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Ref (a) MDO 5750.2A-  
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8  
(c) DivO 5750.1A

Encl. (1) August 1967 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with ref (a), (b) and (c) enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. Ghuu downgrade at three year intervals with declassification after twelve years.

  
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## PART I

Organizational Data1. DesignationCommander

3d Battalion, 3d Marines

LtCol R. G. NEEDHAM 1-31 August

Subordinate Units

H&SCo.	Capt R. R. BEERS	1-31 Aug.
"I" Co.	Capt F. R. MATTHEWS JR.	1-31 Aug.
"K" Co.	Capt T. W. ARNOLD JR.	1-31 Aug.
"J" Co.	Capt J. W. RIPLEY	1-31 Aug.
"M" Co.	Capt R. F. FINDLAY	1-31 Aug.

Attached Units

1st Plt, "B" Co, 3d Tanks	2dLt J. HINES	1-21 Aug.
	2dLt J. E. GEORGAKLIS	22-31 Aug.
2d Plt, "C" Btry, 1st Bn, 44th Arty, USA.	1stLt S. A. DRENNAN	1-21 Aug.
	1stLt L. MOORE	22-31 Aug.

2. 1-31 August: Quang Tri Province, KD 984545, (West of Cam Lo) RVN.

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Major H. M. HARPER JR.	1-31 Aug.
S-1	2dLt J. G. GILMORE	1-31 Aug.
S-2	2dLt B. D. CREWS	1-31 Aug.
S-3	Major M. H. HARRINGTON	1-31 Aug.
S-4	SSgt W. T. POPE	1-18 Aug.
	1stLt M. SEXTON	19-21 Aug.
	SSgt W. T. POPE	22-26 Aug.
	2dLt D. F. RYAN	27-31 Aug.

4. Average Monthly Strength.USMCUSN

<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
30	1070	3	52

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The Battalion continued its assigned mission within its TAOR. Main effort was placed on maintaining an open MSR (Route 9). Company size sweeps were conducted periodically. Patrolling and nightly ambushes were conducted each 24 hour period.

The enemy was able to mount only two ambushes during August, one of which was not effective.

The size of this TAOR (450 Sq. Km.) in addition to terrain and continued emphasis on the MSR, all contribute to incomplete coverage of the area. Two reinforced rifle companies are maintained in static outpost positions continually, and frequently a third rifle company is OPCON to another battalion, thus precluding mounting out of anything larger than a company (-) sized reaction force.

Numerous recon teams from 3d Recon Bn, and Force Recon Co. were employed in an effort to maintain surveillance and as a supplemental effort in this TAOR.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Combat Missions Assigned.

a. Basic Mission. Conduct operations to interdict enemy LOC's and destroy enemy forces in assigned AO; Maintain security of MSR Route 9 in AO; Maintain patrol base at Ca Lu to deny enemy access through Ca Lu; Deny enemy access through Rockpile/Thon Son Lam area; Intensify patrol activities with emphasis on long range patrols to disrupt and interdict enemy movement, enemy resupply activities, and to gain hard intelligence; Be prepared to deploy Battalion (-) and a Command Group anywhere in the Regimental TAOR area within 24 hours notice to exploit hard intelligence gained, attack and destroy enemy forces, materials, and facilities, making maximum use of supporting arms; Increase attention to effect employment of Psychological Warfare operations; And provide security for supporting arms. Reference 3rd Marines Operation Order 1-67 (20 April 67).

b. From the period 31 July 1967 to 4 August 1967 the Command Group and two reinforced companies secured Route 9 between Ca Lu and Checkpoint 13 at grid coordinates XD 940423. The mission of securing the road was for the purpose of running resupply runs from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh. Reference 3rd Battalion Frag. Order 44-67.

c. "I" Company conducted a search and destroy mission from 7 thru 9 August 67 around the Razorback. Negative contact was made with the enemy. Reference Battalion Operation Order 6-67.

d. "L" Company conducted a search and destroy mission west of Route 9 from this position south toward Ca Lu. On 12 August 1967, the first day out, an enemy base camp was located XD 963487. On 13 August 67 during a Med Evac a UH 34 was disabled by a fire in the engine. The 2nd platoon remained in position to provide security for the chopper while the remainder of the company returned. The chopper was extracted by a CH 53 the following day and the platoon was helilifted back to this position. The operation was terminated early to meet other commitments. Reference 3rd Marine message 101450Z. Battalion Operation Order 7-67.

e. On 13 August 1967 the Battalion was ordered to send one rifle company (rein) to assume defense of the Khe Gia Bridge and assigned

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sector of the Camp J. J. Carroll perimeter. Company "I" was assigned the mission from the 13th of August to the 30th of August when they were relieved by Company "L". Ref: 3d Mar Frag Order 5-67, msg 121535Z, Bn Frag Order 46-67, Bn Frag Order 50-67.

(f) On 28 August 1967 two companies, Company "I" and "M", occupied the prominent terrain features along the western side of Route #9 for security of the withdraw of 1/9 and 3/26. The operation was uneventful. 1/9 and 3/26 had completed a seven day sweep of the high ground overlooking Route #9 which was the site of an ambush on 21 August. Ref: Bn Frag Order 49-67.

## 2. Significant Operations Conducted.

From the 31st of July to the 4th of August 1967 the Battalion Command Group and two rifle companies (rein) were deployed along Route #9 from Ca Lu to checkpoint #13. Their mission was to secure Route #9 for passage of the resupply convoy from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh. On the 1st of August a patrol from Company "K" made contact with 3 NVA/VC at XD 976444. The remainder of the operation found negative enemy contact.

On 7 August Company "I" departed for a three day operation around the Razorback. There was negative enemy contact during the sweep.

On 12 August Company "L" departed for a sweep along the west side of Route #9. Company "L" found a one day old base camp at XD 963486. During their sweep there was negative enemy contact.

On 21 August the resupply convoy was ambushed going to Ca Lu. Company "I" (-)(Rein) moved out to help. Company "L" got pinned down going to the convoys assistance. Fighting continued most of the afternoon with artillery and air strikes supporting Company "L". Company "B", 1/9 came under OPCON of 3/3 and took up a defensive posture within our perimeter.

## 3. Casualties Inflicted on the enemy.

a.	DTG	KIA(c)	KIA(p)	WIA(c)	POW's
	011320H	1 NVA		1 NVA/VC	
	141935H	4 VC	10 VC		
	190925H			1 NVA/VC	
	211300H	109 NVA	305 NVA		1 NVA
Total		114 NVA/ VC	315 NVA/ VC	2 NVA/VC	1 NVA

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**4. Casualties Sustained:**

a. Name of Surgeon: Lt Walter F. DRYSDALE, MC, USNR

b. Significant Events:

(1) On 7 August 1967 one man from H&S Company was struck on the forehead by an outgoing mortar round while firing same. Company "I" suffered one heat casualty on a patrol. Two men from Company "K" were wounded by a friendly 81mm mortar short round.

(2) On 8 August 1967 Company "I" sustained five heat casualties while on an operation.

(3) During the period 12-16 August 1967, the battalion experienced an epidemic of food poisoning/Bacillary Dysentery: 4 cases on the 12th, 14 on the 13th, 8 on the 14th, 7 on the 15th, and 2 on the 16th. Source believed to be fecal contamination of food with flies as vector and indigenous personnel as source.

(4) On 13 August 1967 Company "L" evacuated six men from the field (3 FOU's, 1 possible rib fracture, 1 heat casualty and 1 anaphylactic reaction from an insect bite).

