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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDERDATE

1st Battalion, 4th Marines

LtCol J.H. MACLEAN

1-25 June

LtCol T.H. GALBRAITH

26-30 June

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&amp;S Company

1stLt W.E. JONES

1-11 June

1stLt W.W. MURPHY

12-30 June

Company A

Capt R.R. MANNILA

1-30 June

Company B

1stLt W.J. STANGLER

1-30 June

Company C

Capt W.P. NEGRON

1-30 June

Company D

1stLt M.E. JACKSON

1-30 June

ATTACHED UNITS

Hq Co, 4th Marines (Sniper Teams)

Cpl R.A. SCHROEDER

10-30 June

2. Location

Battalion CP

1-3 June

Camp Carroll, RVN

4-6 June

LZ ROBIN

7-18 June

LZ TORCH

18-30 June

LZ MIKE

Battalion Rear

1-30 June

Dong Ha, RVN

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

Major J.E. O'NEILL

1-30 June

S-1

1stLt B.D. GREEN

1-30 June

S-2

1stLt D.M. KRUSE

1-30 June

S-3

Major C.B. SPERRY

1-30 June

S-4

Capt O.B. RENFRO

1-30 June

Supply Officer

1stLt R.L. FISHER

1-30 June

MP Officer

1stLt C.W. SHOB

1-15 June

2ndLt J.E. BAUTAN

16-30 June

Capt J.J. THORNTON

1-30 June

Comm Officer

Lt E.J. GRECO USNR

1-30 June

Battalion Chaplain

Lt W.H. ROGERS USNR

1-30 June

Battalion Surgeon

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4. Average Monthly Strength

	<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>		<u>ENLISTED</u>
32		943

	<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>		<u>ENLISTED</u>
2		52

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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The Battalion participated in Scotland II primarily during the month of June. On 3 June the Battalion was helo lifted from Operation LANCASTER II OA into Scotland II OA. The normal mission of the Battalion was to seize and defend Arty Fire Bases, with companies conducting search and destroy patrols along with screening activities around the fire bases.

On 3 June, the Battalion CP, "A" and "B" companies were helo lifted into LZ ROBIN with "C" Company going in LZ LOOM on the 4th, followed by "D" Company on the 5th. The Battalion, being OPCON to First Marines, was chopped back to Fourth Marines 051800H. About 0600H on 6 June, "C" and "D" Companies came under heavy attack by an estimated 150 NVA, using a/w, s/a and RPG fires and chicom grenades. The two companies repelled same with s/a, a/w, 60mm and 81mm mortars arty, fixed wing and UH-1E gunships, inflicting heavy casualties upon the NVA. Light contact continued throughout the day, with s/a, 82mm mortars and 130mm arty fire being used against the Battalion. Fixed wing strikes and arty were used in suppressing these fires. An extract of two platoons of "C" Company was made about 1400H, and the last helo crashed and burned as a result of heavy enemy .50 cal fire. The helo was in such a position that it could not be reached at that time by friendlies. The remaining forces of "C" and "D" companies were extracted later in the afternoon.

On 7 June, the Battalion CP, "A" and "B" Companies plus "D" Company, 1/3, were lifted from LZ ROBIN to Hill 515 (906279). The Battalion constructed a fire support base at that location and defended same until 18 June. During that time numerous company patrols around the base destroyed approximately 300 bunkers and several hundred meters of a road that was 5 to 8 meters wide. Also destroyed were several acres of corn, cucumber, tobacco, squash, tomatoes, potatoes and okra.

On 11 June, at approximately 0215H, an estimated company of NVA attacked LZ TORCH, using s/a, RPG, satchel charges and chicom grenades. Assault was oriented toward "C" Btry, 1/12 and "A" Company, 1/4. Repelled assault with s/a, a/w, M-26 grenades, M-79, 60mm and 81mm mortars and arty, both direct and indirect fire. A flare ship provided illumination. Friendly casualties resulting from action: "C" Btry - 4 KIA/17 WIA; Co "A" - 10 KIA/5 WIA; Co "D", 1/3 - 1 WIA.

About 0830H the same day, received 50 to 75 rds of 82mm mortar. Silenced 82mm tube with fixed wing and 81mm mortar. Capt Mannilla, "A" Company Commander, was hit in the back and shoulder and was med-evaced. Additional casualties due to this incoming was 17 WIA. At 2100H, "A" Company had movement in front of its lines. Fired 60mm and 81mm mortar. Lt Jones, "A" Company Commander, was wounded in the leg by sniper fire and was med-evaced.

At 150830H, Company "D", 1/3, was chopped from 1/4.

On 18 June the Battalion CP, "B" and "D" Companies moved to LZ MIKE. "A" Company was moved to LZ STUD completing evacuation of LZ TORCH.

From 19 to 30 June, the Battalion CP was located at LZ MIKE, with two companies in the perimeter and two companies screening south of Rt #9.

