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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>1. DESIGNATION</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
2nd Battalion, 3rd Mar	LtCol J. W. DAVIS Maj J. P. GAGLIARDO Jr.	1-30 Apr 68 28-30 Apr 68 (Acting)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Co	Capt L. R. VAY 1stLt V. J. NORIEGA (Acting) Capt J. L. THROCKMORTON 1stLt V. J. NORIEGA (Acting) Capt J. J. MCCOY	1-6 Apr 68 7-13 Apr 68 14-23 Apr 68 24-25 Apr 68 26-30 Apr 68
Co E	Capt W. E. RUSSELL	1-30 Apr 68
Co F	1stLt W. C. DISHMAN	1-30 Apr 68
Co G	1stLt C. B. SCHMALZ	1-6 Apr 68
	Capt L. R. VAY	7-23 Apr 68
	Capt J. L. THROCKMORTON	24-30 Apr 68
Co H	1stLt T. R. THOMPSON	1-30 Apr 68

<u>2. LOCATION</u>	
	CAM LO and HUONG HOA DISTRICTS, QUANG TRI PROVINCE, RVN 1-30 Apr 68

<u>3. STAFF OFFICERS</u>		
Executive Officer	Maj J. P. GAGLIARDO Jr.	1-30 Apr 68
S-1/ADJ	1stLt J. W. McLELLAN	1-30 Apr 68
S-2	1stLt C. L. WOODARD	1-30 Apr 68
S-3	Maj R. N. BOGARD Capt V. M. SMITH	1-14 Apr 68 15-30 Apr 68
S-4	1stLt S. R. MARRONE 1stLt T. M. McCAFFREY	1-13 Apr 68 14-30 Apr 68
S-5	1stLt N. P. CHERVENAK	1-30 Apr 68
CommO	1stLt W. T. GEORGE Jr.	1-30 Apr 68

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
32	1089	3	55
	90		
	1179		

50
32
40

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of April Second Battalion, 3rd Marines remained under the operational and administrative control of the 1st Marine Regiment. The Battalion remained in the KHE SANH area of operations and participated in both Operation PEGASUS and SCOTLAND II.

The Battalion's primary mission during April was to secure that portion of National Route #9, and the bridges thereon, within its assigned area of operations. The concept of operations was characterized by continuous company size sweeps and search and destroy operations. Numerous abandoned base camps and staging areas were discovered during the month. All were destroyed as much as possible. In general, the month was characterized by light, sporadic ground contact and rocket/mortar attacks.

The Battalion also participated in a multi-battalion operation in the 1st Marines AO. The heaviest contact of the month occurred on 21 and 22 April when the Battalion engaged a company size force southwest of KHE SANH Combat Base.

Although the Battalion's AO changed several times during the month, with minor changes occurring more frequently, the Battalion consistently operated in the area between CA LU and KHE SANH.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT

EVENTS

1. Personnel and Administration

a. Awards. 6 Gold Stars and 2 Silver Stars in lieu of 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Air Medals, 70 Purple Heart Medals, 2 Navy Commendation Medals and 6 Bronze Stars were awarded during April 68.

b. R&R. A total of 77 R&R quotas were utilized during April 1968.

c. Personnel Losses and Gains for April 1968.

USMC

<u>OFFICERS</u>		<u>ENLISTED</u>	
<u>JOINED</u>	<u>DROPPED</u>	<u>JOINED</u>	<u>DROPPED</u>
6	7	149	176

USN

<u>OFFICERS</u>		<u>ENLISTED</u>	
<u>JOINED</u>	<u>DROPPED</u>	<u>JOINED</u>	<u>DROPPED</u>
0	0	5	3

d. Casualties for April 1968.

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
KIA	1	22	0	1
WIA	4	149	0	4
DOW	0	2	0	1
MIA	0	0	0	0

e. Promotions. Gunnery Sergeant - 1, Staff Sergeant - 2, Sergeant - 20, Corporal - 137, Lance-Corporal - 292, Private First Class - 9.

f. Legal and Discipline. A total of 3 Battalion Office Hours were held during April 1968. Articles violated were Article 56 (2) and Article 134 (1). One of these office hours was referred to a Special Courts-Martial. The Special Court Martial awarded (Article 86) was held during April.

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g. Pay and Allowances. Satisfactory

h. Postal. Average

i. Post Exchange. Exchange facilities in PHU BAI are available to the 2/3 hear. Since 1 April no PX facilities have been available to the Battalion in the field. Supplementary packs are being obtained through resupply channels.

j. Religious Services. Protestant services were conducted by the Battalion Chaplain whenever possible in the field. Catholic Mass was celebrated by visiting chaplains when available. 2/3 hear personnel attended services in the PHU BAI complex.

