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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The battalion continued to participate in Operation KENTUCKY between 1 and 27 May.

The Battalion's normal deployment was with Co's "A" and "D" at A-4, Co "B" at Yankee Station and Co "C" at C-2 Bridge. On 27 May, the Battalion moved into the Operation Lancaster II OA, OPCON to the 4th Marines.

Numerous platoon and squad size combat patrols, ambushes, OP's and security and screening activities were conducted both day and night during May. Several Co and Co (-) size operations were conducted and late in the month the Battalion was able to exploit enemy contacts with up to three companies reinforced each time with tanks from A-4.

On 15 May, Co "A" was chopped to 9th Marines and then to 1st Bn, 26th Marines to participate in an operation west of C-2.

Frequent contacts with the enemy characterized this reporting period. The most significant of these contacts began around noon on 22 May when Co "B" departed Yankee Station aboard tanks east along southern edge of the trace to exploit contact made by 3/3 earlier in the day. Co "B" moved down to the North-South road 2000 meters east of A-4. Co "A" moved to approximately YD 145709 and set up in an East-West posture. The CP group positioned itself at approximately YD 138707. Co "B" commenced the attack east at 1610H. They soon came under heavy a/w fire, RPG's and Chicom grenades from NVA in fortified bunkers at YD 145705. The lead elements were pinned down. Capt. R.E. HARRIS, the Company Commander, was killed. Co "A" began to move down to assist Co "B" and also received heavy fire. Co "A" and the CP group began to receive incoming 82mm mortars. Approximately 35 rds impacted in the Bn position. Early in the evening Co "B" still had 2 squads pinned down but Co "A" was closing to extract them. By 1930H, the contact had been broken and the Battalion elements moved back with their casualties to YD 138707. The Battalion consolidated a defensive position and set in for the night. All casualties were medevaced with the exception of a few KIA's. The Battalion sustained the following casualties and loss of equipment: Co "A" 2 KIA, 7 WIA (EVAC); Co "B" 12 KIA (6 bodies not recovered at this time), 19 WIA (EVAC), and 2 MIA; Co "D" 1 NBC (EVAC). Co "B" lost two PRC/25 radios, compromising the Battalion and Company frequencies, shackle sheets for unknown dates and one map with Regiment Thrust Points. Debrief of personnel in field revealed following details of the contact: Co "B" had 52 NVA KIA confirmed and destroyed one heavy machinegun. Co "D" had one NVA KIA (confirmed) and captured one Russian carbine. At 0800H on 23 May, Co "A" began to attack southeast in the vicinity of a stream bed at YD 153714. The area was prepped by arty and air. Almost immediately Co "A" began to receive sniper fire from the treeline along stream bed. More arty missions and air strikes were called on enemy positions. Groups of NVA began to break out of treeline and flee north toward the trace. Co "A" took them under fire with s/a, a/w, and tanks. Arty missions were called. Three arty batteries were fired simultaneously along with 60mm mortars from Co "A". NVA became confused and panicked, running into one impact area after another. Tanks fired canister and beehive rounds. Approximately 150 tried to run across the trace. 1/4 elements observed 2 82mm mortar positions. Tanks took mortars under fire and destroyed them. AO on mortar positions. Tanks took mortars under fire and destroyed them. Supporting station began calling air strikes on enemy in trace, killing them. Supporting

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## PART I

## ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

1st Battalion, 4th Marines

## COMMANDER

## DATE

LtCol E.A. DEFTULA

1-27 Apr

LtCol J.H. MACLEAN

28-30 Apr

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&amp;S Company

1stLt. J.T. BRENNAN 1-30 Apr

Company A

1stLt. W.E. JONES 1-30 Apr

Company B

Capt. R.E. HARRIS 1-30 Apr

Company C

Capt. O.B. RENFRO 1-30 Apr

Company D

Capt. P.D. WOODS 1-30 Apr

ATTACHED UNITS

Det, Co C, 3d Engr Bn

Cpl. E.W. WISSN 1-8 Apr

1stLt. J.B. MILLS 9-30 Apr

1st MP Bn (Dog Teams)

Cpl. M.T. LOPEZ 1-26 Apr

Sgt. R.C. BRELLA 27-30 Apr

Hq Co, 9th Marines (Sniper Teams)

Cpl. J.A. GENTRY 1-30 Apr

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

PFC S.L. GONZALES 1-30 Apr

DIRECT SUPPORT UNITS

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

1stLt. W.R. BRIGNON 1-30 Apr

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

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

Det, Regt Hq Btry, 12th Mar (CNR)

Sgt. GOODWIN 1-30 Apr

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Det, "O", 2nd Arty Agst Bn, 26th Arty(CMR)	SSgt P.R. LONG	1-30 Apr
Det, "O", 2nd Arty Agst Bn, 26th Arty(Sound)	SSgt W.V. JEFFERSON	1-30 Apr
Det, "O", 2nd Arty Agst Bn, 26th Arty(Flash)	SSgt D. DANIELS, Jr	1-30 Apr
3d Sec 2nd Plat, "B" Btry, 44th Arty Bn	1stLt. C.W. WOOD	1-30 Apr
3d Sec, 3d Squad, "C" Btry, 65th Arty Bn	1stLt. C.W. WOOD	1-30 Apr
"W" Btry, 2nd Bn, 12th Marines	1stLt. H.R. BURDGAARD	1-30 Apr
1st Sec, 2nd Plat, 1st Srch Lt Btry, 12th Mar	Cpl. J.E. SMITH	1-30 Apr
Det, Serv Co, Water Sup Shop, 11th Engr Bn	ICpl S.A. BOMER	1-30 Apr

2. Location

Battalion CP	1-30 Apr	A-4 Strong Point Patrol Base, RVN
Battalion Rear	1-30 Apr	DONG HA, RVN

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Major J.E. O'NEILL	1-30 Apr
S-1	1stLt. B.D. GREEN	1-30 Apr
S-2	1stLt. R.B. MORGAN	1-30 Apr
S-3	Major H.M. NELSON	1-5 Apr
S-4	Capt. A.K. THOMPSON	6-10 Apr
Supply Officer	Major C.B. SPERRY	11-30 Apr
Int Officer	Capt. M. CERVANTES	1-30 Apr
Comm Officer	1stLt. R.L. FISHER, Jr	1-30 Apr
Battalion Chaplain	1stLt. C.W. SHOBS	1-30 Apr
Battalion Surgeon	Capt. J.J. THORNTON	1-30 Apr
	Lt. E.J. GREGO USNR	1-30 Apr
	Lt. J.W. HOFFMAN USNR	1-10 Apr
	Lt. W.H. ROGERS USNR	11-30 Apr

4. Average Monthly Strength

OFFICERS	USMC	ENLISTED
37		1129

OFFICERS	USN	ENLISTED
2		57

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## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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The Battalion continued to participate in Operation KENTUCKY throughout the month of April.

The Battalion was deployed with Co's "A" and "D" at A-4, Co "B" at Yankee Station and Co "C" at C-2 Bridge. During portions of the month, a platoon from Co "K" 3/3 was OPCON to the Battalion and reinforced Co "C" at C-2 Bridge.

Numerous platoon and squad size combat patrols, ambushes, OP's and security and screening activities were conducted in April. Two significant contacts with the enemy were made. On 24 April, when the lead elements of Co "D" crossed the trace 2000 meters west of A-4, they received small arms fire from an estimated 5-10 NVA. Co "D" returned fire and swept the area. The action resulted in 2 NVA KIA and 1 POW. Co "D" sustained 3 USMC WIA. On 26 April, while on a combat patrol west of A-4, a platoon from Co "A" discovered a bunker complex. A few minutes later the platoon came under heavy small arms, automatic weapons fire and began to suffer casualties. The NVA force was estimated at two companies. The patrol established a defensive perimeter and called for reinforcements. The Battalion "Bravo" Command Group, Co "B", a platoon from Co "D" and a platoon of tanks was committed to the site of the contact. All units soon became heavily engaged. Battalion elements swept through the area, and recovered all USMC dead and wounded. One NVA FO was captured, but soon died of his wounds. Four enemy individual weapons and one crew served weapon were captured. Quantities of NVA weapons and equipment were observed, but the tactical situation precluded their collection. Action resulted in 72 NVA KIA (confirmed) while the Battalion suffered 9 KIA and 17 WIA.

At 0930 on 27 April, LtCol E.A. Peptula was relieved of command of the Battalion by LtCol J.H. Maclean.

The Battalion continued to emphasize fighting hole and Dyamarker Bunker construction commensurate with the tactical situation.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Combat missions assigneda. Ninth Marines Operation Plan 2-63 of 22 Jan (Operation KENTUCKY)

- (1) At A-4 and Yankee Station and C-2 Bridge (1 April - 30 April).
  - (a) Defend A-4 Strong Point Patrol Base, Yankee Station, C-2 Bridge.
  - (b) Continue construction and improvement of A-4 in accordance with approved Dyemarkers NVA area.
  - (c) Protect LCO (Route #561) within AOR, denying enemy opportunity to enterdict LCO 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/rocket/artillery positions and FO 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.

2. Operations.

01 April At 1745H, OP#2 sighted small arms being fired at fixed wing aircraft at YD 123714 while they were engaged in an air strike. OP#2 called 4.2mm mortar mission with excellent target coverage.

At 1855H, OP#2 observed 6 NVA in the open at YD 119723. Fired 4.2mm mortar mission with excellent coverage of target.

At 2345H, Co "C" personnel observed 4-5 NVA at YD 127672. At same time, radar picked up enemy movement at YD 128676. Took NVA at first coordinate under fire with small arms and M-79. Fired 60mm mortar mission on movement at second coordinate. Checked area at first light with negative results.

02 April At 1205H, OP#2 observed 4 NVA in open at YD 119735. NVA appeared to be carrying a heavy object. Fired 105mm mission with good coverage of target.

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03 April At 0935H, one bomb from T-2 fell short of target and landed just outside wire of A-4 at YD 113713. No damage was incurred and 9th Marines were notified of the incident.