At 222120H, Co "C" ambush observed 5-6 NVA at 928609. Fired a/w, s/a, 60mm and 81mm mortar, with excellent coverage of target. Search of area next day revealed blood and marks that indicated bodies had been dragged off.

At 251330H, "D" Co patrol found remains of a downed C-123 with 15 bodies. Grave Registration assistance was used in recovery. Also found were 30 M-16 rifles, 3 SRB's and other equipment including helmets and cartridge belts.

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"A" Company, at 301400H, made contact with 4-5 NVA. Fired two rds M-16, observing one NVA fall. Pulled back and called arty mission. One NVA KIA confirmed at coordinate 028439.

At 271530H, Co "C" was chopped to 1/9.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Combat missions assigned

## a. Fourth Marines Frag Order (Operation LANCASTER II)

## (1) At Camp Carroll (1 June -2 June)

- (a) Defend Camp Carroll
- (b) Protect Rt #9 within the OA
- (c) Conduct daily road sweeps
- (d) Provide Rough Rider security
- (e) Provide Sparrow Hawk Platoon

## b. Conducted assigned mission in accordance with Fourth Marines Operation Plan 5-68 of 3 June (Operation SCOTLAND II)

2. Operations.

01 June

Trucks parked at YD 077572 received 6 82mm mortar rds and s/a fire. Fired arty and 81mm mortar missions on enemy positions at YD 057585 and YD 060597.

At 1500H, Camp Carroll received 15-20 rds of mixed 120mm rockets and 75mm arty howitzer. Fired arty missions on enemy positions at YD 053589, YD 035590 and YD 040590. 1 WIA, minor.

03 June

At 0900H, road sweep found one enemy claymore mine at YD 063570. Engineers blew mine in place.

At 1100H, road sweep received 12 rds of 60mm mortar from YD 146585. Fired arty mission and 40 rds of dusters with good target coverage. Results unknown. 1 WIA (minor), non-evac.

05 June

At 1230H, Co "C", at Landing zone LOOM, observed enemy mortar tubing at XD 879323. Fired 106PR, 81mm mortar and .50 cal missions. Good target coverage on enemy position.

06 June

At 0600H, an estimated 150 NVA commenced early morning attack on Co's "C" and "D" at LZ LOOM. Co's "C" and "D" received s/a, a/w, and RPG as well as chicom grenades. 1/4 elements repelled attack with a/w, s/a, 60mm and 81mm mortars

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arty, fixed wing and helo hunships. Contact continued throughout the day as Co's "C" and "D" received s/a, 82mm mortar and 130mm artillery fire. At approximately 1400H an attempt to extract two "C" Company platoons was made. The last helo was brought down by enemy fire. The helo crashed in such a position that friendlies could not reach it. Co's "C" and "D" consolidated and were extracted in the late afternoon.

07 June

At 1135H, Co "B" found 37 living bunkers in the vicinity of XD 899276. The bunkers could house 1 to 2 men each. Also found cooking area. This area believed to be enemy transit area.

At 1245H, 1/4 commenced lift to 4th Marines objective #2. First lift landed at 1305H at 906279. First wave received s/a from hill north of landing zone. Observed 12-15 NVA in draw at 904287. Called in arty and fixed wing with unknown results. All hands in landing zone by 1630H. Continued to call arty missions and air strikes on the above confirmed position as well as suspected enemy positions throughout the afternoon.

at 1430H, 1/4 elements found a pamphlet in the vicinity of 4th Marines objective #2. An interpreter said the pamphlet was from the Laotian government, granting NVA freedom of movement in Laos. Sent pamphlet to 4th Marines S-2.

At 1700H, Co "A" squad patrol observed a wire leading along side of road. Found NVA type stretcher and NVA entrenching tool. Patrol continued along road and observed one NVA. Took enemy under fire and observed him fall. Heard movement, hence did not check out area.

At 1900H, Co "D", 1/3 observed 5 NVA approximately 475 meters from their lines at 915277. The enemy were moving west and appeared to be carrying packs. Observed no weapons. Fired approximately 6 WP and 4 HE 60mm mortar rds and 20 rds s/a. Results unknown.

08 June

At 0830H, elements of Co "A" observed what appeared to be a tracked vehicle, possibly an enemy tank. Called in fixed wing air strike, checked area with negative results.

At 2000H, Co "B" patrol discovered road that ranged in width from 5-8 meters from coordinates XD 899276 to XD 905280. Road had cut and fill. In some places, the cut was 8-10 feet deep. In spots where gulleys ran across road, the holes were filled with rocks and covered with logs in order to allow drainage and ensure trafficability during rains. In some places, the road was covered with fist size rocks. The road

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was generally well constructed with even surface. Overhead trees had limbs cut to provide possible vehicle passage. Found comm wire along road. Trails leading off road led to what appeared to be transit areas. These areas were well policed and provided excellent coverage from aerial observers. Also found papers giving NVA rules for engagement with the South Vietnamese. Found sign with two possible translations:

- (1) "When you fight, you must win."
- (2) "The NVA are here to liberate the South Vietnamese".