2. Enemy, Weather and Terrain

a. Summary of Enemy Activity. Enemy contact for the month was comparatively light. The heaviest contact occurred on 21 and 22 April when the Battalion engaged an estimated company of NVA, with mortar and artillery support, southwest of KHE SANH. There were 34 enemy initiated incidents during the month of which seventeen were mortar/rocket attacks, and seventeen were ambush/harassing actions by ground units. Total enemy personnel and equipment losses for the month were as follows:

(1) Personnel

NVA KIA	45
NVA POW	3
REFUGEES	248

(2) Equipment

17	-	AK-47 Rifles
11	-	S&S Carbines
5	-	AK-50 Machine Guns
8	-	Ammunition Drums for AK-50
20	-	AK-47 Magazines
2,000	-	Rounds of AK-47 Ammunition
46	-	Chicom grenades
20	-	HPG Rocket Rounds
50	-	Rounds 60mm Mortar ammunition
26	-	Rounds 82mm Mortar ammunition
40	-	Boxes blasting caps
5	-	B-40 Rocket Launchers
2	-	Chicom radios

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- 30 - NVA Gas Masks
- 300 - Founds TNT
- 100 - Fuzes for 60mm Mortars
- 2 - Boxes 12.7mm A/A ammunition
- 1 - Chicom claymore
- 1 - A.T. Mine
- 10 - NVA Helmets
- 36 - NVA Canteens
- 1 - 82mm Mortar Base plate
- 100 - Time Fuzes
- 19 - M-26 Frag Grenades
- 1 - M-60 Machine Gun Ser No 78699
- 1 - M-14 Rifle Ser No 1162366

b. Weather and Terrain. The weather throughout the month has been fair with a high and a low of 82 degrees and 60 degrees respectively. Precipitation for the month was .02 inches. Due to early morning fog, visibility ranged from 1-6 miles. Terrain throughout the TAOR is very mountainous and single to triple canopy covers a majority of the area with particularly dense undergrowth in the numerous valleys and gullies.

3. Operations

010700H Operation EBGASUB commenced.

011340H Co B vicinity of XD 017423 received rocket and machinegun fire from an Army UH-1B gunship. Position was immediately marked with air panels and colored smoke. Resulted in 1-USMC KIA, 18-USMC WIAE, and 2-USMC WIAE. Incident being investigated.

012215H Co C vicinity of XD 000434 received 4 incoming grenades in perimeter. Countered with grenades and artillery fire. Resulted in 4-USMC WIAE.

021100H While on a visual reconnaissance flight the Battalion Commander sighted caves and movement at XD 997443. UH-1B Gunships were employed resulting in one secondary explosion and 1-NVA KIA.

021210H Battalion CP observed enemy position vicinity of XD 987413. An C-1 BLKD DOG was called to direct fixed wing aircraft and the plane received small arms fire. Aerial Observer called in air strikes and artillery on enemy position with unknown results.

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- 030705H Co F vicinity of XD 987427 called in a prep fire to the south of company position. The mission was fired by Whiskey Battery (4.2) 1st Battalion, 11th Marines. Two rounds impacted inside the perimeter and 3 rounds impacted outside the perimeter resulting in 3-USMC KIA and 19-USMC WIAE. Incident being investigated.
- 031110H Co F vicinity of XD 000416 found 2 hastily constructed fighting holes approximately 2 to 3 days old. Positions were destroyed.
- 031420H 2nd Bn, 3rd Mar CP vicinity XD 976434 received rocket and machine gun fire from an Army UH-1E Gunship. CP area was clearly marked with air panels at time of incident. No clearance was requested or granted. An immediate check fire was called and 2nd Bn, 3rd Mar units encountered no casualties.
- 031850H Co G vicinity of XD 987412. A Marine was clearing brush with bayonet which was attached to rifle resulting in an accidental discharge and 1-USMC WIA.
- 040755H Co F vicinity of XD 962420 found 4 bunkers approximately 8' x 4' with 2' overhead. One of the bunkers contained 70 rounds of .50 caliber armor piercing ammunition. Bunkers and ammunition were destroyed.
- 040845H Co B vicinity of 968429 discovered enemy resupply site on river bank. A number of empty ammunition boxes with Russian markings were scattered about the area. The area contained 15 fighting holes approximately two feet deep. Positions and materials were destroyed and a sample of the ammunition boxes were forwarded on for further investigation.
- 040930H Co G vicinity of XD 983413 discovered 4 covered bunkers and 2 fighting holes. Bunkers contained 200 M16-47 rounds, food, cooking pans, and clothing. Positions and gear destroyed.
- 041205H Co B vicinity of XD 955426 received one round of isolated sniper fire. Negative results.
- 041300H Co F vicinity of XD 955417 discovered 2 covered bunkers approximately 5'x5'x5' with a 10' fighting trench. Position destroyed.

