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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO San Francisco 96602

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>1. DESIGNATION</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
1st Battalion, 4th Marines	LtCol T.H. GALBRAITH	1-30 Sept

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company	1stLt G.H. BROUILLETTE	1-30 Sept
Company A	Capt K.S. RUSSOM	1-30 Sept
Company B	Capt H.E. PIERPAN	1-30 Sept
Company C	Capt W.P. NEGRON	1-30 Sept
Company D	1stLt K.J. DELINO	1-30 Sept

2. Location

Battalion CP	1-16 Sept	Vandegrift Combat Base, RVN
	17-18 Sept	XD 944665
	19-20 Sept	XD 941660
	21-23 Sept	XD 933634
	24 Sept	XD 935652
	25 Sept	XD 950656
	26-27 Sept	XD 959656
	28-30 Sept	XD 951666
Battalion Rear	1-25 Sept	Dong Ha, RVN
	26-30 Sept	Quang Tri, RVN

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Major O.B. SPERRY	1-15 Sept
	Major V.R. GALLERY	16-22 Sept
	Major K. HYSLOP	23-30 Sept
S-1	1stLt J.M. ALLEN	1-30 Sept
S-2	1stLt D.M. KRUSH	1-5 Sept
	1stLt D.P. RYAN	6-30 Sept
S-3	Major V.R. GALLERY	1-15 Sept
	Capt C.W. COBB	16-22 Sept
	Major V.R. GALLERY	23-30 Sept

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S-4
MT Officer
Comm Officer
Battalion Chaplain
Battalion Surgeon

Capt O.B. RENTRO
2ndLt J.E. BAUMAN
1stLt T.J. FLANAGAN
Lt W.B. TURNER, USNR
Lt E.G. KELLY, USNR

1-30 Sept
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4. Direct Support Units

"C" Btry, 1st Bn, 44th Arty

1stLt COWLEY

1-17 Sept

"A" Co, 3rd Anti-tank, 3rd Tank Bn

SSgt HERSHMAN

28-30 Sept

Tanks, 3rd Tank Bn

1stLt SMITH, T.A.

1-17 Sept

1stLt GYPIN

28-30 Sept

1-17 Sept

28-30 Sept

1-17 Sept

5. 3rd Platoon, 3rd Searchlight
Attached Units

2ndLt SELIM

3rd MP Bn

Cpl MCMANIS

1-30 Sept

Cpl DEYLIN

1-30 Sept

Cpl WILSON

14-17 Sept

I/Cpl KEHOE

15-30 Sept

Sgt YOUNG

16-30 Sept

Cpl COMMODORE

23-30 Sept

3rd Engr Bn

1stLt SWANSON

17-30 Sept

6. Average Monthly Strength

USMC	
OFF	ENL
36	1188

USN	
OFF	ENL
2	54

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the first half of the month, the battalion was located at Vandegrift Combat Base with the mission of improving the perimeter and providing base security. One company was deployed at Ca Lu, two companies at Vandegrift Combat Base (VCB), and one company was used as a mobile element within our area of responsibility. On 17 September 68, 1st Battalion, 4th Marines was designated to participate in a major operation which involved the 3rd and 9th Marines in the DMZ, 6 miles Northwest of Camp Rockpile.

On 1 September 68 at 0130H, Company "B", while under the operational control of 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, made contact while in a defensive posture at XD 863462. The action resulted in 1 NVA KIA and 1 NVA POW with no USMC casualties. Company "B" also captured one radio transmitter/receiver, 4 AK-47's, 782 gear and medical supplies. On the following morning a patrol sweeping the area of previous contact, discovered 2 NVA KIA and 4 AK-47's at XD 863462.

On 2 Sept 68, at 0230H, Company "C" observed 2 NVA at XD 008489, responded with a 60mm mortar mission with unknown results.

At 0730H on the same day, Company "B" observed 10 NVA at XD 862462. An artillery mission was called and gunships were utilized to destroy the target. The results of the fire missions are unknown as the area was not swept.

On 7 Sept 68, Company "B" returned to VCB and was chopped back to 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. Company "D" returned to VCB after extended patrolling in the Dong Ca Lu complex at XD 9348. Their mission was to search and clear the area as this area has been a favorite harboring site for the NVA. An alternate mission of establishing OP sites was also assigned Company "D". All of Company "D"'s findings were reported in the August 1968 Command Chronology.

At 0730H on 10 Sept 68, Company "C" while manning the perimeter at VCB had an accidental discharge with a claymore in a living bunker resulting in one death.

On 11 Sept 68, Company "B" was helo lifted to the Dong Ca Lu area to assume Company "D"'s former mission. They returned to VCB on 12 Sept 68.

On 14 Sept 68, Company "A" while defending Ca Lu observed movement at 3 different locations and responded with an artillery fire mission, small arms, and utilized searchlights. Results of the fire mission are unknown. At 2302H, Company "A" received a premature burst from a 105mm VT round resulting in one WIA.

On 17 Sept 68, 1st Battalion, 4th Marines was chopped to 9th Marines for Operation Scotland Trousdale North. At 0945H the battalion was lifted to Landing Zone Canada at XD 947685, starting with Company "B", "A", 81mm mortar platoon (-), Bn GP, "D", and "C". The zone was secure and no contact was made with the enemy.

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On 18 Sept 68, Company "A" while moving to an objective, spotted 2 NVA fleeing the area. At 0945H, Company "A" took 2 NVA under fire, wounding one and capturing the other. The action took place at XD 947674 with no USMC casualties.

On 19 Sept 68 as the battalion moved in a 3 pronged attack to the South, Company "C" found 2 FO positions in trees at XD 943674, and an excavation site which was believed to be a short sector of road at XD 938667. As Company "C" was in the process of setting in for their night defense, one Chieu Hoi approached the lines at XD 938665, carrying 1 SKS weapon.

