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Encl: (1) Subject Command Chronology

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

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PART I

Organizational Data1. DESIGNATION

1st Battalion, 3d Marines

COMMANDERS

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(1-31Oct68)

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(1-31Oct68)

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(1-29Oct68)

Co C

1stLt G. SEMLAR JR.

(30-31Oct68)

Co D

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(28-31Oct68)

2. LOCATION

1-31October: LANCASTER II AO

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

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(1-31Oct68)

S-1

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(1-19Oct68)

S-2

1stLt P. CHAVEZ

(20-31Oct68)

S-3

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(1-31Oct68)

S-4

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(1-27Oct68)

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(28-31Oct68)

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCUSNOFF/ENLOFF/ENL

33/1062

2/48

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1st Battalion, 3d Marines
Marine Division, (Rein), FMF
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COMBAND CHRONOLOGY

1 October to 31 October 1968

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PART I

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of 1-31 October 1968, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines provided security for THON SON LAM, Khe Gio Bridge, Route #9, FSB Catapult, FSB Winchester, FSB Mac and detached one platoon to III MAF for security of that Headquarters. The Battalion conducted company size combat patrols in AO and maintained night defensive positions. On 8 October the Battalion entered the DMZ and remained until 22 October. During this period 488-152mm artillery rounds, a Rock Bridge under the BEN HAI RIVER, 3 cable bridges over the BEN HAI RIVER, and a road capable of accommodating Tracked Vehicles and heavy ordnance was uncovered. The Rock Bridge was rendered unserviceable by employing 8" artillery on several fire missions. The Cable Bridges were destroyed by fixed wing and artillery. Using 422 of the captured 152mm artillery rounds, 3,000 lbs. of C4 and cratering charges placed in and along the road and exploded. The road was rendered unserviceable. Elaboration on methods used will be submitted in the Battalions Lessons Learned in November. The battalion participated in daily road sweep operations in conjunction with its support engineer detachment. The following events during this period are offered in chronological order:

At 010900H Co D found vicinity (YD 010625) 5 sets of footprints approximately 2 days old heading South and found 2 sets of sandal prints heading Northwest. In vicinity (YD 009626) found where approximately 4 people slept, estimated 2 to 3 days before. Trail from this location was heading East. Reported to S-2, will fire nightly H&I's.

At 010935H Co D found 1 NVA ladder made from vines and wood. Ladder 20 feet long leaning against the tree with platform on top. Observation from platform 360 degrees. CP approximately 6-12 months old. Destroyed the ladder, platform and tree.

At 011500H Co C found 32 bunkers, 1 AA position and miscellaneous 782 gear in vicinity (YD 007643). Destroyed bunkers and retained 782 gear.

At 012055H Co D observed 2 NVA moving North up a draw in vicinity (YD 018621). Fired small arms fire. Observed 4 NVA moving Southeast received one round small arms fire. Then observed additional 4-5 NVA moving up hill 314. Fired artillery and 81mm mortar missions. Unknown results.

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At 020700H Co B found 2 sets of very clear footprints believed to have been made by a 2 man enemy patrol which approached to within 150 meters of perimeter in the early morning, and returned by the same route. Ammunition was placed at this location.

At 021200H Co D found 1 overhauled NVA bunker and 60 feet of trenchline approximately 4-6 months old in vicinity (YD 008620). It was destroyed.

At 021600H 1/3 was visited by General Davis.

At 031100H Co D found 4 NVA bunkers 10x4x3 foot deep and 2 mortar pits approximately 1 month old in vicinity (XD 961617). Destroyed everything.

At 031330H Co C found 12 NVA bunkers approximately 1 year old vicinity (YD 016642). Also found 1 ChiCom grenade with extra explosive charge weighing approximately 5 lbs. wrapped in a poncho. Used grenade and explosives to assist in destroying bunkers. Results: all destroyed.

At 031430H Co D found vicinity (XD 967618) 3 very old bunkers nearly destroyed. Also found in vicinity (XD 969619) 2 fortified positions 3 1/2 to 4 foot deep. Very well concealed, approximately 2 months old. Very well camouflaged. Destroyed bunkers.

At 040130H 1/3 passed CPCCN one platoon Co B to III MAF.

At 040930H 1/3 visited by Colonel Michaels.

At 041200H Co D found in vicinity (XD 954621) 1 AK-47 magazine, 1 AK-47 magazine pouch and 1 NVA "E" Tool.

At 051500H Co D found, ChiCom grenade, 2 82mm mortar rounds and 1 U.S. Gas Mask along trail vicinity (XD 971616) to (XD 974615). Everything was destroyed.

At 052325H Co A reports LZ Camel vicinity (XD-989668) will accommodate 1 CH-46.

At 061153H Co A received 15-20 rounds suspected 130mm artillery from vicinity (YD 002707). Used AC and fired artillery mission.

At 061500H Co C found in vicinity (XD 997639) 20 well built bunkers approximately 1 year old and a piece of equipment believed to be on RPG carrier. Destroyed bunkers turned in equipment.

At 071500H Co A received 4 rounds estimated 130mm artillery from vicinity (YD 002707). Called 8" and 155 artillery missions. Resulted in silencing gun.

At 071630H Co C found vicinity (YD 001651) 20 well constructed bunkers approximately 1 year old. Destroyed all.

At 080800H Co A received 6 rounds of 60mm mortar fire from vicinity (XD 996687). Fired artillery mission with unknown results.

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At 081500H Co D found in vicinity (XD 970621) one box containing 83 NVA type 12.7 cal. rounds and one NVA 60mm mortar round. Destroyed everything but box.

At 082100H Co C found bunker and grass hut complex in vicinity (XD 991669) to (XD 993672). All well constructed. Found used medical supplies cooking utensils, evens, pots, rice and grinding utensils. Estimated battalion size area with interlocking trail system. Searched thoroughly then destroyed all items.

At 091143H Co C received approximately 10 rounds, 60mm mortar fire from vicinity (YD 011684) fired artillery missions with unknown results. Results: 9 WIA USMC.

At 091145H Co D received approximately 14 rounds of 60mm mortar fire from vicinity (YD 011684) fired artillery mission with unknown results. Results 2 KIA USMC, 10 WIA USMC.

At 091605H Co D heard a heavy vehicle vicinity (YD 0163) to (YD 0268). Fired artillery mission with unknown results.

At 100600H Co D and Co A heard vehicle noises between 0500 and 0600 on azimuth of 105 degrees from Co D, 115 degrees from Co A. Fired Artillery mission with unknown results.

At 101300H Co A received approximately 15 rounds of 60mm mortar fire from vicinity (XD 996656) fired 81mm mortar mission. Unknown results.

At 101500H Co C found bunkers, 2 AA sites, 1 box AK-47 rounds, 2 boxes .50 cal. rounds in vicinity (XD 995683). Also found trail with steps going to Northeast. Destroyed all.

At 101530H Co A received 12 rounds of 60mm mortar fire from vicinity (XD 996656). Fired artillery and 81mm mortar missions. Results 4 WIA USMC.

At 101630 1/3 reported 12 Cabbage in vicinity (XD 99384) will accommodate 1 CH 46.

At 110945H Co A received 2 rounds of 82mm mortar fire from vicinity (XD 989652). Fired artillery and 81mm mortar missions with unknown results.

At 111100H Co D found in vicinity (YD 004689-006687-008682) 100 bunkers, 1 mortar position. Believed to be a Battalion size base camp. Found 17 graves containing 17 NVA-KIA, 3 wood markers, and 4 metal markers with the latest date 4 August. Also found 1 NVA-KIA near trail with fresh footprints, and steps on side of hill. Bodies revealed no intelligence information. Destroyed all. Results 18 NVA-KIA.

At 111130H Co D reported vehicle noises at 161 degrees from their position. Fired artillery mission, unknown results.

At 111605H AO working for 1/3 observed 6 NVA in open vicinity (YD 011684). NVA ran into bunker. AO employed gunships, artillery mission on bunker. Results unknown.

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At 111820H Co A received 3 rounds of 60mm mortar fire from vicinity (010677). Fired artillery and 81mm mortar missions with unknown results.

At 121845H Co D received 5 rounds of 60mm mortar fire from vicinity (YD 016677). Fired artillery and 81mm mortar missions with unknown results.