(5) On 21 August 1967 personnel of our command were ambushed between the Battalion CP and Company "M" at Ca Lu. The following casualties were sustained:

Unit	KIA	WIA	DOW	MIA
"Q" Btry, 1st, 40th	3	6	1	0
3d Tanks	0	1	0	A
"Q" Btry, 1/12	0	1	0	A
"Q" 9th MT	0	2	0	1
H&S Co, 3/3	0	5	0	6
Kilo Co, 3/3	0	2	0	0
Lima Co, 3/3	1	17	0	0
Mike Co, 3/3	1	10	0	0
Sub-total	5	43	1	1

50- Total

(6) On 31 August 1967 members of 3/3 were ambushed returning from a humanitarian mission at a village near the Company "M" position. The following casualties were sustained:

Unit	KIA	WIA	DOW
H&S Co, 3/3	0	1 USN	0
India Co, 3/3	0	4	0
"Q" Btry, 1st, 40th	0	2	0
Total	0	7	0

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## (7) Number of Battle Casualties:

	USA	USN	USMC	USMC 3/3	TOTAL
KIA	3	0	2	2	5
WIA	19	4(3/3)	33	30	56
DOW	1	0	0	0	1

## e. Number of out-patient visits 1,056.

## (1) Common complaints;

(a) Lacerations	40
(b) Trauma	31
(c) Burns	15
(d) Diarrhea	8
(e) Insect Bites	7

## (2) Numbers of referrals to "D" Med: 76

## (3) Cases of significant diseases:

(a) Thirty-six cases of Bacillary Dysentery.  
 (b) Thirteen cases of malaria  
 (c) Cases of venereal disease

1 One acquired in country  
 2 5 acquired out of country  
 3 Total of six cases

## d. Medical trends:

(1) Compared with the month of July, there were less malaria cases, but an increase in Fever Undetermined Origin. All other conditions with the exception of an outbreak of dysentery remain approximately the same.

## e. Preventative Medicine and Sanitation:

(1) Immunizations and skin tests administered this month totaled 2,953.

(2) Insect and rodent control measures are in action, and moderate control is maintained.

## f. Problem areas:

(1) There are no significant medical problem areas at this time.

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## g. Dental referrals: 30

(1) In addition to the above referrals, a dental unit has been in our area, and has served the needs of five companies in the field.

5. New Techniques Employed - none6. Command Relations.

- a. OPCON - 3d Marines, ADCON - 3d MarDiv
- b. 131230H August, Company "I" chopped to 1/9 to assist in defense of Camp J. J. Carroll and the Khe Gia Bridge.
- c. 211550H August, Company "B", 1/9 chopped to this battalion as reaction force.
- d. 221105H August, Company "B", 1/9 returned to 1/9. NOTE: 1/9 and 3/26 (-) conducted a two battalion sweep in this TAOR for 4 days. 22-26 Aug.
- e. 301000H August, Company "I" relieved Company "I" and remained OPCON 1/9.

7. Equipment.

- a. ME-10 - one 100 cubic foot refrigerator was received during August.

8. Logistics.

## a. Supply.

(1) Class I

(a) All 3/3 positions presently maintain 10 days on hand supply. For the upcoming monsoon season plans call for an increase to 15 days on hand supply.

(b) Halixone tablets which have been on order for over 30 days are critical in demand for operational commitments.

(c) Bulk purification agents are in stock for all 3/3 units.

(2) Class II.

(a) Clothing - Jungle utilities have been in critical demand for 35 days. The major shortage has been in trousers, sizes extra small and small/regulars. Utility covers, all sizes, which have been on order since March, also are critical.

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(b) Boots - there has been a critical shortage of boots for over 60 days in sizes 7W, 8R, 8W, 9R, 10R, 11R, 11W, 13R and 13R. We have a man who is combat ineffective because the boots that were ordered for him (size 16es) have not been received and have been on order since June.

(c) First Aid Packs/Jungle Kits - This item and its accouterments have been on order for over 90 days. A critical shortage is seen in small battle dressings.

(d) Lensatic Compasses are in critical shortage and have been on order for over 90 days. The need of each squad leader and higher leaders for this item has not been filled. 200 compasses have been ordered.

(e) GP Tents - these have been on order (50) for over 90 days.

(f) Fighting Hole Covers - these have been on order (500) for over 90 days.

### (3) Class III. Petroleum

(a) Our gasoline and diesel oil is stocked at our main position. We have on hand 26 gasoline barrels and 15 diesel oil barrels. For the month of August we have had no problems or difficulties in this field.

### (4) Class IV. Engineer and Field Fortification Materials

(a) For over 45 days there has been on request a requirement for bunker materials (4x12's, 2x8's and 2x4's) needed to complete our positions before the onset of monsoon season. There has been no problem obtaining other Class IV items such as barbed wire, sandbags etc.

### (5) Class V. Ammunition

Each rifle company in the Battalion is up to a level of 10 days ammunition supply. At Battalion Supply we are maintaining:

(a) 33,000 rounds	5.56
(b) 32,000 rounds	7.62 linked
(c) 1000 rounds	40mm (M-79)
(d) 400 rounds	60mm (HE mortar)
(e) 845 rounds	81mm (HE mortar)
(f) 6 cases	LAWS
(g) 15 cases	M-26 Fragmentation Grenades

We have had problems with defective mortar ammunition in both 60mm and 81mm. In 60mm our problems were with Lot #221559R (19 duds), MA 2-14 (70 duds).

The majority of the above rounds were received rusty and wet from ASP.

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In 81mm mortar ammunition our problems have been with lots:

OA - 1 - 246F1	562 Rounds fired	112 Duds
OA - 4 - 228-X-OH-9/64	325 Rounds fired	73 Duds
KOP - 9 - 202W-HAW-4-6	70 Rounds fired	21 Duds
OA - 1 - 242-F1	605 Rounds fired	153 Duds
OA - 1 - 241-F1	190 Rounds fired	31 Duds

b. Motor Transport.

Our current situation is judged as critical due to the lack of M-422 (Mighty Mites) and Mule parts and tools to properly service and maintain them.

Mules down:

- (1) 10 in Okinawa - Retrofit since July.
- (2) 17 on hand
- (3) 14 operational
- (4) 3 2d echelon maintenance.

M-422A1 Mighty Mite.

Mites down - 9 at FLSU 2 code X (May)

- (1) 18 on hand
- (2) 11 operational

Normally we use non-organic transportation for our surface resupply runs. The trucks are provided by 9th MT Battalion. Each truck averages 49 miles daily and carries an average of 12 tons of gear per day.

Our organic transportation is concerned mainly with short convoy security and/or courier runs to J.J. Carroll or Dong Ha. Other tasks performed are trash, water, and mess hall runs within the three positions.

Our mules average 10 miles per day while our M-422A1's average 37 miles per day.

c. Engineer Assistance.

This month we used a TD 15 Bulldozer on loan from 3d Engineer Battalion to build bunkers, revetments and defensive positions.

Our only problem lies in the fact that due to the operational commitments of the engineers we have trouble trying to get the apparatus back to complete the heavy work.

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d. Maintenance Problems.

(1) Automotive parts - we have had on order for over 90 days, spark plugs (#4 spark), M-422A1 carburetors, generator belts (M-422A1) Fan Belts (M-422A1), Fan Belts (M-274A1), and tires (M-422A1).