Company "B" moving on the east flank discovered 30 bunkers at XD 953664. The area was well used and thought to be a battalion size base camp. 400 pounds of rice was also found. As Company "B" proceeded, the lead elements fired at 2 NVA on a trail at XD 950667, apparently wounding one. A night position was established at XD 950668 and at 2100H, a strong probe was initiated by the NVA. Company "B" received RPG's, small arms, and grenades. In addition to organic weapons, artillery missions were called in as well as an AC-47 dragon ship to neutralize the enemy's attack. The action resulted in 4 USMC WIA with unknown results inflicted upon the enemy. A sweep of the area was made the following morning by an element of Company "B". Numerous blood trails and indications that bodies had been dragged back from the perimeter were in evidence throughout the area.

Company "A", plus the Bn CP and 81's, observed 3 NVA at XD 944667 on a trail. The point element countered with small arms with negative results. However, 2 AK-47's and 8 packs were found plus additional gear. At XD 941660, the point elements of Company "A" spotted 1 NVA on a trail. A volley of small arms was expended with negative results. An Aerial Observer (AO) was called with fixed wing flights run in suspected harboring sites. At 1600H, a patrol from Company "A" discovered a large weapons-cache at XD 935660. 320 Mosin Nagant carbines plus a total of 244 81mm and 82mm mortar rounds, 300,000 AK-47 rounds, 200 pounds of TNT, 64 claymores, 1 light machine gun and 2 sub-machine guns, and 128 cases of .50 caliber rounds were uncovered.

On 20 Sept, Company "C" found working tools at XD 944667. Company "A" discovered a small bunker complex at XD 940656. Another ammo cache at XD 934652 consisting of 150 anti-tank mines, 249 81mm mortar rounds, 40 claymore mines plus small arms and .50 caliber ammunition was located. A further search was made and at XD 932656 still another cache was uncovered. 12 RPG rounds, 192 81mm mortar rounds, 10 anti-tank mines, 549 82mm mortar rounds, 15,200 .50 caliber rounds and 300 75mm HE rounds were found in this area. At 2400H, Company "B" received one friendly artillery round within 30 meters of their position wounding 2 USMC.

On 21 Sept, H&S Company (-) found an NVA land telephone plus additional gear at XD 944666. Company "A" located a base camp and training center at XD 933654 with 4 AK-44's, 3 SKS's, 4,000 cloth bandoleers, 82mm mortar rounds, 48 anti-tank mines, 400 leather slings and AK rounds in the area. Company "C" discovered 2 cans of .50 caliber ammo at XD 923652.

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On 22 Sept, Company "C" found 27 large reinforced bunkers, 100 lbs of rice, and loose ammo to include 82mm mortar rounds at XD 921650. One hundred meters north Company "C" discovered 7 living bunkers. At 1530H, Company "C" fired upon 3 NVA at XD 927651 with negative results.

Continuing our mission of search and destroy, Company "D" found 95-75mm recoilless rifle rounds at XD 933658 on 23 Sept. Company "B" discovered an ammo cache at XD 938654 including 63,000 AK-47 rounds, 184 anti-personnel mines, 126-122mm rocket warheads, 25,000 .50 caliber rounds and 782 gear. A further search uncovered more ammo and 782 gear at XD 926688. Company "C" while searching a bunker complex, took 1 NVA under fire at XD 921652 resulting in 1 NVA KIA and the recovery of 1 SKS weapon with no USMC casualties.

Our operations with 9th Marines closed as we were chopped to 3rd Marines at 2400H on 23 Sept. At this time our mission changed to the effect that we began to push east for the 3rd Marines vice south for the 9th Marines. A specific mission was to search and clear the area with emphasis on finding an NVA road complex which crossed the Ben Hai River. On 27 Sept, Company "D" found working tools at XD 952677, indicating the road was within the area.

On 28 Sept, Company "C" was helo-lifted back to Vandegrift Combat Base to assume perimeter guard and was chopped to 4th Marines.

On 30 Sept, Co "D", with assistance from an aerial observer, uncovered the road complex running from North Vietnam south across the Ben Hai River into the southern sector of the DMZ in the vicinity of Grid Square 9768. The road in the above grid square was well camouflaged and very difficult to detect from the air. North of the Ben Hai River the road is well developed, open and easy to locate from the air as well as from prominent terrain features in the southern sector of the DMZ.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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1. Combat missions assigned

a. Fourth Marines Frag Order (Operation SCOTLAND)

(1) At Vandegrift Combat Base and Ca Lu

- (a) Defend Vandegrift Combat Base and Ca Lu
- (b) Conduct Engineer road sweep along Route #9 in AO
- (c) Conduct extensive patrolling
- (d) Improve base defense
- (e) Provide Sparrow Hawk

b. Conducted assigned mission in accordance with Ninth Marines Frag Order 92-68 of 13 September 1968 (Operation Scotland Trousdale North).

2. Operations.

01 Sept

At 0130H, Co "B", at XD 863962, received approx 10-15 rounds of s/a and 6 chi-com grenades. Returned fire with s/a, a/w, M-26 grenades and 60mm mortars. Contact lasted approx 10 minutes. Negative friendly casualties. Action resulted in 1 NVA KIA and 1 NVA POW. Captured gear included 1 radio transmitter and antenna, 4 AK-47's, 11 AK-47 magazines, 8 chi-com grenades, 1 RPG, 19 AK-47 rounds, 1 compass, 1 battle dressing, 1 water container, 1 canvas body bag, morphine, vitamin "K" (surgical), 1 canteen pouch and ID papers.

At 0830H, Co "B" patrol found 2 NVA KIA at XD 863462. Enemy dead were result of action noted at 0130H. Found 2 AK-47's, 10 AK-47 magazines, 2 ammo belts and 10 chi-com grenades.

At 1000H, Co "B" patrol found NVA gear at XD 863462. Gear included 2 AK-47's, 2 RPG rounds, 2 RPG fuses and 1 chi-com grenade.

At 1600H, Co "B" chopped OPCON to 3/4 at 011600H.

02 Sept

At 0230H, Co "C" observed 2 NVA at XD 008489. Fired approx 5 rounds s/a, called in 60mm mortar mission (illum) and fired arty mission with excellent target coverage. Results unknown.

