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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

SECTION I

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

COMMANDING OFFICER

Maj. W. C. BELL 1 - 29 July
 LtCol. E. A. DEPTULA 30 - 31 July

STAFF ASSIGNMENTS

Maj. M. K. SHERIDAN	Executive Officer	1 - 11 July
Maj. T. R. HENDERSON	Executive Officer	12 - 31 July
1stLt. J. C. LEVENGOOD	S-1	1 - 29 July
2ndLt. F. J. FUGERA	S-1	30 - 31 July
1stLt. G. T. CALVIN	S-2	1 - 31 July
Capt. P. MORIGEAU	S-3	1 - 12 July
Capt. W. C. KENN Jr.	S-3	13 - 31 July
2ndLt. J. L. FLETCHER	S-4	1 - 10 July
Capt. G. E. STERN	S-4	11 - 31 July

UNIT COMMANDERS

Capt. G. E. STEIN	Company A	1 - 10 July
Capt. A. K. THOMPSON	Company A	11 - 31 July
Capt. R. A. MOSS	Company B	1 - 31 July
Capt. J. A. EDMARDS	Company C	1 - 31 July
Capt. A. B. CROSBY	Company D	1 - 31 July
Capt. D. K. RUMSEY	H&S Company	1 - 31 July

UNIT LOCATIONS

Company A	NAM HOA	1 - 31 July
Company B	NAM HOA DONG HAI CON THIEN NAM HOA	1 - 7 July 8 - 13 July 14 - 16 July 17 - 31 July
Company C	NAM HOA DONG HAI CON THIEN PHONG DIEN NAM HOA	1 - 7 July 8 - 13 July 14 - 16 July 17 - 27 July 27 - 31 July

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Company D

NAM HOA
DONG HA
CON THIEN
NAM HOA

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1 - 7 July
8 - 13 July
14 - 16 July
17 - 31 JulyH&S Company
(Rear)PHONG DIEN (YD 536325)
PHU BAI1 - 24 July
24 - 31 JulyATTACHED UNITS

3d Plat, Co B, 3d Engr Bn.	1 - 17 July
Btry G, 3d Bn, 12th Mar	1 - 31 July
Plat, Btry L, 4th Bn, 12th Mar	1 - 31 July
2nd Plat, Co C, 3d Tank Bn	1 - 31 July
2nd Plat, Btry D, 1st Bn, 44th Arty (USA)	1 - 31 July
Det, Comm Co, Hq Bn, 3d MarDiv (ARVN)	1 - 31 July
Det, Co 4, 3d SP Bn	1 - 31 July
Det, FLSG-A	1 - 31 July
Det, Hq Co, 4th Mar (Sniper Team)	1 - 31 July
Det, H&S Co, 3d MP Bn, (Scout Dogs)	1 - 31 July
Det, MCB-3	26 - 31 July
3d Plat, Co B, 3d AT Bn	25 - 31 July

AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHOFFICERSNAVY
3MARINE CORPS
36ENLISTEDNAVY
57MARINE CORPS
1195

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INTELLIGENCE

SECTION III.

A. General. (Period covered: 1 July to 31 July 1967)

During the reporting period the battalion CP was located along Route 547, in Nam Hoa District, Thua Thien Province, while participating in OPERATION CUMBERLAND. This unit remained at this location except for a ten day period from 7 July to 16 July, when the battalion was deployed to the DONG HA - CON THIEN area to participate in OPERATIONS BUFFALO and HICKORY II.

B. Intelligence Information in the Battalion Operating Areas.

1. CUMBERLAND AREA. (vic Rt. 547 - Southern Thua Thien Province)

a. Enemy. The enemy avoided large scale engagement with friendly forces; contact generally being made with groups of 4 to 10 VC who broke away quickly. One mortar attack (approx 50 rounds 82mm) was made on 11 July against the battalion rear CP location (at this time the command group and three rifle companies were participating in Operation HICKORY II and the battalion rear CP location was occupied by 4/1/4 near Nam Hoa). On 19 July and 23 July 1967, the enemy ambushed friendly truck convoys heading west on Route 547 from the battalion operation base. The enemy employed AF-2 (B-40) rockets on each occasion.

b. Terrain.

(1) Critical Terrain Features. These are the hill masses running North and South parallel to Route 547, hills 424 (YD750087), 433 (YD712135), 342 (YD633084), 218 (YD638065), 316 (YD604100).

(2) Avenues of approach. These include valleys, rivers, streams and trails throughout area. The valley running North and South from YD701131 to YD705143; the valley running North and South from YD668110 to YD640170; and the valley that is traversed by Route 547. The Huu Trach River running west to east from YD636090 to YD755134; the Huu Trach River running south to north from YD630050 to YD636050; the Mao Binh Lien river running north to south from YD670108 to YD656090 are main water avenues of approach. Secondary water approaches are the stream running north to south at YD668110 to YD640170; the stream running northwest to southeast at YD620127 to YD668105; the stream flowing south to north at YD721070 to YD732103. There are several trails which are considered to be secondary avenues of approach. The trail running east to west from YD684112 to YD714106 and numerous trails generally running North and South from the main supply route (Route 547) are included.

(3) Cover and Concealment. The terrain runs from sea level to high mountains and provides a variety of cover and concealment. In the eastern portion of the CUMBERLAND AREA there is medium cover and concealment from relatively low, sparsely vegetated foothills. In the West, excellent cover and concealment is provided by the thick jungle canopy in the high mountains, and deep valleys. The heavy canopy is from 40 to 100 feet high. Observation and fields of fire are very limited in the jungle canopy. At the eastern end of Route 547, fields of fire and observation are considered excellent.

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c. Weather. High temperatures and humidity were experienced throughout the reporting period. Highs of 120° with an average of 80% humidity contributed to heat casualties. Rain was usually slight, with heavy rainfall on one day. Visibility was excellent.

d. Counter-Intelligence. A sound counter-intelligence effort was started in the Nam Hoa area (YD764128) in conjunction with the government of the Republic of Vietnam and the Sub-Sector U. S. Army Advisors. Results, thus far, have been 1 Chieu Hoi, in addition to regular intelligence reports from local sources.

2. HICKORY II AREA (Dong Ha - Cam Lo - Con Thien Area)

a. Enemy. No direct enemy contact was made during the operation. Enemy in this area are known to be NVA. The major incident during this operation was caused by friendly troops encountering an enemy mine field.

b. Terrain.

(1) Key Terrain Features. The hill mass at CON THIEN (YD114701) is considered the dominant terrain feature in the area.

(2) Cover and Concealment. Thick shrubs and elephant grass provided excellent concealment. Underground cover was necessary due to lack of natural cover.

(3) Avenues of Approach. These included the improved 10 kilometer road from Con Thien to Cam Lo, the cleared strip from Gio Linh to Con Thien, National Route #9, and numerous trails throughout the area.

c. Weather. Temperatures were high (110°) with humidity averaging 80%. This contributed significantly to heat casualties. Rainfall was negligible. Visibility was excellent.

C. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

	Cumberland	Hickory II
NVA/VC (conf)	0	0
NVA/VC (prob)	0	0
LNG (model 57) with ammo	0	1
Bunkers dest	0	30
AP mines dest	0	2
Harbor sites dest	0	1
AT mine dest	0	1

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1st Battalion, 4th Marines
3rd Marine Division (Rein.)
FPO San Francisco, 96602

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5 August 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Attn: G-3)
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 July to 31 July 1967.
Ref: (a) MOO 5750.1
 (b) FMF PACO 5750.8
 (c) DiVO 5750.1A

Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with reference (a), (b) and (c), the subject Command Chronology is submitted.
2. This letter of transmittal is declassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

E. A. DEPTULA

Copy to: 4th Marines

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PERSONNEL / ADMINISTRATION

SECTION II.A. SUMMARY.

During the period 1 July through 31 July 1967 the battalion was engaged in OPERATION CUMBERLAND. From 7 July through 13 July 1967 elements of the battalion participated in OPERATION HICKORY II. On 21 July 1967 the Battalion administrative rear was transferred from Camp EVANS to PHU BAI. Lieutenant Colonel EDWIN A. DEPTULA assumed command of the battalion on 30 July 1967.

B. PROBLEM AREAS / NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

Office machines are in need of repair and/or replacement. There is a problem in replacing office machines. The time required for repair creates a hardship on the administrative sections. At the close of the reporting period, rifle companies were averaging approximately 10 men above M/L which includes an average of 20 - 25 non-effectives. The average loss per rifle company of enlisted personnel rotating during the month of August will be 34. The battalion is presently 6 officers below M/L in MOS 0302. Additionally, 6 officers (MOS 0302) will rotate to CONUS during August 1967.

C. PERSONNEL.1. Monthly strength (average chargeable).

USMC		USN	
OFFICERS	ENLISTED	OFFICERS	ENLISTED
36	1195	3	57

2. Losses.

	OFFICERS	ENLISTED	OFFICERS	ENLISTED
Battle	0	5	0	0
Non-battle	0	1	0	0
Administrative	6	36	0	11
Total	6	42	0	11

3. Gains.

	OFFICERS	ENLISTED	OFFICERS	ENLISTED
	5	167	1	17

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

21 Purple Heart Medals

D. DISCIPLINE. Court-Martials and Non-Judicial Punishment.

1. The number of disciplinary cases acted upon or pending action are as follows.

Court-Martial: Completed:

Summary - None
Special - None

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Pending:

Summary - None

Special - None

Article 32 - One

Non-Judicial Punishment:

Battalion Commander: Four

Company Commander: One

E. MORALE, POSTAL AFFAIRS, LIBERTY, R&R, PX.

Morale is excellent. The Battalion received R&R quotes to Okinawa, Manila, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Penang, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Hawaii, and Taipei. Adequate PX facilities were available to these personnel located at Camp EVANS and PHU BIA. Postal services continue to be satisfactory.