Also found container that held 6 pints of whole milk, made in China. Label, printed in English and Chinese, read, "National cereals, oils, food stuffs Import and Export Company."

09 June

At 0900H, Co "A" found 16 unoccupied bunkers in the vicinity of XD 912288. Some were living bunkers and some were fighting bunkers. Also found apparent mess hall area. Also found improved road at XD 910286. One personal letter was found. Destroyed bunkers and road. Forwarded letter to 4th Marines S-2.

At 0930H, Co "D" at XD 920283, observed 3 NVA and tunnel and bunkers that appeared to be fresh at XD 923271. Could have been living area. Tunnel was located in draw with trails leading to it. Cultivated area with corn located to east of tunnel. Called for fixed wing air support.

At 1730H, Co "A" company size patrol, along enemy road between XD 9028 to 9129, found approximately 56 bunkers. The biggest group was found at 915289. Bunkers were about 200 meters apart along road. S-2 believed that most bunkers were used for highway security and living quarters. Most bunkers had been there at least 2-3 months but had been improved within the last two weeks. Comm wire, apparently freshly laid, ran along road. Discovered bridge at XD 916296. The bridge was capable of handling heavy vehicles. Trees along the road had "D8" or "H8" blazed into them. S-2 scouts thought cooking facilities were large enough for a reinforced company. Trails leading off road were well used. Found sledge hammer and 7 to 8 sticks of unknown type of explosive. AO gave air 16 NVA KIA in its vicinity of XD 895255 (not carried on this unit's totals). Destroyed bunkers and bridge. Forwarded explosives to 4th Marines S-2.

At 1815H, Co "B" observed 5 NVA carrying 3 bodies at 890252. Fired firecracker arty mission with good target coverage. Results unknown.

10 June

At 0650H, AO gave air 3 more confirmed KIA's and arty 2 confirmed NVA KIA's. (At XD 895255 (not carried on this unit's totals)) AO also reported that 21 bodies that were in the vicinity of the above coordinates on 9 June were no longer there. S-2 believed that this possibly indicated

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a large enemy unit in that vicinity.

At 0835H, Co "B" found 2 bunkers and a grass hut at XD 901272. Hut was approximately 14' by 8' wide and approximately 8' off the ground. Hut had fireplace and fan. Blow bunkers and burned hut.

At 1130H, Co "B" found cornfield at 901267. Field was approximately 250 meters long and 75 meters wide. Also found 2 bunkers in same area. Field contained corn, cucumbers, squash, tobacco, tomatoes, potatoes and okra. At coordinates 904260, Co "B" found 2 living huts and one bunker. Living huts were on stilts and each was capable of sleeping 5-6 men. Living huts and bunkers did not appear to have been used in a month. Destroyed field, bunkers and huts.

At 1400H, Co "D", 1/3 found 16 living bunkers at XD 907286. Found trail from 906286 to 903288 that was flanked with 42 living bunkers. Overhead on those bunkers was not complete. Found several cooking fire sites. In vicinity of 903288, found several recently bombed trails with footprints heading west. Vicinity of 999291, found Montegnard village of 2 houses, 3 recently completed living bunkers with overhead protection and 4 "A" frame bunkers with two beds each. In this area, cornfields and other vegetation were growing. Also heard several chickens. Found 2 huts near cornfield. One booby trap was found in this area. Trap was a Russian projectile buried in the ground with a trip wire. Destroyed bunkers, huts and booby trap.

10 June

At 2210H, Co "D" observed 7 NVA moving in draw approximately 400 meters in front of its position. Observed enemy by use of night device. Fired 81mm and 60mm mortar missions. NVA were observed running into 81mm mortar fire. Area was covered later by 81mm fire.

11 June

From 0215H to 0430H, received s/a, R/C, satchel charges and chicom grenades. Assault was oriented toward "C" Btry and Co "A", 1/4. Enemy force estimated at company size, assaulted on 2 sides. 1/4 repelled assault with s/a, a/w, frag grenades, s-75's, 60mm and 81mm mortar missions and direct/indirect arty fires. Had a flare chip providing illumination. Friendly casualties:

Co "B" Btry - 4 KIA, 17 MIA

Co "A" - 8 KIA, 17 MIA

Co "D" 1/4 - 1 MIA (one minor and 1 HRC over).

At 0900H, Co "A" CO, Capt Mannilla was med-evaced (routine) with shrapnel wounds in back and shoulder.

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At 0930H, shortly after ground assault, 1/4 elements received 50-75 82mm mortar rds. Called fixed wing air strikes, fired 60mm and 81mm mortar missions and fired arty. Total casualties for days actions:

1/4 10 KIA, 23 WIA evac, 8 non-evac  
 "C" Btry 4 KIA, 14 WIA (evac)  
 "D" Company, 1/3 1 WIA evac, 1 non-evac.

