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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**

<p>H&S Company</p> <p>I Company</p> <p>K Company</p> <p>L Company</p> <p>M Company</p>	<p>LtCol R C SCHULZE 1-18 Aug</p> <p>LtCol E E EVANS 19-31 Aug</p> <p>1stLt R C HOFFMAN 1-31 Aug</p> <p>1stLt T L ENGLE 1-31 Aug</p> <p>Capt P B GOODWIN 1-31 Aug</p> <p>1stLt J A BURNS 1-31 Aug</p> <p>1stLt K E THOMPSON 1-31 Aug</p>
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2. **LOCATION.**

01-13 Aug - XD129589, Cam Lo Map Sheet #6342 I, Series L7014

14-31 Aug - YD984546, Cam Lo Map Sheet #6342 I, Series L7014

3. **STAFF OFFICERS.**

<p>Executive Officer</p> <p>S-3</p> <p>S-3A/2</p> <p>S-4</p> <p>Adjutant</p> <p>Supply Officer</p> <p>Personnel Officer</p> <p>Communications Officer</p> <p>Motor Transport Officer/S-5</p> <p>Artillery Liaison Officer</p> <p>Forward Air Control Officer</p> <p>Air Liaison Officer</p> <p>Chaplain</p> <p>Battalion Surgeon</p> <p>Battalion Sargeant Major</p>	<p>Maj W J REILLY Jr 1-31 Aug</p> <p>Maj R E DEFOREST 1-31 Aug</p> <p>Capt H B RILEY 1-31 Aug</p> <p>Capt J O TROTT 1-31 Aug</p> <p>2dLt R L WINDHLM 1-31 Aug</p> <p>1stLt D P DUFFY 1-31 Aug</p> <p>2dLt D G DENNISON 1-31 Aug</p> <p>2dLt D M SHARPE 1-31 Aug</p> <p>1stLt D L MOORE Jr 1-31 Aug</p> <p>2dLt J L FROST 1-31 Aug</p> <p>1stLt H A DETERING 1-22 Aug</p> <p>1stLt T L HALL 23-31 Aug</p> <p>Capt H A LOCKE 1-16 Aug</p> <p>1stLt J P SULLIVAN 17-31 Aug</p> <p>LtCndr J DOLAN 1-20 Aug</p> <p>LtCndr R G DEBOCK 21-31 Aug</p> <p>Lt A E SVENDSEN 1-31 Aug</p> <p>SgtMaj F M DES JARDINS 1-31 Aug</p>
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4. **AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH**

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. GENERAL OVERALL VIEW OF ALL ACTIVITIES. During the period of 1-13 August, the Battalion operated from the Cam Lo District Headquarters and stable positions to the north. From 14-31 August, the Battalion operated from Elliot Combat Base and 8 company-size search and clear operations were conducted. The Battalion continued to emphasize night movement, logistic self-sufficiency, minimum dependance 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. There was emphasis on close air support, TPQ's, and Beacon strikes throughout the month. Ambushes during this reporting period were very successful. Mortar attacks were minimal throughout the reporting month.

The Battalion S-5 worked throughout the month with local civilians with Ned CAPs in conjunction with RVN authorities.

2. COMBAT RELATIONS.

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

3. MISSIONS ASSIGNED.

- a. 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.

- b. Regimental Frag Order 94-69

(1) No change.

- c. Regimental Frag Order 95-69

(1) Continue all ongoing missions in AO.

(2) 041200H August assume responsibility for additional AO from First Battalion.

(3) At 1200H on 4 August commence extensive S/D operations in Cam Hung area. (Upper left corner, lower right 1060.)

- d. Regimental Frag Order 96-69

(1) On D-day, commence operations in assigned AO.

(2) On order, assume responsibility for new AO and commence S/D operations.