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- 041330H Co E vicinity XD 952425 discovered an NVA blanket near a trail.
- 041440H Co G vicinity of XD 997416 received small arms fire from an estimated 2 to 3 enemy. Called in artillery and maneuvered forward resulting in 1-NVA KIA and 1-AK-47 assault rifle.
- 041855H Co G vicinity of XD 997416 discovered a battalion assembly area containing 56 bunkers and fighting holes. A thorough search turned up miscellaneous ammunition, 782 gear and clothing. Also found German-made binoculars. Destroyed positions and equipment.
- 042245H Co G vicinity of XD 976414, a marine became disoriented while on perimeter watch and strayed into an adjacent position. He was taken under fire by another marine and seriously wounded. The marine died before medical evacuation could be summoned.
- 060800H Assumed OrCON 1 Platoon Co C, 3rd Tank Battalion.
- 061000H Co F vicinity of XD 959412 discovered a small bunker at the base of a tree with a ladder leading from the bunker to an observation platform in the tree. Position destroyed.
- 071100H Co G vicinity of XD 997443 observed a man carrying a rifle at above coordinates. An air strike was conducted on the hill with unknown results.
- 071600H Co G vicinity of XD 016439 discovered bunkers and fighting holes with fresh footprints. Positions destroyed.
- 080400H Co G vicinity of XD 015441 received 4 incoming grenades in perimeter. Night defensive fires were employed with negative results.
- 080430H Co F vicinity of XD 962417 heard movement outside perimeter and employed artillery defensive fires with negative results.
- 081035H Co E vicinity XD 966436 discovered 8 fighting holes and a well used trail system with handrails made from vines. Position destroyed.
- 091320H Co E vicinity of XD 964435 found 8-60mm rounds, 25 fuzes and 3-cans containing primers and increment bags. Material destroyed.

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- 091700H Helicopter attempting insertion of Co H elements sighted 3 NVA vicinity of XD 997444. Air strikes called in on enemy position with unknown results.
- 101300H Co F vicinity of XD 971431 found 50 empty boxes for RPG ammunition and miscellaneous documents. Forwarded documents to S-2.
- 101715H Co F vicinity XD 978413 found 2-122mm rocket nose cones, 4-60mm rounds in plastic containers and 4 chicom grenades. Ammunition destroyed.
- 101800H Co H vicinity XD 973439 observed approximately 5 NVA at above coordinates. Called in artillery and 81mm mortar missions with negative results.
- 111000H Co F vicinity of XD 985413 discovered NVA base area of approximately battalion size. Found miscellaneous ammunition, documents and gear. Area had well used trails and a bamboo water pipe system. Positions and ammunition destroyed and documents forwarded to S-2.
- 120900H Co E vicinity of XD 905395 found an anti-aircraft position that had apparently been hit by air strikes. Found 2 cans of 12.7mm ammunition.
- 120930H Co B vicinity XD 907395 discovered 3 enemy positions with cooking gear, clothing and bedrolls. Destroyed positions.
- 121115H 2nd Bn, 3rd Mar CP established at LZ Hawk XD 895406.
- 131619H Co F vicinity XD 864397 discovered a trench line with 150 small steel reinforced bunkers. Found miscellaneous documents, equipment, 782 gear and ammunition in bunkers. Positions destroyed.
- 140320H Co G vicinity XD 928444 received 5 incoming artillery rounds near perimeter from an easterly direction.
- 141500H 2nd Bn, 3rd Mar CP vicinity XD 895406 received 12 incoming 85mm artillery rounds from the north. Fired counter battery fire with artillery at XD 884443.
- 141630H Co F vicinity of XD 890404 discovered 25 bunkers and 5 NVA bodies. Bunkers destroyed.

