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COMMAND CHRONOLGY

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1st Battalion, 4th Marines

COMMANDER

LtCol. E. A. DEPTULA

DATE

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SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company

Capt. R.G. NUNNALLY 1-7 1
1stLt. J.T. DRENNAN 8-31

Company A

1stLt. W.E. JONES 1-31

Company B

Capt. R.E. HARRIS 1-31

Company C

Capt. O.B. RENFRO 1-31

Company D

Capt. R.D. WEEDEN 1-31

Company H, 2/1

Capt. F. MAHADY 9-22

3d Plat, Co L, 3d Bn, 1st Mar

2ndLt J.C. COCKRELL 24-30

2ndLt. C.L. COLLINS 31 Ma

ATTACHED UNITS

Det, Co C, 3d Engr Bn

Cpl. E.W. WISE 1-8 M
1stLt. J.B. MILLS 9-31

1st MP Bn (Dog Teams)

Cpl. J.T. HODGES 1-26 M
Cpl. M.T. LOWE 27-31 M

Hq Co, 9th Marines (Sniper Teams)

Cpl. J.A. GENTRY 9-31 M

Det, 9th Motor Transport Bn

LCpl. E. FORD 1-8 M
Cpl. N.L. CHANEY 9-31 M

Det, Hq Co, 9th Mar (Radio Relay)

Cpl. W. BERLINE 1-8 M
PFC S.L. GONZALES 9-31 MDIRECT SUPPORT UNITS

5th Plat, Co "A", 3d Tank Bn

1stLt. W.R. BRIGNON 9-29 M

Seco, 1st Plat, Co "A", 3d Tank Bn

1stLt. J.P. COAN 1-30 M

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1st Plat, Co "A", 3d Tank Bn	1stLt. J.P. COAN	31 Mar
Sec, 2nd Plat, Co "A", 3d Tank Bn	1stLt. J. BLOCK	1-30 Mar
2nd Plat, Co "A", 3d Tank Bn	1stLt. J. BLOCK	30 Mar
"D" Btry, 2nd Bn, 12th Mar	1stLt. G.D. GARRISON	1-8 Mar
Dot, Regt Hq Btry, 12th Mar (CMT)	Sgt. GOODWIN	9-31 Mar
Dot, "C", 2nd Art Agst Bn, 26th Arty (CAR)	SSgt. P.R. LONG	9-31 Mar
Dot, "C", 2nd Art Agst Bn, 26th Arty (Sound)	SSgt M. GOMES SSgt V.V. JEFFERSON	9-31 Mar 31 Mar
Dot, "C", 2nd Art Agst Bn, 26th Arty (Flash)	SSgt D. DANIELS, Jr.	9-31 Mar
3d Sec, 2nd Plat, "B" Btry, 44th Arty Bn	2ndLt. R.H. SMILEY	9-31 Mar
3d Sec, 3d Squad, "G" Btry, 65th Arty Bn	2ndLt. R.H. SMILEY	9-31 Mar
Sec, 1st Plat, Co "A" (Rein), 3d AT Bn	2ndLt. D.L. RICHARDSON	9-31 Mar
"W" Btry, 2nd Bn, 12th Marines	1stLt. J.K. KAILSTROM 1stLt. M.R. BUNGAARD	9-29 Mar 30-31 Mar
1st Sec, 2nd Plat, 1st Srch Lt Btry, 12th Mar	Cpl. J.E. SMITH	19-31 Mar
Dot, Serv Co, Water Sup Shop, 11th Engr Bn	LCpl S.A. BOHLER	1-31 Mar

2. Location

Battalion CP	1-8 Mar 9-31 Mar	C-2 Forward Operating Bact; RVN A-4 Strong Point Patrol Base, RVN
Bravo Cmd Group	1-8 Mar	C-2 Bridge
Battalion Rear	1-31 Mar	DONG HA, RVN

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Major J.I. HOPKINS	1-11 Mar
	Major J.E. O'NEILL	12-31 Mar
S-1	1stLt. B.D. GREEN	1-31 Mar
S-2	1stLt. R.B. MORGAN	1-31 Mar
S-3	Major H.M. NELSON	1-31 Mar
S-4	Capt. R.G. NUNNALLY	1-7 Mar
	1stLt. S.I. LEONARD	8-17 Mar
	Capt. M. CERVANTES	18-31 Mar
Supply Officer	1stLt. R.L. FISHER, Jr.	1-31 Mar

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MT Officer	1st Lt. C.W. SHORE	1-31 Mar
Comm Officer	Capt. J.J. THORNTON	1-31 Mar
Battalion Chaplain	LtCmdr. J.R. HUTTON USNR Lt. E.J. GRECO USNR	1-14 Mar 15-31 Mar
Battalion Surgeon	Lt. J.W. HOFFMAN USNR	1-31 Mar

4. Average Monthly Strength

OFFICERS	USMC
39	1135

OFFICERS	USN
2	56

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The Battalion continued to participate in Operation KENTUCKY throughout the month of March. During the first week in March, the Battalion defended C-2 Forward Operating Base, the C-2 Bridge and that portion of the MSR (Route #561) within the Battalion's AOR.

On 9 March, the Battalion moved north to the A-4 Strong Point Patrol Base and assumed the defense of that position and Yankee Station, 1000 meters to the south of A-4. While Company "G" was OPCON to the 9th Marines at A-2 from 1-22 March, Company "H", 2/1 was OPCON to 1/4 from 9-22 March and occupied Yankee Station.

On 19 March, the Battalion's Alfa Command Group and Company "B" left A-4 to participate in a two day search and destroy/anti-infiltration operation in the eastern portion of the AOR. Company "L", 3/3 came under OPCON of 1/4 for the duration of the operation.

On 22 March, the Battalion's southern boundary was moved 2500 meters south and 1/4 assumed responsibility for the defense of C-2 Bridge. On the same day, Company "H", 2/1 was changed to 2/1 and Company "C" returned to C-2 Bridge under OPCON of 1/4. On 24 March, 3d Platoon, Company "L", 3/1 came under OPCON of the Battalion. The Battalion's present disposition is Companies "A" and "D" at A-4, Company "B" at Yankee Station and Company "G", reinforced with 3d Platoon, Company "L", 3/1, at C-2 Bridge.

Numerous squad and platoon size combat patrols, ambushes, OP's and security and screening activities were conducted throughout the month. The Battalion continued to successfully utilize Killor Team Patrols during March. These teams accounted for 14 NVA/KIA (confirmed) with only one USMC WIA.

During the latter part of March, FO's assigned to 1/4 observed an increase in enemy sightings and troop movement to the north of A-4. Fire missions called by the FO's resulted in 13 NVA/KIA (confirmed).

At A-4, as at C-2, the Battalion emphasized fighting hole and Dyemarker Bunker construction commensurate with the tactical situation.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Combat missions assigneda. Ninth Marines Operation Plan 2-68 of 22 Jan (Operation KENTUCKY)

(1) At C-2 and C-2 Bridge (1 March - 8 March)

- (a) Defend C-2 Forward Operating Base and C-2 Bridge.
- (b) Continue construction and improvements of C-2 and C-2 Bridge in accordance with approved Dyemarker Plans.
- (c) Protect LOC (Route #561) within AOR, denying enemy opportunity to interdict LOC by mines and ambushes.
- (d) Conduct anti-infiltration operations within assigned AOR.
- (e) Provide Sparrow Hawk Reaction Force.
- (f) Provide Rough Rider Reaction Force.