At 131200H Co D found vicinity (XD 999691), (YD-0016889) and (YD 001695) foundation of a large structure, 2 bunkers about 2 months old, 34 well constructed bunkers, 3 kitchens with facilities, much gear, 6 steel helmets, 100 lbs polished rice, 1 1/2 lbs TNT, 800 rounds 12.7mm ammunition, 1200 rounds AK-47 ammo, a small amount of medical supplies, medical records, 1 artillery fuze unknown caliber, 1 152mm cannister, a cooking pot, many water cans, 1 document dated 10 Sep 68. Medical supplies, records and documents sent to Regiment S-2. Everything else destroyed.

At 131417H Co C found in vicinity (XD 992678) 40-4'x10' bunkers with 5 grass huts. Approximately 6 months old, occupied within the past month. Also found 40 lbs. of polished rice, extensive trail network in area heading to North and Northeast, 5 ChiCom grenades, 4 carrying cases, 50 AK-47 rounds, 8 cases .50 cal. ammunition, 1 bottle of oil, 2 animal snares, 1 "E" Tool, 1 gas mask, 60 - 82mm increments, 3 - 82mm fuzes and personal correspondence. Destroyed entire complex and ammunition. Turned in correspondence to Regiment, S-2.

At 131505H Co A observed 2 NVA in vicinity (XD-992651). Called 81mm mortar mission with unknown results.

At 131830H Co B found a trail with fresh footprints, 5 bunkers, 4 fighting holes and 10 rounds of 12.7mm ammunition in vicinity (XD 946618). Also found 2 AA sites approximately 2-3 weeks old vicinity (XD 970618). Destroyed all.

At 151300H Co D found 14 bunkers and trail complex vicinity (XD 976684). Also found 3 bags 152mm increments, 4 blocks TNT, 4 ChiCom grenades, 19 RPG rounds, 13 82mm mortar rounds, 400 AK-47 rounds, documents, 1 NVA I.D. Card, small piece of a map, 6 NVA gas masks, 3 shovels, 1 pick, 2 axes, 1 canteen, 1 helmet, cooking gear, 5 cross bows, miscellaneous clothing and 2 battery cases. Rounds, increments and bunkers were destroyed, other items were forwarded to Regiment S-2.

At 151745H Co B observed 5 NVA who appeared to be going through the trash in vicinity (XD 956598). Called artillery mission with unknown results.

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At 160900H Co D reports NVN Road Route #66 is 80% uncovered from vicinity (XD 993703 to 995675). Work continued.

At 161105H Co A received 7 rounds of 60mm mortar fire from unknown location.

At 170945H Co C heard tracked vehicles in vicinity (XD 955670). Fired artillery mission with unknown results.

At 171100H Co D found 83-152mm artillery rounds in vicinity (XD 993694). Used rounds to demolish road.

At 171230H 1/3 reports underwater rock bridge in vicinity (XD 997707). Fired 8" destruct mission on bridge.

At 171350H Co D found vicinity (XD 991692) 5 bunkers containing 50-152mm artillery rounds in each. Destroyed 100 in place, used rest to destroy road.

At 171615H Co D found 5,700 rounds 12.7mm ammunition, 10 rounds of 85mm artillery with 1 cannister in vicinity (XD 987686). Destroyed everything.

At 181000H Co D found 1 gun position with principle direction of fire facing South and 55-85mm artillery rounds in vicinity (XD 988685). Destroyed everything.

At 181235H 1/3 reported 8" mission run yesterday on underwater bridge in vicinity (XD 997707) hit bridge with unknown results.

At 191145H 1/3 reported LZ Monkey vicinity (XD-970678) will accommodate 1 CH-46, -LZ Fin vicinity (XD 983686) will accommodate 1 CH-46. LZ Frost vicinity (XD 984687) is not complete at that time. LZ Rooster vicinity (XD 994690) will accommodate 1 CH-46. LZ Lute vicinity (XD 996677) will accommodate 1 CH-46.

At 191600H 1/3 visited by General Davis.

At 201230H Co D received 24 rounds of estimated 130mm artillery from unknown location. Brought AO on station but could not locate gun position. Results 1 KIA-USMC.

At 201500H 1/3 reported AO received 12.7mm fire from vicinity (XD 978752 and XD 979754). Fired artillery missions on enemy positions, results unknown.

At 201900H 1/3 Interpreters monitored Vietnamese broadcast on frequency 43.75. They heard phrase "40 troops at NAM DINH". Reported to Regiment S-2.

At 210145H 1/3 rear located at THON SON LAM received 6-7 rounds of unknown caliber artillery outside perimeter. Unable to determine enemy location.

At 210300H Co D CP reported observing flashes vicinity (XD 035735) at same time THON SON LAM was receiving incoming. Fired artillery mission with unknown results.

At 221130H 1/3 began tactical Holo Lift.

At 221130H 1/3 and Co D received 10 rounds of 130mm artillery fire. Called for AO and fixed wing. Results 1 KIA-USMC, 3 WIA-USMC.

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At 221500H 1/3 assumed OPCON A-1/26 from 1/26 and A-1/9 from 1/9.

At 230900H 1/3 passed OPCON of A-1/3 to 3/3.

At 231345H Co B received sniper fire from vicinity (XD 965626). Fired artillery mission with unknown results.

At 231400H 1/3 passed OPCON of K-3/9 to 3/9.

At 251100H Co A in vicinity (XD 828599) found 8 bunkers, large huts, 1 RPG round and 1 box of 12.7 rounds. Also found trail leading uphill and heading South from stream. Destroyed bunkers and huts.

At 261100H Co D reported individual wounded in vicinity (XD 026562) while burning garbage at pit. Estimated M-79 round in trash went off. Results 1 KIA USMC (non battle).

At 261300H Co C found 24 U.S. made 106mm RR rounds in vicinity (XD 880587). Sent to rear.

At 261400H Co C visited by General Davis.

At 261500H Co A vicinity (XD 831618) found 4-82mm mortar rounds on carrying pole and 1 can of fuses along trail. Destroyed in place.

At 270715H Co B found NVA comm wire along trail from vicinity (XD 9729613) to XD 97296122). Also found log which had inverted letter "T" in 5" by 5" square. Found Triangle vicinity (XD 971611) with line in center pointing to South West down trail. Found 2 fresh fighting holes in vicinity (XD 966626).

At 280240H 1/3 observed steady light in vicinity (XD 010575). Fired 81mm mortar mission. Results unknown.

At 290900H Co A found a trail leading from vicinity (XD 820624) to a hill vicinity (XD 820622). Found 2 graves approximately 1 year old.

At 291600H Co A found 20 bunkers containing Social Security card, U.S. "E" Tool and enemy supplies and equipment. Found 7 cans 82mm fuses, 2 bags 7.62mm rounds, 2 boxes 82mm increments, 72 blasting caps, 30 NVA Directional mines, 200 lbs. rice, cotton and bandages and 2 bottles of serum. Social Security Card forwarded to Regiment S-2 with serum. All other gear destroyed.

At 291930H Co B found a trail and one set of day old footprints at (XD 974613) also at (XD 9716554) found set of fresh footprints. Ambushes executed.

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PART III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events1. Combat Missions Assigned

Basic Mission:

1-3 October 1968

Conduct Rehab of Battalion units.

Ref: CO 3rd Marines FragO 51-68 10Oct68

3-6 October 1968

Conduct Search and Destroy operations in Northern LANCASTER II AO and maintain security positions in AO.

Ref: CO 3rd Marines FragO 52-68 30Oct68

6-19 October 1968

Continue offensive operations in DMZ

Ref: CO 3rd Marines FragO 53-68 60Oct68

19-26 October 1968

Conduct Search and Destroy operations in Western LANCASTER II AO and provide security in AO.

Ref: CO 3rd Marines Opno 5-68 19Oct68

26-31 October 1968

Continue to clear LANCASTER II AO of enemy forces. Institute a firm pacification program in CAM LO and HUONG HOA districts in conjunction with GVN district forces.

2. Significant Operations Conducted

1-3 October 1968

Commencing 02 U plus 2 Heli-lift to Hono Plate. Conduct Rehab.

Ref: CO 3rd Marines FragO 51-68 10Oct68

3-6 October 1968

Conduct search and destroy operations toward

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Effective #1. Maintain FSB Mac. Continue search and destroy operations to objective #3 and #5 when 2/26 crosses PL PEACH. Construct LZ's on each objective.

Ref: CO 3rd Marines Frago 52-68 30Oct68

6-19 October 1968

Conduct search and destroy operations along AXIS objectives #1 and #3. Conduct "Stay Behind" operation vicinity LZ MARILYN. Maintain security of FSB MAC. Be prepared to move on toward objective #5 when another Company is released for offensive operations.