At 2100H, Co "A" had movement in front of lines. Fired 60mm and 81mm mortar missions and arty. Requested flare ship. Co "A" CO, 1stLt Jones, was wounded in leg by s/a round and med-evaced.

14 June

Conducted routine activities with negative contact. Co "D" 1/3 returned from Co patrol, negative contact. Cumulative casualty totals for Operation SCOTLAND II were:

43 KIA  
 95 WIA evac  
 10 WIA non-evac

Enemy casualties: 149 NVA KIA

Weapons captured: 13 AK-47's and 2 RPG

15 June

At 0700H, Co "D", 1/3 chopped OPCON from 1/4 to 4th Marines at 150700H.

At 1123H, total LZ LOOM casualties for 1/4:

33 KIA, 74 WIA, 7 NBC. Figures include 9 KIA by enemy arty on 5 June and 12 KIA in helo crash on 6 June. Co "D" total casualties 8 KIA, 26 WIA, 2 NBC. Co "D" extracted to Bulldozer 34. Co "D" WIA med-evacs through Bulldozer 6. Co "D" other med-evacs 7 KIA, 16 WIA, Co "D" med-evacs of to LZ CAMERO. HAS Company total extracted to Bulldozer 13. Total med-evacs through Bulldozer 8 WIA. Total KIA 12 result helo crash.

16 June

At 1500H, air uncovered 16 bunkers and had 9 secondary explosions. Requested AO to return at 1700H to adjust arty. AO failed to return to area due to priority missions. 81mm mortar illumination lost by helo on 15 June was destroyed by air.

18 June

At 2040H, helo lift of 1/4 from LZ TORCH to LZ STUD and LZ MIKE completed.

19 June

At 1700H, at LZ MIKE, 3-5 NVA were observed at XD 931408. Enemy were moving through high elephant grass and shrubbery. They were wearing green uniforms and helmets. Fired 106RR 60mm and 81mm missions with excellent coverage. Unable to fire arty due to lack of clearance. Platoon swept area with negative results.

22 June

At 2120H, Co "C" ambush observed 5-6 NVA at XD 928409. Fired

s//a, 60mm and 81mm mortars with excellent coverage of target.

24 June

At 1330H, Co "D" found remains of a downed helicopter. Found in helo were 20 helmets, 30 M-16's, 3 ID cards, 3 wallets, 3 SRB's and 1 canteen cover. Sent patrol to check and requested Graves Registration assistance.

29 June

At 0130H, Co "D" ambush took one incoming chicom grenade. Negative casualties. Ambush returned to perimeter. Fired 60mm and 81mm mortars on suspected enemy position at XD 964411. 60mm mortars had two short rounds resulting in 3 USM casualties (2 med-evac and 1 non-evac). Improper baseplate seating due to rain, caused short round.

30 June

At 1400H, at YD 028439, Co "A" made contact with 4-5 NVA wearing green uniforms. Fired 2 rounds of M-16 into one NVA. Pulled back and called in arty. Poor coverage due to FO's inability to observe rounds. 1 NVA KIA confirmed.

3. Training.

- a. Due to the tactical situation, class training was suspended.
- b. All replacement personnel received an indoctrination briefing. Each replacement also FAN fired his weapon.

4. Casualties inflicted on the enemy.

NVA/KIA	(conf)	168
NVA/DOW		0

5. Friendly casualties sustained.

KIA	47
WIA	121
Non-hostile deaths	2
DOW	2
NBC	119
MIA	0

6. New techniques employed.

Negative

7. Equipment.

- a. Equipment Evacuated. During the month the following equipment was evacuated for maintenance at third and higher echelon:

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<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AMT</u>
RT-505 receiver transmitter	7
H-139 radio handset	2

b. End Items. The following radio equipment is on order:

<u>ITEM</u>	
RT-505 receiver transmitter	8
AN/PRC-25	8
H-189	40
AN/PRC-25 harnesses	16

## 8. Logistics.

### a. Supply.

(1) Class I. All Class I was drawn at LZ STUD in support of operations. Hot sandwiches were prepared at Camp Carroll, brought to LZ STUD by vehicle, and sent to troops by helicopter. On 26 June the Battalion Mess commenced operation at LZ STUD and "R" rations were served three times daily. One hot meal per day was prepared and sent to LZ MIKE from LZ STUD.

(2) Class II. Battalion Supply remained at Dong Ha with FLSG-B as the source of supply. Shortages in the following items were again experienced during this period:

Mask, Protective, M-17 medium size  
Body Armor, upper torso, all sizes  
Utilities, shirt (jungle) and trousers (jungle)  
GP tents

5-gallon water cans were a constant problem due to combat loss and, at times, being taken by helicopters to the wrong LZ's. Plastic water bags were used and proved very satisfactory in emergencies for a one-time resupply only.

