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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>1. DESIGNATION</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
1st Battalion, 4th Marines	LtCol T.H. GALBRAITH	1-31 July
<u>SUBORDINATE UNITS</u>		
H&S Company	1stLt W.W. MURPHY 1stLt J.M. ALLEN	1-17 July 18-31 July
Company A	Capt R.R. MANILLA Capt H.D. BANKS 1stLt MCINTIRE	1-10 July 11-14 July 15-31 July
Company B	1stLt W.J. SPANGLER 1stLt M.O. STICK	1-17 July 18-31 July
Company C	Capt W.F. NEGRON	1-31 July
Company D	1stLt M.E. JACKSON	1-31 July
<u>2. Location</u>		
Battalion CP	1-5 July 6-10 July 11-15 July 16-24 July 25-31 July	LZ MIKE LZ STUD LZ PEKING LZ STUD LZ PEKING
Bravo Cmd Group	25-31 July	LZ THUNDER
Battalion Rear	1-31 July	Dong Ha, RVN
<u>3. Staff Officers</u>		
Executive Officer	Major J.E. O'NEILL	1-31 July
S-1	1stLt B.D. GREEN	1-31 July
S-2	1stLt D.M. KRUSE	1-31 July
S-3	Major C.B. SPERRY	1-31 July
S-4	Capt O.B. REINFRO	1-31 July
Supply Officer	1stLt R.L. FISHER	1-31 July
MT Officer	2ndLt J.E. BAGMAN	1-31 July
Comm Officer	Capt J.J. THORNTON	1-31 July
Battalion Chaplain	Lt E.J. GREGO USNR	1-31 July

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Battalion Surgeon

Lt W.H. ROGERS USMC

1-30 July

Lt E.C. KELLY USMC

30-31 July

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The battalion engaged in routine defense duty at LZ STUD the first ten days of July.

On 11 July, the entire battalion was helo-lifted into the Hill 715 area for the CANTON ACTION of Operation SCOTLAND II. The first contact came on 13 July as point elements of Co "B" were hit by a command detonated mine. Additional Co "B" elements were sent forward in an attempt to retrieve the casualties but were met by intense small arms and .50 cal machine gun fire, combined with chicom grenades and another command detonated mine. All wounded were retrieved but Co "B" could not reach the body of one KIA or search for a MIA due to heavy grazing fire by the enemy. The action resulted in one KIA BNR, one MIA and eight WIA evac. While attempting to get their med-evacs to an LZ for evacuation, Co "B" received 16 rounds of 82mm mortar.

Co "B" returned on 14 July in order to retrieve the KIA and MIA, but received 25 82mm mortar rounds which resulted in 10 WIA evac. Co "B" withdrew in order to med-evac the wounded.

In the late afternoon of 14 July, Co "A" was sent to recover Co "B's" KIA and MIA by means of an alternate route. Four command detonated mines exploded, resulting in 4 KIA and 6 WIA evac. Co "A" CO, Capt H.D. BANKS, was among the KIA. Co "A" withdrew to LZ PEKING with med-evacs.

The battalion was helo-lifted back to LZ STUD on 15 July and assumed responsibility for the LZ STUD/CALU AO at 160000H July.

On 25 July, during the CANTON ACTION of SCOTLAND II, the battalion was split into two command groups of two companies each and again helo-lifted into the Hill 715 area. The Alpha Command Group, with Co's "A" and "B", landed at LZ THRUSH (XD 947476), while the Bravo Command Group with Co's "C" and "D", landed at LZ WREN (XD 938467).

While advancing on Hill 715, Co "B" received small arms fire, RPG's, 60mm and 82mm mortars. Co "B" returned fire and called for 81mm mortar and artillery support, thus allowing Co "B" to secure the objective. The hill was found to be heavily mined and booby trapped. While seating an 81mm mortar baseplate, a booby trapped anti-tank mine was detonated, resulting in 1 KIA and 4 WIA evac as well as damage to two mortar tubes.

No further contact was made with the enemy on the operation, which continued through the end of the month. Several large arms caches were discovered, including 12 SKS carbines and 6 Chinese howitzers, along with various types of rounds and mines.

The battalion accounted for approximately 3,000 pounds of rice captured. The vast majority of the rice was evacuated for redistribution.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Combat missions assigned

a. Fourth Marines Operation Plan 6-68 of 22 July

(1) Conduct heliborne infantry assault into designated AO to locate, fix and destroy enemy supply caches, rocket sites, harbor sites, recover the body or bodies of Bravo Company's KIA and MIA, and be prepared to reinforce 2/4 in their mission.

b. CG, Task Force Hotel, Frag Order # 29-68.

2. Operations

02 July At 2300H, Co "D" LP observed 4 NVA carrying 3 weapons. LP utilized Starlight Scope for observation. Fired M-16, 60 rds of 60mm mortar and 40 rds of 81mm mortar on enemy. Fired arty, 60mm and 81mm mortars on both sides of river.

05 July At 0440H, Co "B" at LZ MIKE, received 7 rds friendly 105mm arty, 75-200 meters outside perimeter. At 0416H, this unit gave negative clearance on following H&I's: 948419, 943418 and 946416. Requested corrective action be taken.

At 1710H, while adjusting mission, Co "B" took 1 rd of 81mm mortar. Rd was faulty short rd. Called for check fire. 1 WIA EVAC (eventually DOW).