(2) Refrigerator parts - The acquisition of the MS-10 Refrigeration unit did not include any spare parts. Spare parts and maintenance kits are on order.

e. Ordinance.

In the month of August our weapons status was as follows:

	<u>On hand</u>	<u>Operational</u>	<u>Down 3d Echelon Repair</u>
M14 Rifle	44	44	0
.45 Pistol	295	294	1
Shotgun	10	9	1
M60	35	34	1
106mm	7	6	2
M79	34	33	1
81mm	8	7	1
60mm	12	10	2
Flares	7	6	1
3.5	29	26	3
.50 Cal. Spotter	8	7	1
M16 Rifle	962	962	0
Mount 106 RR	8	6	2

Two of our 106 RR are not operational because of a shortage of ground mounts. One mount was Code X in May67 and one went to FLSU in May67.

9. Civic Action.

During the period of 1Aug67 through 31Aug67 this command found it expedient to employ civilian labor from the village of Cam Lo on work details. That included clearing fields of fire, the building of a mess hall and filling sandbags to be used in the building of bunkers. These people were employed in the self-help program and have been paid in salad oil and bulgar. Also medical assistance in the form of Medcaps has not only been given to the people of Cam Lo but also to the villages within our TAOR. The most

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significant Medcap held this last month was with in our TAOR at the village of new Arong at coordinates 998417. The village was hit by enemy mortar 3 Montgnards were killed and 7 wounded.

Due to the increase of enemy activity near the two villages at coordinates WD 003473 and XD 997478, planning is in the process at this time to relocate the civilians in these two villages in Cam Lo, later we plan to relocate all villages within our TAOR.

During the last month medical assistance has been rendered to 87 men, 177 women and 584 children within our TAOR, and approximately 250 people a day in Cam Lo. A total of 793 people have been employed, being paid one gallon of salad oil or one sack of bulgar for every two persons per day.

#### 10. Administration.

(a) An awards ceremony was held during the month of August 1967, and the Commanding Officer, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF, presented the following awards to members of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines.

- 1 Silver Star
- 6 Bronze Stars
- 1 Navy Commendation Medal
- 26 Purple Heart Medals.

(b) Two Specila Courts-Martial were completed, and one is pending. One Summary Court-Martial was completed, and none are pending. Three Battalion Commander's Office hours were completed, and one is pending. There were six Company Commander's Office Hours completed.

(c) Special Services supplied a fairly regular amount of beer and soda ration for the battalion. Athletic gear is available, and some stationary and games have been received and distributed. All of these items are definitely contributing to the outstanding morale of the command.

(d) PX services were made available to five companies in the field through the mobile exchange. A sufficient supply of SP rations were available for the necessary health and comfort items.

(e) Liberty was not authorized during this period.

(f) During the month of August, 6 officers and 123 enlisted Marines rotated to CONUS. There was 1 officer and 5 enlisted transferred within the regiment or division.

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11. Personnel.

(a) Gains: 2 USMC Off; 89 USMC Enl; 1 USN Off; and 0 USN Enl.

(b) Losses: 6 USMC Off; 136 USMC Enl; 1 USN Off; and 6 USN Enl.

(c) Monthly strength (average):

<u>MC OFF</u>	<u>MC ENL</u>	<u>USN OFF</u>	<u>USN ENL</u>
30	1070	3	52

(d) Net loss:

<u>MC OFF</u>	<u>MC ENL</u>	<u>USN OFF</u>	<u>USN ENL</u>
4	47	0	6

(e) Emergency leave for the month of August: 1 USN Officer, 2 USMC Enlisted. There were no Humanitarian Transfers. Twice/trice wounded or reassigned outside of RVN due to father/brother in country, 2 USMC enlisted.

(f) There was one Hardship Discharge applied for during the past month. However, it was disapproved, but is pending decision on a Humanitarian Transfer.

(g) No Administrative Discharges were completed, and none are pending.

(h) The R&R program continues to be a major morale factor within this command. There were 44 In-Country and 93 Out-of-Country R&R quotas utilized during this reporting period.

(i) Morale is considered to be excellent to outstanding.

(j) Postal service continues to be sporadic, with as much as two days delay between regular mail calls. Mail is considered to be one of the main factors in contributing to the excellent morale of this command. Increased service would contribute further to the morale of the members of this battalion.

12. Intelligence.

The month of August started out with a continuation of contact begun in July 1967.

On 1 August 1967 a patrol from Company "K" made contact with an estimated 3 NVA setting in an OP overlooking Route 9 at coordinates XD 976444. The contact resulted in 1 KIA confirmed and 1 WIA confirmed by small arms fire. This OP was believed to have been a part of an NVA regiment (+) ambush of Route #9 on the 21 July 1967.

No significant activity was reported until 14 August when a squad (rein) from Company "M" made contact with 40-50 VC at coordinates YD 040445. Con-

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tact resulted in 4 Enemy KIA (conf) and 10 Enemy KIA (prob). Prior intelligence reports indicated a definite pattern of activity in this area with repeated sightings and contacts by recon units working in that area.

On 19 August a Company "L" patrol observed 1 EVA sitting on the side of a draw at coordinates XD 948516. The point man opened fire, the enemy fled, the results were 1 Enemy WIA (prob).

On 20 August an FO on the Rockpile spotted 1 NVA/VC next to the road at coordinates XD 985505. A fire mission was called, results were negative.

On the 21st of August at 1330H an estimated 500 NVA ambushed a 3/3 convoy at coordinates XD 994434. A platoon reactionary force with two twin 40's from the battalion CP was sent out to assist the convoy and came under intense AW, SA, and mortar fire from coordinates XD 980513. Both twin 40's took direct hits from RPG-2's and were put out of action. Two more platoons with tanks were dispatched from the Battalion CP, and a platoon from "M" Company with 2 tanks and 2 twin 40's from a patrol near the ambush site were sent to assist the convoy. The platoon with the two tanks and two twin 40's moved in from the south, linked up with the convoy and then returned to "M" Company position at Ca Lu. Meanwhile the company (-) that was dispatched from the Battalion CP linked up with the platoon under fire and began to retaliate with air and artillery support with outstanding results.

The enemy used supporting arms in the form of 50 Cal MG's, 57 recoilless rifle, RPG-2's and an anti-aircraft gun. The ambush site ran from coordinates XD 980523 to XD 982504. One POW was taken and as a result of his interrogation it was reported that he was from the 325B Division, 29th Regiment, K-8 Battalion. For a detailed interrogation report see section 4.

On the 22nd of August 1/9 and 3/26 began an operation in this same area. Many fighting holes were found along the ridgeline. The enemy continued to mortar 1/9 at will for 3 to 4 days.

On 28 August 1/9 and 3/26 were pulled out of our TAOR.

On 22 August at 2325H Mike Company at Ca Lu received two mortar rounds both of which impacted outside the perimeter.

On the 24th of August C/6-4 observed 7 enemy at coordinates XD 904497. Fire Mission called with good target coverage. From the 25th-30th of August there was negative enemy contact within the Battalion TAOR.

On the 31st of August at 0200H the bridge north of "M" Company position at coordinates YD 008465 received an estimated 100 rounds of 82 mm mortar. All the rounds landed outside the perimeter, but several rounds landed in the village at coordinates YD 992494. Three montagnards were killed and seven wounded. Early the next morning C-2 made a Med-Cap in the village and on the way back the enemy again attempted an ambush on the convoy at coordinates XD 973507 at 1050H. One RPG round, mortars, and SAF from 3 to 4 semi-automatic weapons were fired at the convoy.