Ref: CO 3rd Marines Frago 53-68 60Oct68

19-26 October 1968

Effective 220800H extract one Company to CATAPULT and one Company to WINCHESTER, and one Company and CP to THON SON LAM. Maintain Company FSB MAC until relieved by 2nd battalion, then extract Company to THON SON LAM. Provide defense of THON SON LAM, WINCHESTER and Route #9. Conduct Company patrol base operations West of THON SON LAM. Chop Company at FSB CATAPULT to 3rdBn. on order.

Ref: CO 3rd Marines CPNO 5-68 19Oct68

26-31 October 1968

Continue to provide security for CATAPULT, WINCHESTER, MAC, TSL, KHE GIO BRIDGE, and DONG HA MOUNTAIN OP until extraction of 3rdBn. On order (upon extraction of 3rdBn) be prepared to extract FSB CATAPULT and WINCHESTER. On order assume new AO and maintain security for TSL, LZ MAC, and Route #9 in AO. Conduct Company patrol base operations in AO.

Ref: CO 3rd Marines Frago 56-68 26Oct68

3. Casualties Inflicted

18	NVA KIA
0	POW

4. Casualties Sustained

KIA
WIA

USMC
3
25

NAVY
0

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5. Command Relations

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6. Supply The supply system during the month of October operated with no significant problems. WD 40 is desperately needed. All companies were rehabed in position or at THON SON LAM. Class IV supplies have been no problem during the month.
7. Motor Transport During the month of October truck support was not adequate to fulfill the Battalion's resupply, personnel movement and normal house keeping requirements continued breakdown of vehicles during assignments deprived the battalion of transportation in some cases for the entire day.

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8. Administration: The usual administrative problems were encountered during this time, however, overall administration was considered to be satisfactory.

Awards Recommended

115 Vietnamese Crosses of Gallantry
 76 Navy Achievement Medals
 22 Bronze Star Medals
 1 Navy Commendation Medal
 1 Navy Cross
 1 Legion of Merit

Awards Presented

32 Purple Heart Medals
 1 Silver Star Medal
 9 Navy Commendation Medals
 75 Vietnamese Crosses of Gallantry

Promotions Effected

1 Sergeant
 22 Corporals
 15 Lance Corporals
 1 Private First Class

Postal. Mail service was considered to be satisfactory.

9. Personnel

	<u>Administrative Gains</u>	
	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
off	7	0
Enl	112	9

	<u>Administrative Losses</u>	
	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
off	3	0
	137	4

10. Intelligence. During the month of October the enemy avoided contact. However we did receive harrasing mortar and artillery fire.

The most significant events took place during our penetration of the southern DMZ from 8 October to 22 October, and concerned the NVA road. The NVA built a 6,000 meter road into the southern DMZ in order to use most effectively their 152mm Gun Howitzers, with a range of 17,260 meters, and their 65mm Divisional guns, with a range of 15,150 meters. Specifically TSL, Camp Carroll, and C-2 were the targets of these guns.

The NVA road crosses the BEN HAI at XD 99347033 where an underwater bridge of stone and logs was sighted by an

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40. A precision 8" artillery mission struck the bridge. Our Battalion was unable to verify the location of any underwater bridges because of the swollen condition of the BEN HAI due to the monsoon rains.

The road is from 10 to 12 feet wide, has cuts and fills as great as 4 feet, and in places has a slope as great as 45 degrees. Branches were placed in steep parts to aid traction. The road was concealed by leaving foliage untouched on the sides, by clearing only obstacles to vehicular traffic, and by piling brush in the road.

The road was hand cut, and roots on banks were cut cleanly down (a bull-dozor would have torn them), stumps were in the road, an unfinished branch road had rectangular dug pits (with obvious shovel and pick marks showing the NVA construction methods). There was 1 finished siding, an incomplete one, one vehicle truck park, and 3 branch roads at XD 991692, XD 988688, and XD 983685 heading south to gun pits.

One 152mm gun pit at XD 98326844 and one 85mm gun pit at XD 98866859 were aimed at C-2. The gun pits were 20' by 20', had a ramp, were camouflaged by a frame of vines and saplings covered by foliage, were partially covered from our artillery by steep ridges to the south, and had one narrow field of fire. Some ammo bunkers were adjacent to gun pits and others were well spread around the area.

We found 152mm rounds at the following coordinates: 78 and 107 at XD 984684, 83 at 993694, 220 at XD 991692. We found 65-85mm rounds near XD 988685. We evacuated 66-152mm rounds and destroyed the rest. In addition there were one anti-aircraft position at XD 98876858 and two at XD 99727063.

We found two Soviet artillery tractors which had been destroyed by bombs. One has been positively identified as a "Medium Tracked Artillery Tractor" of the AST series. Both vehicles had 12 cylinder engines, were olive drab in color, and had large coupling hitches and power winches. The ATS tractor has a 14 ton towing capacity and 3 ton cargo capacity.

The battalion found the frames of 6 large hooches and 4 bunkers with living capacity of 200 NVA construction workers at XD 994697. Moreover, at YD 001695 the battalion found another large complex of A frame bunkers which could have sheltered another 200 personnel. A third extensive bunker position was located at YD 008682. A well-traveled trail led from the road at XD 996696, went through the position and headed in an easterly direction, where 17 graves 3 months old were found.

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The key point is the NVA built the road into the southern DMZ in order to harass with 152mm and 85mm guns our most north western bases. In a couple of weeks we eliminated this threat that had taken the NVA months to prepare. However the NVA could return to this area with their artillery, but so could we. We have made more true the statement. There are no sanctuaries for the NVA in South Viet Nam.

On 31 October 30 directional mines were found at AD 825611. Documents found at these coordinates revealed two companies of the 29th Regiment of the 325th C Division had passed through this position during October.

Five Interpreters and 7 Kit Carson Scouts, (including a Bru), worked for the battalion. They did excellent work for us, particularly along Route #9 in working with civilians.

Individual Weapons

SKS Carbine 1

Positions Destroyed

152mm Gun Pits
85mm Gun Pits
Enemy Trucks Found
Vehicle Truck Park
Enemy Road
Anti-aircraft Pits
Company size areas
OP Platform

Documents

Letters

I.D. Card 1

Training Info.

Captured Equipment

M-16 Magazine	1	Gas Masks	7
60mm Mortar Rounds	220	82mm Increments	212
Helmets	8	82mm Fuses	3
AK-47 Magazine	2	RPG Rounds	19
Pouches	1	Blocks TNT	4
E-Tools	2	Picks	2
ChiCom Grenades	10	Shovels	3
82mm Mortar Rounds	15	Axes	2
RPG.2	1	Batteries w/cases	2
12.7 Rounds	6293	NVA ID Card	1
AK-47 Rounds	650	Document	1
Grenade Pouches	2	Crossbows	5
Sot Underwear	1	Misc. Clothing	
NVA Sect	1	152mm Rounds	400

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Explosives, Inc. 100	40	85mm Rounds	65
Carrying Cases	4	106mm RR Rounds	25
Scatter Oil	1	Meters NVA Comm Wire	150
Animal Snare	2	Directional Mines	30

11. Fire Support. From 1-31 October the following units fired in support of the 1st Battalion, 3d Marines:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Btry A, 1st Bn, 12th Marines	(XD 983545)
Btry B, 1st Bn, 12th Marines	(XD 062598)
Btry C, 1st Bn, 12th Marines	(XD 062548)
Btry M, 4th Bn, 12th Marines	(XD 983545)
Btry L, 4th Bn, 12th Marines	(XD 983545)
3rd Plt, Btry B, 1st C ^o How Bn SP	

Missions Fired

Un-observed	82
Navigation	4
Observation	446
Registration	8
Prep	64
H&I	440
Total	1,044

Ammunition Expended

<u>Type</u>	<u>No. Fired</u>
Smoke	123
HE	11,577
WP	5,523
Illum	40
	<u>17,263</u>

12. Air Support. During October the heaviest usage of helicopter support was for; troop lifts with resupply missions being the next priority. There was a marked increase in AO support and a decrease in fixed wing sorties both CAS and TPQ because of a decrease of tactical requirements. There were no significant helicopter problems during this period except for a few times when helicopters were needed for resupply and none were available.

MedEvacs	13
Resupply	313
Troop Lifts	214

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Gunships
AO
Fixed Wing

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13. Communications

a. Radio - Normal attempts at jamming; and received usual interference for this area. Over-riding of frequencies was the major problem. According to all signs monitored, U.S. Army units were the chief violators. They not only would over-ride but would occasionally "borrow" a frequency without anyone's knowledge.