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- 141630H Co F vicinity of XD 865400 found 25 to 30 bunkers. Bunkers contained ammunition, equipment, 782 gear and documents. Position destroyed and intelligence items forwarded to S-2.
- 151455H Co H vicinity XD 903415 OH-46 helicopter attempting to effect resupply lost power and crashed. Crew and passengers were unhurt but aircraft was destroyed by fire.
- 152330H 2nd Bn, 3rd Mar, CP vicinity XD 895406 received 3 incoming artillery rounds resulting in 2 WIA. Fired counter battery fire with 81mm mortars and 4.2 mortars.
- 160001H Operation PEGASUS terminated. Operation SCOTLAND II commenced.
- 160035H Co F vicinity XD 903396 while conducting roving vehicular patrol received 10 rounds of small arms fire called in 81mm, 4.2 mortar and artillery missions with negative results.
- 161915H Co G vicinity XD 942429 observed 15-20 NVA moving at above coordinates. Called in artillery mission with unknown results.
- 170930H Co B vicinity XD 914373 point encountered 2 NVA carrying carbines. Simultaneous exchange of fire occurred and enemy fled to the south. Called in artillery mission with negative results.
- 171400H Co B vicinity XD 914366 found a cave with 12 dead NVA. Bodies had been there approximately one month. Found miscellaneous weapons, equipment, ammunition and 782 gear to include 3 FKS Rifles, 1-Chicom carbine and 1-Baseplate for 60mm mortar. Destroyed all gear except weapons and items of intelligence nature.
- 171500H Assumed OPCON of 1 Platoon Co A, 3rd Anti-Tank Battalion.
- 171500H Co F vicinity XD 872398 discovered 35 bunkers containing 4 NVA bodies along with food, equipment, 782 gear, documents, ammunition and miscellaneous personal items. Forwarded gear of intelligence nature to S-2 and destroyed the remainder.

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- 181130H Co F vicinity XD 903397 found a 250 pound bomb with fuze intact. Bomb had been partially disassembled.
- 181325H 2nd Bn, 3rd Mar Gr vicinity XD 895406 received 10 incoming 122mm Rockets from vicinity of XD 921438. Returned fire with artillery and called for air strike.
- 181330H Co F vicinity XD 869399 found 12 bunkers containing ammunition, demolitions, 782 gear and miscellaneous equipment. Destroyed positions and equipment.
- 181920H Co G vicinity XD 926442 observed movement at XD 921438 and called in artillery mission. One short round impacted in platoon perimeter resulting in 6-USMC WIA and 1-USMC WIA.
- 190930H Three battalion vehicles headed east on National Route #9 discovered 2 USMC bodies at bridge at XD 956428. Vehicles and individuals were taken under fire by an estimated squad size force. Bunkers mounted vehicles and reported incident to nearest friendly unit located at XD 976435. Resulted in 1-USMC WIA.
- 191000H 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines Gr vicinity XD 895406 received incoming 122mm rockets from vicinity XD 873446 and resulted in 3-USMC WIA and 2-USMC WIA. One M-274 was destroyed and two M-274's were damaged. Returned fire with artillery and requested air strike.
- 191500H Co F vicinity XD 915375 discovered 7 shallow graves with one EVA in each grave. Bodies were decomposed and contained no identification.
- 191530H 3 tanks and 1 squad from Co F went to the assistance of an ambushed convoy on National Route #9 at XD 936423 and received mortar, machine gun and small arms fire from XD 962437. The relief force recovered 2 USMC KIA, 3 USMC WIA and 1 tank. An aerial observer marked enemy position and 90mm guns and small arms fire brought to bear on the enemy resulted in 10 NVA KIA and 1-USMC WIA.
- 191520H Co G platoon vicinity XD 926442 received 10 incoming rounds believed to be 60mm which exploded in the air. Called in artillery mission and countered with 60mm mortar with negative results.

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Co B vicinity XD 919380 observed mortar flashes at XD 914363. Approximately 20 81mm rounds impacted in an area from XD 914368 to XD 912376. Artillery mission called in on mortar position with unknown results.

201350H Co B vicinity XD 918390. An NVA hiding in the bush ran from the approaching point. NVA was taken under fire and killed. Body contained no identification other than dressed in green military uniform.

201530H 2nd Bn, 3rd Mar GP vicinity XD 895406 received 1 incoming 122mm rocket from vicinity XD 893438. Returned fire with artillery.

201645H Assumed OPCON of Co B, 1st Bn, 9th Marines.

201800H Co D Platoon discovered a bunker complex vicinity XD 870397. Found ammunition, demolitions, equipment and weapons to include 1 B.A.H., 6 M16 Carabines, 5 AK-47 assault rifles, 4 S&W Machine Guns, 1 assault rifle, 1 RPG rocket launcher, 92 Chicom grenades, 100 42mm mortar rounds and 31 RPG rocket rounds. Bunkers, gear and ammunition destroyed, weapons forwarded to C-2.

210830H Co G Platoon vicinity XD 927443 received 2 incoming rounds believed to be 122mm rockets. The rockets ignited a pile of ammunition that had been staged in the LZ resulting in 4 USMC KIA, 7 USMC WIA and 1 WIA.

211115H Co F vicinity XD 860996 heard movement outside perimeter. Called in 81mm mortar mission and searched area with negative results.

211145H 2nd Bn, 3rd Mar tank/infantry patrol on National Route #9 XD 900404 took one round of sniper fire from XD 901406 resulting in one USMC WIA. Returned fire with small arms and 90mm. Search of area in the morning revealed 1 chicom grenade, grenade pouch and cloth hat.