On 31 August at 1400H C-3 spotted 5 NVA at coordinates XD 975508. An artillery mission was called with good coverage on target. At 1745H an OP near Battalion CP position heard noises in a tree line at coordinates XD 963533. A fire mission was called. Results unknown.

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At 311940H Conviction "W" spotted 3 to 4 NVA sitting on the side of a hill at coordinates XD 978493. An artillery mission was called.

During the month of August a total of 19 detainees were apprehended within our TAOR. All detainees were forwarded to 15 CIT but none of them were held after interrogation.

### 13. Communications.

a. General. The Communication Platoon was engaged in "Operation Kingfisher" during the month of August. The Communication Platoon provided and maintained the necessary radio nets, wire systems and message center, both forward and rear.

b. Training. Operational training during this period consisted of on the job training for all sections which included interchanging of operational communications personnel between military occupational specialties. A school was set up for new company operators to instruct them in the use and maintenance of the AN/PRC-25 radio.

c. Communications Equipment Status. The status of communication equipment is poor. The percentage of combat essential equipment available is 70%. The following combat essential items are down:

- (1) 1 AN/TGC-14A Teletype
- (2) 10 AN/PRC-25 Radios
- (3) 2 AN/MRC-83 Radio Jeep
- (4) 1 AN/MRC-87 Radio Jeep
- (5) 2 AN/TPS-21 Ground Radio Unit

d. Problem Areas. The biggest problem area continued to be the chronic shortage of AN/PRC-25 accessories, which if not alleviated soon could cause some radios to be deadlined. Another problem is the lack of replacement radios in the supply system for Code "X" radios. We have had five radios Code "X" since June.

The increased amount of wet weather has been causing a number of handsets to go down due to bad transmitter elements. This can be rectified by covering the handset with a plastic battery bag during rainy weather.

14. Weather. The general outlook for August was predominately cloudy with scattered rain showers. The temperature for the month; mean high was 96 degrees and the mean low 79 degrees. A gentle wind generally blew from the Southwest averaging between 7 to 11 knots with gusts from 15 to 20 knots.

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15. Fire Support.

a. General. During the month of August the 81 mm Motors and artillery defensive fires were refired and checked. The lack of compasses and binoculars continued to be a problem since battalion and battery were unable to obtain these items.

b. Units providing direct and general support.

- (1) Btry "C", 1st Bn, 12th Marines
- (2) Btry "M", 4th Bn, 12th Marines
- (3) Btry "I", 3rd Bn, 12th Marines
- (4) Btry "B & C", 2nd Bn, 94th Artillery USA
- (5) Btry "A & B", 1st Bn, 40th Artillery USA
- (6) 2nd Platoon, Btry "C", 1st Bn, (AWSP), 44th Artillery USA
- (7) 3rd Platoon, "B" Co., 3d Tank Bn.

c. Missions Fired.(1) Artillery;

(a) Targets of Opportunity	168
(b) Precision Destruction	1
(c) Precision Registration	4
(d) Fire for Effect	10
(e) Recon by Fire	19
(f) Prep Fire	30
(g) Counter Mortar	13
(h) Practice Missions	31
(i) Night Defensive Fires	34
(j) Neutralization	0
(k) Direct Fire	0
(l) Time on Target	0
(m) Marking Round	8
(n) H&I's	1145

(2) Mortars;

(a) Target of Opportunity	8
(b) Recon by Fire	2
(c) Fire for Effect	46
(d) Prep Fires	3
(e) H&I's	610
(f) Counter Mortar Fire	9

(3) Ontos;

(a) Target of Opportunity	0
(b) H&I's	0

(4) Tanks;

(a) Target of Opportunity	5
(b) H&I's	60

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(5) Twin 40's  
 (a) Target of Opportunity 10  
 (b) H&I's 512

d. Ammunition Expended.

(1) Artillery;  
 (a) 105 HE 10,888  
 (b) 105 WP 630  
 (c) 105 Illumination 50  
 (d) 155 HE 767  
 (e) 155 WP 43  
 (f) 175 HE 41  
 (g) 4.2 HE 0  
 (h) 4.2 WP 0

(2) Mortars;  
 (a) 81mm HE (Heavy) 0  
 (b) 81mm HE (Medium) 1198  
 (c) 81mm HE (Light) 1545  
 (d) 81mm WP 215  
 (e) 81mm Illumination 42

(3) Tanks;  
 (a) 90mm HE 140 App  
 (b) 90mm WP 13 App

(4) Twin 40's;  
 (a) 40mm HE 16,000

16. Air Support.

a. Air contributions to the mission of the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines during the month of August include: movement of troops, close and direct air support, aerial observation and TPQ-10 missions.

b. On 13 August 67 at 1115H in the vicinity of XD 973482 an H-34, while on a Med Evac mission had an engine fire. The helicopter was landed and the fire was extinguished. Company "L" provided security. The helicopter was retrieved by a CH53A on 14 August 67 at 1840H. The security element was helilifted to the 3/3 CP at that time.

c. On 27 August 67 at 1830H an H-34 with a broken tail wheel and an engine failure indication landed at XD 928548, the 3/3 CP. The entire crew departed without informing the battalion. Security was provided by Company "L". On 29 August 67 at 1215 the H-34 was retrieved by a CH53A and returned to Dong Ha.

d. During the month of August aerial overflights were used

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extensively to orient new officers and staff NCO's to the area of operations.

e. The 1st Marine Air Wing provided accurate and timely air support. The battalion received thirty-nine (39) close and direct air support missions. Air expended 160,500 pounds of bombs, 32,500 pounds of napalm, 156 5 inch Zuni rockets, 152 2.75 Free Falling Aircraft Rockets, and 100 rounds of 20mm. Target coverage was excellent.

f. Types and numbers of air missions;

Type	Requested	Completed
(1) Troops	3	3 for 59 personnel
(2) Med Evac	30	30 for 66 personnel
(3) Recon	4	4
(4) Logistics	8	8 for 18,999 lb's
(5) TP-10 strikes	744	110

17. Activities/deactivations/redesignations

a. None

18. Training Report. In the month of August a NCO School was started. It is a modification of the Recon School this battalion had several months ago.

The syllabus is continually reviewed to present timely subjects. Practical Application is stressed in order to present instructions to newly promoted and potential NCO's.

Presently 44 Marines completed NCO school during August. The school will continue as long as the need exists.

Part four contains the syllabus.

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS  
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## JOURNAL SUMMARY

01 Aug. 1967. At 010001H The Battalion Command Group and two (rein) rifle companies were deployed along Route #9 from Ca Ia to checkpoint #13 with the mission of securing the road for passage of resupply convoys. The operation extended from 311000H July to 041200H August 1967.

At 011320H a (rein) squad patrol from 3rd Plt. Company "K" made contact with 3NVA wearing gray uniforms vicinity of XD 976444. The platoon fired on the 3 NVA inflicting one (1) KIA and one (1) WIA. The squad stripped the KIA and found a list of NVA squad members.

At 011550H The S-2 section returned with the squad patrol from Company "K". Following the action described in DTG 011320H the S-2 section located the following gear at XD 976435: (1) one (1) AK-47 (2) two (2) carbines (3) canteens (4) 3 ammo belts (5) 3 chicom grenades (6) rifle cleaning gear (7) one (1) knife (8) two (2) ponchos (9) 2 AK-47 Mag.