At 1130H, MajGen. Thompkins, CG 3rd Mar Div; MajGen. Pearson, G-3 of PCV; Col Smith, CO 9th Marines arrived in area for inspection and conference with CO 1/4. The visitors departed at 1207H.

At 1315H, OP#2 spotted 8 NVA at YD 120735, carrying what appeared to be heavy packs. Fired arty mission with good target coverage.

At 2250H, PPS-5 radar picked up enemy movement at YD 123709. Fired 12 rds of 60mm mortars with good coverage of target. Results unknown.

04 April At 1000H, 3rd Plat, Co "M" 3/1 and a section of 2nd platoon Co "A", 3rd Tank Bn chopped OP/CON from 1/4 to 3/4.

At 1125H, OP#2 spotted 7 NVA carrying packs and moving in a NW direction. Fired 81mm and arty mission with excellent coverage of target.

At 1340H, LtGen. Krulak, CG FMF PAC; LtGen. Cushman, CG III MAF; MajGen. Thompkins, CG 3rd Mar Div and party arrived in area for inspection and conference with LtCol. Deptula. Purple Heart medals were awarded to personnel of the Battalion by LtGen. Krulak. The visitors departed at 1430H.

At 2240H, Co "A" using NOD, spotted movement at YD 119706. Fired 20 rds of 60mm mortars. Good coverage of target.

05 April At 1230H, OP#2 observed 7-10 NVA in open at YD 120735. NVA were carrying packs and what appeared to be a recoilless rifle. Fired 105mm arty, 81's, and 4.2mm mortar mission with excellent coverage of target.

06 April At 0920H, OP#2 observed 12 NVA in open at YD 145783. Fired 155mm mission and tank 90mm mission with excellent coverage of target.

At 1050H, OP#2 observed 6 NVA in open at YD 15578097. Fired 90mm tank and 8" howitzer with excellent coverage of target.

At 1320H, A-4 received 9 rds of estimated 107mm rockets from YD 071752, from a direction of 5700 mils. The first barrage of 4 rds impacted outside perimeter to NW, three minutes later, the second barrage of 5 rds impacted inside NW perimeter. No casualties or damage incurred.

At 1420H, OP#2 observed 5 NVA in open at YD 121734. Fired 81mm and 4.2mm mortar mission with excellent coverage of target.

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At 1905H, OP#2 observed 4 NVA with heavy packs moving in SE direction at YD 119737. Fired 4.2mm and 81mm mortar mission with good coverage of target.

07 April At 0715H, Co "B" platoon road sweep's west flank, flushed 2 NVA from a treeline along the edge of the road at YD 123685. The NVA, wearing green utilities and heavy packs, fled to the west, dropping one RPG round. The road sweep took the NVA under fire with small arms, M-79, and 40mm dusters. 60mm mortars were fired from Yankee Station. The road sweep swept the area, with an AO overhead, with negative results.

At 0800H, OP#2 observed 5 NVA at YD 11917366. Fired 81mm mortar and 106mm mission with excellent coverage. OP#2 observed, through 20x Binoculars, one NVA receive two direct hits during 81mm mission. Results: 1 NVA KIA.

At 1030H, AO observed 3 NVA near bunkers at YD 116717. Called in 81mm mortar mission with good coverage of target. AO called in fixed wing on same position. Jets received small arms fire during each run on target. AO observed 3 NVA KIA, 60 meters of trenchline destroyed and 15 secondary explosions.

At 1900H, Chopped OPCON of 2 tanks from 1st Platoon, Co "A" 3rd Tank Bn, from 3/4 to 1/4 at C-2 Bridge.

At 2125H, Co "C" at C-2 Bridge, with PPS-5, observed movement to the N-NW. Fired 15 rounds 60mm mortar with good coverage of target. Movement ceased.

08 April At 1130H, LtGen Rosson, USA, CG PCV; MajGen Davis, USMC, Dep CG III MAF; MajGen Thompkins, CG 3rd MAR DIV and party arrived in area for inspection and conference with CO 1/4. Visitors departed at 1208H.

At 1618H, OP#2 observed 11 NVA in the open at YD 129722 running to the NW. NVA were observed wearing green camouflaged utilities, packs and carrying rifles. AO on station assisted OP#2 in adjusting 4.2mm mission. AO called in fixed wing strike on above coordinate.

At 1855H, OP#2 observed 5 NVA at YD 123737. First NVA was carrying an object that appeared similar to a mine detector. Other NVA were observed to be carrying packs. Fired 4.2mm mission with good coverage of target.

At 2215H, OP#3 observed movement to the N-NE at YD 129697. Fired 29 rds 81mm mortar with good coverage of target.

10 April At 1200H, Co "K", 2nd Plt., 3rd Bn. 3rd Marines, chopped OPCON to 1/4 from 3/3. Unit now located at C-2 Bridge.

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At 1600H, OP#2 observed 5 NVA moving in a NW direction at YD 120734. NVA appeared to be carrying four bodies. Fired 4.2mm mortar mission with good coverage of target. AO on station checked area with negative results.

At 1810H, OP#2 observed movement of 4-5 NVA in a house at YD 123757. Fired arty, and 106mm mission with excellent coverage. House was destroyed.

At 1810H, Co "C", at C-2 Bridge, observed 4 NVA at YD 134665. Fired 81mm mortar and arty mission with good coverage of target.

At 2235H, Co "C", at C-2 Bridge, observed movement through NOD, at YD 127681. FPS-5 radar picked up movement at YD 130685. Fired 60mm mortar mission on both grids with good coverage of target. Movement ceased.

11 April      At 0930H, Co "B" platoon patrol found aiming stakes at YD 103683 and 26 bunkers at coordinates YD 102680, YD 103677, YD 102678. All bunkers were old and had rotten log tops. There were no indications in immediate area of recent enemy activity. Bunkers were destroyed with C-4, aiming stakes were forwarded to S-2.

At 1000H, Co "A" platoon patrol found 7 bunkers reinforced with logs and dirt at YD 147703. Dimensions were 4'x3'x8'. The trails in the immediate area showed signs of being recently used. Bunkers were destroyed and platoon continued mission.

At 1235H, Co "A" received 2 sniper rounds from YD 146703 and YD 146713. Called in 4.2mm mortar mission with good coverage of target.

12 April      At 1335H, OP#2 observed 30 NVA in the open at YD 177806. Fired general support mission with excellent coverage. AO on station called in fixed wing, and TPQ's were dropped on target.

At 1400H, OP#2 observed 10-15 NVA at YD 169788 running into treeline. Fired arty mission and AO called in TPQ's.

At 1445H, TPQ's were dropped at YD 17147851 and one secondary explosion was observed. OP#2 adjusted TPQ's on YD 17647831, and three secondary explosions were observed.

At 1910H, OP#2 observed 6 NVA with packs running in a SE direction across clearing. Fired 4.2mm mortar mission with excellent coverage on target. TPQ's requested.

At 1930H, 106 recoilless rifle personnel, located near OP#2 reported receiving one sniper round from unknown direction.

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At 2240H, Co "D" LP at YD 113708 received 20-30 rds small arms fire and one RPG, from YD 121710. RPG landed in minefield 100 meters north of lines. Co "A" NOD observed 4 NVA at above coordinate. Fired 81mm, 4.2mm and 60mm mortar mission with good coverage on target.

**13 April** At 1215H, Co "D" platoon patrol at YD 145690, observed 3 NVA at YD 148691. NVA were carrying packs but weapons were not observed. Point took NVA under fire as they fled to the NE. Search of area revealed one pack that was dropped as NVA fled.

At 1335H, OP#2 observed 7 NVA in the open at YD 151806. Fired general support mission as NVA were running into treeline. Excellent coverage of target.

**14 April** At 1300H, OP#2 observed 5 NVA at YD 151806. Fired arty mission with excellent target coverage. NVA ran into treeline with rds impacting around them.

At 1437H, OP#3 observed 3 NVA at YD 175772. Fired arty mission with good target coverage.

At 1630H, OP#2 observed 30 NVA at YD 148806. The NVA were moving into a treeline. Fired arty mission with good target coverage.

At 2220H, using IPS-5 and starlight scope, Co "B" observed movement of 3 NVA at YD 115684. Took enemy under fire with small arms and 60 rds of 60mm mortars.

**16 April** At 0845H, Co "B" patrol found trench from YD 106685 to YD 107684. Trench contained six human skeletons and six sets of sandals. 6 NVA KIA (confirmed).

At 1855H, Co "C" S-2 Scout observed 4 NVA heading NW for a treeline at YD 125675. Fired 81mm mortar mission with good coverage of target.

**17 April** At 2105H, OP#1 spotted 5 lights at YD 119708. Lights were blinking on and off and moving in SE direction. Naval gunfire fired on coordinate with excellent coverage of target.

**18 April** At 1305H, Co "A" patrol found 74 82mm rds and 14 fuzes in the wall of an old bunker at YD 094685. Six of the rds were fuzed. Patrol returned with approx 40 rds and loose fuzes. Destroyed remainder of rds with C-4.

At 1400H, OP#2 observed 6 NVA in the open. Fired arty mission, NVA fled to bunker which was destroyed by arty fire.

**19 April** At 1000H, 2nd Plat, Co "K", 3/3 chopped OPCON from 1/4 to 3/4.

At 1006H, 3rd Plat, Co "K", 3/3 chopped OPCON from 3/4 to 1/4 at C-2 Bridge.

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At 1010H, Co "A" patrol found 4 mortar pits, 1 82mm rd., 1 U.S. type gas mask and 10 4'x4' fighting bunkers at YD 100664. Destroyed bunkers. Returned 82mm round and gas mask to S-2.