F. CHAPLAIN'S ACTIVITIES.

Lt. A. S. KIRK (ChC) USNR, Battalion Chaplain, held a memorial service on 28 July 1967 for the men in Company B, killed in action. Throughout the reporting period services were held for both Protestants and Catholics, counselling continued during the month with 10 cases conducted.

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OPERATIONS / TRAINING

SECTION IVA. MISSION.

During July the First Battalion, Fourth Marines continued OPERATION CUMBERLAND in accordance with 4th Marines FRAG ORDERS 28 - 67 and 30 - 67. The battalion's mission included providing the following security; Engineer upgrading of Route 547 in the CUMBERLAND AO, the Forward Fire Support Base (FFSB) YD 620095, the bridge/ferry site YD 755134, and the MCB-3 rock crusher YD 735134. Also included in this mission was the requirement to employ aggressive small-unit patrolling throughout the CUMBERLAND AO to locate and destroy enemy forces therein. Operations and/or activities of note during this period were:

1 - 6 July - The battalion continued OPERATION CUMBERLAND.

7 - 13 July - At 070950H, the battalion received verbal orders from C.O., 4th Marines to move the battalion (a command group and three rifle companies) to PHU BAI for an air lift to DONG HA. The battalion reported OPCON to CG, 3d Marine Division as division reserve and a DONG HA base defense force.

13 July - Chopped OPCON to 9th Marines at 1200H for OPERATION BUFFALO.

14 - 16 July - Under direction of 9th Marines, participated in OPERATION HICKORY II.

17 - 31 July - Returned to the NAM HOA area and resumed OPERATION CUMBERLAND.

B. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES.

The first of July found the battalion continuing OPERATION CUMBERLAND and located as follows: Companies A and D at YD 777094 and YD 770080 respectively; participated in a combined ARVN/USMC search and destroy Operation; Company C was being utilized for the security of the battalion operating base (YD 717106) where the battalion CP, Battery G, 3/12, and elements of Company C, 11th Engineers were located; and Company B was providing security for the engineer improvement of the FFSB. On 1 July the Engineers had opened a Class-30 road along the trace of Route 547 between the ferry/bridge site and the FFSB to include bridges, bypasses, and culverts.

On 4 July Company A returned to the battalion operating base and on the following day moved to the FFSB. Company D relieved Company C of the security of the battalion operating base and the ferry site on 5 July. That evening Company C moved out on a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of Hill 433, YD 713135.

On 7 July the battalion received verbal orders from the Commanding Officer, 4th Marines to move a command group and three rifle companies

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to the PHU BAI air field for transportation to DONG HA combat base (via fixed wing aircraft). Due to the battalion's departure, all engineer equipment and personnel were consolidated at the battalion operating base thus suspending engineering work in the CUMBERLAND AO. The battalion executive officer assumed command of OPERATION CUMBERLAND and remaining forces consisting of Company A, engineers, artillery, and tanks.

Commencing at 1300H on 7 July, the battalion moved to DONG HA with all elements arriving by 1900H. From 7 to 13 July the battalion was under the operational control of the 3d Marine Division, and was the division reserve. Also during this period, the battalion relieved 3d Battalion, 9th Marines of responsibility of three C.C units in the DONG HA area.

At 1200H on 13 July the battalion chopped OPCON to the 9th Marines in accordance with 9th Marines OPERATION OLDIE 11-67 to participate in OPERATION HICKORY II. HICKORY II involved six infantry battalions under control of the 9th Marines to search for and destroy enemy forces and installations in that area of QUANG TRI Province between the CAM LO river and CON THIEN.

At 1300H on 13 July the battalion commander gathered his staff and unit commanders to issue verbal orders. The specific mission of the battalion was to sweep South from CON THIEN to the 62 East - West grid line in the area bounded by North and South grid lines 08 and 12. Within this zone of action Company C was assigned the western sector between grid lines 08 to 10, while Co D was given the eastern sector from grid line 10 to 12. The Command Group was to move behind Company D with Company B following in trace as battalion reserve. 0900H on 14 July 1967 was designated as H-hour and D-day respectfully.

At H-hour on D-day, the battalion moved out as planned, having spent the previous night without incident in defensive positions. No enemy contact was made during the course of the three day operation. On the 14th, Company D discovered a recently used VC base camp containing one Chinese Communist Light Machine Gun, Type- 56, two Chinese Communist 7.62mm Carbines Type-56, several Chinese Communist grenades, personal equipment and documents. On 15 July, Company B replaced Company D in the sweep in the Eastern half. Company C encountered AP mines in the zone of action resulting in the following friendly casualties; 1 KIA and 17 WIA.

On 170800H July 1967 the operation terminated and the battalion having accomplished its mission, was returned to operational control of the 4th Marines at 161916H. The battalion moved to DONG HA on the 16th and returned to CAMP EVANS via truck convoy and CH-53A helicopters. On 17 July, Companies B, D and the Battalion Command Group rejoined Company A in the NAM HOA area to resume OPERATION CUMBERLAND. Company C was placed under OPCON of the 2d Battalion, 4th Marines to participate in OPERATION FREMONT - a combined ARVN/USMC search and destroy operation in the vicinity of MY CHANH and the SONG THAC NA valley.

On 18 July 1967 Company B and Company A (-) were ordered to the FF3B to provide security for the engineering operations there. These two units were also given responsibility for the security of that portion of route 547

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between the FFSB and the Fort (YD 68093), plus the responsibility of conducting patrols in the area of operations West from the trace of the KAO BINH BIEN and SONG HUU TRUC rivers. Captain R. A. BOSS was appointed to coordinate the activities of Companies A and B. Company D assumed responsibility for security of the battalion operating base, that portion of Route 547 between the Fort and the bridge/ferry site, and the CUMBERLAND area of operations East of the KAO BINH BIEN and SONG HUU TRUC rivers. Utilizing the Third Platoon, Company A, Company D also assumed responsibility for the security of the bridge/ferry site.

The first contact with the enemy was on the morning of 19 July 1967. A two truck, resupply convoy travelling West on Route 547 was ambushed at YD 641094 at 0930H. The lead vehicle carrying the 60mm Mortar Section from Company A, was hit by a Chinese Communist Anti-tank Rocket Type-56 causing 3 KIA's, 8 WIA, and destroyed the truck. The 2d Platoon, Company B (located Westward of the ambush site) along with the security squad that accompanied the convoy made a search of the ambush area with negative results. Artillery fires and air strikes were also directed into the suspected enemy positions.

Later during the afternoon of the 19th, a second convoy escorted by two tanks moving west on route 547 was also ambushed by an undetermined enemy force at YD 645096. The lead M-48A3 tank was hit by a ChiCom Anti-tank Rocket Type 56 in the forward, upper-left, side of the tank turret. Following the firing of the AT rocket, the enemy withdrew under a cover of small arms fire. Immediate action was undertaken by the convoy security force with the tanks firing beehive and HE rounds, followed by air and artillery missions. Elements of Company B swept the area and found several fresh foxholes and a booby trapped Chi Com grenade on the south side of the road. The convoy continued on to the FFSB and returned that evening with no further encounters.

The battalion continued its mission of providing security and conducting aggressive patrolling in the CUMBERLAND AO. Occasional sightings of small groups of VC and encounters with mines, booby traps, and snipers were the only other contacts with the enemy during the period 19 - 22 July.

On 23 July another convoy was ambushed in the same pattern as previously experienced: the enemy firing an anti-tank rocket at one of the lead vehicles then rapidly withdrawing behind small arms fire. In this case the second tank was hit by an anti-tank round in 90mm gun tube and two crew members were wounded. Despite the hole in the gun tube and wounded crew members the tank valiantly returned fire along with its companion M-48, and an artillery mission was called in on the suspected enemy escape route.

Following these three ambush incidents the battalion commander assessed the situation to determine what action his forces had taken, what procedures could be implemented, and what was required in the way of added support from higher headquarters. It was requested that regiment return Company C to battalion control and that flame tanks be added to the attached tank platoon. Further it was planned to employ increased artillery prep fires and limited defoliation in order to prevent further ambush incidents. Each convoy traveling the MSR between the battalion operating base and the FFSB was provided a forward observer, additional radios, a larger security force, and its movement was closely controlled by the battalion Operations Center.

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Reconnaissance teams from 3d Recon Battalion were employed throughout the CUMBERLAND area with few results or contacts made. On 26 July at 0900H one reconnaissance team encountered a small enemy force at YD 678083 but contact was soon broken. Elements of Company D searched the area afterwards and found several bunkers which they demolished. Again Artillery fires were directed on likely enemy avenues of exit with unknown results.

Company C was released from participation in OPERATION FREMONT on 27 July and the company returned to the CUMBERLAND AO. Company C relieved Company D at the operating base and Company D was assigned the control sector of the CUMBERLAND area grid lines 65 to 70.

Towards the end of July the number and size of convoys increased considerably as more artillery and engineer personnel, equipment, and supplies were moved forward to the FFSB. On 30 July Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 94th Artillery (USA) moved the first increment of 175mm guns into the FFSB in preparation of interdicting the ASHAU VALLEY on 1 August.

On 31 July an unknown enemy force command detonated a mine behind a truck which was part of a four vehicle convoy travelling West on route 547 in the vicinity of YD 655094. No casualties or damage to the vehicle was sustained and a subsequent search of the area revealed a recently occupied position south of the road.

C. Training.

Due to constant operational commitments, there was little formal training. Company level training for squad leaders was conducted by artillery and mortar forward observers in techniques of adjusting fires. Classes were conducted by the battalion armorer on care and cleaning of the M-16 rifle, followed by fam-firing of 250 rounds per individual. Indoctrination and weapons familiarization classes were also conducted for replacement personnel.