06 July All 1 1/4 units located at LZ STUB.

11 July At 1010H, 1/4 began helo lift to LZ REKING in accordance with 1/4 Operation Plan 6-68. Lift completed approx 1100H. At 1045H, a helo was shot down by .50 cal fire. 4 M-16's, 1 M-60, 1 M-79 were destroyed. Also lost 2 .50 cal that belonged to helo. Other helos returned fire and arty mission was fired with good target coverage. Negative 1/4 casualties.

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At 1615H, Co "C", while on sweep of Shanghae area, observed 5 NVA desking into treeline at 952462. Two of them had weapons and the other did not. Co "C" found 15 bunkers which extended all around Shanghae area. Snipers took NVA under fire. Also called in arty on NVA and bunkers with good target coverage. Results unknown.

At 1645H, supply helos dropping in LZ PEKING received e/w fire from 937479. Called arty mission with negative results.

At 1800H, at 18 PEKING, found approx 150 rds of 12.5 mm cas with white star on side and 3 anti-aircraft weapons positions. Gear forwarded to 4th Marines S-2.

At 2100H, Co "D" LF, at 940477, received approx 10 rds of 82mm mortar. LF was withdrawn. Fired 81mm mortar mission on enemy position at 945485. 1 USMC KIA and 1 USMC WIA evac.

12 July

At 0900H, Co "A" found possible rocket site at 946473. Discovered two rows of holes, approx 25 holes each. Each hole was approx 1'x2'x6". Two stakes were on right hand side of holes, lined up on 100 degree azimuth. Pulled up stakes and burned them. Filled in holes.

At 0930H, Co "B" at 949479, received M-47 sniper fire from 947478. Fired 81mm mortar mission and M-79 with good target coverage. One USMC WIA evac.

At 1200H, Co "B" found 5 graves at 935475. All bodies were badly deteriorated. Appeared to have been wearing green utilities. Searched surrounding area and returned to perimeter. Bodies were later rechecked by S-2 and determined to be very recent. 5 NVA KIA.

At 1530H, Co "C" found one mortar pit and 16 bunkers at 952478. Bunkers were "A" framed and were oriented to SW. Also found ladder which may have been an OP. Destroyed bunkers.

At 1700H, Co "A" at 952474, found 100 bunkers 4'x5'. These were constructed with logs 4" to 5" in diameter.

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Found 15 bunkers 12'x3'. Logs used for these bunkers were 6" to 8" in diameter. Bunkers were not recently used. Destroyed bunkers.

At 1935H, Co "A" platoon at 954473 found 17 bunkers, 5 82mm mortar rds, 6 fuzes, 8 cans (700 rds) of .50 cal amno without links, 16 increments with silk cover Czech label, 2 packs of probable increments with Czech label, fuzes and shells with shotgun ignitor. Blew bunkers and returned captured gear to S-2.

13 July

At 1315H, Co "C" observed 2 NVA in open at 937484. Also found 3 bunkers in good condition although apparently old. Bunkers were at 945483. Fired 81mm mortar mission on enemy with unknown results.

At 1420H, Co "B" moved out from 935475, headed NW then turned slightly south on heavily used trail running NW. Proceeded to guide on trail for 40 meters. Point element was hit by command detonated mine. Pulled back 50 meters, set up 360° and sent element back up to pick up KIA and WIA. When approaching area, element received s/a, chicom grenades, .50 cal fire and 1 more command detonated mine. Sent additional personnel into area to look for MIA. Called in arty and 81mm missions. Returned to 942476 for med-evac. Received 16 rds 82mm mortar and .50 cal fire while evacuating casualties. 1 KIA BN, 1 MIA, 8 WIA evac.

At 1845H, 1/4 received one rd 105mm howitzer which landed outside perimeter at 953476, and came from 1500 mils. Conducted investigation of incident. Two USMC WIA.

At 1850H, Co "C", while moving to 948481, found NVA 60mm mortar amno boxes that were empty. Also found one NVA claymore. Searched area and destroyed gear.

14 July

At 0445H, Co "D" received 1 incoming chicom grenade at 0430H. Returned 1 M-26 grenade and observed 1 figure near lines. Threw another M-26 grenade with negative results.

At 1245H, while attempting to retrieve their KIA lost on 13 July and MIA, Co "B" received approx 25 rds of 82mm mortar from 938483. Fired arty and 81mm missions on above enemy position as well as suspected enemy FO positions. Co "B" withdrew in order to med-evac casualties. 10 WIA evac, 4 WIA non-evac and 1 NBC evac. Co "B" CO, Lt Delino, among evacs.

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At 1900H, Co "A" at 936475, while on patrol to recover Co "B" KIA and WIA by means of alternate route, ran into 4 command detonated mines. The mines were off to the south side of trail when they exploded. Fired arty and 81mm mortar missions. Co "A" returned to LZ PEKING in order to evac casualties. 4 KIA, 6 WIA evac. Co "A" CO, Capt H.O. Banks, among KIA.

15 July At 0800H, Co "C" patrol found one 60mm mortar position at 930183. Position was facing SW. At 953482, found 3 destroyed bunkers and 2 trenchlines facing east and west. Checked area thoroughly with negative further findings.

At 0910H, Troop lift of 1/4 to LZ STUD commenced. Lift was completed at 1230H.