At 1130H, at YD 100666 and YD 102667, Co "A" patrol found 60 bunkers 6'x4' with 2 to 4 layers of 3" to 5" logs covered with dirt. 21 bunkers had connecting trench lines. Found one FO position in tree, 4 mortar pits, 25 one man holes covered with dirt and logs with connecting trench lines, 33 graves, 13 had wooden head markers, and one tunnel with entrance 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' wide and 40' deep. Tunnel extended 10' by 12' from bottom of entrance and opened into cavern 10' wide 18' long with approx 8' overhead. All positions were old and did not appear to have been used recently. Destroyed two bunkers and FO position. Uncovered body in black PJ's. Patrol did not have sufficient equipment to destroy entire position. Gear found in area included: 1 82mm round, 2 chicom grenades, 1 cross cut saw, 12 empty medicine bottles, 30 hypo-syringes, 3 wornout NVA packs and 4 NVA cartridge belts. Patrol returned items to S-2.

At 1145H, Co "B" patrol observed 6-8 NVA at YD 160683. Enemy were wearing various types of clothing, one appeared to be carrying a weapon. Point man fired on NVA with M-16. NVA ran into treeline. Called arty mission on treeline with good coverage of target. Checked area with negative results. NVA were traveling in NE direction when last observed.

At 1745H, 3rd Platoon "K", 3/3 chopped from 1/4 back to 3/4.

At 1910H, 01#2 observed 3 NVA at YD 119737. Enemy was wearing packs and moving west. Fired 4.2mm mortar and 105mm mission with excellent coverage of target.

20 April

At 0800H, Company "A" combat patrol returned to vicinity of YD 101688 where "A" platoon combat patrol had discovered the large enemy bunker complex on 19 April. S-2 believed area was a battalion CP that had housed approx 400 men. The complex apparently had not been used for about four months. In this area, the following was found: 24 large bunkers 7'x4'x4' covered with 2-4 layers of logs and 10" of dirt. The decking was made of split bamboo. 2 AA/AW positions 50 meters apart 5'x3' with a platform 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' high in the center. There was a 6'x4'x4' bunker built into the wall. At YD 102667 they discovered 21 6'x4'x4' and 8 3'x3'x3' bunkers, 21 of these were connected by a trench 2'x4'. Trench line was covered in places. FO's platform in a tree about 10 feet off the ground with a good view of C-2, C-2 Bridge and A-4. A tunnel into the ground at about a 70° angle, approx 30' deep and 3' in diameter. At the bottom was a room dug out to about 11'x8'x8'. This appeared to be a dud bomb crater that had been improved by the enemy.

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Near this tunnel, there were areas of sunken earth of which 14 were marked with grave markers. These areas were dug up and each hole contained the remains of one NVA KIA that was reduced to almost a skeleton. The graves were marked as follows:

<u>22</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>43</u>
<u>119Bn</u>	<u>99Bn</u>	<u>119Bn</u>	<u>9Bn</u>	<u>129Bn</u>	<u>129Bn</u>	<u>129Bn</u>	<u>9Bn</u>	<u>99Bn</u>
<u>416</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>49</u>						
<u>119Bn</u>	<u>99Bn</u>	<u>129Bn</u>						

At YD 100666 15 large bunkers 6'x4'x4' and 17 bunkers 3'x3'x3', 4 mortar pits 6'x3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' with 2 ammo storage areas in each. These pits were littered with black fuze caps and fuze and primer caps. The highest point at this position also had an FO tower in a tree with a good view of C-2, C-2 Bridge, and A-4. With the exception of 1 82mm mortar round, all of the NVA gear discovered in the area was rotted badly and unservicable. A total of 53 large bunkers, 20 small bunkers, 2 FO towers, 10 hooches, four 2-hole heads were destroyed. A total of 13 NVA KIA's were uncovered.

At 1035H, O1/2 observed 7 NVA in open at YD 118767. Fired arty mission using firecracker round with excellent coverage.

21 April

At 1020H, Co "O" patrol at YD 150680 received small arms fire from estimated 10-15 heavily camouflaged NVA. Returned small arms fire. NVA ran into treeline to east. Apprehended 8 civilians in immediate area of contact. Civilians appeared to be woodcutters. Fired arty and 81mm mortar missions with good coverage. Searched area with negative results.

At 1025H, Co "D" O1/ambush at YD 105709 observed two groups of 4 NVA each to direct front. NVA were moving from east to west. NVA were wearing soft covers and light colored uniforms without camouflage. Took NVA under fire with small arms and called artillery mission. O1/ambush returned to perimeter. One NVA KIA (confirmed). Captured one AK-47 and one apparent AT round with carrying case.

At 1130H, O1/2 spotted 6 NVA in open at YD 131843. Fired tanks with excellent coverage.

At 1505H, Co "B" patrol found freshly dug tunnel at YD 131683. Tunnel was 6' deep, 3' long, 2' wide. Found unidentified mortar round in immediate area. Destroyed tunnel. Returned mortar round to S-2.

22 April

At 0905H, MajGen Stillwell, Chief of Staff III MAF arrived at A-4 and departed at 1000.

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At 1930H, Co "B" spotted one NVA at YD 120688, approx 400 meters away and moving at a 240° azimuth. Observed with TPF-6 and Starlight Scope. Fired 60mm mission of 33 rds with excellent coverage target. Also fired M-16 with Starlight Scope. Checked at first light with negative results.

24 April

At 1140H, as lead elements of Co "D" were moving across "Tracey" they received small arms fire from 10-15 NVA. Co "D" returned small arms, M-79 and 60mm mortar fires. Also fired 4.2 mortar mission with good coverage. One friendly WIA (emergency med-evac). Two NVA KIA confirmed and one NVA POW.

At 1320H, MajGen Thompkins, BrigGen Hill, and Col Smith arrived at A-4 for inspection of position. They departed at 1350H.

At 1700H, 3rd Plat "K" Co., 3/3 chopped OPCON from 1/9 to 1/4 at C-2 Bridge.

25 April

At 1235H, Ob#1 observed active arty position at same time Dong Ha was receiving incoming. Fired arty mission and dropped TFQ's on site.

At 1455H, rear elements of Co "B" platoon patrol heard movement and reconned by fire with M-16's and grenades. Estimated 4-6 NVA returned fire with small arms and grenades. Two NVA were sighted running through brush. One NVA was reported to be carrying an M-16. Co "B" platoon took NVA under fire with small arms and grenades. Fired 60mm mortar mission with good target coverage. AO on station adjusted 81mm mortars. Swept area and discovered trenchline running north-south. Trench was approx 15 meters long and 2½' deep. Also found several fresh trails. Patrol returned to Yankee Station. Patrol sustained one WIA (minor).

26 April

At 1014H, Co "A" OP at YD 125716 observed two NVA. Sniper took NVA under fire, killing one. The other NVA fled to a treeline at YD 127722 and a 4.2mm mortar mission was fired on that coordinate with good coverage. One NVA KIA (confirmed).

At 1130H, Co "A" platoon patrol found a bunker complex in a heavily wooded area at YD 096703. A reinforced squad was sent into the area to search and destroy the bunker complex. Upon entering the wooded area, the squad came under heavy fire and took several casualties. NVA force estimated at a platoon, later reinforced by two companies positioned in reinforced bunkers. Co "A" squad set up a 360° defense. The squad was unable to move due to extremely heavy grazing fire from small arms and automatic weapons. The squad also received incoming chicom grenades. The remainder of the platoon swept into wooded area and received heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire. At 1300H, a platoon of Co "D" and a command group was dispatched

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to reinforce the Alpha platoon. The Co "D" reaction unit swept through the area of contact and was pinned down by heavy small arms fire from both front and rear. At 1400H, the 1/4 elements in contact were further reinforced with a platoon from Co "B" and two tanks. All elements were heavily engaged by the enemy. Maintaining a heavy grazing fire from bunkers just above ground level and using heavy automatic weapons and sniper fire, the enemy was able to pin down the battalion units. At 1530H, the Battalion "Bravo" Command Group, the remainder of Co "D" and two additional tanks were committed to the action. 1/4 elements swept the area and recovered all WIA's and KIA's. AO ran gunships and fixed wing on retreating NVA. One NVA who had been captured earlier died of his wounds. 1/4 elements withdrew from area. Friendlies suffered a total of 9 KIA and 17 WIA. Action resulted in 72 NVA KIA (confirmed). Four enemy individual weapons and one crew served weapon were captured. Numerous discarded enemy weapons were sighted but, due to tactical situation, were not collected. Also observed, was a bunker with many RPG's stored inside. Time did not permit destruction of them.

At 1900H, OP#3 observed 5-6 NVA in open at YD 157735. Fired 105mm mission with good target coverage.

At 2050H, OP#1 observed 2 NVA in open using 81mm illum. Fired 81mm mission with good coverage. Results unknown.

27 April At 0930H, 1/4 held change of command ceremonies at A-4. LtCol J.H. MACLEAN assumed command of the Battalion while LtCol E.A. DEITALA departed for reassignment.

At 1719H, A-4 received 4 rds estimated 152mm arty and in next 10 minutes received 10 more rds. All rds impacted outside minefield on southeastern side of perimeter. One estimated 85mm round impacted 50-75 meters on western edge of Co "C" perimeter at C-2 Bridge. Negative casualties. Fired counter battery arty on YD 064678 and YD 068749. Also fired 81mm mortar mission on suspected enemy FO position at YD 101684.

At 2234H, Co "B" spotted 8 NVA to SW with NOD. Fired 81mm mortar mission on YD 108687. Good coverage, results unknown.

28 April At 0005H, Co "B" observed more movement with NOD's. Utilized searchlight with negative results. Arty and 81mm mortar mission fired at YD 108687.

At 1135H, LtGen Walt, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, LtGen Cushman, CG III MAF; MajGen Thompkins and party arrived at A-4 for briefing, inspection and presentation of individual awards. Generals and party departed at 1220H.

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At 1645H, A-4 received 2 rds estimated 100-120mm arty and 2 rds 25 minutes later. Two rds landed outside minefield to SW. Two rds impacted in lower western perimeter by LZ. Fired 155mm and general support at YD 0683575460, YD 072742 and YD 058764. Reaction time was 12 minutes. One friendly WIA (non-evac).

At 2135H, Co "C" spotted two NVA with starlight. Checked area with infra red device and searchlight. Fired 12 rds M-79 with good coverage. No further movement noted.