D. TRAINING PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED.

Due to the battalion being constantly committed to various missions, there was little time allowed for formal training.

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PLACE

VIETNAM

FROM (Date and hour)

310600H June

TO (Date and hour)

010600H June

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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
1000		1		Co A secured objective E, (YD 778096)		
1020		2		One marine from Co A received slight laceration from ricochet from M-16 while FAM firing.	S-3	4th Mar
1155		3		Co D is at YD 742080 and moving on axis of advance.		
1207		4		ARVN, 1st ABN at YD 7306. ARVN, 6th ABN, at YD 725040.	S-3	
1605		5		Position report Co D at YD 755074 and moving.	S-3	
1635		6		(Fr Co A) At 010545H at YD 777095 found one booby trap lying in weeds with stake holding in. Destroyed		S-3
1715		7		(Fr: Co C) 2 LVT's have reached destination at Ferry sight.		S-3
20		8		(Fr: 1/4 FWD CP) At 2230H at Coord YD 707122 mono type II saw light and heard movement. Unknown number of enemy moving in southerly direction. Called Arty mission at YD 705212 resulting in one secondary explosion. Results unknown, will check area a first light.		S-3
0200		10		Recon inserr (Monotype II) Heard suspected VC movement moving away from their position No Action Taken.		
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1st Bn, 4th Marines

PLACE VIETNAM

FROM (Date and hour)
020600H June 67

TO (Date and hour)
030600H June 67

TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M-Maps	T-Troop
0720	1			Position Report: Co A at YD 778096 in blocking position. Co D is moving NE at YD 758076.		
1150	2			(Fr: Co A) At 1140H Co A reported heat casualties with 104.6 degrees. Med Evac	S-3	S-1
1320	3			(Fr: 1st MAW) At 0900 at YD 529034. Fixed wing air strike burned off brush area revealing a French triangle shaped fort; also and a freshly dug trench at base of RT 547 where it turns parallel to ROA NAI NAM HOA.	3-2	3-3 4th Mar
2010	4			(Fr: Co A) Observed two trails of smoke in Royal Tombs at YD 778104, Cont regt to observe.	S-3	4th Mar
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PLACE VIETNAM	
FROM (Date and hour) 030600H June	TO (Date and hour) 040600H June

TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0700	1			Company D held up awaiting Resupply.	S-3	
1000	2			Company A move one platoon to vic YD 790070 as blocking force.	S-3 4th Mar	
1443	3			(Fr: Regt) 1st ABN ARVN unit at 031400H discovered several buildings, one of which was hospital. All building will be burned and destroyed at vic YD 770031.	S-3 4th Mar	
1515	4			Fr: 4th Mar Regt) Intelligence report that several people were spotted carrying mortar rounds in vic YD 7108. Called Arty mission on target.	S-3 4th Mar	
1930	5			(Fr: Co A) 031600H at YD 782080 one corpsman became a suspected heat stroke casualty. Became unconscious.		
2225	6			(Fr: Co D) At 1900H at YD 772007 En way station with tunnel complex was found. Hut with thatched roof occupied approx 2 weeks ago. Living facilities for plat size unit. Large fox holes and machine gun complex. Hut will be destroyed.	S-3 4th Mar	
2230	7			(Fr Co D) At 2130H at YD 773077 LP heard movement approaching their position then rapidly moving away. LP fired 20 rounds S/A and threw one grenade. LP returned to CP, will check area at first light.	S-3 4th Mar	
2230	8			(Fr Co D) 2230H at YD 773077 sqd heard movement to their front. Opened fire, results unknown.		
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UNIT OR SECTION	
H&S Co S-3, 1st Bn 4th Marines	
PLACE	
VIETNAM	
FROM (Date and hour)	TO (Date and hour)
050600H June 67	060600H June 67

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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
1100	1			(Fr: Co C) At 1045H a Co C sniper spotted 50 VN civilians wearing straw hats and carrying bundles of weed. They were heading in a South East direction. Also spotted some headed in a north west direction. No weapons were discovered during search.		S-3 4th Mar
1100	2			(Fr: Co A) At 1115H at coord YD 552284 one marine was Med-Evacued due to an corneal abrasion due to leaving his contact lenses in eyes overnight.		S-3
1400	3			(Fr: Co A-3) At 1300H at coord YD 574265, Marines walking in line, one marine stepped on booby trap. Booby trap was a 75mm rd which knocked the Marine down. Blasting cap exploded marine rec'd shrapnel in hand.		S-3
1400	4			(Fr: Co A) At 1330H at coord YD 581271 Co A sniper observed a VC in a treeline and sniper sat down near booby trap. Booby trap looked as if it had already been tripped. The mine looked as if it was 4 to 5 weeks old. Mine location at YD 581271.		S-3
1340	7			(Fr: Co A) At 1340H at Coord YD 578283 and YD 590273 on 7 different occasions a sniper spotted a total of 32 VC moving in groups of 2 or 3 at coord YD 575235, 58240, 579268, 575265, and YD 578264. VC were carrying rifles, packs and helmets, 6 were wearing green uniforms 6 wore black PJ's. Moving North to South. 2 VC/KIA (C)		S-3 4th Mar
2400	8			(Fr: D-3) At 2015H at coord YD 512344 spotted 1 VC moving toward ambush position carrying a weapon took VC under fire. Captured 1 A/W will forward to S-2. 1 VC/KIA (C)		

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TIME	IN	OUT	NO.	INCIDENTS, MSGS, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0800			1	Co D arrived ferry crossing. Ferry still inoperative.	S-3 4th Mar
0800			2	ARVN Operation Terminated.	S-3 4th Mar
1042			3	The ferry is now operable.	S-3 4th Mar
1200			4	Co A moved two Plts to Co B position at YD620095 to enlarge perimeter as required.	S-3 4th Mar
1530			5	Co D in route to P-CP.	S-3 4th Mar
1538			6	Co D arrived P-CP with attachments to strengthen perimeter as required.	S-3 4th Mar
1620			7	Co C Departed CP to ferry.	S-3 4th Mar
1750			8	Man believed to be missing in river. Searching now for him.	S-3 4th Mar
1730	Late entry		9	One marine Sgt apparently drowned while attempting to rescue another Marine who fell in water. The sgt was seen go under at YD715104 and did not reappear. Search was conducted by troops and aircraft. AO reported suspected body at YD727103. Unable to continue search due to darkness. Will continue at first light 6 July. 1 MIA.	S-3 4th Mar
1900			10	Requested SCUBA divers from Recon to search for body in river on 6 July.	S-3 4th Mar

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ITEMS IN	OUT	"J" NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MSGS, OR INFO	ACTION TAKEN
2325		11		Permission Charlie departed ferry site at 052325H for special operation in area Vic GS7114.	S-3 4th Mar
2330		12		Spotted lantern light moving west along trail Vic YD 720115. Fired 40mm mission light went out.	S-3 4th Mar
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TIME	IN	OUT	NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MSGS, OR INFO		ACTION TAKEN
0730H			1		Co C is at YD 733143 continuing search and destroy operation.		S-3 4th Mar
0800			2		Co A security with Demo team moving to GS 6610 to blow 250 lb bomb.		S-3 4th Mar
0845			3		Marine from 2d plt Co D accidentally shot himself in leg with .45 cal pistol. Returned man to forward BAS and Medevaced (Routine).		S-3 4th Mar
1030			4		Scuba divers arrived to search for body of drowned Marine.		S-3 4th Mar
1110			5		Co A demo team has blown 250 lb bomb Vic GS 6610.		S-3 4th Mar
1130			6		(Fr Co B) Engineers were blowing trees with Demo. Man took cover behind fallen tree. Piece of tree being blown came down on high arc, striking man in back. Man returned to BAS FWD for examination.		S-3 4th Mar
1430			7		(Fr Co A) Sqd security and Demo team returned from blowing, 250 lb bomb.		S-3 4th Mar
1548			8		Recon report: Peerage II was inserted extracted, Punctuate II was inserted UL 5304, LR 5602 5602 Metal Rash I UL 4921, LR 5121 and Morbid II is at B Co position and will go out tomorrow back into their AO.		S-3 4th Mar
1945			9		(Fr Co B) found blood trail and bloody poncho at YD 623069. Found by patrol B-1. Result of H&I fires probable. Following trail neg results.		S-3 S-2 4th Mar
2330			10		(Fr Co A) personnel on lines received 2 rounds S/A from NE. Returned fire with one round S/A & fired (1) one round 60mm illumination. Results unknown will check area at first light.		S-3 4th Mar

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TIME	IN	OUT	NO.	DTG	INCLUSIONS, MSGS, OR COMMENTS	
0600			11		D-1 departed CP for blocking position Vic YD 703118 for Co C. Co C began moving south from Vic YD 705142.	S-3 4th Mar