19 July At 0830H, point man on Co "C" patrol, which was still inside perimeter at 001482, tripped booby trap. Trap was an M-26 grenade inside apricot can with trip wire leading from it. Pin on M-26 was pinched straight. Investigation was initiated. SIR followed. 1 USMC emergency med-evac WIA.

23 July At 1315H, Co "C" PIs on Signal Hill observed 3 NVA at 951476. Fired arty firecracker mission of 16 rds with good target coverage. Also fired arty mission using HE. Results unknown.

At 1808H, Co "C" PI on Signal Hill observed 6-10 NVA in open at 935466. Fired arty mission on enemy of 3 battery, 3 fires for effect and 1 battery, 2 zone and shift. Excellent target coverage. Results unknown.

25 July At 0930H, Alfa Command Group departed for field.

At 1130H, Bravo Command Group departed for field.

At 1340H, Co "B" observed 4-6 NVA, received AK-47 fire, RPG, 60mm and 82mm mortar rds. Returned small arms, auto weapons and 60mm mortar. Also fired arty mission. 2 USMC WIA and 2 USMC KIA.

Between 1500H and 1930H, Co "B" observed 4-6 NVA and received small arms fire. Co "B" returned s/a fire, ran air strikes and fired arty mission. 5 USMC KIA.

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At 2350H, while seating 81mm basoplate, booby trapped anti-tank mine exploded, resulting in damage to 2 tubes. 1 USMC KIA, 4 USMC WIA.

26 July

At 1005H, Co "C" observed 1 bunker at 937465. Bunker was 4'x6' and was constructed of sticks, logs and grass, and faced west. Searched bunker and found freshly eaten fruit appearing to be one day old. Marked position and returned later and destroyed.

At 1145H, Co "D" found one bunker of type for use of a mortar, sighted at 210° in a circle about 2' deep. Trees in area provide negative observation from air. Searched area.

At 1545H, ground FAC controlled air strike from Obj #2 at 937480 which resulted in 2 small secondary explosions. Called for 8" arty mission in same area and additional air strikes.

At 2220H, squad patrol found tunnel at 943467 with entrance 3-4' wide. While attempting to check tunnel, security heard definite movement and sounds in vicinity of 943467. Fired small arms in area and received approx 6 rds in return. First squad pulled back and called in 60mm and 81mm mortar missions on enemy position. Reinforced patrol with two squads and returned to tunnel. Put CS in tunnel, approx 12' deep and opened into room 4' wide and 10' long. Negative findings in tunnel. Appeared recently used. Blew tunnel.

27 July

At 1017H, mortar pits previously found by Co "D" appeared to be booby trapped with 2 possible mortar fuze cans buried in ground with possible 82mm fuze rigged for either trip or pressure detonation, also found additional metal container. Threw M-26 grenade with a secondary explosion occurring. Destroyed remaining mortar pits and turned metal container over to S-2.

At 1400H, found 1 NVA bunker constructed of logs 4" and 6" in diameter. Bunker was approx 3'x4'x5' and oriented toward west. Also found an FO position which was approx 20' high and oriented to northeast. Also found one anti-tank mine in trail with pressure type detonator. Destroyed bunker, mine and FO position.

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28 July

On "B" patrol found KIA and KIA MIA from night of 27 July buried in bush center of 936474. No weapons in area. Brought bodies back for evacuation. Changed MIA to KIA status.

At 1130H, found .50 cal and mortar position at 937477. .50 cal had direct line of sight to top of Hill 715. Found empty .50 cal ammo boxes and shell casings. Both the .50 cal and mortar positions had sustained direct hits by arty. Destroyed the positions.

29 July

At 0610H, Co "D" observed 2 NVA at 936473. NVA were wearing bush covers, dark uniforms, both were carrying weapons and traveling in SE direction. Fired 60mm mission on enemy with good target coverage.

At 1045H, Co "C" found possible mortar pits or machine gun pits and bunker at 928477. Pit was 5' in diameter with dirt parapet 2' to 3' high. Bunker was reinforced with dirt and logs 3" and 4" in diameter. Bunker was oriented NW with 2'x2' openings. Approx 9 days old. Destroyed bunker.

At 1105H, Co "M" found enemy corn wire. Appeared to be running to 1/4 Obj "G" along well used trail. Trail is 3' to 4' wide. Corn wire ran along base of a ridge and approx every 100 meters was tied around a tree as a possible relay station. Cut wire and brought samples to S-2.

At 1200H, Co "B" at 937475 found 150 82mm mortar rds, and 60 60mm mortar rds. Blew rds. Staged 1000 pounds of rice and miscellaneous gear at 1/4 position for evac. Blew 2 bunkers, 1 CS VNA, 40 chicom grenades and 20 Chinese claymores.

30 July

At 0750H, Co "A" found 4 anti-personnel mines inside bunker at 936477. Also found 3 other bunkers. Mines were not set. Bunkers were L-shaped, 4' deep and 4' wide and reinforced with dirt and bamboo and 3 layers of logs from 4-6" in diameter. Engineers utilized mines to blow bunkers.

At 0945H, Co "C" at 937485 found enemy trail 3-4' wide and well cleared. Trail ran from NW to SE direction, was old and heavily used in past. No recent use apparent.

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At 0947H, Co "J" at 932474, found water point in a valley around a stream. Water point had thatched roof with a dug out water pit under shelter. Pit was round with bamboo top, cut in sections and tied together. NVA helmet liner was used to catch the water. Negative action taken.