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At 0730H, Co "B" observed approx 10 NVA with weapons at XD 862462. Fired arty and 60mm missions with unknown results. Also ran gunships in area.

At 0800H, Co "B" observed smoke rising from tree line at XD 856471. Fired arty mission on suspected enemy position which resulted in unknown results.

At 1100H, Co "C" personnel on patrol discovered a bunker under grass hooch at XD 005495. Bunker was approx 4'x5'x6' and was reinforced with layer of logs and dirt approx 2' thick. Destroyed bunker.

03 Sept

At 1800H, Co "A", 1/9, chopped OPCON to 1/4.

04 Sept

At 0600H, chopped OPCON of Co "I", 3/9 back to 3/9.

07 Sept

At 1330H, Co "B" returned to Vandegrift Combat Base and chopped OPCON to 1/4. At 2300H, Co "D" returned from Dong Ca Lu.

08 Sept

At 2145H, Co "A" spotted suspected enemy flashlights at XD 010488 approx 200 meters in front of lines. Fired tank 90mm gun at enemy grid. Negative results.

09 Sept

At 1000H, Co "A", 1/9 chopped to Task Force Hotel.

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10 Sept

At 1000H, Co "C" found 1 bunker approx 3'x4'x6' oriented to southeast with 3"-4" logs as reinforcement. Appeared to be 6 months old. Destroyed bunker with bulldozer.

At 0730H, Co "C" personnel had accidental discharge of claymore in living quarters, resulting in one death. Investigation processed.

11 Sept

At 1500H, Co "B" commenced helo-lift to vicinity XD 940486 (Dong Ca Lu).

At 1400H, Co "B" was helo-lifted to Vandegrift Combat Base.

12 Sept

At 2300H, OP observed movement. Personnel on Co "A" lines threw 6 M-26 grenades, fired 60mm mortar illum and 20 rounds of HE. Movement ceased.

13 Sept

At 2330H, Co "C" personnel heard movement and threw M-26 grenade. Small fragment hit same person in back of head, resulting in 1 USMC WIA.

14 Sept

At 2115H, Co "A" observed sequence of flashing lights at XD 998467. Fired 12 rounds 105mm HE at suspected enemy position. After mission, movement observed in same area.

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At 2200H, Co "A" observed suspected movement at XD 006459 and XD 006462. Fired s/a and threw 10 M-26 grenades.

At 2235H, Co "A" observed unknown personnel at XD 007458. Observation made with NOD. Turned on spotlight with negative results.

At 2245H, Co "C" observed 2 NVA at wire at XD 976480. Threw M-26 grenade and NVA seen fleeing. Fired 105mm arty mission with excellent coverage. Results unknown.

At 2303H, Co "A" received premature VT 105mm round over XD 007457. One WIA SIR submitted.

15 Sept

At 1130H, 1/4 relieved of responsibility of defense of Vandegrift Combat Base and Ca Lu AO.

17 Sept

At 0037H, Vandegrift Combat Base received 2 rounds arty of unknown caliber from the south. Checked with 4th Marines to see if friendly H&I fire was being conducted from that area with negative reply.

At 0800H, 1/4 chopped OPCON to 9th Marines.

At 0945H, Co "B", "A", 81's, Bn CP, "D" and "C" helo-lifted to XD 947685 for operations. At 1200H, helo-lift completed.

18 Sept

At 0900H, Co "A" personnel observed 2 NVA at XD 947674. NVA were apparently wounded as both had bandages on arm. Fired M-79 and M-60. Checked area with negative results.

At 0945H, Co "A" heard voices at XD 947672 and immediately set up defense. As forces went closer, 2 NVA came into view. Fired M-60, resulting in 1 POW, other NVA escaped. Recovered 1 AK-47 and 1 RPG round, 2 NVA packs and 1 generator.

19 Sept

At 0515H, Co "A" lead elements observed 3 NVA at XD 944667. Fired s/a, NVA fled. Checked area and found 2 AK-44's, 8 packs, 6 sets new utilities, 10 lbs. rice, 3 oaks, 3 plastic bags containing beef jerkey, 1 document, 782 gear, 1 entrenching tool, 1 pick and 4 medicine kits.

At 0930H, Co "A" observed 1 NVA at XD 941660 on trail approx 30 feet away from lead elements. Fired s/a, but NVA escaped. Called AO and fixed wing air strikes. Negative results.

At 1315H, Co "C" found 2 FO positions in tree at XD 943674. Trees approx 30 feet high. Positions were camouflaged.

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with leaves and vines and were oriented to SW and NE.
Destroyed positions.

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At 1530H, Co "B" found 30 bunkers at XD 953669, 1 small mess hall, 400 lbs. of rice, 2 water points, documents, demo cord and caps, 1 AK magazine, 3 canteens, 1 sledge hammer, pick and a pig pen. Area well used, and approx was battalion size. Found numerous trails with hand rails and steps. Bunkers were for 3-4 people. Appeared approx two months old. Destroyed by C-4.

At 1530H, Co "B" elements observed 2 NVA walking down trail at XD 950667. Fired approx 3 M-16 rounds, apparently wounding 1 NVA. Negative results.

At 1600H, Co "A" discovered large arms cache at XD 935660. Approx 320 Mosin Nagent 7.62mm rifles, 76-82mm mortar rounds, 168 81mm mortar rounds, 300,000 AK-47 rounds, 200 pounds of TNT, 64 claymores, 128 cases of .50 caliber rounds, 1 light machine gun and 2 sub-machine guns were discovered.

At 1630H, Co "C" found excavation site at XD 938667 which possibly was a road, one sleeping bunker 4'x6'x2', 1 booby trapped M-26 grenade and writing on a tree.

At 2100H, Co "C" had 1 Chieu Hoi turn himself in at XD 938665. Debriefed as much as possible. NVA possibly holds rank of Corporal. Found 1 SKS weapon with POW.