At 011950H a patrol from Company "K" reported (2) NVA moving in a westerly direction. 81mm mission was called with unknown results.

02 Aug. 1967. No significant events.

03 Aug. 1967. At 031115H at 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines CP, while conducting an FO school from "B" Btry, 1st Bn, 44th Arty. called a practice fire mission at coordinates XD 948546 and observed a secondary explosion. Ten minutes later another secondary explosion was heard. Fire mission continued with good coverage.

At 032020H at XD 948456, sweeping zone fire called on above coordinates resulted in one secondary explosion. Sweeping fire continued throughout the night.

04 Aug. 1967. At 041200H Battalion (-) returned to Battalion CP.

At 041720H at XD 935585, numerous tube flashes were observed. A fire mission was called with good target coverage.

05 Aug. 1967. No significant events.

06 Aug. 1967. No significant events.

07 Aug. 1967. No significant events.

08 Aug. 1967. At 081825H at XD 971567, Company "K" received one (1) round of small arms fire. 60mm and 90mm missions were fired with unknown results.

09 Aug. 1967. No significant events.

10 Aug. 1967. No significant events.

11 Aug. 1967. At 112110H two (2) lights were spotted on a ridge. One light at the base and two lights 3/4 way up the ridge moving in a westerly direction. The light at the base of the ridge was stationary. One round of 90mm was fired and then a check fire was called. Fire resumed at 112217H with tanks and 81mm mortars producing a secondary explosion at XD 974600. At 112222H the lights came on again at the same position and tanks fired extinguishing the lights for a second time.

12 Aug. 1967. At 121700H at XD 963486 Company "L" found a one day old base camp with 6-7 positions, had a dam in the stream diverting the water into the camp. Negative enemy gear. An artillery mission was called in.

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13 Aug. 1967. At 131115 at XD 973482 an emergency MedEvac was called for two (2) Marines. One heat casualty with convulsions and one casualty from bee stings. When the choppers arrived for the MedEvac one Chopper burst into flames and fell to the ground. The remaining chopper completed the MedEvac at 131129H. PL2 remained at the position and provided security for the downed chopper. Called assistance to retrieve the downed chopper.

14 Aug. 1967. At 141840H at XD 975482 the downed helicopter was retrieved.

At 141920H at XD 975482, PL2 completed helilift to 3/3 GP.

At 141935H at YD 048445, an ambush from Company "M" received a few rounds of incoming small arms fire. At 141945H the ambush received 5 rounds of incoming mortar fire. The rounds came from the village at YD 040445. Arty. and 81mm missions were called and there were secondary explosions at 142010H, 142015H and 142140H. It was estimated that there were nine enemy wearing black pajamas.

15 Aug. 1967. At 151445H Company "M" reported that at 141935H an estimated enemy force of 30 armed men with AK-47's wearing black pajamas, were at coordinates XD 040445. Contact was made when M41 was about to set in their ambush. Both sides exchanged fire simultaneously. Four VC KIA were confirmed. The VC withdrew to village of YD 049442. Sporadic small arms fire continued. Artillery missions were called. Also 40mm and 81mm missions were fired. M41 received 5 incoming mortar rounds and suffered no casualties. At 152100H 15-17 VC were observed moving up the road to recover the dead. Artillery missions were called on target. Ten KIA were listed as probable. The VC appeared to move across the river. In the morning M3 swept the two villages. M3 found several VC helmets, sneakers a utility jacket, large caches of rice and wheat. All articles are to be forwarded to higher authorities. One male civilian was discovered with a wound on his ankle. The wound was slight and he was treated. M3 found evidence of nine litters being dragged to the river. Indications were that the VC moved from the high ground from the north to south.

At 152030H Company "K" saw a linear column of lights from XD 950610 to XD 980610. Artillery missions were called on the target and the lights were extinguished.

At 152110H at YD 018605 Company "K" spotted a linear column of lights. Artillery missions were called and the lights were extinguished.

16 Aug. 1967. At 162000H at XD 964567, an FO spotted two NVL in the open. Artillery missions were called on the target with excellent coverage.

17 Aug. 1967. At 171219H at YD 040445, M6 found one VCS with blood stained clothing and a large amount of food. The VCS had no I.D. card or any explanation so he was apprehended along with his children whom M6 did not wish to leave unattended.

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At 171808H at YD 040445 Baton Village and the vicinity of above coordinates was swept by Company "M" with the following results: 40 huts were searched and 100-125 personnel were searched and interrogated.

Approximately 600 pounds of rice was confiscated during the sweep.  
18 Aug. 1967. At 181440H up to date report concerning village of Phu-Than and Ba-Than: Phu-Than; 39 hooches, 199 persons, Ba-Than; 29 hooches, 169 persons. Grain is now at Ca Lu, 400 lbs. corn, 200 lbs. rice, two 40mm cans of peas, 50 gal. drum corn, 50 lbs. peanuts.

At 181530H at YD 025447 MP2 found a punji pit 2'X3'X2'. One Marine stepped on one of the bamboo stakes cutting his left leg. MedEvac wasn't requested and Marine was treated by corpsman. MedEvac # was 0-8625.

19 Aug. 1967. At 190925H at XD 948516 IPA1 pointman while moving up a draw spotted a man sitting in the draw. Point opened fire but there was no return fire. Search of area revealed no weapon. There were six matted down places where someone had been laying. Thorough search of the area revealed fresh blood. An artillery mission was called on the suspected route of withdraw. One (1) KIA (prob).

20 Aug. 1967. At 201735H at XD 985565 an arty. FO reported one enemy moving on foot. 81mm mission was called with good coverage.

201905H at XD 987565 a squad from Company "K" checked out the area where one enemy was sighted and found no evidence of the enemy.

21 Aug. 1967. At 211225H at XD 959542 a patrol from Company "L" spotted enemy movement. The patrol checked out the area and found a fresh trail leading westward. Estimated one squad used the trail.

At 211300H at XD 994484 the resupply convoy to Ca Lu was ambushed. The convoy consisted of three vehicles. One vehicle made it through to Ca Lu and two were destroyed. The convoy personnel were pinned down and requested assistance. The convoy was hit with intense SAF and rockets of undetermined mm. At 1312H two tanks, two Twin 40's, one platoon (rein) aborted patrol mission and moved to the ambush site arriving at XD 994484 at 1330H. Artillery missions were called and air was on station. Company "L" (-) departed 3/3 CP moving south with two Twin 40's at 1330H and made contact at 1335 taking intense SAF and rockets. Both dusters were hit and Company "L" CP group was surrounded at XD 985508. The remaining units of Company "L" moved out and were hit at 1400H. One platoon from Company "K" and two tanks moved out of 3/3 CP to support Company "L" at 1536H. A platoon from Company "M" removed the casualties from the resupply run back to Ca Lu. One tank with the platoon from Company "M" threw a track and repairs were in progress at 1605H. The platoon from Company "M" proceeded back to the ambush site. The KIA's from Company "L" were evacuated to 3/3 CP by truck at 1713H. At 1900H the platoon from Company "M" returned with their tanks to Ca Lu, retrieving the two trucks of the resupply run from the ambush site. Company "M" also brought in 3 wounded NVA of which only one lived. The enemy broke

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contact at 1900H and Company "L" commenced to move back to 3/3 CP. Artillery missions were called throughout the entire engagement with excellent coverage of the target. Air strikes were very effective and on target. 81mm mortar missions were also called. There were 109 confirmed enemy killed and 305 probable enemy killed.