At 0952H, Co "C", while in process of destroying one bunker at 933473, discovered earlier in day, found one roll of film approx 20' long and exposod. Returned film to S-2.

At 1315H, Co "B" discovered arms cache at 931475. Dug up cache and discovered 42 rds of RPG - 6 with fuzes and 36 without, 100 rds .50 cal ammo, 79 rds 82mm with fuzes and increments, 11 rds 75mm RR, 2 CS TNT and 5 20 pound mines. Attempted to lift cache out.

At 1400H, Co "D" discovered Bn size operation base at 920472. Found 29 living bunkers, 12 mess areas, 3 heads (flush type) an estimated 2000 pounds of rice, 25 pounds salt, 1 .50 cal barrel, 200 rds .50 cal ammo, 1 AK-47 magazine, 1 M-60 barrel, operating rods and cleaning gear. Also 2 helmets with markings of crossed swords, with numbers 53 or 54. Also found 1 anti-aircraft sighting device, 1 letter type document and mess gear. Blew and burned bunkers and holo lifted rice and captured gear out.

At 1530H, Co "C" patrol found 3 bunkers 4'x3'x3' reinforced with logs. Bunkers were orionted to SW and west. 1 bunker appeared to be .50 cal position and was oriented toward east. Found 550 rds .50 cal ammo, also found well used trail 4' wide and headed west. Direction found OP in tree 40-45' high with good observation to the east. Destroyed bunker and OP. Brought back .50 cal ammo.

31 July At 1015H, Bravo Command Group and Co "D" returned to LZ STUD.

At 0900H, Co "B" found arms cache at 931475. Cache included 12 carbines, 85 82mm rds with fuzes, 8 60mm rds, 6 RPG rds, 3 with fuzes, 3 anti-tank mines, 22 75mm RR rds, 200 .50 cal rds, 2 boxes AK-47 rds and 1 case TNT. Brought gear to 1/4 position for evac.

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At 1300H, Co "A" found bunker complex of 28 bunkers. 5 bunkers were 10'x5'x4' deep, 23 were 6'x5'x4' deep. Bunkers were reinforced with 4 layers of logs. Also found CP in tree approx 6' high. Also found 25 graves. Dug up graves and found 25 bodies. Destroyed bunker and CP tower.

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a. In July, battalion and company level training was conducted commensurate with the tactical situation. Classes included, but were not limited to, the following military subjects:

Marksmanship
 M-16 Care and Cleaning
 Map and Compass Reading
 Radio Procedure
 Ambush Techniques
 Night Patrolling
 First Aid/Buddy Aid
 Familiarization and Field Firing of the LAAW
 FO Procedure

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 also FAM fired his TO weapon.

4. Casualties inflicted on the enemy

NVA/KIA (Conf)	35
NVA/POW	0

5. Friendly casualties sustained

KIA	12
WIA	44
Non-Hostile Deaths	1
DOW	3
NBC	121
MIA	0

6. Equipment

a. Equipment Evacuated. During the month the following equipment was evacuated for maintenance.

ITEM	AMT
RT-505 receiver transmitter	5
H-139 radio handset	3
NOD(Night Observation Device)	1

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

ITEM	AMT
RT-505 receiver transmitter	8
FRC-25 radios	5

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b. Logistics.a. Supply

(1) Class I. All Class I was drawn at LZ STUD in support of operations. The Battalion Mess served "R" rations three times daily at STUD. Sandwiches, ice cream, fruit, Class VI, and supplemental rations were delivered by helicopter when tactical situations permitted in the field.

(2) Class II. Battalion Supply remained at Dong Ha with FLSG-B as the source of supply. Class II supply tents were set up at LZ STUD to cut the time lost in transfer of cargo from Dong Ha to LZ STUD. Shortages in the following items were experienced during this period:

Mask, Protective (Medium)
Socks
Entrenching tools

Five gallon water cans and three gallon plastic water containers were utilized very satisfactorily. During this period there were no significant problem areas in water resupply.

(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.

b. Transportation.

(1) Organic. During this month the M151A1 and M274A2 were used for resupply and administrative runs at LZ STUD and Dong Ha. A heavier burden was placed on the above vehicles due to all M37B1's being deadlined to higher echelons of maintenance.

(2) Support. Division Motor Transport arranged transportation of Class II supplies and personnel from Dong Ha to LZ STUD. Support was received from 9th Motor Transport Battalion.

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

8. Civil Affairs.

There were no Civil Affairs activities conducted during this reporting period.

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

10. 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 150 were in a non-effective status. This Battalion is currently 13 officers below M/L in the 0302 MOS and still has a critical shortage of 0402.

b. Personnel Losses and Gains.

LOSSES	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
Battle	1	10	0	1
Non-Battle	0	1	0	0
Admini	8	191	2	18
TOTAL	9	187	2	19
GAINS	6	179	2	20

c. Awards.

(1) Awards presented during the reporting period.

Bronze Star

5

Silver Star

1

Bronze Star

23

Navy Commendation Medal

4

Navy Achievement Medal

4

Purple Heart

45

Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry

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d. Discipline. The number of disciplinary cases noted open or pending action are as follows.

