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2. This letter of transmittal is declassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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## PART I

## ORGANIZATION 1. DAT.

| <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<br>1stLt J.M. ALLEN                           | 1-17 July<br>18-31 July                                 |
| Company A                  | Capt R.R. MANILLA<br>Capt H.D. BANKS<br>1stLt MCINTIRE          | 1-10 July<br>11-14 July<br>15-31 July                   |
| Company B                  | 1stLt W.J. SPANGLER<br>1stLt M.O. STICK                         | 1-17 July<br>18-31 July                                 |
| Company C                  | Capt W.P. NEGRON  | 1-31 July   |
| Company D                  | 1stLt M.E. JACKSON  | 1-31 July   |
| <u>2. Location</u>         |   |   |
| Battalion CP               | 1-5 July<br>6-10 July<br>11-15 July<br>16-24 July<br>25-31 July | LZ MIKE<br>LZ STUD<br>LZ PEKING<br>LZ STUD<br>LZ PEKING |
| Bravo Cmi 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. RENTRO  | 1-31 July   |
| Supply Officer             | 1stLt R.L. FISHER   | 1-31 July   |
| MT Officer                 | 2ndLt J.E. BAYMAN   | 1-31 July   |
| Comm Officer               | Capt J.J. THORNTON  | 1-31 July   |
| Battalion Chaplain         | Lt E.J. GRECO USNR  | 1-31 July   |

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Battalion Surgeon

Lt W.H. ROGERS USNR  
Lt E.G. KELLY USNR

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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 160800H 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 hand grenades of 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 1/4 units located at LZ STUD.

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 Shangkou area, observed 1 NVA dashing into tree line at 952482. Two of them had weapons and the other did not. Co "C" found 15 bunkers which extended all around Shangkou 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 c/w fire from 937479. Called arty mission with negative results.

At 1800H, at LZ PEKING, found approx 150 rds of 12.5 mm case 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. MP 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 AF-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 6" 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 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 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 BNR, 1 MIA, 8 WIA evac.

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

At 1850H, Co "C", while moving to 948481, found NVA 60mm mortar ammo 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 935475, 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 the south side of trail when they exploded. Fired arty and 81mm mortar missions. Co "A" returned to LZ PEMING in order to evac casualties. 4 KIA, 6 WIA over. Co "A" CO, Capt H.O. Banks, among MIA.

15 July

At 0600H, Co "C" patrol found one 60mm mortar position at 950483. Position was facing SE. 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. SIF followed. 1 USMC emergency med-evac WIA.

23 July

At 1315H, Co "C" FO 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 1900H, Co "C" FO on Signal Hill observed 6-10 NVA in open at 935456. Fired arty mission on enemy of 3 battery, 3 files 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 firs. 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 baseplate, 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. Target coverage.

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

Co "B" patrol found MIA and KIA NVA from action on 24 July buried in both centers at 935474. 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 "G" 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 "H" 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 "E" at 935475 found 150 82mm mortar rds, and 60 60mm mortar rds. Blew rd. Staged 1000 pounds of rice and miscellaneous gear at 1/4 position for evac. Blew 8 bunkers, 1 CS TR, 40 chlorine 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 937465 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 apparent.

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At 0947H, Co "B" at 931474, 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 exposed. 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 oriented 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'x8'x4' deep, 23 were 6'x5'x4' deep. Bunkers were reinforced with 4 layers of logs. Also found CP in tree approx 60' high. Also found 25 graves. Dug up graves and found 25 bodies. Destroyed bunker and CP tower.

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3. Training.

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 LAAM  
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.

| <u>ITEM</u>                   | <u>AMT</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| 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.

| <u>ITEM</u>                 | <u>AMT</u> |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| RT-505 receiver transmitter | 8          |
| PRC-25 radios               | 5          |

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 8. 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 |
| Battlo     | 1    | 10  | 0   | 1   |
| Non-Battlo | 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

(2) Awards recommended during the reporting period.