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TIME	IN	NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS MSGS, ORDRS	
0700	1			(Fr Co D) Search party departed for river in search of missing body.	S-3 4th Mar
0808	2			(Fr Co C) at 062000H at YD 704141, Co C found 8 foxholes at above coord. Two of which were freshly used.	S-3 4th Mar
0950	3			Received word from 4th Mar regt S-3 to prepare to move the Bn with three companies to Dong Ha ASAP.	S-3 4th Mar
1410	4			Forward echelon departed by Helo for Dong Ha.	S-3 4th Mar
1420	5			Co B arrived and departed for Phu Bai.	S-3 4th Mar
1500	6			Co D departed for Phu Bai.	S-3 4th Mar
1600	7			Co C and Cmd group departed for Phu Bai arriving 1830 and leaving for Dong Ha at 1900	S-3 4th Mar
1600	8			Chopped OPCON to 3rd MarDiv.	S-3 4th Mar
1920	9			Arrived Dong Ha and moved to 3/9 bivouac area for night. Chopped to.	S-3 4th Mar
1800	10			Operation Cumberland temporarily terminated with S-3 Co A remaining to provide security for Engr Equip 4th Mar and Arty	
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TIME IN	TIME OUT	"J" NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MSGS, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
2150		1		(Fr TP2A) at 092150 at YD 272573 ambush observed 2 V.C. coming down trail. Fired S/A, M-79, M60, 2M26's. Neg incoming rounds with neg results	S-3 4th Mar
0222		2		Received 8 to 10 rounds of 140mm rocket rounds from an azmth of 10°. 1 minor WIA.	S-3 4th Mar
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TIME IN	OUT	"J" NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MSGS, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
		1		Cont'd mission as Division Reserve at Dong Ha	S-3 4th Mar
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TIME IN	OUT	"J" NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MSGS, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
940		1		(Fr TP2) Have been informed of being hit tonight, all villages are moving out of area.	S-3 4th Mar
220		2		TP 1A Amb cancelled because friendly troop in area.	S-3 4th Mar
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TIME IN	TIME OUT	"J" NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MSGS, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
1800		1		DONG HA base camp went into condition YELLOW.	S-3 All Concerned
2330		2		Received III MAF Operation Order 39-67 OPERATION HICKORY II.	
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TIME IN	TIME OUT	"J" NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MSGS, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
1200		1		OPCON to 9th Marines as of 131200H. Received 9th Marines Operation Order 11-67 OPERATION HICKORY II.	S-3
1520		2		Companies B, C, D and CP group departed DONG HA by convoy for CON THIEN. Arrived CON THIEN and established night positions. Co B and CP YD 116685 Co C YD 111688 Co D YD 113684 Journal Closed 140600H July	

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IN	TIME	"J"	OUT NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MSGS, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0800		1			(Fr: Co B) Company B moving patrol to vic YD 115680 to blow bunkers.	S-3 S-2
0815		2			Company C moving to assigned A.O.	S-3
0847		3			(Fr: Co B) Company B patrol returned to their C.P. (Negative results on finding water).	S-3
0900		4			(Fr: Co D) Company D is moving to their A.O.	S-3
1040		5			(Fr: Co C) Company C reached Objective #1.	S-3
1040		6			(Fr: Co D) Company D encountered heavy complex of 8 bunkers, cooking utensiles, 1 enemy claymore mine, one enemy OP, 4 cans of explosives and 3 ChiCom grenades. Destroyed in Place.	S-3
1115		7			(Fr: Co D) Company D found 5 - 82mm mortar rounds at YD 110674. (Not booby trapped) destroyed same.	S-3
1144		8			(Fr: Co D) Found 2 Russian SK's rifles with ammo belt. Returned to CP.	S-3
1215		9			(Fr: Co D) D-1 found 3 ChiCom grenades and 1 AT mine.	S-3
1145		10			(Fr: Co D) Co D found more bunkers, paper documents and one LMG with Bipods attachment plus ammo. Destroyed bunkers in place; returned LMG to S-2.	S-2 S-3
1315		11			Company D in position at Objective #2.	S-3
1215		12			Position Reports: Co B YD 112688 Co D YD 108675 Co C YD 092670	S-3

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IN	TIME "J"	OUT NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MSGS, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
1220		13		(Fr Co D) Co D found 2 ChiCom grenades booby trapped on road. Disarmed and continued mission.	S-3
1230		14		(Fr Co C) Co C-3 patrol departed CP.	S-3
1250		15		(Fr: Co C) At 141145 Co C found one knife with belt at objective #2 also found 2 ChiCom grenades. Blew Grenades.	S-3
1250		16		Company B found base camp and one AT mine. Blew mine and destroyed base camp. (Destroyed 21 Bunkers).	S-3
1258		17		(Fr: Co B) Found destroyed radio complex. (Radios Dem. 36" x 12" x 12") Brought back to CP.	S-3
1430		18		(Fr: Co C) Patrol returned to CP. No Contact.	S-3
1800		19		Night Positions: Co C YD 0967 Co D YD 110667 Co B YD 107665	S-3
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IN	TIME "U"	OUT NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MSGS, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0830		1		Company B and C started for Objective #3 & 4.	S-3
0835		2		(Fr: Co B) Co B found a bunker complex 200 meters south of Objective #2 with Barb wire around it at YD 107663 previously destroyed by Arty.	S-3
0840		3		(Fr: Co C) Co C detonated 2 AP mines and disarmed 6 more. 1 KIA, 15 WIA, (7 Med Evacued) at YD 095656. (Shrapnel type wounds)	S-3
1002		4		Company C at uppermost part of Obj #3.	S-3
1004		5		(Fr: Co B) Found 3 more Bunkers.	S-3
1035		6		Position Report: Co C at Obj # 3. Co D and CP at Obj #2. Co B at Obj #4	
1100		7		(Fr: Co C) At 1100H at YD 092653 Co C found 1 OP site, 1 booby trap- type unknown. Sent booby trap to CP and destroyed OP.	S-3
1250		8		(Fr: Co B) Recon by fire caused one VC to run in a southerly direction.	S-3
1330		9		Positions Report: Co D and CP YD 100669 Co B YD 110657 Co C YD 0965	
1442		10		(Fr: Co C) Found a series of bunkers at Obj #5 destroyed Same.	S-3

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IN	TIME "J"	OUT	NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MSGS, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
1515			11		D Co and CP arrived Hill #48 at YD 114653.	S-3
1805			12		Night Entries in. Journal. Closed 160600H	

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0630	1		(Fr: Co B) Co B sent patrol to Recon GS 1163.	S-3
0715	2		(Fr: Co D) Sent patrol to Recon GS 1063.	S-3
0817	3		(Fr: Co D & B) Co's D and B patrols returned to CP. Recon Completed.	S-3
0818	4		(Fr: Co C) Co C destroyed at YD 085610 one 2000LB bomb.	S-3
1010	5		(Fr: Co B) Co B moved out to secure pick up point.	S-3
1035	6		(Fr: CP) Co D and CP moved out fr Obj #6 to pick up point.	S-3
1331	7		Companies B and CP Group and Co D arrived DONG HA Combat Base.	S-3
1155	8		At 161155H July the 9th Marine chopped O'CON 1/4 to 4th Marines, effective 161916H July 67.	
1610	9		Co C reached Co B and D at DONG HA.	S-3
1830	10		All companies arrived Camp EVANS for night position.	S-3
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TIME IN	OUT	"J" NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MSGS, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
1030		1		Perm 6 with CP group and Co B and 1 plat of perm D. Departed Camp EVANS for CUMBERLAND.	S-3 4th Mar
1300		2		00 1/4 with units arrived at CUMBERLAND.	S-3
1600		3		Co B departed Base Camp for old fort position.	S-3
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1030		1		(Fr: Co B) Co B point (B-1) made contact with 1 sqd of VC at YD 660093. Called Arty mission while walking 60mm up on enemy squad at YD 648093; also returned S/A fire. Suspected 1 plat VC.	S-3 S-2 4th Mar
1145		2		(Fr: Co B) At 181035H at En YD 648093, Fr 643095. B-1 point saw 4 VC, 2 in kakis and 1 in Black PJ's, carrying rifles. Took VC under fire. Later spotted 10 VC fired 60mm at them. Two more opened fire from south side of road at Coord YD 645095 (Where one friendly KIA accurred)	S-3
1545		3		(Fr: Co A) A (-) have departed in route to vic YD 686094.	
2104		4		(Fr: Co B) Co B's ambush while in route, heard movement ahead of squad, rec'd 1 incoming grenade. Ret'd S/A fire occurred on south side of rt 547. Squad noticed tracks also; 81mm mission called.	M, S-3
2120		5		(Fr: Co B) Co B's LP heard noises which lead to S/A fire exchanged. LP spotted 3 VC.	
2125		6		B-2 ambush returned to CP under 60mm support.	
		7	182104	(Fr: Co B) B-3 ambush at YD 625092 while moving to position heard pronounced movement on south side of road, and saw tracks back and forth across road. Later saw 3 VC crossing road VC threw one incoming grenade. Ret'd. S/A fire M-60, M-79, 60mm, 81mm and Arty mission of 8 HE and 1 WP. Will search at first light.	S-3
		8	182104	(Fr: Co B) B-1 LP heard and saw 3 VC in between them and CP LP threw 2 grenades and ret'd to CP. Called Arty of 16 HE rounds will search area at first light.	S-3

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2220		13		LP spott'd movement requested illum. Shot at movement. Something jumped into tree line.	S-3
		14	82225	(Fr Co B) At En Corrd 620092 B-2 LP heard movement approx 50 meters to direct front coming thowards them. Movement continued to approx 20 meters and then all members of LP. Saw one VC pop up twice EP saw one throw grenade and returned to CP, 81mm mission Called.	S-3
		15	182210	(Fr Co D) At En YD 722108 Fr Yd 721107. Co D CP spotted approx 10 VC moving toward CP on road. Lead man appreared to be carrying a weapon. Unable to determin uniform. Fired claymore, S/A and ket'd to CP, called 81mm mission results unknown.	