(2) At A-4 and Yankee Station (9 March - 31 March)

- (a) Defend A-4 Strong Point Patrol Base.
- (b) Continue construction and improvement of A-4 in accordance with approved Dyemarker Plans.
- (c) Protect LOC (Route #561) within AOR, denying enemy opportunity to interdict LOC with mines or ambushes. Conduct daily mine sweeps from A-4 to C-2.
- (d) Conduct anti-infiltration operations within AOR. Stress extensive patrolling to southwest and east of A-4 and along Route #561. (Ground attacks against enemy fortified lines north and west of A-4 will be initiated only upon direction of Regiment.)
- (e) Continually conduct preemptive/suppressive counter battery fires and air strikes against known and suspected enemy mortar/artillery/rocket positions and F0 locations. These preemptive fires will be in addition to immediate counter battery fires conducted against active enemy gun and mortar positions and will include maximum use of organic weapons.

b. Ninth Marines Frag Order-14 (Operation KENTUCKY)

- (1) Commencing on D-Day, conduct a two company search and destroy operation vicinity Phu Oc (YD 1469) with particular emphasis on preventing enemy infiltration to the south.
- (2) On order on about D+1 be prepared to conduct similar operations vicinity An Phu/Lao Son (YD 1570 and YD 1670) for a period of approximately two days.

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(3) On order, be prepared to reinforce A-3 or A-4.

o. Ninth Marines Freq Order 157 (Operation KENTUCKY)

(1) Effective 22 March 1968 assume responsibility of C-2 Bridge site vicinity YD 128672.

2. Operations.

02 March At 1030H, Co "D" Killer Team point moving east observed one NVA approx 20 meters away in fighting hole. Point killed NVA and Killer Team Leader directed an assault on enemy position. Meanwhile, FO called arty fires to seal off enemy escape routes, Killer Team assaulted through NVA position 10-30 meters to their front. Total of 10 NVA were in the area and all were killed. Skipper team accounted for two of the 10 who were attempting to flee. Large amount of medicines, medical equipment and medical records captured indicates that the 10 NVA were medical personnel. Killer Team withdrew to perimeter under cover of arty fires.

At 1410H, C-2 position received 9 rds estimated 100mm arty from 5800 mlls. Rds impacted 200 meters northeast of perimeter beyond minefield. Fired counter arty fire of 30 rds 105mm on suspected enemy position. Reaction time was five minutes.

At 1658H, C-2 received two 82mm mortar rds and two more rds at 1710H and another rd 33 minutes later. All rds impacted inside the perimeter and were fired from a direction of 5100 mlls. Returned counter mortar fire with reaction time of one minute. Negative casualties.

At 1805H, east tower at C-2 spotted 4 to 5 NVA in open at YD 083660. Fired 105mm arty mission of 20 rds on enemy position with excellent target coverage. Results unknown.

At 1820H, C-2 position received 2 rds 82mm mortar from 4400 mlls. Rds impacted in perimeter. Returned counter mortar fire with reaction time of five minutes. Sustained one friendly WIA (minor). Injured man from Kilo Btry, 13th Marines.

04 March At 0840H, received 9th Mar msg 040840H, "1/4 and 2/1 be prepared to exchange A-0 by 10 Mar. Upon exchange Command Group, 2/1 chop "H" Co to 1/4."

Between 031800H and 041100H, Co "B" Killer Team, while setting in night ambush at YD 155664, heard NVA voices and sounds of chopping and digging several hundred meters to their north. Throughout the night of 3-4 March, sounds of talking, shouting and laughing were heard. Killer Team leader estimated approx 1 NVA company in the immediate vicinity. At 040900, while moving,

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NE to new ambush position, the Killer Team entered a bunker complex at YD 158663. At this point, the terrain was covered with extremely thick undergrowth and the bunkers covered the trail network. The bunkers were freshly dug and approx 5 feet deep with a hollowed out underground sleeping compartment. Each bunker appeared capable of accomodating approx 5 men. Overhead cover was provided by 4 layers of saplings and a layer of dirt. As the team continued to move SE, the number of bunkers increased and voices and movement could be heard to their front. The team commenced movement to the SW to enable AO on station to direct arty fire on bunker complex. At 041030H at YD 157660, another bunker complex was found. This appeared to be a recently constructed Battalion size CP area with a bathing point and numerous living bunkers. Several stand-up latrines were also observed. (It is of interest to note that Payops Propoganda leaflets were used as toilet paper.) The bunkers appeared to have been lived in the previous night and many fresh footprints were observed leading south. Killer Team was withdrawn and arty and air strikes were called to saturate the area.

At 1340H, C-2 received 2 rds 82mm mortar from 5400 mills. Rds impacted to southwest of perimeter, outside minefield. Returned fire on suspected enemy position with counter mortar mission of 15 rds 81mm. Results unknown.

06 March .

At approx 1000H, Co "A" Killer Team in vicinity of YD 108645 observed patrol consisting of 6-8 well camouflaged NVA at YD 105642. NVA were observed moving to northeast then swinging west. Team was unable to call arty mission prior to NVA moving out of sight. At approx 1200H, team observed 1 NVA at YD 100643. Called arty mission and moved toward area to check results. Upon arrival at YD 102642, last man in team observed and killed one NVA moving toward them from the rear. The team received A/W and S/A fire from west, north and south from estimated two NVA platoons. Team returned fire killing 3 NVA and began withdrawal back to the vicinity of YD 108645 where team's packs were staged. In route to staging area, team leader was hit in leg by S/A fire. The FO called arty and 81mm fire. Arty silenced one A/W position. While attempting to move from vicinity of YD 108645, team received intense S/A from south and S/A and chicons from north. Team returned heavy volume of S/A, A/W, M-79 and M-26 grenades, then broke contact under cover of arty. Co "B" reaction force linked up with Killer Team at 1500H. Assistant team leader reported that all NVA observed were heavily camouflaged with foliage. Killer team suffered one WIA (evac) and one NBC (non-evac).

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Between 1526H and 1532H, C-2 position received 4-6 rds 130mm arty and 1 120mm rocket from a direction of 4800 mtrs. One 120mm rocket impacted in center of C-2 position. Other rds landed in and around minefield. Returned counter battery/rocket fire with a reaction time of 10 minutes. One friendly WIA (evac) and 5 WIA minor were sustained.

08 March At 0930H, forward elements of Co "D" arrived at A-4. 30 minutes later, Co "G", 2/1 arrived at C-2 Bridge and chopped OPCON to 1/4 while Co "D" chopped OPCON to 2/1 at the same time.

09 March At 0920H, Co "F" departed C-2 enroute to A-4. The move was completed at 1300H.

At 1500H, Co 1/4 and Command Group arrived at A-4 and assumed OPCON of that position while 2/1 assumed OPCON of C-2. Co "A" chopped OPCON to 2/1 and Co "H", 2/1 at Yankee Station and Co "F", 2/1 chopped OPCON to 1/4.

At 2130H, OR#2 spotted 4 NVA at YD 120731 and 2 more NVA at YD 130710 with PPG-5 radar unit. Called 81mm mission of 20 mls on each sighting with excellent coverage of target. Results unknown.

At 2000H, "W", 2/12 personnel accidentally struck primer on 4.2 rd in ammo bunker which started a fire igniting exposed increments. Four "W" personnel received burns as a result of fire. Four NBC (evac) completed at 100020H.

10 March At 0930H, Co "A", 1/4 and Co "F", 2/1 chopped OPCON back to respective parent units. Co "A" arrived at A-4 at 1500H and Co "F" departed A-4 enroute to C-2 at that time.

At 1230H, Co "H" patrol at YD 143697 spotted two muzzle flashes at YD 14636779 during the time that Dong Ha was receiving incoming. Called arty mission of 12 rds on enemy position. Incoming at Dong Ha ceased.

At 1510H, OR#1 spotted active arty site at YD 066789. Fired tanks and called arty mission on enemy position with good target coverage.

11 March At 2000H, Co "D" LP through starlight scope spotted 4 NVA approx 150 meters to their front at YD 110705. LP took NVA under fire with S/A. Results unknown.

13 March At 1800H, OR#2 at A-4, observed active enemy arty position at the same time Dong Ha was receiving incoming. But due to maximum range, could not give adequate coverage. Priority TPQ's were requested.

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16 March At 1130H, Co "A" OP at YD 124696 observed a small explosion from suspected surprise explosive device 8 meters to east. No shrapnel effect was observed. OP checked the area for other explosive devices with negative results. Moved to new position at YD 124694.

At 1600H, OP#1 spotted active arty position at YD 068753. Called 155mm arty mission with excellent target coverage. Also requested TTO and TOT.

