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Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with reference (a), (b) and (c), the subject Command Chronology is submitted.

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1st Battalion, 4th Marines, 3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMF

COMMANDING OFFICER

Lt. Col T. J. WILLIS	{ 1-12 May)
Major R. C. BELL	{ 12-31 May)

STAFF ASSIGNMENTS

Major E. H. BOYD	Executive Officer	(1-26 May)
Major M. K. SHERIDAN	Executive Officer	(26-31 May)
1st Lt. J. C. LEVINGOOD	S-1	
Sgt G. ZUELKE	S-2	
Major R. D. KELLEY	S-3	(1-8 May)
Capt P. MORIGEAU	S-3	(8-31 May)
Lt. J. L. FLETCHER	S-4	

UNIT COMMANDERS

Capt. R. F. CORCORAN	Company A	(1-13 May)
2nd Lt. D. J. CAMPBELL	Company A	(13-21 May)
Capt. G. A. STERN	Company A	(21-31 May)
Capt. K. R. RUMSEY	Company B	(1-30 May)
1st Lt. D. R. VANDIVER	Company B	(30-31 May)
Capt. J. A. EDWARDS	Company C	
Capt. J. F. JUUL	Company D	(1-8 May)
1st Lt. H. L. PRESTON	Company D	(8-26 May)
Capt. A. B. CROSBY	Company D	(26-31 May)
Capt. D. K. RUMSEY	H&S Co	

UNIT LOCATIONS

Company A	CON THIEN (YD 116702) CAM LO (YD 144616) PHONG DIEN(YD 536323)	1-21 May 21-29 May 29-31 May
Company B	GIO LINH (YD 213744) PHONG DIEN(YD 536323)	1-29 May 29-31 May
Company C	CON THIEN (YD 116702) DONG HAI combat base CON THIEN (YD 116702) CAM LO (YD 144616) PHONG DIEN (YD 536321)	1-5 May 5-8 May 8-21 May 21-29 May 29-31 May

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Company D	CON THIEN (YD 116702)	1-8 May
	DONG HA COMBAT BASE	8-29 May
	PHONG DIEN(YD 536323)	29-31 May

DIRECT SUPPORT UNITS (1-21 May)

3d Plat (Rein) Co A (Rein) 3d Tk Bn
4th Plat, Co B, 1st "mtrac" Bn
Co D 11th Engr Bn
Det, Battery "B", 1st Bn 44th Arty (USA)
Det, 104th ARVN Engr Bn.

AVERAGE STRENGTH FOR THE MONTHOFFICERS

<u>Navy</u>	<u>Marine Corps</u>
2	34

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<u>Navy</u>	<u>Marine Corps</u>
47	1099

PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATION~~UNCLASSIFIED~~SECTION IIIA. Summary

During the period 1 May 1967 through 16 May 1967, the Battalion participated in Operation Prairie IV. On 16 May 1967 Operation Prairie IV was terminated for 1st Battalion, 4th Marines (Rein), and on 17 May 1967 the Battalion commenced Operation Hickory. On 28 May 1967 the Battalion ended Operation Hickory and on 29 May 1967 began Operation Prairie IV once again. On 30 May 1967 Operation Choctaw began. On 12 May 1967 Lieutenant Colonel T. J. WILLIS was transferred from 1st Battalion, 4th Marines (Rein) due to being thrice wounded. On 13 May 1967 Major R. C. BELL assumed duties as the new Commanding Officer of 1st Battalion, 4th Marines (Rein). On 26 May 1967 Major E. H. BOYD rotated to CONUS, and on 27 May 1967 Major M. K. SHERIDAN assumed the duties as the Executive Officer of the Battalion.

B. Problem Areas/New Developments

At the beginning of the reporting period, the Battalion was plagued with a shortage of personnel. However, the replacements received quickly alleviated this shortage. Toward the end of the month the Battalion again began to have personnel shortages due to the number of personnel dropped because of wounds and rotating to CONUS. The shortage of officers still remains critical with ~~one (1)~~ (10) needed to bring the Battalion up to manning level. At the close of the reporting period rifle companies were averaging approximately 20 men below T/O, and an average of 20 - 30 non-effectives.

C. Personnel1. Monthly strength (average chargeable)

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
34	1073	2	55

2. Losses

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
4	118	0	4
0	2	0	0
2	57	1	1
6	477	1	5

3. Gains

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
7	129	1	7

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4. Awards - The following awards were presented during the reporting period:

130 Purple Hearts
3 Bronze Stars
1 Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry

D. Discipline - Courts-Martials and Non-Judicial Punishment

1. Discipline was excellent during the period as evidenced by the following:

Courts-Martial:

Completed:

Summary - None
Special - One

Pending:

Summary - None
Special - None

Non-Judicial Punishment:

Battalion Commander: One
Company Commander: One

E. Morale, Postal Affairs, Liberty, R&R, PX

Morale is excellent. The Battalion received R&R quotas to Okinawa, Manila, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Penang, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Hawaii, and Taipei. While PX facilities were available to all hands at Dong Ha, PX stock has been inadequate. Particular shortages of film, cigarettes, stationery, and some toilet articles has been prevalent. Postal services continue to be satisfactory.

F. Chaplain's Activities

On 11 May 1967 Lt A. S. KIRK relieved Lt S. E. ALMASY, who rotated to COMS, as Battalion Chaplain. Throughout the reporting period, services were held for both Protestants and Catholics. On 20 May 1967 the Chaplain participated in the groundbreaking ceremonies for the Chapel, 11th Engineers. On 24 May 1967 a memorial service was held for the personnel killed in action from "A" Company. Counselling continued throughout the month with 16 cases conducted.

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A. General (Period covered: 1 May to 31 May 1967). During the reporting period the Battalion was located at DONG HA Combat Base with forward elements providing security for the engineer project on the GIO LINH-CON THIEN fire break. On 15 May the Battalion assumed OPCON of the C.C-P units in the DONG HA area. During this period the Intelligence Section was engaged in supporting the forward elements at GIO LINH-CON THIEN and the C.C-P units.

B. Enemy Situation in the Battalion Operating Area.

1. The enemy encountered in the GIO LINH-CON THIEN area were NVA. The enemy infantry units were regular line infantry, equipped with AK-47 assault rifles, S18 carbines, RPD MG, B-40 (RPG) rocket launchers and ChiCom grenades. These units were reinforced with sapper units, whose mission was to breach defensive wire with satchel charges to make way for the assault forces. Transportation units were attached to move casualties to the enemy's rear. Fire support was provided by 60mm and 82mm mortars and 82mm recoilless guns (model B-10). During the 8 May attack on CON THIEN, intelligence sources stated that the wounded NVA were transported to a hospital at AN NHA (YD123725). Besides NVA infantry, North Vietnamese artillery (suspected 76mm and 100mm) was used to shell CON THIEN almost daily (receiving from 2 to 60 rounds a day). Interrogation of NVA POW's, captured 8 May at CON THIEN, identified the enemy units which attacked CON THIEN as 4th Ln, 812 Regt, 324B NVA Div; 6th Ln, 812 Regt, 324B NVA Div (ALA THU BON or BA VI Regt).
2. Terrain.
 - (a) Critical Terrain Features. These included the high ground at CON THIEN (YD114702) which served as a strong point for friendly forces; hills 56 (YD140733) and 48 (YD114734) which were used by the enemy for mortar and AM attacks upon CON THIEN.
 - (b) Cover and Concealment. Thick undergrowth, heavy shrubbery which was knee-high to man-high, and elephant grass offered good concealment. Underground cover and sandbag bunkers were necessary due to lack of natural cover.
 - (c) Avenues of Approach. The main avenue of approach was a 10 kilometer dirt road from CAI LO to CON THIEN. Others were the Fire Break dozed from GIO LINH to CON THIEN, and footpaths and trails interlaced in the area to the immediate south of the DMZ.
3. Weather. The start of the dry season influenced the weather in the operating area. Rising temperatures (to 105°) with humidity averaging 80%, were normal for the reporting period. Visibility was good, with the exception of 3 or 4 days of haze. Cumulative rainfall was light, though heavy rain of 1 or 2 hours duration occurred in the mid-afternoon.

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4. ~~Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.~~

a. NVA (conf) - - - - - 240
NVA (prob) - - - - - 215
NVA captives - - - - - 8
Weapons Captured
 individual - - - - - 79
 crew served - - - - - 3
ChiCom grenades captured - - - - - 100
AT mines detonated/destroyed - - - - - 12
ChiCom radios captured - - - - - 1

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5. ~~Items of Significant Intelligence Value.~~

a. On 10 May, the 2nd platoon of Company A located a guidance section of a Russian built SA-2 (SAM) missile. It was recovered and forwarded to higher headquarters for analysis.

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1. FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES #29
2. PERIOD 020801 MAY TO 030800H MAY 67
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY
 - A. GROUND
 - (1) 030230H. 1/4 CP AT YD116699 RECEIVED 5 INCOMING 82MM ROUNDS FROM UNKNOWN LOCATION. NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.
- 4-8. NEGATIVE
9. NO CHANGE
- 10-14. NEGATIVE

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1. FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES INTSUN #28
2. PERIOD 010801H MAY TO 020800H MAY 67
- 3--14. NEGATIVE

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1. FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES INTSUM #51
2. PERIOD 250801H TO 260800H MAY 67
3. - 8. NEGATIVE
9. NO CHANGE
- 10-14. NEGATIVE

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1. FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES INTSUM # 52
2. PERIOD 260801H to 270800H
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY
 - A. 262130H CAG-2 AMBUSH AT YD 283574 SPOTTED 3 VC AT YD 284573. CAG AMBUSH FIRED WITH M-16 AND M-79. OBSERVED 2 ENEMY FALL AT INITIAL FIRING
4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES.
 - A. 2 BN/KIA (PROB)
CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES (PLAINR IV)
NVA/VC KIA (CONF) 240, NVA/VC KIA (PROB) 217.
- 5 - 8. NEG
9. NO CHANGE
- 10-14. NEG

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1. FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES INTSUM #53
2. PERIOD 270801H TO 280800H MAY 67
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY
 - A. GROUND
 - (1) 271150H - TP-2B AT YD279546, REC'D AWP FROM VILLAGE VIC YD282547. RETURNED FIRE WITH S/A, M-79, AND LAAWS. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.
 8. NEGATIVE
 9. NO CHANGE
 - 10-14. NEGATIVE

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1. FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES INTSUM #30.
2. PERIOD 030801H MAY TO 040800H MAY 67
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.

A. GROUND

- (1) 031130H. C/3/1/4 FOUND 7 ANTITANK MINES VICINITY YD152717. MINES WERE DESTROYED IN PLACE BY ENGINEERS.
- (2) 031947H. D/1/4 AT YD115700 RECEIVED 30 INCOMING 60MM ROUNDS. RETURNED FIRE WITH 60MM, 81MM, AND TANKS UPON SUSPECTED ENEMY POSITIONS AT YD119713, YD120715, YD123719. NO CASUALTIES.

4-8. NEGATIVE
9. NO CHANGE
10-13. NEGATIVE
14. LATE REPORT: REF: PARA. 3.A.(2) THIS INTSUM. REPORT RECEIVED 040820H STATES D/1/4 FOUND 82MM TAIL ASSEMBLY AT YD115701. AFTER SEARCH THIS MORNING. CHANGE INCOMING 60MM TO 82MM MORTAR ROUNDS.

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1. FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES INTSUM #31
2. PERIOD 040801H TO 050800H MAY 67
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY

A. GROUND

- (1) 041720H - D/3/1/4 OBS 6 VC/NVA ON TRAIL AT YD095704, WEARING KHAKI UNIFORMS AND CARRYING WEAPONS. CALLED 81mm MORTAR MISSION, ENEMY PLSD IN NORTHERLY DIRECTION.
- 4-8. NEGATIVE
9. NO CHANGE
- 10-14. NEGATIVE

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1. FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES INTSUM #32
2. PERIOD 050601H TO 060800H MAY 1967
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY

A. GROUND

(1) 051030H - D/1/4 SECURITY PATROL AT YD149714 REC'D 3 82MM MORTAR RDS FROM VIC DY134723. RET'D ARTY FIRE ON SUSPECTED ENEMY POSITION. RESULTS UNK.

(2) 051145H - B/2/1/4 REC'D SNIPER FIRE FROM YD733186. REC'D FIRE WITH 40MM RDS AND 60MM MORTARS. RESULTS UNK.

(3) 051245H - D/1/4 REC'D APPROX 20 INCOMING 82MM MORTAR RDS FROM THE NORTH VIC YD180730. RET'D FIRE WITH ARTY. RESULTS UNK.

(4) 051425H - D/1/4 AT YD140711 REC'D 3 RDS 57MM RR FROM NORTH OF STRIP VIC YD140717. RET'D FIRE WITH 90MM FROM TANKS. RESULTS UNK.

(5) 051930H - D/1/4 PATROL OBSERVED 3 ENEMY MOVING EAST ALONG ROAD VIC YD111710. ENEMY SAW PATROL AND FLED WEST. NO ACTION TAKEN.

(6) 052045H - 1/4 CP REC'D 2 60MM MORTAR RDS FROM SOUTH AND APPROX 12RDS UNK TYPE ROCKETS FROM NORTH. RET'D FIRE WITH 82MM AND ARTY. RESULTS UNK.

4-8. NEGATIVE

9. NO CHANGE

10-14. INSITIVE

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1. FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES INTSUM #33
2. PERIOD 060801H TO 070800H MAY 1967
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY

A. GROUND

- (1) 061425H - TANK FROM 11TH ENGR DETONATED GRENADE MINE AT YD115703. 2 FR/WIA, MED-EVACED.
- (2) 061450H - MARINE FROM D/1/4 TRIPPED GRENADE MINE, WHILE PATROL WAS RETURNING TO CP, AT YD115702. 1 FR/WIA, MED-EVACED.
- (3) 061645H - 1/4 CP, AT CON THIEU, REC'D 3-5 INCOMING 82MM MORTAR RDS. COUNTERED WITH 81'S, TANKS, ARTY, AND FIXED WING AIR SUPPORT. ENEMY CASUALTIES UNK. 17 FR/WIA, 6 FR/WIA WERE MED EVAC'S.

4-8. NEGATIVE
9. NO CHANGES
10-14. NEGATIVE

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1. FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES INTSUM #34
2. PERIOD 070801H TO 080800H MAY 1967
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY
 - A. GROUND
 - (1) 071135H - C/1/1/4 REC'D 20-25 60MM MORTAR RDS AT YD185710 FROM VIC YD182734. COUNTER FIRED WITH ARTY. NVA/VC KIA (prob) 8.
 - (2) 071130H - C/1/1/4 FOUND AT MINE AT YD185710. BLOWN IN PLACE BY ENGRS.
 - (3) 071340H - A TANK ACCOMPANYING C/1/1/4 SECURITY UNIT DETONATED AT MINE AT YD181728. VEHICLE RENDERED INOPERABLE, WAS TOWED OUT OF AREA.
 - (4) 071615H - C/1/1/4, AT YD175725, FOUND 4 60MM MORTAR RDS WRAPPED IN BLACK PLASTIC. TURNED OVER TO ENGRS.
 - (5) 071550H - C/1/1/4, REC'D 2 INCOMING 60MM MORTAR RDS FROM VIC YD183735. FIXED WING CALLED A COMPLETED MISSION ON SUSPECTED TARGET. RESULTS UNK.
 - (6) 071735H - C/1/1/4 AT YD181728 REC'D 35-40 INCOMING 60MM MORTAR RDS FROM VIC 178734. RETURNED FIRE WITH ARTY AND TANKS. AO WAS ON STATION. NVA/VC KIA (prob) 3.
 4. ENEMY EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL LOSSES
 - A. 11 NVA/VC KIA (prob)
 CUMULATIVE TOTALS (PRAIRIE II) NVA/VC KIA (c) 29 (p) 25
 - B-S. NEGATIVE
 - 5-8. NEGATIVE
 9. NO CHANGE
 - 10-14. NEGATIVE

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1. FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES INTSUM
2. PERIOD 080801H TO 080800H MAY 1967
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY

A. GROUND

(1) 080245H TO 081100H - THE CON THIEN PERIMETER VIC YD117701 WAS ATTACKED WITH A COORDINATED MORTAR ATTACK AND INFANTRY ASSAULT BY AN ESTIMATED NVA BN (REIN). THE CON THIEN POSITION RECEIVED 250 TO 300 ROUNDS OF 82MM/60MM MORTAR FIRE. THE ENEMY ASSAULT TROOPS BREACHED DEFENSIVE FIRE WITH BAMBOO BANGALORE TORPEDOES AND SATCHEL CHARGES, SCATTERED POCKETS OF RESISTANCE WERE DRIVEN OUT OF THE POSITION AS LATE AS 080730H WITH SOME ENEMY STRAGGLERS STILL IN CONTACT AS LATE AS 081100H. RETREATING NVA WERE TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY ARTY, AIR AND FRIENDLY AMBUSH (D/2/1/4). ENEMY LOSSES LISTED IN LINE 4 THIS INTSUM.

(2) 081205H - C/1/4 REC'D S/A FIRE FROM EST 3-4 NVA AT YD138716. RET'D S/A AND M-79 FIRE. SWEEP AREA WITH NEG RESULTS. 2 NVA KIA (PROB).

(3) 081615H - C/1/4 AND D/1/4 VIC YD127703 REC'D 15-20 INCOMING 82MM MORTARS AT YD127703. RET'D FIRE WITH 81MM MORTAR. RESULTS UNK.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES.