(3) Class III. Class III was adequate at LZ STUD

(4) Class IV. Class IV was adequate at LZ STUD

(5) Class V. Class V was adequate at LZ STUD with the exception of one day when the ammo dump was hit by enemy fire. At that time there was a shortage of 81mm mortar, 60mm mortar and pyrotechnics of all types.

### b. Transportation.

(1) Organic. During this month the battalion received its new M151A1's. These vehicles were used for administrative runs to Dong Ha and for carrying cargo within LZ STUD.

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(2) Support.

(a) Vehicular. Support was received from 1st, 3rd, and 9th Motor Transport Battalion at various times during the month. At LZ STUD there were no Class II Supplies/medical supplies available and transportation of these supplies to LZ STUD from Dong Ha along with mail and Class VI was difficult to accomplish. Division Motor Transport provided transportation (when available) and the FLSG-B had to approve the vehicle's joining its convoy. On several occasions joining of the convoy from Dong Ha to LZ STUD was disapproved due to the large size of each convoy.

c. Engineer Support. Engineer support teams provided the battalion with demolitions capabilities.

9. Civil Affairs.

There were no Civil Affairs activities conducted during this reporting period. Staff Sergeant D.A. WEATHERHOLTS, 1463029, USMC, attended the two-day Personal Response Course at Quang Tri.

10. Psychological Warfare. All psychological warfare operations were conducted by higher echelon.

11. Personnel and Administration.

a. General. During the reporting period, the Battalion's administration section was located at Dong Ha. At the close of the reporting period, each rifle company averaged 38 men below manning level, and 124 were in a non-effective status. This battalion is currently 8 officers below M/L in the 0302 MOS and still has a critical shortage of an O402.

b. Personnel Losses and Gains.

LOSSES	USMC		USN	
	OFFICERS	ENLISTED	OFFICERS	ENLISTED
Battle	0	46	0	3
Non-Battle	0	1	0	0
Admin	2	181	0	13
TOTAL	2	231	0	16
GAINS	8	140	0	7

c. Awards.(1) Awards presented during the reporting period:

Bronze Star w/combat "V"	2
(presented by CG, FMTPac 14 June 69)	
Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry	3

(2) Awards recommended during the reporting period:

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Navy Cross	2
Silver Star	3
Bronze Star	21
Navy Commendation	3
Navy Achievement Medal	4
Purple Heart Medal	121

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

Courts-Martial/Admin Discharges

General Court - completed	1
Special Court - pending	2
Admin Discharges - completed	2

Non-Judicial Punishments

Battalion Commander	2
Company Commander	0

e. Morale. Morale continued to be high. Out-of-country R&R quotas utilized for the month were: Hawaii-18; Bangkok-17; Hong Kong-9; Taipei-9; Sydney-10; Tokyo-6; Okinawa-4; Kuala Lumpur-3; Singapore-3. For In-Country R&R a total of 20 quotas were used.

During the month 73 Lance Corporals were promoted to Corporal, 131 Privates First Class were promoted to Lance Corporal and 6 Privates were promoted to Privates First Class. 13 Corporals were promoted to Sergeant and 2 Corporals were meritoriously promoted to Sergeant.

12. Intelligence.

a. Enemy.

(1) 1st Bn, 4th Marines started on an operation in conjunction with Lancaster II on 4 June 1968. Fire Base ROBIN was established with little difficulty and contact in the immediate area was with small units. The enemy showed his capability of fighting a delayed action and his ability to use the high canopy of the jungle. Charlie and Delta Companies established LZ LOOM and were brought under heavy ground attack by an estimated Regt of the 304th Division. Again the enemy showed his ability to delay and counter with swift offensive actions where the terrain particularly favors such tactics. After successfully establishing Fire Base ROBIN, 1/4 moved to establish Fire Base TORCH in the vicinity of Hill 515. The road is wide enough for vehicle travel; however, evidence of this was noted. The road appeared to have been cut in place by power tools or extensive man power expertly done by entrenching tools. The trees appeared to have been cut by power saw and large rocks showed evidence of being blown by demolitions. Any holes in the road had been filled by rocks, and large logs were added to give the drainage effect needed for an all-weather road. Trails leading off the road led to transit cooking area. These transit areas were approximately 200 meters apart and appeared to be used by the NVA working on the road. The bridge found at XD 916296 was constructed to handle vehicle

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traffic. "B" and "D" Companies found an agriculture field at XD 901267 and at XD 925723 containing corn, potatoes, squash, okra, tobacco and tomatoes. The field was approximately 75x300 meters in area, and appeared to be cultivated by transit area NVA and probably was used as a readily available food supply.