At 1735H, OP#1 spotted active arty position at YD 06597493. Called 155mm arty mission and fired 90mm tanks with excellent target coverage.

17 March At 1115H, OP#2 at A-4, while firing 4.2mc mission on a trench-line at YD 121711, observed 1 secondary explosion. H&I fire plotted on same target.

18 March At 0930H, Co "H" road sweep at YD 132682 found 3 enemy bodies buried on west side of Route #561. Only feet were visible and bodies appeared to have been buried approx one week ago. Also found bandoleer of 5.56 ammo, 2 U.S. type gas masks, U.S. field jacket and U.S. type poncho with blood on it. Road sweep continued mission.

19 March At 0600H, Co "B" and Alpha Command Group departed A-4 and Co "L", 3/3 chopped OPCON to 1/4 and departed A-3 in accordance with 1/4 Op Order 3-68. (See Tab)

From 0845H to 0940H, A-4 received 18 rds of estimated 130-152mm arty from 5700mills. Rds impacted inside minefield to the NE of perimeter. Remaining rds impacted inside perimeter at various locations. No casualties sustained and only minor damage to wire communications and counter mortar Dye-marker bunker resulted. Counter battery arty returned on grids 06417495, 071721, 067754, 09197612, 087784, 083579537 and 063762.

From 1100H to 1130H, A-4 received 8 rds of estimated 130-152mm arty from 5700 mills. All rds impacted inside perimeter with negative casualties or damage. Continued to fire counter battery arty mission on grids 068754, 058761, 064761, 073740, 083772 and 10347409.

At 1155H, troops on western perimeter of Co "H", 2/1 at Yankee Station, observed 1 NVA moving west at YD 104695. Fired 60mm mortar mission. Good target coverage. Continued to observe area.

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20 March

At 0958H, received 2 reports of an air explosion in a 335 degree direction from troops on perimeter. Immediately after the explosion, observed what appeared to be a man in a white parachute in area of explosion. Contacted AO in the area and requested area check. Negative results.

At 1200H, Co "B" OP at YD 158702 observed 2 NVA with bush covers at YD 158700. NVA were wearing green utilities and heavy packs. NVA had apparently been sleeping behind bomb crater approx 100 meters south of OP. One was moving to the north and the other stood up behind the crater. The OP took the NVA under fire, stopping one as they fled SE. While firing, OP observed 4-5 more NVA similarly attired at YD 158695. This group of NVA was also running SE. Called in air strikes and arty mission on possible escape routes. Patrol checked the area and found drag marks.

21 March

At 0910H, received frag order #15(KENTUCKY) from 9th Mar Courier,

At 0920H, elements of Co "L", 3/3 at YD 165697 observed 1 NVA approaching from south with weapon (AK-43) held over head. Co "L" took POW and observed 4-5 other NVA in vicinity of YD 165695 fleeing to SE. Took NVA under fire with S/A- and called arty mission. Co "L" checked area of contact and found bag of AK-47 ammo and bag containing demo.

At 1300H, Co "L", 3/3 chopped OPCON from 1/4 to 3/3.

At 1600H, lead elements of Alpha Command Group and Co "B" returned to A-4.

22 March

At 0730H, Co "H", 2/1 chopped OPCON from 1/4 to 2/1. Co "B" assumed defense of Yankee Station.

At 1200H, Co "C", 1/4 chopped OPCON from 3/3 to 1/4 and assumed responsibility for defense of C-2 Bridge.

23 March

At 0130H, OP#2 reported seeing lights of what appeared to be 3-10 truck convoy at YD 173629. At the same time, Det "G", 2nd Arty Agst Btry, 26th Arty (CAR/Sound) heard vehicular movement emanating from same location. Fired 175mm mission on enemy movement with good coverage of target. Movement ceased and large secondary explosion was observed. NGF mission also requested.

24 March

At 0900H, OP#2 spotted 6 NVA carrying what appeared to be a recoilless rifle, at YD 116732. Fired 8 rds 90mm with excellent target coverage. Debrief of FO and tank crew observing mission revealed that NVA and recoilless rifle were located on tank registration point. All personnel observing mission witnessed direct hit on RR and enemy troops. AO observed

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bunker complex near target. Scheduled TOT and TPQ on bunker complex. Tank fire mission resulted in 3 enemy KIA (C).

At 1000H, 3d Plat, Co "J", 3/1 chopped OPCON to 1/4 at C-2 Bridge.

At 1910H, OP#1 spotted lights and large amount of dust at YD 146787. Fired tank and arty mission with good coverage of target. Lost sight of lights, results unknown. TPQ requested. Tanks continued to fire and two large secondary explosions were observed.

At 2200H, OP#2 spotted lights at YD 106743. Lights appeared to be convoy moving in SE direction. Fired tanks and arty mission and TPQ. Had excellent coverage. Lights extinguished.

At 2200H, OP#2 spotted lights of what appeared to be a convoy moving in a SE direction. Fired arty mission with excellent coverage and observed one secondary explosion. On next fire for effect OP#2 observed series of three secondary explosions.

At 2205H, OP#1 spotted lights flash at YD 113731. Appeared to be enemy movement. Lights were extinguished. Fired arty mission with good target coverage. Results unknown.

At 2250H, OP#1 spotted light moving east to west direction at YD 113750. Fired arty mission with excellent coverage. Lights extinguished.

25 March

At 0005H, OP#2 observed lights at YD 15048417 which appeared to be a convoy moving in a SE direction. Fired arty mission and dropped TPQ. After TPQ, no further lights were observed at this coordinate. Shortly thereafter, they reappeared approx 800 meters west of initial coordinate. Adjusted fire mission on new target with good coverage.

At 1000H, while Co "D" killer team was setting in night position at YD 147703, spotted one well camouflaged NVA with heavy pack. S/A fire was exchanged and killer team called in arty mission. While firing mission, Killer Team heard several voices shouting at each other. Killer Team was directed to return to perimeter.

26 March

At 0935H, Co "C" squad patrol at YD 148678 observed 5 NVA at YD 153674, moving in treeline. Called in arty mission with good coverage.

At 1805H, OP#2 observed 35-50 NVA in open at YD 119728. Fired tanks and Ontos, called fire mission of 4.2 mortars and 105mm arty, and also called arty firecracker mission. All fires were

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on target with excellent coverage. Requested AO to check area. AO observed one crew served weapon believed to be a rocket launcher destroyed and two NVA bodies. Also observed several old bunkers and trench line. Fired 105mm mission on suspected escape routes. Eye witnesses reported numerous NVA fall with rds impacting all around them. Ten confirmed enemy KIA's resulted from the fire mission.

1900H, A-4 received 4 rds incoming from RR. Rds believed to have come from YD 108711. Fired arty mission and incoming ceased.

27 March At 0900H, O#2 observed 10 NVA in open at YD 11967325 and 3 NVA in treeline at YD 133717. Fired 4.2 mortar and arty mission on both coordinates. Witnesses saw 7 NVA fall at first coordinate and results unknown at second. Requested TPG on first target. After TPG was run, an AO on station observed two confirmed NVA KIA and trenchline and bunker complex destroyed.

At 1845H, O#2 observed approx 20 NVA in open at YD 119732. Called in 4.2 mortar and 105mm mission. Fired tanks and mortos. First rds impacted on 3 NVA. All fires on target with excellent coverage. Three confirmed enemy KIA.

28 March At 0945H, O#2 observed 17 NVA in open at YD 11967325. Fired 8 rds of 105, 20 rds 4.2 HE and 1 rd WP and 4 155mm rds. Fired tanks and ran air strikes with good target coverage. Results unknown.

At 1305H, O#2 observed 4 NVA in open at YD 120733. Fired 4.2 mortar mission. Good coverage, results unknown.

29 March At 0720H, O#2 observed 7 NVA at YD 120733. Fired 105mm and 4.2 mission with good coverage.

At 1145H, O#2 observed 12 NVA in open at YD 120733. Fired 81mm and 4.2 mortar mission with excellent coverage.

At 2100H, Co "C" at C-2 noted movement through IPS-5 1200 meters to north of C-2 Bridge at YD 120631. Fired 81mm mission with unknown results.