211435H 2nd Bn, 3rd Mar GP vicinity XD 801405 received 8 incoming artillery rounds from vicinity XD 751413 resulting in 1 USMC WIA. Called in artillery on enemy position with unknown results.

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- 211630H to 212000H Co's B, G, H while attacking objective at XD 795396 received 60mm mortar fire, small arms fire and grenades from an estimated Company of NVA dug in on the reverse slope of the hill in bunkers and spider traps. Returned fire with small arms, artillery and air strikes. Objective seized and held resulting in 21 NVA KIA. Friendly losses 1 USMC KIA 49 USMC WIA.
- 212200H Co G vicinity XD 795395 received incoming small arms fire from 1 NVA who then fled to the southwest. Returned fire and believe to have hit enemy. Resulted in 1 USMC WIA.
- 212200H to 220700H Co's B, G, H vicinity XD 795396 continued to receive grenades and sporadic small arms fire throughout the night resulting in 4 NVA KIA and 3 USMC WIA.
- 220830H to 220930H Co B vicinity 974397 searched and destroyed an enemy bunker complex resulting in 2 NVA KIA and 2 USMC WIA. Bunkers contained miscellaneous ammunition, 782 gear, demolitions and equipment to include 1 light assault machine gun, 2 AK-47 assault rifles, 1 SKS assault rifle, 1 M-14 rifle, 1 M-60 machine gun.
- 221050H Co's B, G, H vicinity XD 795395 received 5 incoming rounds of unknown heavy caliber fire. Called fire mission and requested an aerial observer.
- 221130H Co's B, G, H vicinity XD 795395. As part of a continuing search in the vicinity of above coordinates 10 USMC MIA's were recovered bringing the total MIA's recovered from 1st Bn, 9th Marines to 30. Continuing to search.
- 221230H Co B vicinity XD 795395 in a continuing search and destroy of a bunker complex resulted in 4 NVA KIA and capture of 2 AK-47 assault rifles and 1 RPG rocket launcher.
- 221406H Cumulative totals for action encountered in the vicinity of XD 795395: A total of 38 KIA's were recovered from 1st Bn, 9th Mar. Friendly casualties sustained - 6 USMC KIA, 55 USMC WIA (major), 31 USMC WIA (minor). NVA KIA - 34.
- 221600H Co B, 1st Bn, 9th Mar vicinity XD 904391 received small arms fire from approximately 4 NVA resulting in 1 USMC WIA. Returned fire with small arms, 81mm mortars and 90mm fire. Negative results.

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Co F Platoon vicinity XD 867399 found 1 82mm mortar baseplate along with miscellaneous demolitions and accessories. Destroyed equipment.

- 231500H Co B, 1st Bn, 9th Mar vicinity XD 905393 found abandoned destroyed bunkers and miscellaneous ammunition and 782 gear. Destroyed gear and ammunition.
- 231930H Co B, 1st Bn, 9th Mar vicinity 903400 received 4 incoming 82mm rounds from vicinity XD 890390. Called in mortar and artillery fire on enemy position with unknown results.
- 232240H 2nd Bn, 3rd Mar granted extension of AO for recovery operation of downed C-123.
- 241515H Co E vicinity XD 905419 discovered an abandoned NVA base camp of approximately company size. Destroyed bunkers and fortifications.
- 241608H Co 1st Bn, 9th Mar chopped OPCON to 1st Bn, 9th Mar.
- 242330H Co E vicinity XD 903417 received 4 incoming 60mm mortar rounds from vicinity of XD 899423. Called in 81mm mortar mission with unknown results.
- 251410H Co E vicinity XD 933406 discovered the remains of a downed C-123 aircraft. Search revealed the remains of approximately 21 bodies, 6 dog tags, and miscellaneous personal effects. Only salvagable item of aircraft equipment was a tachometer. All remains and personal effects forwarded to Alpha Med, KHL SANH.
- 251840H 2nd Bn, 3rd Mar CP vicinity XD 895406 received 12 incoming 60mm mortar rounds from vicinity of XD 899381. Returned fire with 81mm mortars, 105mm, 106mm fire, 90mm guns and .50 caliber with unknown results.
- 252045H Co H Platoon vicinity of XD 862398 received 2 incoming 82mm mortars from vicinity of XD 855405. Returned fire with artillery with unknown results.
- 252110H Co G tank/infantry patrol along route #9 was hit with satchel charges, M16 rockets, and grenades in the vicinity XD 904398. Tank caught fire and veered off the road down into a ravine. A relief force sent by Co H recovered all the infantry personnel but the fire and exploding ammunition prevented the extraction of the tank crew. Resulted in 8 USMC WIA and 4 MIA (Tank crew).