Field expendable antennae frequently were found to be superior to RC-292's.

b. Wire - Used fairly extensively in the field mainly Battalion CP areas. Employed were EE-C's and one (1) SB-22. This extra gear required a larger comm force than usual and fortunately, the gear did not have to be carried by individuals as it was hoisted to each new position. Experienced good results as long as the equipment was kept dry.

14. Training

a. Objective. To maintain and improve the high state of combat efficiency of the Battalion.

b. Highlights

During the month of October four In-Country Troop Indoctrination and Familiarization Firing Programs were conducted.

Ref: Divc 1510.30

10 October - One enlisted member attended the 17th Division Personnel Response Course held at 3d MarDiv CP (Admin) QUANG TRI, RVN.

Ref: CG, 3d MarDiv Mag 2301352 Jul68

General training was conducted throughout the reporting period in the Battalion Rear area at QUANG TRI and THON SON LAN. In the field emphasis was placed on cross training of sections in organic weapons, Forward Observer schooling, map reading, and Assaulting Fortified Positions. Extensive training of the Flame Section and 106 RR was conducted resulting in the high state of training required. Additionally, the Battalion S-2 section conducted an extensive school for H&SCo, personnel on the ANIPPS-6, ANIPPS-5 and the Night Observation Device (NOD).

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Supporting Documents

1. CO, 3rd Marines FRAG Order 51-68 1 October 1968
2. CO, 3rd Marines FRAG Order 52-68 3 October 1968
3. CO, 3rd Marines FRAG Order 53-68 6 October 1968
4. CO, 3rd Marines Operation Order 5-68 19 October 1968
5. CO, 3rd Marines FRAG Order 56-68 26 October 1968

IMMEDIATE DTG: _____

FRAG ORDER 44-68

FM: FIGHTING MAD

TO: BIG SHOT

EVERSHARP

JAW BREAKER

SHUB NOSE

ICE BOAT

ICE BOAT RELIEVED BY SHUB NOSE EFFECTIVE 111000H.

SHUB NOSE ASSUMES MISSION OF SECURITY FOR TRON SON LAM, CAMP CARROLL, DONG HA
MEN OP, THE OLD BRIDGE AND ROUTE #9 IN AO. PROVIDES SECURITY FOR SEABEE
CONSTRUCTION, ROAD SKEEPS, AND CAMP CARROLL TO DONG HA CONVOY. CONDUCT DAY
PATROLS AND NIGHT AMBUSHES VIC RTE #9 EAST OF 042566. KEEP CIVILIANS EAST
OF 08 N-3 GRID.

EVERSHARP - ASX COORDINATION FOR TRON SON LAM.

FIGHTING MAD PASSES OPEN ICE BOAT TO BIG SHOT EFFECTIVE 111000H.

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IMMEDIATE DTG: _____

FRAG ORDER 46-68

FM: FIGHTING MAD

TO: BIG SHOT

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SNUB NOSE

JOHN BROWN

1. BEWARE EXECUTES OPNS NORTH AND WEST OF NEW FIGHTING MAD/
BEWARE BDRY. EFF 16 SEPT NEW BDRY FROM OAK LEFT 1.0 UP 5.3
TO ACORN LFT 1.0 UP 0.8 THEN BE ALONG BLUE TO ROBIN UP 2.0 SOUTH
TO AMAZON LEFT 5.0 UP 2.0 THEN ALONG BLUE SE TO POTOMAC LEFT 1.0
DOWN 0.7 THEN SOUTH TO PRESENT BDRY.
2. JOHN BROWN CHOP TO BEWARE ON ORDER ON 15 SEPT. DIRLAUTH WITH
BEWARE.
3. EVERSHARP CHOP ONE CENTER TO BIG SHOT AT VOB EFF 151000H.
NOTIFY THIS HQ UNIT DESIGNATION AND PICK-UP ZONE. UNIT OPOON
DURATION OF OPNS. MAINTAIN POSTURE ALONG LZ LEE-MACK-AMY COMPLEX.
4. JAWBREAKER CONTINUE OPNS MAINTAINING BASE AREA VIC LZ SIERRA.
5. SNUBNOSE CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION.
6. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.
 - A. BDRY EVERSHARP/JAWBREAKER/SNUBNOSE REMAINS IN EFFECT.
 - B. CONTINUE PRESENT THRUST POINTS.

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- ✓ 1. CO, 3d Marines FRAG ORDER 39-68 August 1968
- ✓ 2. CO, 3d Marines FRAG ORDER 43-68 September 1968
- ✓ 3. CO, 3d Marines FRAG ORDER 44-68 September 1968
- ✓ 4. CO, 3d Marines FRAG ORDER 46-68 September 1968
- ✓ 5. CO, 3d Marines FRAG ORDER 47-68 September 1968
- ✓ 6. CO, 3d Marines FRAG ORDER 49-68 September 1968
- ✓ 7. CG, 3d MarDiv Congratulatory Message 21 September 1968.

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SEC G-3 PHONE DIV 180
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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
TO: FIRST BN THIRD MARINES
INFO: THIRD MARDIV
FOR COMPANY B FIRST BN THIRD MARINES

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CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

1. FROM YOUR INITIAL CONTACT AT 1600 ON THE 9TH OF SEPTEMBER THROUGHOUT YOUR BATTLE FOR THE SEIZURE OF HILL 461 THE PROFESSIONAL MARINE SPIRIT DISPLAYED BY THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF CO B WAS A FINE EXAMPLE TO ALL OF US WHO OBSERVED.
2. THE LEADERSHIP DISPLAYED AT ALL LEVELS AND THE SKILLFUL APPLICATION OF SOUND TACTICS WITH THE STRONG WILL TO DESTROY THE ENEMY RESULTED IN A TOTAL OF 59 NVA KILLED AND 22 INDIVIDUAL AND 4 CREW SERVED WEAPONS, INCLUDING ONE MORTAR CAPTURED.
3. THOUGH THE ENEMY PERSISTED IN HIS ATTEMPTS TO HOLD AND THEN RETAKE HILL 461 UNTIL 1700 ON THE 11TH YOUR DETERMINATION TURNED HIM BACK. NOTEWORTHY ALSO WAS YOUR EXTENSIVE USE OF SUPPORTING AIR AND ARTILLERY TO HELP DESTROY THE ENEMY.
4. TO THE MARINES OF B/1/3 WELL DONE
- MAJGEN DAVIS SENDS...

CON 1689

REL BY RH Davis

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STAND 22

FROM: FIGHTING MAD

SEC: S-3
01 Oct 68

TO: EVERSHARP
JAWBREAKER
SNUBNOSE
JOHN BROWN

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FRAG ORDER 51-68

1. a. ENEMY FORCES - CURRENT INTSUMS
 - b. BIG SHOT CONDUCTS OPNS IN D-5 AREA.
 - c. JAWBREAKER CHOPS BIG SHOT 01 M-2.
2. FIGHTING MAD CONTINUES OFFENSIVE OPNS AND SECURITY OPNS IN AQ.
3. a. EVERSHARP
 - (1) COMMENCING 02 U+2 HELILIFT TO HOMEPLATE.
 - (2) CONDUCT REHAB.
- b. SNUBNOSE
 - (1) ASSUME OPCON JAWBREAKER P AND SN K AT 01 M-2 FOR SECURITY PETE AND BIRD.
 - (2) CONTINUE PRESENT MISSIONS.
- c. JOHN BROWN
 - (1) CONTINUE PRESENT MISSIONS.
- d. BOUNDARY

SNUBNOSE AO EXTENDED INCLUDE AREA SOUTH FROM MAPLE R 2.0 D 1.0 NW TO R 1.0 D 0.5 THEN W TO L 0.4 D 0.5 THEN S TO PRESENT BOUNDARY EFFECTIVE 01 8+4.

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 CAMP CARROLL, RVN
 211600H Oct 68

Frag Order 55-68

Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS, Series L7014, Sheets
 6342 I & II, 6442 II & IV.
 (b) Operation Order 5-68

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. No Change
- b. Friendly Forces. No Change
- c. Attachments and Detachments.
 - (1) 2 CO's 9th Mar OPCON 1st Bn on order.
 - (2) 3d Bn OPCON 4th Marines on order, prior to Link-Up.