March 30 At 1027H, A-4 received 11 rds estimated 85-100mm arty from 6400 mills. All rds impacted inside perimeter. Called counter battery mission. AO checked area. Incoming resulted in 2 WIA (one med evao, one minor).

At 1705H, O#2 spotted 6 NVA in open at YD 124732. Fired 4.2 mission with good coverage. AO checking area spotted one apparent NVA WIA in open. AO called mission on NVA with excellent coverage, results unknown.

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At 1815H, OD#2 spotted active arty at YD 215023. Called in general support arty. A0 arrived on station.

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3. Training.

a. The Battalion's training program continued throughout March in accordance with the Battalion's training SOP. Upon arrival at A-4, individual classes were administered at company level rather than on Battalion level as had been the practice at C-2. Classes emphasized subjects needed to meet tactical requirements.

Classes were conducted on the following subjects:

Marksmanship	FO Procedures
M-16 Care and Cleaning	Demolitions
Map and Compass Reading	Weapons Safety
Radio Procedure	M-60 Machinegun
Ambush Techniques	.50 Cal Machinegun
First Aid/Buddy Aid	Fire Discipline and Distribution
FAM and Field Firing of the LAAW	

b. All replacement personnel received an indoctrination briefing from the Commanding Officer, each executive and special staff section head and each company commander in accordance with the Battalion SOP for replacement training. Each replacement was afforded an opportunity to FAM fire his TO weapon.

4. Casualties inflicted on the enemy.

NVA/KIA (Conf)	30
NVA/POW	2 (Co "L", 3/3 while OPCON to 1/4)

5. Friendly casualties sustained.

KIA	1
WIA	17
Non-Hostile Death	0
DOW	1
NBC	10
MIA	0

6. Equipment.

a. Major end items previously evacuated to higher echelon that have not been returned.

(1) Motor Transport

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(2) Communications

1 receiver transmitter	RT-505
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3 radar sets	PPS-6
1 telephone	TA-11
1 radio set	AN/MRC-83
1 radio set	AN/MRC-87

b. Battle losses not replaced(1) Communications

7 radio sets	AN/PRC-25
5 receiver transmitters	RT-505

7. Logistics. During the period 1 March to 8 March, the logistic posture remained the same. On 9 March, the Battalion logistics section moved to A-4. Supplies were maintained and issued at A-4 to the Battalion elements located there and at Yankee Station. On 22 March, the Battalion also assumed the logistic responsibilities for the C-2 Bridge.

a. Supply.

(1) Class I. 15 days of MCI's were maintained at C-2. A 15 day stockage objective has been established at A-4, but at present, only about 5 days are maintained. When the Battalion left C-2 for A-4 on 9 March, the mess section returned to Dong Ha. The messhall was re-established at the C-2 Bridge on 29 March. The first "A" rations from this new position arrived at A-4 on 30 March. One hot meal will be served every other day at A-4 and Yankee Station and 2 meals daily at C-2 Bridge.

(2) Class II. Battalion supply remained at Dong Ha with FLSG-B as the source of supply.

(3) Class III. 15 days of Class III was maintained at C-2. Stockage objective is 15 days at A-4. However, only about 3 days are currently maintained.

(4) Class IV. Class IV was adequate at C-2. At A-4 however, there has been a shortage of 8 foot engineer stakes. None of these stakes have been received while at this position. Other items have been adequate.

(5) Class V. A 15 day stockage objective was maintained at C-2 and at A-4. There is a shortage of the following items:

<u>DODAC</u>	<u>ITEM</u>
L312	Signal, White Star Parachute
K143	Mine, AP, (Cleymore)

b. Transportation.

(1) Organic. Only 5 of the Battalion's Mighty Mites (M422A1) were

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operationally ready during this period. These vehicles were utilized for administrative runs to Dong Ha as well as local runs at A-4, Yankee Station and C-2 Bridge. Two M37 trucks (PC's) were operationally ready during this period.

(2) Support. The 9th Motor Transport Battalion provided 3 trucks on a daily basis during this period for household runs, i.e. water and trash, etc. On several occasions, these trucks had to be utilized to resupply the A-4 position from Dong Ha.

c. Engineer Support. Engineer support teams provided the Battalion with demolition capabilities. One TD-18 tractor is at A-4 on a permanent basis; however, the TD-18 was operational for only one day during March due to maintenance problems. A replacement TD-18 has been requested.

8. Civil Affairs.

There were no civil affairs activities conducted during this reporting period.

9. Psychological Warfare.

All psychological warfare operations were conducted by higher echelon.

10. Personnel and Administration.

a. General. During the reporting period, the administrative section was located at Dong Ha. At the close of the reporting period, each rifle company was averaging 14 men below manning level and 14 men in a non-effective status. This Battalion is presently 5 officers below M/L in the 0302 MOS and still has a critical shortage in the 0402 MOS.

b. Personnel Losses and Gains.

LOSSES	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
Battle	0	2	0	0
Non-Battle	0	0	0	0
Administrative	4	40	0	5
TOTAL	4	42	0	5
GAINS	2	30	0	4

c. Awards. Although no awards were presented during the reporting period, the following recommended awards were processed and forwarded through the chain of command recommending approval:

Silver Star	1
Bronze Star	6
Navy Commendation Medal	3

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d. Discipline. The number of disciplinary cases acted upon or pending action are as follows:

Courts-Martials

Special Court: Completed - 4

Special Court: Pending - 8

Non-Judicial Punishments

Battalion Commander - 7

Company Commander - 16

e. Morale. Morale continued to be high. Out-of-country R&R quotas utilized for the month were: Hawaii - 2; Bangkok - 15; Hong Kong - 14; Taipei - 11; Sydney - 9; Tokyo - 6; Okinawa - 3; Kuala Lumpur - 3; Singapore - 3; Penang - 1. The China Beach R&R facilities are still closed. Four additional R&R quotas were authorized for personnel who were responsible for the capture of NVA/VC POW's. Hot meals were served whenever the tactical situation was such that the serving of same would not interfere with commitments. The mail continued to be delivered to all elements of the Battalion on almost a daily basis. A representative of the Division Post Office was available at all forward elements to sell postal money orders to those who desired them. During the month, 10 Lance Corporals were promoted to Corporal and 26 Privates First Class were promoted to Lance Corporal. The service record books of the Privates were screened twice this month and those eligible were promoted either on the first or the sixteenth of the month. Two requests for hardship discharge were acted upon. One was approved and one was disapproved.

f. Savings Bonds. The Battalion placed second within the Division for percentage of Savings Bond participation. At present the battalion's percentage stands at 94%.

g. Extension of Overseas Tours. Four personnel voluntarily extended their overseas tour for a period of six months.

h. Education.

During March, Marine Corps Institute and United States Armed Forces Institute courses were given added emphasis.

Arrangements and scheduling for 207 personnel for the General Education Development Test was initiated during the last of March.

The screening and selection of Marines for the United States Navy Preparatory School was conducted late in the month.

11. Intelligence.

a. Enemy.

(1) The enemy continued his attempt to use trails in the Battalion's

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AOR as infiltration routes from North Vietnam. The majority of contacts made were with small NVA units infiltrating to the south. On 2 March, a Killer Team from Company "D" killed a 10 man medical unit from the 48th Regiment, 320th NVA Division. This contact not only confirmed this units presence, but deprive the NVA of a large supply of badly needed medical supplies. Throughout the month, there were many sightings of small groups, both to the east and west of Route #561. Between 26 March and 29 March there were numerous sightings of NVA north of A-4. It is believed that these groups were infiltrating along a route that crosses the trace between A-4 and A-3.

(2) A significant decrease was noted in the amount of enemy supporting arms fire brought to bear upon C-2/C-2 Bridge from 1-8 March and upon A-4 from 9-31 March. This decrease in incoming was felt to be significant in that it indicates the possibility that the NVA may be low on ammunition or may have decided that A-4, because of its lack of supporting arms, presents little threat to their actions. However, on 19 March, A-4 received 26 rounds of heavy artillery (152mm) from an estimated seven different positions.

b. Terrain.