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- 260215H Co H platoon vicinity of XD 863397 received 2 incoming 82mm mortars from vicinity XD 855406 resulting in 3 USMC WIA. Called artillery mission on enemy position with unknown results.
- 260530H Co H platoon vicinity of XD 863397 received 2 incoming 82mm rounds from an unknown direction resulting in 3 USMC WIA.
- 260700H Co H vicinity of ambush at XD 904398 recovered 3 of the tank crew, 2 with minor wounds and one unhurt. The driver of the tank was KIA and the tank was a total loss. Found one NVA KIA with RPG rocket launcher and rocket at the side of the road apparently killed by 90mm cannister.
- 261330H Co F vicinity XD 905394 while conducting a search and destroy found 1 RPG rocket launcher with propellant. Both items were unuseable and were destroyed.
- 261405H Co F vicinity XD 903394 sighted 4 NVA moving north in a river valley in the vicinity of XD 901389. Took NVA under fire with small arms and called in 81mm mortar and artillery fire.
- 261530H Co F vicinity XD 903393 received sporadic small arms fire and RPG rocket rounds from XD 901390. Closing with the enemy.
- 261530H to 261830H Co F had sporadic contact in vicinity of XD 901390 receiving small arms fire, automatic weapons fire and RPG rounds from an estimated platoon of NVA. All organic company weapons were employed as well as 81mm mortars, 105mm howitzer, 90mm guns and UH-1H Gunships. Action resulted in 2 USMC KIA and 3 NVA KIA.
- 271030H to 271500H Co F vicinity XD 901390 searched area of the previous days action and resulted in 5 NVA bodies as well as weapons, 782 gear, demolitions, ammunition and miscellaneous gear to include 3 AK-47 assault rifles, 1 RPG rocket launcher and one set of binoculars.
- 271700H Co F vicinity of XD 903342 continues to search out area of interest discovering a base camp sufficient in size to hold 2 companies. 1 NVA KIA was found in a trench along with miscellaneous ammunition. Positions and ammunition were destroyed.

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Co F vicinity XD 903386 found an external load of 105mm ammunition and personal effects that had been inadvertently dropped by a helicopter during early days of Operation PEGASUS. 1ST ACD sent a recovery team to pick up the ammunition and gear.

281020H Co H vicinity XD 895387 - XD 896384 discovered an abandoned NVA Bunker complex that had been bombed. Complex consisted of approximately 50 bunkers. Area also revealed bloody 782 gear, weapons, parts of weapons and ammunition to include 2 SAS assault rifles. All gear and bunkers destroyed, rifles will be forwarded to S-2.

281200H Co B vicinity XD 883397 discovered a bunker complex and found miscellaneous ammunition and 782 gear. All materials and bunkers destroyed.

291100H Co B vicinity XD 863403 found miscellaneous ammunition, 782 gear, equipment and documents at above coordinates. All gear destroyed, documents forwarded to S-2.

301730H 2nd Bn, 3rd Mar Gr vicinity XD 895406 and Co H vicinity XD 895398 received approximately 25 rounds of 82mm and 60mm mortar fire from vicinity XD 899377 resulting in 6 USMC WIA. Returned fire with 81mm, 105mm, 106mm and 90mm guns with unknown results.

4. Training. The command has continued intensive training in all General Military subjects when not deployed on operations. A week long intensive indoctrination program is conducted for the training of all replacements personnel with emphasis on familiarization, care, cleaning and safety of the M-16 rifle. Technical training was accomplished through both attendance at schools and on the job training. During the month of April the following schools were utilized.

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NO. ATT.</u>
Basic Ammo Tech	Okinawa	2
Staff NCO Leadership	Danang	2
Officer Leadership	Danang	2
Basic Organic Supply Accounting	Danang	1
NCO Leadership	Danang	3
Vietnamese Language	Danang	1
Maintenance Course	Danang	2
Military Justice	Okinawa	1
Basic Infantry weapon repair	Danang	1
Embarkation School	Danang	1

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5. Artillery Support

a. During the month of April 1968, Battery B, 1/12 was in direct support of the Battalion. 1/11, Btry A, 1/13 and an Army 8 inch Howitzer Btry were in direct support during portions of the month. Throughout the month extensive use was made of both day and night H&I fires to deny the enemy ease of movement and the ability to mass his forces. Maximum use of prep fires was also employed during the month.

b. A total of 6812 rounds were expended on fire missions and H&I fires during April 1968.