At 2100H, Co "B" had strong enemy probe on lines at XD 950668. Received 23 chi-com grenades, 7 RPG's and numerous s/a fire. Also took 3 dud chi-com grenades and 2 dud RPG rounds. Returned s/a fire and grenades. Fired approx 34 60mm rounds, called arty missions and Puff. Checked area thoroughly at first light and found numerous drag marks and blood. Action resulted in 3 WIA EWAC and 1 WIA non-evac USMC.

20 Sept

At 0930H, Co "C" found 1 shovel, 1 hoe, 1 crow bar and a 2 man saw at XD 944667.

At 1245H, Co "A" discovered bunker complex at XD 940656. Found 8 living bunkers approx 6'x6'x4' that were reinforced with logs and dirt. Also found cave approx 4'x2'x2' on side of stream, 2 shovels, 1 pick and 5-50 pound bags of rice.

At 1315H, Co "A" discovered ammo cache at XD 934652, 150 anti-tank mines, 40 claymore mines, 249-82mm rounds, 26 cases of AK-47 rounds (950 rounds each case), 16 shotgun

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shells and 4,000 .50 caliber rounds.

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At 1400H, Co "A" discovered arms cache at XD 932656, 12 RPG rounds, 192-81mm rounds, 10 anti-tank mines, 549-82mm rounds, 15,200 .50 caliber rounds, 300-75mm HE rounds.

At 2400H, Co "B" was calling in arty mission when one round landed approx 30 meters outside perimeter. Action resulted in 2 USMC WIA. Investigation of incident taking place.

21 Sept

At 0230H, While checking lines, Co "A" CO observed lights. Other personnel on lines heard engine noise at 290 mils, grid XD 933659. All units alerted, called in arty mission with unknown results.

At 1310H, H&S Company found 1 NVA type pack and NVA telephone similar to US type TA-1 with markings of B-2, 19th Bn, 320th Division. Pack had cooking gear, rice, gas mask, first aid kit, poetry, diary, training manual, cap, shorts, shirt, rope, belts, NVA entrenching tool and documents. All gear turned over to S-2.

At 1530H, Co "A" element followed main trail then out off on small trail which led to suspected enemy base camp and training center at XD 933654. Searched area and brought back some gear and destroyed the rest. Found 4 AK-44's, 3 SKS's, 4,000 bandoleers, 400 leather rifle slings, 472 AK-47 rounds, 8 cases of 82mm rounds and 48 anti-tank mines.

At 1530H, Co "C" found 2 cans of .50 caliber ammo approx 5 meters off to side of trail at XD 923652.

22 Sept

At 1000H, Co "C" found 2 chi-com grenades, 1 can of .50 caliber ammo at XD 921650.

At 1330H, Co "B" found 27 large reinforced bunkers at XD 940665. Also found 100 pounds of rice, bunker to bunker strung comm wire, 1 set of wire cutters, 4-30 foot living quarters, 1 large kitchen, 2 cases of .50 caliber ammo (300 rounds per case), 3-82mm rounds, 2 small rolls of comm wire. Destroyed everything except bunkers.

At 1530H, Co "C" found 7 A-frame bunkers approx 2 weeks old at XD 921651. Blew bunkers in place. Bunkers were oriented to the north.

At 1545H, Co "C", while having security out for people destroying bunkers at XD 927651, had 3 NVA approach from west among

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brush along trail. Opened fire on enemy then searched area. Pulled back and called in arty mission. Found 1 helmet, 1 medicine kit and 1 poncho.

23 Sept

At 0800H, Co "D" found 95-75mm recoilless rifle rounds at XD 933658 in bunker. Rounds were in individual canisters. Destroyed all but 1 round.

At 1015H, Co "B" found 1 ammo cache at XD 938654. Included 63,000 rounds of AK ammo, 25,000 rounds of .50 caliber ammo, 184 anti-personnel mines, 126-122mm rocket warheads, 30-82mm rounds, all stored in 1 bunker. Destroyed gear in place.

At 1015H, Co "C", while searching a bunker complex, took 1 NVA under fire at XD 921652, resulting in 1 NVA KIA and 1 captured SKE weapon.

At 1200H, Co "B" found at XD 938658, 2 cases of clearing gear including oil cans, ram rods, and combination tools, 75 rounds of 82mm mortars, 80-60mm rounds, 600 new cartridge belts, 800 rifle slings, 150 new chi-oom belts, 1 .50 caliber barrel, 1 heavy machine gun barrel, and 2 anti-tank mines. Destroyed all gear in place.

At 1300H, Co "C" found at XD 926658, 25 bunkers with A-frame construction, 1 dining area, and 1 head. Bunkers were 6'x4' x4' deep with logs 4" in diameter. Estimated to be 1-2 weeks old. Called in 155mm arty mission and requested a TPQ.

At 2400H, 1/4 chopped to 3rd Marines.

27 Sept

At 1500H, Co "D" found 3 bunkers along road at XD 952667. Checked them out and found equipment in 2 of them which included 5 picks, 8 shovels, 2 crow bars, 1 saw, 1 sledge hammer, and 20 blocks of TNT. Destroyed bunkers and collected gear.

28 Sept

At 1800H, Co "C" was helo-lifted to Vandegrift Combat Base.

At 1800H, Co "C" chopped OPCON to 4th Marines.

At 1815H, 1/4 assumed base defense of Vandegrift Combat Base.

30 Sept

At 1500H, 1/4 (-) relieved of responsibility of Vandegrift.

At 1630H, Co "D", with assistance from an aerial observer, uncovered the road complex running from North Vietnam south across the Ben Hai River into the southern sector of the DMZ

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in the vicinity of Grid Square 9768. The road in the above grid square was well camouflaged and very difficult to detect from the air. North of the Ben Hai River the road is well developed, open and easy to locate from the air as well as from prominent terrain features in the southern sector of the LZ.

3. Casualties inflicted on the enemy.

NVA/KIA (Conf)	4
NVA/POW	3

4. Friendly casualties sustained.

KIA	0
WIA	5
Non-Hostile Deaths	1
DOW	0
NBC	130
Heat	48
MIA	0

5. Civil Affairs.

Donations are now being taken for the Vietnamese Children's Hospital in Dong Ha.

6. Logistics.

a. Supply.