A. 197 KIA (CONF) BODY COUNT 199 NVA KIA (PROB)
CUMULATIVE TOTALS (PRAIRIE IV) 226 NVA KIA (CONF) 199 KIA (PROB)

B. NONE

C. 8 PW (NVA)

D. INDIVIDUAL WPNS CAPT/CS WPNS CAPT

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E. EQUIPMENT CAPT/DEST

(1) WEAPONS: 42 AK-47's, 5 SKS, 19 B-40 (RPG), 3 FLAME THROWERS (LPO), 3 RPD, 100 CHICOM GRENADES, 5,000 RDS 7.62MM AMMO, 470 LBS TNT (TAKEN FROM SATCHEL CHARGES AND BAMBOO BANGALORE TORPEDOES).

(2) EQUIPMENT: 1 CHICOM RADIO, COMM WIRE, MISC DOCUMENTS AND PERSONAL GEAR.

5-8. NEGATIVE

9. NO CHANGE

10. NEGATIVE

11. CONCLUSIONS: THE NVA ATTACK ON CON THIEN WAS WELL PLANNED AND REHEARSED. THE NVA ASSAULT TROOPS WORE A CAMOUFLAGED JACKET AND CAP AND SHORTS. THE ASSAULT TROOPS, TO A MAN, CARRIED SATCHEL CHARGES. MANY OF THE NVA BODIES HAD BANDAGED WOUNDS, WHICH SUGGESTED THEY

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HAD BEEN WOUNDED ONCE, TREATED, AND THEN CONTINUED IN THEIR ASSAULT. SMALL PENNANT SHAPED PAPER-FLAGS, STUCK IN 6 INCH LONG REEDS AND THEN STUCK INTO THE EARTH WERE USED TO MARK THE LANES THROUGH THE BARBED WIRE.

12-14. NEGATIVE

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1. FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES INTSUM #36
2. PERIOD 090801H TO 100800H MAY 1967
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY
 - (1) 091115Z - C/2/1/4 AT YD115692 REC'D 8-10 ROUNDS SNIPER FIRE FROM YD119692. RET'D FIRE WITH S/A AND CALLED 81MM MISSION. RESULTS UNK.
 - (2) 091300Z - 1/4 CP AT YD116700 REC'D APPROX 10 INCOMING 82MM MORTAR AND 2-3 ROUNDS SUSPECTED 100MM ARTY WHEN HELO ARRIVED. 82MM MORTARS WERE FIRED FROM VIC YD115720. RET'D FIRE WITH 81MM, ARTY AND AIR STRIKE. LISED AO ON STATION. RESULTS UNK.
 - (3) 091330Z - 1/4 CP REP'D 1 ARVN D-4 TRACTOR REC'D HIT WITH SUSPECTED RECOILESS RIFLE ROUND AT YD115704 D-4 WAS DISMILLED, 1 ARVN MIA.
 - (4) 091430Z - 1/4 CP REP'D RECEIVING 2-3 RDS UNK TYPE RR FIRE AND 5-6 RDS 60MM FIRE AT YD117699 FROM VIC YD127712. RET'D FIRE WITH 81MM; RESULTS UNK.
 - (5) 091700Z - 1/4 CP AT YD115700 REC'D SPORADIC ENEMY ARTY FIRE (SUSPECTED 100MM) FROM NORTHERLY DIRECTION APPROX EVERY 10-15 MINUTES AND WHENEVER HELO'S ARRIVED. 1 PR/WIA. ARTY MISSION CALLED ON SUSPECTED ENEMY POSITION.
- 4-8. NEGATIVE
9. NO CHANGE
- 10-14. NEGATIVE

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2. PERIOD 280801H TO 290800H MAY 67
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY
A. GROUND
(1) 281750H - D/1/4 PATROL OBS 9 EN MOVING NORTH
CARRYING WEAPONS, (YD240569). NEGATIVE CONTACT.
(2) 281815H - D/1/4 PATROL REC'D 10 RDG SNIPER
FIRE FROM YD249558. PATROL RETURNED FIRE WITH S/A AND
CALLED ARTY MISSION OF SUSPECTED EN POSITION. RESULTS
UNK.
4-8. NEGATIVE
9. NO CHANGE
10-14. NEGATIVE

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1. FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES INTSUM #7
2. PERIOD 100800H TO 110800H MAY 1967
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY
 - A. GROUND
 - (1) 100955H - C/1/4 MADE LATE REPORT (091400H). FOUND 2 NVA BODIES KILLED BY SHRAPNEL, AT YD126708.
 - (2) 101125H - C/3/1/4 FOUND TUNNEL COMPLEX AT YD107707. CHECKED ENTRANCE AND IMMEDIATE AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ENGR TEAM WILL RETURN AND DESTROY.
 - (3) 101440H - C/1/4 FOUND 6 NVA BODIES OUTSIDE OF WIRE AT YD115706.
 - (4) 101500H - 11TH ENGRS FOUND 2 NVA BODIES AT YD118700 OUTSIDE PERIMETER WIRE.
 - (5) 101550H - C/3/1/4 FOUND 2 MORE NVA BODIES AT YD115706.
 - (6) 101550H - C/3/1/4 PATROL SUSTAINED 2 WIA'S (NON-MED EVAC) FROM BAMBOO MINE. YD112717.
 - (7) 101830H - A/1/4 AT YD116700 REC'D 20-25 ROUNDS INCOMING MORTAR AND ARTY FIRE. RETURNED 81MM AND ARTY FIRE TO YD117699. A/1/4 SUSTAINED 1 KIA, 1 WIA.
 - B. AIR
 - (1) NONE
 - (2) ANTI-AIR. 102155H 1/4 CP (REAR) OBSERVED SUSPECTED SAM MISSILE STRIKE ON AIRCRAFT ON AZIMUTH AT 300° MAGNETIC FROM YD239586. 1/4 CP (FWD) ALSO REPORTED INCIDENT WITH FOLLOWING INFO: LAUNCH OBSERVED ON AZIMUTH OF 350° FROM YD116697. DURATION OF RUN; LAUNCH TO CONTACT, WAS 15 TO 18 SECONDS. CRASH OF MISSILE WAS ON AZIMUTH OF 322° MAGNETIC FROM YD116697. DURATION OF APPROX 15,000 FT. FALL WAS 1 MINUTE.
 4. ENEMY EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL LOSSES
 - A. 12 NVA KIA (CONF), CUMULATIVE TOTALS FOR PRAIRIE IV NOW READ 238 NVA KIA (CONF), 188 NVA KIA (PROB).
 - 5-8. NEGATIVE
 9. NO CHANGE
 - 10-14. NEGATIVE

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1. FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES INTSUM #38
2. PERIOD 110801H TO 120800H MAY 1967
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY
 - A. GROUND
 - (1) 111030H - 1/4 CP FWD AT YD116700 REC'D 3 TO 4 incoming ARTY ROUNDS. NO CASUALTIES.
 - (2) 111400H - 1/2/1/4 PATROL FOUND WHAT APPEARED TO BE PART OF SAM MISSILE AT YD103683 (WEIGHING APPROX 500 LBS). OBJECT LIFTED TO DONG HA BY HELO.
 - (3) 111500H - NUNG PATROL MOVING ALONG FIRE BREAK REC'D MODERATE 82MM MORTAR FIRE. 1/4 CP (FWD) REC'D 40-50 RDS 82MM MORTAR FIRE. NUNG PATROL MADE CONTACT WITH EST NVA CO VIC YD135710, WITHDRAWN TO CON THIEN PERIMETER FOLLOWED BY ENEMY. ANOTHER ENEMY COMPANY SIGHTED AT YD133719 AND 5 ENEMY MORTAR POSITIONS AT YD135714. FIRE RET'D ON ALL ENEMY POSITIONS WITH ARTY AND 82'S; AO IN AREA; AIR STRIKE CALLED. 9 NUNGS, 2 SEEBEES WIA'S, 1 NVA KIA (PROB).
 - (4) 111700H TO 111804H - 1/4 CP (FWD) REC'D APPROX 35-40 INCOMING 82MM MORTAR ROUNDS AT YD116698. RET'D FIRE WITH ARTY AND 82MM ON SUSPECTED ENEMY POSITIONS. SUSTAINED 1 FR/WIA.
 - (5) 120310H - 3D RECON UNIT AT YD116703 TRIPPED BOOBY-TRAPPED HAND-GRENADE. SUSTAINED 6 FR/WIA. UNIT RET'D TO 1/4 FWD CP.
 4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES
 - A. 1 NVA KIA (PROB) CUMULATIVE TOTALS (PRAIRIE IV) 238 NVA KIA (CONF) 190 NVA KIA (PROB).
 - 5-8. NEGATIVE
 9. NO CHANGE
 - 10-14. NEGATIVE

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1. FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES INTSUM #39
2. PERIOD 120801H TO 130800H MAY 1967
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY

A. GROUND

- (1) 121250H - 1/4 CP (FWD) REC'D 10-15 INCOMING MORTAR/ARTY ROUNDS AT YD117692. RET'D FIRE WITH 81MM AND ARTY. RESULTS UNK. SUSTAINED 1 FR KIA, 4 FR WIA.
- (2) 121530H TO 121605H - 1/4 CP (FWD) REC'D 20 TO 30 INCOMING 82MM MORTAR ROUNDS AT YD117692 SUSTAINED 6 FR WIA. RETURNED FIRE WITH ARTY. AO ON STATION. RESULTS NEGATIVE.
- (3) 121650H - LVT-6 WITH 1/4 CP (FWD) AT YD117692 REC'D DIRECT HIT FROM INCOMING ARTY ROUND. ROUND HIT ON TOP AND PENETRATED HULL. RADIO INOPERABLE, GUN, TURRET, AND LVT WILL OPERATE. SUSTAINED 1 FR KIA, 2 FR WIA.
- (4) 130600H - C/1/4 AT YD116701 REC'D APPROX 15-20 MORTAR ROUNDS FROM VIC YD111720, 104720. RET'D FIRE WITH 81MM, ARTY, AND 175MM GUNS. RESULTS NEGATIVE.

B. AIR

- (1) NONE
- (2) ANTI-AIR: 121655H - RESUPPLY HELICOPTER HIT IN AIR BY SUSPECTED LARGE CALIBER WEAPON. HELICOPTER CRASHED IN VILLAGE AT YD116694. 2 FR WIA. 1/4 CP (FWD) PERSONNEL SEARCHED WRECKAGE APPROX 130940H AND FOUND 2 BODIES.

4-8. NEGATIVE

9. NO CHANGE

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1. FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES INTSUM #40
2. PERIOD 130801H TO 140800H MAY 1967
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY
 - A. GROUND
 - (1) 130815H - C/1/4 SPOTTED 5 ENEMY STREACHERS VIC YD124711. FOUND STREACHERS AT YD123706 AND DESTROYED THEM AT 131735H.
 - (2) 131020H - 1/4 CP FWD REC'D 20 TO 25 ROUNDS INCOMING 82MM MORTARS RETURNED FIRE WITH 81MM AND ARTY. 1 FR/WIA. RESULTS NEGATIVE.
 - (3) 131100H - 1/4 CP FWD AND A/1/4 AT YD115701 REC'D APPROX 12 ROUNDS 82MM AND ARTY, AT YD115724. RESULTS UNK.
 - (4) 131440H TO 131540H - A/1/4 AT YD126687 REC'D APPROX 50 TO 75 RDS OF S/A FIRE FROM SOUTH TO SOUTHEAST DIRECTION AT 3 TO 5 MINUTES INTEGRALS.
 - (5) 131540H - 1/4 CP FWD AT YD116701 REC'D APPROX 30 TO 35 82MM REC'D FIRE WITH 81MM AND ARTY. REQ'D AO.
 - (6) 131635H - 1/4 CP FWD REC'D 3-5 ROUNDS INCOMING MORTARS AT YD114700. 1 FR/WIA.
 - (7) 131835H - 1/4 CP FWD REC'D 8-10 INCOMING 82MM MORTAR ROUNDS AT YD114700.
 - (8) 132145H - 1/4 PERIMETER AMBUSH AT YD264582 REC'D APPROX 15 RDS S/A FIRE FROM VIC YD267582. AMBUSH SITE CHANGED TO YD259584.
 - (9) 140351H - C/1/4 AT YD114700 OBSERVED 4 ENEMY IN FRONT OF LINES. OPENED FIRE WITH S/A. RESULTS NEG.
 4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES
 - A-D. NEGATIVE,
 - E. SEE PARA 3.A.1 THIS INTSUM
 - 5-8. NEGATIVE
 9. NO CHANCE
 - 10-14. NEGATIVE

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1. FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES INTSUM #41
2. PERIOD 140801H TO 150800H MAY 1967

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY
- A. GROUND

- (1) 140830H - A 1/4 POUND 1 NVA CARTRIDGE BELT, ADJACENT TO ARTY CRATER AT YD117695.
- (2) 141043H - 1/4 CP (FWD) AT YD114700 REC'D APPROX 10 TO 15 ROUNDS INCOMING 82MM MORTAR ROUNDS. FIRED COUNTER-MORTAR FIRE WITH 81MM. RESULTS UNK.
- (3) 141130H - 1/4 CP (FWD) AT YD114700 RECEIVED 3 INCOMING ROUNDS (FLAT TRAJECTORY, CALIBER UNK.). RETURNED FIRE WITH 81MM, NEGATIVE RESULTS.
- (4) 141555H TO 141645H - 1/4 CP (FWD) RECEIVED APPROX 10 SPORADIC INCOMING ARTY ROUNDS AT YD114700 RETURNED FIRE WITH ARTY, 81MM. NEGATIVE RESULTS.
- (5) 141740H TO 141800H - 1/4 CP (FWD) AT YD114700 REC'D APPROX 10 TO 15 ARTY RDS FROM VIC YD115748. RETURNED FIRE WITH ARTY AND CALLED AIR STRIKE. RESULTS NEGATIVE.
- (6) 142130H - 1/9 PERIMETER AMBUSH AT YD262570 OBSERVED APPROX VC PLATOON AT YD264575 MOVING NE. CALLED ILLUM ENEMY GONE WHEN ILLUM FIRED.
- (7) 150305 - CAC-3 AT YD178589 CAME UNDER GROUND ATTACK BY APPROX 2 PLATOONS VC WITH SATCHEL CHARGES AND/OR B-40 ROCKETS. 5 VC PENETRATED WIRE. VC WITHDRAW APPROX 0330H, CONTINUED TO FIRE SPORADICALLY ON CAC-3 UNTIL 0515H. ARTY FIRE FIRED ON ENEMY POSITION. 4 FR WIA, 28 FR WIA 2 VC KIA (CONF), 25 VC KIA (PROB).
- (8) 150645H - 1/4 CP (FWD) AT YD114700 REC'D APPROX 35 TO 40 INCOMING 82MM MORTARS AND RECOILLESS RIFLE ROUNDS. COUNTERED WITH 81MM AND ARTY AT YD123716 SUSTAINED 1 FR WIA.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES

- A. 2 NVA/VC KIA (CONF) 25 NVA/VC KIA (PROB), CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES (PRAIRIE IV). NVA/VC KIA (CONF) 240, NVA/VC KIA (PROB) 215.

- B-D. NONE
- E. SEE LINE 3.A.1. THIS INTSUM.
- 5-8. NEGATIVE
9. NO CHANGE
- 10-14. NEGATIVE

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1. FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES INTSUM #42
2. PERIOD 150801H TO 160800H MAY 1967
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY

A. GROUND

(1) 150821H TO 160725H - /1/4 CP (FWD) VIC YD114700 REC'D SPORADIC RR/ARTY/82MM FIRE AT FOLLOWING TIMES AND IN FOLLOWING AMOUNTS. 150821H 3 TO 5 RR ROUNDS, 150854H 7 TO 10 82MM/RR ROUNDS, 1 FR WIA, 151000H 5 TO 7 RR ROUNDS, 151215H 10 TO 12 RR ROUNDS, 151320H 2 RR ROUNDS, 151405H 5 TO 6 82MM, 3 ARTY ROUNDS, 151450H 3 RR ROUNDS, 4 82MM ROUNDS 1 FR WIA, 151555H 2 ARTY ROUNDS, 151610H 2 ARTY ROUNDS 1 FR WIA, 151705H 1 ARTY, 1 RR ROUND, 151745H 2 RR ROUNDS, 151830H 2 RR ROUNDS, 160712H 2 RR ROUNDS, 81MM, ARTY, AND AIR (WHEN POSSIBLE) RET'D ON SUSPECTED ENEMY POSITIONS TO NORTH AND NORTH NORTH WEST. ONE FIRE MISSION CALLED ON YD123724.

(2) 151230I - CAG-2 REC'D THAT 1 USMC M-55 VEHICLE HIT MINE COMPOSED OF 4 155MM ROUNDS DETONATED ELECTRICALLY AT YD301561. CAG-2 PATROL SENT TO INVESTIGATE AND PROVIDE SECURITY REC'D 75 TO 100 ROUNDS S/A FIRE FROM VIC YD285555. QUAD .50 VEHICLE FROM CAG-2 AND ARTY SUPPORTED CAG-2 PATROL UNTIL CONTACT BROKEN. 2 MINOR FR WIA.

(3) 152015H - H&S 1/4 AMBUSH AT YD258578 REC'D AUTO/WPNS FIRE FROM 2 TO 3 AUTO/WPNS. RETURNED FIRE, AMBUSH RECALLED TO CP.

(4) 160035H - CAG-2 REC'D 300 INCOMING S/A FIRE FROM SOUTHEAST TO NORTHWEST OF THEIR POSITION AT YD275578. RETURNED S/A FIRE AND M-79. SUSTAINED 1 FR WIA, 1 FR KIA (PF).