Navy Cross 1  
Silver Star 7  
Bronze Star 23  
Navy Commendation Medal 4  
Navy Achievement Medal 4  
Purple Heart 45  
Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry 13

d. Discipline. The number of disciplinary cases acted upon 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.

# 11. 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 chicon 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 DAWN... 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  
13,000 pounds of rice  
12 SKS carbines  
135 RLG 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)

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|-------------|------------|
| RT-505      | 13         |
| EE-8        | 4          |
| TA-312      | 4          |
| TA-1/BT     | 2          |
| H-138       | 6          |
| H-189       | 3          |
| H-33        | 4          |
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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) TPQ's. 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.

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| 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. Prevalent medical entities encountered were:

|                              |     |
|------------------------------|-----|
| Gastroenteritis; Diarrhea    | 134 |
| Acute Respiratory Infections | 7   |
| Other Respiratory Infections | 22  |
| Malaria                      | 22  |
| FUD                          | 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) FMF were 42.

e. Malaria prophylaxis was maintained by Chloraquine 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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| 0001 |     | 1          |                 | Journal opened.  | S-3               |                    |
| 0440 |     | 2          |                 | Between 0440H and 0450H, Co "B" at 1 1/2 MIKE received 7 rds friendly 105mm arty, 75-200 meters outside perim. At 041610H, this unit gave negative clearance on following H&I's 948419, 943418 and 946416. Requested corrective action be taken. | S-3, 4th Mar      |                    |
| 0540 |     | 3          |                 | Submitted Sit Rep #133 DTG 050540H.  | S-3, 4th Mar      |                    |
| 1030 |     | 4          |                 | Advance party from 3/4 arrived.  |                   |                    |
| 1153 |     | 5          |                 | Submitted Sit Rep #134 DTG 051153H.  | S-3, 4th Mar      |                    |
| 1330 |     | 6          |                 | CG, 3rd Mar Div, Gen Davis, arrived 1/4 pos. Departed 1345H.   | S-3, 4th Mar      |                    |
| 1500 |     | 7          |                 | Co "D" and 1 platoon Co "A" chopped OPCON from 1/4 to 3/4 at 051500H.  | S-3, 4th Mar      |                    |
| 1710 |     | 8          |                 | While adjusting mission, Co "B" took 1 rd 82mm mortar. Rd was faulty short rd. Called for check fire. 1 WIA evac.  | S-3, 4th Mar      |                    |
| 1715 |     | 9          |                 | Co "B" received 3 rds 60mm mortar from friendlies. Popped smoke and waved air panel. Incoming ceased. Negative casualties.   | S-3, 4th Mar      |                    |
| 1855 |     | 10         |                 | Submitted Sit Rep #135 DTG 051855H.  | S-3, 4th Mar      |                    |
| 2300 |     | 11         |                 | Submitted Sit Rep #136 DTG 052300H.  | S-3, 4th Mar      |                    |
| 2300 |     | 12         |                 | At 925421, ammo was dropped from truck. Co "A" fire team checked ammo and found one rd missing. Heard dragging sounds to east along road.  | S-3, 4th Mar      |                    |
| 2400 |     | 12         |                 | Journal closed.  | S-3               |                    |