At 0215H, 11 June, two rifle shots were heard. It was at this time that a Sapper team hit, putting 1/4 under a two-front attack. The Sapper team was heavily camouflaged and exhibited the capability of massing and delaying, coupled with swift offensive actions. The offensive action of the Sapper team failed. However, they combined their failure with heavy mortar attacks. On 19 June we established LZ MIKE for a future fire base. The companies were employed for extensive patrolling.

b. Weather. The weather was generally clear to partly cloudy for the month of June. Visibility was reduced periodically due to intermittent afternoon rain storms. Lunar illumination was 80 to 90% for the first two weeks of June, declining slowly towards the last two weeks of June.

c. Terrain. Most slopes were fairly gradual but difficult to traverse because of jungle canopy ranging from 60 to 100 feet in height. The terrain strongly favors a defense. Through experience the enemy favors the reverse slopes for employment of his guerilla or delaying tactics by small units.

d. Incoming. The number of rounds of incoming by enemy arty was 100 while 250 82mm mortar rounds were received.

e. Enemy equipment found or destroyed.

300 bunkers destroyed.

### 13. Communications.

a. Message Center. Provided the use of shackles, authentication, and brevity codes for the command and attachments, in addition to classified and non-classified message handling.

b. Radio. The radio section supported units attached to this command with batteries and serviceable radio equipment as required.

c. Covered Circuit. The KY-8 circuit continued to give high performance to this command. We have received the three KY-8's back from repair and were on operational ready at the end of the month.

d. Wire. Wire-telephone service continued to improve.

e. Electronic Repair. Provided the repair services for this command and all the units attached to this command.

f. Maintenance Section. The maintenance for electrical lighting continued to improve as the shortage of wire diminished.

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g. Radio Relay. This service continues to improve. Damage was generally caused by generator failure.

h. Critical Shortage. A shortage exists in AN/PRC-25 module replacements, A-10 being the most critical of all.

i. Equipment Repaired. During the month of June the following equipment was repaired:

(First and Second Echelon)

(Third Echelon)

ITEM	AMT	ITEM	AMT
RT-505	10		
RTS-6	1		
RTS-5	0		
RE-8	5		
TA-312	7		
TA-1/35	3		
H-138	6		
H-189	3		
H-33	1		
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#### 14. Air Support.

a. 1 June - 30 June at Camp Carroll, LZ ROBIN, LZ LOOM, LZ TORCH AND LZ MIKE.

##### (1) Fixed Wing Support.

(a) AO's controlled an estimated 120 Fixed wing strikes. No fixed wing strikes were controlled by 1/4 during the reporting period. No confirmed BDA available.

(2) Helicopter Close Air Support. 10 flights of Huey Gunships were controlled by 1/4 during the reporting period. No confirmed BDA available.

(3) Medevac. 291 casualties medevaced during the reporting period, utilizing 35 helicopter sorties.

(4) Aerial Observers. AO's were obtained whenever necessary.

(5) Troop Lifts. 6 Battalion-size troop lifts and 4 company-size troop lifts were conducted.

(6) TPO's. 25 TPO missions were requested.

(7) Resupply. An estimated 300,000 pounds of resupply material was lifted during the month of June.

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15. Fire Support.

a. The Battalion FO teams operated exclusively with their assigned companies. The teams were operating in the field and in this status they manned no permanent observation positions.

b. Night defensive fires were called at every position occupied and at 60% of these positions they were fired in.

c. A number of fires were brought to bear on counter battery/mortar, observed enemy movement, intelligence targets and suspected enemy positions. Firecracker ammo was used against some of the enemy moving targets and suspected positions with excellent results. The following missions were fired in support of the Battalion during the reporting period.

M&I's	250
Observed Fires	170
Unobserved Fires	0
Counter Btry/Mortar	11
Illumination	50

d. The FO teams had several secondary explosions and were credited with 30 enemy KIA's during the operating month.

16. Medical and Dental Affairs.

a. The total number of visits to the Battalion Aid Stations during the month of June 1968 were 1,476.

b. Prevalent medical entities encountered were:

Gonorrhea	3	Rat Bites	14
Diarrhea	61	FUO	73
Malaria	8	Dermatological Conditions	14
URI	3	Heat Injuries	15
NP Disorders	12	RSU	2

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.

d. A total of 129 patients were referred to Delta Company, 3d Medical Battalion, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF. Of those referred the following were consults:

Dental	18	Internal Medicine	9
Ophthalmology	4	Surgical	7
Eyes, nose, throat	12	Proctology	1
Urology	2		

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

NSA, Danang	36	Phu Bai	46
USS Sanctuary	5	22nd Casualty Staging Facility	9
USS Repose	11		

e. The following is a breakdown of casualties for this period:

KIA	47	MED	2
MIA	6	DCM	2
WIA	121	NBC	119

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

g. Sanitation inspections were held weekly in accordance with Article 16000.4b in the Battalion area (Dong Ha, LZ STUD, and LZ MIKE). Sanitary facilities, at the present, are considered adequate.

h. Three Battalion Aid Stations were maintained during the month of June. A Forward Battalion Aid Station consisting of a battalion surgeon and six hospital corpsmen located in the field until 22 June at LZ STUD, a secondary Battalion Aid Station consisting of two hospital corpsmen located at LZ MIKE, and a rear Battalion Aid Station consisting of eight 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.