(1) Terrain in the operating area is generally open with low rolling hills. The eastern AOR consists of uncultivated rice paddies, hedgerows, heavily vegetated thickets and destroyed hamlets along Route #561. The best concealment in the AOR exists in the eastern area.

(2) From the A-4 position, excellent observation is afforded in all directions, but primarily observation is best to the west and north. Some concealment is available, but air strikes and the concentration of artillery missions have stripped most of the vegetation from the terrain.

c. Weather.

(1) The temperature range has been from the high 60's to the high 80's. Visibility has been generally good with night and early morning haze lifting by late morning. Rainfall for March was 1.82 inches.

d. Enemy Equipment Found or Destroyed.

2 AK-47's
2 SKS's
1 PPS-43
5 bags of medical supplies and equipment
1 bag AK-47 ammo
1 demo bag with demo
1 recoilless rifle
4 bunkers

12. Medical, Dental and Religious.

a. The total number of visits to the Battalion Aid Stations during the month of March was 1,241.

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b. Prevalent medical entities encountered were:

Gonorrhea	9	Tonsilitis	3
Diarrhea	38	Fever of Unknown Origin	1
Malaria	0	Heat Exhaustion	1
Upper Respiratory Infection	9	Heat Stroke	0
Neuro-Psychiatric Disorders	3	Dermatological Conditions	21

c. All suspected and confirmed cases of venereal disease were given a Serological Test for Syphilis in accordance with NAVMED 22-18 and the result entered in the individual's health record.

d. A total of 56 patients were referred to "D" Company, 3d Medical Battalion, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMT. Of those referred, the following were consults:

Dental	30	Laboratory Work	10
Ophthalmology	10	Dermatology	1

Patients in need of further care were referred from the Medical Battalion to the following medical facilities:

NSA, Danang	18	Phu Bai	2
USS Sanctuary	2	22nd Casualty Staging Facility	3

e. Weekly malaria prophylaxis was continued through the use of Chloroquine Primaquine tablets.

f. Sanitation inspections were held weekly in accordance with Article P6000.4D in the Battalion area (Dong Ha and A-4). Sanitary facilities at the present are considered adequate.

g. Three Battalion Aid Stations are presently being maintained. A Forward Battalion Aid Station consisting of a Battalion Surgeon and seven Hospital Corpsmen located at A-4, a secondary Battalion Aid Station consisting of seven Hospital Corpsmen located at A-4 and a Rear Battalion Aid Station consisting of nine Hospital Corpsmen located at Dong Ha. All injuries and maladies encountered were treated by the line company corpsmen and if needed, sent to one of the Battalion Aid Stations for further treatment and evacuation. No serious delays were encountered in resupply or medevac during this period.

h. Catholic Mass was provided for the Battalion on a daily basis.

i. Catholic Mass was provided for 2/1 and 3/4 by the Battalion Chaplain while these battalions occupied C-2 and C-2 Bridge positions.

j. Protestant Divine Services were held by visiting Chaplains on weekdays instead of on Sundays.

k. Twelve men from the Battalion attended the Latter Day Saints' conference held at China Beach R&R, Danang.

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13. Air Support.a. Fixed Wing Support.

(1) No fixed wing A/C were controlled by 1/4 this month. Fourteen air strikes, consisting of 28 sorties, were run by AO's. Only partial bomb damage assessment was received, including 3 KBA, 3 fighting holes, 11 structures, 15 bunkers destroyed and 2 secondary explosions observed.

b. Medevacs.

(1) 4 emergency - 57.5 min average
(2) 6 priority - 54.0 min average
(3) 3 routines - 55.0 min average

c. Air Observers.

(1) AO's were used almost daily, results were dependent on the weather. AO's controlled the only air strikes in the Battalion's AOR.

d. Troop Lift. No troop lifts were conducted.

e. Resupply. On 20 March a helicopter resupply of Class I supplies was requested and completed at YD 158702.

f. TPQ's. 180 requested, 70 were run.g. C&C Flights.

(1) 15 March requested 1 helicopter for 4 passengers for 30 min. Received 1 helicopter for 3 passengers for 20 min.

(2) 17 March requested 2 helicopters for 8 passengers for 20 min. Received 1 helicopter for 4 passengers. Flight took 2 hrs due to engine problems.

(3) 18 March requested and received 1 helicopter for 4 passengers for 30 min.

4. Fire Support.

a. During the first week of March, the Battalion's FO teams manned the observation towers at C-2 and C-2 Bridge. On 9 March, the FO teams completed the take over of the three observation posts at A-4. On 23 March, an FO team took over the observation tower at C-2 Bridge. Troops from the rifle companies continued to assist in standing the tower watch.

b. A new defensive fire support plan was initiated when the Battalion assumed the defense of A-4, Yankee Station and C-2 Bridge.

c. A number of fires were brought to bear on counter battery, intelligence targets, observed enemy movement and suspected enemy positions. The following

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missions were fired in support of the Battalion during the reporting period.

H&I's	1433
Observed Fires	315
Unobserved	4
Counter Btry/Mortar	6
Illumination	1

d. The FO teams had a total of 13 confirmed kills and 11 secondary explosions on missions fired during the reporting period.

15. Communication

a. Message Center. The message center provided classified/non-classified message handling and Sjackle Authentication and Brevity Codes for the Battalion and all OPCON units.

b. Radio. The radio section supplied the Battalion and attached/OPCON units with radio batteries and spare radio equipment as required.

c. Covered Circuit. The KY-8 Circuit performed satisfactorily. At the end of the month two KY-8's were operable. One KY-8 is in for maintenance. Down time was generally due to generator power failure.

d. Wire. Wire/telephone service continued to improve as new lines were installed and old lines were replaced.

e. Maintenance. The maintenance section concentrated on maintaining electrical power throughout A-4. Shortage of electric wiring has prevented the installation of electric service to all areas of A-4.

f. Radio Relay. The radio relay unit encountered some difficulties at various times during the month. Down time was generally caused by generator failure at one end of the shot or the other.

g. Critical Shortage. A shortage still exists in (AN/PRC-25) spare module replacements. The most critical module shortage is module (A-10).

h. Equipment Repaired. During the month of March, the following equipment was repaired locally:

AMOUNT	ITEM
17	RT-505 receiver/transmitters
4	H-138 handset
2	H-33 handset
3	H-189 handset
7	LS-166 speaker
11	TA-1 telephone
6	EE8/TA-312 telephone
1	TS-10 speaker
2	AN/PPS-5 radar set
2	tele/line packs
1	AN/PRC-41

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0001	1			Journal opened.	S-3	
0730	2			All night activities have returned to perimeter.	S-3, M	
0800	3			1st Lt. Drennan assumed duties as COO Watch Officer for period 020800 to 030800.	S-3	
0815	4			All combat patrols have departed perimeter and are currently conducting assigned missions. Co. "D" will provide company reaction force and Co. "A" will provide sparrow hawk.	S-3, M	
1030	5			Co. "D" killer team point moving east observed one NVA approx 20 meters away in fighting hole. Point killed NVA and killer team leader directed an assault on enemy position. Meanwhile FO called arty fires to seal off enemy escape routes, killer team assaulted through NVA position 10-30 meters to their front. Total of 10 NVA were in the area and all were killed. Sniper team accounted for two of the 10 who were attempting to flee. Large amount of medicines, medical equipment and medical records captured indicate that the 10 NVA were medical personnel. Killer team also captured 2 SKS rifles and 2 AK-47's. Killer team withdrew to perimeter under cover of arty fire.	9th Mar, S-3, S-2	
1410	6			C-2 position received 4 rds. enemy arty estimated 100mm from 5800 mills. Rds. impacted 200 meters Northeast of perimeter beyond the minefield. Fired counter arty fire of 30 rds. 105mm on suspected enemy position. Reaction time was five minutes.	9th Mar, S-3, M	
1630	7			All combat patrols have returned to perimeter.	S-3, M	
1658	8			C-2 received 2 82mm rds and 2 more rds. at 1710 and another rd. 33 minutes later. All rds. impacted in the perimeter and were fired from a direction of 5100 mills. Returned counter mortar fire with reaction time of one minute. Negative casualties.	9th Mar, S-3, M	