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1800		8		(Fr: Co B) At 1530H at Coord YD 645096 a convoy was ambushed by unknown number of enemy while in route to B 1/4 CP. Convoy was pinned down.	S-3
2030		9		(Fr: Co B) Follow up J# 4 Convoy enroute to Co B position was ambushed at YD 649090. Lead tank was hit by RPG but was not disabled. Convoy ret'd 400 - 500 S/A rds fired 52 Arty, dropped 8 250lb bombs and 20 rockets via air. Bravo swept area finding fresh fox holes and a booby trapped ChiCom grenade. 4 FR/WIA med evaced. Convoy ret'd this position. 3 FR/ WIA 8 FR/WIA same as J# 5	S-4 S-3 S-2
2025		10		(Fr: Co B) Ambush heard movement approaching their position.	S-3
2035		11		(Fr: Co B) Ambush sprung on enemy are checking area.	S-3
2315		12		(Fr: Co D) LP observed flashing lite at YD 713100. Fired 81 mission of 10 rds. Results unknown.	
2316		13		Received word that a sanpan was moving down the river inroute to ferry, enemy was planning to blow bridge/ferry.	S-3
0230		14		(Fr: Co D) LP saw 2 VC at YD 715104 north bank of river fired 81mm and tanks. Results unknown.	
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0620		1		Co D Checking out area of activities. See Spot Report # 93.	S-3
0625		2		Fr: Co B Checking area of activities last night spot reports.	S-3
0645		3		(Fr: Co D) Squad checking area of last nights activities returning to CP area.	S-3
0650		4		(Fr Co B) Co B squad reconning by fire.	S-3
0930		5		(Fr Co B) At 0930H at Friendly and Enemy Coord. YD 641094. A 2 truck convoy was ambushed. Lead vechile was hit by RPG or satchel charge. Truck loaded with 60mm tubes and ammo and fuel. Personnel aboard vehicle were from A/1/4 and Bn Scouts. Exact No. unknown. Co B had a squad in area and were immediately dispatched to ambush site. B-1 reinf w/1tank arrived spotted 1 VC at Coord YD 629093. Opened fire VC fled south on road. Searching area neg results.	
				3 FR/KIA 8 FR/WIA	
				1/4 had AO on station w/3 Hue gunships. called fixed wing dropped 12 500lb bombs of napalm and 400 20 mm rounds Approx 2 hours later had Arty mission in area.	
1415		6		(Fr Co D) Co D reconed area north and north west of thier position, negativr results on movement or signs of movement. 1 trails were found quarterly west out of valley, and one on the floor of the valley.	S-3
1530		73		(Fr: AO) AO rec'd S/A and A/W fire from YD 642106 a Arty mission was fired 36 round alltow HE results unknown.	S-3

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IN	TIME "J"	OUT NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MSGS, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
		1	201005	(Fr: Co B) B-2 plat while on sweep at YD 636095 found 6 bunkers made of dirt. D-2 reported bunkers were old but were used recently. They could hold 6 men apiece. Bunkers were blown in place.	S-3
1006		2		(Fr: Co B) Had a Marine Stung excessively by Bee. Called Med-evac. 1 NBC	S-3
		3	201010	(Fr: Co A-3) At YD 719141 police chief of NAM HOA reported that there were 3 VC at above coord. Fired ARTY mission of 4 rds. Results unknown.	S-3
1114		4		(Fr: Co D) D-3 reached their objective in road sweep and presently returned to CP. Negative Contact.	S-3
1200		5		(Fr: Co D) D-3 arrived CP completing mission. Stated that they burned thick areas along Rt # 547 up to 75 meters off road.	S-3
1205		6		(Fr: Co A) At Enemy YD 611078 Friendly YD 613079. Squad size patrol moving east on route #547 rec'd 5 rounds sniper fire. Squad returned fire with approx 500 rds. S/A and MG fire. Then searched area. Sweep area with negative results.	S-3
1530		7		(Fr: Co C) Co C arrived at A-3's position (Ferry)	S-3
1730		8		Convoy in route to B CP has departed.	S-3, M
2045		9		(Fr: Co C) 201945H at YD 754138 a marine picked up another marine's rifle and fired 3 rounds, hitting victim. Accused claims accidental discharge Emergency Med Evac. Investigation under way. 1 NBC	S-3
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IN	TIME "J"	OUT NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MSGS, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0845		1		(Fr: All units) All units are now back in their respective areas. S-3	
1310		2		(Fr: Co B) At 1215H at Coord YD 655092 a squad making sweeps-3 in area man tripped booby trap, ChiCom grenades Area appeared to be heavily booby trapped, this is the area convoy was believed to be fired upon on 19 July. Called Emer Evac. 3 FR/WIA	
2100		3		(Fr: Co B) 1 Maliara Case. 1 FR/NBC	S-3
2125		4		(Fr Co B) At 2030 ambush was fired on by LP. 1 USMC was a NBC investigation under way Med-Evac will arrive at first light. At 220745 Med Evac was completed.	
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IN	TIME OUT	"J" NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MSGS, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0800		1		(Fr: Co C-1) At YD 738158 C-1 patrol received A/W and S/A fire from vic YD 737166. Returned fire with S/A and 82mm mortars. Sent squad to reinforce, will check area at first light.	S-3
1130		2		(Fr: Co C) C-1 apprehended 1 man with ID card saying he was 67 he did not look that old. Will bring him back to C-1's position.	S-3
2045		3		(Fr: Co A) Patrol became disengaged from lead element of a 2 squad patrol. Then lost radio contact and did not return to CP. Cancelled H&I's for area and alerted units in area to be on look out for lost unit.	

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IN	TIME OUT	"J" NO.	TIME DTG	INCIDENTS, MSGS, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0930		1		(Fr: Co A) At 230900H lost patrol was spotted by AO at YD 598116 patrol popped smoke to confirm position.	S-3
1500		2		(Fr: Co B) At 1420 at YD 671091 convoy in route to Co B's CP rec'd 2 burst of A/W fire and 1 round of RPG. Resulting in two MIA'S. Convoy continued to move for sidetination. Arty mission called on suspected Enemy sight med-evac requested.	
1535		3		(Fr: Co B) Damage to vehicles- flash suppressor of tank slightly damaged by RPG round, 6 by took tow rounds S/A in window framing. Arty mission called fired 36 rds HE, 1 rd WP results unknown.	S-3
1630		4		Two dog teams joined 1/4 .	S-3
2130		5		(Fr: 1/4 CP) At 2130 at Coord YD 712130 personnel on lines spotted a light at Enemy Coord. Fired 98 rounds 40mm and 28 rounds 81mm, good target coverage lights went out.	S-3
2345		6		(Fr: Co D) At 2345H D-1 had trip flare ignit and a SW movement. Fired 12 rds M-79 good coverage will check area at first light.	S-3
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IN	OUT	TIME "J"	NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MSGS, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0830			1		(Fr: Scat) 1 Position in fire support base will be ready for accompany for Arty units 31 July. Recommend Action initiated to deploy 175 guns as requested farther request this headquarters be advised earliest concerning ETA Arty.	S-3
2100			2		All night activities departed to respective units.	
0600			3		All night activities returned to respective CP's. No Contact.	
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IN	OUT	TIME "J"	NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MSGS, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
1010			1		(Fr: Recon) At 0910H recon at Coort YD 690083 rec'd fire S/A from est 1 VC sqd. Recon maintaining contact B/1/4 establishing blocking at coord YD 660096. A/3/1/4 has linked up with recon. D/1/1/4 moving from 1/4 CP to area of contact with 2 tanks, gunships on station Arty firing in support.	S-3
1600			2		(Fr: Recon) At 0910 H At YD 678083 Recon broke contact w/ enemy and moving to YD 686094 and linked w/ Co D. Co D and Recon moved to YD 680084 found fresh trail and moved to print of contact. A search of the area disclosed recent signs of activities Co D then moved north and discovered a bunker which appeared to have been used recently. Destroyed Bunkers and fired 30 rds HE in area of contact.	

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IN	TIME "J"	OUT NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MSGS, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
1500		1		(Fr: Co C(-) At 271430H C (-) arrived Operation CUMBERLAND and dropped CPOON to 1/4 at 271430H.	S-3
1900		2		(Fr: 1/4 CP) At 1300H a marine was wounded by scrapnel. will inginit fuel along Route 547, Coord YD 640094) 1 EV/WIA	
2200		3		Immediate Message 1 Plat of Ontos will be sent this position from 4th Marines, plat will arrive 28 July 67.	S-3
2315		4		S-3 4th Marines talked to S-3 1/4, time for ammo convoy is going to arrive at bridge at 0930H 28 June, provide heavy security.	
0600		5		All night activities returned to respective CP's. Journal Closed 280600H	

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TIME	"J"	INCIDENTS, MSGS, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT NO.	DTG	
0700	1	(Fr: Co D) Co D departed base camp enroute to fort site (YD 687093)	S-3
0940	2	175 ammo convoy has arrived at 1/4 base camp, 30 trucks.	S-3
1015	3	Ammo convoy departed base camp for Fwd Arty position. All units in position to furnish security.	S-3
1050	4	Ammo convoy has reached B-2's position.	S-3
0930	5	(Fr: Co D) At 0930H at Co D CP 1 marine was struck by E-tool. Will be med evaced threw rough rider.	S-3
1110	6	Ammo convoy has reached B Co CP.	S-3
1545	7	Ammo convoy departed base camp for PHU BAI.	S-3
1600	8	Ontos platoon arrived Co D's position vic YD 687093.	S-3
1650	9	2 - 155mm self propelled (M-109) left 1/4 base camp to go to B Co. Position for security as required.	S-3
1730	10	2 - 155mm SP (M-109) arrived B Co CP.	S-3
1801	11	175mm guns will arrive 1/4 base camp 30th July.	S-3
1845	12	2 105mm Howitzers arrived 1/4 CP From Co B's CP.	S-3
1930	13	Co C corpsman received possible broken back when roof of bunker he was in collapsed. 1 NBC Med Evaced.	S-3
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IN	TIME OUT	"J" NO.	TIME DTG	INCIDENTS, MSGS, ORDNS	ACTION TAKEN
	0750	1		(Fr: S-3 To: all units) Emphasize control and security to include key terrain along trace. Imperative all units provide this station w/ up to date position reports.	
	1320	2		(Fr: Recon) At YD 706072 point man received 2 rds S/A fire in pack from 6 to 7 VC in ambush. VC fired from 10 yds. Right front of trail. Ret'd S/A fire called arty mission. Results unknown. Patrol requested extraction.	S-3
	1920	3		(Fr: S-3 To: all units) Planned operations for 30 July 67. To continue security MSR with sweeps and outposting key terrain along Rt 547 between ferry and Co B's position. Co A-2 chop the 1/4, Co A after rough rider security mission. Co D detach one Plat + to reinf Co C.	