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- (3) Provide (1) company for security of Elliot CB to include Third Marines CP.
- (4) Provide security for Route #9, road construction crews, and equipment in AO.
- (5) Provide security for road sweeps emanating from Elliot CB within AO.

e. Regimental Frag Order 97-69

- (1) No change.

f. Regimental Frag Order 98-69

- (1) Commencing at H-hour, D-day attack to the north with three
- (3) companies to destroy the enemy, asses grand slam, and gather intelligence information.
- (2) Continue to provide normal security for Elliot CB and Route #9 in AO.
- (3) On 18 Aug, assume OPCON of one (1) platoon from 2d Battalion for security of FSB Pete.
- (4) When directed on 13 Aug, provide one (1) platoon for the security of road sweep from Route #9 to FSB Pete.

g. Regimental Frag Order 99-69

- (1) Conduct extensive, deliberate, and thorough combat patrolling in assigned AO to find, fix, and destroy the enemy and to gather intelligence information.
- (2) Continue to provide normal security for Elliot CB and Route #9 in AO.
- (3) Assume OPCON of Co D, 1st Bn, 4th Marines approximately 18 1500H Aug 69. Duration of OPCON, approximately four (4) days.

h. Regimental Frag Order 100-69

- (1) Continue previously assigned mission.
- (2) On order 24 August 69, pass OPCON of 1st platoon, Company G to 2d Battalion.
- (3) By 24 August 69, with one (1) company, be prepared to conduct S/D operations in southwest quadrant of AO using helicopter or surface means.
- (4) Commencing on 24 August 69, conduct S/D operations with a minimum of one (1) company along infiltration routes between E-W 59 and 61 grid lines.

4. INTELLIGENCE.

a. During the month, the Battalion was involved in Operation Idaho Canyon. Enemy activity was light to moderate. There were 9 contacts with the enemy during the month, the most significant taking place on the 22d in the Mutters Ridge area.

b. Unit Identification. Documents captured on 22 August identified the presence of the first and second companies of the 2d Bn, 9th Regt, 304 Div.

5. OPERATIONS. See paragraph 5.

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6. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.a. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy.

KIA	Killed by Artillery/Air	POW
18	5	3

b. Casualties Sustained.

	KIA	WIA	NBC
USMC	7	38	44
USN	0	1	3

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

13 AK47 rifles	5 RPG2 launchers
1 AIM rifle	3 SKS rifles

Ordnance

475 7.62 rounds	30 M79 rounds
192 Chicom grenades	7 RPG boosters
4 82mm mortar rounds	3 WP grenades
5 60mm mortar rounds	230 AK47 rounds
6 RPG2 rounds	1 M26 grenade
50 rifle grenades	18 Chicom Claymore mines.

Miscellaneous Equipment

145 bunkers	1 60mm mortar sight box
30 fighting holes	2 maps
25 m trenchline	1 pr binoculars
20 lbs rice	2 batteries
23 NVA packs	1 NVA machette
30 NVA canteens	2 newspapers
2 pr NVA utilities	1 bowl
25 NVA E-tools	3 NVA poncho liners
4 pr sandals	7 cooking utensils
32 AK47 magazines	2 books
2 soft covers	2 ID tags (individual)
7 mosquito nets	23 battle dressings
3 ft rope	3 NVA cartridge belts
1 knife	17 NVA ponchos
7 first aid packets	1 compass
290 protein bars	12 gasmask pouches
5 grenade pouches	assorted medical gear

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 H, 4th Bn, 12th Marines
- (6) Btry L, 4th Bn, 12th Marines

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- (7) Btry K, 4th Bn, 12th Marines
- (8) Btry C, 5th of the 4th Artillery USA
- (9) Btry C, 6th of the 33d Artillery USA
- (10) Btry B, 1st of the 40th Artillery USA
- (11) Btry A, 1st 3" Howitzers
- (12) Btry B, 1st 3" Howitzers
- (13) Btry C, 1st 3" Howitzers
- (14) Missions Fired:

- (a) Illumination 68
- (b) Preparatory Fires 207
- (c) Night Defensive Fires 125
- (d) Spotter Rounds 38
- (e) Live Missions 215
- (f) HVI Fires 347
- (g) Ammunition Expended:

Type	HE	WP	ILL	HC
105mm	8810	522	81	34
155mm	1050	71	4	
4.2"	326	33	3	4
8"	40			

b. 81mm Mortars

- (1) Ammunition Expended:

HE	WP	ILL
8954	538	1135

c. Air Support.