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0730		2		All night activities have returned to perimeter.		S-3, N
0800		3		1st Lt Morgan assumed duties as COC Watch Officer for the period covered 040800 to 050800H.		S-3
0840		4		Received (P) 9th Mar 040840H. Message follows: "Be prepared to exchange AO by 10 Mar. Upon exchange Command Group, 2/1 chop "H" Company to 1/4."		S-3
0815		5		All combat patrols have departed perimeter and are currently conducting assigned missions.		S-3, N
1100		6		Between 031800H and 041100H. Co. "B" Killer team, while setting in night ambush at YD 155664, heard NVA voices and sounds of chopping and digging several hundred meters to their north. Throughout the night of 3-4 March, sounds of talking, shouting and laughing were heard. Killer Team leader est. approx. 1 NVA company in the immediate vicinity. At 040900, while moving NE to new ambush position, the Killer Team entered a bunker complex at YD 158663. At this point the terrain was covered with extremely thick undergrowth and the bunkers covered the trail network. The bunkers were freshly dug and approx. 5 feet deep with a hollowed-out underground sleeping compartment. Each bunker appeared to be capable of accomodating approx. 5 men. Overhead cover was provided by 4 layers of saplings and a layer of dirt. As the team continued to move NE, the number of bunkers increased and voices and movement could be heard to their front. The team commenced movement to the SW to enable AO on station to direct arty fire on bunker complex. At 041030 at YD 157660, another bunker complex was found. This appeared to be a recently constructed Battalion size CP area with a bathing point and numerous living bunkers. Several "stand-up" latrines were also observed.	9th Mar, S-3, M	

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-0730		2		All night activities have returned to perimeter.	S-3,M	
0800		3		1st Lt Campbell assumed duties as COG Watch Officer for period 060800 to 070800.	S-3	
0815		4		All combat patrols have departed perimeter and are currently conducting assigned missions.	S-3,M	
1400		5		At approx. 1000H, Co A Killer Team in vicinity of YD 108645 observed patrol consisting of 6-8 well camouflaged NVA at YD 105642. NVA were observed moving to NE and then turning west. Team was unable to call arty mission prior to NVA moving out of sight. At approx. 1200H, team observed one NVA at YD 100643. Called arty mission and moved toward area to check out. Upon arrival at YD 102642 last man in team observed and killed one NVA moving toward them from the rear. Team received A/W and S/A fire from west, north and south from estimated 2 NVA platoons. Team returned fire killing 3 NVA and began withdrawal back to vicinity YD 108645 where teams packs were staged. In route to the staging area, the team leader was hit in the leg by S/M fire. The FO called arty and 81mm mortar fire. Arty silenced one A/W position. While attempting to move from vicinity YD 108645, team received intense S/A fire from the south and S/A and ChiCom grenades from the north. Team returned heavy volume of S/A, A/W, M-79's and M-26 grenades, then broke contact under cover of arty. Co. "B" reaction force linked up with Killer Team at 1500H. Assistant Team Leader reported that all NVA observed were heavily camouflaged with foliage. Killer Team suffered 1 friendly WIA (evac) and 1 NBC (non-evac).	9th Mar, S-3,M	
1532		6		From 1526 to 1532 C-2 position received 4-6 rds. 130mm arty and 140mm rockets from a direction of 4800 mils. One 140mm rocket impacted in center of C-2 position. Other	9th Mar, S-3,M	

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0730	2			All night activities have returned to perimeter.	S-3, M	
0800	3			Co. "D" departed C-2 Bridge enroute to A-4. 9th Mar, S-3		
0800	4			1st Lt. Zuniga assumed duties as COC Watch Officer for period 080800 to 090800.		S-3
0815	5			All combat patrols have departed perimeter and are currently conducting assigned missions.	S-3, M	
0930	6			Forward elements of Co. "D" arrived A-4.	S-3, 9th Mar	
1500	7			Co. "G" 2/1 arrived at C-2 Bridge.	9th Mar, S-3	
1530	8			Co. "G" 2/1 chopped OPCON to 1/4.	9th Mar, S-3	
1530	9			Co. "D" 1/4 chopped OPCON to 2/1.	9th Mar, S-3	
1630	10			All combat patrols have returned to perimeter.	S-3, M	
1930	11			All night activities are in position.	S-3, M	
2400	12			Journal closed.		S-3

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0730		2		All night activities have returned to perimeter.		S-3, M
0800		3		1st Lt Olsen assumed duties as COC Watch Officer for the period 090800H to 100800H.		S-3
0815		4		All combat patrols have departed perimeter and are currently conducting assigned missions.		S-3, M
0920		5		Co. B departed C-2 enroute to A-4.		S-3, 9th Mar.
1330		6		Co. B completed move to A-4.		S-3, 9th Mar.
1400		7		Co. B 2/1 arrived C-2 position.		S-3, 9th Mar.
1500		8		Co. C of 1/4 and command group arrived A-4. 1/4 assumed Opcn of A-4 and 2/1 assumed Opcn of C-2 and C-2 Bridge.		S-3 9th Mar, M
1500		9		Co. H and Co. F 2/1 chopped Opcn to 1/4.		S-3, 9th Mar,
1500		10		Co. A 1/4 chopped Opcn to 2/1 and 1 Platoon Co. B 1/4 chopped Opcn to Co. H located at Yankee Station.		S-3, 9th Mar.
1630		11		All combat patrols have returned to perimeter.		S-3, M
1930		12		All night activities are in position.		S-3, M
2130		13		OP-2 spotted 4 NVA at YD 128731 and 2 more NVA at YD 130710 by use of PLS-5 radar unit. Called 81mm mission of 20 rds. on each sighting with excellent coverage of target. Results unknown.		9th Mar, S-3, M
2300		14		"W", 2/12 personnel accidentally struck primary on 4.2 round in ammo bunker which started a fire igniting exposed increments. Four "W" personnel received burns as a result of the fire. 3 (E) and 1 (P) medevacs completed at 100020H.		9th Mar, S-3, 2/12
2400		15		Journal closed.		S-3

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0800		3		1st Lt. Morgan assumed duties as COC Watch Officer for period 100800 to 110800.	S-3
0815		4		All combat patrols have departed perimeter are conducting assigned missions.	S-3, M
0930		5		Co. "A" chopped OPCON from 2/1 back to 1/4 and Co. "F" chopped OPCON from 1/4 back to 2/1.	9th Mar, S-3
1230		6		Co. "H" patrol at YD 143697 spotted two muzzle flashes at YD 14636779 during the time Dong Ha was receiving incoming. Called arty mission of 12 rds. of enemy position. Incoming on Dong Ha ceased.	9th Mar, S-3, M
1500		7		Co. "A" arrived A-4 and chopped OPCON to 1/4. Co. "F" departed A-4 enroute to C-2 and chopped OPCON to 2/1.	9th Mar, S-3
1510		8		OP #1 spotted active arty site at YD 066789. Fired tanks and called arty mission on enemy position with good coverage of target.	9th Mar, S-3, M
1630		9		All combat patrols have returned to perimeter. S-3, M	
1930		10		All night activities are in position.	S-3, M
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0001		1		Journal opened.	S-3
0745		2		All night activities have returned to perimeter.	S-3,M
0800		3		1st Lt Morgan assumed duties as COC Watch Officer for period covered 160800 to 170800.	S-3
0815		4		All combat patrols have departed perimeter and currently are conducting assigned mission.	S-3,M
1130		5		Co. "A" OP at YD 124696 observed a small explosion from suspected surprise explosive device 8 meters to east. No shrapnel effect was observed. OP checked area for other explosive devices with neg. results and moved to new position at YD 124694.	9th Mar,S-3, S-2
1210		6		Co. "H" Killer Team found 2 bunkers approx. 4' deep. Bunkers were large enough for 1-2 men and appeared to be approx. one month old. Unit keeping bunkers under surveillance until they depart area and will destroy them at that time.	9th Mar,S-3, S-2
1600		7		OP #1 spotted active arty position at YD 068753. Called in 155 arty mission with excellent coverage of target. Also made request for TPQ and TOT on position.	9th Mar,S-3, M
1630		8		All combat patrols have returned to perimeter.	S-3,M
1735		9		OP #1 spotted active arty position at YD 06597493. Called in 155mm arty mission and fired 90mm tank with excellent coverage of target.	9th Mar,S-3, M
1930		10		All night activities are in position.	S-3,M
2400		11		Journal closed.	