#### 17. Religious Services.

(1) Catholic Mass was provided for the battalion while it was in the field for the month of June.

(2) Total attendance for Sunday Catholic Masses for June was 162. Total attendance for daily Catholic Masses for June was 250.

(3) Protestant Services were provided for the battalion while it was in the field for the month of June. Services were held once by a Lay Leader and once by the Regimental Chaplain of the Fourth Marines, Cdr. J.W. Cahill.

(4) Total attendance for Protestant Divine Services for the month of June was 89.

(5) Last Rites were administered in the field by the battalion chaplain to the members of the Battalion killed and wounded during the operation.

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0001		1		Journal opened.		S-3
0825		2		Submitted Sit Rep #2 DTG 080825H.		4th Mar, S-3
0830		3		At 0800H, elements of Co "A" observed what appeared to be a track vehicle, possibly enemy tank. Called in fixed wing air strikes, checked area with negative results.		4th Mar, S-2, S-3
1100		4		Submitted Sit Rep #3 DTG 081100H.		4th Mar, S-3
2000		5		Co "B" patrol discovered road that ranged in width from 5-8 meters from coordinates 899276 to 905280. Road had cut and fill. In some places, the cut was 8-10 feet deep. In spots where gulleys ran across road, the holes were filled with rocks and covered with logs in order to allow drainage and ensure trafficability during rains. In some places, the road was covered with fist size rocks. The road was generally well constructed with even surface. Overhead trees had limbs cut to provide possible vehicle passage. Found Comm wire along road. Trails leading off road led to what appeared to be transit areas. These areas were well policed and provided excellent coverage from aerial observers. Also found papers giving NVA rules for engagement with the South Vietnamese. Found sign with two possible translations: (1) "When you fight, you must win." (2) "The NVA are here to liberate the South Vietnamese." Also found container that held 6 pints of whole milk, made in China. Label, printed in English and Chinese, read, "National cereals, oils, food stuffs Import and Export Company". Continuing to utilize engineer teams to destroy road.		4th Mar, S-2 S-3
2307		6		Submitted Sit Rep #5 DTG 082307H.		4th Mar, S-3
2400		7		Journal closed.		S-3

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0650		2		Co "B" received 3 82mm mortar rds from 888283. Fired 81mm mortar and arty mission on enemy position.	4th Mar S-2, S-3
0730		3		Submitted Sit Rep #6 DTG 090730H.	4th Mar, S-3
0900		4		Co "A" found 16 unoccupied bunkers in the vicinity of 912288. Some were living bunkers and some were fighting bunkers. Also found apparent mess hall area. Also found improved road at 910286. One personal letter was found. Destroyed bunkers and road. Forwarded letter to 4th Marines S-2.	4th Mar S-2, S-3
0930		5		Co "D" at 920283, observed 3 NVA and tunnel and bunkers that appeared to be fresh at 923271. Could be living area. Tunnel is located in draw with trails leading to it. Cultivated area with corn located to east of tunnel. Called for fixed wing air strikes.	4th Mar, S-2 S-3
1000		6		Co "A" ran into traces of CS gas that was already on ground at 912289. Gas bothered troops only slightly. Did not seem to be tactical employment by enemy.	4th Mar, S-2 S-3
1120		7		Submitted Sit Rep #7 DTG 091120H.	4th Mar, S-3
1720		8		Submitted Sit Rep #8 DTG 091720H.	4th Mar, S-3
1730		9		(From 0900H to 1730H) Co "A" company size patrol, along enemy road between 9028 to 9129, found approx 56 bunkers. The biggest group was found at 915289. Bunkers were about 200 meters apart along road. S-2 feels that most bunkers were used for highway security and living quarters. Most bunkers had been there at least 2-3 months but had been improved within the last two weeks. Communication wire, apparently freshly laid, ran along road. Discovered bridge at 916296. The bridge was capable of handling heavy vehicles. Trees along the road had "D8" or "H8" blazed into them. S-2 scouts felt cooking facilities were large enough for a reinforced company. Trails leading off road were well used. Found sledge hammer and 7 or 8 sticks of unknown type explosive. AO has given air 16 NVA KBA in vicinity of 895255 (not carried on this units totals) Destroyed bunkers and bridge. Forwarded	