At 211550H Company "B", 1st Battalion, 9th Marines came under OPCON 3/3. One platoon was sent to Hill 100 at XD 975519 and the remainder of the company was utilized for the defense of the CP.

22 Aug. 1967. At 220910H at XD 978512 Company "B" 1/9 found a tunnel complex approximately 75 meters long.

At 221105H at XD 975515 Company "B" 1/9 Chop OPCON from 3/3 to 9th Marines in order to conduct S&D operation of ambush site with 4/1/9 and C/1/9.

At 222325H at YD 015457 Company "M" received 2 incoming rounds. Company "M" prepared a counter mortar attack plus went on 100% alert.

23 Aug. 1967. At 231200H at XD 997482 Company "M" found a dud 250 lb. bomb. Engineer assistance requested. Engineers disposed of bomb.

At 231215H at XD 993483 Company "M" found two dead NVA. There were no weapons found.

24 Aug. 1967. At 241015H at XD 992484 two new fighting holes with overheads were found. They were destroyed.

At 241250H C-64 spotted seven enemy moving at XD 904497. Artillery missions called with good coverage.

At 241340H at XD 981502 L1B found 3 NVA/VC bodies wearing green khakis, recon covers and tennis shoes. A field glass case was wrapped around one of the bodies. Also found 1 Chicom grenade, ponchos, entrenching tools and 9mm rounds and magazines. Magazines and field glass case will be forwarded.

At 251100H L/3/26 and E/2/9 passed through 3/3 CP on their way to assist 9th Marines on the S&D operation.

At 251120H at XD 983485 Company "M" received small arms fire from XD 978482. 81mm missions called and 1/9 notified.

At 251450H at XD 981540 Company "L" received one sniper round.

At 252030H at XD 967558 KA3 exchanged fire with an unknown size enemy unit. KA3 is returning to their CP. 81mm mission was called with good coverage. A search of the area will be conducted.

26 Aug. 1967. No significant events.

27 Aug. 1967. No significant events.

28 Aug. 1967. At 280730H Company "M" and Company "L" moved out to cover the withdrawal of the 9th Marines and 26th Marines.

At 281655H 9th Marines and 26th Marines cleared 3/3 TAOR.

At 281700H Company "M" and Company "L" had returned to their positions.

29 Aug. 1967. No significant events.

30 Aug. 1967. No significant events.

31 Aug. 1967. At 310200H Company "M" reported 100 rounds fired in

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the vicinity of bridge at XD 975465. Activated counter-mortar mission.

At 311005H at XD 992494 Company "M" (-) and a squad from Company "I" report 3 KIA and 7 WIA Montagnards. The casualties were a result of the mortar attack reported DTG 310200H. Two of the WIA's are being brought to 3/3 OP for treatment. 82mm mortars estimates to have come from grid 9747.

At 311050H at XD 973507, 996505, 987516 and 989515 3/3 S-2, two 40mm, one PG and one ambulance received one RPG round, mortars and small arms fire from 3 to 4 semi-automatic weapons. S-2 and convoy returned to 3/3GP with 7 WIA's (1 Navy, 2 Army, and 4 Marines). Artillery mission fired with good coverage. AO on station.

At 311400H at XD 975508 S-3 spotted five NVA. Artillery mission called with good target coverage.

At 311715H at XD 963533 OP WYN heard noises in the tree line. Artillery and 81mm missions called, results unknown.

At 311915H at XD 978493 81's spotted 3 to 4 NVA sitting on side of hill. Artillery mission called with excellent target coverage.

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(b) Bn SOP for Operations and Logistics.

1. Situation.

- a. Enemy Forces. No Change
- b. Friendly Forces. No change
- c. Attachments. No change

2. Mission. Companies "I" and "K" exchange positions.3. Execution. Companies "I" and "K" effect relief in place.

a. Company "K" move one squad to Company "I" position on August 4 and be prepared to assume responsibility of the Razorback on morning of August 5.

b. One squad of Company "K" stand by for helo-lift to Rockpile on order.

c. Company "K" move one platoon initially to Company "I" position aboard vehicles.

d. Company "I" move one platoon to Company "K" position aboard vehicles.

e. Continue moving units until mission has been completed.

f. Coordinating Instructions.

- a. OP's to be relieved in place
- b. Company commanders authorize direct liason.
- c. Mission to be executed and completed by 051800H except for personnel on the Rockpile.

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4. Administration and Logistics.

- a. S-4 to provide transportation for movement.
- b. Camp property will be left in place.

5. Command and Communications/Electronics.

- a. No change.

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(b) Bn SOP for Operations and Logistics.

1. Situation.

- a. Enemy Forces. No change
- b. Friendly Forces. No change
- c. Attachments.

- (1) Three Twin 40's, "C" Btry, 1st Bn, 44th Arty.
- (2) One FO Team Arty.
- (3) One Section 81mm

2. Mission. One rifle company (rein) assume the defense of Khe Gia Bridge and assigned sector of the Camp J.J. Carroll perimeter.

3. Execution.

- a. Company "I" will move aboard vehicles to the Khe Gia Bridge and with one rifle platoon (rein) relieve units of 1st Bn, 9th Marines and assume the defense of the bridge complex.
- b. Company "I" (Rein) minus one rifle platoon move to Camp J.J. Carroll for further relief of lines in place with other units of 1st Bn, 9th Marines after which Company "I" will assume the defense of those positions.
- c. Three dusters will accompany the motorized convoy to the Khe Gia Bridge where one Twin 40 will be attached to the rifle platoon (rein) defending the bridge complex. The remaining two Twin 40's will remain with Company "I" (Rein) minus.

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d. Company "I". Be prepared to assume additional defensive positions of the Battalion perimeter and OP's as required.

e. H&S Company. Be prepared to assume additional defensive positions of the Battalion perimeter as required.

f. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) D-Day - 13 August 1967.
- (2) H-Hour - 1230H
- (3) H&S Company and Company "I" coordinate with Company "I".
- (4) Company Commander, Company "I" authorized direct liason with 1st Bn, 9th Marines.

4. Administration and Logistics.

- a. S-4, 3d Bn, 3d Marines to provide transportation for movement.
- b. 3-MCI's per man. Class V basic allowance.
- c. All other logistical support from 1st Bn, 9th Marines.

5. Command and Communications.

- a. Company "I" remain on 3d Bn, 3d Marines TAC net until CHOP OPCON 1st Bn, 9th Marines.
- b. Guard the 3rd Bn. 3rd Marines TAC net thereafter every every hour on the half-hour for Sit. Rep.

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(b) Bn SOP for Operations and Logistics.

1. Situation.

- a. Enemy Forces. No Change
- b. Friendly Forces. No Change
- c. Attachments.

(1) 1st Plt. "B" Co. 3rd Tank Bn.

2. Mission. One rifle company (rein)(-) sweep the village complex coordinates YD 040445.

3. Execution.

- a. Concept of Operation. One rifle Company (rein)(-) with a light section of tanks attached sweep and clear the village.
- b. Company "M". Commencing at H-Hour move from Ca Lu outpost and sweep the village.
- c. Company "L". Move one rifle Plt. (rein) with a light section of tanks to Ca Lu outpost on H-Hour - 1, to assist in the defense of Ca Lu outpost.
- d. Coordinating Instructions.
  - (1) D-Day + 17 August 1967
  - (2) H-Hour - 0700
  - (3) Company "M" assume OPCON of light section of tanks upon arrival at Ca Lu outpost.
  - (4) Company "M" will accomplish mission NTL H-Hour + 10.