- (1) 110 flights of fixed wing were requested and 85 received.
- (2) 115 TFQ's were requested and 52 received.
- (3) 50 AO's were requested and 35 received.
- (4) 50 medevacs were requested and received.
- (5) 11 C&C flights were requested and 10 received.
- (6) 2 flare ships were requested and received.
- (7) 4 beacon hops were requested and 3 received.
- (8) 8 UH1B gunships were requested and received.
- (9) 1 C47 gunship was requested and received.
- (10) 15 CS flights were requested and 4 received.
- (11) 20 seeding flights were requested and received.
- (12) 8 troop lifts were accomplished.
- (13) 16,500 pounds of cargo was lifted.

8. LOGISTICS.a. Supply.

- (1) Combat Essential Supplies on hand were 88% as of 31 August

69. Critical shortages existed in the following items:

Item	Shortages
Antenna, AS2836	2
Antenna, RC292	2

- (2) Class V was drawn from the ASP at Quang Tri, Dong Ha, and Vandegrift CB.

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b. Resupply. During August, 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.

d. Transportation.

- (1) Total mileage on organic vehicles during August was 17,787.
- (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, communication remained excellent. On the 13th, the Battalion CP moved to Elliot CB and a relay station was set up on the Rockpile to improve communication to the Battalion Rear in Dong Ha.

b. AN/PRC88 were put in use for line security of the Battalion CP's position and worked quite favorably.

c. A series of bad lots of BA386/U continued to be encountered.

d. It was found that the guy lines for the Antenna AS2256 were inadequate when placed near helicopter landing zones or during high winds. It is felt that an extra set should be placed at the top of the dielectric and the remaining ones be placed lower on the mast.

10. EQUIPMENT. Combat essential equipment at 88% on 31 August 1969.

11. CIVIC ACTION.

a. During the month, the Battalion S-5 assisted in 2 Med CAPs. These CAPs were combined projects with the Medical Staff and S-5 Officer of the 2d ARVN Regt. The Med CAPs treated 283 Vietnamese. 3 Vietnamese were medevaced during the month.

12. PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION.

a. Personnel.

Gains:	6 USMC Off	175 USMC Enl	1 USN Off	1 USN Enl
Losses:	9 USMC Off	162 USMC Enl	1 USN Off	1 USN Enl

b. Administration.

(1) During the month of August, 1 SPCM was held and 2 Court Martials are pending. The Battalion Commander held 6 Office Hours and 1 is pending. There were 13 Company Commander Office Hours held and 14 are pending.

(2) R&R continued to the Morale Sector. The Battalion received and used 90 Out Of Country Quotas. There were 40 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	2	Navy Commendation	2
Purple Heart	84	Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry	8
Navy Achievement	13		

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 9
- (2) Staff NCO School 3
- (3) NCO School (Okinawa) 1
- (4) Embarkation School (Enlisted) 1
- (5) NCO School 2

14. MISCELLANEOUS.

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

Mean High	100°
Mean Low	72°
Humidity	98%
Rainfall	.71"

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. See Part IV Journal Summary.

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JOURNAL SUMMARY

- 01 Aug 1130H In the area of YD12666 elements of Co K found 2 NVA bodies killed by shrapnel and were about 2 months old. Also found were 2 AK47 magazines, 1 poncho, 2 US web belts, 1 M26 grenade (dud), 1 NVA first aid kit, 1 NVA helmet, 2 NVA packs, and 2 civilian shirts.
- 1645H In the area of YD12667 elements of Co K found 1 140mm rocket launcher which was aimed towards Dong Ha CB. The launcher was destroyed.
- 2100H In the area of YD143649 elements of Co I, using a NOD, observed 5 persons 500m from their perimeter. They were taken under fire with small arms and mortars with unknown results.
- 02 Aug 1225H In the area of YD135645 elements of Co I received 6 107mm rockets, 2 landing inside their perimeter. An AO was called and artillery fire returned at suspected position with unknown results. 1 Marine WIA.
- 1500H In the area of YD135645 elements of Co A, Tanks were burning a bushy draw when a trip flare ignited causing a fire that spread to the tanks. 3 Marine NBC's (Tanks).
- 1735H In the area of YD135645 elements of Co I received 6 107mm rockets, 3 landed inside the mine field. An AO was called and artillery fire was returned and fixed wing used. The AO reported 4 bunkers destroyed, 1 secondary explosion and fire.
- 2100-2330H In the area of YD135645 elements of Co I observed 5-8 persons with the NOD. Tanks and M79's fired at the personnel with unknown results.
- 03 Aug 0800-1015H In the area of YD148614 elements of Co M checked 20 civilians and detained them at C-2. Two were without ID cards. They were released by ITT after interrogating them.
- 04 Aug No significant events.
- 05 Aug 1200H In the area of YD135645 elements of Co I received 8 107mm rockets. All landed outside the perimeter. An AO was called and artillery called on the suspected enemy position with unknown results.
- 1725H In the area of YD135645 elements of Co I received 1 107mm rocket outside the perimeter.
- 1900H In the area of YD135645 elements of Co I received 2 107mm rockets, one landing inside the perimeter. 2 Marine WIA's.
- 06 Aug 0430H In the area of YD123567 elements of Co M ambushed 3 NVA, heading south, killing 2. The bodies were viewed by Cam Lo officials and one had come from the Cam Lo Resettlement Area. Captured in the ambush were 2 AK47's, 2 AK47 magazines, 2 NVA packs, 1 poncho, 5 Chinese cigarettes, 2 canteens, 1 can kerosene, 2 books, and money and pictures.