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IN	TIME "J"	OUT NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MSGS, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0750		1		(Fr: Co D) At 0750 D-1 enroute to 1/4 CP with purpose perimeter defense upon arrival.	S-3
0935		2		(Fr: D-1) Arrived base camp to relieve A-2 of perimeter defense responsibilities. A-2 left base camp to ferry to pick up rough rider control for 175mm convoy to move westerly to forward Artillery Base.	S-3
1135		3		(Fr: Co C) At 1135H 175mm guns are at the ferry heading for fwd arty position.	S-3
1335		4		(Fr: Co B) 175mm guns arrived forward Arty position at 1330H.	S-3
1030		5		LtCol. E. A. DEPTULA relieved Major R. C. BELL as C.O 1st Bn, 4th Marines in the field.	S-3
1730		6		(Fr: 1/4 S-3) work on FWD Arty site was extended 2%. Total Completed 23%.	S-3
2000		7		One marine from B/1/4 evacuated. Suspected Malaria.	S-3
2130		8		NAM HOA police chief reported to C-1 that bridge (YD 754135 would be blown tonight by VC. Women and children screaming in village at this time C-1 plotted 81mm concentrations on east bank of ferry or river. 100% alert.	S-3
1905		9		3d MAF reported sighting camouflaged boat 8 ft wide and 20 ft long in river vic YD 789113. No requested night photo be taken of area.	S-3
1300		10		Police Chief reported to C-1 at bridge (YD 754134) that VC came into village at YD 723127 and assassinated 16 Women and Children and wounded several others. Killed and wounded were members of ARVN soldiers families. Wounded taken to HUE hospital.	S-3

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IN	OUT	TIME "J" NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MSGS, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
2215		11		(Ref J#8) info came from both PF's and NAM HOA district Hqds. Moved 28 more PF's to east side of river. Time of suspected attack 300200H.	S-3
2215		12		(Fr: Co C) Ambush heard movement at YD 707101 while moving to ambush sight. Fired 24 rds 81mm in area. Movement ceased. Ambush cont'd mission. One man received minor wound in leg from friendly mortar fire. 1 WIA non-evac.	S-3
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IN	TIME OUT	"J" NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MSGS, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0910		1		(Fr: Co C) Ref #12) 30 July) Checked area of noise last night, w/neg results. S-3 Change line G on Spot Rep #124 from 1 to 0, marine scratched leg on stick, while inroute to ambush.	
1110		2		(Fr: Plumtree Bravo 2) At 0900 at Coord YD 747160, a truck inroute to FWD arty site, carrying long engineer stakes hit a vietnamese bus. Convoy called wrecker and was gonna be sent to tow bus. MP's arrived absolved the marine driver. Matters being handled by Plumtree.	S-3
1000		3		Fr: Co C) 2 Ontos and 2 106MM arrived at rock crusher site. S-3 2 Ontos arrived at Pontoon bridge.	
1620		4		Fr: RN-3) Departed CP at 1620H. Three convoys have been escorted to fwd Arty base today carrying 75mm ammo and other supplies.	S-3
1745		5		Rockcrusher YD 737135 receiving sporadic sniper fire from royal tomb area. No action taken until advised by 4th Mar CQC.	S-3 4th Mar
1820		6		Ref J#5) 4th Mar CQC advised to return S/A fire only and in amount to supress sniper fire. No mortars etc. Security at Rock Crusher returned 30 rds S/A fire.	S-3
1835		7		Tough Rider III convoy returned to CP 1/4 and departed for PHU BAI.	S-3
1900		All		Day activities returned to respective CP's.	S-3

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310600H TO 010600H
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IN	TIME "J"	OUT NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MSGS, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
2010		9		(Fr: Co. C) At 1945H at YD 756138, the NAM HOA police chief reported 1 VC company will cross river at HIA CAT #2 YD 740164 to east bank. Another VC company located vic GS 7714 coming from royal tombs. These units will join and attack bridge. Called 82mm mission and will increase bridge security on bridge.	S-3
2015		10		Activities for 01 Aug 67. Cont provide maximum security for MSR in zone for convoys. Patrols areas in zone as troops available.	All Units
2045		11		Recon insert reported being probed from all sides. Boxing patrol in will artillery..	S-3
0600		12		All Activities back in area.	
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1. Operation CHOCTAW. Search and Destroy.
2. Dates of Operation. 301600H May to 151900H July 1967
3. Location. PHONG DIEN District, THUA THIEM Province, REPUBLIC of SOUTH VIETNAM.
4. Task Organization.

1st Battalion, 4th Marines	Major R. C. HELL
Company A	Capt C. A. STERN
Company B	1stLt D. R. VANTIVER
Company C	Capt J. A. EDWARDS
Company D	Capt A. B. CROSBY
Company H&S	Capt D. K. RUMSEY

Direct Support Units

Det, Sniper Platoon, Hq Co 4th Marines

Det, B Co B, 3rd Engr Bn

Det B, Co A, 3rd Shore Party Bn

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a. From 31 May to 15 June 1967 Battery "C", 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines was in direct support of 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. Battery "C" responded quickly to fire requests from Companies "A" and "B". These fire missions were employed to destroy and/or neutralize harbor sites, bunkers, and other enemy positions. All requests for supporting fire was controlled by the Battalion FSCC.

b. Air Support. Air Support during the subject period consisted of only helo recon flights and resupply flights from the 4th Marines CI Complex to units on Hill 51.

6. Intelligence.

a. Enemy incidents during Operation CHOCTAW consisted of small VC contacts of no more than 7 or 8 men. The enemy employed booby traps, and snipers in their general program of harassment. The enemy was armed with Chinese n.d.e weapons i.e., AK-47s, M16-49.

b. Terrain.

(1) Critical Terrain Features. The critical terrain feature was Hill 51 (ID 552284).

(2) Cover and Concealment. The area was predominantly open, rolling hills with heavy brush in some areas affording concealment. Cover could be found along rice-paddy dikes and underground bunkers.

(3) Avenues of Approach. Route 1 and the 2 rivers (SONG BO and O LUN) running west to east were the main avenues of approach. Trails and a small number of wooded areas also afforded approaches.

c. Weather. The weather was hot with temperatures ranging from a high of 103 degrees to a low of 76 degrees. Precipitation was light with intermittent showers in the afternoon and early evening hours. Visibility was good; up to 7 miles on most days.

7. Mission. The mission of the battalion was to relieve the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines conducting Operation CHOCTAW in the MONG DINH District, QUANG TRI Province, RVN. In addition one company, reinforced was provided to relieve C/2/9 providing security for Company "C", 11th Engineer Battalion upgrading Route 547 at NAM HOA (ID 755135). This mission would be designated Operation CURRENLD upon relief of C/2/9. The battalion would be prepared to move additional forces to the NAM HOA area as needed.

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8. Concept of Operation. Company "B" provided security for 4th Marine CP Complex and coordinated the defense with other tenant units. Company "A" established a company patrol base on Hill 51 (YD 552284) and conducted aggressive patrols in the surrounding CO BI THAN TAN Valley. Company "D" provided one platoon for defense of the THONG DIEN District Headquarters and the remainder of the company as Sparrowhawk alert and convoy security. Company "C" stoodby to move to NAM HOA to begin Operation CUMBERLAND.

9. Execution. 4th Marines Freq Order 23-67 was issued directing the battalion to relieve 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines and continue Operation CHOCTAW. The relief was effected by 1600H on 31 May. The 3rd Platoon Company "D" moved to THONG DIEN District Headquarters at 1845H. Company "A" on Hill 51 immediately began two platoon size patrols south of their position into the CO BI THAN TAN Valley with a duration of 2-4 days. Sniper teams attached to Company "A" were utilized as OP's in conjunction with their sniper activities.

031600H Company "C" relieved G/2/9 at NAM HOA and began Operation CUMBERLAND.

032000H Two children were killed by a booby trapped hand grenade near the THONG DIEN District Headquarters. Corpsman from 3rd Platoon, Company "D" went to assist but the children were DOA.

040715H One platoon each from Company "A" and "B" established blocking position vicinity YD 606276 for FF sweep from RT #1 down SONG DO River. The results of the sweep was 1VC/KIA (C), one M-2 Carbine and one M-79 captured by FF's.

051330H Sniper attached to Company "A" discovered booby trap vicinity YD 581271 while occupying OP.

051340H Sniper Team observed 32 VC moving in groups of 2-3 carrying rifles, packs and some wearing helmets vicinity YD 58240. Artillery mission called resulting in 2VC/KIA (C).

052400H 3rd Platoon, Company "D" ambush encountered one VC while moving to ambush sight. Ambush opened fire resulting in one VC/KIA (C) and one A/W captured.

060930H Marine from Company "A" detonated a booby trapped 250 lb bomb while on patrol at YD 574274 resulting in one Friendly KIA and 1 WIA. The bomb was well buried and camouflaged.

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061255H 3rd Platoon, Company "A" found 300 lbs of rice spread out to dry at YD 578264. Rice was destroyed as no transportation was available for removal.