4-8. NEGATIVE

9. NO CHANGE

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1. FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES INTSUM #3
2. PERIOD 160801H TO 170800H MAY 1967
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY

A. GROUND

- (1) 152041H (LATE REPORT) - AN/TPS-21 ATTACHED TO 1/4 CP (FWD) AT YD115701 DETECTED 8-10 ENEMY AT YD128706. ALSO DETECTED ANOTHER GROUP OF ENEMY AT YD138708. BOTH GROUPS TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY ARTY AND 81MM. AN/TPS-21 INDICATED GOOD COVERAGE. EXACT RESULTS UNK.
- (2) 160810H TO 170804H - 1/4 CP (FWD) AT YD115702 REC'D SPORADIC RR AND ARTY FIRE AT FOLLOWING TIMES AND AMOUNTS. 160810H 2 RR ROUNDS, 160842H 2 RR ROUNDS, 160912H 2 RR ROUNDS, 161037H 2 ARTY, 1 RR ROUNDS, 161125H 2 RR ROUNDS, 161318H 6 ARTY ROUNDS, 161427H 28 ARTY ROUNDS, 4 PR WIA, 161800H 15 ARTY AND RR ROUNDS. 1 PR WIA AIR STRIKE CALLED, OBS SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS AT YD114734. 162153H 2 ARTY ROUNDS, 170715 5 ARTY ROUNDS.
- (3) 161124H - A/1/4 REC'D S/A AND SNIPER FIRE FROM AREA VIC YD124692 HEAVILY FORTIFIED WITH BUNKERS AND TRENCH LINE. REP'D S/A FIRE, SWEEP AREA, CONTINUED ASSIGNED MISSION.
- (4) 161355H - LVTH-6 AT YD115702 FIRED IN SUSPECTED ENEMY POSITION AT YD121748. GOOD EFFECT.
- (5) 170430H - CAC-2 AT YD276575 REC'D 10 TO 15 INCOMING ROUNDS FROM TREE LINE EAST OF HIGHWAY 1 AT YD281514. REC'D S/A AND M-79. CALLED ILLUM, RESULTS NEGATIVE.

4-8. NEGATIVE

9. NO CHANGE

10-12. NEGATIVE

13. OTHER: AT 162015H 1/4 CP (FWD) REP'D THAT ON 3 SEPARATE OCCASIONS AND FROM 3 DIFFERENT POSITIONS THAT AFTER A ROUND HAD HIT THERE APPEARED TO BE A TEAR-GAS LIKE ODOR. SOME PERSONNEL CLAIMED IT BURNED THEIR EYES.

14. NEGATIVE

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1. FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES INTSUM #44
2. PERIOD 170801H TO 180800H MAY 1967
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY
 - A. GROUND
 - (1) 170715H TO 170804H - 1/4 CP (FWD) AT YD115702 INCOMING ARTY RDS, CALIBER UNK. NO ACTION TAKEN, POSITION UNK.
 - (2) 171007H TO 171055H - 1/4 CP (FWD) AT YD115702 REC'D 7 INCOMING ARTY RDS, CALIBER AND POSITION UNK. NO ACTION TAKEN.
 - (3) 171230H TO 171335H - 1/4 CP (FWD) AT YD115702 REC'D 14 ARTY RDS. ENEMY POSITION YD113799 SPOTTED BY FO, AIR STRIKES CALLED. 2 FR WIA NONE MED-EVAC.
 - (4) 171541H - 1/4 CP (FWD) AT YD115702 REC'D 1 ARTY ROUND, AND 10 82MM RDS. 2/26 SPOTTED ENEMY MORTAR POSITION AT YD123720. CALLED AIR STRIKES, RESULTS UNK.
 - (5) 180317H TO 180400H - 1/4 CP (FWD) AT YD-115702 REC'D 40-45 INCOMING 82MM. RET'D FIRE WITH 81MM AND ARTY.
 - 4-8. NEGATIVE
 9. NO CHANGE
 - 10-12. NEGATIVE
 13. OTHER: AT 180320H DONG HA COMBAT BASE REC'D APPROX 150115MM FIN, 102MM SPIN, 140MM SPIN, ROCKETS. SUSTAINED FR WIA, AND FR KIA UNK AT THIS TIME.
 14. NEGATIVE

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1. FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES INSSUM #45
2. PERIOD 180801H TO 190800H MAY 1967
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY
 - A. GROUND
 - (1) 180230H - CAC OP AT YD129591 REC'D 30 RDS 82MM MORTARS. RET'D FIRE WITH 81MM MORTARS. RESULTS UNK.
 - (2) 181050H - VILLAGER FROM CAC-2 REP'D A VC MINE AT YD284574. WILL SEND BOD WITH SECURITY TO DESTROY SAME.
 - (3) 181315H - PF'S FROM CAC-1 REP'D THAT 1 PF WAS CAPTURED BY THE VC AND TAKEN TO VIC YD115609. VILLAGE CHIEF CHECKING INTO MATTER.
 - (4) 181515H - ENGR'S WORKING IN AREA OF YD132677 REP'D THAT A TANK HIT A MINE BLOWING OFF A TRACK. VEHICLE TOWED TO 1/4 CP AT CON THIEN.
 - 4-8. NEGATIVE
 9. NO CHANGE
 - 10-14. NEGATIVE

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1. FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES INTSUM #46
2. PERIOD 190801H TO 200800H MAY 1967
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY
 - A. GROUND
 - (1) 191300H - 1/4 CP AT CON THIEN REC'D 10 RDS INCOMING ARTY, UNK CALIBER. CALLED FROM SPOTTED PLANE. RESULTS UNK.
 - (2) 191410H - 1/4 CP REC'D 6 INCOMING ARTY RDS OF UNK CALIBER. RET'D ARTY ON SUSPECTED ENEMY POSITION.
 - (3) 191600H - 1/4 CP REC'D 12 INCOMING ARTY RDS. RET'D ARTY ON SUSPECTED ENEMY POSITION. NO REQUESTED.
 - 4-8. NEGATIVE
 9. NO CHANGE
 - 10-14. NEGATIVE

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1. FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES INTSUM #40
2. PERIOD 200801H TO 210800H MAY 1967
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY

A. GROUND

(1) 201000H - CAC-2 REC'D APPROX 200 RDS SEMI-AUTO AND A/W FIRE FROM YD278568. RET'D S/A FIRE AND CALLED ARTY. SWPT AREA AFTER ARTY MISSION. NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(2) 201330H - 1/4 CP AT CON THIEN REC'D 15 INCOMING ARTY RDS AO FOUND ENEMY GUN POSITION AND FIXED WING WERE REQUESTED. RESULTS UNK.

(3) 201800H - C/3/1/4 REC'D 7 INCOMING 82MM MORTAR RDS FROM VIC YD146717. COUNTER FIRED WITH 82MM MORTARS. RESULTS UNK.

4-8. NEGATIVE

9. NO CHANGE

10-14. NEGATIVE

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1. FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES INTSUM #47
2. PERIOD 210801H TO 220800H MAY 67
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY
 - A. GROUND
 - (1) 211010H - 1/4 CP AT CON THIEN REC'D 25 INCOMING ARTY RDS OF UNK CAL. REQUESTED AO.
 - (2) 212220H - POLICE CHIEF FROM CAC-3 VILLAGE REPORTED 30 VC AT YD173592. FIRED ARTY MISSION ON SUSPECTED EN POSITION. SWEPT AREA AT FIRST LIGHT WITH NEG RESULTS.

4-8. NEGATIVE

9. NO CHANGE

10-14. NEGATIVE

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1. FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES INTJUM #48
2. PERIOD 220801H TO 230800H MAY 67
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY

A. GROUND

(1) 222230H ~ 1/9 AMB REC'D 10 KDS S/A FIRE
AND 2 INCOMING GRENADES FROM VIC ID 259573. AMB RETURNED
S/A FIRE AND MOVED TO NEW LOCATION. REQUIRE UNK.
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IT 9-14, NO OFFENSIVE

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1. FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES IN BUNKER #49
2. PERIOD 220801H TO 230800H MAY 67
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY
 - A. GROUND
 - (1) 231145H - A/1/4 PATROL OBS 2 OR 3 HEAVILY CAMOUFLAGED SUSPECTED ENEMY. PATROL CONTINUED TO OBS ENEMY MOVEMENT.

4-8. NEGATIVE

9. NO CHANGE

10-14. NEGATIVE

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1. FIRST BN, FOURTH PARADES INCSUM #50
2. PERIOD 040801H TO 250800H MAY 67
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY
 - A. GROUND
 - (1) 251940H - 1/4 CP REAR REC'D 2 INCOMING RDS, BELIEVED TO BE 82mm MORTARS. RED ALERT SOUNDED, NO FURTHER ACTION TAKEN.
 - 4-8. NEGATIVE
 9. NO CHANGE
 - 10-14. NEGATIVE

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OPERATIONS/TRAININGSECTION IV

A. MISSION. During the period 1-31 May 1967 the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines was OPCON to the 9th Marine Regiment. The period 1-20 May the Battalion (♦) was located at CON THIEN outpost and from 21-29 May 1967 at YD 147617. Operations and/or activities worth note on the dates indicated.

1-16 May The Battalion continued mission of defending CON THIEN Outpost with 2 rifle companies and the Alpha command group and clearing a 300 meter wide area around CON THIEN.

17-29 May 9th Marines operations order 5-67 (Operation HICKORY) directed the Battalion to continue assigned mission at CON THIEN and reinforce 1st Battalion 9th Marines on order.

29 May The Battalion was relieved in place by elements of 2nd Battalion 3rd Marines at YD 147617 and returned to DONG HA Combat Base.

30 May The Battalion departed DONG HA to join the 4th Marine Regiment vic YD 546323.

B. During the period 1-29 May Company B remained OPCON to the 12th Marines providing security for the Composite Arty Battalion at GIO LINH. On 11 May the 3rd Platoon Company D reinforced Company B L/W 9th Marines verbal instructions.

C. On 7 May the Battalion rear relieved 1st Battalion, 9th Marines as coordinator for ambushes in Sector I of the DONG HA Base Defense and assumed operational Control of GAC 1, 2, 3, and one platoon from D/1/9 at CAM LO Bridge. With the additional requirement it became necessary to activate another combat operation center under control of the Bravo Command Group.

D. At 0245H on 8 May companies A and D with the Alpha Command Group at CON THIEN came under an intensive 82mm mortar attack, followed by a ground attack from the east in Company D sector. Sapper units breached the wire under cover of the mortar barrage with bangalore torpedos and moved small units inside the wire. These small elements were heavily armed with satchel charges and TNT charges and used them to blow bunker and trench lines. At approximately 0400H, two battalions of NV, attacked the perimeter through the breach made by the sapper units. Those NV, units were armed with flame throwers, RPG rocket launcher and various assortments of small arms, explosive etc. The attached engineer platoon was moved to reinforce Company D's right flank where the attack seemed to be centered. All 81mm illumination was utilized. Artillery illumination could not reach CON THIEN from their position at GIC LINH. A flareship arrived after some delay and provided illumination until daylight. Company A was directed to send a platoon reaction force to assist Company D as well as escort two LVT's and an

M-42 with ammo resupply. Enroute to Company D's right flank these vehicles came under fire and the M-42 and one LVTH were struck by RPG Rockets and set afire trapping several personnel inside. The other LVTH was set afire with a satchel charge. The penetration was limited and the breach in the perimeter was closed just prior to day light, cutting off the escape route of those enemy elements inside of the wire. By approximately 0900H all of these elements were either killed or captured. Tanks and LVTH-6's firing BEE HIVE and conventional ammo inflicted heavy enemy casualties both during the attack and during the withdrawal. The enemy was caught in the open crossing the recently cleared strip and provided an excellent target for direct fire weapons. After the area had been cleared of enemy stragglers and helicopters could land, evacuation of the friendly casualties began. The Battalion and supporting elements suffered 44 KIA's and 110 WIA's as a result of this attack. During the remainder of the day enemy bodies and equipment were collected. 226 enemy bodies were buried and covered by bulldozer. 8 NVA were captured and returned to DONG HA. 43 AK-47's, 19 RPG's, 2 flame throwers, 1 radio, 400 lbs explosive, and over 100 Chi Com grenades were collected in and around the perimeter. Company D was relieved in place by Company C late the afternoon of 8 May and returned to DONG HA and relieved 1/9 of SPARROW HAWK responsibility.

E. During period 9-21 May the units at CON THIEN (Now Companies A, C and Alpha Command Group) began receiving artillery fire daily from the north and northeast direction. Companies A, C and Command Group also received mortar fire from the east and South East. Resupply by helicopters was effected artillery and mortar fire so heavily the resupply had to be effected by aerial delivery. Engineer work on the clearing around CON THIEN was slowed considerable due to harrassing enemy artillery and mortar fire. The frequency of artillery fire increased almost daily through 17 May. On 12 May the Battalion Commander was wounded for the third time and evacuated. The Battalion X.O took command of the Battalion. On 16 May Major R. C. BELL arrived and took command of the Battalion.

G. At 170001H May Operation HICKORY began after 1/9 made heavy contact approx 2000 yards south and south east of CON THIEN. This was a Multi-Battalion operation designed to clear the area around CON THIEN, of NVA elements. The Battalion's mission was to continue defense of CON THIEN, finish the cleared strip around CON THIEN outpost and be prepared to reinforce 1/9 on order.

H. At 211200H May the Battalion was relieved in place at CON THIEN by 1/9 and moved to vic YD 147617 to provide security for the 9th Marines Regimental forward CP and artillery battalion at that location.

I. On 29 May the Battalion was relieved in place by elements of 2/3 and return to DONG HA by convoy. Company B at GIO LINH was relieved in place by F Company 2/9 at 291300H. 2/9 relieved 1/4 (Rear) of base defense responsibility of SPARROW HAWK, OPCON of CMC units and the security platoon at CAM LO bridge.

J. On 30 May the Battalion chopped OPCON to the 4th Marine Regiment and began movement to the 4th Marines operating area vicinity of PHONG DIEN, RVN.

2. TRAINING. Due to the tactical commitments during the entire month no formal military training was conducted. Replacements assignments to the Battalion were briefed by the Battalion Executive Officer, drew and FAM fired M-16 rifles and were sent to the field to join their assigned units.

3. TRAINING PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED. Due to the immediate need for replacements in the field it is felt that adequate familiarization, care and cleaning, etc of the M-16 rifle could not be given new replacements prior to joining their assigned units. Although this training would normally be accomplished prior to new replacements being assigned to units in the field, it was not possible to do so during May because of the immediate need for replacements for Rifle Companies in the field.

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
1050	1			Phase I of GIO LINH - CON THIEN fire break completed. All equipment moved inside perimeter at CON THIEN. Co A will return to DONG HA for 4 days. Co C will remain to provide security for equipment and be relieved by Co A after 4 days. Four days maint. period for all equipment.	S-3 00	
1518	2			First lift of Co A arrived DONG HA. All airlifts completed by 1630H.		S-3A
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0810		1		Convoy began moving from CON THIEN to GIO LINH with equipment to be exchanged.		
1000		2		(Fr: 1/4 Fwd CP) (Ref: Spot Report #33 and 34) Personnel were interviewed about last nights incoming 82MM Mortar rounds. (Ref: Journal #2 of 2-3 May) Determined that all 5 rounds were air bursts.	S-3 00 9th Mar 00C	
1100		3		C/1/4 will have 1 platoon at the west end of the runway at 031300H to move to GIO LINH - CON THIEN FIREBREAK to provide security for Seabees constructing towers. Estimated time of return is 031700H.	S-3	
1130		4		C/3/1/4 found 7 A. T. Mines on GIO LINH STRIP vicinity YD152717. All destroyed by Engineers.	S-3 00 9th Mar 00C	
1715		5		Vehicle convoy moved to GIO LINH to exchange vehicles and some equipment and returned to CON THIEN. No enemy contact. (See Journal # 4).		
1950		6		D/1/4 and Fwd Bn CP at CON THIEN received approximately 30 rounds 82MM Mortar fire from vicinity YD 119713, 120715 and 123719. Returned fire with 60MM, 81MM and tanks at suspected enemy positions. No casualties. A RVN unit at CON THIEN received 25 82MM Mortar rounds at the same time.	S-3	
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Late Entry	1			(Fr Co D) D-1 departed Con Thien as escort for doziers moving to Gio Linh via cleared. Unit from Co B would meet half way and provide security for last half of trip.	S-3	
0830	2			1 platoon Co A departed for Gio Linh by tank to provide security for MCB's constructing Towers on barrier strip.	S-3	
1015	3			First elements Co A landed by helo at Con Thien. First elements Co C began returning to Dong Ha on return flight.	S-3	
1035	4			(Fr Co D) D-1 escorting doziers to Gio Linh received 3 incoming 82mm mortars at YD149714 from enemy vic YD134723. Returned fire with Arty. Enemy mortar fire ceased. Result unk no friendly casualties.	S-3 9th Mar OOC OO	
1115	5			(Fr Co A) Last elements of Co A left Dong Ha enroute to Con Thien. Last elements of Co C returned to Dong Ha.	S-3	
1145	6			(Fr Co B) B-2 rec'd sniper fire from YD186733, ret'd fire with 40mm and 60mm rounds.		
1245	7			(Fr Co D) D-1 unit rec'd approx 20 rds of 82mm mortar fire while on barrier strip at YD182728. Ret'd fire with Arty on suspected enemy positions vic YD180740. No FR casualties.	S-3 9th Mar OOC OO	
1315	8			(Fr Co D) D-1 unit on strip at YD159721 rec'd S/A fire and B-40 RKT fire from south side of strip. Ret'd fire with S/A and tanks. Results unk. No FR casualties.	S-3 9th Mar OOC OO	
1425	9			(Fr Co D) D-1 unit rec'd 3 rds 57mm RR fire while on strip at YD140711. Fire came from north side of strip. Ret'd fire with 12 rds 90mm from tanks, results unk. Cont'd mission no casualties.	S-3 9th Mar OOC OO	