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(5) Upon completion of mission, Company "L" Plt. (rein) returns to Bn. CP with the light section of tanks attached.

4. Administration and Logistics.

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5. Command and Communications.

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(b) Bn SOP for Operations and Logistics.

1. Situation.

- a. Enemy Forces. See current INTSUMS
- b. Friendly Forces. No change
- c. Attachments.

(1) 1st Plt, Co. "B", 3d Tank Bn.

2. Mission. To sweep Route #9 between the battalion CP and the Ca Lu Outpost.

3. Execution.

a. Concept of Operation. One rifle platoon (rein) with a light section of tanks attached and a Command Group sweep and clear Route #9 south of Bn CP to vicinity coordinates 994482. One rifle platoon (rein) and a Command Group with one light section of tanks sweep Route #9 north from Ca Lu Outpost to vicinity coordinates 994482.

b. Company "M" (-).

(1) Commencing at H-Hour the 1st platoon of Company "M" with a light section of tanks attached and a Command Group sweep and clear Route #9 north to coordinates 994482 and link-up with 3d platoon Company "L" (Rein).

(2) Upon arrival of the resupply convoy, provide security and escort for the convoy from coordinates 994482 to Ca Lu Outpost.

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(3) Upon completion of resupply at Ca In, dispatch the convoy vehicles back to Bn CP with a light section of tanks and a light section of Ontos.

c. Company "L" (-).

(1) Commencing at H+2 the 3d platoon (rein) with one light section of tanks and a Command Group move south from the Bn CP and sweep and clear Route #9 to vicinity coordinates 994482.

(2) Upon arrival of 1st platoon (rein), Company "M" commence sweep of village vicinity coordinates 994482.

(3) Upon completion of sweep and return of the resupply convoy from Ca In Outpost, return to Bn CP in convoy.

d. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) D-Day - 23 August 1967.

(2) H-Hour - 1000H

(3) Resupply convoy depart Bn CP 1300. (Tentative)

4. Administration and Logistics.

a. Bn SOP for Operations and Logistics.

5. Command and Communications/Electronics.

a. No change

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(b) Bn SOP for Operations and Logistics.

1. Situation.

a. Enemy Forces. See current INTSUMS.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) 1st Bn, 9th Marines (-)(Rein).
- (2) 3d Bn, 26th Marines (-)(Rein).

c. Attachments.

- (1) 1st Plt, Btry "C", 1st Bn, 44th Artillery.
- (2) 1st Plt, Co. "B", 3d Tank Bn.

d. Friendly forces terminating S&D operations in area bounded by grids 9651N, 9644S, 0144S, 0151N.

2. Mission. To occupy prominent terrain features along Route #9 for security of withdrawal of 1/9 and 3/26.

3. Execution.

a. Concept of Operation. Two rifle platoons (rein) from Company "M" with a light section of tanks and one rifle platoon from Company "L" with a light section of 40mm occupy prominent terrain features along Route #9.

b. Company "L" (Rein).

Attachments.

- (1) One Artillery FO Team.

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(2) Light Section, Btry "C", 1st Bn, 44th Artillery.

One rifle platoon (rein) move from the Bn CP to Hill 100 vicinity coordinates XD 975537 to be in position by 1000.

φ. Company "M" (Rein).

Attachments.

- (1) One Artillery FO Team.
- (2) Light Section, 1st Plt, Co. "B", 3d Tank Bn.

Two rifle platoons (rein) move from Ca Lu Outpost and occupy positions at coordinates 997468 and 007461 by 1000.

d. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) D-Day - 28 August 1967.

4. Administration and Logistics.

a. No change

5. Command and Communications/Electronics.

- a. Company "L" remain both on company TAC and Battalion TAC.
- b. Company "M" remain on both company TAC and Battalion TAC.
- c. Situation reports hourly at 15 minutes prior to the hour.

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 (b) Bn SOP for Operations and Logistics.

1. Situation.

- a. Enemy Forces. See current INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces. No change
- c. Attachments.

(1) Company "L".

- (a) One Twin 40, Btry "C", 1st Bn, 44th Arty.
- (b) One FO Team Arty.
- (c) One section 81mm with FO Team.

2. Mission. Detach Company "L" (Rein) to OPCON 1/9 in relief of Company "I".

3. Execution.

a. Concept of Operation. One rifle company will return to this position to assume defense of Conviction CP and the other will move to Camp Carroll and come under the OPCON of 1/9.

b. Company "I". Move by vehicle from Camp Carroll to this position. The platoon at the Khe Gia Bridge will remain in place until relieved by Company "L".

c. Company "L". Send a platoon to the Khe Gia Bridge after Company "I" (-) arrives at this position. When the platoon from Company "I" returns from the Khe Gia Bridge, Company "L" will send their remaining 2 platoons to Camp Carroll.

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d. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) The one duster and 81mm mortar section attached to Company "I" will remain in place and come under the OPCON of Company "I" on D-Day.

(2) S-3A will assign the defensive requirements for this position to H&S and Company "I".

(3) D-Day - 30Aug67

(4) H-Hour - 1000H

(5) Direct Liason authorized Company "I" with 1/9.

4. Administration and Logistics.

a. Logistical support will be provided to Company "I" by 1/9.

b. Company "I" submit personnel status report to S-1 prior to 1600 daily.

5. Command and Communications/Electronics.

a. Company "I" remain on 3/3 TAC net until CHOP OPCON 1/9.

b. Submit situation reports to this headquarters hourly 15 minutes before the hour until relief is completed.

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Frag Order 51-67

Ref: (a) Map: Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS Series L7014, Sheets I,II,III.  
 (b) Bn SOP for Operation and Logistics.

1. Situation.

a. Enemy Forces. See current INTSUMS.

b. Friendly Forces. No change.

c. Attachments.

- (1) 1st Plt. B Co. 3rd Tank Bn.
- (2) 2nd Plt. (-) C Btry 1st Bn. 44th Arty. USA.

2. Mission. Two rifle companies (rein) (-) conduct a S&D Operation along Route #9 between the Bn. CP and Ca Lu Outpost.

3. Execution.

a. Concept of Operation. One rifle company (-) (rein) sweep north from Ca Lu Outpost to GL 49. One rifle company (rein) conduct S&D Operation south of the Bn. CP with emphasis on the hill mass vicinity of coordinates 9750.

b. Company "M".

Attachments.

One Artillery FO Team.

(1) At H-Hour on D-Day commence sweep of Route #9 north from Ca Lu Outpost to Grid 49.

c. Company "I".

Attachments.

One FAC Team.

One section 81mm Mortars.

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One section 2nd Plt. (-) C Btry 1st Bn. 44th Arty, USA.  
One Artillery FO Team.

(1) At H-Hour on D-Day commence sweep and destroy operation south of Bn. CP along Route #9 with particular emphasis on the high ground vicinity of grid 9750.

(2) One section of 81mm mortars displace to south bridge.

d. Company "K".

(1) On @-Day-1 move one rifle platoon (rein) to Bn. CP for security and defense of Bn. OP's.

e. Headquarters and Service Company.

(1) On H-Hour assume the defense of Company "I" sector of the Bn. perimeter and the defense of the South Bridge.

(2) Detach 1 section 81mm mortars to Company "I" at H-Hour.

f. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) D-Day - 1 Sep. 67.

(2) H-Hour 0600.

(3) Duration of operation - 12 Hours (tentative).

(4) LOD Company "M" northern perimeter Ca Lu.