060950H 1st Platoon, Company "A" patrol found base camp at YD 554255 consisting of 10 well built bunkers. Paths led from bunkers to west and south. An ambush would return to the location after dark.

061835H 1st Platoon, Company "A" patrol spotted 5 VC with weapons on road vicinity YD 579247. The point opened fire on VC and an artillery mission called. Checked area and found 1 VC/KIA (C), 1 AK-47 and many blood stains.

081625H Patrol from Company "B" heard explosion on road vicinity YD 600310. Investigated and discovered that convoy had struck a mine in road and later a 250 lb bomb had been command detonated approximately 25 meters off the road. Results were 3 Friendly KIA, 12 WIA and damage to several vehicles.

091300H Patrol from 3rd Platoon, Company "A" spotted 4 VC in a clearing vicinity YD 552254 near 200 lb pile of rice. Patrol opened fire killing 3 VC and wounding one. Wounded VC got away. Rice was destroyed in place.

101100H Company "B" began relief of Company "A" on Hill 51. Company "A" units returned to 4th Marines CI Complex and assumed mission of perimeter defense.

101520H Patrol from 3rd Platoon, Company "A" spotted 3 VC moving along river at YD 589256. Patrol opened fire killing 2 VC. Checked area and found one 60mm tube, blasting caps, one block TNT, 1 M-26 grenade and a pack.

101600H 2 Platoons from Company "B" and one platoon from Company "A" moved to vicinity YD 595306 to establish ambush along Rt #1 where several mining incidents had taken place.

111300H 1st Platoon, Company "B" found one 82mm mortar round rigged as pressure type booby trap at YD 595308. Booby trap was destroyed in place.

130900H 3rd Platoon, Company "B" found an anti-personnel mine with pressure release firing device on side of road at YD 570313. Mine was blown in place.

131100H Two platoons from Company "B" and two tanks moved to vicinity YD 605291 to burn heavy cane area suspected as VC harbor site. Cane was very green and burned very slowly. All units secured and returned to Route #1 by 1500H.

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141110H 2nd Platoon, Company "B" patrol found approximately 450 lbs of rice bagged in sandbags. He/lo requested to pick rice up and delivered to PHONG DIEN District Headquarters.

151100H A sniper team returning to Hill 51 stepped on a mine at YD 555295 of unknown type resulting in one friendly WIA Med-Evac.

On 12 June the battalion assumed OIC ON of C/1/3 and placed the 2nd Platoon at PHONG DIEN District Headquarters as relief for a platoon from 2/4 who was placed there temporarily. The remainder of the Company moved to the vicinity of Hill 51 on 14 June. On 15 June C/1/3 (.) moved into the CO BI THUAN TAN Valley to conduct search and destroy operations and pre-position themselves near the SONG BO River by 16 June for a combined USMC/ARVN sweep east down the river to the vicinity of Route #1.

At approximately 151100H the battalion received the mission of sending Company "A" and the Alpha Command Group to the CUMBERLAND area. 1/3 began relieving units of Company "B" on Hill 51. The "A" Command Group and Company "A" departed for the CUMBERLAND Area (NAI HOA) at 1500H.

Company "B" chopped OIC ON to 1/3 and 1/3 assumed the battalions mission at 1930H. Company "B" remained OIC ON to 1/3 until 191200H at which time it returned to control of 1/4 and moved to Operation CUMBERLAND area immediately.

10. Results.

a. Friendly Losses.

(1) The following is a recapitulation of friendly casualties incurred by the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines (Rein) during Operation CHOCTAW covering the period 30 May 1967 to 15 June 1967.

USMC

OFFICERS			
KIA	WIA	MIA	DOW
0	0	0	0

ENLISTED			
KIA	WIA	MIA	DOW
1	7	0	0

USN

OFFICERS			
KIA	WIA	MIA	DOW
0	0	0	0

ENLISTED			
KIA	WIA	MIA	DOW
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11. Administrative Matters. The administrative concern during this period was that units located at CHOCTAW (Camp Evans) would request resupply through the Battalion S-4. The request would be forwarded to, and filled by the ISA at Camp Evans. Class III and IV items of resupply had to be approved by S-4, 4th Marines prior to issue.

a. Supply Techniques, Combat Loads, Ammunition and Weapons.

(1) Company "A", on Hill 51, was resupplied every third day by helicopter. Company "D", assigned perimeter security, was resupplied by organic transportation.

(2) All units at CHOCTAW maintained a basic allowance of Class V.

(3) Companies continued to hold indoctrination classes and fan firing with the M-16 rifle.

b. Maintenance. Third and fourth echelon maintenance was performed by FISG-A at Phu Bai.

d. Treatment of Casualties and Evacuations and Hospitalization.

First echelon medical care was performed in the field by hospital corpsmen attached to the companies. Following field treatment those patients requiring further care were evacuated via helicopter to Company "A", 3rd Medical Battalion in Phu Bai.

There was one Marine killed and seven wounded in action from hostile fire, mines and booby traps.

There were 303 patients seen at sick call. Three patients from Shore Party were treated at Battalion Aid Station during this period.

Significant medical entities encountered were limited to:

Diarrhea, acute	7	Dermatitis	18
Fungal infections	14	Hemorrhoids	2
Cellulitis	9	Perforated ear drums	3
FUO	1		

Consults were sent as follows:

Dental	28	Urology	2
ENT	4	Neurological	3

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Consults were sent to the following facilities:

Company "A", 3rd Medical Battalion 20

Naval Support Activity, Danang 4

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d. Transportation. Transportation was provided by a detachment of 3rd Motor Transport Battalion located at CHOCTAW. One truck was provided daily for house keeping runs. The remaining transportation was organic. No transportation problems were encountered during this period.

12. Special Equipment and Technique. None

13. Commanders Analysis. There were no significant problems encountered during this operation.

14. Recommendations. None


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LOGISTICS

Section V

1. logistical situation. During the period 1 July to 7 July the battalion was based at the CUMBERLAND area with the battalion and company rear areas located at Camp EWINS and the battalion supply located at RHU BAI. For the period 1 July to 4 July, Company A, while conducting a search and destroy mission was resupplied entirely by helicopters from the LS at Camp EWINS. From 1 July to 5 July, Company B also conducting a search and destroy operation, was similarly supplied. Excluding these two operations, all units were resupplied by truck convoy from RHU BAI.

On 7 July, Company A remained as security for the Cr at CUMBERLAND while the remainder of the battalion participated in Operations BUFFALO and MICKORY II from 7 July to 16 July. During this period Company A was resupplied by truck convoy from RHU BAI while the rest of the battalion was resupplied from the LS at WIG LA. From 13 to 16 July the battalion was supplied by helicopter while on Operation MICKORY II.

On 17 July the battalion minus Company C went back to the CUMBERLAND area where it remained until 31 July. On 27 July Company C returned to CMB. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines and Operation CUMBERLAND. All units at the CUMBERLAND area were resupplied by truck convoy from RHU BAI.

On 26 to 28 July the Battalion and Company rears moved to RHU BAI from Camp EWINS.

2. Supply. Resupply for the CUMBERLAND area averaged 16 tons daily while the battalion was located there. Resupply for Operations BUFFALO and MICKORY II averaged 5 tons daily. Requests for resupply throughout the month were submitted to battalion supply and then forwarded to LOG-4 at RHU BAI with the exception of all Class II, Type II and most Class II, Type I which was ordered through normal supply channels.

Class I.

27,800 meals, combat individual, were issued during this period. Company C, 11th Engineers continued to maintain a water point in the vicinity of the battalion operating base. The battalion established a mess section with the leading elements in the CUMBERLAND area from 1 to 17 July at which time the balance of the mess was moved to CUMBERLAND. The mess was divided into two locations: One forward at the PFSB and one at the battalion operating base. Two hot meals were served daily forward and three hot meals at the battalion operating base. "A" rations were provided daily from RHU BAI.

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Class III.

Class II supplies were issued as appropriate; however, the following items were either in short supply or NIS:

Utilities (small sizes)	M-16 magazines
Utility covers (all sizes)	Canteen Cups
Compasses, Lensatic	Towels (green)
Undershirts (all sizes, green)	M-79's or M-148

Class III.

The following amounts of rOL were provided during this period.

Diesel - 2,750 gals	Bore Cleaner - 10 cases
No. 20 - 4,125 gals	Rifle Oil - 10 cases
Cleaning Solvent - 220 gals	

Class IV.

During this period the following amounts were received:

Anger Stakes - 8ft-700	Sandbags - 20,000
5ft-500	Barbed Wire - 1,000
2ft-2,000	Concertina - 35 sleeves

Class V.

The following amounts were received during this month:

.011 - 6 cases	G945 - 7 cases
A066 - 100 cases	G950 - 5 cases
.1-7 - 65 cases	H555 - 13 cases
.130 - 30 cases	L143 - 20 cases
.209 - 20 cases	L307 - 4 cases
.475 - 9 cases	L311 - 16 cases
.576 - 15 cases	L312 - 20 cases
B560 - 40 cases	L314 - 15 cases
B626 - 150 cases	L495 - 30 cases
B627 - 100 cases	H026 - 12 cases
B630 - 250 cases	H037 - 12 cases
C222 - 300 cases	L339 - 4 cases
C225 - 400 cases	H131 - 5 cans
J-26 - 100 cases	L420 - 5 cases
G50 - 25 cases	
G695 - 10 cases	
G900 - 10 cases	
G935 - 90 cases	
G940 - 10 cases	

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* 0222 was in short supply for the entire period.
** 4113 was in extremely short supply for the entire period.
*** 3026 was in short supply for the last half of the month.