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1705	10			(Fr 11th Engrs) Spot report #42. At 051625H Pleasant Valley Delta 1 at coord 117703 a Marine tripped booby trapped hand grenade. 3 FR/WIA Med-evac has been requested.	S-3 9th Mar CQC
1710	11			Ref: Spot Report #42 Med-evac has been completed.	
2010	12			(Fr Permission) At 051930H at coord YD11170 a swamp fox (puzzle) spotted 3 enemy personnel moving east down road. Enemy saw swamp fox (puzzle) and fled to the west. 81mm mission called bot cancelled.	S-3 00
2045	13			(Fr Permission) At 2045H perm CP at YD199699, rec'd 2 60mm mortar rds from the south, and approx 12 rds of unk type rockets from the north. Ret'd fire with 81mm mortar and Arty	
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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0945	1			1st Plat Co C left GIO LINH to accompany Engr team down barrier strip to install towers.	S-3	
1140	2			(Fr: Co C) At 071135 vic YD 185730 C-1 received 20-25 incoming 60mm mortar rounds from YD 182734. Returned fire with 81mm mortar and arty. 2 FR/WIA. Non-medevac 8 NVA/KIA (P)	S-3 Bn C.O. Rearpoint-3	
1320	3			(Fr: Co C) At 071130H at YD 185730 found 1 AT mine. Engr blew mine in place. Two more AT mines found in same vicinity.	S-3 Rearpoint	
1330	4			Tower # 3 installed on strip at YD 180727.	S-3	
1340	5			(Fr: Co C) C-1 reported 40mm vehicle hit AT mine. Engr had swept area. Vehicle inoperative and will have to be towed.		
1624	6			(Fr: Co C) Tower # 4 installed on strip at YD 175725.	S-3	
1700	7			(Fr: Co C) At 071615H at YD 175725, C-1 unit found 4 60mm mortar rounds wrapped in black plastic material. Will turn rds over to Engrs.		
1735	8	071550H		(Fr: Co C) At 071550H at YD 181729, C-1 unit received 2 incoming 60mm or 82mm mortar rounds from vic YD 183735. Requested arty, arty fired 1 round then ceased fire for fixed wings. Fixed wings hit area. Tanks returned fire on suspected enemy positions.	S-3 Rearpoint	
1900	9			1st Plat Co C returned to Gio Linh.	S-3	
2005	10			(Fr: Co C) At 071735H at YD 181728, C-1 unit received 35 to 40 incoming 60mm mortar rounds from both sides of the strip. C/1/1/4 and Tanks returned fire. Arty called in. AO was on station. 1 FR/WIA (Non-medevac), 3 VC/KIA (P)	S-3 Bn C.O. Rearpoint	

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0700	1			(Fr: Oo D) At 0700H D-2 ambush spotted 2 VC/NVA walking down road and carrying wpns and radio. D-2 sprung ambush. 1 VC/NVA KIA (C) 1 VC/NVA captured. Captured also 2 Ghicom sub machine guns, 1 radio, 2 cartridge belts, and various documents. Sustained 2 Fr/WIA. Returned captured personnel and equipment to Oo D C.P.	S-3	9th Mar OOC
0930	2			(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) Sending 7 NVA prisoners to 9th Marines S-2.	S-3, S-2	9th Mar S-2
1040	3			(Fr: Oo C) Oo C landed by helo at YD 150715. Mission to sweep along road north of barrier strip and to OON THIEN for straggler NVA.	S-3	
1153	4			(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) Oo D found 1 wounded NVA outside wire. Sent to 9th Mar S-2.	S-3	
1205	5			(Fr: Oo C) At 081205 Oo C at YD 140717, received small arms fire from estimated 3-4 VC/NVA at YD 138716. Returned fire with small arms and M-79. Swept area. 3 Fr/WIA, medevac, 3 NBC, 1 Heat Casualty. 2 VC/KIA (P).	S-3	9th Mar OOC
1300	6			(Fr: 9th Mar S-2) Initial interrogation reports from NVA prisoners revealed hospital at YD 120725 and Oo CP at YD 117725. Arty called on targets. Prisoners also revealed that 1 Oo hit OON THIEN at 0245 and a Bn Reinforce the Oo at 0400H.	Arty LNO S-3A	
1315	7			(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) Receiving sporadic 82mm mortar fire from north. Most rds are falling on edge of perimeter.	S-3	
1400	8			(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) Total NVA/KIA body count as of 081400H - 174 KIA (C).	S-3	
1614	9			(Fr: Oo C & Oo D) Receiving incoming mortars, 15-20, 82mm mortar rds from YD 127703. Returned fire with 81mm mortars and arty.	S-3	

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0930	1			(Fr: 1/4 CP FWD) Returning captured weapons to 9th Mar S-2 by halo.	S-3	9th Mar S-2
1115	2			(Fr: 00 C) C-2 patrol at YD 115692 received 8-10 rds sniper fire from YD 119692. Returned fire with small arms and 82mm mortar. Results unknown. No FR/WIA	S-3	9th Mar OOC
1205	3			(Fr: 1/4 CP FWD) (YD 116700) ARVN brought 1 VN female to CP. Female was wounded in chest and hip ab the VC. Requested and completed emergency med-evac.	S-3	9th Mar OOC
1300	4			(Fr: 1/4 CP FWD) (YD 116700) Received 10 incoming 82mm mortar and 2-3 105mm arty rounds when med-evac halo entered LZ. (Ref #3) Suspected enemy mortar location YD 115720, arty location unknown. Returned fire with 82mm mortar and arty. AO on station.	S-3	9th Mar OOC
1330	5			(Fr: 1/4 CP FWD) At 1330H at YD 115704, ARVN D-4 tractor hit with one RR round. Tractor was disabled and had to be towed into perimeter. 1 ARVN WIA	S-3	9th Mar OOC
1430	6			(Fr: 1/4 CP FWD) Co A positions at YD 117699 received 2-3 incoming rds unknown type RR fire from vic YD 127712. Returned fire with 82mm mortar. AO observing. Co A sustained 4 WIA med-evac.	S-3	9th Mar OOC
1800	7			(Fr: 1/4 CP FWD) Received sporadic enemy arty fire. Approx one every 10-15 minutes or when halo's come in. Sustained one FR/WIA. Requested and received emergency med-evac. Fired arty mission on suspected enemy position. 1 FR/WIA.	S-3	9th Mar OOC
2140	8			Sounded condition RED.	S-3	
2157	9			Stand-down from condition RED, returned to condition YELLOW.	S-3	Notified all units

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0800	1			Convoy with tanks and M-42's left DONG HA for GIO LINH as replacements for OON THIEN.	S-3
0930	2			Convoy left OON THIEN with damaged equipment for GIO LINH exchange.	S-3
0955	3	LATE ENTRY		(Fr: Co C) Co C at YD 126708 discovered 2 NVA bodies that appeared to have been killed by scrapnel. Add 2 confirmed to recent count.	S-3 9th Mar OOC
1130	4			Convoy from OON THIEN cancelled due to problem involved towing damaged equipment. Try again tomorrow.	S-3 Bn XO
1140	5			(Fr: Co C) C-3 patrol found tunnel complex at YD 107707. Checked entrance and immediate area with negative results. Engr team will return and destroy tunnels.	S-3 9th Mar OOC
1430	6			(Fr: Co C) C-2 patrol found one 250 lb bomb. Marked bomb will destroy same next trip. No explosive at this time.	S-3
1440	7			(Fr: Co C) Found 6 NVA bodies out side of wire. Have reason to believe that they have not been counted as confirmed enemy KIA. The bodies were buried.	S-2, S-3 Bn XO 9th Mar OOC
1550	8			(Fr: Co C) C-3 unit found 2 NVA bodies at YD 115706. Add to previous total. Bodies left in place.	S-3 9th Mar OOC
1550	9	1538		(Fr: Co C) C-3 patrol received 2 WIA's from bamboo mine at YD 112717. First aid administered and continued mission. Non med-evac.	S-3 9th Mar OOC
1600	10			(Fr: 11th Engr) Found 2 NVA bodies outside perimeter, while working on perimeter strip. Add to previous count. Bodies buried.	S-3 9th Mar OOC
1800	11			Area under condition YELLOW.	S-3

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1830	12			(Fr: Co A) Received 20-25 rds incoming mortars and arty fire, lasted approx 3 minutes. Returned fire with 82mm mortar and arty to vic YD 117699. 1 Fr/KIA, 1 Fr/WIA, non med-evac.	S-3 9th Mar 00C	
2155	13			1/4 CP Rear observed SAM missile strike aircraft on azimuth of 300° magnitude from YD 239586. CON THIEN also reported.	S-3 9th Mar 00C	
2300	14			Cancel Tank and 40mm move of vehicles to CIO LINH.	Bn XO, S-3 Tanks, 40mm	
0411	15			(Fr: Army AA Bn) Receiving incoming mortar rounds. Sounded condition RED.	S-3	
0438	16			Stand-down from condition RED, return to condition YELLOW.	S-3 Notified all units.	

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff F-File
0800		1		Co D assumed reaction company and Sparrow Hawk	S-3 9th Mar 00C
1030		2		(Fr 1/4 CP Fwd) Con Thien rec'd 3-4 rds unk type artillery from north, no casualties.	S-3 9th Mar 00C
1300		3		Con Thien receiving sporadic mortar and Arty fire from north.	S-3
1400		4		(Fr 1/4 CP Fwd) A-2 patrol found what appeared to be part of SAM missile at YD103683. 9th Mar 00C Lifted projectile to Dong Ha by helo.	S-3
1500		5		(Fr 1/4 CP Fwd) Con Thien (YD116700) rec'd 40-50 rds 82mm mortar fire. Nung patrol rec'd moderate 82mm mortar fire at YD135710. Patrol made contact with est 1 Co NVA/VC. Patrol ret'd to Con Thien perimeter. Enemy followed. Another enemy Co sighted at YD 133719. 5 enemy mortar positions sighted at YD135714. Ret'd fire with 81mm and Arty with AO observing. Used VT on enemy in open and delay on enemy mortar positions. Called Air strike. 2 Fr/WIA non-med-evac. 9 Nung WIA, 2 MCB WIA.	S-3 9th Mar 00C
1700		6		(Fr 1/4 CP Fwd) YD116698 rec'd 35-40 rounds incoming 82mm mortar fire. Ret'd fire with 81mm and Arty. 1 Fr/WIA non-med-evac.	S-3 9th Mar 00C
0310		7		Recon 3 While on patrol Marine tripped booby trap hand grenade, 6 WIA.	
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0815			1	(Fr Co D) 3rd Plat Co D departed DONG HA to reinforce Co B at GIO LINH	S-3
0930			2	(Fr Co D) 3rd Plat Co D arrived GIO LINH	S-3
0945			3	(Fr Co D) 3rd Plat Co D relieved 1st Plat S-3 of 1/9 at Co B position.	
1520			4	(Fr 1/4 FWD CP) At 121250H at YD 117692 rec'd 10 to 15 incoming mortar and arty rds. Ret'd fire with 82mm and arty. 1 Fr/KIA, 4 Fr/WIA	S-3 9th Marines S-3
1600			5	CAC units 1, 2, 3 became OPCON to 1/4.	S-3
1600			6	(Fr 1/4 FWD CP) Bn CO LtCol WILLIS was evacuated from CON THIEN for wounds. Bn XO Major BOYD assumed command at 1600H in field.	S-3
1630			7	(Fr 1/4 FWD) at 121530H to 121605H rec'd 15 to 20 rds 82mm mortar fire at coord YD 117692 6 Fr/WIA Med-Evacated	S-3 9th Marines S-3
1655			8	(Fr 1/4 FWD CP) Helo hit in midair at YD 116694. 9th Marines OOC Destroyed itself and two marines. Further search to be conducted 13 May 67. 2 Fr/WIA, and 2 Fr/MIA, the last ones believed to in wreckage.	S-3
1814			9	(Fr 9th Marines) Condition YELLOW set for DONG HA Defense Base.	S-3

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2130			10		(Fr 1/9 ambush) At coord YD 259579 1/9 heard drums beating on an azimuth of 80 and 180. Drums ceased beating at approx 2230H.	S-3 9th Marines OCC
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IN	OUT				M—Maps S—Staff	T—Troops F—File
0620		1		Condition WHITE set.	S-3	
0705		2		(Fr Co C) At 130600H Co C/1/4 and Co A/1/4 rec'd about 15-20 incoming mortar rds from S-3 vic YD 111720, YD 104720. Ret'd with 81 9th Marines mm mortars, arty, 175mm.		
0815		3		(Fr Co C) Patrol at YD 124711 spotted 5 enemy stretchers in trenchline. Will return same to C.P.	S-3 9th Marines	
0830		4	121650H	(Fr 1/4 FWD CP.) One LVTH-6 rec'd direct hit from arty round, round penetrated hull, radio in-operable. Gun, turret & LVT will operate. 1 FR/KIA, 2FR/WIA, all from the LVTH-6 crew.	S-3 9th Marines	
0940		5		(Fr 1/4 FWD CP) Found 2 FR/MIA reported 12 May Journal # 8, in wreckage. Badly burned but identifiable. from position of bodies probably co-pilot and pilot and 1 crew member. Request rubber bags for pick-up.	S-3 9th Marines	
1030		6		(Fr 1/4 FWD CP) Rec'd 20-25 incoming 82mm mortar at YD 116701. Ret'd fire with 81mm, arty. AO on station. Results unk. 1 Fr/WIA Evac.	S-3 9th Marines	
1100		7		(Fr Co A/1/4) Rec'd 7 rds incoming 82mm mortar rds in 1/2 at YD 115701. Ret'd fire with 81mm and arty. Results unk.	S-3 9th Marines	
1100		8		(Fr 1/4 FWD CP) Rec'd 5-6 incoming 82mm mortar rds at YD 115724. Ret'd 81mm, arty. Hit area from which enemy fire came from. Results unk.	S-3 9th Marines	
1705		9		(Fr Co A) From 131440H to 131540H at coord YD 126687 rec'd approx 50-75 S/A rds from south to south east. S/A fire was rec'd at 3 to 5 min intervals. HUE gunship also fired on	S-3 9th Marines	

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1707		10		(Fr 1/4 FWD CP) At 131540H At coord YD 116701 rec'd approx 30-35 82mm rds. Ret'd fire with 81mm, arty. AO requested. 1 FR/WIA.	S-3	9th Marines
1800		11		Condition YELLOW set.	S-3	
1810		12		(Fr 00 C/1/4) At 131735H found 5 NCV stretchers at YD 123706 destroyed same.	S-3	9th Marines
1929		13		(fr 1/4 FWD CP) At 1835H rec'd approx 8 to 10 incoming 82 mm mortar rds at YD 114700N. Ret'd fire with 81mm and arty. Results unk. 5 FR/WIA Med-evac 4 FR/WIA Non-med-evac	S-3	9th Marines
2030		14		(Fr H&S 1/4 ambush) H&S 1/4 ambush rec'd 15 incoming S/A rds from coord YD 267582. No fire ret'd. changed ambush site to YD 259584.	S-3	9th Marines
				Casualties 130600H to 140600H		
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				FR/WIA 13		
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0600	1			Condition White Set.	S-3	
0700	2			(Fr: Co C) At 14635H Co C spotted 4 enemy in front of lines at YD 114700. Fired at Enemy with S/A, results unknown, will investigate at first light.	S-3 9th Marines	
0845	3			(Fr: Co B) At 141005H while providing security for Bulldozers, one Bulldozer ran over man's Legs. 1 NBC Med-Evac	S-3 9th Marines	
1120	4			(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) At 141043H at Coord YD 114700, Rec'd approx 10 to 15 incoming 82mm Mortar rounds. Ret'd fire w/81's,	S-3 9th Marines	
0830	5			(Fr: Co A) At YD 116697 Co A found 1 NVA cartridge Belt, with fresh blood, adjacent to Arty Crater. Continuing Mission.	S-3 9th Marines	
1555 to 1645	6			(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) Received about 10 incoming Arty rds, sporadic. Ret'd 81mm fire and Arty, results unknown. 7 Fr/WIA Non-Med Evac	S-3 9th Marines	
1900	7			(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) From 141740H to 141800H at Coord YD 114700, S-3 Rec'd approx 10 to 15 Arty rds from Coord YD 115748. Ret'd fire w/Arty and called in Air Support.	S-3 9th Marines	
2100	8			(Fr: Co B) At 2100H D-3 LP. Detonated mine while going through gate in mine field. Unit from Co B went out to assist LP. 1 Fr/KIA, 2 Fr/WIA	S-3 9th Marines	

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2130	9			(Fit: 1/9 Z) Ruggles Z 1/9 Ambush spotted one plat of VC at Coord YD 264575, while Ruggles was on there way to their Ambush site. Called in ILLUM, when ILLUM arrived VC were gone. Will relocate Ambush to intercept VC on return trip.	S-3	9th Marines
0305 to 0600	10			(Fr: CAC-3) At approx 0305H CAC-3 came under heavy mortar and satchel charge by attack by approx 2 platoon VC. 5 VC penetrated wire and set fire to ammo bunker. At 0330H VC withdrew. Sparodic S/A fire continued on CAC-3 and bridge at YD 182588 until approx 0515H. Arty fire called on enemy position with good coverage. Casualties evaced by 0545H after several tries. 1 FR/KIA (USMC), 15 FR/WIA (USMC), 4 med-evac, 3 PF/KIA, 1 PF/MIA, 13 PF/WIA. 1 civilian WIA, 6 civilians KIA, 2 houses destroyed. Several weapons destroyed and ammo bunker destroyed. 2 VC/KIA (c), 25 VC/KIA(p)	S-3	
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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0825		1		(Fr: 1/4 CP FWD) Between the hours of 0645H to 0730H 1/4 FWD CP received approx 35-40 incoming 82mm Mortar and Recoiless Rifle rds from Coord YD 123716. Ret'd fire with 81mm Mortars and Arty.	S-3	9th Marines
0845		2		(Fr: 1/4 CP FWD) At 0821H 1/4 FWD CP received approx 3-5 incoming Recoiless Rifle fire. Ret'd fire with Arty.	S-3	9th Marines
0855		3		(Fr: 1/4 CP FWD) From 0854 to 0947H at Coord YD 114700 rec'd approx 7 to 10 incoming Recoiless Rifle and 82mm Mortar rounds. Ret'd Air Mission and Arty.	S-3	9th Marines
1215		4		(Fr: 1/4 CP FWD) At 1000H at Coord YD 114700 Rec'd 5-7 Recoilless Rifle rds. Ret'd fire w/Arty.	S-3	9th Marines
1310		5		(Fr: 1/4 CP FWD) At 1215H to 1305H at Coord YD 116700 Rec'd approx 10-12 incoming RR rounds. Ret'd fire w/Arty and 81's.	S-3	9th Marines
1320		6		(Fr: 1/4 CP FWD) At 1320H Rec'd 2 incoming RR rds.	S-3	9th Marines
1350		7		(Fr: CAC-2) USMC M-55 SP hit mine composed of 4-155mm rds detonated electrically. Upon arriving CAC-2 patrol began receiving 75-100 rds S/A rds from the west. Vehicle inoperative and will have to be towed. Continuing to receive sporadic sniper fire. Ret'd fire w/quad 50, and Arty. Wrecker being sent to retrieve damaged vehicle.	S-3	9th Marines
1440		8		(Fr: 1/4 CP FWD) At 1405H at coord YD 115654. Rec'd incom- ing 5-6 82mm rds & 3 Arty rds. From Coord YD 124711. Ret'd fire w/81's.	S-3	9th Marines