(1) Class I. All Class I was drawn at Vandegrift in support of operations. The Battalion Mess Hall served "R" rations three times daily at Vandegrift. "R" 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 remain at Vandegrift to cut the time lost in transfer of cargo from Dong Ha to Vandegrift. Shortages in the following items were experienced during this period:

- Utilities, Jungle
- Socks (Small and Regular)
- Armorer Parts (M-60 and M-79)
- Nozzles and Covers (Water Buffalo)
- Raincoat

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Five gallon water cans and three gallon plastic water containers were utilized very satisfactorily.

(3) Class III. Class III was adequate at Vandegrift Combat Base.

(4) Class IV. Class IV was adequate at Vandegrift Combat Base.

(5) Class V. Class V was adequate at Vandegrift Combat Base.

b. Transportation

(1) Organic. During this month the M-151A1, M-274A2 and the M-37B1 were used for resupply and administrative runs at Vandegrift and Dong Ha.

(2) Support. Division Motor Transport arranged transportation of Class II supplies and personnel from Dong Ha to Vandegrift. Transportation at Vandegrift was coordinated through 4th Marines and Base Coordinator at Vandegrift. The battalion rear moved from Dong Ha to Quang Tri during the period 27-29 September. Transportation for the move was arranged by Division and there were no problems encountered in the move.

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

7. Psychological Warfare.

All psychological warfare operations were conducted by higher echelon.

8. Personnel and Administration

a. General. During the reporting period, the battalion's administrative section moved from Dong Ha Combat Base to Quang Tri Combat Base. Admin functions were interrupted for a period of approximately 48 hours and are at present hampered somewhat by lack of communications with higher Headquarters and units in the field. However, this situation is rapidly being rectified and no lasting problems are expected.

b. Personnel Losses and Gains

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
LOSSES				
Battle	0	0	0	0
Non-Battle	0	1	0	0
Administrative	4	81	0	1
TOTAL	4	82	0	1
GAINS	6	239	0	0

c. Awards. During the reporting period there were no awards presented. The following type awards were processed recommending approval:

Silver Star	1
Bronze Star	4
Navy Commendation	1
Purple Heart	12

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

Courts-Martials/Admin Discharges/Investigations

Article 32 - pending	1
Spl Court - pending	1
Spl Court - completed	1
Summary Court - pending	0
Summary Court - completed	1
Admin Discharge	0

Non-Judicial Punishments

Battalion Commander	1
Company Commander	7

e. Morale. Morale continued to be high. Out-of-country R&R quotas utilized for the month were: Bangkok-16; Hawaii-15; Hong Kong; Kuala Lumpur-2; Manila-2; Penang-3; Singapore-3; Okinawa-4; Sydney-9; Taipei-11; Tokyo-6. During the month 49 Lance Corporals were promoted to Corporal, 10 Privates First Class were promoted to Lance Corporal and 17 Privates were promoted to Private First Class. Three Corporals were meritoriously promoted to Sergeant during the reporting period.

f. Religious Services. Spiritual coverage was provided for the Battalion during the month of September in the field and at Vandegrift. A total of 18 Protestant Services were conducted by the Battalion Chaplain with a total attendance of 552 and 83 taking communion. Six Catholic Masses were given by Chaplain Hubble of 4th Marines with a total attendance of 296. Two Memorial Services were conducted by the Battalion Chaplain with 79 attending. The rear area at Dong Ha was covered by Chaplains from the 3rd Mar Div Office. Two men of the Jewish Faith went to Danang for High Holy days. One group discussion, numerous counseling cases, letters to families and notifying servicemen of casualties in their families were accomplished during the period.

9. Intelligence.

During the month the Battalion participated in two operations, Operation SCOTLAND II(1-17 Sept) and Operation SCOTLAND TROUSDALE NORTH(17-30 Sept). In the first two weeks, Co "B" and a small Command Group were lifted into the vicinity of XD 854473 to find a north-south infiltration route. In the last half of the month, the entire Battalion was helo-lifted into the vicinity of XD 946687 to operate to the south and east of the Ben Hai River, within the Demilitarized Zone.

a. Enemy.

(1) The beginning of the month was characterized by very little to no enemy activity. In the last twenty days, however, activity increased, and was concentrated in two distinct areas: around Khe Sanh and Lang Vei, especially in the vicinity of XD 8738. There, numerous Reconnaissance inserts were extracted due to contact with the enemy. The other area was to the north of the Rockpile, where significant activity and some contact was indicated, especially in the Cam Lo River Valley. It was thought that the enemy was operating in and to the north of that area, and that Marine activities had disclosed these operations by a large enemy force. The result of this, it was thought, was that the enemy was making a retrograde movement. Our unit was displaced from Vandegrift Combat Base to the Ben Hai River, vicinity of XD 946687 to sweep and block. Our effect was to surprise and exploit the unit in the area by denying them the freedom of movement they had enjoyed, and by uncovering large caches of enemy equipment, ordnance and armament.

At no time did we receive incoming from heavy direct and indirect enemy weapons. However, in the first three days of Operation SCOTLAND TROUSDALE NORTH, the Battalion captured one NVA, killed one NVA, absorbed one Chieu Hoi and the overall impression, indicated by freshly used trails, fully-equipped packs recently abandoned, large caches and very recent road building activity, was that the enemy had been surprised and had dispersed into hiding. The prisoner and Chieu Hoi also indicated that because of our prep fires, a large number of their troops in the 19th Battalion of the 320th NVA Division had been wounded or killed. Vehicular traffic was audibly detected but units checking the suspected areas after artillery fire missions had negative findings.

On 3 September, Co "B" found a large east-west trail in the vicinity of XD 876469, showing heavy foot usage and a capacity for vehicular traffic in most places. Co "B" also had contact with the enemy on 1 Sept which lasted 15 minutes resulting in 2 NVA KIA and 1 NVA POW. The prisoner was from K5 Company and his mission was trail security as well as to attack Marine positions on Hill 950 or 1015. He indicated that enemy morale was low because of significant losses to malaria, friendly artillery and air strikes, and poor food re-supply. The POW stated that two companies were in

the vicinity of XD 8147. The infiltration route is well concealed from the air. There is an excellent, well camouflaged water point in the vicinity of XD 876469.

