown results.

1125H In the area of YD065675 elements of Co K, on a sweep, discovered 2 new mortar positions, 1 bunker, and 9 fighting holes. Found in the bunker were 5 82mm mortar rounds. The mortar rounds and bunker were destroyed.

1920H In the area of YD085648 elements of Co K observed 2 NVA in camouflaged clothing crossing the trail into a treeline. Artillery and tanks were used with unknown results.

28 Jul 0100H In the area of YD093659 elements of Co K initiated contact, using Claymores, against a small NVA force. The NVA moved down the trail and another ambush was initiated using Claymores, small arms, and frag grenades. Results were 6 NVA KIA's, 2 AK47's with magazines, and 1 Marine WIA.

0325H In the area of YD085648 elements of Co K and Co A Tanks came under heavy RPG and small arms fire from the west and south west. An estimated 35-40 NVA were in the attack. The attack was

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concentrated on the tanks. Three tanks were hit but all remained operational. The attack was repulsed with machineguns and small arms fire. Artillery illumination and blocking fires were used. At 0355H an AO and Spooky came on station and fired on routes of egress. Results were 3 Marine KIA's (Tanks) and 12 WIA's (6 from Tanks).

0430H In the area of YD134654 elements of Co H, 2/3 captured 1 NVA. He was moving south along the road and was wearing an NVA uniform with all distinguishing marks removed. He had 6 LT 3 stenciled on his collar. Results were 1 NVA POW, 2 Chicom grenades, medical gear, Russian made watch, and assorted papers captured.

0615H In the area of YD093659 elements of Co K discovered another dead NVA and 1 AK47. Continuing search.

0640H In the area of YD093659 elements of Co K continuing their search of the contact area. Results were 7 AK47 magazines, 3 NVA canteens (1 had the number 514 scratched on it), 8 Chicom grenades, 14 protein bars, and 1 flashlight. All items were destroyed.

0730H In the area of YD085648 Co K continued search of the area of contact. There were 7 heavy blood trails and drag tracks leading west and northwest. Results were 20 Chicom grenades, 2 RPG rounds, 1 AK47, and 1 NVA KIA. The gear was destroyed.

29 Jul No significant events.

30 Jul No significant events.

31 Jul 0020H In the area of YD077613 elements of Co I, while setting in an ambush site, heard movement to the rear of the ambush site. The sound indicated that the NVA were filling canteens in the stream. The ambush quickly reoriented itself to be able to execute the ambush from the rear. The ambush was executed with Claymores and heavy volleys of small arms and machinegun fire. The NVA returned sporadic small arms fire and several grenades. Four bodies could be seen in the killing zone. Sounds of the wounded NVA could be heard and at 0230H 1 NVA who apparently was playing dead made an attempt to escape by throwing grenades into the ambush site. The ambush returned fire and killed the NVA. The NVA were well groomed and the uniforms were in good condition. Results of the contact was 5 NVA KIA's, 1 NVA POW (corpsman), 12 canteens, 10 packs, 9 AK47's, 15 AK47 magazines, 1 binocular, 3 hammocks, 4 ponchos, 11 Chicom grenades, and assorted food captured. The uniforms had the number 4031 on them. The equipment was destroyed. There were 6 Marine WIA's.

1630H In the area of YD085628 elements of Co L, while on patrol, following a trail of blood and observed a wounded NVA. After capturing the NVA, interrogation revealed that he was wounded in the ambush executed by Co L and was a member of the 2d Co, 19th Bn, 31st Regt. His mission was to interdict Route #9. Company strength was 31 men. They had been operating in the area for the past 9 months however the POW had crossed the Ben Hai only 2

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days prior. They had been heading back north due to the Marine activity in the area. Captured were 1 Cbicom grenade and 1 Claymore mine.

1930H In the area of YD063645 elements of Co L observed 2 NVA moving into a treeline. Artillery was called with unknown results.

DMZ Patrol Report

21 Jul 1945H Recon team Eagle Night entered their recon zone and moved to their night position YD147757 and set in OP.

2004H Recon team Jawbreaker entered their recon zone and moved to their night position YD166751 and set in OP.

22 Jul 0655H Eagle Night reached their OP at YD147755.

0715H Jawbreaker reached their OP at YD166751.

1400H The night positions will be Eagle Night at YD145759 and Jawbreaker at YD166752.

1500H Jawbreaker discovered a bunker complex at YD164753 and was unable to determine how many bunkers were in it because the complex dipped into a ravine. Estimated the complex to be 200m long, north to south. Heard the NVA talking and playing radios. Seven NVA were observed coming out of a treeline at YD169759 and headed south. There were many large and well beaten down trails. Called AO to control the fire on the complex. Results were 4 bunkers destroyed.