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1510		9		(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) At 1450 at Coord YD 114700 Rec'd approx 3 RR rds, and 4 mortar rds. Ret'd fire with 81mm. 1 FR/WIA Med Evac	S-3 9th Marines	
1625		10		(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) At 1555H to 1600H at Coord YD 114700 Rec'd 2 Arty rds.	S-3 9th Marines	
1700		11		(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) At 1610H Rec'd 2 incoming Arty rds from the north. Enemy location unknown. 1 FR/WIA (Non-Med Evac)	S-3 9th Marines	
1735		12		(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) From 1705 to 1740H at Coord YD 114700 Rec'd 1 Arty rd and 1 RR rifle rd.	S-3 9th Marines	
1810		13		(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) Rec'd 2 incoming RR rd, Ret'd fire w/Arty results unk. Coord YD 116700.	S-3 9th Marines	
1910		14		(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) On Fire Team LP subject discharged weapon injuring victim suspect deliberate firing of weapon. Investigation initiated. 1 FR/WIA Med Evac	S-3 9th Marines	
2015		15		(Fr: H&S 1/4 Ambush) Rec'd automatic weapons fire from 2-3 weapons while moving to ambush site. Ret'd 9th Marines fire, results unk. Changed ambush to Coord YD 256581.	S-3 9th Marines	
0100		16		(Fr: CAC-2) CAC-2 received approx 300 incoming S/A from the NE and NW of their position. Called Arty Illum and Ret'd S/A. 1 FR/WIA (USMC) Non-Evac 1 FR/KIA (PF)	S-3 9th Marines	
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0800	1		(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) At 0712 to 0725, at Coord YD 115702 rec'd 2 incoming RR rds. Position unknown, called in Arty and Air Strikes on suspected position.	S-3 9th Marines
0845	2		(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) From 0810 to 0819H at Coord YD 115702 rec'd 2 incoming RR rds, called Arty Mission, results unknown.	S-3 9th Marines
0920	3		(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) At 0842H to 0906H, at coord YD 115702 rec'd 2 incoming RR rds, exact position unknown.	S-3 9th Marines
1005	4		(Fr: CAG TP-2) At 0830H at Coord YD 278575. TP-2 and TP-2B rec'd 150-200 incoming A/W fire from Coord YD 279573. Ret'd fire, and TP-2B swept area. At 0900H TP-2B spotted VC observation post at Coord YD 279569, VC were dressed in black and carrying weapons. Called Arty and con't sweep and Daylite activity.	S-3 9th Marines
1025	5		(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) At 0925H at Coord YD 115702, one friendly believed to in 1st Bn 4th Marines entered mine field and stepped on mine. Recovered Arm and Hand and part of face. Will recover rest of body tonight. Will send parts of body to 1/4 FWD CP for identification. Enemy now has position under fire. 1 Fr/KIA	S-3 9th Marines
1010	6		(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) At 0925H to 1019H at Coord YD 115702 rec'd 3 incoming RR rds. Exact enemy position unknown.	S-3 9th Marines
1205	7		(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) At 1037H to 1056H at Coord YD 115702, rec'd 1 RR came from northerly direction.	S-3 9th Marines

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1220	8			(Fr: Co A) At 1124H at Coord YD 115702 lead elements encountered A/W fire ret'd S/A fire and VC broke contact.	S-3	9th Marines
1220	9			(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) At 1125H at Coord YD 115702, rec'd 2 incoming RR rounds from northerly direction, Cal. and exact position unknown. Called in Air Strikes, results unknown.	S-3	9th Marines
1225	10			(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) At 1200H at Coord YD 115702. Positive identity of Marine in J#5. Identification by 2 Marines in A Co.	S-3	9th Marines
1345	11			(Fr: Co A) At 1124H to 1315H at YD 124692 Co A rec'd S/A sniper fire from YD 124692 area was heavily fortified w/bunkers and trench lines. Ret'd S/A and con't to cut road.	S-3	9th Marines
1350	12			(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) At 1318 to 1330H at Coord YD 115702 rec'd approx 6 incoming Arty rds from northerly direction, caliber and exact position unk. Returned fire.	S-3	9th Marines
1425	13			(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) At 1355H at Coord YD 115702 LVTH-6 took a suspected enemy position Coord YD 121748 under fire. Good effect on target.	S-3	9th Marines
1538	14			(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) At YD 115702 Perm rec'd 28 incoming Arty rds sporadic caliber unknown, suspected 100mm. Exact position unknown, ret'd Arty fire and Air Strike, results unknown. 4 FR/WIA 3 NON-Evac 1 Med-Evac	S-3	9th Marines
Late Report 161800	15			(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) At 2041H at coord YD 115702 TIPSY 21 sight 8-10VC at Coord YD 128766 approaching (Cont on following page)		

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
				From azimuth 64° distance 1320 meters. Approx 5 min later 2nd group spotted at Coord YD 138708 at 68°, 1800Meters both groups taken under fire w/81mm and Arty good target coverage.	S-3 9th Marines	
1835	16			(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) At 1800H at Coord YD 115702 rec'd 15 incoming Arty rds. Suspected 100mm from northerly east at coord YD 114734. Called Air Strike good effect on target secondary explosions on Hill 48. 1 FR/WIA Evac	S-3 9th Marines	
1910	17			(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) At 1844 to 1905H at Coord YD 116702 Rec'd 6 incoming mortar rds from northerly position. Ret'd fire w/81's. 1 FR/WIA Non-Evac	S-3 9th Marines	
2020	18			(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) At 2015H at Coord YD 115702 on 3 seperate positions it was reported that after a round hit there appeared to be a order like Tear Gas some claimed it irritated their eyes. Unknown caliber.	S-3 9th Marines	
2345	19			(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) At 2155H at coord YD 115702, rec'd incoming 2 rounds. No action taken.	S-3 9th Marines	
0500	20			(Fr: TP-2) At 0430H at Coord YD 267575 TP-2 rec'd 10 to 15 incoming rds from tree line east of Highway #1.		
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170001	late report			Operation HICKORY COMMENCED with H-hour and L-hour 1100H mission 1/4; continue provide security for Con Thien and reinforce 1/9 on order.		

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0825		1		(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) From 0715H to 0804H at Coord YD 115702. Rec'd 5 incoming Arty rounds Cal. and exact position unknown.	S-3 9th Marines	
0930		2		(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) At 0855H at Coord YD 115702. In process of cleaning pistol Marine accidentally discharged weapon, injuring individual in LVT's. Investigation now being conducted.	S-3 9th Marines	
1225		3		(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) At 1007H to 1055H at Coord YD 115702 rec'd 7 incoming Arty rds cal. and exact position unknown.	S-3 9th Marines	
1230		4		(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) Rec'd 14 rds Arty fire from YD 113799. Enemy Arty position spotted and Air Strike called. 2 Fly WIA Non-Evac	S-3 9th Marines	
1630		5		3rd Mar Div Fwd assumed Command of all units in DONG HA area.	S-3	
1541		6		(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) At 1541H at Coord YD 115702 rec'd 1 Arty and 10 82mm rds. Spotted mortar position but XXXX took no action. Position in 2/26 TOW and 2/26 spotted position about the same time, 2/26 called in Air Strikes w/ good coverage.	S-3 9th Marines	
1800		7		(Fr: TP-2) At 1730H at Coord YD 277567. TP-2 rec'd word of 1 VC Company at Grid Sq. YD 2654 2 VC Co's at Grid Sq. YD 2854 armed w/ unknown quantity of mortars and heavy M.G. Objective TP-2 called fire mission on above Grid's. Also request AO or gunship to check area, called H&I on avenue of approach.	S-3 9th Marines	
1835		8		Condition Yellow has been set.		

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IN	OUT				M—Maps S—Staff
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0625	1			Stand Down from condition RED	Notified All Units
1100	2			(Fr: TP-2) At 1005H at Coord YD 275575 villagers stated there was a VC controlled mine at coord. YD 284574. Will send a squad to locate and provide security. Request Engr. to disarm mine.	S-3 9th Marines
1340	3			(Fr: TP-1) At 1315H at Coord YD 115609. PF's ret'd to CAC-1 compound and stated that one PF was captured from his home, VC want around Marine patrol in order to capture PF. PF believed to be taken to coord YD 115609, Village Chief will check it out. Also one VC Bn at Coord YD 121594	S-3 9th Marines
1827	4			Condition YELLOW set for DONG HA Combat Base.	S-3 All Units
2000	5			(Fr: Pleasant Valley) At 1550H at YD 132677 a Duster hit a mine and blew off track, vehicle was towed back to 1/4 FWD GP. 6 Fr/WIA 2 Med Evac 4 Non-Evac	S-3 9th Marines
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0727		1		Condition WHITE	S-3	All Units
1020		2		(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) Occupied huts at YD must be removed 9th Marines for defensive positions. 2/12 requests 1/4 to level huts for FF. CIDG available to explain to villagers if authority granted.	S-3	
1300		3		(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) YD 116703 Rec'd 10 incoming Arty rds from north, cal. unknown. Called for AO to check GS 1178 and 1278 for suspected positions.	S-3	9th Marines
1410		4		(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) YD 116703 Rec'd 6 rds Arty fire, Cal. unk Fired Arty mission on suspected areas.	S-3	9th Marines
1600		5		(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) At Coord YD 116702 rec'd 12 rds Arty from north. Cal. unk. Ret'd fire w/Arty on suspected position.	S-3	9th Marines
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TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M—Maps S—Staff	T—Troops F—File
0930	1			(Fr: TP-1) At 0930H 10 enemy were said to be at coord. YD 102595 as told by the Village Chief. 9 Non-hostile.		S-3 9th Mar
1000	2			(Fr: TP-2) At 1000H at Coord YD 278568, YD 282574 TP-2 rec'd approx 200 rds S/A and A/W fire from above coord. 3 minor WIA non-evac Arty mission called TP is now sweeping Enemy position.		S-3 9th Mar
1309	3			(Fr: 1/4 F/W CP) 1/4 CP rec'd 15 incoming Arty rds, cal. unk position coord YD 105775. Call d spotter plane and spotted gun at YD 105775, requested fixed wing.		S-3 9th Mar
1800	4			(Fr: C-3) At YD 135710 C/3/1/4 rec'd 7 incoming 82mm mortar rds. Ret'd 81 mm Mortar fire results unknown.		S-3 9th Mar
21	5			(Fr: TP-2A) Unidentify explosion some 300-500 meters north of TP-2A position in vicinity of YD 275577.		S-3 9th Mar
0332	6			Condition YELLOW set.		All units
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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0700		1		(Fr: 9th Mar Frago #4) Operation HICKORY directed 1st Bn 4th Mar to be relieved at Con Thien by elms 1/9 and assume mission as Division reserve and move to vic Cam Lo to provide security for 9th Mar CP. Assume opcon E/2/4 upon arrival.	S-3	
1010		2		(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) At 1010 at Coord YD 115702, rec'd 10 incoming Arty rds. Cal. and exact position unk. Request spotter plane. 2 Fr/WIA 1 Evac 1 Non-Evac	S-3 9th Marines	
1115		3		(Fr: TP) A village chief w/TP-1 reports 1 plat VC at coord YD 106603 and 1 plat at YD 107604. Arty requested. Second report of VC in that area this morning.	S-3 9th Marines	
1340		4		Condition YELLOW Set.	All Units	
2000		5		(Fr: TP) At 2220 at Coord YD 173592, police reports 30 VC at above coord. TP-3 actual request ed fire mission with good effect.	S-2 S-3 9th Marines	
2220		6		(Fr: TP) At 2220 at coord YD 173592, police chief reports 30 VC at above coord. TP-3 actual requested fire mission with good effect.	S-3 9th Marines	
2253		7		Dong Ha Combat Base rec'd incoming rds. Red alert set.	S-3 All Units	
2305		8		(Fr: TP) TP-3 reports seeing flashes at Coord Yd 203655.	S-3	
2316		9		(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) 1/44, 3, reports thier M-42 at coord YD 237805, reports muzzle blasts at 60350 mlls.	S-3 9th Marines	

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TIME	IN	OUT	NO.	DEC	INCIDENTS, NOTES, ORDERS	
1800			1		Permission 3 returned to this CP from Cam Lo.	S-3
1810			2		(From Click FSCC) While getting clearance for CAC H&I's Click FSCC passed the word that no H&I's would be fired after 222400H due to Buddha's Birthday. FSCC will fire illumination after 222400H if requested. If CAC gets hit, FSCC will fire HE if requested.	S-3
1930			3		(From: CAC) TP3A cancelled night time activities due to no PF's in Compound.	S-3
2015			4		(From: Permission 3Xray) To Ruggles Zulu - Conduct daytime activity in your own area to the west and stay south of Grid Line 61. Do not go north of Grid Line 61. Make up overlay and submit to Impressive COC. Ruggles Zulu wants it known that they have a shortage of key personnel which may affect the patrol.	S-3
2145			5		(From Reappoint) The Red Alert will not be sounded, but request that all units maintain the best defense posture possible.	S-3
2245			6		(From Ruggles 2) Received 2 incoming grenades and 10-15 S/A Rounds. Ruggles Yankee Zulu wants to fire illumination mission. Permission was granted for illumination mission.	S-3
0335			7		(From: CAC-I) Received word that there was going to be an early morning attack on CAC i. CAC-1 requested that an illumination be placed on standby for the remainder of the night. Following Coord: YD 122593 (HC 1042	S-3

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TIME	IN	OUT	NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MSGS, ORDERS	
Late Entry 1030			8		Contacted Click FSCC and FSCC cleared the illumination request and placed the mission on request. (From: Permission 3) Senator says the LVIH-6's will be out there indefinitely. Some arrangements are being made to relieve them, time unknown as yet. LVIH-6's have been notified to come up on their platoon frequency at 1200.	S-3
Late Entry From Field 0100			9		(Fr Co C) OP saw suspected 3 - 4 personnel to front opened fire with S/A. Checked area with neg results.	S-3 9th Mar

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TIME	IN	OUT	NO.	DIS	INCIDENTS, MSGS, OR INFO	
0940			1		Permission 6 is shotgun on the way to Dong Ha.	S-3
1840			2		(From: Reappoint) Set yellow alert.	S-3
1930			3		TP3A is changing ambush site to YD178594.	S-3
2000			4		TPLA and 2A sent out their patrols 1 hour early.	S-3
2215			5		Duster-3 called and said that the Seabees saw 2 people (Men) up at this position at the wire. When detected they ran to a position approx 200 yards out. Duster requested illum mission for YD 248582 (Code H4X-HX-375Z). Mission cancelled due to friendly ambush in area.	S-3 Click FSCC
2240			6		Reappoint is going to illum YD250582. The SEABEES say they saw 4 people outside of wire. If people are still there when illum goes off, take them under fire. Friendly ambush told to keep heads down and do not move.	S-3
Journal Closed 240600H May 1967						
Late entry from Field						
			7		Co A provided one plat as security for convoy to OON THIEN and return, No contact.	S-3
1145			8		(Fr Co C) Patrol observed 2 - 3 heavily camouflaged enemy at YD 114631. Con't observation. No further sighting. Patrol returned to CP.	S-3 9th Mar