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| 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. 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. | S-3, 4th Mar      |                    |
| 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" LP, at 940477 received approx 10 rds 82mm. LP was withdrawn. Fired 81mm mission on enemy posit at 945485. 1 USMC KIA, 2 USMC VIA 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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| 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<br>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 KIA.   | 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<br>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<br>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<br>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<br>TFH     |                    |
| 2210 |     | 12         |                 | Submitted Sit Rep #6 DTG 122210H.   | S-3, TFH            |                    |
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| 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 although 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, 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<br>TFH      |
| 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,<br>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,<br>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<br>TFH      |
| 2355 |     | 10         |                 | Submitted Sit Rep #11 DTG 132355H.   |                   | S-3, TFH             |
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| 0445 |     | 2          |                 | Co "D" received 2 incoming chicom grenade at 0430H. Returned 1 M-26 grenade. At 0445H, Co "D" observed 1 figure near lines. Threw M-26 grenade. Negative results.  | S-3, S-2          | TFH                |
| 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          | S-1, TFH           |
| 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 LIA 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          | S-1, TFH           |
| 2300 |     | 8          |                 | Submitted Sit Rep #15 DTG 142300H.   | S-3, TFH          |                    |
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| 0630 |     | 2          |                 | Point man on Co "C" patrol, which was still inside perimeter at 001482, tripped friendly booby trap. Trap was M-26 grenade inside Apricot can with trip wire leading from it. Pin on M-26 was pinched straight. Investigation was initiated. SIR will follow. 1 USMC emergency med-evac WIA. | S-3, 4th Mar      |                    |
| 0800 |     | 3          |                 | Submitted Sit Rep #14 DTG 190800H.   | S-3, 4th Mar      |                    |
| 0800 |     | 4          |                 | All combat patrols have departed perimeter.  | S-3 map           |                    |
| 1040 |     | 5          |                 | Submitted Sit Rep #15 DTG 191040H.   | S-3, 4th Mar      |                    |
| 1550 |     | 6          |                 | Co "C" FO observed active mortar position at 933471. Fired arty mission on enemy position with unknown results.  | S-3, 4th Mar      |                    |
| 1600 |     | 7          |                 | All combat patrols have returned to perim.   | S-3 map           |                    |
| 1659 |     | 8          |                 | Submitted Sit Rep #16 DTG 191659H.   | S-3, 4th Mar      |                    |
| 2000 |     | 9          |                 | All night activities are in position.  | S-3 map           |                    |
| 2300 |     | 10         |                 | Submitted Sit Rep #17 DTG 192300H.   | S-3, 4th Mar      |                    |
| 2400 |     | 11         |                 | Journal closed.  | S-3               |                    |

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| 0510 |     | 2          |                 | Submitted Sit Rep #30 DTG 230510H.   | S-3, 4th Mar        |                    |
| 0630 |     | 3          |                 | All night activities have returned to perim.   | S-3 map             |                    |
| 0800 |     | 4          |                 | GySgt Chambers assumed duties as COC Watch Officer for period 230800H to 240800H.  | S-3                 |                    |
| 0815 |     | 5          |                 | All combat patrols have departed perimeter.  | S-3 map             |                    |
| 1100 |     | 6          |                 | Submitted Sit Rep #31 DTG 231100H.   | S-3, 4th Mar        |                    |
| 1115 |     | 7          |                 | Co "C" FO 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.                             | S-3, 4th Mar<br>S-2 |                    |
| 1400 |     | 8          |                 | All combat patrols have returned to perim.   | S-3 map             |                    |
| 1745 |     | 9          |                 | Submitted Sit Rep #32 DTG 231745H.   | S-3, 4th Mar        |                    |
| 1802 |     | 10         |                 | Co "C" FO, on Signal Hill observed 6-10 NVA in open at 933466. Fired arty mission on enemy of 3 battery 3 fires for effect and 1 battery 2 zone and shift. Excellent target coverage. Results unknown. | S-3, 4th Mar<br>S-2 |                    |
| 2000 |     | 11         |                 | All night activities are in position.  | S-3 map             |                    |
| 2300 |     | 12         |                 | Submitted Sit Rep #33 DTG 232300H.   | S-3, map            |                    |
| 2400 |     | 13         |                 | Journal closed.  | S-3                 |                    |

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| 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<br>S-2 |                    |
| 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<br>S-2 |                    |
| 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<br>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<br>4th Mar |                    |
| 2330 |     | 9          |                 | Submitted Sit Rep #6 DTG 262330H.  | S-3, 4th Mar        |                    |
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| 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       |
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| 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<br>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<br>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<br>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<br>4th Mar |                    |
| 0952 |     | 7          |                 | Co "C" while in the process of destroying one bunker at 933475, discovered earlier in day, found 1 roll of film approx 20' long and exposed. Returned film to S-2.  | S-2, S-3<br>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<br>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<br>4th Mar |                    |

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