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- 07 Aug 2030-080025H In the area of YD175653 elements of Co I were ambushed by approximately 15-18 NVA using grenades and small arms. The NVA broke contact and artillery was called on the escape routes with unknown results. There were 4 Marine WIA's.
- 08 Aug 0615-0830H In the area of YD175653 elements of Co I searched area of last evening's contact finding 1 RPG round, 3 Ho Chi Minh sandals, 1 NVA poncho, 1 AK47 magazine, 1 homemade gas mask, 1 battle dressing, and 1 green utility shirt.
- 0930H In the area of YD096612 while on a combined operation with Co L, RF256 found 1 AK47 magazine, 50 AK47 rounds, 2 Chicom grenades.
- 1140H In the area of YD100614 elements of Co L found 6 bunkers in good condition but had not been used recently. The bunkers were destroyed.
- 1245H In the area of YD155655 elements of Co K received 7 rockets outside their perimeter. Called artillery on suspected rocket position with unknown results.
- 09 Aug 1800H In the area YD170575 elements of Co I observed 9 NVA moving south and 2 NVA moving north and joining up and moving into a draw. The NVA were wearing packs and were well camouflaged. Artillery was called on the area and Co I moved in to check area and observed 3 NVA running. They were taken under fire and killed. Also found 3 NVA KBA.
- 1800H In the area of YD155677 elements of Co I received 50 rounds of small arms fire. When fire was returned with organic weapons a secondary explosion was observed killing 3 NVA. Area was searched finding 1 leather belt, 1 pr. binoculars, 1 AK47, 1 AKM, 48 AK47 rounds, 1 magazine pouch, and 1 knife.
- 10 Aug 0930H In the area of YD155677 elements of Co I searched area of last night's action again finding 2 bunkers overhauled with logs, 1 AK47, 3 AK47 magazines, 1 NVA map, 8 letters, 3 Chicom grenades, 2 pr sandals, 5 cooking utensils, 1 poncho, 1 battle dressing, 5 lbs rice, 30 AK47 rounds, 1 newspaper (date 26 Jun 69).
- 11 Aug 0945-120800H In the area of YD 092631 elements of Co K made contact with a small NVA unit. The NVA broke contact and 4-5 minutes later Co K made contact with an estimated 2 platoons of NVA in bunkers. Artillery, gunship, and fixed wing was called in. Elements of Co I and tanks moved in to assist with Co K and elements of Co M moved into blocking position. Position was assaulted and searched area finding 19 NVA M16, 11 AK47's, 2 RPG2's, 44 AK47 magazines, 4 magazine pouches, 302 AK47 rounds, 3 M16 rounds, 7 RPG boosters, 141 Chicom grenades, 5 grenade pouches, 14 lbs TNT, 475 M60 rounds, 4 NVA belts, 37 NVA packs, 1 US pack, 19 NVA E-tools, 8 NVA picks, 19 NVA gasmasks, 12 gasmask pouches, 16 gasmask filters, 240 protein bars, 3 tins food

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15 bags rice, 1 can footpowder, 1 NVA canteen pouch, 7 medical kits, 2 NVA boots, 9 hammocks, 4 shirts, 1 binocular case, 2 trousers, 3 undershirts, 3 underwear, 7 mosquito nets, 2 NVA batteries, 4 rolls of wire. All gear was sent to Regt S-2 for intelligence use. There were 23 Marine MIA's.