At 2350H, Co "A" LP, located outside minefield, received one round small arms from rear. LP observed 2 NVA, fired on enemy and saw 1 NVA fall. LP returned to perimeter. LP went back to post after NOD could detect no further movement.

**29 April** At 0930H, Co "D" wire check discovered two 25 to 30 meter gaps in outer concertina. Det cord found and condition of ground indicated NVA used a bangalore torpedo.

At 1120H, Co "A" patrol discovered 7 82mm rds, NVA gas mask and 2 bunkers, 4'x8' by 4' with 2' covering. Destroyed bunkers and 82mm rds.

At 1155H, A-4 received 10 rds estimated 82mm mortar. Fired arty and 81mm mission with good target coverage.

At 1450H, LtGen Rossen, CG Prov. Corps, Vietnam; and MajGen Davis Deputy CG Prov. Corps, Vietnam; arrived at A-4 and departed approximately 30 minutes later.

At 1705H, 3d platoon "K" Co, 3/3 chopped OIFCON from 1/4 to 1/9.

At 1850H, Co "B" observed two NVA in treeline west of Yankee Station at YD 104692. One NVA was wearing a soft cover and carrying a long rifle, possibly a sniper rifle, and the other was wearing a flak jacket. Fired 60mm and 81mm mortars with unknown results.

**30 April** At 0850H, OIF/1 observed 2 NVA at YD 093705. Fired 81mm mission.

At 0854H, and until 0935, A-4 received 10 rds. 82mm mortars from estimated two tubes. Fired arty mission, 4.2mm and 81mm mortar mission on YD 12177194 and 123720. Reaction time was 15 minutes. Two enemy rds impacted in northeastern portion of perimeter. The other rds impacted in minefield and outside perimeter to northwest.

At 0900H, Co "A" wire check found a 50 meter gap blown in outer wire, remains of bangalore torpedo and one NVA hat. Forwarded bangalore and cap to S-2. Repaired wire.

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At 0940H, OP#1 received 4 rds of sniper fire from YD 100706. Fired 81mm mission.

At 1200H, OP#2 observed 5 NVA in open at YD 170785. Fired arty mission with good coverage.

At 1246H, Co "B" patrol discovered 4 NVA 60mm mortar rds. Returning rds to S-2.

At 1315H, Co "D" patrol observed 3 NVA in open at YD 133712. Fired arty mission with good coverage.

At 1342H, OP#2 and OP#3 received one round each from enemy sniper. Fired 81mm mortar mission with good coverage.

### 3. Training.

a. In April, battalion level training was conducted, along with company level classes, in accordance with the Battalion Training SOP. A weekly training schedule was published which promulgated the following classes:

(1) FO Procedure. The battalion artillery liaison officer gave a one hour class and set up a two hour demonstration, utilizing mortars to provide a means of practical application. The purpose was to acquaint the individual Marine with the process of calling and adjusting supporting fire missions.

(2) First Aid. A one hour class was presented to each Marine on the basics of first aid/health and hygiene. Emphasis was placed on the prevention of heat casualties due to the extreme heat which the Battalion will be subjected to in the near future.

(3) Marksmanship/Squad Tactics. A two hour class and six hours of practical application was conducted to give each Marine as much supervised practice as possible in field firing of their TO weapon and working with combat formations and signals on the squad level. A continuing program is planned for this training.

(4) Code of Conduct. A one hour refresher class was held to explain what the code of conduct is and the importance of each Marine living up to its standards.

b. Company level training was conducted on subjects most needed to meet our present tactical requirements.

c. All replacement personnel received an administrative briefing from the Commanding Officer, each executive and special staff section head and each

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Mask, Protective, M-17 Medium Size

Body Armor, Upper Torso, All sizes received at rehensional progressive

(3) Class III. Only about 3 days of Class III is maintained at A-4 due to lack of adequate storage space available. This will be increased to 15 days as adequate storages become available.

(4) Class IV. Class IV was adequate during this period with the exception of 8' engineer stakes. Approximately 2000 8' stakes were received during the last 5 days of the month.

(5) Class V. A 15 day stockage objective was maintained at A-4, Yankee Station and C-2 Bridge. There remains a shortage in the following items:

DODAC	ITEM	WDC
I312	Signal, White Star Parachute	DEM
K143	Mine, AP, M18 (Claymore)	ADM

Water was obtained at C-2 Bridge during this period.

b. Transportation. (a) Organic. (b) Support. (c) Engineer Support.

(1) Organic. Only 9 M422A1 (Mighty Mites) were on hand during this period. These vehicles were utilized for administrative runs to Dong Ha, as well as local runs between A-4, Yankee Station and C-2 Bridge. The battalion presently has three M-37 (PC) trucks operationally ready.

(2) Support.

(a) Vehicular. The 9th Motor Transport Battalion provided 2 trucks on a daily basis during this period for household runs. One truck was maintained at C-2 Bridge and the other was utilized at A-4. With 5 water trailers to fill daily, this transportation was inadequate. On 23 April one M50A1 water tanker (1000 gallon) was provided by FLAG-B and driven by an operator from 9th Motor Transport Battalion. This has been an effective means to keep all water trailers filled, as well as maintain an emergency supply of 1000 gallons of water on hand at all times.

(b) Air-Helicopter. On 24 April, the vehicular transportation for resupply became so critical that helicopters were used for resupply. Helicopter transportation was utilized for resupply on an average of four lifts daily by OH-53 at the end of the month.

(c) Engineer Support. Engineer support teams provided the battalion with demolition capabilities. One TD-18 tractor was deadlined approximately 50% of the time. A replacement TD-18 was received on 29 April; however on 30 April the newly assigned TD-18 was deadlined due to a burned out clutch. A TD-15 tractor has been requested but not received.

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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 16 men below manning level and 16 men in a non-effective status. This Battalion is presently 5 officers below M1 in the 0402 MOS and still has a critical shortage in the 0402 MOS.

b. Personnel Losses and Gains. The personnel section has suffered a loss of 10 men during the reporting period. This loss is due to the following causes: 1) Battle Casualties, 2) Non-Battle Casualties, 3) Attrition, 4) Separation, 5) Retirement, and 6) Death.

c. Administrative. The administrative section has had 14 men promoted to the

<b>TOTAL</b>	5	73
<b>GAINS</b>	3	64

and 1 man demoted to the rank of Private.

d. Awards. There were no awards presented during the reporting period.

e. Discipline. The following awards were presented during the month:

Bronze Star

Navy Commendation Medal

Purple Heart Medal

Gold Star in lieu of 2nd

Purple Heart Medal

Gold Star in lieu of 2nd

Bronze Star Medal

(2) The following type awards were processed recommending approval:

Silver Star Medal

Legion of Merit

Navy Achievement Medal

Purple Heart Medal

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

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Special Court: Completed.....6  
 Special Court: Pending.....0  
 General Court: Pending.....2

Non-Judicial Punishments

Battalion Commander.....12  
 Company Commander.....18

~~new addition, evidence in table add to last page~~  
 Morale. Morale continued to be high. Out-of-battalion R&R quotas utilized for the month were: Hawaii-19; Bangkok-14; Hong Kong-13; Bombay-1; Sydney-8; Tokyo-7; Okinawa-4; Kuala Lumpur-3; Singapore-3; Tengah-2; 1972-1983. The China Beach R&R Center was reopened during the month of April. The 3rd Battalion utilized 24 quotas for same. Hot meals were served whenever the tactical situation permitted. The mail was delivered every day to all forward positions and a representative from the Division Post Office was available for the sale of postal money orders at the forward positions. During the month 6 Lance Corporals were promoted to Corporal and 36 Privates First Class were promoted to Lance Corporal. The service records of the Privates were reviewed twice during the month for promotion to Private First Class. One Corporal was meritoriously promoted to Sergeant by the Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division. One previously submitted recommendation for a hardship discharge was returned approved.

f. Savings Bonds. This Battalion remained in second place within the Division on Savings Bonds participation with a percentage of 93.8%.

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

h. Personnel Accounting. The personnel accounting error percentage for the month of March was received during the month and indicated a new all time low with an error percentage of only 0.1% for the Battalion.

i. Religion. Catholic Mass and Protestant Divine Services were provided for the battalion at A-4 for the month of April 1968 by holding these services in alternate bunkers in the camp.

On 4 April, Chaplain Kevin Anderson from 3/4 conducted Protestant Divine Services for 1/4 at A-4, Yankee Station and C-2 Bridge.

Chaplain Robert Penning, Third Marine Division Chaplain, conducted Easter Services for 1/4 at A-4, Yankee Station and C-2 Bridge.

Three men from the battalion attended the celebration of the Jewish High Holidays held at China Beach R&R Center, Dehong from 13 April to 21 April.

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Catholic Mass was provided for 3/4, 3/3 and 1/9 by the Battalion Chaplain, while these battalions occupied 012, 0-2 Bridge and 011. 011 Company conducted oral interviews to New Action in Red and Green areas. The round Memorial services were held at 012 for members of 3/3 killed in action, and at A-4 for members of Delta Company of 1/4 killed in action.

J... Education Department has the following view:

During the month of April, there were 159 General Education Development Tests administered.

## 11. Intelligence.

a. **Enemy:**

(1) There was a significant increase in enemy activity in the Battalion's AOR for the reporting period. The enemy continued his attempt to use trails within the AOR as infiltration routes. Enemy artillery fires and ground action within the AOR increased over previous reporting periods.

Small enemy infiltration groups were continually sighted to the north during the first half of the month against which artillery fires and fixed wing were directed. Significant contacts were made starting on 24 April and continuing through the month. On 24 April, contact was made with an estimated 20 NVA in the Hill 88 vicinity. A JOW, a member of the 27th Independent Regiment, reported his mission was to recon for an attack on Con Thien. Contact to our west on 26 April with two NVA Companies, resulting in 72 NVA/KIA, confirmed the presence of enemy units harboring in the AOR. The last two days of the month found enemy units attempting to blow the outer perimeter wire of the A-4 position and attempting ambushes on units operating close to the perimeter to the North.