Courts*Martials/Admin Discharges

Special Court-completed	1
Special Court-pending	2
Summary Court-completed	1
Summary Court-pending	1

Non-Judicial Punishments

Battalion Commander	4
Company Commander	8

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e. Morale. Morale continued to be high. Out-of-country R&R quotas utilized for the month were: Hawaii-16; Bangkok-16; Hong Kong-12; Taipei-11; Sydney-10; Tokyo-8; Okinawa-4; Kuala Lumpur-2; Singapore-3; Penang-2; Manila-2.

During the month 62 Lance Corporals were promoted to Corporal, 136 Privates First Class were promoted to Lance Corporal and 20 Privates were promoted to Private First Class. 2 Corporals were meritoriously promoted to Sergeant.

II. Intelligence.

a. Enemy.

(1) The 1st Bn, 4th Marines participated in the Canton Action I and II of Operation SCOTLAND during the reporting period. The first operation covered the period 11-15 July while the second commenced on 25 July and continued through the end of the month. Both actions took place in the vicinity of the Hill 715 complex (944476).

In an engagement on 13 July, NVA elements triggered a command detonated mine, causing KIA's and WIA's among the point element of Co "B". When more friendly elements were sent up to retrieve the casualties, they drew heavy small arms fire, .50 cal fire and chicom grenades. Another command detonated mine was also triggered. Co "B" then began to receive incoming 82mm mortar rounds.

When the Battalion returned to the Hill 715 complex on CAMPON Action II on 25 July, the area was found to be heavily mined and booby trapped. Resistance, however, was light as an early afternoon contact with an estimated 5-10 NVA was broken by the enemy.

During Canton Action II, several large arms caches (one including 12 new carbines) and approximately 400 bunkers (including several large surgical bunkers) were discovered. The Battalion also captured over 9 tons (18,500 pounds) of rice. The vast majority of the captured rice was evacuated.

b. Weather. The weather during the month of July was generally clear to partly cloudy with afternoon and evening rains increasing towards the end of the reporting period.

c. Terrain. The slopes in the Hill 715 area are fairly gradual but movement is often difficult due to the thickness of the vegetation in some areas.

d. Incoming. The Battalion received approximately 61 82mm mortar rds and 15 60mm mortar rds during the month of July.

e. Enemy equipment found or destroyed

300 bunkers destroyed
3,000 pounds of rice
12 SKS carbines
135 RIC rounds

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350 82mm mortar rds w/fuzes
 115 60mm mortar rds w/fuzes
 36 75mm RR rds
 5 Anti-tank mines
 30 Claymore mines
 2,000 rds .50 cal ammo
 3 cases TNT
 Miscellaneous medical gear

12. Communications.

a. Message Center. Provides the use of shackle, authentication, and brevity codes for the command and attachments. In addition, classified and non-classified message handling is exercised.

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

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

d. Wire. Wire-telephone service is continuing to improve its' services to all staff section and units attached to this command.

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

f. Maintenance Section. The maintenance for electrical lighting is continuing to improve as the shortage of wire is lessened.

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

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

i. Equipment Repaired. During the month of May the following equipment has been repaired:

(First and Second Echelon)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AMT</u>
RT-505	13
EE-8	4
TA-312	4
TA-1/BT	2
H-138	6
H-189	3
H-33	4
AN/GRC-39	2

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13. Air Support.

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a. Fixed Wing Support.

(1) ALO controlled three flights of fixed wing at XD 9447. BDA one secondary explosion.

(2) AO support was adequate, utilized for visual reconnaissance, artillery spotters and fixed wing control. Eight flights of fixed wing were controlled by AO's resulting in two secondary explosions and one KBA. No further BDA was obtainable.

(3) TPQs. 71 TPQ missions were requested, 8 were hit.

(4) Flare Ship. One flare ship was used for a period of two hours.

b. Helicopter Support.

(1) Troop Lifts. Four battalion size, four company size, and five platoon size troop lifts were conducted.

(2) Medevacs. Twenty-one medevac flights were conducted during the reporting period.

(3) Resupply. Resupply was received daily during the twenty-one days the Battalion spent in the field.

(4) Helicopter Close Air Support. Three flights of Huey Gunships were used.

(5) C&C Flights. Seven visual reconnaissance flights were provided during the reporting period.

14. Fire Support.

a. Artillery support during the month was excellent. The use of artillery was well coordinated with troop movement. On several occasions, close artillery fires were used to screen and cover the tactical movement of troops.

b. Coordination with air was greatly improved due to closer contacts between FAC and FSCC personnel.

c. During the month, artillery was credited with one confirmed NVA KIA, and destroyed six bunkers, one mortar position, one 50cal position, 10 fighting holes and 20 meters of trenchline.

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

H&I's	223
Observed Fires	194
Unobserved Fires	15
Counter Btry/Mortar	10
Illumination	7

15. Medical and Dental Affairs.

a. The total number of visits to the Battalion Aid Station during the month of July was 763.

b. Frequent medical entities encountered were:

Gastroenteritis; Diarrhea	134
Acute Respiratory Infections	7
Other Respiratory Infections	22
Malaria	22
FUO	55
Dermatological Conditions	10
Neuropsychiatric Treatment	5
Gonococcal Infections	5

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. The total number of patients referred to Delta Medical Company, 3rd Medical Bn, 3d Marine Division (Rein) PMF were 42.

e. Malaria prophylaxis was maintained by Chloroquine Primaquine tablets weekly and Dapsone tablets daily.

f. A weekly sanitation inspection was held in Dong Ha and LZ STUD by a qualified corpsman.

g. During the month of July, there were two Battalion Aid Stations. The forward BAS was at LZ STUD and the rear BAS was at Dong Ha.