The period following this was one of almost no enemy activity. But because of the indicated buildup of the 320th NVA Division to the north of the Rockpile, this battalion, on 17 September, was helo-lifted to the Ben Hai River in the vicinity of XD 946687. The results of our activities over a two-week period, especially during the period 18-23 September was the capture of a POW, a Chieu Hoi, 1 NVA killed and a myriad of enemy trails, roads and several training and bivouac areas, all yielding enemy equipment, armament and ordnance. The most significant indication from this was that well constructed routes of advance, taking advantage of cover and concealment, with periodic rest, re-supply and training areas were being constructed in an atmosphere of relative safety in the Demilitarized Zone. The prisoners were well indoctrinated, informed, equipped and in good health. We learned from them that the enemy planned to move after the beginning of the monsoon on objectives to the south: Cam Lo, Quang Tri and Dong Ha. At the same time they confirmed road activity to expedite re-supply to Laos and Cambodia, and that there was a large tank capability poised for an offensive. There was comm wire and solid construction of bunkers and training areas, indicating a permanence which had not been indicated before. We denied them this area and we received marginal enemy harassment.

b. Weather. The month of September began with generally clear weather. But within the first 7 days of the month there was 20.7 inches of rain at Vandegrift Combat Base. Following this were alternating days clear-cloudy and cloudy to precipitating. During the last two weeks, while on Operation SCOTLAND TROUSDALE NORTH, the Battalion experienced no rain on the 17th, 18th, and 19th, rain from the 20th to 24th and no rain or intermittent rain from the 27th to 30th. The rain storms during the month were characterized by heavy precipitation and high winds. The days without rain were characterized by high temperatures and slight winds.

c. Terrain. During the SCOTLAND II activities in the first half of the month, the terrain in the vicinity of XD 876369 was characterized by large hills, ranging from 450-600 meters steep, with rapidly flowing stream beds.

The terrain in Operation SCOTLAND TROUSDALE NORTH, covering XD 9269 to XD 9665, was characterized by sharply sloping hills and brief valleys. The altitudes ranged from 60 meters at the Ben Hai River to 430 meters at Dong Khi, vicinity of XD 924653. Specifically, the slope was from 30 degrees to as much as 70 degrees, and the foliage from very thick 10 foot elephant grass and vines near the Ben Hai River, vicinity of XD 9468 to triple canopy 60 foot high near Dong Khi and in the Hill 247, vicinity of XD 962666. Generally, the foliage was very thick and the Battalion remained on established trails.

The streams were located in the valleys and were clear and flowed rapidly, and water points not located on the map were submitted for future operations.

d. Enemy Equipment Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Small Arms Ammunition

Chi-Com Type 56 cartridges	391,791
.50 caliber cartridges	73,500
Shotgun Shells	16

(2) Weapons

Chi-Com 7.62mm Assault Type 56(AK-47)	9
Chi-Com 7.62mm Carbine Type 56(AK-44)	6
Soviet 7.62mm Rifle M-1891/30	320
Soviet FPSH M-1941 (Light Submachine gun)	3
7.62mm Gun RP-46, with spare barrel	1
Soviet 7.62mm Semi-automatic Carbine SKS	4
Spare barrel, Chi-Com 12.7mm Heavy MG	2
Type 54	

(3) Mortar, Recoilless Rifle and Rocket Ammunition

60mm mortar rounds	80
82mm mortar rounds	1,011
81mm mortar rounds	360
75mm Recoilless Rifle rounds	395
122mm Rocket Warheads	126
Soviet Anti-tank Grenade Launcher (RPG)	16

(4) Mines, Demolitions and Explosives

Anti-tank mines	208
Claymore mines	288
TNT	200 pounds
Blasting Caps	310
Chi-Com grenades	21

(5) Equipment

Chi-Com grenade belts	1,000
Bandoleers	5,000
Rifle slings	3,000
Rice	700 pounds
Shovels, picks, hoes, crowbars,	65
Packs with equipment	20

10. Communications.

A. Message Center. This provides the shackle sheets and Brevity Codes for the command and attachments. Classified and non-classified message handling was exercised. The Message Center at Dong Ha moved to Quang Tri in late September.

B. Radio. The radio section continued its mission of supplying batteries and spare parts in support of the battalion. Relay stations were utilized during the conduct of all field operations.

C. Covered Circuit. The KY-8 circuit was operating prior to Operation SCOTLAND TROUSDALE NORTH; however, during the conduct of the operation the covered circuit was inoperable.

D. Wire. Wire sections continued its mission of providing telephone communications in both the forward and rear positions. Presently the switchboard is being installed at Quang Tri.

E. Electronics Repair. The electronics repair section continued to provide 2nd Echelon repair in support of the command.

F. Radio Relay. No requirement at the present time.

G. Critical Shortage. A shortage of spare parts exists for the AN/PRC-25. 10 Module are most critical.

H. Equipment Repairs. During the month of September the following equipment was repaired:

(First and Second Echelon)

ITEM	
RT-505 receiver transmitter	7
EE-8 telephone	4
TA-312 telephone	1
TA-1/PT	4
H-138 radio handset	4

Air Support.

A. Fixed Wing Support.

(1) Close Air Support. Two flights of F4B's and two flights of A4's were controlled by Air Observers in support of Operation SCOTLAND TROUSDALE NORTH.

(2) Aerial Observers. In addition to controlling close air support missions, aerial observers were utilized on eleven occasions for area surveillance missions.

(3) TPQ's. Thirty-one TPQ's were requested during the month and seven were hit.

A. Helicopter Support.

(1) Troop Lifts. Twelve CH-46's were utilized for a battalion size troop lift on 17 September 1968. Three CH-46's were utilized for a company size troop lift on 28 September 1968.