(2) Artillery fires were minimal during most of the month, however, after 26 April, incoming was a daily occurrence ranging from B20mm mortars to 152mm guns. The enemy proved his capability for observed fires by shelling Company C'D' on 24 April with 30 rounds when they crossed the forward slope of Hill 88 east of A-4.

(1) The enemy used favorable terrain features to the maximum during the first period. Enemy units apparently realized areas of limited observation to the north and northwest of the A-4 position and were able to complete movements without observation. The sloping plateaus just forward of A-4 and east-west road prevented any observation of that area and allowed moves undetected in this area. Excellent observation of the plain area north has contributed significantly to our ability to call observed enemy in the open.

C. Weather.

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(1) The weather in the AOR has been generally favorable to operations. There has been a noted lack of precipitation, with the temperature generally in the high 70's. A heavy ground fog during early morning hours burns off before noon with visibility normally about 5 miles. (1) 4-4 30 hrs

d. Enemy Equipment and Weapons Captured or Destroyed.

1 pack  
 82 82mm rounds  
 5 AK-47 carbines  
 2 SKS rifles  
 1 RPD machinegun  
 4 60mm rounds  
 112 bunkers  
 1 tunnel

e. Incoming. 71 rounds

12. Communications.

a. Message Center. Provides the use of SPROKOL, authentication and Brevity Codes for the command and attachments. In addition to classified and non-classified message handling, return and forward communications has been established with the 10th and 11th ARMs.

b. Radio. The radio section continues to supply units attached to this command with batteries and the loan of spare radio equipment.

c. Covered Circuit. The KY-8 circuit continues to give high performance. This command has received the three KY-8s back from repair. All are in operation at this time.

d. Wire. Wire-Telephone service is continuing to improve its' services to all Staff Sections and all units attached to this command.

e. Electronic Repair. Provides the repair services for this command and all units attached, as required.

f. Maintenance Section. The maintenance and installation of electrical lighting is continuing to improve as the shortage of wire lessens.

g. Radio Relay. This service continues. Damage time is generally caused by generator failure on one end of the "shot" or the other.

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

i. Equipment Repaired. During the month of April the following equipment has been repaired. All equipment was repaired at first and second echelon.

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Additional compensation not otherwise filed above and brought to its notice. It  
will be shown in the **ITEM** (PRINT AND TYPE OR PEGD) **AMOUNT** lettered off at \$4.000000  
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### 13. Radical and Dental.

b. Prevalent medical entities unaccounted were:

1. <b>Parasitic</b>	2. <b>Protein Malnutrition</b>	3. <b>Malnutrition</b>	4. <b>Malnutrition</b>	5. <b>Malnutrition</b>
1. <b>Gonorrhoea</b>	2. <b>Yaws</b>	3. <b>Cholera</b>	4. <b>Cholera</b>	5. <b>Cholera</b>
1. <b>Diarrhoea</b>	2. <b>Yaws</b>	3. <b>Cholera</b>	4. <b>Cholera</b>	5. <b>Cholera</b>
1. <b>Malaria</b>	2. <b>Yaws</b>	3. <b>Cholera</b>	4. <b>Cholera</b>	5. <b>Cholera</b>
1. <b>Upper Respiratory Infection</b>	2. <b>Yaws</b>	3. <b>Cholera</b>	4. <b>Cholera</b>	5. <b>Cholera</b>
1. <b>Neuro-psychiatric Disorders</b>	2. <b>Yaws</b>	3. <b>Cholera</b>	4. <b>Cholera</b>	5. <b>Cholera</b>

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

Dental	10	Laboratory Work	4
Ophthalmology	8	Orthopedic	2

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

NSA, Danang <sup>is located to about 6,000 ft. above sea level</sup> 1st Bn (1) 6  
1st Sanitary <sup>1</sup> 1st 22nd Casualty Staging Facility 1

e. Weekly malaria prophylaxis was continued through the use of Chloroquine Primaquine tablets, even though the patient grew slightly fat. (i)

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f. Sanitation inspections were held weekly in accordance with Article P60000.4D in the Battalion Areas (Dong Ha and Con Thien). 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 three Hospital Corpsmen located at A-4, a Secondary Battalion Aid Station of four Hospital Corpsmen located at A-4, and a Rear Battalion Aid Station consisting of seven Hospital Corpsmen located at Dong Ha. All injuries and maladies encountered were treated by the line company corpsman, 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.

14. Air Support.

a. Fixed Wing Support.

(1) ALO controlled one flight of fixed wing at TD 096705. No BDA was obtained.

(2) Aerial observers controlled 58 flights in our AOR during April. Total BDA was 41 KBA (confirmed), 19 KBA (probable), 4 WI, 86 bunkers destroyed, 13 bunkers damaged, 2 structures destroyed, 595 meters of trenchline destroyed, 37 fighting holes destroyed, and 25 secondary fires and explosions. Several flights were not given a BDA.

b. Medevac.

(1) 10 med-evac missions were run for a total of 30 casualties.

c. Aerial Observers.

(1) Aerial observers were used daily for visual reconnaissance missions in support of units in our AOR and to control air strikes and artillery missions.

d. Troop Lifts.

(1) There were no troop lifts during the month of April.

e. Resupply.

(1) Received approximately 45,000 pounds of resupply by helicopter during the month of April.

f. TRQ's.

(1) 184 TRQ's were requested and 43 were hit for a 23 percentile.

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(1) C&C Flights were used for visual reconnaissance 14 times during the month of April.

(2) C&C Flights were also used several times to carry passengers to and from other positions.

15. Fire Support.

a. The Battalion's FO teams continued manning the one observation post at C-2 Bridge and the three observation posts at A-4. Troops from the rifle companies again assisted in standing ~~OP~~ watch.

b. The same Defensive Fire Support Plan continued in effect with only minor changes to target concentrations.

c. A number of fires were brought to bear on counter-battery/mortar, intelligence targets, observed enemy movements and suspected enemy positions. The following missions were fired in support of the Battalion during the reporting period.

H&I's	1895
Observed Fires	306
Unobserved	0
Counter Btry/Mortar	17
Illumination	5

d. The FO teams had 4 secondary explosions on missions fired during the reporting period.

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1st Bn, 4th Mar

PLACE

QUANG TRI, RVN

FROM (Date and hour)

TO (Date and hour)

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TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M - Maps S - Staff	T - Troops E - File
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 the period 010800 to 020800.		S-3
0810	4			All combat patrols have departed perimeter and are currently conducting assigned mission. S-3,M		
1630	5			All combat patrols have returned to perimeter. S-3,M		
1745	6			OP-2 sighted s/a being fired at fixed wing a/c at YD 123714 while they were engaged in an air strike. OP-2 called 4.2mm mortar fire mission with excellent target coverage. Results unknown.		S-3
1855	7			OP-2 observed 6 NVA in the open at YD 119723. Fired 4.2mm mortar mission with excellent coverage on target. Results unknown.		S-3
1930	8			All night activities are in position		S-3,M
2345	9			Co. C personnel observed 4 to 5 NVA at YD 127672. At same time, radar picked up enemy 9th Mar. movement at YD 128676. Took NVA at first coord. underfire w/sa and M-79. Fired 60mm mission on movement at second coordinate. Results unknown. Will check area at first light.		S-3
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
0800	3			Gy/Sgt Chambers assumed duties as COC Watch Officer for the period 020800 to 030800H.		S-3
0810	4			All combat patrols have departed perimeter and are currently conducting assigned mission.		S-3, M
1205	5			OP-2 observed 4 NVA in open at YD 119735. NVA appeared to be carrying a heavy object in which OP-2 could not determine. Fired 105mm mission with good coverage on target. Results unknown.		9th Mar S-3 S-2
1630	6			All combat patrols have returned to perimeter.		S-3
1930	7			All night activities are in position.		S-3, M
2400	8			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
0800		3		1/Lt. Olsen assumed duties as COC Watch Officer for the period 030800 to 040800H.	S-3
0810		4		All combat patrols have departed perimeter, and are currently conducting assigned mission.	S-3, M
0935		5		One bomb from TPQ fell short of target and landed just outside wire of A-4 at YD 113713. No damage was incurred and 9th Mar were notified of the incident.	9th Mar S-3 S-2
1130		6		Maj Gen. Mac Thompkins, CG 3rd Mar Div; Maj Gen. Pearson C-3 of PCU; Col Smith, CO 9th Marines arrived in area for inspection and conference with CO 1/4.	S-3
1207		7		Gen Mac Thompkins, Gen Pearson, Col Smith departed perimeter.	
1315		8		OP-2 spotted 8 NVA in open carrying what appeared to be heavy packs, at YD 120735.	9th Mar S-3 S-2
1630		9		All combat patrols have returned to perimeter.	S-3, M
1930		10		All night activities are in position.	S-3
2250		11		PPS-5 radar picked up enemy movement at YD 123709. Fired 12 rounds of 60mm mortars with good coverage on target.	Sp3, M
2400		12		Journal closed.	S-3