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0900		1		Yankee-1 and Ruggles-2 ambushes briefed for night activities.	S-3
1100		2		Senator called concerning the 4 personnel spotted outside of the wire. Suspect that these 4 personnel were part of Ruggles II ambush.	S-3 Ruggles
1830		3		Set Yellow Alert	S-3
1940		4		Received 2 incoming 60MM or 82MM mortar rounds near the road leading to the 1/4 rear Cp. A number of Marines saw the flash and the dust kicked up by the rounds. YD 234585 is approx coord of impact.	S-3 00 Perim- eter Defense
1945		5		Set red alert	S-3
2025		6		Perimeter Defense (MGySgt Thomas) called concerning the approximate coord of the incoming rounds. YD234585	
2030		7		D/1/4 has a daylight patrol leaving at 250600H. Contact the 2 incoming ambushes Yankee-1 and Ruggles 2 about this.	
2040		8		Set yellow alert	
Late Entry 1941		9		Permission 1/4 Rear CP called 3/3 Rear CP and 3/3 said that they had observed one explosion across the road from their position.	
2250		10		(From: TP5) At 242200H, a Marine had an accidental discharge in the CP. TP5 ap approximately this time. He was hit 3 times in right leg by one round. He will be medevaced at first light. Starboard is taking care of Medevac.	
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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops CO Div
0630		1		Checked with Div COC concerning ARVN Airborne Ranger Operations in G/S YD 250580, YD 280600, YD 280570, YD 285587. D/1/4 and CAC 2B are conducting a joint patrol in CAC-2's area. This patrol will not be affected by the ARVN Ops.	S-3A 1/1/4 Div CO	
	345	2		(Fr 9th Mar Reg't S-3) (Maj RATCLIFF) Only one ambush will be necessary at night alternate between 1/9 and 1/4.	1/4 1/9 S-3	
1005		3		(Fr CAC-2B) At 271005H at Friendly coord 279546, CAC-2 rec'd incoming A/W fire from village across paddy. Returned fire with M-16, M-79 and LAAW's. Searched enemy position with neg results.	S-3 rice 9th Marines	
1830		4		Set YELLOW alert		
2025		5		Set RED alert		
2040		6		Set YELLOW alert		
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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
1300	1			Bn CO arrived this position (DONG HA)		
1730	2			Fr D/1/4) At 281725H at ck Pt #3 coord YD 247564 spotted 9 personnel with weapons. When spotted the 9 personnel with weapons hit the deck. D/1/4 called for a fire mission at coord YD 240569. 1/4 rear CP called CAC-2 concerning fr personnel in area. No friendly personnel in area. Called perimeter defense concerning spotting of 9 personnel and fire mission (YD 240569) Perimeter Defense checked with it's 1st Bn, 4th arty on status of their patrol was at coord YD 240569, 2 clicks west of coord for fire mission. Fire mission disapproved due to identity not being established. (Comment made that they looked liked Marines.)		S-3 9th Marines
1800	3			D/1/4 patrol rec'd 6 - 10 incoming S/A rds Spot report to follow.		
1830	4			Set YELLOW alert		
1900	5			Fr D/1/4) At 281750H AT YD 240569, 9 VC were spotted moving North carrying weapons. Observed.		S-3
1900	6			Fr D/1/4) At 282825H at YD 249558 rec'd 10 incoming S/A rds from south. Ret'd fire with S/A and arty.		S-3 9th Marines
2115	7			Fr 1/4 FWD CP) Med-evac chopper on the way to DONG HA with a C/1/4 Marine who has malaria.		C/1/4 Co D
2145	8			Fr 9th Marines) Have 2 reports that state that there will be an rocket attack on DONG HA Combat Base tonight. Put troops in the best defense posture as can be reached. Enemy is also trying Psy Ops, in the Northeast and Southeast sides of the perimeter. Have heard bugles, music and loudspeakers.		S-3 X.O. S-3A

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
1500		1		(Fr Co A) 1st Platoon Co A arrived at Hill 51 (Co- ord YD 558288) to assume positions.		4th Mar
1600		2		(Fr: Co C) 1/4 assumed perimeter defensive of 4th Marines perimeter. Relieved 2/4.	S-3	4th Mar
1830		3		3d Plat Co D departed as security for TRONG THIEN. Arrived 1845.	S-3	4th Mar
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 To: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines
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 (b) 9th Marines MSG 290810Z May 1967
 (c) 3d Mar DivO 3100.1G

1. Operation HICKORY. Search and Destroy.
2. Dates of Operation.
 a. 170001H May to 282400H May 1967. Terminated HICKORY and
 continued PRAIRIE IV.
3. Location. GIO LINH District, CAM LO District, QUANG TRI Province,
 REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM.
4. Task Organization.

1st Battalion, 4th Marines	Major R. C. BELL
Company A	2ndLt. D. J. CAMPBELL (17 - 21)
Company B	Capt. G. A. STERN (21 - 25)
Company C	Capt. K. R. RAMSEY
Company D	Capt. J. A. EDWARDS
Company H&S	1stLt. H. L. BRESTON (8 to 25) Capt. A. B. CROSBY (26 to 27)
	Capt. D. K. RAMSEY

Direct Support Units

3d Plat (Rein) Co A (Rein) 3d Tk Bn

4th Plat, Co B, 1st Amtrac Bn

Co D 11th Engr Bn

Det, Battery B, 1st Bn 44th Arty (USA)

Det, 104th ARVN Engr Bn.

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5. Supporting Forces. From 17 May 1967 to 28 May 1967 (Operation HICKORY) "D" Battery, 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines, was in direct support of 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. Reinforcing fires were delivered by the 175mm guns of the U.S. ARMY 94th Field Artillery Battalion and Battery "K", 4th Battalion 12th Marines. These batteries were very responsive to the fire requests sent by the forward observers with the companies. Counter mortar fires were delivered very quickly with results of three NVA Artillery pieces knocked out. Air observers were controlled directly by the Battalion FSCC and proved to be quite effective in spotting enemy gun positions and troop concentrations. All supporting fires were requested and controlled by Battalion FSCC.

a. Air Support. The majority of fixed wing aircraft missions were used in fire suppression of Artillery positions and other suspected positions. TFO's were utilized in this role also, in addition to staging and assembly areas. The use of TACM proved invaluable for reconnaissance. Numerous Med-Evac missions were called as well as resupply missions when the tactical situation permitted. Support was provided by the First Marine Aircraft Wing.

6. INTELLIGENCE.

a. No enemy contact with enemy infantry units was made during the duration of the operation. Enemy activity consisted of Artillery, mortar, and recoilless rifle attacks upon the Battalion Defensive positions at CON THIEN (XD 114700).

Crater and fragmentation analysis determined that the enemy fire was of varied caliber, i.e. 82mm mortar, 76mm gun, 82mm RT, and 100mm gun (all of Soviet Design) and came from scattered positions in and across the DMZ.

b. Terrain.

(1) Critical terrain features. These included the high ground at CON THIEN, strong point for friendly forces, Hill 56 (XD 114734) used by the enemy and Hill 48 also used by the enemy for mortar and RR attacks upon CON THIEN.

(2) Cover and Concealment. Thick undergrowth, heavy shrubbery, knee-high to man-high, and elephant grass offered good concealment. Underground cover and sand-bag bunkers were necessary due to lack of natural cover.

(3) Avenues of approach. The main avenue of approach was a 10 kilometer dirt road from CAM LO to CON THIEN. Others were the fire break from CON THIEN to BIA LINH, and footpaths and trails interlocked in the area to the immediate south of the DMZ.

c. Weather. The start of the dry season influenced the weather in the operating area. Rising temperatures with humidity averaging 80% were the norm for the reporting period. Visibility was good, with the exception of 3 or 4 days of haze. Cumulative rainfall was slight, though heavy rain of 1 or 2 hours duration occurred in the mid-afternoon.

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7. MISSION. The mission of 1st Battalion, 4th Marines was to continue providing security for the Engineers clearing a 300 meter strip around CON THIEN to open a road to Rt 561 vic YD 137674, and reinforce 1st Bn 9th Marines on order.

8. Concept of Operation. Companies A, C and Alpha Command Group provide security for Engineer operations around CON THIEN and provide security for Engineer equipment building the road from CON THIEN to Rt 561. Be prepared and on order to provide reinforcements for 1/9. Company B remained OPOON to 12th Marines at GIO LINH Artillery complex. Company B remained at DONG HAI and provided SPARROW HAWK and 1 platoon to reinforce Company B at GIO LINH. A rear COC was activated at DONG HAI to control the CAC units and assist in perimeter defense.

9. EXECUTION. 9th Marine Operation Order 5-67 was issued and Operation HICKORY officially began at 170001H. On 17 May Co A provided security for Engineer elements cutting the road from CON THIEN to Mt 561. Little progress was made due to the close proximity of 1/9 elements moving toward CON THIEN. 1/9 was heavily engaged in the area 2000-3000 meters south of CON THIEN and receiving fire from the area between themselves and Company A. Therefore Company A pulled back to CON THIEN to allow supporting arms to fire in front of 1/9 elements. CON THIEN itself received 70-75 rounds of artillery and mortar fire resulting in 2 FR/WIA. Non-Evac.

On 18 May another attempt was made to continue building the road to Rt 561. One M-42 struck a mine and had to be towed back to CON THIEN. 6 WIA's were sustained, 2 of which were Med-Evaced. After some delay the road was completed to Rt 561 and a link-up was made at YD 1275 1/4. An approx 1600H with Engineers and 1/9 elements repairing the road from the south. A battery of artillery then moved to CON THIEN to further support operation HICKORY. No Enemy artillery fire was received at CON THIEN outpost on 18 May.

On 19 May CON THIEN outpost received 28 rounds of enemy artillery fire from vic GS 1178 to 1278 throughout the day. Fire was returned at the enemy position with Artillery and Air Strikes. AO reports indicate 2 possible gun positions, were gun positions, and were destroyed by Arty fire. No Friendly casualties resulted from Enemy Fire.

On 20 May CON THIEN outpost received 10-12 rounds artillery and mortar fire. Counter battery fire was fired on suspected enemy gun positions. No friendly casualties were sustained from enemy fire. The Battalion FSCC assisted in supporting 2/26 moving north across the cleared strip. Battalion 81mm mortars and attached tanks were used extensively as supporting and counter mortar fire for 2/26. 9th Marines Frag Order #4 was received directing 1/9 to relieve 1/4 on 21 May. 1/4 would move by convoy to 9th Marine FWD CP (vic YD 144617), assume OPCON of E/2/4, provide security for 9th Marine CP complex and become Division reserve.

On 21 May preparations were made to comply with 9th Marine Frag Order #4. Some delay was experienced in the process of relief and was not effected until 1300H. Approximately 10 rounds of mortar fire were received while effecting the relief resulting in 2 FR/WIA's, 1 Med-Evac. Just prior to the convoy departing 10-12 rounds Artillery fire was received from the west resulting in 9 FR/WIA's. The convoy departed for

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9th Marines CP at 1400H arriving approximately 1500H and assumed OPCON. Companies A and C and Command Group Alpha tied in with E/2/4 and E/2/4. Companies A and C and Command Group Alpha tied in with E/2/4 and E/2/4. Companies established night ambushes, LP's and conducted day patrols around the perimeter. Daily requirements for road sweep security and convoy escort to CON THIEN outpost was also accomplished. Operation HICKORY ended at 282400H May and operation PRAIRIE IV continued.

The Battalion (-) remained in defensive position around the 9th Marines CP complex until operation HICKORY terminated at 282400H. E/2/4 moved inside the chopped OPCON to 2/4 250800H and the battalion (-) moved inside the original perimeter. Companies established night ambushes, LP's and conducted day patrols around the perimeter. Daily requirements for road sweep security and convoy escort to CON THIEN outpost was also accomplished. Operation HICKORY ended at 282400H May and operation PRAIRIE IV continued.

10. RESULTS.a. Friendly Losses.

(1) The following is a recapitulation of friendly casualties incurred by 1st Battalion, 4th Marines (Rein) during Operation HICKORY covering the period 17 May 1967 through 28 May 1967.

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<u>OFFICERS</u>				<u>ENLISTED</u>			
<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>DOW</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>DOW</u>
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<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>DOW</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>DOW</u>
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a. Supply techniques, Combat loads, ammunitions and weapons used by assault troops.

(1) From 17 May until 22 May 1967 the battalion was operating on the GIO LINH - CON THIEN barrier strip. All resupply was delivered by air to that location. On 22 May Companies A and C plus the command group was deployed at the CAM LO area. Resupply to the CAM LO area was delivered by overland convoy. No problem were encountered during this period.

(2) From 17 May until 22 May POL requirements comprised the bulk of weight lifted on resupply. POL resupply averaged 14,000 pounds per day and was delivered by helicopter. On 22 May the battalion moved its operating units to CAM LO and the POL requirement was deleted.

(3) All units carried the D/A of ammunition and no emergency resupply was needed during this period.

b. Maintenance. Third and fourth echelon maintenance was performed by FLSU, DONG HA. Spare Parts for LIWC's still remain a problem.

c. TREATMENT OF CASUALTIES AND EVACUATIONS AND HOSPITALIZATION.

(1) First echelon medical care was performed in the field by hospital corpsmen attached to the various line companies. Following field first aid, those patients requiring further care were evacuated via helicopter to the nearest available medical facility. The definitive treatment centers being: Delta Company, 3d Medical Battalion in DONG HA; Alpha Company, 3d Medical Battalion in PHU BAI; Naval Support Activity in DA NANG; the USS SANCTUARY AH-17 Hospital Ship and the USS REPOSE AH-16 Hospital Ship. In addition the Battalion Aid Station was utilized along with a "Forward EAS" for caring for patients with minor wounds.

(2) All casualties for this period were processed through definitive treatment centers. The Battalion Aid Station was not notified of the dispositions, treatment or conditions of the casualties medevaced to commands other than this command.

(3) There was one marine killed, five died of wounds, and thirty-five wounded in action from hostile fire reported. There was an additional five patients admitted to the Battalion Aid Station Ward for non-combat treatment.

(4) The Battalion Aid Station Ward having 10 beds was utilized for patients not requiring intensive care. Those patients released from the various medical facilities were treated daily at the Battalion Aid Station and returned to duty as soon as possible.

(5) There were 344 patients seen at sick call. Twelve (12) non-combat injuries; two (2) combat injuries were evaced to EAS during this period. There was one patient from Golf Battery 3/12 and one patient from the U. S. ARMY treated during this period.

(6) Significant medical entities encountered were limited to:

Bronchitis	2	Cellulitis	17
Diarrhea, Acute	12	FUD	3
Influenza	2	Fractures	1
Respiratory Infections, Acute	2	Sprains	24
Heat Exhaustions	1	Perforated Ear Drums	9
Gastroenteritis	3	Hemorrhoids	2
Fungal Infections	14		

Consults were sent to the following facilities:

Company D, 3d Medical Battalion	22
Company A, 3d Medical Battalion	2
Naval Support Activity, Da Nang	6
USS SANCTUARY (AH-17)	4
USS REPOSE (AH-16)	1

7. There were no cases of Malaria, Scrub Typhus or other significant infectious encountered.

d. TRANSPORTATION. Transportation was provided by ninth Motor Transport Battalion and HMM 363. Transportation requirements were met satisfactorily through out the entire period.

e. COMMUNICATIONS. Communications were generally satisfactory through out operation HICKORY. There was some slight unintentional interference in the late afternoon on FM nets. KY-8 operations remained continuous.

(1) Two radio nets remained activated during HICKORY. Battalion Tac #2, provided internal radio communications and Regimental Tac #1, linked the Battalion with Regiment.

(2) External wire communications provided continuous operation into the third Marine Division/Third MAF Telephone system. Internal wire communications were established at all CP locations.

12. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT AND TECHNIQUES.

During the operation a AN/TPS-21 was placed on high ground at the CON THIEN outpost. A sandbag emplacement was built high around the antenna leaving adequate room to operate and still furnish maximum protection from enemy artillery and mortar fragments. The operators were placed a short distance away in a CONEX box, dug into the ground and heavily sand bagged.

On several occasions the AN/TPS-21 detected enemy movement along the cleared strip east of CON THIEN outpost. 81mm mortar and artillery fire was immediately brought to bear on the enemy resulting in possible casualties. In all cases, the screen indicated no further detection or the enemy moving out of the area. The AN/TPS-21 proved invaluable during this period.

13. COMMANDER'S ANALYSIS

a. On 12 May the battalion rear was required to relieve 1/9 of perimeter defense responsibility and take control of the CAC units and the platoon at the CAM 10 bridge. This requirement necessitated opening another COC in the rear and manning four more radio nets. This placed a heavy burden on radios and other comm equipment. In addition the rear COC was responsible for coordinating two ambushes in one sector of the perimeter. All other activities in the perimeter were coordinated by the 9th Marine COC.

b. The splitting of responsibility for activities outside the base perimeter created a coordination problem involving those activities.

c. The fact that the rear COC had no FSCC or air team available caused undue delay in requesting supporting fires for the CAC units, because of the many agencies these requests had to be routed through before approval. (ie: 45 Minutes for illumination)

14. RECOMMENDATION:

a. The control and coordination of a base defense be centralized. Due to its very nature, the many units involved and the coordination requested, the base defense role should be controlled by only one agency.

b. The small size of forces occupying CAC compounds require instant supporting fires. Appropriate communications equipment should be made available to such units to enable direct contact with their supporting arms agency or control agency with the capability of clearing and assigning a supporting element.


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1. Operation PRALIE IV. Search and Destroy.
2. Dates of Operation.
a. 200001H April - 162400H May 67. 280001H - 300900H May 67.
(The period 17 - 28 May Operation HICKORY)
3. Location. GIO LINH District, CAM LO District, QUANG TRI Province,
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM.
4. Task Organization.

1st Battalion, 4th Marines (-)	Lt. Col. T. WILLIS	(20 April - 12 May)
	Major R. C. HELL	(12 - 30 May)
Company A	Capt. R. F. CORCORAN	(20 April - 17 May)
	2nd Lt. D. J. CAMPBELL	(17 - 21 May)
	Capt. G. A. STERN	(21 - 30 May)
Company B	Capt. K. W. RAMSEY	
Company C	Capt. J. A. EDWARDS	
Company D	Capt. J. F. JUUL	(20 April - 8 May)
	1st Lt. H. L. PRESTON	(8 - 26 May)
	Capt. A. B. CHOSBY	(26 - 30 May)
H&S Company	Capt. D. K. RUMSEY	

Direct Support Units

3d Plat (Rein) Co A (Rein) 3d Tk Bn
4th Plat, Co B, 1st Amtrac Bn
Co D 11th Engr Bn
Det, Battery B, 1st Bn 44th Arty (USA)
Det, 104th ARVN Engr Bn.