(2) Medevacs. Thirty emergency medevacs - 30 min. average
Eighty-nine priority medevacs - 55 min. average
Thirty-four routine medevacs - 3 hrs. average

(3) C&C Flights. Six helicopters were used for visual reconnaissance missions in preparation for Operation SCOTLAND TROUSDALE NORTH. C&C helicopters were used on three additional occasions for visual reconnaissance missions.

12. Fire Support.

A. The Battalion FO teams operated from Vandegrift Combat Base for the first 17 days of the month. The last portion of the month they were participating in Operation SCOTLAND TROUSDALE NORTH in the DMZ. At various times during the first half of the month, individual teams operated in the field on company size operations. The primary emphasis was on training of the new personnel. The teams are presently set with one officer and at least one enlisted man per FO team. At this time many of these personnel are quite inexperienced and need much more experience in the field in a live fire environment.

B. Missions fired during the month of September are as follows:

H&I's	776
Observed Fires	123
Unobserved Fires	11
Illumination	27

The observed missions fall into the following categories: counter battery/rocket/mortar, suspected enemy positions, vehicular movement, prep fires and enemy movement.

Due to the extremely heavy and dense foliage, surveillance was very limited. No NVA KIA confirmed were reported; however, there were six secondary explosions and considerable evidence to indicate that some missions inflicted casualties on the enemy.

While operating from Vandegrift Combat Base, the Fire Support Coordination Center operates under a designated restrictive fire phase. It is in effect from 0800H to 2000H daily, the reason being in the high density of aircraft around this base. The requirement is that all fires crossing the base's boundary both in and out and fires within the zone must be cleared through Regimental FSCC (See above). This includes 81mm and 60mm mortars, 60mm recoilless rifles, tanks, dusters, ontos and all other direct and indirect fires to include small arms.

13. Medical and Dental Affairs.

A. The total number of visits to the Battalion Aid Station during the month of September was 2304.

B. Prevalent medical entities encountered were:

Gonorrhea	8	Rat Bites	5
Diarrhea	40	Fever Unknown Origin	103
Malaria	11	Dermatological Conditions	202
Upper Respiratory Infection	31	Heat Casualties	73
Neuro-Psychiatric Disorders	8	Non-Specific Urethritis	1

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

D. A total of 77 patients were referred to Delta Medical Battalion, 3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMF. Of those referred, the following were consults:

Dental	43	Internal Medicine	9
Ophthalmology	4	Surgical	6
Eyes, nose, throat	10	Proctology	2
Urology	3		

Patients requiring further consultation were referred from the Medical Battalion to the following medical facilities:

NSA, Danang	30	Quang Tri	32
USS SANCTUARY	18	22nd Casualty Staging Facility	22
USS REPOSE	17		

E. The following is a breakdown of casualties encountered for the month:

KIA	0	Non-hostile death	1
MIA	0	DCW	0
WIA	5	NBO	130

F. Weekly malaria prophylaxis was continued with the use of Chloroquine-Primaquine tablets in the Battalion Rear. Daily malaria prophylaxis was continued with the use of Dapsone in conjunction with weekly use of Chloroquine-Primaquine in Battalion forward areas.

G. Sanitation inspections were held daily, and weekly in accordance with Article P6000.4D in the Battalion areas at both Dong Ha and Vandegrift. Sanitary facilities at the present time are considered adequate.

H. Two Battalion Aid Stations were maintained during the month of September. A forward Battalion Aid Station (BAS) consisting of a battalion surgeon and eight hospital corpsmen located at Vandegrift and a secondary BAS located at Dong Ha consisting of ten hospital corpsmen. All injuries and maladies encountered were treated by the line company corpsman, and when required, casualties were transferred for further treatment. No serious delays were encountered in resupply or evacuation during this period.

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0001		1		Journal opened.	S-3	
0500		2		Submitted Sit Rep #36 DTG 010500H.	S-3, 4th Mar	
0130		3		Co "B", at XD 863462, received approx 10-15 rds of s/a and 6 chi-com grenades. Returned fire with s/a, a/w, M-26 grenades and 60mm mortars. Contact lasted approx 10 minutes. Neg. friendly casualties. Action resulted in 1 NVA KIA and 1 NVA POW. Captured gear included 1 radio transmitter and antenna, 4 AK-47's, 11 AK-47 magazines, 8 chi-com grenades, 1 RPG, 19 AK-47 rds, 1 compass, 1 battle dressing, 1 water container, 1 canvas body bag, morphine, vitamin "K" (surgical), 1 canteen pouch and ID papers.	S-3, 4th Mar	
0830		4		Co "B" patrol found 2 NVA KIA at XD 863462. Enemy dead were result of action noted at 0130H. Found 2 AK-47's, 10 AK-47 magazines, 2 ammo belts and 10 chi-com grenades.	S-3, 4th Mar	
1000		5		Co "B" patrol found NVA gear at XD 863462. Gear included 2 AK-47's, 2 RPG rds, 2 RPG fuses and 1 chi-com grenades.	S-3, 4th Mar S-2	
1150		6		Submitted Sit Rep #37 DTG 011150H.	S-3, 4th Mar	
1545		7		Submitted Sit Rep #38 DTG 011545H.	S-3, 4th Mar	
1600		8		Co "B" chopped OPCON to 3/4 at 011600H.	S-3, 4th Mar	
2315		9		Submitted Sit Rep #39 DTG 012315H.	S-3, 4th Mar	
2400		10		Journal closed.	S-3	

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0001		1		Journal opened.	S-3
0230		2		Co "C" observed 2 MVA at XD 008489. Fired approx 5 rds s/a, called in 60mm mortar mission (illum) and fired arty mission with excellent target coverage. Results unknown.	S-3, 4th Mar
0305		3		Submitted Sit Rep #40 DTG 020305H.	S-3, 4th Mar
0730		4		Co "B" observed approx 10 MVA with weapons at XD 862462. Fired arty and 60mm missions with unknown results. Also ran guhships in area.	S-3, 4th Mar
0800		5		Co "B" observed smoke rising from treeline at XD 856471. Fired arty mission on suspected enemy position with unknown results.	S-3, 4th Mar
1100		6		Submitted Sit Rep #41 DTG 021100H.	S-3, 4th Mar
1100		7		Co "C" patrol discovered bunker under grass hooch at XD 005495. Bunker was approx 4' x5'x6' and was reinforced with layer of logs and dirt approx 2' thick. Destroyed bunker.	S-3, 4th Mar
1620		8		Submitted Sit Rep #42 DTG 021620H.	S-3, 4th Mar
2300		9		Submitted Sit Rep #43 DTG 022300H.	S-3, 4th Mar
2400		10		Journal closed.	S-3