(1) <u>H&I</u>	
1/11	1993
1/13	<u>43</u>
Total	2036

(2) Fire Missions within T&OR in support of 2/3Bravo 1/12

105mm HE-Q:	1804
105mm WP:	329
105mm ILL:	35
105mm HE:	<u>7</u>
Total	2175

Bravo 1/13

105mm HE-Q:	329
105mm ILL:	10
105mm WP:	9
105mm HE:	<u>2</u>
Total	350

Alpha 1/11

105mm HE-Q:	433
105mm WP:	18
105mm ILL:	4
105mm HE Delay:	<u>27</u>
Total	532

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Whiskey X-Ray Btry 1/11 (4.2)

4.2 HE-Q:	471
4.2 WP:	32
4.2 LLL:	<u>2</u>
Total	505

Whiskey Btry 1/11

155mm HE-Q:	897
155mm WP:	<u>26</u>
Total	923

8 inch Howitzer Btry. (USA)

8" HE-Q:	242
8" HE Delay:	<u>58</u>
Total	300

6. Air Support

a. General air support within 2/3 TAOs was satisfactory.

b. A total of 47 missions were flown in support of the Battalion.

(1) Med-evac:	6
(2) Flare ships:	2
(3) Visual recon:	2
(4) Admin:	2
(5) Logistical:	30
(6) AO:	5

c. Three tactical fixed wing air strikes were conducted within the Battalions TAO with no bomb damage assessments.

7. Logisticsa. General

(1) The overall logistical support of the Battalion is satisfactory.

(2) From 1 April to 22 April the resupply was provided by the LSA located at CA LU with logistical support by 1st Marine Regiment. From 22 April to 30 April resupply was provided by the LSA at KHE SANH.

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(3) Difficulty was encountered with movement of equipment and mail from CA LU and/or KHE SANH to the Battalion rear at PHU BAI due to a lack of helicopter support. Frequent convoys conducted by 1st Motors and 3rd Motors relieved this situation somewhat, however, classification of certain materials to be transported precludes movement by vehicle convoy.

(4) Helicopter Support Teams furnished by 1st Shore Party Battalion and those furnished by 3rd Shore Party Battalion have proved satisfactory.

b. Supply

(1) Battalion Supply completed the movement of all supplies and equipment from the Bravo Sector, PHU BAI Combat Base to the Battalion rear established in cantonment #5, PHU BAI Combat Base on 7 April 1968.

(2) During the month of April Battalion Supply drew Class II items from FLSG-A, PHU BAI Combat Base.

c. Motor Transport

(1) With the initial move of the Battalion from PHU BAI to CA LU, a large portion of the organic motor transport section moved in convoy with the Battalion. During the move seven M-274's were damaged when the tractor trailer that was transporting them scraped the side of a bridge. One M-422 was also damaged during the move resulting in a bent frame.

(2) During the first half of April a Motor Transport Section was established at CA LU and supported the Battalion in Operation PEGASUS. Motor Transport accompanied the movement of the Battalion into LZ HAWK XD 895406 and supported the Battalion in Operation SCOTLAND II from that location.

(3) During a rocket attack on LZ HAWK on 19 April one M-274 was destroyed, two M-274's were damaged and required 3rd Echelon repair.

(4) FLSG-B provided maintenance support for the Motor Transport section and service was regarded as fair.

(5) During the month of April 24 - M274's, 9 - M422's with trailers, 2 - M37's, 2 - M409's, 2 - M408's, and 1 - M407 supported the Battalion in the field. The remainder of the vehicles were maintained in the Battalion rear in PHU BAI.

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d. Engineers

(1) Engineer support and equipment was satisfactory.

8. Civic Action The commitment of the Battalion to Operations in the KHE SANH area during the month of April precluded participation in an active Civic Action program.

9. Communications

a. During the month of April the communications section supported the Battalion on Operations PEGASUS and SCOTLAND II without incurring any major difficulties.

b. 1st Marine Regiment attached a FCC-1 unit to the Battalion for Regimental Radio Relay. The Battalion Communications Section also tested a new 4 Channel Canadian Multiplex radio with undetermined results.

10. Medical

a. First echelon care was provided by the field hospital corpsmen assigned to the companies. This care consisted of first aid for battle casualties and treatment of minor medical illnesses. The average number of corpsmen per company ranged from five to six.

b. Second echelon care was provided by the Battalion Aid Station which was employed in various methods during the month.

(1) 1-13 April the Battalion medical officers, medical equipment and half of the Aid Station Corpsmen were combined with the 1st Marine Regimental Aid Station, and facilities from 1/1 and 2/1 to provide a collecting facility at CA LU for casualties during Operation PEGASUS. The Battalion also maintained a ward for the treatment of minor conditions during this period.

(2) 14-30 April. One medical officer and 3 corpsmen moved to the Battalion CP at LZ HAWK and established a BAS with facilities to provide emergency treatment for battle casualties and hold routine sick call.