12 Aug No significant events.

13 Aug No significant events.

14 Aug No significant events.

15 Aug 0001H In the area of XD998554 elements of Co K observed 1 NVA standing on road 50m away. Enemy fled southeast as he was taken under fire. Searched area with negative results.

0830H In the area of XD943626 an AO ran a fixed wing airstrike on a bunker complex. Results were 10 bunkers destroyed.

1230-1530H In the area of XD976616, XD976614, XD976611 an AO ran 4 flights of fixed wing on a ridge line. Results were 14 bunkers destroyed.

1500H In the area of XD946602 elements of Co L observed signs of recent enemy activity and what appeared to be a new bunker complex. Artillery was called on the area destroying 6 bunkers.

1530H In the area of XD975594 elements of Co H found an ambush site along a stream. Also found an NVA pith helmet with CHUOIN 246 on it, 1 NVA E-tool, 15 50cal rounds. The area and gear was destroyed.

16 Aug 0830-1000H In the area of XD965653, XD973645, and XD947628 an AO ran fixed wing on bunkers destroying 11 bunkers. The AO also observed 1 charred body at XD946626. Elements of Co L are heading to the area.

17 Aug 1030-1100H In the area of XD975644 and XD951646 an AO ran 2 flights of fixed wing destroying 1 50cal position and 5 bunkers with 2 secondary explosions.

1150H In the area of XD944625 elements of Co L found 2 wallets and a large amount of US 782 gear. One wallet belonged to SSgt SC-4958 and the other to RI-3917.

1230H In the area of XD943624 elements of Co L searched for 2 dud 500lb bombs and the charred body of 16 August. They found 1 bomb on top of a house and 1 NVA KBA. Continuing search.

1330H In the area of XD943624 elements of Co M found the remains of 3 NVA killed by artillery and dead for about 1 month. Also found 1 AK47 stock, 1 Chicom grenade, and 1 Chicom Claymore mine.

18 Aug 0915H In the area of XD965648, and XD973650 an AO ran 3 flights of fixed wing destroying 10 bunkers.

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- 19 Aug 0700H In the area of XD936648 an A0 ran fixed wing on a bunker complex destroying 2 bunkers.
- 0730H In the area of XD937646 an A0 ran fixed wing on a bunker complex destroying 2 bunkers.
- 0800H In the area of XD971659 an A0 ran fixed wing on a bunker complex destroying 1 bunker.
- 0830H In the area of XD962666 an A0 ran fixed wing on a bunker complex destroying 2 bunkers.
- 0900H In the area of XD964654 an A0 ran fixed wing on a suspected enemy position with 1 secondary explosion.
- 1100H In the area of XD953662 an A0 ran fixed wing on a suspected enemy position destroying 1 bunker.
- 1130H In the area of XD955663 an A0 ran fixed wing on a suspected enemy position destroying 2 bunkers.
- 20 Aug 0645H In the area of XD977546 elements of Co K killed a large black bear that attacked them.
- 0900H In the area of XD936576 elements of Co K found an 82mm mortar round buried nose down in the road. The round was blown in place.
- 1130H In the area of XD 947630 elements of Co M found 1 Marine body (PC-8038), 1 NVA helmet, 2 canteens with markings, 2 soft covers with markings, 2 NVA ID tags, 4 82mm mortar rounds, 12 AK47 magazines, 6 NVA gasmasks, 5 Chicom grenades, 50 rifle rds., and 4 first aid packets. The body and gear was sent to Regt.
- 1715H In the area of XD947636 elements of Co L received 2 60mm mortar rounds 100m from their position. An A0 was called and artillery used on suspected enemy position with unknown results.
- 21 Aug 1800H In the area of XD938628 elements of Co L found 2 partially buried bodies about two weeks old. Also found was 1 AK47, 1 unserviceable gasmask, and 40 Chicom grenades.
- 2050H In the area of XD955575 elements of Co K observed what appeared to be 10 amber lights on a pole. Fired 106mm RR and dusters at lights. Artillery called in with unknown results.
- 22 Aug 0845H In the area of XD9365 elements of Co K found a dud AP mine lodged in road. Mine was blown in place. 1000H In the area of XD938653 and XD93653 an A0 ran 3 flights of fixed wing on enemy bunkers resulting in 2 bunkers destroyed and 2 secondary explosions and fires.
- 1130H In the area of XD932623 elements of Co L made point contact with an estimated NVA squad, wearing green utilities, pith helmets and carrying AK47's. The elements fired upon the NVA with small arms and called in artillery as blocking fires. Fixed wing and gunships were also called in with unknown results. There were 4 Marine KIA.