2. MISSION

3d Marines continues present tasks and provides security forces in Cam Lo and Delta-5 area.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operations. (Overlay PASSEP)
- b. 1st Bn(Reinf)
 - (1) Assume OPCON two companies of 9th Marines.
 - (2) Provide security for FSB CATAPULT, FSB WINCHESTER, LZ MAC, FSB PETE, TSL, KHE GIO BRIDGE, and DONG HA MTN OP.
 - (3) Conduct mine sweeps and provide Route #9 security in AO.
- c. 2nd Bn
 - (1) Provide one company for CC security and SPARROW HAWK Forces.
 - (2) Provide one company for Opns with Cam Lo Forces.
 - (3) Provide one company for Opns with MAI LOC Forces.
 - (4) Provide one company for reaction force north of Cam Lo.
 - (5) Conduct mine sweeps and provide Route #9 security and Convoy security in AO.

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- (1) Conduct hoilift to vic LZ FRONTIER
- (2) Conduct search and destroy along AXIS RED.
- (3) Be prepared to GHOP to 4th Marines prior to link-up.

a. Coordinating Instructions. (Ref b)

b. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. (Ref b)

c. GROUND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS. (Ref b)

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Operation Order 5-68

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6342 I & II, 6442 II & IV.1. SITUATIONa. Enemy Forces. Current Intsums.b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) 3d Mar Div continues offensive opns in AO.
- (2) Task Force Hotel continues S/D opns north of KHE SANH.
- (3) Artillery
 - (a) 1st Bn, 12th Mar D/S 3d Mar
 - (b) 4th Bn, 12th Mar G/S 3d Mar Div
- (4) 1st MAW and 7th AF provides Air Support
- (5) Co B, 3d Engr Bn D/S 3d Mar
- (6) Co B(-), 3d Tank Bn D/S 3d Mar

c. Attachments and Detachments. None.2. MISSION

3d Marines (Reinf) conducts search and destroy opns in western LANCASTER II AO and provides security in AO.

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operations. Annex A (Operation Overlay).b. 1st Bn

- (1) Effective 220000H extract one Co to CATAPULT and one Co to WINCHESTER, and one Co and CP to TSL,

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(2) Maintain Co at FSB MAC until relieved by 2nd Bn, then extract Co to TSL.

(3) Provide defense of TSL, WINCHESTER, and Route #9 in AO.

(4) Conduct Co patrol base opn west of TSL.

(5) CHOP Co at FSB CATAPULT to 3d Bn on order.

c. 2nd Bn

(1) Effective 221000H extract one Co to LZ MAC to relieve 1st Bn, and one plat to DONG HA MTN OP to relieve 3d Bn.

(2) Effective 230800H commence Daisy Chain extraction to CC with insertion of 3d Bn.

(3) Provide defense CC, AHE GIO BRIDGE, DONG HA MTN OP, and Route #9 in AO.

(4) Conduct Co patrol base opns vic LZ MAC.

(5) Conduct Co patrol opns slopes DONG HA MTN.

(6) Provide Sparrow Hawk, convoy security, and Seabee security.

d. 3d Bn

(1) Effective 220800H commence extraction of outlying Cos as relieved by 1st Bn.

(2) Effective 230800H commence insertion into 2nd Bn LZ AREA.

(3) Search and destroy along AXIS RED toward Obj. 1.

(4) Seize and destroy installations vic Obj. 1.

e. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Due to weather, sequence of events may change in timing. Be prepared for helo changes accordingly.

(2) Hand held rict control agents authorized.

(3) THRUST POINTS effective 231200H Oct 68.

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(4) On call CAS will be scheduled through 3d Marines TACP. Pre-planned CAS will be coordinated through 3d Marines TACP.

(5) All targets within 500 meters of battalion boundaries, and 1000 meters of regimental boundaries will be sent to 3d Marines PSCC for clearance.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Supply.

(1) Class I

(a) 1 DOS MCI assault units

(b) 5 DOS MCI FSB

(c) LRPR for emergency useage only at rate of consumption of one package per individual daily. Six days will be carried (Four trioxane per package).

(2) Class V

(a) BA plus 1 DOA assault units

(b) BA plus 2 DOA FSB

(3) Availability

(a) VCB - Classes I, III, IV, and V.

(b) FLSG-B- all classes.

(4) Resupply - Helicopter from VCB for assault units.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. Comm-Elect.

(1) FM Relay Point at FSB CATAPULT.

(a) Nets: Regimental TAC I - 74.90 M-100

Regimental TACP - 46.80 M-504

Charlie Btry COF - 46.55 M-482

(b) Call Sign: Hallmark X-Ray

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(2) FM Relay Point at DONG HA MTN.

(a) Nets: Regimental TAC I - 74.90 M-100

Regimental TAC II - 35.20 M-1218

(b) Call Sign: Hallmark Relay.

(3) All radios embark with 3 BA-386. One in the radio - two spare - good for 9 days.

(4) When not on the move erect RC-292's for Reg TAC I and Reg TAC II.

(5) THRUST POINT

Football Teams - 7864

Countries - 8162

Actresses - 7761

Officer Rank - 9860

Holidays - - 9059

Presidents - 0558

Actors - 7657

Trees - 9756

b. Command.

(a) 3d Mar - Camp Carroll

(b) 1stbn - TSL

(c) 2dbn - Camp Carroll

(d) 3dbn - Report when established

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✓ A. Operation Overlay

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 September to 30 September 1968

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PART I

Organizational Data

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1. DESIGNATION

1st Battalion, 3d Marines

COMMANDERS

LtCol R. B. TWOHEY

(1-30 Sept)

Subordinate Units

H&S Co

1stLt W. L. FLY

(1-10 Sept)

1stLt D.E. MACINTYRE JR.

(11-23 Sept)

1stLt S. B. HUNT JR.

(24-30 Sept)

Co A

1stLt R. A. ANDREWS

(1-9 Sept)

Co B

Capt J. L. SHAW

(10-30 Sept)

Co C

Capt F. W. TUCKWILLER

(1-30 Sept)

Co D

Capt G. A. KIESEL

(1-30 Sept)

1stLt D.E. MACINTYRE JR.

(1-14 Sept)

Capt G. F. HUME

(15-30 Sept)

2. LOCATION

1-30 September: LANCASTER II AO

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Maj E. J. ROCHFORD JR.

(1-12 Sept)

S-1

Maj B. A. PIFEL

(13-30 Sept)

S-2

1stLt R. J. BARNES

(1-30 Sept)

S-3

1stLt S. W. BELL

(1-30 Sept)

S-4

Maj A. S. REYNOLDS

(1-30 Sept)

Capt J. L. SHAW

(1-10 Sept)

Capt G. D. DOCKENDORFF

(11-30 Sept)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCUSNOFF/ENLOFF/ENL

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period 1-30 September 1968, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines provided security for THON SON IAM and Route #9. The Battalion (-) also maintained night defensive positions, conducted night activities and participated in daily road sweep operations in conjunction with its attached direct support engineer detachment. The Battalion (-) provided security during this time for Fire Support Base PETE and conducted extensive operations in AO. The following events during this period are offered in chronological order:

At 021015H 1/3 (-) commenced air assault to LZ AMY. Initial elements of Co B landed and the zone came under intense s/a and a/w fire from vicinity (XD 976616). One CH-46 was shot down in land zone and landing was aborted. Artillery and air strikes covering area before continuing assault. Results 3 USMC WIA (MedEvac).

At 021445H MedEvac Helo at LZ AMY received .50 cal and s/a arms fire from NVA in bunkers vicinity (XD 970618). MedEvac complete.

At 021745H All elements of Co B were extracted from LZ AMY. Extraction Helos received 12.7mm fire from vicinity (XD 970618). Results 18 NVA KIA.

At 021815H OPCON of K/3/9 was passed to 3/9.

At 021900H Co A with engineers destroyed an external load of ordnance which had been dropped at coordinates (XD 990555) by Helo. Load contained: Hand Grenades, 60mm mortar ammo, claymores and AP mines.

At 022010H 1/3 received 5 rounds of unknown caliber arty at THON SON IAM vicinity (XD 984545). AO on station observed 1 gun firing vicinity (YD 0076). Called arty mission Results unknown.

At 030505H 1/3 received 4 rounds of light arty, at THON SON IAM vicinity (XD 984545). AO requested, fired arty. Results unknown.

At 031445H 1/3 (-) commenced air assault on LZ MAC. received 12.7mm and s/a fire. Delivered s/a fire on enemy positions observed. Silenced enemy small arms and MG.

At 031530H OPCON of d/1/3 was passed to 1/3.

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At 031845H Co C al LZ MAC received approximately 37 rounds of 130mm arty. Called arty mission and air strikes on suspected enemy positions vicinity coordinates (XD 955655). (XD 944647). Results 2 USMC KIA, 2 USMC WIA (MedEvac).