(5) LOD Company "I" South Bridge.

(6) GL. 49 north limit of advance for Company "M" and south limit for Company "I". Companies will not fire on the other side of the limiting line.

4. Administration and Logistics.

a. IAW ref. (b).

5. Command and Communications.

a. IAW ref. (b).

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DATE	TIME	SUBJECT	LOCATION	EQUIPMENT
1st Trang Day	0830-0900	Introduction to NCO School	Chapel	Normal arm's & equipment
	0900-1000	Leadership Principles	"	"
	1000-1200	Types of Patrols/Organization	"	"
	1300-1400	Planning and Preparing for Patrols	"	"
	1400-1500	Conduct of Patrolling	"	"
	1500-1600	Ambushes	"	"
	1600-1800	Chow and Showers	Showers	"
	1800-1900	Patrol Tips	Chapel	"
2nd Trang Day	0900-1000	1st Aid	"	"
	1000-1500	Basic Map Reading and Compass	"	Compass and Maps
	1500-1600	Application	"	"
	1600-1800	Chow and Showers	Showers	Normal arm's & equipment
	1800-2030	Introduction to Starlight Scope	Chapel	One Starlight Scope
3rd Trang Day	0900-1100	Radio Procedures	"	One PRC-25, message book
	1100-1200	Introduction to Artillery	"	"
	1300-1500	Air Support	"	"
	1500-1600	Introduction to NBC	"	Field Protective Mask(M5A3)
	1600-1800	Chow and Showers	Showers	Normal arm's & equipment
	1800-1900	Initial Fire Request	Chapel	"
4th Trang Day	0800-1300	81 FO Procedure	"	"
	1300-1700	Demolitions	"	"
5th Trang Day	0830-1500	Conduct of Artillery Fire	"	One PRC-25, maps, compass
	1500-1600	Intelligence Reporting	"	Normal arm's & equipment
	1600-1800	Chow and Showers	Showers	"
	1800-1900	POW Handling	Chapel	"
6th Trang Day	0830-1500	River Crossing	"	One PRC-25
	1500-1600	Critique	"	Normal arm's & equipment

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## INDIVIDUAL INTERROGATION REPORT

## 1. Background

- A. Name: Pham Dinh Chinh
- B. D.O.B. 1947
- C. POB Nghe An (city) Nghe An (P)
- D. Rank/Unit: PFC, 4th Sqd, 2nd platoon, C-4Co, K-3 Bn, 29th Reg't, 325B Div.
- E. DTG/VIC of capture: 211500H August 1967 / XD 9949
- F. Capturing unit: M 3/3
- G. Circumstances of capture: Captive was wounded in ambush against M 3/3 and was subsequently captured.

## 2. Information obtained:

- A. Captive Mission. Captive is a rifleman.
- B. Unit Mission. The mission of the K-8 Bn. is to operate in the Khe Sanh area and to be ready to move any time.
- C. Composition: The 325B Division is composed of the 25th, 27th and 29th Reg't. The 25th Reg't is composed of the K-1, K-2 and K-3 Bns. The 27th Reg't is composed of the K-4, K-5 and K-6 Bns. The 29th Reg't is composed of the K-7, K-8 and K-9 Bns. The K-8 Bn. is composed of the C-1, C-2 and C-3 and C-4 companies. The C-4 company is a mortar company. There are 3 platoons in the C-4 company and 3 squads in each platoon. There is one recon squad attached directly to the headquarters battalion.
- D. Strength: Captive states that when the K-8 Bn. came to SVN it had a strength of 600, but due to sickness and casualties, the strength is down to 400. The company has about 70 men, the 2d platoon C-1 has about 26 men; and the 4th squad, 2d platoon C-1 has 5 men. The recon squad has 7 men. The C-4 company has four 82mm mortars and two 4.3 BMG's. Each of the infantry platoons has nine RPG's (three per squad) three 3-40's and two RP-46.
- E. Disposition: The K-8 Bn. CP is located in a thickly wooded desolated area about a two days walk from the ambush site. This interrogator believes the CP area to be at XD 870493. The C-1, C-3 and C-4 companies are also in this area. The companies are dug in. They are in camouflaged holes for concealment from the air but are not fighting holes. The captive heard that there is a Battalion Aid Station about one days walk to the northwest and that the C-2 company is located about one days walk to the northwest of the aid station. All the captive knew about the C-2 was that it's aid was not needed at the present time so they were not located with the rest of the battalion.
- F. Logistics: Captive states that the K-8 Bn. receives its food and ammo and medical supplies from an NVA transportation company which comes twice a month. The battalion is constantly short of food and ammo. Food consists of salt, rice and canned pork in a 5" long, 1 1/2" wide, 1" can.

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Soldiers receive three cans of pork a month.

G. Communications other than operations company messengers (2 per company) are used, but on operations the Bn's two watt battery powered radios are used. There are 5 in the battalion and eight at the battalion headquarters section until companies go on operations and they are then drawn.

H. Medical: Medical supplies are good and the battalion has enough. Seriously wounded or sick are sent to the Battalion Aid Station (see disposition E). Captive states that 4 men from his squad had malaria and went to the Battalion Aid Station. There is 1 medic and 2 stretcher bearers per company. The stretcher bearers can bandage a wound but are not medically trained.

I. Morale captive states morale is average. When asked to explain this he said that many of the men were eager for battle and wanted to liberate SVN but also many were not eager for battle and were afraid of death.

J. Miscellaneous: (1) Captive states that he does not know the present location of the K-7 and K-9 battalions, 29th Reg't or the Reg't headquarters but that he heard they were coming to SVN soon. He has heard that the 25th and 27th Reg't's were located at Ha Trinh (p) Namdang (d) Nghe An (p) NVN about 4 months ago. About three months ago, when crossing a small river, they were told they were crossing a tributary of the Ben Hai River and that Ions was 7-8 kilometers to the west. However, captive didn't know their exact location. Captive says as far as he knows, his unit never operated south of Highway 9 or in Laos. He also stated that the K-8 Bn. has been in SVN approximately 5 months. Captive states that before the attack on the convoy, they were not sure if a convoy was scheduled to run or not. They arrived at night and were supposed to wait one complete day if there was no convoy they were to return to their base camp. The following morning there was a convoy, they were supposed to attack and return to their base camp (Bn CP). Usually the K-8 Bn. stays in one place for a month and moves 1-2 days walk and stays there for another month. Captive says they have been in their present position for a month and are due to move.

K. Personalities: Cuong Sr Capt Company K-8 small thin moustache one upper gold tooth in front usually liked by troops.

Can 1st Lt XO K-8 Bn. Tall young looking.

Nanh Sr Capt Po K-8 Bn. Very tall, young looking.

Vu Bac Thien 1st Lt Company "C". Big build, tall, moustache and beard.

Thuan 2d Lt XO C-1Co. Short thin, pale complexion.

Le Thanh Nghi WO 2d platoon leader C-1Co. Short

Bao Magt Asst platoon leader 2d platoon C-1Co. Tall

Huyen Sgt 4th sqd leader, 2d platoon C-1Co. Short, dark complexion

(NOTE: Captive stated that all the above were liked by troops).

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3. Interrogators comments: Captive appeared to be truthful, of average intelligence, and very co-operative. He quite often asked where he would be sent next (what hospital or POW camp). If he would eventually be turned over to ARVN hands and if he would be allowed to return to NVN someday.

4. Interrogation completed 231510H August 1967.

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