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1630-2230 In the area of XD934627 elements of Co L made contact with 2 reinforced NVA platoons in extremely steep terrain with heavy vegetation. The NVA were in well constructed and camouflaged bunkers and maintained fire superiority with 2 30cal machineguns, AK47's and Chicoms. Contact was broken with the help of gunships. Artillery called in with unknown results. There was 8 NVA KIA, 1 Kit Carson Scout KIA, 6 Marine KIA and 11 WIA.

2245H In the area of XD937628 elements of CoL received 12 82mm mortar rounds about 300m southeast of their position. Artillery was called with unknown results.

23 Aug 0630H In the area of XD938627 elements of CoL received 6-8 105mm rounds landing 20-200m from their positions. A check fire was called.

0730H In the area of XD938627 elements of Co L deployed to sweep area of last night's contact and discovered 23 bunkers, 18 had been destroyed by artillery and fixed wing. All were connected by trenchlines. Area was littered with bloody NVA battle dressings, bloody clothing, and several blood trails. Results of the search were 2 NVA KIA, 4 AK47's, 3 SKS's, 1 60MM sight, 3 Chicom grenades, and a torn shirt with writing on it. The bunkers and gear was destroyed and the shirt sent to Regt. S-2.

0927H In the area of XD946624 elements of Co I observed 2 82mm mortar rounds impact 100m from their position. Negative action was taken.

0930H In the area of XD938627 elements of Co L observed 10 82mm mortar rounds impact 20m outside of their position. Artillery was called on the suspected enemy position with unknown results.

1132H In the area of XD938627 elements of Co L received 5 82mm mortar rounds. One landed inside a fighting hole resulting in 1 Marine KIA and 6 WIA. An AO was called and directed fixed wing and artillery on suspected enemy position resulting in 5 secondary explosions and 2 bunkers destroyed.

1230H In the area of XD933627, XD932646, and XD944646 the Bn Air Liaison ran 5 flights of fixed wing on suspected enemy position resulting in 23 bunkers destroyed, 1 mortar position destroyed and 2 secondary explosion.

2040H In the area of XD984543 elements of Co K fired M79's at movement when trip flares were set off with negative results.

2245H In the area of XD961542 elements of Co K observed 5 NVA. The enemy were taken under fire with unknown results at this time. Area to be checked out.

24 Aug 0001H In the area of XD961542 elements of Co K checked area of 232245H sighting and found 1 NVA KIA, 1 AK47, 2 Chicom grenades, 1 AK47 magazine, 1 canbox, 1 protein bars, and a metal tag with B-4 on it. The tag was sent to S-2 and the rest of the gear was destroyed.

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0740- 1130H In the area of XD936627, XD933631, and XD928635 the Bn Air Liaison ran 4 flights of fixed wing on suspected enemy position resulting in 18 bunkers and 1 mortar pit destroyed, 14 bunkers damaged, 1 cave uncovered, and 1 secondary explosion.

0845 In the area of XD961542 elements of Co K swept through the area of last night's activity and found what appeared to be a NVA ambush site with 18 Chicom Claymores still in place. The mines were blown in place.