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0700	2			All night activities have returned to perimeter.	S-3
0800	3			1/Lt Zuntag assumed duties as COC Watch Officer for the period 040800 to 050800	S-3
0810	4			All combat patrols have departed perimeter and are currently conducting assigned mission.	S-3, M
1000	5			Third Platoon, Co. L 3/1 and section 2 of 2nd Platoon Co. A, 3rd Tank Bn. Chopped OPCON from 1/4 to 3/4.	S-3 9th Mar
1125	6			OP-2 spotted 7 NVA carrying packs and moving in a NW direction. Fired 81mm & arty mission with excellent coverage on target.	S-3 9th Mar S-2
1340	7			Lt.Gen. Krulak, CG FMF PAC; Lt.Gen. Cushman CG III MAF; Maj. Gen. MAC Thompkins, CG 3rd Mar Div; and party arrived in area for inspection and conference with Lt./Col. Deptula CO 1/4. Purple Hearts were awarded to personnel of the Bn. by Gen. Krulak. Gen. Krulak, Gen. Cushman, and Gen MAC Thompkins and party departed.	S-3
1430					
1630	8			All combat patrols have returned to perimeter.	S-3
1930	9			All night activities are in position.	S-3
2240	10			Co. A using NOD, spotted movement at YD 119706. Fired 20 rds. of 60mm mortars! Good coverage on target. Results unknown.	S-3 9th Mar S-2
2400	11			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
0800	3			1/Lt. Morgan assumed duties as COC Watch Officer for the period 050800 to 060800.		S-3
0810	4			All combat patrols have departed perimeter and are currently conducting assigned mission.		S-3,M
1027	5			A Marine from Co. "B" while on patrol, developed a 105° fever. Med. evao was requested and completed without incident.		9th Mar S-3 S-2
1230	6			OP#2 observed 7-10 NVA in open at YD 120735 NVA were carrying packs and what appeared to be a RR. Fired 105mm arty, 81, & 4.2mm mortar mission with excellent coverage on target. Results unknown.		9th Mar S-3 S-2
1630	7			All combat patrols have returned to perimeter.		S-3
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
-0800		3		Capt. Hutteball assumed duties as COO Watch Officer for the period 060800 to 070800.		S-3
0810		4		All combat patrols have departed perimeter and are currently conducting assigned mission.		S-3,M
0920		5		OP#2 observed 12 NVA in open at YD 145788. Fired 155mm mission and tank 90mm mission with excellent coverage on target. Res. Unkn.	9th Mar	S-3
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1050		6		OP#2 observed 6 NVA in open at YD 15578097. Fired 90mm tank and 8" How. with excellent coverage on target. Results unknown.	9th Mar	S-3
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1320		7		A-4 received 9 rounds of estimated 107mm rockets from YD 071752, direction 5700 mils. First barrage of 4 rounds impacted outside perimeter to NW, three minutes later, the second barrage of 5 rounds impacted inside NW perimeter. Negative casualties or damage.	9th Mar	S-3
						S-2
1420		8		OP#2 observed 5 NVA in open at YD 121734. Fired 81mm and 4.2mm mortar mission with excellent coverage on target. Res. Unkn.	9th Mar	S-3
						S-2
1630		9		All combat patrols have returned to perimeter.		S-3
1905		10		OP#2 observed 4 NVA with heavy packs moving in SE direction at YD 119737. Fired 4.2mm & 81mm mortar mission with good coverage on target.	9th Mar	S-3
						S-2
1930		11		All night activities are in position.		S-3,M
2210		12		Received priority message from 9th Mar frag order #2 for 06 April 68 advising 1/4 that Regiment reserve company requirement has been cancelled, and to continue assigned mission.	S-3	S-2
2400		13		Journal closed.		S-3

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0715	2			All combat patrols have departed perimeter and are currently conducting assigned mission.	S-3
0715	3			Co. "B" platoon road sweep's West flank flushed 2 NVA from treeline along edge of road at YD 123685. NVA, wearing green utilities and heavy packs, fled to the West, dropping one RPG round. Road sweep took NVA under fire with s/a, M-79, and dusters. Fired 60mm mortars from Yankee Station. Road sweep swept area, with AO overhead, with negative results.	S-3 9th Mar S-2
0730	4			All night activities have returned to perimeter.	S-3
0800	5			OP#2 observed 5 NVA in open at YD 11917366. Fired 81mm mortar and 106mm mission with excellent coverage. OP#2 observed, through Ships Binoos, one NVA receive 2 direct hits during 81mm mission. Results: 1 NVA KIA	9th Mar S-2 S-3
0800	6			Gy/Sgt Chambers assumed duties as COC Watch Officer for the period 070800H to 080800H.	S-3
1030	7			AO observed 3 NVA in new bunkers at YD 116717. Called in 81mm mortar mission with good coverage on target. Res. Unkn. AO called in fixed wing on same coord. Jets received small arms fire during each run on target. AO observed 3 NVA KIA, 60 meters of trenchline destroyed and 15 secondary explosions.	9th Mar S-3 S-2
1630	8			All combat patrols have returned to perimeter.	S-3
1900	9			Chop OPCON of 2 tanks from 1st Plt. Co. "A", 3rd Tank Bn, from 3/4 to 1/4 at C-2 Bridge.	S-3
1930	10			All night activities are in position.	S-3,M
2000	11			Received priority message from 9th Marines IAW 9th Mar Frag Order 18-68 to open, Kentucky advising us that due to reduced enemy activity in AO, Frag Order 18-68 will be terminated at or about 081600.	

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0720	2			All night activities have returned to perimeter.		S-3
0730	3			All combat patrols have departed perimeter.		S-3, M
0800	4			1/Lt. Olsen assumed duties as COC Watch Officer for the period 086800 to 090800H.		S-3
1130	5			Lt. Gen. Rossen, USA, CG PCV; Maj Gen. Davis, S-3 USMC, Dep CG III MAF; Maj Gen. Thompkins, CG 3rd MAR DIV; and party arrived in area for inspection and conference with CO 1/4.		
1208	6			Lt. Gen. Rossen, Maj Gen. Davis, Maj Gen. Thompkins and party departed area.		S-3
1618	7			OP#2 observed 11 NVA in the open at YD 129722 running to the NW. NVA were observed wearing green camouflaged utilities, packs, and carrying rifles. AO on station assisted OP#2 in adjusting 4.2mm mission. AO called in fixed wing strike on above coord. Res. Unkn.	9th Mar	
1630	8			All combat patrols have returned to perimeter.		S-3
1855	9			OP#2 observed 5 NVA in open at YD 123737. First NVA was carrying an object that appeared similar to 2 mine detectors. Other NVA were observed to be carrying packs. Fired 4.2mm mission with good coverage on target. Results unknown.	9th Mar	
1930	10			All night activities are in position.		S-3, M
2215	11			OP#3 observed movement to the N-NE at YD 129697. Fired 29 rds. 81mm mission with good coverage on target. Results unknown.	9th Mar	
2400	12			Journal closed.		S-3

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0730	2			All night activities have returned to perimeter.	S-3
0745	3			All Combat patrols have departed perimeter and are currently conducting assigned mission.	S-3, M
0800	4			1/Lt. Zuntag assumed duties as COC Watch Officer for the period 100800 to 110800H.	S-3
1125	5			Co. "A", 3rd Plt. found 6 bunkers, 6'6'3" in 9th Mar treeline at YD 106666. Five of the six bunkers were already destroyed. All bunkers had originally been covered with logs and dirt. No indication of use within the past month. Last bunker was destroyed with C-4.	S-3
1130	6			Co. "C", 1st Plt., at YD 150676, spotted 2-3 NVA fleeing NW into treeline at YD 153678. Patrol did not observe NVA long enough to determine type of uniform or weapons. Point took NVA under fire as they fled into treeline. Arty mission was called on coord. YD 153678 where NVA were last observed. Good coverage on target, but search of area revealed nothing. Patrol continued assigned mission.	9th Mar S-3 S-2
1200	7			Co. "K", 2nd Plt., 3rd Bn. 3rd Marines, chop OPCON to 1/4 from 3/3. Unit now located at C-2 Bridge.	S-3 S-2
1600	8			OP#2 observed 5 NVA moving in a NW direction at a YD 120734. NVA appeared to be carrying four bodies. Fired 4.2mm mortar mission with good coverage of target. Res. Unkwn. AO on station checked area with neg. results.	9th Mar S-3 S-2
1630	9			All combat patrols have returned to perimeter.	S-3
1810	10			OP#2 observed movement of 4-5 NVA in a house at YD 123757. Fired arty, and 106mm mission with excellent coverage. House was destroyed.	9th Mar S-3 S-2

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0730	2			All night activities have returned to perimeter.			S-3
0740	3			All combat patrols have departed perimeter and are currently conducting assigned mission.			S-3, M
0800	4			1/Lt. Morgan assumed duties as COC Watch Officer for the period 110800 to 120800.			S-3
0930	5			Co. "B" platoon patrol found aiming stakes at YD 103683 and 26 bunkers at coordinates YD 102680, YD 103677, YD 102678. All bunkers were old and had rotten log tops. There were no indications in immediate area of recent enemy activity. Bunkers were destroyed with C-4, aiming stakes were brought to S-2.			9th Mar S-3, S-2
1000	6			Co. "A" platoon patrol found 7 bunkers reinforced with logs and dirt, at YD 147703. Deminsions were 4'3"6". The trails in the immediate area have been recently used. Bunkers were destroyed and platoon cont'd. on mission.			
1235	7			Co. "A" received 2 sniper rounds at YD 148703 from YD 146713. Called in 4.2mm mortar mission with good coverage on target. Res. Unkwn.			9th Mar S-3 S-2
1630	8			All combat patrols have returned to perimeter.			S-3
1930	9			All night activities are in position.			S-3
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0730	2			All night activities have returned to perimeter.	S-3	
0745	3			All combat patrols have departed perimeter and S-3, M are currently conducting assigned mission.		
0800	4			Capt. Hutteball assumed duties as COC Watch Officer for the period covered 120800 to 130800.	S-3	
1335	5			At 1335, OP#2 observed 30 NVA in the open at YD 177806. Fired general support mission with excellent coverage. AO on station called in fixed wing and TPQ's were dropped with excellent coverage. At 1400, OP#2 observed 10-15 NVA at YD 169778 running into treeline. Fired arty mission and AO called in TPQ's both with good coverage. At 1445, TPQ's were dropped at YD 17147851 and one secondary explosion was observed. OP#2 adjusted TPQ's on YD 17647831 and three secondary explosions were observed. This last coord. is a suspected harboring site. Res. Unkwn.	9th Mar S-3 S-2	
1630	6			All combat patrols have returned to perimeter.	S-3	
1910	7			OP#2 observed 6 NVA with packs running SE across clearing. Fired 4.2mm mortar mission with excellent coverage on target. Res. Unkwn. TPQ's requested.	9th Mar S-3, S-2	
1930	8			All night activities are in position.	S-3, M	
1930	9			106 RR personnel, located near OP#2, reported receiving one sniper round from unkwn. direction. Negative action taken. OP#2 observing area.	9th Mar S-2, S-3	
2240	10			Co. "D" LP at YD 113708 received 20-30 small arms fire and one RPG, from YD 121710. RPG landed in minefield 100 meters North of lines. Co. "A" NOD observed 4 NVA at above coord. Fired 81, 4.2, and 60mm mortar mission with good coverage on target. Res. Unkwn. Will check area on first light.	9th Mar S-2, S-3	
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0001	1			Journal opened.		S-3
0730	2			All night activities have returned to perimeter. S-3		
0740	3			All combat patrols have departed perimeter and are S-3,M currently conducting assigned mission.		
0800	4			Lt. Gleen assumed duties as COC Watch Officer for S-3 the period 140800 to 150800.		
1300	5			OP#2 observed 5 NVA in open at YD 151806. Fired 9th Mar arty mission with excellent target coverage. NVA S-2 ran into treeline with rds. impacting around them. S-3		
1437	6			OP#3 observed 3 NVA in open at YD 175772. Fired 9th Mar arty mission with good target coverage. Res. Unkwn. S-2		S-3
1630	7			All combat patrols have returned to perimeter. S-3,M		
1630	8			OP#2 observed 30 NVA in open at YD 148806. NVA 9th Mar were moving into treeline. Fired arty mission with S-2 good target coverage. Results unknown. S-3		
1930	9			All night activities are in position. S-3,M		
2220	10			Using PPS and Starlight, Co "B" observed movement 9th Mar of 3 NVA at YD 115684. Took enemy under fire with S-2 s/a and 60 rds of 60mm. Lost sighting. Res. Unkwn. S-3		
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0730	2			All night activities have returned to perimeter. S-3, M		
0740	3			All combat patrols have departed perimeter and S-3, M are currently conducting assigned missions.		
0800	4			Lt. Campbell assumed duties as COC Watch Officer S-3 for the period 150800H to 160800.		
1630	5			All combat patrols have returned to perimeter. S-3, M		
1930	6			All night activities are in position. S-3, M		
2115	7			One mine detonated in minefield in vicinity YD 117704. Observed movement near explosion. Fired 30 rds. 81mm illum and employed search-light with neg. results. 9th Mar		
2400	8			Journal closed.		S-3