(3) 21-30 April. One medical officer and 3 corpsmen moved to KHE SANH to assist the Regimental Aid Station in establishing a clearing facility.

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(4) A small BLS, staffed with corpsmen, was constantly maintained at CA LU throughout the month.

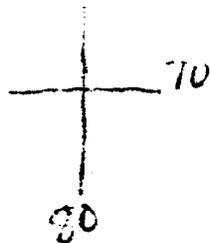
(5) Second Echelon care consisted of the capability to provide emergency resuscitation and airway securing procedures along with superficial hemostasis and holding routine seek call.

c. Third Echelon care was provided by the following facilities: Delta Med, 3rd Med Bn, DONG HA, RVN; 1st Med Bn, PHU BINH, RVN; NSA Hospital, DANANG, RVN; USS HEROSH and USS SANGQUAN Hospital Ships. Full medical and dental facilities were available at these stations along with qualified specialists in medical and surgical subspecialties.

d. Statistics

Total Patients	295
Dermatology	75
Gastrointestinal	50
Gsw & S/W	51
Orthopedics	34
Bites	5
Miscellaneous	6
Eht	8
Lacerations	20
Immersion Foot	5
Dental	10
Ophthalmology	11
FUC	13
VD	7

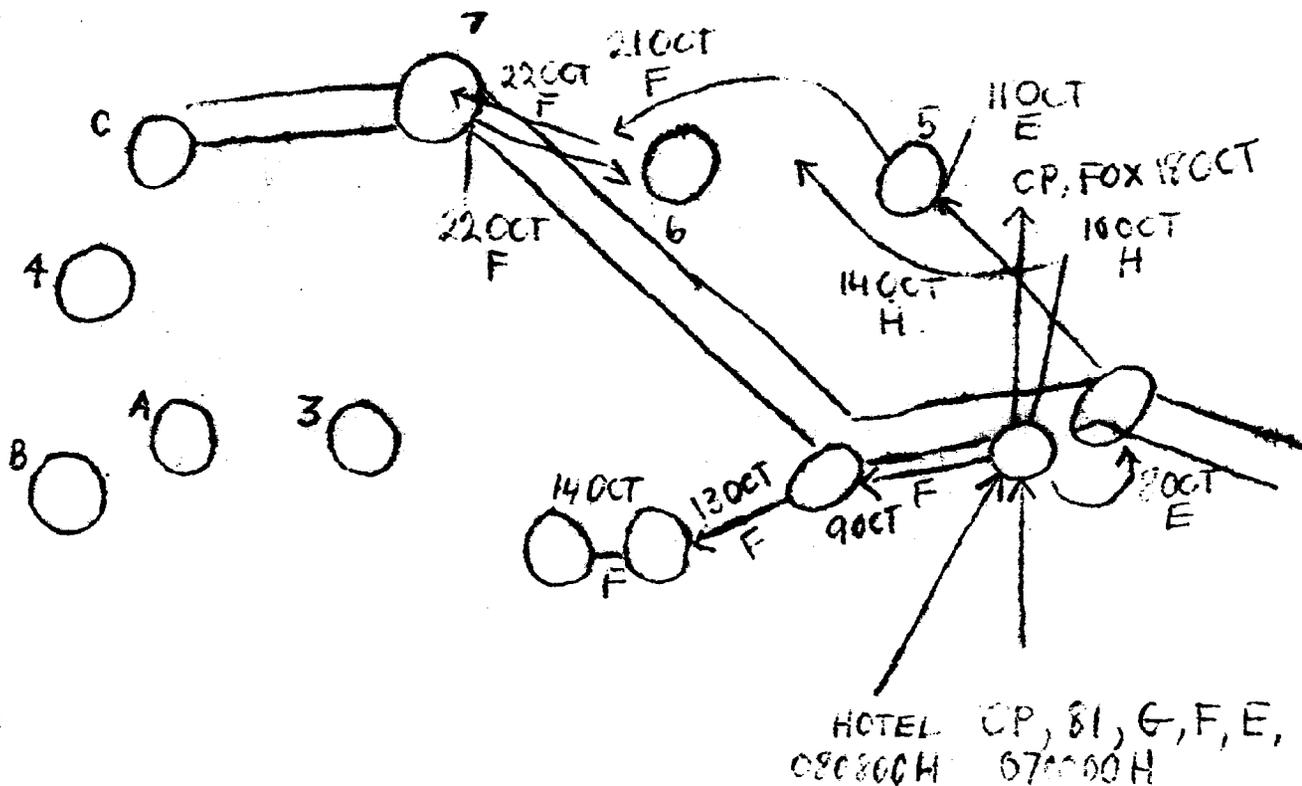
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