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0001		1		Journal opened.	S-3	
0730		2		All night activities have returned to perimeter.	S-3, M	
0800		3		1st Lt Campbell assumed duties as 100 Watch Officer for period 180800 to 190800.	S-3	
0805		4		All combat patrols have departed perimeter and are conducting assigned missions.	S-3, M	
0930		5		Co. "H" road sweep at YD 132628 found 3 enemy bodies buried on west side of Rt 561. Only feet were visible and the bodies appeared to have been buried approx. 1 week ago. Also found bandoleer of 5.56 ammo, 2 U.S. Type gas masks, U.S. field jacket and a U.S. type poncho with blood on it. Road sweep continued mission.	9th Mar, S-3, S-2	
1000		6		Debrief of Co. "H" 2/1 Killer Team revealed that a tunnel was found at YD 098687. Co. "A" dispatched one platoon to above coordinate. Search of area revealed that the reported tunnel was partially covered trenchline connecting two bunkers. Bunkers and trenchline were destroyed with C-4.	9th Mar, S-3, S-2	
1130		7		Col. Smith, CO 9th Marines arrived at A-4 and S-3 at 1300, he departed.		
1630		8		All combat patrols have returned to perimeter.	S-3, M	
1930		9		All night activities are in position.	S-3, M	
2400		10		Journal closed.	S-3	

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IN	OUT				
0001	1		Journal opened.		S-3
0600	2		All night activities have returned to perimeter.		S-3,M
0600	3		Co. "I", 3/4 chopped OPCON to 1/4.		S-3
0600	4		Co. "B", Co. "L" and Alpha Command Group departed A-3 and A-4 to conduct operation in accordance with 1/4 Op Order 3-68.		S-3
0800	5		Capt. Thompson assumed duties as COC Watch Officer for period 190800 to 200800.		S-3
0805	6		Road sweep and OP's departed perimeter to assigned mission.		S-3,M
0845	7		From 0845 to 0940, A-4 received 18 rds. of estimated 130-152mm arty from 5700 mills. Rds. impacted inside minefield to the NE of perimeter. Remaining rds. impacted inside perimeter at various locations. No casualties sustained and only minor damage to wire communications and counter mortar dyemarker bunker resulted. Counter art battery returned fire on grids 06417495, 071721, 067754, 09197612, 087784, 08357957 and 063762.		9th Mar, S-3, S-2
0900	8		At YD 148698, 1/4 sweep found one bunker 6' long, 4' wide, 4' deep. Bunker was capable of holding 5 persons. Bunker has 2 layers of bamboo covered with dirt and appeared to be 1-2 months old. Bunkers were destroyed and continued on mission.		9th Mar, S-3, S-2
1100	9		From 1100 to 1130, A-4 received 8 rds. of estimated 130-152mm arty from 5700 mills. All rds. impacted inside perimeter with neg. casualties or damage. Continued to fire counter arty mission on 068754, 058761, 064761, 073748, 083772 and 10347409.		9th Mar, S-3, S-2
1155	10		Troops on western perimeter of Co. "H", 2/1 at Yankees Station observed one NVA moving west at 104695. Fired 60mm mission. Good coverage of target, continued to observe area.		S-3

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IN	OUT				<small>M—Maps S—Staff</small> <small>T—Troops E—File</small>
0001	1			Journal opened.	S-3
0730	2			All night activities have returned to perimeter.	S-3, M
0800	3			1st Lt. Campbell assumed duties as COC Watch Officer for period 200800 to 210800.	S-3
0805	4			Road sweep and OP's have departed perimeter to conduct assigned missions.	S-3, M
0958	5			Received 2 reports of an air explosion in a 335 degree direction, from troops on perimeter. Immediately after the explosion, observed what appeared to be a man in a white parachute descending in area where explosion was observed. Contacted AO in the area and requested him to check the area. Neg. results at this time.	9th Mar, S-3, S-2
1200	6			Co. "B" OP at YD 158702 observed two NVA with bush covers at YD 158700. NVA were wearing green utilities and heavy packs. NVA had apparently been sleeping behind bomb crater approx. 100 meters south of OP. One was moving to the north and the other stood up behind the crater. The OP took the NVA under fire, dropping one as they fled SE. While firing, OP observed 4-5 more NVA similarly attired at YD 158695. This group of NVA were also running SE. Called in air strikes and arty mission on possible escape routes. Patrol sent out to check out area, found drag marks.	9th Mar, S-3, S-2
1630	7			All combat patrols have returned to perimeter.	S-3, M
1930	8			All night activities are in position.	S-3, M
2400	9			Journal closed.	S-3

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0001		1		Journal opened.		S-3	
0730		2		All night activities have returned to perimeter.	S-3, M		
0730		3		Co. "B" found 3 bunkers covered with bamboo and dirt at YD 158703. Each bunker could accomodate 3-4 people. Bunkers were not recently used. Bunkers were destroyed and "B" continued mission.	9th Mar, S-3, S-2		
0800		4		Capt. Thompson assumed duties as COC Watch Officer for the period 210800 to 220800.	S-3		
0810		5		All combat patrols have departed perimeter and are conducting assigned mission.	S-3, M		
0910		6		Received Frag Order #15-Kentucky from 9th Marines Courier.	S-3, S-2		
0920		7		Elements of Co. "L", 3/4 at YD 165697 observed 1 NVA approaching from south with weapon (PPS-43) held above head. Co. "L", 3/4 took POW and observed 4-5 other NVA in vicinity of YD 165695 fleeing to SE. Took NVA under fire with S/A and called fire mission. Co. "L", checked area of contact and found bag of AK-47 ammo and bag with demo.	9th Mar, S-3, S-2		
1300		8		Co. "L", 3/4 chopped OPCON from 1/4 to 3/4.	S-3		
1600		9		Lead elements of Alpha Command Group and Co. "B" returned to A-4.	S-3		
1630		10		All combat patrols have returned to perimeter.	S-3, M		
1930		11		All night activities are in position.	S-3, M		
2210		12		OP 2 reported seeing a light at YD 121711. At same time, PPS-5 reported movement at same coordinate. Fired 4.2 mission on enemy movement with good coverage of target. Movement ceased, results unknown.			
2400		13		Journal ceased.	S-3		

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0730	2			All night activities have returned to perimeter.	S-3
0730	3			"H", 2/1 chopped OPCON from 1/4 to 2/1. Co. "B" assumed defense of Yankee Station.	S-3
0800	4			Gy/Sgt Chambers assumed duties as COC Watch Officer for period covered 220800 to 230800.	S-3
0810	5			All combat patrols have departed perimeter and are conducting assigned mission.	S-3,M
1200	6			Co. "G", 1/4 chopped OPCON from 3/3 to 1/4 and assumed responsibility for defense of C-2 Bridge.	S-3
1630	7			All combat patrols have returned to perimeter.	S-3
1930	8			All night activities are in position.	S-3,M
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IN	OUT				M—Maps S—Staff	T—Troops F—File
0001	1			Journal opened.		S-3
0130	2			OP2 reported seeing lights of what appeared to be 3-10 truck convoy at YD 173829. At the same time, Charlie sound heard vehicular movement emanating from same location. Fired 175mm mission on enemy movement with good coverage of target. Movement ceased and large secondary explosion was observed. NGF mission and TFQ also called.	9th Mar, S-3, S-2	
0730	3			All night activities have returned to perimeter.	S-3, M	
0800	4			Capt. Hutto ball assumed duties as COC Watch Officer for period 230800 to 240800.	S-3	
0810	5			All combat patrols have departed perimeter and are conducting assigned missions.	S-3, M	
1452	6			Co. "D" squad OP/ambush at YD 100690 rec'd 4 rds. est. 105mm from southerly direction. Incoming resulted in 2 WIA (minor). At time of incident, arty mission was being fired at YD 0947068740, an active enemy mortar position. OP was directed to return to perimeter.	9th Mar, S-3, S-2	
1630	7			All combat patrols have returned to perimeter.	S-3, M	
1930	8			All night activities are in position.	S-3, M	
2400	9			Journal closed.	S-3	