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0730	2			All night activities have returned to perimeter. S-3		
0740	3			All combat patrols have departed perimeter and are conducting assigned missions. S-3, M		
0800	4			GySgt Chambers assumed duties as COO Watch Officer S-3 for period 190800H to 200800H.		
1000	5			2nd Platoon, "K", 3/3 chopped OPCON from 1/4 to 3/4. 9th Mar S-3		
1005	6			3rd Platoon, "K", 3/3 chopped OPCON from 3/4 to 1/4 at C-2 Bridge. 9th Mar S-3		
1010	7			Smitty Alpha patrol found 4 mortar pits, 1 82mm rd., 9th Mar 1 U.S. type gas mask and 10 4' by 4' fighting bunkers S-2 at YD 100664. Destroyed bunkers. Returned 82mm S-3 round and gas mask to S-2.		
1120	8			Col. Smith, 9th Mar. Co. arrived at A-4 and departed approx. 40 minutes later.		
1130	9			At YD 100666, YD 101669 and YD 102667 Smitty Alpha patrol found 60 bunkers 6'4' deep with 2 to 4 layers S-2 of 3" to 5" logs covered with dirt. 21 bunkers had S-3 connecting trench lines. Found one FO position in tree 4 mortar pits, 25 one man holes covered with dirt and logs with connecting trench lines, 33 graves , 13 had wooden head markers, and one tunnel with entrance 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ by 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 40' deep. Tunnel extended 10' by 12' from bottom of entrance and opened into cavern 10' wide 18' long with approx 8' overhead. All positions were old and did not appear to have been used recently. Destroyed two bunkers and FO position. Uncovered body in black PJ's. Patrol did not have sufficient equipment to destroy entire position. Patrol tomorrow will complete destruction of position. Gear found in area included: 1 82mm round, 2 chicom grenades, 1 cross cut saw, 12 empty medicine bottles, 30 hypo-syringes, 3 wornout NVA packs and 4 NVA cartridge belts. Patrol returning items to S-2.		

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0745		3		All combat patrols have departed perimeter and are conducting assigned missions.		S-3, M
0800		4		Captain Hutteball assumed duties as COC Watch Officer for period 200800 to 210800.		S-3
		5		Company "A" combat patrol returned to vicinity of YD 101688 where "A" platoon combat patrol discovered large enemy bunker complex on 19 April. S-2 believed area was a battalion CP that had housed approx. 400 men. The complex apparently had not been used for about four months. In this area, the following was found: 24 large bunkers 7'x4'x4' covered with 2-4 layers of logs and 10" of dirt. The decking was made of split bamboo. 2 AA/AW positions 50 meters apart 5'x3' with a platform 1 1/2' high in the center. There was a 6'x4'x4' bunker built into the wall. At YD 102667 they discovered 21 6'x4'x4' and 8 3'x3'x3' bunkers, 21 of these were connected by a trench 2'x4'. Trench line was covered in places. FO's platform in a tree about 10 feet off the ground with a good view of C-2, C-2B and A-4. A tunnel into the ground at about a 70° angle, approx. 30' deep and 3' in diameter. At the bottom was a room dug out to about 11'x8'x8'. This appeared to be a dud bomb crater that had been improved by the enemy. Near this tunnel, there were areas of sunken earth of which 13 were marked with grave markers. These areas were dug up and each hole contained the remains of one NVA KIA that was reduced to almost a skeleton. The graves were marked as follows:		
				74      43      22      40      86		
				9Bn      99Bn      119Bn      99Bn      119Bn		
				42      50      80      28      56      3      416		
				9Bn      129Bn      129Bn      129Bn      9Bn      119Bn      119Bn		
				38      49		
				99Bn      129Bn		
				At YD 100666 15 large bunkers 6'x4'x4' and 17 bunkers 3'x3'x3', 4 mortar pits 6'x3 1/2' with 2 ammo storage areas in each. These pits were littered with black fuze caps and fuze and primer cans. The highest point at this position also had an FO tower in a tree with a good view of C-2, C-2B and A-4.		

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops I-File
0001		1		Journal opened	S-3	
0730		2		All night activities have returned to perim.	S-3,M	
0745		3		All combat patrols have departed perimeter and are conducting assigned missions.	S-3,M	
0800		4		Lt. Olsen assumed duties as COC Watch Officer for period 210800 to 220800.	S-3	
1020		5		Smitty Charlie patrol at YD 150680 received s/a fire from estimated 10-15 heavily camouflaged NVA. Returned s/a. NVA ran into treeline to east. Apprehended 8 civilians in immediate area of contact. Civilians appeared to be woodcutters. Fired arty and 81mm with good coverage. Searched area with negative results. (8 detainees)	9th Mar S-2 S-3	
1025		6		Smitty Delta OP/ambush at YD 105709 observed two groups of 4 NVA each to direct front. NVA were moving from east to west. NVA were wearing soft covers and light colored uniforms without camouflage. Took NVA under fire with s/a and called artillery mission. OP/ambush returned to perimeter. One NVA KIA (confirmed) Captured one AK-47 and one apparent AT round with carrying case.	9th Mar S-2 S-3	
1130		7		OP# 2 spotted 6 NVA in open at YD 131843. Fired tanks with excellent coverage. Res. unkwn.	9th Mar S-2 S-3	
1505		8		Smitty Bravo patrol found freshly dug tunnel at YD 131683. Tunnel was 6' deep, 3' long, 2' wide. Found unidentified mortar in immediate area. Destroyed tunnel. Returned mortar to S-2.	9th Mar S-2 S-3	
1630		9		All combat patrols have returned to perimeter.	S-3,M	
1930		10		All night activities are in position.	S-3,M	
2400		11		Journal closed.	S-3	

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0001		1		Journal opened	S-3	
0500		2		Submitted Sit Rep # 591 DTG 250500H	S-3, 9th Mar	
0730		3		All night activities have returned to perim.	S-3, M	
0745		4		All combat patrols have departed perimeter and are conducting assigned missions.	S-3, M	
0800		5		Capt. Thompson assumed duties as COC Watch Officer for period 250800 to 260800H.	S-3	
1100		6		Submitted Sit Rep # 592 DTG 251100H.	S-3, 9th Mar	
1123		7		Co "B" patrol had man develop fever of 104°. Requested priority med-evac at YD 098682. Completed at 251205H.	S-3, S-2 9th Mar	
1235		8		OP/1 observed active arty position at same time Dong Ha was receiving incoming. Fired arty mission and dropped TPQ on site.	9th Mar, S-2, 3	
1455		9		Rear elements of Co "B" platoon patrol heard movement and reconned by fire with M-16's and grenades. Estimated 4-6 NVA returned fire with s/a and grenades. Two NVA were sighted running through brush. One reported to be carrying an M-16. Co "B" platoon took NVA under fire with s/a and grenades. Fired 60mm mortar mission with good target coverage. AO on station adjusted 81mm mortars. Swept area and discovered trenchline running north-south. Trench was approx 15 meters long and 21/2' deep. Also found several fresh trails. Patrol returned to Yankee Station. Patrol sustained one WIA (minor)	9th Mar S-3, S-2	
1630		10		All combat patrols returned to perimeter.	S-3, M	
1700		11		Submitted Sit Rep # 593 DTG 251705H.	9th Mar	
1930		12		All night activities are in position.	S-3, M	
2300		13		Submitted Sit Rep # 594 DTG 252300H.	9th Mar	
2400		14		Journal closed.	S-2, S-3	