At 031945H 1/3 (Rear) at THON SON LAM (XD 984545) received 3 rounds of medimum arty, of unknown caliber from azimuth 6340 mils. Fired arty with unknown results. Results 2 USMC WIA (MedEvac).

At 032145H 1/3 (Rear) at THON SON LAM (XD 984545) received 1 more round from same locatoon azimuth 6340 mils. Fired arty with unknown results.

At 041000H Co A found 1 12.7mm HMG-AAG, 1 sight for gun, 2500 rounds 12.7mm ammo, 2 ponchoes, 6 canteens, 1 shovel, 1 medical kit and 1 pick. Sent HMG and Sight and Medical Kit to 3d Marines S-2, other gear destroyed.

At 071050H Co A found 2 semi-completed bunkers with building materials vicinity (XD 958618). Destroyed.

At 071600H Co A reported that LZ LEE in the vicinity of (XD 953621) is now 20% completed. Work continues.

At 071600H Co A found footprints heading North, made by bare foot and tennis shoes approximately one day old, in the vicinity (XD 957618). Also found mortar positions and 4 fighting bunkers approximately 1 day old vicinity (XD 953621). Destroyed bunkers and mortar positions.

At 071615H Co D found 4 fighting holes and 1 bunker approximately 1 week old in vicinity (XD 957617). Bunkers living type housed 7-8 men. In vicinity (XD 956616) found 2 living type bunkers, wood freshly cut. Bunkers approximately 3 days old and were facing down hill. Destroyed all.

At 071645H Co A observed 2 NVA in uniforms and helmets hiding behind trees beside trail vicinity (XD 950621). Enemy initiated contact with 12.7mm MG and AK-47 fire, estimated to have been squad strength. Returned fire with s/a, MG, M-79's. Called 60mm, 81mm and arty missions. Unknown results.

At 080404H Co A make contact with estimated NVA squad vicinity (XD 953621). Enemy threw grenades and fired S/A. Returned S/A fire, fired 81mm mortars and arty. Contact ended approximately 080430H. Checked area first light and found 2 6 man living bunkers containing 1 pair tennis shoes, 1 canteen, 1 pac, 4 AK-47 magazines, 1 Chicom grenade, 2 lbs rice and various U.S. 782 gear. Bunkers were destroyed other items sent to 3d Marines S-2. Results 3 USMC KIA, 3 USMC WIA (MedEvac).

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At 080455H Co A received 2 short rounds from friendly 81mm mortars. Investigating officer appointed. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 9 USMC WIA (MedEvac).

At 081130H Co D observed 3 NVA dragging body moving North-Easterly direction (XD 944614). Fired 60mm mortars and called arty mission. Results unknown.

At 081400H 1/3 received visit from Alexander 6.

At 081540H 1/3 reported VN interference on Freq 73.10. Interpreter says it is from an NVA station. Reported to FM.

At 081550H Co D received 1 round friendly 155 Howitzer. Wounded evacuated. Results 1 USMC KIA, 6 USMC WIA (MedEvac).

At 081915H Co C received 12 rounds of suspected 75mm or 85mm arty from (XD 9766). Called arty mission on suspected enemy position. Unknown results.

At 090200H Co A heard movement and talking in front of lines (XD 953621). Throw 6 frag grenades and fired 1 M-79 with no surveillance. Results unknown.

At 090855H Aircraft coming in to LZ LEE received s/a fire from vicinity (XD 953621). Called arty, 81mm and 60mm mortar missions on enemy position. Unknown results.

At 091040H Co D observed unknown number of NVA (XD 945624). Called arty mission with unknown results.

At 091045H Co A made contact with unknown number of NVA in trees and spider holes (XD 952621). Utilized supporting arms and S/A fire with unknown results. Results 3 USMC KIA 6 USMC WIA (MedEvac).

At 091530H Co B found 2 new, partially completed bunkers in vicinity (XD 9562). One bunker contained approximately 200 lbs assorted foods, rice and others. Everything was destroyed.

At 091600H Co B encountered an NVA Sub-machinegun position and several LMG positions supported by AK-47's in vicinity (XD 948620). Called air support, fired arty, 81mm & 60mm mortars and S/A. Destroyed 4 gun positions. Results 3 USMC KIA, 7 USMC WIA (MedEvac), 14 NVA KIA, captured 1 LMG and 2 AK-47's. Sent to Regt S-2.

At 091655H Co D observed 1 NVA near lines wearing camouflaged utilities, vicinity (XD 951613). Initiated fire results 1 NVA KIA.

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At 100150H Co D received 1 grenade in lines vicinity (XD 952610). Fired S/A and called 81mm mortar mission. Observed secondary explosion. Results 2 USMC WIA (MedEvac).

At 101345H Co B found 6 NVA bodies without weapons vicinity (XD 945622). Results 6 NVA KIA.

At 101700H Co B made contact with NVA in bunker complex vicinity (XD 945625). Received counter attack by estimated platoon or company size unit from the North at 101730H. At 101900H observed approximately 40 NVA moving North in groups of 4-5. Employed supporting arms. Results 4 USMC KIA, 6 USMC WIA (MedEvac), 13 NVA KIA, Captured 6 AK-47 sent to Regt S-2.

At 102045H 1/3 (Rear) at THON SON LAM (XD 984545) received 8 rounds of 85mm arty from direction of 6400' mils called arty mission with unknown results.

At 102345H 1/3 (Rear) at THON SON LAM (XD 984545) received 4 rounds of 85mm arty from direction of 6400 mils called arty mission with unknown results.

At 110430H Co B received probe of lines by 5-7 NVA from West utilizing grenades and AK-47's and 4 NVA from North using LMG's. Repulsed probe from West with S/A and grenades, stopped probe from North but 2 LMG's are dug in close. Results 2 USMC KIA, 3 USMC WIA (MedEvac), 1 NVA KIA.

At 110700H Co B vicinity (XD 945625) while clearing North and West flanks of obstructions made heavy contact on both flanks from estimated NVA platoon on each side. Received artillery and mortar fire throughout day. Platoon patrol to North cleared bunkers and pushed back 2 LMG positions which had moved in during the night (see entry 110430H). Posted Squad size OP and 2 Squads returned to lines Enemy maneuvered to surround OP which was relieved by elements of E/2/3. After being relieved a platoon was sent to clear bunkers to West, destroying 7 other enemy positions. Both maneuvers were supported by 60mm mortars, S/A fire, fixed wing, and arty. Results 4 USMC KIA, 19 USMC WIA (MedEvac), 18 NVA KIA, and capture of 1 LMG, 14 AK-47's, 1 60mm mortar tube, 1 .30 cal barrel and sight. Documents taken off 3 bodies believed to be officers. Destroyed bunkers sent documents and weapons to Regt S-2.

At 111048H Assumed OPCON E/2/3 and F/2/3 from 2/3.

At 111500H Co B found 2 enemy grave sites vicinity (XD 945624-XD 945625). Checked graves and found 17 NVA bodies. Bodies will be search as soon as possible. Results 17 NVA KIA.

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At 111500H OPCON of E/2/3 and F/2/3 passed to 2/3.

At 120100H Co B observed Holo (possible Huey) from (XD 94513) 30 degrees magnetic azimuth descend rapidly and explode on contact. Results unknown.

At 120335H Co D received 1 round arty believed to be friendly. Results 2 USMC WIA (MedEvac).

At 121800H Co C found 10 bunkers vicinity (XD 942616) also found 2 AA sites. Bunkers contained approximately 60 60mm and 82mm mortar rounds. Found at vicinity (XD 940613) 2 NVA bodies approximately 2 days old killed by arty or air, and 5 Chinese Claymore mines. Results 2 NVA KIA, destroyed bunkers, mortar rounds and mines.

At 121800H Co C received approximately 15 rounds 60mm mortar from vicinity (XD 929621). Employed gunships, arty and 81mm mortars resulting in secondary explosions observed and reported by 2/3.

At 131010H Co A found 1 Anti-Tank mine vicinity (YD 000593) mine 1 1/2 inches thick and 7 inches in diameter, also found kit. Mine was rusty and not buried. Pressure type. Destroyed in place.

At 131100H Co C found 15 well constructed, heavily built bunkers vicinity (XD 936611). Bunkers had flooring and drainage systems. 5 of these bunkers were incomplete. Found 3 tools for digging, and trails leading NW & SW. Observed 1 NVA in uniform with weapon moving SW. Results unknown. Results are 15 bunkers destroyed and digging tools are being utilized.

At 131440H 1/3 monitored NVA transmission on Freq 38.75. Reported to Regt.