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0001		1		Journal opened.	S-3
0500		2		Submitted Sit Rep #10 DTG 100500H.	4th Mar, S-3
0650		3		A0 gave air 3 more confirmed KBA's and arty 2 confirmed NVA KIA'S at 895255 (not carried on this unit's totals). A0 also reported that 21 NVA bodies that were in the vicinity of the above coordinates yesterday are no longer there. S-2 believes that this possibly indicates a large enemy unit in that vicinity.	4th Mar S-2, S-3
0835		4		Co "B" found 2 bunkers and a grass hut at 901272. Hut was approx 14' by 8' wide and approx 8' off ground. Hut had fireplace and fan. Blew bunkers and burned hut.	4th Mar, S-2 S-3
1114		5		Submitted Sit Rep #11 DTG 101114H.	4th Mar, S-3
1130		6		Co "B" found cornfield at 901267. Field was approx 250 meters long and 75 meters wide. Also found 2 bunkers in same area. Field contained corn, cucumbers, squash, tobacco, tomatoes, potatoes and okra. At coordinates 904260, Co "B" found 2 living huts and one bunker. Living huts were on stilts and each was capable of sleeping 5-6 men. Living huts and bunkers did not appear to have been used in a month. Destroyed field, bunkers and huts.	4th Mar, S-2, S-3
1400		7		Co "D", 1/3 found 16 living bunkers at 907286. Found 906286 to 903288 trail was flanked with 42 living bunkers. Overhead on these bunkers was not complete. Found several cooking fire sites. In vicinity of 903288, found several recently bombed trails with footprints heading west. Vicinity 899291, found Montognard village of 2 houses, 8 recently completed living bunkers with overhead protection and 4 "A" frame bunkers with two beds each. In this area, cornfields and other vegetation were growing. Also heard several chickens. Found 2 huts near cornfield. One booby trap was found in this area. The trap was a Russian projectile buried in the ground with a trip wire. Destroyed bunkers, huts and booby trap.	
		8		Final casualty figures covering Co's "C" and "D" action on 5 and 6 June: Co "C" 13 KIA Co "D" 8 KIA	4th Mar, S-1, S-3

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0215		2		(From 0215H to 0430H) Received s/a, RPG, satchel charges and chi-oom grenades. Assault was orientated toward "C" battery, and Co "A". Enemy force estimated at Co size, assaulting on 2 sides. Repelled assault with s/a, a/w, frag grenades, 14-79's, 60mm mortar and 81mm mortar missions and direct and indirect arty fires. Had a flare ship providing illumination. Friendly casualties: "C" Battery 1-4 KIA, 17 WIA Co "A" 8 KIA, 5 WIA Co "D", 1/3 1 WIA (one minor) and 1 NBC evac).	4th Mar, S-3 S-2 S-1	
0900		3		Co "A" CO, Capt Amandela, was med-evaced (routine) with shrapnel wounds in back and shoulders.	4th Mar, S-3 S-1	
0930		4		Shortly after ground assault, 1/4 elements received 50-75 82mm mortar rds. Called fixed wing air strikes, fired 60mm mortar and 81mm mortar missions and fired arty. Total casualties for day's action: 1/4 10 KIA's "C" Btry 4 KIA's 1/4 23 WIA's evac 1/4 6 WIA's non-evac "C" Btry 14 WIA's evac Co "D", 1/3 1 WIA non-evac, 1 NBC evac	4th Mar, S-1 S-2, S-3	
1235		5		Submitted Sit Rep #15 DTG 111235H.	4th Mar, S-3	
2100		6		Co "A" had movement in front of lines. Fired 60mm, 81mm mortar and arty mission Requested flare ship, CO "A" CO, 1st Lt Jones, was wounded in leg by s/a rd and medevaced.	4th Mar, S-3 S-1, S-2	
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0510		2		Submitted Sit Rep #26 DTG 150510H.	4th Mar,	S-3
0700		3		Co "D", 1/3, chopped OPCON from 1/4 to 4th Marines at 150700H.	4th Mar,	S-3
0805		4		At LZ TORCH 81mm mortar rd exploded in fire causing shrapnel wound to one "A" Battery, personnel, priority medevac. "A" Btry conducted administrative investigation.	4th Mar,	S-3
1111		5		Submitted Sit Rep #27 DTG 151111H.	4th Mar,	S-3
1123		6		Total LZ LOON Casualties for 1/4: 33 KIA, 74 WIA, 7 NBC. Figures include 9 KIA by enemy arty on 5 June and 12 KIA in helo crash on 6 June. Co "D" total casualties: 8 KIA, 26 WIA, 2 NBC. Co "D" extracted to Bulldozer 34. Co "D" WIA medevac through Bulldozer 6. Co "D" other medevacs: 7 KIA, 16 WIA. Co "D" medevacs of 7 June to LZ CAMERO 4 WIA. H&S Company total extracted to Bulldozer 13. Total medevacs through Bulldozer 8 WIA. Total KIA 12 result of helo crash.	4th Marines, S-1, S-3	
1720		7		Submitted Sit Rep #28 DTG 151720H.	4th Mar,	S-3
2245		8		Submitted Sit Rep #29 DTG 152245H.	4th Mar,	S-3
2400		9		Journal closed.		S-3

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1100		3		Submitted Sit Rep #39 DTG 181100H.	4th Mar, S-3	
2040		4		Helo lift of 1/4 from LZ TORCH to LZ STUD and LZ MIKE completed.	S-3	
2045		5		1/4 deployed as follows: Co "A" LZ STUD Co "B" LZ MIKE Co "C" LZ ROBIN Co "D" LZ MIKE Bn CP LZ MIKE	S-3	
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