16. Religious Services.

a. Catholic Mass was provided by Chaplain Greco at LZ STUD and in the field.

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b. Protestant Services were held at LZ STUD and in the field by Chaplain Turner. Five services were conducted the last week of July with 163 in attendance.

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0001	1			Journal opened.		S-3
0431	2			Submitted Sit Rep #157 DTG 110431H.		S-3, 4th Mar
1100	3			At 1010H, 1/4 began helo lift to LZ PEKING in accordance with 1/4 Operation Plan 6-68.		S-3, 4th Mar
				Lift completed approx 1100H. At 1045H, a helo was shot down by .50 cal fire.		
				4 M-16's, 1 M-60, 1 M-79 were destroyed.		
				Also lost 2 .50 cal that belonged to helo.		
				Other helos returned fire and arty mission was called with good target coverage.		
				Negative 1/4 casualties.		
1600	4			Co "B" while on sweep in vicinity of 937476 discovered well worn trail which showed signs of recent use. Planned to establish ambush in area.		S-3, 4th Mar
1615	5			Co "C" while on sweep of Shangr Hi area, observed 3 NVA dashing into treeline at 952482. Two of them had weapons and other did not. Co "C" found 15 bunkers which extended all around Shangr Hi area. Snipers took NVA under fire. Also called in arty on NVA and bunkers. Good target coverage. Results unknown.		S-3, 4th Mar
1645	6			Supply helos dropping in LZ PEKING received a/w fire from 937479. Called arty mission with negative results.		S-3, 4th Mar
1700	7			Submitted Sit Rep #1 DTG 111700H.		S-3, 4th Mar
1800	8			At LZ PEKING found approx 150 rds of 12.5 ammo can with white star on side and 3 anti-aircraft weapon positions. Gear will be forwarded to 4th Marines S-2.		S-3, TFH, S-2
2100	10			Co "D" 1P, at 940477 received approx 10 rds 82mm. 1P was withdrawn. Fired 81mm mission on enemy posit at 945485. 1 USMC KIA, 2 USMC WIA evac.		S-3, 4th Mar
2300	11			Submitted Sit Rep #2 DTG 112300H.		S-3, TFH
2400	12			Journal closed.		S-3

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0001	1			Journal opened.	S-3	
0638	2			Submitted Sit Rep #3 DTG 120638H.	S-3, 4th Mar	
0730	3			Co "D" personnel had accidental discharge while cleaning M-16. One NBC.	S-3, 4th Mar	TFH
0900	4			Co "A" found possible rocket site at 946473. Discovered two rows of holes, approx 25 holes each. Each hole was approx 1'x2'x6". Two stakes on right hand side of holes, lined up on 100 degree azimuth. Pulled up stakes and burned them. Filled in holes.	S-3, TFH	
0930	5			Co "C" at 949479, received AK-47 sniper fire from 947478. Fired 81mm mortar mission and M-79 with good target coverage. One USMC VIA.	S-3, TFH	
1105	6			Submitted Sit Rep #4 DTG 121105H.	S-3, TFH	
1200	7			Co "B" found 5 graves at 935475. All bodies were badly deteriorated. Appeared to have been wearing green utilities. Searched surrounding area and returned to perimeter. Bodies were later rechecked by S-2 and determined to be very recent. 5 NVA KIA.	S-3, S-2	TFH
1530	8			Co "C" found one mortar pit and 16 bunkers at 952478. Bunkers were "A" framed and were oriented to SW. Also found ladder which may have been OP. Destroyed bunkers.	S-3, S-2	TFH
1700	9			Co "A" at 952474, found 100 bunkers 4'x5'. These were constructed with logs 4" to 5" in diameter. Found 15 bunkers 12'x8'. Logs used for these bunkers were 6" to 8" in diam. Bunkers were not recently used. Destroyed bunkers.	S-3, S-2	TFH
1700	10			Submitted Sit Rep #5 DTG 121700H.	S-3, TFH	
1935	11			Co "A" platoon at 954473 found 17 bunkers 5 82mm mortar rds, 6 fuzes, 8 cans (700 rds) .50 cal ammo without links, 16 increments with silk cover Czech label, 2 packs of probable increments with Czech label, fuzes and shells with shotgun ignitor. Blew bunkers.	S-3, S-2	TFH
2210	12			Submitted Sit Rep #6 DTG 122210H.	S-3, TFH	
2400	13			Journal closed.	S-3	