5. Supporting Forces.

a. Artillery. "D" Battery 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines was placed in direct support of this battalion for the period covered with this report. This battery was very responsive to the fire requests from the forward observers with the companies. Reinforcing fires were available from the 175mm guns of the U.S ARMY 94th Field Artillery Battalion. Communications were good throughout the period covered with no time lost for relaying fire missions. Heavy volumes of day and night H&I's were fired and prep fires were used extensively. Counter mortar fires were delivered quickly with the result that no mortar attack lasted longer than 5 minutes. FSCC was in the field and requested and controlled these fires.

b. Air Support. The First Marine Aircraft Wing provided air support for the period covered. Helicopter support was used extensively for resupply Med-Evacs, reconnaissance and miscellaneous. Fixed wing aircraft were requested for CAS and TPQ's. Requests were sent in by aircraft teams to the Battalion COC which relayed to the controlling agency. Med-Evac requests were handled in the same manner.

6. Intelligence.a. Enemy situation in the Battalion Operating Area.

(1) The enemy encountered in the GIO LINH - CON THIEN area was NVA. The enemy infantry units were regular line infantry, equipped with AK-47 assault rifles, SKS carbines, RPG I M6, B-40 (RPG) rocket launchers and Chi Com Grenades. These units were reinforced with sapper units, whose mission was to breach defensive wire with satchel charges to make way for the assault forces. Transportation units were attached to move casualties to the enemy's rear. Fire support was provided by 60mm and 82mm mortars and 82mm M1 (Model B-10). During the 8 May attack on CON THIEN, intelligence sources stated that the wounded NVA were transported to a hospital at AN NHAN (YD 123725). Besides NVA infantry, North Vietnamese artillery (suspected 76mm and 100mm) was used to shell CON THIEN almost daily (receiving from 20 to 60 rounds a day).

Interrogation of NVA POW's, captured 8 May at CON THIEN, identified the enemy units which attacked CON THIEN as 4th Bn 812 Regt, 324B NVA Div; 6th Bn, 812 Regt, 324B NVA Div (A.K.A. THU Bn or B. VI Regt).

b. Terrain.

(1) Critical Terrain Features. These included the high ground at CON THIEN (YD 114792) strong point for friendly forces, hills 56 (YD 140733) and 48 (YD 114734) used by the enemy for mortar and AT attacks upon CON THIEN.

(2) Cover and Concealment. Thick undergrowth, heavy shrubbery, knee-high to man-high, and elephant grass offered good concealment. Underground cover and sandbag bunkers were necessary due to lack of natural cover.

(3) Avenues of Approach. The main avenue of approach was a 10 kilometer dirt road from GAM LO to CON THIEN. Others were the fire break from GIO LINH to CON THIEN, and footpaths and trails interlaced in the area to the immediate south of the DMZ.

c. Weather. The start of the dry season influenced the weather in the operating area. Rising temperatures with humidity averaging 80% were the norm for the reporting period. Visibility was good with the exception of 3 or 4 days of haze. Cumulative rainfall was slight, though heavy rain of 1 or 2 hours duration occurred in the mid afternoon.

d. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

(1) NVs (conf)	-----	240
NVs (prob)	-----	215
NVs Captured	-----	8
Weapons Captured	-----	79
Individual	-----	3
Crew served	-----	
Chi Com Grenades Captured	-----	100
AT mines detonated/destroyed	-----	12

e. Items of Significant Intelligence Value.

(1) On 10 May, the 2nd platoon of Company A located a guidance section of a Russian built SA-2 (SAM) missile. It was recovered and forwarded to higher headquarters for analysis.

7. MISSION. Continue constructing a 200 meter wide strip cleared of all vegetation from GIO LINH to CON THIEN; provide security for engineer equipment; and clear enemy elements from around the strip area. Upon arrival CON THIEN perform necessary maintenance of equipment then clear a 300 meter wide strip of all vegetation around the perimeter at CON THIEN.

8. Concept of Operation. Companies A, C, D and Alpha Command Group with attached supporting elements provide security and control headquarters for the construction of a 200 meter strip from GIO LINH to CON THIEN. Conduct patrols to flank and front to locate and destroy enemy forces, equipment and supplies.

9. Execution. Companies A, C, D and Alpha Command Group continued providing security and control of 200 meter wide strip. At the point the strip was approx 50% completed, Company B remained at GIO LINH under OPCON 12th Marines.

At 211200H April, 1st Bn 4th Marines Bravo Command Group was relieved of perimeter defense responsibility at DONG HU by 1st Bn 9th Marines. During the day of 21 April Company D patrols discovered

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72 rounds of 82mm ammo at YD 174716 and YD 156716. Two Chi Com carbines, 2 cartridge belts, 3 Chi Com grenades were found at YD 165715 and returned to battalion S-2.

On 22 April the lead truck of a convoy moving down the strip from GIO LINH detonated a mine causing extensive damage to the truck and 1 FR/WIA. The area had been swept prior to the convoy entering the area.

At 221300H Company C received moderate S/A fire and several rounds mortar fire at YD 145725 from unknown size enemy force. Company C returned fire and called Arty. Swept area and found 2 NV/KIA (C). Company C sustained 9 FR/WIA's.

At 221430H Company A unit received heavy S/A fire, 15 rds RPG rocket fire and 7 Chi Com grenades from YD 145719. Returned fire with S/A and M-79 rds. Swept area and found 2 NV/KIA (C), 1 Chi Com KIA and one RPG rocket launcher with ammo. Company A sustained 2 minor WIA's.

At 221545H a tank moving in vic YD 151718 hit a mine blowing off a track. Company A was passing through elements of C Company in the vic of the tank and both companies received 15 WIA's from shrapnel, 9 of which were Med-evacuated.

At 231215H a Company A unit discovered a cache of 45 82mm Mortar rounds under the floor of a hut. All were destroyed in place.

At 231345H Company D moved to CON THIEN outpost to occupy the portion of the perimeter vacated by an ARVN unit. This left only Company A and C to provide security for the engineer effort.

At 231645H another tank hit a mine at YD 181731 while escorting a damaged tank back to the GIO LINH artillery complex. The tank was repaired and continued to GIO LINH.

At 241400H a Company C unit discovered 14 graves approx 2 - 3 days old containing one NV body each at YD 144723. This discovery was believed to be the results of the company C contact in that area on 22 April. Company A found 48 graves at YD 156714, 2 of which contained 4 NV bodies and 46 containing 2 bodies each a total of 104 bodies. All were wearing khaki uniforms and had been dead for 3 or 4 weeks. Some graves had markers with a man's name, date of death and unit. Grave markers were returned to Bn S-2 and forwarded to 9th Marines S-2. This discovery believed to be a result of operation BLOON HILL I 20 - 30 March 1967.

At 241500H the scattered wreckage of a F4B aircraft was discovered near the Bn CP vic YD 158719. Further search of area revealed a burned ID card and dog tags, parts of 2 life Vests and parts of a human body. This was believed to be a plane shot down in that area on 13 March 1967. All personal items were forwarded to 9th Marines S-1.

By 25 April the 200 meter wide strip was 70% complete and no enemy contact was made during the day.

At 260000H the Bn CP received 4 rounds 155mm friendly Artillery sustaining 1 Fr/KIA (USA) and 11 WIA's of which 6 were Med-evacated. The Battalion Commander, Lt Col. T. J. WILLIS was also wounded and Med-evacuated. The Battalion Executive Officer moved to the field immediately and assumed command of the Battalion.

At 261245H the Battalion assumed OPCON of the 3d Co, 3d Bn, 2d ARVN Regt, 1st ARVN Div. This unit was given a portion of the perimeter defense for the night.

At 262110H Company D on CON THIEN outpost received sporadic S/A fire from the north. Returned fire with S/A and 82mm mortars. No Casualties.

On 27 April the ARVN company was moved back to vic YD 197724 to provide security for the tower being installed on the strip. The Battalion sent a liaison team with them for control and communications. The ARVN unit chopped OPCON back to its parent unit on 28 April and the liaison team returned to the Battalion.

At 271030H Company C received S/A and 60mm mortar fire at YD 154716. Fire was returned with 82mm and artillery. Company C assaulted the enemy position finding 3 NVG/KIA (C). The Company sustained 1 KIA, 12 WIA's, 7 of which were Med-evacuated.

At approximately 1815H the Battalion CP witnessed GIO LINH artillery positions receiving artillery fire from across the DMZ.

At 272010H the 1/4 Fwd CP received 30 - 40 rounds 82mm mortar fire. Fire was returned immediately with 82mm mortars. Mortar fire ceased. 17 WIA's were sustained, 4 of which were evaced. One of the Med-Evac helicopters crashed while attempting to land in the LZ. The crew was not injured and remained at the CP overnight.

On 28 April six more bulldozers were sent out from GIO LINH. The 3d platoon Company A provided security for their movement down the strip to the engineer work area arriving at 1630H.

At 282015H Company D on CON THIEN received approx 30 rounds S/A fire from vic YD 112720. Fire was immediately returned with 82mm and artillery. Mortar ceased. No friendly casualties.

By 29 April the 200 meter wide cleared strip from GIO LINH to CON THIEN was 90% completed.

At 311050H the GIO LINH - CON THIEN strip was completed. Company A and part of the command group returned to DONG HA. Company C and a small command group remained to provide security for equipment.

From 31 April - 03 May preventative maintenance was performed on all equipment in preparation for further operations. Some vehicle

and equipment crews were exchanged during this period. Some vehicles were moved to GIO LINH via the strip and exchanged there and returned to CON THIEN. Company C provided security for this movement.

On 4 May the Engineers began clearing a 300 meter wide strip around CON THIEN.

On 5 May Company A returned to CON THIEN to relieve Company C which returned to DONG HAI. Work continued on the 300 meter wide strip around CON THIEN. Some booby trapped grenades left by ARVN units were encountered and destroyed. Sporadic 82mm mortar fire was experienced during this period. SEABEES began installing look out towers along the strip starting from GIO LINH.

At 0245H on 8 May companies A and D with the Alpha Command Group at CON THIEN came under an intensive 82mm mortar attack, followed by a ground attack from the east in Company D sector. Sapper units breached the wire under cover of a mortar barrage with bangalore torpedos and moved small units inside the wire. These small elements were heavily armed with satchel charges and TNT charges and used them to blow bunkers and trench lines. At approximately 0400H, two battalions of NVA attacked the perimeter through the breach made by the sapper units armed with flame throwers, RPG Rocket launcher and various assortments of small arms, explosives, etc. The attached engineer platoon was moved to reinforce Company D's right flank where the attack seemed to be centered. All 82mm illumination was utilized. Artillery illumination could not reach CON THIEN from their position at GIO LINH. A flare ship arrived after some delay and provided illumination until daylight. Company A was directed to send a platoon reaction force to assist Company D as well as escort two LVT's and two M-42's with ammo resupply. Enroute to Company D's right flank the right rear sprocket of the leading LVT became enmeshed in barbed wire, freezing and stopping the vehicle. The vehicle came under fire and the M-42's and one LVT were struck by RPG rockets and set afire trapping personnel inside. The other LVT was set afire with a satchel charge. The penetration was limited and the breach in the perimeter was closed just prior to daylight, cutting off the escape route of those enemy elements inside of the wire. By approximately 0900H all of these elements were either killed or captured. Tanks and LVT-6's firing BME HIVE and conventional ammo inflicted heavy enemy casualties both during the attack and during the withdrawal. The enemy was caught in the open crossing the recently cleared strip and provided an excellent target for direct fire weapons. After the area had been cleared of enemy stragglers and helicopters could land, evacuation of the friendly casualties began. The battalion and supporting elements suffered 44 KIA's and 110 WIA's as a result of this attack. During the remainder of the day enemy bodies and equipment were collected. 226 enemy bodies were buried and covered by bulldozers. 8 NVA were captured and returned to DONG HAI. 43 AK-47, 19 RPG rockets, 2 flame throwers, 1 radio, 400 lbs of explosive, and over 100 Chi Com grenades were collected in and around the perimeter. Company D was relieved in place by Company C late the afternoon of 8 May and returned to DONG HAI and relieved 1/9 as SPARROW HAWK responsibility.

At 082010H a fire at one of the towers on the strip was observed and at 082030H an explosion was observed in the vicinity of another

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Tower. Company B at GIO LINH confirmed that one of the towers was being burned. On 9 May an AO reported that 3 towers were down and only the tower nearest GIO LINH was standing.

At approximately 102100H the FID CP observed what appeared to be a (SAM) missile strike at a TPQ aircraft northwest of CON THIEN. The Aircraft exploded and crashed. At 1400H on 11 April a large object was found by a Company A patrol at YD 103683 believed to be part of a SAM missile. The object was held lifted to DONG HAI.

At 111500H a NUNG patrol wic YD 135710 began receiving 82mm mortar fire and made contact with an estimated Company of NVAs. The patrol quickly withdrew to the CON THIEN perimeter under cover of 82mm mortar and artillery fire. CON THIEN outpost received 40 - 50 rounds 82mm mortar fire sustaining 4 WIA non-evac. Five mortar positions were spotted by an AO and called an air strike destroying all five positions. At 1700H CON THIEN received 35 - 40 82mm rounds of mortar fire sustaining 1 WIA, non-evac.

At 121600H the rear COC opened and assumed OPCON of CAC 1, 2, 3, and a platoon security at CAM LO bridge.

From 121530H - 121605H CON THIEN received 25 - 30 rounds 82mm mortar fire resulting in 1 KIA and 10 WIA's. Lt Col. WILLIS, the Battalion Commander, was wounded for the third time and evacuated. The Battalion Executive Officer assumed Command of the Battalion in the field.

At 121655H a resupply helicopter was struck by a recoilless rifle in mid air. The helicopter crashed and burned. Two crew members were WIA and 2 were MIA presumed to be in the wreckage. On the morning of 13 May the wreckage was searched and the two MIA's were found. The bodies were hardly identifiable due to the intense heat of the burning helicopter. The bodies were evacuated to D-med for identification.

During the day of 13 May the CON THIEN outpost received a total of 93 rounds of artillery and mortar fire resulting in 1 KIA and 13 WIA. The new Battalion Commander Major R. C. BELL took command of the battalion in the field. One LVTP-5 received a direct hit from an artillery round at 0830H resulting in 1 KIA and 2 WIA. The LVTP-5 was damaged but still operable.

CON THIEN outpost received 45 rounds of mortar and artillery fire during the day of 14 May resulting in 7 WIA's non-evac.

At 142100H an ambush patrol departed GIO LINH artillery position became lost while moving through the mine field around the perimeter. One man stepped on a mine resulting in 1 FR/KIA and 2 WIA's med-evacuated.

At 150305H CAC-3 came under heavy mortar and satchel charge attack by approximately 2 platoons of VC. Five penetrated the defensive wire and blew an ammo bunker. At 0330H the VC withdrew. Sparodic S/A fire continued on CAC-3 and the PF's at the bridge at YD 182588 until approximately 0515H. Artillery fire was called on suspected enemy mortar positions and enemy withdrawal routes. Casualties were evacuated at

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0545H after several tries. Results of this action was, 1 FR/KIA, 15 FR/WIA 4 of which were evaced. In addition 3 PF's were KIA's, and 1 PF MIA, 1 civilian WIA, and 6 KIA's. One VC KL was found on the defensive wire and the villagers said the VC carried approximately 25 dead or wounded VC through the village on their withdrawal.

During the day of 15 May the CON THIEN outpost received a total of 96 rounds of Artillery and Recoilless rifle fire resulting in 2 WIA's one of which was med-evaced. This harrassing fire was fired in volleys from 4 - 30 rounds each sporadically throughout the day.

During the day of 16 May the CON THIEN outpost received 60 rounds of Artillery and Recoilless Rifle fire sporadically in volleys from 4 - 15 rounds resulting in 6 WIA's; two were med-evaced.

At 170001H the battalion began operation HICKORY LIA 9th Marines operation Order 5 - 67.

At 282400H the battalion terminated operation HICKORY and continued PRAIRIE IV at 290001H. The battalion was providing security for the 9th Marines CP complex at YD 147614. At 1300H on 30 April the battalion was relieved by 2/3 and returned to DONG HA.

At 300900H the battalion was relieved of the defense responsibilities at DONG HA by 2/9 and prepared to move to CO BI THANH TAN. PRAIRIE IV terminated for the battalion 300900H.

10. Results.

a. Friendly Losses.

(1) The following is a recapitulation of friendly casualties incurred by the 1st Battalion 4th Marines (Rein) during Operation PRAIRIE IV covering the period 20 April 1967 through 16 May 1967 and 29 May 1967 through 30 May 1967.

USMC			
OFFICERS			
KIA	WIA	MIA	DOW
0	10	0	0

ENLISTED			
KIA	WIA	MIA	DOW
39	192	0	1

USN			
OFFICERS			
KIA	WIA	MIA	DOW
0	1	0	0

ENLISTED			
KIA	WIA	MIA	DOW
2	4	0	0

11. Treatment of casualties and Evacuations and Hospitalization.

First echelon medical care was performed in the field by hospital corpsmen attached to the various line companies. Following field first aid, those patients requiring further care were evacuated via

helicopter to the nearest available medical facility. The definitive treatment centers being: 3d Medical Battalion, Delta Company and Alpha Company; Naval Support Activity in DA NANG; the USS SANCTUARY AH-17 Hospital Ship and the USS REPOSE AH-16 Hospital Ship. In addition the Battalion Aid Station was utilized along with a "Forward BAS" which included a medical officer for caring for patients with minor wounds.

All casualties for this period were processed through definitive treatment centers. The Battalion Aid Station was not notified of the dispositions, treatment or conditions of the casualties medevaced to commands other than this command.

There were 39 Marines killed, two (2) hospital corpsmen killed and 207 wounded in action from hostile fire reported. One Marine died of wounds.

The Battalion Aid Station Ward having 10 beds was utilized for patients not requiring intensive care. Those patients released from the various medical facilities were treated daily at the Battalion Aid Station and returned to duty as soon as possible.

There were 857 patients seen at sick call. Thirty non-combat injuries and fifty-six combat injuries were evaced to BAS during this period. There were two patients from Golf Battalion 3/12 treated at Battalion Aid Station during this period.