- 25 Aug 0830H In the area of XD953621 elements of Co L observed 2 60mm mortar rounds land 300m outside their perimeter as a helicopter was landing. Artillery was called with unknown results.
- 26 Aug 1515H In the area of XD977556 elements of Co K observed 1 round of unknown size landed near them. An AO was requested to check the area. Results unknown.
- 27 Aug 0020H In the area of XD961536 elements of Co L received 12 105mm rounds from the direction of Elliot CB. A check fire was called. There was 1 USN KIA and 1 WIA, 7 Marine WIA.
- 28 Aug No significant events.
- 29 Aug 1710H In the area of XD966647 an AO ran a TPQ on a suspected enemy position resulting in 1 NVA KBA
- 1800H In the area of XD975598 elements of Co M found a well used trail along a stream. The trail was straddled with 20 spider holes 10m apart, some used recently. Also found were 2 82mm fuze containers, and 1 cooking utensil. The holes and gear was destroyed.
- 30 Aug 1030H In the area of XD975598 elements of Co M followed a trail found previous day for about 400m. There was NVA comm wire along the trail but not connected to anything.
- 31 Aug No significant events.

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SUBJECT

✓131300Z Aug 69	Use of Facilities at Vandegrift Combat Base
✓250246Z Aug 69	Detonation of M26 Grenade (Intentional)
✓250248Z Aug 69	Intentional Discharge of M16
✓290944Z Aug 69	Accidental Discharge of M14
✓311036Z Aug 69	Intentional Discharge of M16
✓311038Z Aug 69	CG, 3d Mar Div Msg R240320Z Aug 69; Negative Report

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P 131300 Z AUG 69

FM: CO THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES

TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV (REIN) FMF

INFO: CO, THIRD MARINES

DRAFTER 3/3 COMM

SEC S-4 PHONE S-4

CWO _____

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

SUBJ: USE OF FACILITIES AT VANDERGRIFT COMBAT BASE

1. REQUEST PERMISSION TO ESTABLISH A TEMPORARY LOGISTICAL CP AT VCB FOR THE 3D BN, 3D MAR.
2. PERMISSION IS REQUESTED DUE TO LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE AT THE FORWARD CP AT ELLIOT COMBAT BASE AND LACK OF FACILITIES ON OUR REAR AREA AT DONG HA.
3. COORDINATION HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH THE CO, 4TH MAR AND SUFFICIENT SPACE IS CURRENTLY AVAILABABLE. THE LOGISTICAL CP WILL CONSIST OF APPROXIMATELY 80 PEOPLE AND WILL INCLUDE THE S-4, BAS, COMM DET AND ORGANIC SUPPORTING ARMS NOT DEPLOYED TO FORWARD POSITIONS.
4. OF APPROVED THE LOGISTICAL CP AT VCB WILL BE REDUCED AS ADQ-ATE FACILITIES BECOME AVIALABLE AT DONG HA, AND OR ECB.

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ROUTINE 250246 Z AUG 69

DRAFTER 3/3 S-3
SEC S-3 PHONE S-3
CWO

FROM: CO, THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV (SC-32)
INFO: CO, THIRD MARINES
CO, THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES

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MINOR INJURY RPT

DETONATION OF M26 GRENADE (INTENTIONAL)

A DIVO 5100.11A

1 22 2200 AUG 69

2 THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES

3 DETONATION OF M26 GRENADE (INTENTIONAL).

4 YD235505, QUANG TRI MAP SHEET #6442 IV, SERIES 17014

5 F-1, PFC 2479170 H CO, SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES

6 N/A

7 VICTIM WAS IN A DUTY STATUS. RECEIVED SHRAPNEL WOUNDS IN RIGHT ARM WHEN AN M26 GRENADE DETONATED IN AN AREA BETWEEN SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES REAR AND THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES REAR. VICTIM WAS TREATED AT BAS AND REMOVED.

8 UNK

9 TO BE DETERMINED BY INVESTIGATION.

10 TO BE DETERMINED BY CID INVESTIGATION. THIS REPORT WILL ADDITIONALLY SERVE AS GAR.

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ROUTINE 250248 AUG 69

DRAFTER 3/3 S-3
SEC S-3 PHONE S-3
C O

FROM: CO, THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV (33-12)
INFO: CO, THIRD MARINE
CO, THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES

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MINOR INJURY RPT

INTENTIONAL DISCHARGE OF M16.