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0001		1		Journal opened.		S-3
0500		2		Submitted Sit Rep #8 DTG 130500H.		S-3, TFH
1100		3		Submitted Sit Rep #9 DTG 131100H.		S-3, TFH
1315		4		Co "C" observed 2 NVA in open at 937484. Also found 3 bunkers in good condition w/ though apparently old. Bunkers were at 945483. Fired 81mm mortar mission on enemy with unknown results.		S-3, TFH
1420		5		Co "B" moved out from 935475, headed NW then turned slightly south on heavily used trail. TFH running NW. Proceeded to guide on trail for 40 meters. Point element hit command detonated mine. Pulled back 50 meters, set up 360° and sent element back to pick up KIA and WIA. When approaching area, element received s/a, chicom grenades, .50 cal fire and 1 more command detonated mine. Sent additional personnel into area to look for WIA. Called in arty and 81mm mission. Returned to 942476 for med-evac. Received 16 rds 82mm mortar and .50 cal fire while evacuating casualties. 1 KIA BNR, 1 MIA, 8 WIA evac.		S-3, S-2
1700		6		Submitted Sit Rep #10 DTG 131700H.		S-3, TFH
1730		7		While observing air strike, Co "B" observed one large secondary explosion. Requested more fixed wing.		S-3, S-2, TFH, 14
1845		8		1/4 received one rd 105mm howitzer which landed inside perimeter at 953476, and came from 1500 mls. Conducted investigation of incident. Two USMC WIA.		S-3, 24, TFH
1850		9		Co "C" while moving to 948481, found NVA 60mm mortar ammo boxes that were empty. Also found 1 NVA claymore. Searched area and destroyed gear.		S-3, S-2, TFH
2355		10		Submitted Sit Rep #11 DTG 132355H.		S-3, TFH
2400		11		Journal closed.		S-3

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0001	1			Journal opened.	S-3	
0445	2			Co "D" received a incoming chicom grenade at 0430H. Returned 1 M-26 grenade. At 0445H, TFH Co "D" observed 1 figure near lines. Threw M-26 grenade. Negative results.	S-3, S-2	
0528	3			Submitted Sit Rep #12 DTG 140528H.	S-3, TFH	
1137	4			Submitted Sit Rep #13 DTG 141137H.	S-3, TFH	
1245	5			While attempting to retrieve their KIA lost on 13 July and MIA, Co "B" received approx 25 rds 82mm mortar from 938483. Fired arty and 81mm mortar missions on above enemy position as well as suspected enemy FO positions. Co "B" withdrew in order to med-evac casualties. 10 WIA evac, 4 WIA non-evac and 1 NBC evac. Co "B" CO, Lt Delino among evacs.	S-3, S-2	
1700	6			Submitted Sit Rep #14 DTG 141700H.	S-3, TFH	
1900	7			Co "A" at 936475, while on patrol to recover Co "B" KIA and MIA by means of alternate route, ran into 4 command detonated mines. The mines were off to south side of trail when they exploded. Fired arty and 81mm mortar missions. Co "A" returned to LZ PEKING in order to evac casualties. 4 KIA, 6 WIA evac. Co "A" CO, Capt H.O. BANKS among KIA.	S-3, S-2	
2300	8			Submitted Sit Rep #15 DTG 142300H.	S-3, TFH	
2400	9			Journal closed.	S-3	