Significant medical entities encountered were limited to:

Diarrhea, Acute	17	Hemorrhoids	6
Heat Exhaustion	6	Gonorrhea	11
Fungal Infections	1	NSU	2
Cellulitis	10	Chancroid	2
FUO	2	Herpes Genital	2
Perforated Ear Drum	12		

Consults were sent as follows:

Dental	32	Ortho	2
ENT	8	Neurological	2

Consults were sent to the following facilities:

Company D, 3d Medical Battalion	44
Company A, 3d Medical Battalion	9
Naval Support Activity, DA NANG	10
USS SANCTUARY (AH-17)	7
USS REPOSE (AH-16)	4

There were no cases of Malaria, Scrub Typhus or other significant infections encountered.

12. Administrative Matters. The administrative concept was that units operating in the GIO LINH - CON THIEN barrier strip area would request resupply through the S-4 representative at the forward area. The S-4 would forward these requests to the LSA DONG HA, via the HST resupply net. Supplies were then collected and staged for helicopter delivery at the LSA helicopter pad by the battalion supply section. The use of the HST resupply net for administrative traffic prevented the battalion tactical net from being overloaded.

a. Supply techniques, combat loads, ammunitions and weapons carried by assault troops.

(1) All resupply for the units operating in the GIO LINH CON THIEN barrier strip area were resupplied by helicopter lift. On two occasions parachute air drops were performed by C120 aircraft but this was discontinued due to heavy and effective enemy fire. The planes took extensive small arms hits. Due to extensive artillery fires on the LZ helicopters would not land but performed ramp drops.

(2) The logistical requirements during this period required large amounts of POL due to the engineer type task force operation. POL using vehicles consisted of 28 Bulldozers, 4-M-42's dual 40mm vehicles, 5 tanks M48A3, 1 T-72, 6 LVTP-5, 2 LVTH-6, 6 LIWC, and 1 M109. The POL resupply averaged 14,000 pounds per day.

(3) All units operating on the GIO LINH - CON THIEN barrier strip carried the full B/H. On 8 May due to a prolonged action 90% of the B/H was expended by the entire task force and an emergency resupply request was delivered. This emergency resupply was a 100% B/H and weighed 92,000 pounds.

b. Maintenance. Third and fourth echelon maintenance was performed by FLSU, DONG HA. Due to the lack of spare parts at FLSU, the battalions LIWC's are remaining in 3rd echelon repair for long periods of time.

c. Communications. Communications were satisfactory through PRIMIE IV. Some difficulty was experienced due to the close proximity of radio nets operating on frequencies unavoidable too close to each other within the FSCC and other unintentional interferences occurring usually during increased periods of activity but little could be done to alleviate the problem without an administrative net. KY-8 cleared service circuit was employed extensively with excellent results. (and the introduction of TPS-21 radar equipment proved highly successful along the strip between GIO LINH and CON THIEN)

(1) Five radio nets were activated during PRIMIE IV: Battalion TAC #2, provided internal radio communications, regimental TAC #1, linked the Battalion with Regiment, the Sector Defense net which later was changed to the next higher echelon, the perimeter Defense Net was used for local security of DONG HA Combat Base and the CAC force Control net for establishing coordination between DONG HA CAC forces under our operational control.

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(2) External wire communications provided continuous operation within the Third Marine Division/Third MAF Telephone system. Internal wire communications were established at all GP Locations.

12. Special Equipment and Techniques. NONE

13. Commanders Analysis. All forms of combat support and combat service support were effective throughout the period and assigned missions and tasks were accomplished. When one Company was attached to provide security for GIC LINH and it became necessary to move one to CON THIEN, the remaining companies were hard pressed to field sufficient patrols and ambushes while providing security for the engineer effort.

14. Recommendation. On simular situations where a battalion is operating independently and the enemy has the capability to mass large numbers of troops, it is recommended that not less than three rifle companies of the battalion be employed in support of engineer elements.


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LOGISTICS

1. Logistical Situation. During the period from 1 May to 30 May the Battalion was based at DONG HA Combat Base. Company B was deployed at the GIO LINH area for the entire period and was OPCON, 12th Marines. Company D was located at CON THIEN from 1 to 8 May and at DONG HA the remaining period and from 8 to 30 May Company D provided the Reaction Company and Sparrow Hawk. From 1 to 5 May Company A was at DONG HA and from 5 to 21 May they were at CON THIEN. Company C was at CON THIEN from 1 to 5 May, at DONG HA from 5 to 8 May and then returned to CON THIEN. On 21 May, Companies A and C with Command Group Alpha, moved to CAM LO area and remained there until 29 May. At this time the entire battalion returned to DONG HA to prepare for a move to the CHOCTAW area. On 30 May the Battalion moved by convoy to the CHOCTAW area.

2. Supply. Resupply for the CON THIEN area averaged 15 tons daily from 1 to 21 May. After 21 May the attached engineer units required less fuel and the resupply averaged 13 tons.

a. Class I. 40,500 Meals, Combat, Individual, and 18,000 gallons of water were distributed during the period. "Alpha" rations were furnished the battalion and delivered for the evening meal on 15 occasions.

b. Class II. Supplies were issued as appropriate. 800 pair socks were issued but medium size socks were not available. 400 sets of jungle utilities were issued but small size were seldom in stock. Undershirts and underdrawers were in short supply. Bath towels were NIS for the entire period.

c. Class III. 30,000 gallons of diesel fuel, 6,000 gallons of MOGAS, 440 gallons OE-30 weight lube oil, 165 gallons OE-10 weight lube oil and 750 pounds of GAA-3 grease were provided. Bore cleaner and gun oil were in short supply.

d. Class IV. 140 rolls of concertina, 550 rolls of single strand barbed wire, 800 five foot stakes, 364 thirty-two inch stakes, and 45,000 sand bags were expended and used on defensive positions.

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e. Class V. During the reporting period class V was issued in the amounts listed below.

<u>DODAC</u>	<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>
A066	Ctg, 5.56mm, ball	43,440 rounds
A127	Ctg, 7.62mm, linked	15,000 rounds
A130	Ctg, 7.62mm, ball	8,000 rounds
A209	Ctg, .30 cal. linked	6,000 rounds
A576	Ctg, .50 cal. linked	2,800 rounds
B568	Ctg, 40mm, HE	576 rounds
B626	Ctg, 60mm HE	1,500 rounds
B627	Ctg, 60mm Illum	300 rounds
C225	Ctg, 81mm, HE, Lt	6,000 rounds
C226	Ctg, 81mm, Illum	330 rounds
C234	Ctg, 81mm, WP	30 rounds
C262	Ctg, 90mm, Cannister	150 rounds
C292	Ctg, 90mm, HEPT	100 rounds
C444	Ctg, 105mm, HE	150 rounds
G890	Grenade, Hand, Frag	800 each
G895	Grenade, Hand, Illum	175 each
G935	Grenade, Hand Smoke, WP	25 each
G940	Grenade, Hand, Smoke, Green	192 each
G945	Grenade, Hand, Smoke, Yellow	192 each
H555	66mm Rocket, HE (LAAN)	110 rounds
H600	Rocket 3.5", HEAT	18 rounds

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H602	Rocket 3.5", Smoke, WP	18 rounds
K143	Mine, AP, M18A1 (Claymore)	102 each
L311	Signal, ground, Illum, R/S/P	72 each
L314	Signal, Ground, Illum, G/S/P	144 each
L312	Signal, Ground, Illum, W/S/P	144 each
L495	Flare, Surface, Trip	96 each
M037	Chg, Demo, Comp C, 2/3/4	25 cases
M131	Blasting Cap, Non-elect	500 each
M455	Cord, Detonation	10 cans
M670	Time, Fuze	20 cans

(1) The above listed expenditures are resupply figures which were issued in addition to the Basic Allowance (B/A).

(2) On 8 May 1967, a prolonged action resulted in 90% of the Battalion's Basic Allowance (B/A) being expended. The B/A was replenished by an emergency resupply on 8 May and the above listings reflect this. 20,000 pounds of Class V was lifted on this emergency resupply.

3. Hospitalization and Evacuation. See Medical/Dental.

4. Transportation. From 1 May to 22 May Companies A and C and Command Group Alpha were resupplied entirely by helicopter. From 22 May to 31 May all resupply was accomplished by truck. No serious transportation problem existed during this reporting period.

5. Miscellaneous. During this reporting period all resupply was performed by the LSA DONG HA. A great improvement was noticed in water resupply when 500 gallon external lift bladders were used to supplement five gallon water cans.

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COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

SECTION VI.

1. General. This report covers the period 1 through 31 May 67. The entire period was devoted to support of battalion operations, maintenance of equipment and training of new personnel. There was extensive use of KY-8 covered circuit voice communications and TPS-21 radar.

2. Operations. Communications was generally satisfactory throughout this period. There was some intermittent interference on the battalion and company TAC nets.

a. On 6 May a TPS-21 radar set was installed at Gic Linh to detect enemy movement along the fire break and western end of the perimeter. On 13 May another TPS-21 was installed at Con Thien with the similar mission, thus completing coverage of the strip. From 6 May to 16 May, eight artillery missions were called as a result of detection by the radar set at Gic Linh. Since 16 May no missions have been credited to this site due to generator problems and lessening of activity on the strip. From 13 May to 19 May, six artillery missions were called by the radar set at Con Thien. On 20 May this set was removed when the battalion forward CP displaced to Con Le.

b. On 7 May SSgt Smith, Message Center Chief, rotated to CONUS. Chambers is now the acting Message Center Chief.

c. On 8 May combat losses resulted in three PRC-25's and two R-2 receiver-transmitters being code "X"ed, and numerous accessories were destroyed. These were the result of the enemy engagement at Con Thien.

d. On 12 May the battalion resumed the perimeter defense responsibility from 1st Battalion 9th Marines. In addition to the battalion and regimental nets, the perimeter nets, Sector Defense net and CMC forces were utilized to provide communications for this requirement.

e. On 16 May Shove forward assumed control of Dong Ha Combat Base. The 9th Marine Regiment switchboard was changed to Division Forward.

f. On 17 May a switchboard was installed at battalion forward Con Thien linking FSCC Command with "A" Co., "G" Co., 11th Engrs., Special Forces and the radar unit. Traffic became heavy on Regimental TAC #2 so TAC #1 was also activated for overflow. Operation Hickory began at 170001 H.

g. On 18 May a new COI extract was distributed.

h. On 21 May CP site moved to Con Le. Radio Communications was continuous with all stations. Switchboard installed with trunk line to 9th Marines.

i. On 29 May 9th Marines resumed control of Dong Ha Combat Base. The Battalion Comm Officer and Headquarters Commandant displaced forward to 4th Marines area to select CP site.

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j. On 30 May 1st Battalion 4th Marines displaced to 4th Marine area, 2/9 assumed control of Perimeter Defence for Dong Ha. OCC bunker put into operation with FM communications linking with regiment and hot line installed.

1. Message center operation was normal for the period. In the Dong Ha perimeter, incoming message traffic was guarded for the battalion by 3rd Mar Div Forward or 9th Marine Regiment. On the 30th of the month, the message guard was transferred to 4th Marines. Distribution of numerical and authentication codes were effected from the rear CP to the user. Message totals were:

<u>Classified incoming</u>	<u>Unclassified incoming</u>
370	604
<u>Classified outgoing</u>	<u>Unclassified outgoing</u>
30	42

Total incoming Messages for month of May 974

Total outgoing Messages for month of May 72

3. Equipment. Equipment failure during the period was high. Current losses included 3 AN/PRC-25's plus an exceedingly high amount of accessory type items; primarily antennas, antenna bases, and handsets for the AN/PRC-25. Due to the excessive high loss of accessory type items for the AN/PRC-25 there are 10 more end items on deadline.

a. Major equipment failures are listed below. All items were evacuated for 3rd echelon maintenance.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
Receiver/transmitter RT-524 (AN/MRC 109)	1
Radio set AN/PRC-25	5
Radio set AN/PRC-47	3
Generator PE-197	1
Radar set AN/TPS-21	1
8 Radio sets AN/PRC-25's and 1 Receiver/Transmitter RT-524 (AN/MRC 109)	
8 Radio sets AN/PRC-25's and 1 Receiver/Transmitter RT-524 (AN/MRC 109) were repaired locally.	

b. The below listed T/E equipment was received:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
Battery BB-451 (AN/PRC-41)	13
c. The below listed major T/E equipment requisitions are outstanding.	

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	
Multimeter AN/URM-105	1	21 Jan 67
Test Set AN/GRM-55	1	18 Jan 67
Tool Kit AN/USM-15	1	2 Feb 67
Radio Set AN/MRC-83	1	20 May 66
Radio Remote Unit AN/GRU-39	1	4 Jan 67
Radio Set AN/PRC-25	2	3 Jan 67
Radio Set AN/PRC-25	2	22 May 67
Radio Set AN/PRC-25	3	26 May 67

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At ARTILLERY. From 1 May 1967 to 29 May 1967 Battalion FSCC operated in the field in the CON THIEN, CAM LO area.

The following missions were fired in support of 1st Battalion, 4th Marines.

1. Type of missions

A.	Unobserved	
	H&I's	511
	FEE	37

B. Observed

1.	Target of opportunity	29
2.	Counter Mortar	113
3.	Illumination	6
4.	Registration	8
5.	FO School	10

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~AIR SUPPORT / DEFENSESECTION VIII

Air activity in support of the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines operations was widely varied and extensive during the period of this report. On 1 May 1967 the GIO LINH - CON THIEN firebreak was completed and during the period 2 May to 7 May units were helolifted to the DONG HA Combat Base for short periods in the rear and returned to CON THIEN. During the night attack on CON THIEN outpost during the pre dawn hours of 8 May flare ships were extensively utilized to illuminate the battle field. On the morning of 8 May, 43 Marine Med-evac sorties were flown and close air support aircraft caught approximately 200 of the fleeing attackers in the open with devastating results. Helicopter resupply throughout the period was extensive with the normal daily lift averaging in excess of 10 tons.

On 13 May 1967 the first combat air drop resupply of Marines by Marine KC-130F aircraft of the Vietnamese conflict was made to this units elements at CON THIEN. This was necessitated by excessive hostile fire which covered the helicopter landing zone ruling out normal helicopter resupply. The drops were a complete success and 100% on target with 95% of the resupply recovered undamaged.

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CAS Sorties	86
TAO/TACA Sorties	42
Fixed Wing Transport Sorties	3
Med-Evac Sorties	97
Logistical Sorties	Unknown *
Recon/C and C Sorties	11
TPQ's requested	617
Flareship Sorties	8

* Helo resupply flights fragged through LS4 figures unavailable.

MEDICAL / DENTAL AFFAIRS

SECTION IX

1. The total number of visits to the Battalion Aid Station during the month of May 1967 was 951.

2. Prevalent and significant diseases encountered during the month were:

Bronchitis	3	Dermatitis	1
Diarrhoea, Acute	19	Cellulitis	22
Influenza	4	FUO	6
Pneumonia	2	Fractures	4
Respiratory Infections, Acute	3	Sprains	40
Heat Exhaustion	6	Perforated Ear Drums	29
Gastroenteritis	5	Hemorrhoids	4
Fungal Infections	25		

3. The following is a break-down of casualties for the period:

- a. 44 KIA'S
- b. 207 WIA'S

4. There are no cases of Malaria, Scrub Typhus or other significant infectious diseases to report during this period.

5. There were 7 admissions to the Battalion Aid Station Ward during the month of May 1967.

6. Consults were sent as follows:

a. Dental	83	c. Neurological	3
b. Ortho	6	d. ENT	27

7. Consults were sent to the following facilities:

Company D, 3d Medical Battalion	52
Company E, 3d Medical Battalion	5
Naval Support Activity, Da Nang	10
USS SANCTUARY (AH-17)	9
USS REPOSE (AH-16)	3

8. Venereal Diseases were:

Gonorrhoea (recurring)	8
Gonorrhoea, new	12
NSU	5

9. Weekly administration of Chloroquine-Primaquine Anti-Malarial prophylaxis tablets were continued throughout this month.

10. H & S Company, Alpha Company and Delta Company received all necessary immunizations, in accordance with BUMEDINST 6230 series. 122 personnel were completely immunized for leave, Rest and Recuperation and return to CONUS. NOTE: No influenza immunizations were administered.

11. There were 16 laboratory procedures performed at the Battalion Aid Station during the month. These included two Gram Stains for gonorrhea (one positive and one negative), eight urinalysis, four RPR Card tests and two CBC's.

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12. There are no patients on the Battalion Aid Station ward and there are four men on Light, Limited or No Duty at this time.

13. Four sanitation inspections were held according to DivO P6000.1D in the Battalion area and action initiated on all noted discrepancies. An inspection was held by the Division Sanitation Team on all water containers in the battalion area on 20 May 1967, action was taken on all discrepancies.

14. In addition to providing medical treatment, Battalion Aid Station personnel were also involved in building two large bunkers for treating and protecting patients during enemy attack. Medical aid was supplied to D Company, Third Medical Battalion on 8 May and 9 May when a large influx of 1st Battalion, 4th Marine casualties were treated by that facility.

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SECTION X

Civil Affairs for this reporting period consisted of two solatium payments and two civilian med-evacs. The solatium payments were made as a result of friendly Artillery fire which killed six civilians and destroyed one home. A total of 2400 \$VN were paid to two individuals in an effort to express our sympathy at their losses. The Med-evacs came when our troops located two civilians on different occasions who had suffered serious wounds, cause unknown. Both taken to QUANG TRI via helicopter for treatment. Also Medcap supplies were requested for our medcap programs with a small number of supplies coming through. More Civil Affairs were curtailed because of combat operations.

In the field of Psychological Warfare the main effort was in leaflet drops used to exploit our victory at CON THIEN. The main theme in these drops were for CHIEN HOI, rewards for NVA equipment, and warning civilians not to aid the VC, and to show our complete victory, over the NVA who attacked CON THIEN.