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff T-Troops F-File
0001	1			Journal opened	
0500	2			Submitted Sit Rep # 595 DTG 260459H.	S-2, S-3, 9th Mar
0730	3			All night activities have returned to perim.	S-3, M
0745	4			All combat patrols have left perimeter and are conducting assigned mission.	S-3, M
0800	5			Gy Sgt. Chambers assumed duties as COG Watch Officer for period 260800H to 270800H.	S-3
1014	6			Co "A" OP at YD 125716 observed two NVA. Sniper took NVA under fire, killing one. The other NVA fled to a treeline at YD 127722 and a 4.2mm mortar mission was fired on that coordinate with good coverage. One NVA KIA confirmed.	9th Mar S-2, S-3
1115	7			Submitted Sit Rep # 595 DTG 261115H.	9th Mar, S-2, 3
1130	8			Co "A" platoon patrol found a bunker complex in a heavily wooded area at YD 096703. A reinforced squad was sent into the area to search and destroy the bunker complex. Upon entering the wooded area, the squad came under heavy fire and took several casualties. NVA force estimated at a platoon, later reinforced by two companies positioned in reinforced bunkers. Smitty Alpha squad set up a 360 defense. The squad was unable to move due to extremely heavy grazing fire from s/a and a/w. The squad also received incoming chi-com grenades. The remainder of the platoon swept into wooded area and received heavy s/a and a/w fire. At 1300H, a platoon of Co "B" command group was dispatched to reinforce the Alpha platoon. The Co "B" reaction unit swept through the area of contact and was pinned down by heavy s/a fire from both front and rear. At 1400H, the 1/4 elements in contact were further reinforced with a platoon from Co "B" and two tanks. All elements were heavily engaged by the enemy. Maintaining a heavy grazing fire from bunkers just above ground level and using heavy a/w and sniper fire, the enemy was able to pin down the Smitty units. At 1530H the Bravo Bn. Command Group, the remainder of Co "B" and two additional tigers were committed to the action. 1/4 elements swept the area and recovered all WIA'S and KIA'S. An LZ was established and all WIA'S AND KIA'S were evaced. AO ran gunships and fixed wing on area of contact	

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0001	1			Journal opened		S-3
0500	2			Submitted Sit Rep # 598 DTG 270500H	S-3	9th Mar S-2
0730	3			All night activities have returned to perim.	S-3, M	
0740	4			All combat patrols have departed perim. and are conducting assigned mission.	S-3, M	
0800	5			Capt. Hutteball assumed duties as COC Watch Officer for period 270800 to 280700.	S-3	
0930	6			1/4 held change of command ceremonies at A-4. Lt. Col. J.H. Maclean assumed command of the Bn while Lt Col E.A. Deptula departed for reassignment.		
1130	7			Submitted Sit Rep # 599 DTG 271130H	S-3	
1705	8			Submitted Sit Rep # 600 DTG 271705H	S-3	
1719	9			At 1719H A-4 received 4 rds and in next 10 min. received 10 more rds est. 152mm. All rds impacted outside minefield on southeastern side of perim. One est 85mm rd impacted 50-75 meters on western edge of Co "C" perim at C-2 Bridge. Neg. Cas. Fired counter battery arty on YD 064678 and YD 068749. Also fired 81mm mortar mission on suspected enemy FO pos. at YD 101684.	9th Mar S-2 S-3	
2234	10			Co "B" spotted 8 NVA to SW with NOD. Fired 81mm mortar mission on YD 108687. Good coverage, res. unkwn.		
2221	11			Submitted Sit Rep # 601 DTG 272221H.		9th Mar S-2, S-3
2400	12			Journal closed		S-3

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					M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0001	1			Journal opened		S-3
0005	2			Co "B" observed more movement with NOD'S. Utilized searchlight with netative results.		9th Mar
				Arty and 81mm mortar mission fired at YD 108687.		S-2
				Good coverage, results unknown.		S-3
0500	3			Submitted Sit Rep # 602 DTG 280500H.		S-3, 9th Mar
0730	4			All night activities have returned to perim.		S-3, M
0745	5			All combat patrols have departed perim. and		S-3, M
0800	6			are conducting assigned missions.		
0800	6			Lt. Olsen assumed duties as COO Watch Officer for period 280800 to 290800.		S-3
1135	7			Lt. Gen Walt, Assistant Commandant, LtGen Cushman, CGIII MAF, MajGen McThompson and party arrived at A-4 for briefing, inspection and presentation of individual awards.		S-3
				Generals and party departed at 1220H.		
1155	8			Submitted Sit Rep # 603 DTG 281155H.		S-3, 9th Mar
1630	9			All combat patrols have returned to perim.		S-3, M
1645-1710	10			A-4 received 2 rds est. 100-120mm arty and 2 rds 25 min. later. Two rds landed outside minefield to SW. Two rds impacted in lower western perim. by LZ. Fired 155 mm and gen. support at 0683575460, 072742 and 058764. Reaction time was 12 min. One friendly WIA (non evac)		9th Mar
1710	11			Submitted Sit Rep # 604 DTG 281710H.		S-3, 9th Mar
1930	12			All night activities are in position.		S-3, M
2135	13			Co "C" spotted two NVA with starlight checked area with infared and searchlight Fired 12 rds M-79 with good coverage.		9th Mar
				No further movement noted. Res. unkwn.		S-2, S-3
2300	14			Submitted Sit Rep # 605 DTG 282300H.		S-3, 9th Mar
2350	15			Co "A" LP, located outside minefield, received one rd s/a from rear. LP observed 2 NVA fired on enemy and saw 1 NVA fall. LP returned to perim. and went back to post after NOD could detect no further movement. Will check at first light.		S-3, S-2
2400	16			Journal closed.		S-3

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0001		1		Journal opened	S-3	
0100		2		Between 0100 and 0230 A-4 received 18 rds while Yankee Station received 4 rds. Fired counter battery missions on YD 167801.	S-2, S-3	
0305		3		A-4 received one arty rd. from a southerly direction. Rd. impacted between A-4 and Yankee Station to the west. Notified 2/12 FDC of incident.	9th Mar, S-2 S-3, 2/12 FSCC	
0800		4		Lt. Campbell assumed duties as COC Watch Officer for period 290800 to 300800H.	S-3	
0930		5		Co "D" wire check discovered two 25 to 30 meter gaps in outer concertina. Det cord found and condition of ground indicates NVA used bangalore		
1120		6		Co "A" patrol discovered 7 82mm rds, NVA gas mask and 2 bunkers, 4'x8' by 4' with 2' covering. Destroyed bunkers and 82mm rds.	S-3, S-2	
1130		7		Submitted Sit Rep # 607 DTG 291130H.	S-2, 39th Mar	
1155-1206		8		A-4 received 10 rds. est. 82mm mortar. Fired arty and 81mm mission with good target coverage. Results unknown.	9th Mar S-2, S-3	
1450		9		Lt. Gen Rossen, CG Prov. Corps, Vietnam, and Maj. Gen. Davis, Deputy CG Prov. Corps, Vietnam, arrived at A-4 and departed approximately 30 minutes later.	S-3	
1630		10		All combat patrols have returned to perim.	S-3, M	
1705		11		3d platoon, "K" Co, 3/3 chopped OPCON from 1/4 to 1/9.	S-3, 9th Mar	
1707		12		Submitted Sit Rep # 609 DTG 291707H.	9th Mar, S-3	
1850		13		Observed two NVA in treeline west of Yankee Station at YD 104692. One NVA was wearing a soft cover and carrying a long rifle, possibly a sniper rifle, and the other was wearing a flak. Fired 60 and 81mm with unk. res.	9th Mar S-2, S-3	
1930		14		All night activities are in position.	S-3, M	
2300		15		Submitted Sit Rep # 610 DTG 292300H.	9th Mar	
2400		16		Journal closed.	S-2, S-3 S-3	

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0510	2			Submitted Sit Rep # 610 DTG 300510H.	9th Mar, S-2,3	
0730	3			All night activities have returned to perim.	S-3, M	
0745	4			All combat patrols have departed perimeter and are conducting assigned mission.	S-3, M	
0800	5			Lt. McCune assumed duties as COC Watch Officer for period 300800 to 010800H.	S-3	
0850	6			OP#1 observed 2 NVA at YD 093705. Fired 81mm mission. Results unkwn.	9th Mar	S-2, S-3
0854	7			Between 0859 and 0935 A-4 received 10 rds. 82mm from estimated two tubes. Fired arty mission, 4.2 and 81mm mission on YD 12177194 and 123720. Reaction time was 15 min. Two enemy rds impacted in Northeastern portion of perim. The other rds impacted in minefield and outside perimeter to Northeast.	9th Mar	S-2, S-3
0900	8			Co "A" wire check found a 60 meter gap blown in outer wire, remains of Bangalore torpedo and one NVA hat. Forwarded Bangalore and cap to S-2. Repaired wire.	9th Mar	S-2, S-3
0940	9			OP#1 received 4 rds of sniper fire from YD 100706. Fired 81mm mission.	9th Mar, S-2,3	
1110	10			Submitted Sit Rep # 611 DTG 301110H.	9th Mar, S-2,3	
1200	11			OP#2 observed 5 NVA in open at YD 170785. Fired arty mission with good coverage. Results unknown.	9th Mar, S-3,2	
1246	12			Co "B" patrol discovered 4 NVA 60mm mortar rds. Returning rds. to S-2.	9th Mar	S-2, S-3
1315	13			Co "D" patrol observed 3 NVA in open at YD 133712. Fired arty mission with good coverage. Res. unkwn.	9th Mar, S-2,3	
1342	14			OP#2 and OP#3 received one rd each from enemy sniper. Fired 81mm mortar mission with good coverage. Results unknown.	9th Mar	S-2, S-3
1710	15			Submitted Sit Rep # 612 DTG 301710H.	9th Mar, S-2,3	
2220	16			Perim. elements of A-4 and Co "A" ambush observed est. 30-40 rds s/a being fired at YD 119710. No movement observed of enemy.	9th Mar	S-3, S-2
2300	17			Submitted Sit Rep # DTG 302305H.	9th Mar, S-2,3	
2400	18			Journal closed.	S-3	

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H&amp;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

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

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2nd Plat, Co "A", 3d Tank Bn	1stLt. J. BLOCK	30 Mar
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Dot, Regt Hq Btry, 12th Mar (CMT)	Sgt. GOODWIN	9-31 Mar
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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.

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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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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

11 Mighty Mites	M422A1
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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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