3. Hospitalization and evacuation. (See Medical/ental)

4. Transportation. The entire battalion was resupplied by truck convey unless otherwise stated in paragraph 1. No serious transportation problems existed during this period.

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COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS

NICKONY II

1. General. This report covers the period 1 July through 31 July. The period was devoted to support of battalion operations, the necessary maintenance of equipment, and training of new personnel.

2. Operations. Communications were generally continuous and satisfactory. The direct FM communications augmented by a relay unit at CAMP LE provided good service to the rear at Camp EVANS for Operation CUSHING II. When in the DONG HU area as Division Reserve and during Operations BUFFALO and NICKONY II the battalion had problems with mutual interferences on VHF frequencies. As a result several frequency changes had to be effected in order to establish reliable voice-radio communications.

a. On 7 July, the battalion (minus one company) was ordered from the CUSHING area to DONG HU as the 3rd Marine Division Reserve, where the Third Battalion, Ninth Marines provided telephone communications. The following FM voice radio nets were established: Battalion Tac, CP Security, and CIC Forces nets; Ninth Marines assumed the message guard for the battalion. The Battalion Tactical net frequency had to be changed due to mutual interference generated by local units.

b. On 13 July, when placed under OPCON of the Ninth Marines, the battalion relinquished responsibility for CP Security and CIC nets, and entered the Ninth Marines Tactical Number One Net.

c. On 14 July, Operation NICKONY II began; Bravo and Delta Companies plus the 81 Conduct of Fire nets also had to have frequency changes due to other stations operating on the same frequency.

d. On 16 July, the battalion was dropped from the Ninth Marines to Fourth Marines, and the Fourth Marines assumed Message Guard. The Ninth Marines TAC net was secured and upon moving to Camp EVANS, a station on the Fourth Marines' Regimental Tac was activated.

e. On 17 July, the battalion moved back to CUSHING area and the Battalion Tac, Regimental Tac, Artillery Conduct of Fire, and TAC local nets were set up. Bravo Company FM Tac interfered with Battalion Tac and the Division CEO granted a change of frequencies.

f. On 19 July, a secondary frequency for the Battalion Tac was requested and received from the Division CEO.

g. On 24 July, the battalion set up a message center with teletype service at the battalion operating base. The Battalion Tac Rear was moved from Camp EVANS to PHU BAI.

h. Message center operations were normal for the month but involved changes of the message guard between Fourth Marines and Ninth Marines. Distribution of numeral and authentication codes was effected from the rear CP to the user. K-7 on line crypto and teletype equipment were returned to the battalion prior to the move to PHU BAI by the Battalion Rear. Upon establishing the message center in the CUSHING area difficulties were encountered involving defective terminal equipment associated with the teletype circuit and maintaining stable radio relay shots.

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i. Message totals were:

<u>Classified</u>	<u>Unclassified</u>
Incoming 401	Incoming 268
Outgoing 11	Outgoing 5

3. Equipment. Equipment failures during this period were normal. Loss of accessory type items, antennas, antenna bases, and handsets for the AN/PRC-25 and the lack of resupply for these items hampered operations. There are twelve items on deadline.

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

ITEM	QUANTITY
Radio Set AN/PRC-25	3
Radio Set AN/MRC-83/87	2
Radio Set AN/PRC-47	1
Control AN/GRC-39	1

Following equipment was repaired locally:

Teletypewriter AN/TGC-14	2
Teletypewriter AN/GCC-3	1
Radio Set AN/PRC-25	7
Radio Set AN/PRC-47	1

Major Communication equipment received

Radio Set AN/MRC-83	1
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b. The below listed major T/E equipment requisitions are outstanding:

Radio Remote Unit AN/GRA-39	1	4 Jan 67
Multimeter AN/UHM-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/PRC-25	2	3 Jan 67
Radio Set AN/PRC-25	2	22 May 67
Radio Set AN/PRC-25	2	26 May 67

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ARTILLERY / NAVAL GUNFIRE

SECTION VII

During July the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines received artillery support from three sources: The six 105mm howitzers of Btry G, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines; two 155mm howitzers from Btry L, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines and two 155mm guns of Btry A, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.

The missions fired by these units in support of 1st Battalion, 4th Marines were as follows:

I. Unobserved

A. H&I's	1116
B. FFE	170

II. Observed

A. Targets of Opportunity	119
B. Counter Mortar	2
C. Illumination	4
D. Registration	0
E. F.O School	0

~~SECRET~~AIR SUPPORT / DEFENSESECTION VIII

All categories of air activity, with the exception of medevacs, were at a low level throughout the month. This was primarily due to the limited requirements of the battalion which was static during the greater part of this period.

A very smooth and expeditious movement was provided by C-130's of VMGR-152 transporting the battalion from PHU BAI to DONG HA. Another very efficient troop lift was accomplished later in the month by CH-53's which transported Company C (Rein) from DONG HA to Camp EVANS.

Medevac support was in general good. The majority of medevac requirements were the result of encounters with booby traps. The casualties were picked up from secure prepared and non-prepared zones. Two members of the battalion TAGP were medevacs and subsequently returned to CONUS.

The remaining activity consisted of short-haul transport, area reconnaissance, and seven CAS shorties were controlled by TAG (A).

Sorties Tallies

CAS	7
TAC (A)	27
Fixed Wing Transport	4
Motor transport	6
Med-evacs	60
Logistical	10
C&C / overflights	16

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MEDICAL AND DENTAL AFFAIRS

SECTION IX

1. The total number of visits to the Battalion Aid Station during the month of July 1967 was 596.
2. Prevalent and significant medical entities encountered during the month were:

Heat Exhaustion	18	Fever of Undetermined Origin	3
Malaria	3	Insect Bite	1
Cellulitis	3	Bilateral Pneumonitis	1
Fracture	3	Bronchitis	2
Sacro-lumbar	5	Sprains	11

a. Dental	27	d. E.E.N.T.	7	g. Neuro-
b. Orthopaedic	5	e. Urologic	10	psychiatric
c. Neurologic	5	f. Venereal	3	

7. Consultations were sent as follows:

Company A, 3rd Medical Battalion 29
 Naval Support Activity, Da Nang 8
 USS SANCTUARY (AH-17)
 USS REPOSE (AH-16)

8. Venereal Diseases were:

Gonorrhea (new)	8	All suspected and confirmed VD cases were given a Serological Test for Syphilis in accordance with NAVMED 22-18 and the results entered in the individuals Health Record.
Non-specific Urethritis	1	

9. Weekly administration of Chloroquine-Primaquine anti-Malaria prophylaxis tablets were continued throughout this month. There were three (3) confirmed cases of Malaria:

(1) STANDFORD, T. M.
PFC 2320245/0141

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Illness occurred at Operation CUMBERLAND
Sent to "A" Med on 21 JUL 67.

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(2) STICKLAND, R.
CPL 2142304/0311 USMC
Illness occurred at Camp EVANS, RVN.
Sent to "A" Med on 25 JUL 67.

(3) GIBSON, M.
PFC 2305695/0311 USMC
"A" Company
Illness occurred on Operation CUMBERLAND, RVN.
Sent to "A" Med on 28 JUL 67.

There were no other significant infections to report during this period.

10. A refrigeration unit has been recently obtained, and the Battalion Aid Station has been able to store biologicals for immunizations. Previously, all personnel requiring immunizations in accordance with BUMEDINST 6230 series were referred to the 4th Marine Regimental Aid Station and/or "A" Med.

11. There were 28 laboratory procedures performed at the Battalion Aid Station during the month. These included: 11 Gram Stains for Gonorrhoea (8 positive and 3 negative); 15 Urinalysis; and 2 KPN Card tests.

12. There is not a Battalion Aid Station ward at this time. Twenty-three (23) men are on light, limited, and no duty at this time.

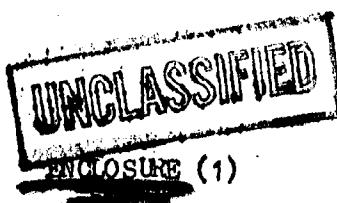
13. Three (3) Sanitation inspections were held in accordance with Division Order P6000.4D in the Battalion area and action initiated on all discrepancies.

14. In addition to providing medical treatment to patients and casualties during operations, Battalion Aid Station personnel were involved in the constructing and improving of the Battalion Aid Station and shelter facilities.

15. A class (In-Service Training) on Sick Call procedures and proper use of the Health records and NMED 10 was held. All BMS personnel in the rear attended. Three classes on minor lab procedures were held.

The Battalion Aid Station was without a Medical Officer from 11 JUL 67 until 20 JUL 67 as the Battalion Surgeon was on R&R. During the remainder of the month the Battalion Surgeon was with forward BMS along with five (5) Hospital Corpseman on Operation CUMBERLAND. When necessary, services of the 4th Marine Regimental Surgeon were utilized. Those patients requiring further treatment and/or hospitalization were sent to "A" Med in Phu Bai.

A new Medical Officer, James H. THOMAS, LT, MC, USNR, 0715650/2105, reported aboard for duty on 29 July 1967.



PSYCHOLOGICAL INFARSSECTION X

During the period of 1 July to 31 July, the Battalion Psychological Warfare effort consisted of leaflet drops in the Cumberland area of Operations. The appeals mainly consisted of Chieu Hoi and rewards for enemy equipment, although there was one subsequent rallier in the Battalion area of operations. The Battalion exploited this by going into a VC area and extracting the ralliers family. To further exploit this, a PSYOP'S team was called in, and pictures, tapes, and a letter were obtained for informational material. Other leaflet drops were made over the area trying to exploit more ralliers.

The Psychological Warfare Officer attended a PSYOP'S course and a PSYOP'S conference at 244th PSYOP'S Company and III M.F. Future plans are to use an IPT team in our area, also to exploit the rallier.

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