A DIVO 5100.11A

1 13 0910H AUG 69

2 I CO, THIRD BN, THIRD MARINE

3 INTENTIONAL DISCHARGE OF M16.

4 YD961598, CAN LO RAN SUBJECT #6342 I, SERIES 17014

5 1-B, PFC 2519651

6 M/A

7 MARINE WAS IN A DUTY STATUS, HAD BEEN IN COUNTRY 15 DAYS AND HAD BEEN GIVEN SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO GOING TO THE FIELD. AFTER BEING GIVEN A DIRECT ORDER BY HIS PLATOON COMMANDER NOT TO CHAMBER A ROUND, THE MARINE CHAMBERED A ROUND AND FIRED AT HIS LEFT FOOT 3 TIMES, HITTING IT TWICE. THE MARINE WAS UNDEGRADED.

8 INTENTIONAL VIOLATION OF BN SAFETY ORDER 5101.1A AND DIRECT ORDER.

9 DISCIPLINARY ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.

10 NONE. THIS REPORT WILL ADDITIONALLY SERVE AS CAR.

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ROUTINE 290944 Z AUG 69DRAFTER S-3 3/3

FROM: CO, THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES

SEC S-3 PHONE S-3

TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV (SC-32)

CW0 INFO: CO, THIRD MARINES
CO, THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES

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MINOR INJURY RPT

ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF M-14

A DIVO 5100.11A

1. 21 1115H AUG 69
2. "M" CO, THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
3. ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF M-14
4. XD975628, CAM LO MAP#6342 I, SERIES L7814
5. 1-B, PFC 2512280
1-G, PFC 2255590
6. N/A
7. MARINE WAS IN DUTY STATUS, WHILE 1ST PLT "M" CO WAS ON PATROL AN ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OCCURRED. PFC 2255590 FAILED TO PLACE HIS WEAPON SAFE AFTER CLEANING IT. WHILE CHECKING HIS WEAPON BEFORE MOVING, AFTER A HALT, HIS WAPON DISCHARGED HITTING ANOTHER MARINE IN THE LEFT FOOT. MARINE HAS BEEN IN-COUNTRY FOR 9 MONTHS. OUR LAST PLT SAFETY INSTRUCTION WAS HELD AT 0700H 21 AUG 69.
8. UNKNOWN
9. TO BE DETERMINED BY INVESTIGATION
10. NONE, THIS REPORT WILL ADDITIONALLY SERVE AS GAR

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ROUTINE 311036 Z AUG 69DRAFTER 3/3 COMM

FROM: CO, THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES

SEC S-3 PHONE S-3

TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV (SC-32)

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INFO: CO, THIRD MARINES
CO, THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES

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MINOR INJURY RPT

INTENTIONAL DISCHARGE OF M-16

A. DIVO 5100.11A

1. 28 2330H AUG 69
2. "L" CO, THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
3. INTENTIONAL DISCHARGE OF M-16
4. YD235585, QUANG TRI MAP SHEET#6442 IV, SERIES L7014
5. 1-F, PFC 2506188
6. N/A
7. MARINE WAS IN DUTY STATUS, WHILE IN SLEEPING-QUARTERS
MARINE DROPPED RIFLE RESULTING IN ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE
WOUNDING MARINE IN RIGHT BIG TOE. MARINE HAS BEEN IN-COUNTRY
FOR ONE MONTH. LAST SAFETY INSTRUCTION WAS HELD AT 0800H
27 AUG 69
8. INTENTIONAL VIOLATION OF BN, SAFETY ORDER 5101.1A
9. TO BE DETERMINED BY INVESTIGATION.
10. NONE, THIS REPORT WILL ADDITIONALLY SERVE AS GAR.

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ROUTINE

FROM: THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
TO: CG, THIRD MARDIV (REIN) FMF

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ROUTINE 311030 Z ¹⁰⁶977 69

FROM: CG, THIRD MARDIV (REIN) (CG-21)

DRAFTER DPD/DCB

TO: CG, MCSA PHILA (P835)

SEC 21 PHONE 3/3 REAR

INFO: CG, III MAF (ATTN: FS0)
CG, FMFPAC

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A. MCO P4400.79
B. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG R240320Z AUG 69
1. IAW REFERENCE (A) AND (B), A NEGATIVE REPORT IS
SUBMITTED FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

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