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0001		1		Journal opened.	S-3	
0620		2		Submitted Sit Rep #3 DTG 260620H.	S-3, 4th Mar	
1005		3		Co "C" observed 1 bunker at 937465. Bunker was 4'x6' and was constructed of sticks, logs and grass, facing west. Searched bunker and found freshly eaten fruit. Appeared to be one day old. Marked posit and will return to destroy.	S-3, 4th Mar	
1130		4		Submitted Sit Rep #4 DTG 261130H.	S-3, 4th Mar	
1145		5		Co "D" found one bunker of type for use of mortar sighted at 210° in a circle about 2 feet deep. Trees in area so not noticeable from air. Searched area and called in fire mission with good target coverage.	S-3, 4th Mar	
1545		6		Ground FAC controlled air strike from Obj #2 at 937480 which resulted in 2 small secondary explosions. Called for 8" arty mission in same area and additional air strikes.	S-3, S-2 4th Mar	
1710		7		Submitted Sit Rep #5 DTG 261710H.	S-3, 4th Mar	
2220		8		Squad patrol found tunnel at 943467 with entrance 3 to 4' wide while attempting to check tunnel, security heard definite movement and sounds in vicinity of 943467. Fired small arms in area and received approx 6 rds in return. First squad pulled back and called in 60mm and 81mm on enemy posit. Reinforced patrol with two squads and returned to tunnel. Put CS in tunnel, approx 12' deep and opened into room 4' wide and 10' long. Negative findings in tunnel. Appeared recently used. Blew tunnel.	S-3, S-2 4th Mar	
2330		9		Submitted Sit Rep #6 DTG 262330H.	S-3, 4th Mar	
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0001	1			Journal opened.		S-3
0500	2			Submitted Sit Rep #7 DTG 270500H.		S-3, 4th Mar
1017	3			Mortar pits previously found by Co "D" appeared to be booby trapped with 2 possible 4th tier mortar fuze cans buried in ground with possible 82mm fuze rigged for either trip or pressure detonation, also found additional metal container. Through M-26 grenade with a secondary explosion, destroyed remaining mortar pits and turned metal container over to S-2 representative.		S-3, S-2
1120	4			Submitted Sit Rep #8 DTG 271120H.		S-3, 4th Mar
1400	5			Found 1 NVA bunker constructed of logs 4"- 6" in diameter. 3'x4'x5' bunker was oriented 4th Mar toward west. Also found FO position which was approx 20' high and oriented to northeast. Also found anti-personnel mine in trail with pressure type detonator. Destroyed bunker, mine and FO position.		S-3, S-2
1700	6			Submitted Sit Rep #9 DTG 271700H.		S-3, 4th Mar
2300	7			Submitted Sit Rep #10 DTG 272300H.		S-3, 4th Mar
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0001	1			Journal opened.		S-3
0530	2			Submitted Sit Rep #15 DTG 290530H.		S-3, 4th Mar
0810	3			Co "D" observed 2 NVA at 936473. NVA were wearing bush covers, dark uniforms, both were carrying weapons and traveling in SE direction. Fired 60mm mission on enemy with good target coverage.		S-3, S-2, 4th Mar
1015	4			Co "C" found possible mortar pits or machine gun pits and bunker at 928477. Pit was 5' in diameter with dirt parapit 2' to 3' high. Bunker was reinforced with dirt and logs 3" to 4" in diameter. Bunker was oriented n/w with 2'x2' openings. Approx 9 days old. Destroyed bunkers.		S-3, S-2, 4th Mar
1100	5			Submitted Sit Rep #16 DTG 291100H.		S-3, 4th Mar
1105	6			Co "C" found enemy comm wire. Appeared to be running to 1/4 obj "G" along well used trail. Trail is 3' to 4' wide. Comm wire found along base of ridge. Approx every 100 meters, wire is tied around a tree as a possible relay station. Cut wire.		S-3, S-2, 4th Mar
1200	7			Co "B" found at 931475 150 82mm rds, 60 60mm rds. Blew rds. Staged 1000 pounds of rice and miscellaneous gear at 1/4 posit for evac. Blew 8 bunkers, 1 CS TNT, 40 chicom grenades and 20 Chinese claymores.		S-3, S-2, 4th Mar
1726	8			Submitted Sit Rep #17 DTG 291726H.		S-3, 4th Mar
0150	9			Submitted Sit Rep #18 DTG 290150H.		S-3, 4th Mar
2400	10			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 #19 DTG 300500H.	S-3, 4th Mar	
0750		3		Co "A" found 4 anti-personnel mines inside bunker at 936477 also found 3 other bunkers, mines were not set. Bunkers were L-shaped, 4' deep and 4' wide and reinforced with dirt and bamboo and 3 layers of logs from 4" to 6" in diameter. Engineers utilized mines to blow bunkers.	S-2, S-3 4th Mar	
0930		4		Co "C" found 1 US type 500-750 pound bomb dud at 927482. Bomb was a dud. No action taken on account of close proximity of friendly troops.	S-2, S-3 4th Mar	
0945		5		Co "C" at 937483 found enemy trail 3-4' wide and well cleared. Trail ran in NW to SE direction, was old and heavily used in past. No recent use was apparent.	S-2, S-3 4th Mar	
0947		6		Co "C" at 932474 found water point in a valley around a stream. Water point had thatched roof with a dug out water pit under shelter. Pit was round with bamboo top, cut in sections and tied together. NVA helmet liner was used to catch the water. Negative action taken.	S-2, S-3 4th Mar	
0952		7		Co "C" while in the process of destroying one bunker at 933473, discovered earlier in day, found 1 roll of film approx 20' long and exposed. Returned film to S-2.	S-2, S-3 4th Mar	
1130		8		Submitted Sit Rep #20 DTG 301130H.	S-3, 4th Mar	
1315		9		Co "B" discovered arms cache at 931475. Dug up cache and discovered 42 rds RPG- 6 with fuzes, 36 rds without fuzes, 100 rds .50 cal ammo, 79 rds 82mm with fuzes and increments, 11 rds 75mm recoilless, 2 CS TNT and 5-20 pound mines. Attempted to lift cache out.	S-2, S-3 4th Mar	
1400		10		Co "D" discovered Bn size operation base at 920472. Found 29 living bunkers, 12 mess areas, 3 heads (flush type) and estimated 2000 lbs. of rice, 25 lbs. salt, 1 .50 cal barrel, 200 rds of .50 cal ammo, 1 AK-47 magazine, 1 M-60 barrel and operating rods and cleaning gear. Also 2 helmets with markings were crossed swords, with numbers 54 or 53. Also found 1 anti-aircraft sighting device, 1 letter type document and mess gear. Blew and burned bunkers and helo lifted rice and gear out.	S-2, S-3 4th Mar	

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IN	OUT				M-Maps	T-Troops
0001	1			Journal opened.	S-3	
0550	2			Submitted Sit Rep #23 DTG 310550H.	S-3, 4th Mar	
1015	3			Bruno Command Group and Co "D" returned to LZ STUD.	S-3, 4th Mar	
0900	4			Co "B" found arms cache at 931475. Cache included 12 carbines, 86 82mm rds with fuzes, 8 60mm rds, 3 RPG rds - 6 with fuzes, 3 anti-tank mines, 22 75mm RR rds, 200 .50 cal rds, 2 boxes AK-47 rds and 1 case TNT. Brought gear to 1/4 position for evac.	S-2, S-3 4th Mar	
1220	5			Submitted Sit Rep #24 DTG 311220H.	S-3, 4th Mar	
1300	6			Co "A" found bunker complex of 28 bunkers. 5 bunkers were 10'x5'x4' deep, 23 were 6'x5' x4' deep. Bunkers were reinforced with 4 layers of logs. Also found OP in tree approx 30' high. Also found 25 graves. Dug up graves and found 23 bodies. Destroyed bunker and OP tower.	S-2, S-3 4th Mar	
1650	7			Submitted Sit Rep #25 DTG 311650H.	S-3, 4th Mar	
2245	8			Submitted Sit Rep #26 DTG 312245H.	S-3, 4th Mar	
2400	9			Journal closed.	S-3	

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