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0001	1			Journal opened.	S-3
0730	2			All night activities have returned to perimeter.	S-3,M
0800	3			1st Lt. Zuntag assumed duties as COC Watch Officer for the period 240800 to 250800.	S-3
0805	4			All combat patrols have departed perimeter and are conducting assigned mission.	S-3,M
0900	5			OP2 spotted 6 NVA carrying what appeared to be a recoilless rifle, at YD 116732. Fired 8 rds. 90mm with excellent coverage of target. Debrief of FO and tank crew observing mission revealed that NVA and recoilless rifle were located on tank registration point. All personnel observing mission witnessed direct hit on RR and enemy troops. AO observed bunker complex near target. Scheduled TOT and TPQ on bunker complex. Tank fire mission resulted in 3 enemy KIA (C).	9th Mar,S-3, S-2
1000	6			3d Plat, Co. "L", 3/1 chopped OPCON to 1/4 at C-2 Bridge.	S-3
1910	7			OP1 spotted lights and large amount of dust at YD 146787. Fired tank and arty mission with good coverage of target. Lost sight of lights and results unknown. TPQ requested. Tanks continued to fire and 2 large secondary explosions were observed.	9th Mar,S-3, S-2
2100	8			Mag from 3/4 to 9th Mar. Effective 241600H, change OPCON two tanks from 3/4 to 1/4 at C-2 Bridge.	Info
2200	9			OP2 spotted lights at YD 186743. Lights appeared to be coming from a convoy moving in SE direction. Fired tanks and artillery mission and TPQ. Had excellent coverage. Lights extinguished.	9th Mar,S-3, S-2

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0001	1			Journal opened.	S-3
0005	2			OP2 observed lights at YD 15848417 which appeared to be a convoy moving in a SE direction. Fired arty mission and dropped TPQ. After TPQ was dropped, no further lights were observed at this coordinate. Shortly thereafter, they reappeared approx. 800 meters west of initial coordinate. Adjusted fire mission on new sighting with good coverage of target.	9th Mar, S-3, S-2
0730	3			All night activities have returned to perimeter.	S-3, M
0800	4			1st Lt. Morgan assumed duties as COC Watch Officer for period 250800 to 260800.	S-3
0805	5			All combat patrols have departed perimeter and are conducting assigned missions.	S-3, M
1530	6			OP2 spotted active enemy arty at YD 100845 while incoming arty was reported at A-2. Fired 175mm mission with good coverage of target. TPQ's requested.	9th Mar, S-3, S-2
1630	7			All combat patrols have returned to perimeter.	S-3, M
1830	8			While Co. "D" Killer Team was setting up night position, at YD 147703, spotted one well camouflaged NVA with heavy pack and helmet. S/A fire was exchanged and Killer Team called in arty mission. While firing mission, Killer Team heard several voices shouting at each other. Killer team was directed to return to perimeter.	9th Mar, S-3,
1930	9			All night activities are in position.	S-3, M
2400	10			Journal closed.	S-3

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0001		1		Journal opened.		S-3
0730		2		All night activities have returned to perimeter.	S-3, M	
0800		3		Capt. Thompson assumed duties as COC Watch Officer for period 260800 to 270800.		S-3
0805		4		All combat patrols have departed perimeter and are conducting assigned mission.	S-3, M	
0845		5		Co. "A" platoon patrol found one dud 250 lb. and one 105mm rd. at YD 104686. Patrol destroyed both with C-4.	9th Mar, S-3, S-2	
0935		6		Co. "C" squad patrol at YD 148678 observed 5 NVA at YD 153674, moving into treeline. Called in arty mission with good coverage.	9th Mar, S-3, S-2	
1310		7		Co. "A" platoon patrol, at YD 110678, found one 8" dud rd. Destroyed dud with C-4 and continued mission.	9th Mar, S-3, S-2	
1630		8		All combat patrols have returned to perimeter.	S-3, M	
1805		9		Op2 observed 35-50 NVA in the open at YD 119728. Fired tanks, mortars, called fire mission of 4.2 mortars and 105mm. Also fired firecracker mission. All fires were on target with excellent coverage. Requested AO to check area. AO observed 1 crew served weapon destroyed. Believed to be a rocket launcher and 2 NVA bodies. Also observed several old bunkers and trench lines. Fired 105mm mission on suspected escape routes. Eye witness reported observing numerous NVA fall with rds impacting all around them. Ten confirmed enemy KIA's resulted from the fire mission.	9th Mar, S-3, S-2	
1900		10		A-4 received 4 rds. incoming from est. RR. Rds. believed to have come from YD 108711. Fired arty mission, incoming ceased.	9th Mar, S-3, S-2	
1930		11		All night activities are in position.	S-3, M	
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0730	2			All night activities have returned to perimeter.	S-3, M	
0800	3			1st Lt. Olsen assumed duties as COC Watch Officer for period 270800 to 280800.	S-3	
0805	4			All combat patrols departed perimeter and are conducting assigned mission.	S-3, M	
0900	5			OP2 observed 10 NVA in open at YD 11967325 and 3 NVA in treeline at YD 133717. Fired 4.2 and arty mission on both coordinates. Witnesses saw 7 NVA fall at first coordinate and results unknown at second coordinate. Requested TPQ's on first coordinate. After TPQ run, AO on station observed two confirmed NVA KIA's and trenchline and bunker complex destroyed.	9th Mar, S-3 S-2	
1050	6			Col. Dick, G of S of 3rd Mar Div Fwd arrived S03 at A-4 and departed approx. 30 minutes later.		
1630	7			All combat patrols have returned to perimeter.	S-3, M	
1845	9			OP2 observed approx. 20 NVA in open at YD 119732. Called in 4.2 and 105mm mission. Fired tanks and mortos. First rds. impacted on 3 NVA. All fires on target with excellent coverage. Three confirmed NVA KIA to arty.	S-3, 9th Mar, S-2	
1930	10			All night activities are in position.	S-3, M	
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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN	
					M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0001		1		Journal opened.		S-3
0510		2		Co. "C" at C-2 Bridge received one rd. est. 82mm mortar at 0430, one at 0505 and one more rd. at 0510. All three rds. impacted outside the perimeter. Crater analysis will be taken at first light.	9th Mar, S-3, S-2	
0720		3		OP-2 observed 7 NVA 105mm and 4.2mm mission on coordinate YD 120733 with good coverage of target.	9th Mar, S-3, S-2	
0730		4		All night activities have returned to perimeter.	S-3, M	
0800		5		1st Lt. Zuntag assumed duties as COC Watch Officer for the period 290800 to 300800.	S-3	
0810		6		All combat patrols have departed perimeter and are conducting assigned mission.	S-3, M	
1145		7		OP-2 observed 12 NVA in open at YD 120733. Fired 81mm and 4.2mm mission at above coordinates with excellent coverage on target. 4.2 had one secondary explosion. Results unknown.	9th Mar, S-3, S-2	
1145		8		Co "D" squad recon team observed 5-10 NVA wearing green utilities sitting in a group on the edge of treeline. Called arty mission with good target coverage. Results unknown.	9th Mar, S-3, S-2	
1500		9		Received message from 9th Marines on boundary change effecting 9th Marines and 2nd ARVN.		
1630		10		All combat patrols have returned to perimeter.	S-3, M	
1930		11		All night activities are in position.	S-3, M	
2100		12		Co "C", at C-2 Bridge, noted movement through PIS-5 1200 meters to the north of C-2 Bridge at YD 128681. Fired 81mm mission with unknown results.	9th Mar, S-3, S-2	
2400		13		Journal closed.	S-3	

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