At 131450H 1/3 (Roar) at THON SON LAM vicinity (XD 984545) received 5 rounds of 85mm arty from vicinity (XD 927564). Called arty mission on suspected enemy position. Results unknown.

At 131530H Co C vicinity (XD 940613) found 60-60 well built bunkers less than 3 weeks old, containing 60mm mortar of using gear, 1 digging stake, 4 Claymore mines, 2 AK-50, 200 magazines with ammc, 2 ChiCom grenades, 30 60mm mortar rounds, 91 82mm mortar rounds, 46 dotmeters, 52 boosters and approximately 200 rounds AK-47 ammunition. Everything was destroyed.

At 132100H Co C heard movement in front of lines vicinity (XD 940610). Bolt heard and coughing. Fired arty mission and 81mm mortars, checked at first light nothing found.

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At 140915H Co A found 5 fighting bunkers approximately 1 month old vicinity (XD 970621) 1 bunker caved in. Destroyed bunkers.

At 141045H passed OPCON D/1/3 to 2/3.

At 141050H Co C found 13 fighting holes, 3 NVA "E" Tools, and 1 homemade saw vicinity (XD 936611). Destroyed holes using tools and saw.

At 141150H 1/3 (Roar) at THON SON LAM vicinity (XD 984545) received 3 rounds of unknown caliber arty. Enemy position unknown.

At 142350H Co A vicinity (XD 979615) heard movement approximately 30 meters to their South of estimated 5 people. Called 81mm mortar and 60mm mortar mortar missions. Checked first light found nothing.

At 151055H Co C vicinity (XD 940610) received unknown number of mortar rounds from azimuth 300 degrees. Enemy position vicinity (XD 929618). Conducted Air Strike, fired arty and 81mm mortar missions. Silenced mortar. Results 6 USMC KIA.

At 151332H 1/3 monitored transmission on Freq 35.10 in what is believed to be Slavic language. Notified Regt.

At 151430H 1/3 assumed OPCON D/1/3 from 2/3. Assumed OPCON 1/3/3 from 3/3.

At 151815H Co C vicinity (XD 940610) received 2 rounds 82mm mortar fire approximately 45 minutes apart. Fired arty mission on suspected enemy positions vicinity (XD 984546-XD 964608). Silenced mortars. Results 1 USMC KIA.

At 151900H Co A vicinity (XD 979615) observed enemy movement vicinity (XD 964608). Fired 81mm mortars. FO reported 1 secondary explosion. Results unknown.

At 160910H Co L/3/3 vicinity (XD 955599) found 2 NVA bodies approximately 2 weeks old, with the following equipment 1 AK-47, 1 RPG, Type II launcher, 2 RPG rounds, 7 ChiCom grenades, 4 AK-47 magazines, 2 shirts, 1 pair trousers, 5 belts, 7 pairs of boots, 1 helmet, 2 packs, 3 hats and 5 bottles of medicine believed to be narcotics. Gear and weapons sent to 3d Marines S-2. Results 2 NVA KIA.

At 161126H Co A found vicinity (XD 965625) 1 105mm dud. Destroyed in place.

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At 161230H Co D observed possible NVA fortification believed to be an Observation Site vicinity (XD 965577). Called arty mission. Results good coverage of target area will fire "H & I" in vicinity periodically.

At 161300H 1/3 reported new LZ named ARIZONA vicinity (XD 966616) 40 percent complete. Externals only at this time. When complete will accommodate 2 CH-46 Helos. Work continues.

At 161400H 1/3 reported new LZ named ALABAMA vicinity (XD 971616) 50% complete. Externals only at this time. When complete will accommodate 1 CH-46 Helo. Work continues.

At 161430H Co A found vicinity (XD 965621) in LZ a command detonated set trap. Numerous signs in area written Vietnamese stating "Area Mined". Found also 3 bunkers approximately 1-2 weeks old containing 2 ChiCom grenades, 2 82mm mortar rounds and 1 RPG round. Everything but signs destroyed. Signs sent to Regt S-2.

At 161500H Co A found 5 bunkers vicinity (XD 965623) in bad condition. Bunkers contained: 50 82mm mortar rounds, 100 7.62mm fuzes for 82mm mortar rounds. Everything was destroyed.

At 170930H Co A found 1 set trap ChiCom directional mine beside trail in vicinity (XD 974623). Claymore was set with trip wire across trail anchored to bamboo. Trap about 3-4 weeks old. Destroyed in place.

At 181130H Co C provided security for Downed Helo vicinity (XD 980517). Crew Chief went to QUANG TRI for part. At 181500H lifted and security returned to THON SON LAM.

At 181700H 1/3 reported LZ ALABAMA 80% complete. Well now take 1 CH-46. Work continues.

At 181800H 1/3 monitored Chinese language broadcast on Freq 30.40. Informed Regt S-2.

At 191210H Co C received 3 rounds of 82mm mortar fire from vicinity (XD 929540). Fired counter battery mission with unknown results.

At 191300H Co B found 10 bunkers facing EE in vicinity (XD 955627). Bamboo in earth construction, 3X5 feet long. Estimated 1-2 man living quarters. Surrounded by dense undergrowth. No supporting positions. Destroyed bunkers.

At 191800H 1/3 reported that LZ LEE in vicinity (XD 952621) is now 100% complete. Two separate LZ pads both capable of taking 1 CH-46, can land 2 Helos simultaneously.

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At 261520H Co C vicinity (XD 980623) reported monitoring a Vietnamese transmission on frequency 40.70. Reported to Regt S-2.

At 261800H 1/3 reported LZ CHAMP 60% complete. Will take 1 CH-46 internal or external. When completed will accommodate 2 CH-46's, internal. Work continues.

At 262125H Co A detected movement in front of lines vicinity (XD 988629). Fired arty and 81mm mortar missions. Nothing found first light.

At 270835H Co D found vicinity (YD 001611) 1 roll of U.S. comm-wire 300 meters long rolled up on an NVA spool. Sent to Regt S-2.

At 270850H Co B found a trail heading South vicinity (YD 002618). Trail showed signs of having been used by an estimated 7 NVA within the last 24 hours. Searched trail with negative results.

At 271630H Co C in vicinity of (XD 981623) found Company size or larger base area. 12 large bunkers approximately 1 year old varying in size from 6' X 4' to 12' X 8' still in excellent condition. Trench line approximately 4 1/2' deep connecting main bunkers and leading to smaller fighting bunkers. One bunker had false bottom but it was empty. Complex built in area where trees are approximately 75' high and some 4 1/2' thick. Found in bunkers 1 food can from China, one from Hungary and one can from Rumania. Approximately 200 rounds S/A, 1 RPG drum, 1 ChiCom grenade, 1 claymore mine, part of a PRC-10 broken radio, 2 broken radio batteries, 2 water cans, and many empty syrup cans. Destroyed bunkers sent gear to Regt S-2.

At 282030H Co A heard and observed enemy movement in front of LZ, vicinity (XD 988629). Fired arty and 81mm mortar missions. Threw grenades and fired S/A. Nothing found at first light.

At 291400H Co D found mine, Bouncing-Betty type with trip wire attached vicinity (YD 016618). Destroyed in place.

At 300935H Co D found 1 NVA ladder made from vines and wood vicinity (YD 008626). Ladder 20' long leaning against tree with a saddle in it. Estimated NVA OP with 360 degree visibility, 6-12 months old. Destroyed ladder and tree.

At 301730H Co D found 6 covered bunkers 2-3 months old vicinity (YD 018623). Bunkers half destroyed. Found vicinity (YD 018629) one new fighting hole freshly dug within last hours. Everything destroyed.

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Sequential Listing of Significant Events1. Combat Missions Assigned

Basic Mission: LANCASTER II/JUPITER

1-4 September 1968

Conduct search and destroy operations in assigned area to locate and destroy enemy forces, fortifications, supply routes. Provide security for TSL and route #9 in AC.

Ref: CO, 3d Marines Frag O 39-68 31 August 1968

3-11 September 1968

Conduct search and destroy operations along MUTTERS RIDGE to west and maintain security to TSL.

Ref: CO, 3d Marines Frag O 39-68 31 August 1968

12-15 September 1968

Seize and conduct search in vicinity of Objective A. Conduct search of draws on Southern slopes of MUTTERS RIDGE. Be prepared to establish blocking positions in Western portion of AC on order.

Ref: CO, 3d Marines Frag O 43-68 September 1968

15-22 September 1968

Provide security for TSL. Assume OPCON L and D from 2nd Bn. Provide security for FSB's TETE and Bird. Be prepared to reinforce 2nd Bn on order.