1900-2050H Eagle Night in the vicinity of YD148754 received 6 rounds of 60mm mortar from YD144748. All rounds landed outside their perimeter. An AO controlled artillery mission on suspected enemy position. While the mission was in progress, Co H observed 7 NVA moving north along a low ridgeline. The NVA were taken under fire with organic weapons. Artillery was called on the escape routes. Eagle Night moved into the area and conducted search with negative results. Eagle Night will move to night position at YD149751 and will search the area more thoroughly tomorrow also the streambed that runs north of the DMZ Salient.

1900H Jawbreaker all secure.

2300H Jawbreaker and Eagle Night all secure.

23 Jul 0915 Jawbreaker exited the DMZ and closed on Co H's position.

1045 Eagle Night exited the DMZ and closed on Co K's position.

1045H DMZ Recon Patrols terminated.

OUTGOING MESSAGE TRAFFICDTGSUBJECT

✓060750Z JUL 69	COMBAT LOSSES
✓060754Z JUL 69	MONTHLY DENSITY REPORT
✓140555Z JUL 69	NESTOR EQUIPMENT STATUS
✓181220Z JUL 69	SGT S R LYNCH
✓190200Z JUL 69	EXT LV GRANTED
✓241416Z JUL 69	CPL H S NEAL
✓260317Z JUL 69	CMC MSG R182030Z JUL 69

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ADDITIONAL 060750 2 JUL 69

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TO: CC, THIRD DIV (TID) PIF

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COMBAT LOSSES THIRD DIVISIONAL

A. DIVISIONAL 15A

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IS SUBMITTED FOR THE PERIOD 0001H 1 JULY TO 2400 H
31 JULY 1969, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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ROUTINE 060754 Z JULY 69

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FM: THIRD BN THIRD MARINES

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TO: CG, THIRD MARDIV (REIN) FMF

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MONTHLY DENSITY REPORT FOR GENERAL ITEMS

TAM	CONT NR	FSN	NOMENCLATURE	AUTH	O/H	SERV
C2000	4230-926-9488		DECON APPARAUTS M-12	1	0	0
C2120	N/A					
C2130	N/A					
C4000	7360-273-8622		ACCESSORY PACK	20	0	0
C4010	7420-989-1593		ADD AND SUB MACH	1	1	1
C4015	7420-935-4020		ADD AND SUB MACH	1	0	0
C4030	7490-285-3034		ADDRESS PLATE MACH MOD 70	8	8	8
C4040	7490-688-9865		ADDRESS PLATE MACH MOD 215	6	5	5
C4240	N/A					
C4250	7420-042-0881		CALCULATOR	1	1	1
C4640	N/A					
C4650	3610-288-1694		DUPLICATING SETS SPRINT PROC 1	1	0	0
C4660	3610-278-1410		DUPLICATING SET STENCIL PROC	1	1	1
C4690	7490-681-9066		EMBOSSING MACH MOD 350	6	8	8
C4700	N/A					
C4790	7510-285-1799		FILE SET OFFICE RECORD	11	11	11
C4820	N/A					
C4830	N/A					
C5310	N/A					
C5320	7510-264-4492		OFFICE SUPPLY SET FLD DESK	17	13	13
C5330	N/A					
C5340	N/A					
C5370	N/A					
C5380	N/A					
C5390	N/A					
C5400	7510-264-4828		OFFICE SUPPLY SET 11" TYPEWRITER	19	19	19
C5410	7510-264-5437		OFFICE SUPPLY SET 18" TYPEWRITER	2	2	2
C5820	7360-273-8627		RANGE OUTFIT	28	7	7
C6260	7530-270-6169		STSTIOARY SET COM 1	1	1	1
C6660	7430-254-4321		TYPEWRITER TELE	1	1	1
C6670	7430-254-4319		TYPEWRITER	1	1	1
C6680	N/A		N/A			

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TO: JANKS PEARL

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ROUTINE

FROM: THIRD BN, THIRD MAR

TO: CG THIRD MAR DIV (REIN) FMF

REQUEST RELEASE

DRAFTER 3/3 COMMSEC S-1 PHONE S-1CWO R 241416 Z JULY 69

FROM: CG THIRD MAR DIV (REIN) FMF

TO: MARBKS LBEACH

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A. CPL NEAL, H. S. 235 62 79/3371 USMC

1. SNM AUTH 15 DAYS EMERG LV. EMERG LV ORDERS
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TO: CMC

INFO: CG FMFPAC (0016)
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1. IN REPLY TO REF A. NONE OF THE DOCUMENTS ARE HELD BY THIS COMMAND.

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