Ref: CO, 3d Marines Frag O 47-68 September 1968

23-30 September 1968

Conduct search and destroy operations with 2 companies along axis BLUE and 2 companies East along axis GREEN. Conduct detailed search of draws and valley areas for enemy fortifications and supplies. Turn over security of TSL to 1st Bn.

Ref: CO, 3d Marines Frag O 49-68 September 1968

2. Significant Operations Conducted

2-4 September 1968

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Conduct helicopter assault to seize LZ MAC and HELEN.
Maintain security of TSL.

Ref: CO, 3d Marines Frag O 39-68 Sept 68

4-6 September 1968

Attempt to land A and D companies at S-hour. If unable to land due to weather chop A & D to 2/3 for movement with E and H. Continue present mission.

Ref: CO, 3d Marines Frag O 40-68 Sept 68

7-8 September 1968

Maintain 2 center units on high ground to control Northern approach. 2 centers proceed down fingers to seize Objective A (XD 940610) and objective B (XD 951610) Provide support for 2/3.

Ref: CO, 3d Marines Frag O 41-68 Sept 68

8-11 September 1968

Continue present mission. Secure LZ SIERRA. Prepare to assume OPCON of E/2/3 and F/2/3.

Ref: CO, 3d Marines Frag O 42-68 Sept 68

12-14 September 1968

Conduct detailed search in vicinity Objective A. Conduct search of Southern slopes of MUTTERS RIDGE. Be prepared to establish blocking positions in Western portion of AO on order.

Ref: CO, 3d Marines Frag O 43-68 Sept 68

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1st Bn, 3d Marines Base Coordinator for THON SON LAM.

Ref: CO, 3d Marines Frag O 44-68 Sept 68

15-23 September 1968

At 151330H helolift one company to TSL to provide security for TSL. Assume OPCON companies S and D from 3/3 effective 151330H and provide security for FSB's BIRD and PETE. Continue search operations in vicinity LZ's LEE and MAC. Be prepared to reinforce the 2nd Bn on order.

Ref: CO, 3d Marines Frag O 46-68 Sept 68

CO, 3d Marines Frag O 47-68 Sept 68

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Company sector, conducted operations with two companies East along axis 2200 and two companies East along axis 2100. Conducted detailed search of areas and valley areas for enemy fortifications and supplies. Effective 24,0000 hoilift one company from 121 to 12 NAC. Upon relief in place at FSB PHTP (on 24,0000) hoilift additional company to vicinity 121 and 121.

RCS: CO, 38 Medical Reg, 149-68

3. Casualties on Record

TO: EVA/VC EIA

4. Casualties Sustained

	USMC	USN
KIA	20	0
WIA (MedEvac)	116	0

5. Command Relations

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6. Supply. The supply system experienced some difficulties this month due to weather conditions. Water cans continue to be a problem and are still difficult to obtain. WD 1.0 is desperately needed as well as green undershirts. The companies were issued new and laundered utilities several times during this reporting period but due to laundry situation are not available at all times when needed.

7. The usual motor transportation problems were encountered during this time, however, overall Motor Transport was considered to be satisfactory.

8. Administration

9. The usual administrative problems were encountered during this time, however, overall administration was considered to be satisfactory.

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Awards Recommended

2 Navy Cross Medals
 4 Silver Star Medals
 13 Bronze Star Medals
 46 Navy Commendation Medals
 1 Legion of Merit Medal
 119 Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry Medals

(2) Awards Presented

652 Purple Heart Medals

(3) Promotions Effected

48 Corporals
 27 Lance Corporals
 10 Privates First Class

b. Postal. Mail service was considered to be satisfactory

9. Personnel

a. Administrative Gains

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Officers	8	0
Enlisted	337	2

b. Administrative Losses

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Officers	11	0
Enlisted	132	0

10. Intelligence. During September 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines participated in the operation LANGASTER II/ JUPITER in the MOUTHERS area. The most significant incident was the shooting down of a CH-46 helicopter by 1st Marine Battalion, 3rd Marines, XD 971615. Our Battalion captured the weapon & 1st Battalion along with tripod, sights, cleaning gear and 2500 rounds of ammunition. On 071645H September Company A made contact with an estimated squad at XD 950621 and at 080404H an estimated squad probed Company A's lines. The most significant contact took place from 8-11 September in the vicinity of Hill 461 (XD 946624). An estimated two companies from the 48th Regt of the 32nd Division tenaciously, from well camouflaged bunkers, defended themselves using the supporting fires of 60mm and 82mm mortars and 130mm arty. The enemy counter-attacked twice, one time at 0400 on 10 September utilizing a double envelopment. We had 49 confirmed NVA, captured two submachine guns, 1 60mm mortar tube, and some equipment along with various equipment and ammunition.

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On 162000 September 1968 at XD 965621 a command detonated booby trap was found in an LZ. Signs warning of mines were found around the area. A few hours later we found 50 82mm mortar rounds, 200 7.62mm rounds, and 10 LPO-50 ammunition drums. A DH-10 directional mine with trip wire was found.

On 19 and 20 September THON SON LAM received about 10 82mm rounds. Two days later a unit attached to us found an LPO-50 Flame Thrower with 3 fuel tanks in good condition at XD 947605). On 27 September at YD 001611 2 well constructed enemy bunkers were discovered. This outpost was used probable as a radio relay center, judging from the comm wire and letters found there. The NVA were making use of discarded U.S. gear.

During the month 4 "Kit Carson Scouts" made 30 patrols, and the "Kit Carsons" with Company A disarmed 2 booby traps. 6 ARVN Interpreters worked for the Battalion, doing especially good work questioning indigenous personnel at THON SON LAM and monitoring Vietnamese language radio Communications.

The below listed weapons and equipment was captured during the month of September 1968:

CAPTURED WEAPONS

1 Flame Thrower LPO-50	1 60mm mortar tube
1 12.7mm HMG	1 .30mm MG barrel & sights
2 LMG	1 RPG II
23 AK-47's	

CAPTURED EQUIPMENT

200 lbs assorted food	1 Hammock
2 Water Cans	5 Canteens
3 Fuel Tanks	1 Pack
2 Explosive Chgs	8 AK-47 Magazines
1 Bouncing-Betty	1 Pick
13 RPD Drums	3 Shovels
600 7.62mm rounds	1 Saw
10 ChiCom Grenades	2 Shirts
10 60mm Mortar rds	1 Pair Trousers
10 82mm Mortar rds	5 Belts
5 documents	12 Claymore Mines
1 Roll Comm-Wire	6 Bottles Medicine
3 RPG rds	2 Pounds Rice
15 Fuzes	

Fire Support. From 1-30 September 1968 the following units were in support of the 1st Battalion, 3d Marines:

UNITLOCATION

Company A, 1st Bn, 12th Marines	(XD 984545)
Company B, 1st Bn, 12th Marines	(YD 062548)
Company C, 1st Bn, 12th Marines	(YD 062548)
1st Bn, 12th Marines, 155 GUN SP	(XD 984545)
Company F, 2nd Bn, 12th Marines	(XD 984545)

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LOCATION

Btry A, 4th Bn, 12th Marines	(XD 981545)
Btry L, 4th Bn, 12th Marines	(XD 981545)
Btry M, 4th Bn, 12th Marines	(XD 981545)
155 HOW SP (U.S. ARMY)	(XD 981545)
155 HOW SP (U.S. ARMY)	(XD 981545)
2nd Plt, Btry B, 1st 8" HOW SP	(XD 981545)

Missions Fired

Non-observed	82
Observed	146
Registration	8
H&I	140
Total	

Ammunition Expended

Type	No. Fired
Smoke	20
HE	11,577
WP	523
Illum	20
Total	12,760

12. Air Support. During September the heaviest usage of helicopter support was for resupply with troop lifts being the next priority. There was a marked increase in support and Fixed Wing Sorties because of a increase in tactical Requirements.

MedEvacs	30
Resupply	286
Troop Lifts	197
VR & CC	553
Gunships	61
AO	61
Fixed Wing	82
Flareship	2

13. Communications. No major difficulties were encountered during September with the exception of more than usual interference and over-riding of stations on certain nights. Collective deception was used twice this month, the first time in several months.

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4. Training

a. Objective. To maintain and improve the high state of combat efficiency of the Battalion

b. Highlights

During the month of September five In-country Troop Indoctrination and Familiarization Firing programs were conducted.

Ref: DivO 1510.3C

General training was conducted throughout the reporting period in the Battalion Rear area at QUANG TRI, THON SON LAM and in the field.

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