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0001		1		Journal opened.	S-3	
0500		2		Submitted Sit Rep #88 DTG 140500H.	S-3, 4th Mar	
0800		3		Capt Pabin assumed duties as COC Watch Officer for period 140800H to 150800H.	S-3	
1105		4		Submitted Sit Rep #89 DTG 141105H.	S-3, 4th Mar	
1554		5		Submitted Sit Rep #90 DTG 141554H.	S-3, 4th Mar	
2115		6		Co "A" observed sequence of flashing lights at XD 998467. Fired 12 rds 105mm HE at suspected enemy position. After mission, movement was observed in same area.	S-3, 4th Mar	
2230		7		Co "A" observed suspected movement at XD 006459 and XD 006462. Fired s/a and threw 10 M-26 grenades.	S-3, 4th Mar	
2235		8		Co "A" observed unknown personnel at XD 007458. Observation made with ROD. Turned on spotlight. Neg. results.	S-3, 4th Mar	
2245		9		Co "C" observed two NVA at wire at XD 976480. Threw M-26 grenade and NVA seen running. Fired 105 mission with excellent coverage. Results unknown.	S-3, 4th Mar	
2303		10		Co "A" received premature VT rd over XD 007457. One WIA SIR submitted.	S-3, 4th Mar	
2400		11		Submitted Sit Rep #91 DTG 142400H.	S-3, 4th Mar	
2400		12		Journal closed.	S-3	

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0001		1		Journal opened.	S-3	
0500		2		Submitted Sit Rep #1 DPG 180500H.	S-3, 9th Mar	
0900		3		Co "A" personnel observed 2 NVA at XD 947674. NVA were apparently wounded as both had bandages on arm. Fired M-79 and M-60. Checked area with neg. results.	S-3, 9th Mar	
0945		4		Co "A" heard voices at XD 947672 and immediately set up defense. As forces went closer, two NVA came into view. Fired M-60, resulting in 1 POW, other NVA escaped. Recovered 1 AK-47 and 1 RPG rd, 2 NVA picks and 1 generator.	S-3, 9th Mar	
1021		5		Submitted Sit Rep #2 DPG 181021H.	S-3, 9th Mar	
1700		6		Co "C" at grid XD 944674 Co "B" at grid XD 956675 Co "A" at grid XD 944665 Co "D" at grid XD 948677 Bn Comd Group at grid XD 948677.	S-3, 9th Mar	
1700		7		Submitted Sit Rep #3 DPG 181700H.	S-3, 9th Mar	
2345		8		Submitted Sit Rep #4 DPG 180015H.	S-3, 9th Mar	
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0700		2		Submitted Sit Rep #5 DTG 190700H.	S-3, 9th Mar	
1100		3		Submitted Sit Rep #6 DTG 191100H.	S-3, 9th Mar	
1100		4		Co "A" and "A" Cmd Grp at grid XD 941660, Co "B" at XD 958668, Co "C" at XD 936666, Co "D" at XD 940665.	S-3, 9th Mar	
1315		5		Co "C" found 2 FO positions at XD 943674 in trees approx 30 ft. high. Positions were camouflaged with leaves and vines and were oriented to SW and NE. Destroyed positions.	S-3, 9th Mar	
1530		6		Co "B" found 30 bunkers at XD 953669, 1 small mess hall, 400 lbs of rice, two water points, documents, demo cord and caps, 1 AK magazine, 3 canteens, 1 sledge hammer, pick and pig pen. Area well used, approx battalion size. Found numerous trails with hand rails and steps. Bunkers were for 3-4 people. Appeared approx 2 months old. Destroyed by C-4.	S-3, 9th Mar	
1530		7		Co "B" lead elements observed 2 NVA walking down trail at XD 950667. Fired approx 3 M-16 rds, apparently wounding one. Neg. results.	S-3, 9th Mar	
1630		8		Co "C" found excavation site at XD 938667 which possibly was a road, one sleeping bunker 4'x6'x2', 1 booby trapped M-26 grenade and writing on tree.	S-3, 9th Mar	
1730		9		Co "A" and Cmd Grp at XD 941660, Co "B" at XD 951664, Co "C" at XD 936670, Co "D" at XD 941670.	S-3, 9th Mar	
1730		10		Submitted Sit Rep #7 DTG 191730H.	S-3, 9th Mar	
2100		11		Co "C" had one Chu-Hoi turn himself in at XD 938665. Debriefed as much as possible. Possibly holds rank of Cpl. Found 1 SKS with POW.	S-3, 9th Mar	
2100		12		Co "B" had strong enemy probe on lines at XD 950668. Received 23 chi-com grenades, 7 RPG's and numerous s/a fire. Also took 3 dud chi-coms and 2 dud RPG rds. Returned s/a fire and grenades. Fired approx 34 60mm rds, called arty missions and Puff. Checked area thoroughly at first light and found numerous drag marks and blood. Action resulted in 3 WIA BWAC and 1 WIA non-evac USMC.	S-3, 9th Mar	
2200		13		Co "A" and Cmd Grp at XD 941660, Co "B" at XD 953667, Co "C" at XD 942670 and Co "D" at XD 937670.	S-3, 9th Mar	
2400		14		Submitted Sit Rep #8 DTG 190700H.	S-3, 9th Mar	
2400		15		Journal closed.	S-3	

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
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0930		1		Co "A" observed 1 NVA at XO 941660 on trail approx 30 feet away from lead elements. Fired s/a, but NVA escaped. Called AO and fixed wing air strike. Neg. results.	S-3, 9th Mar	
1600		2		Co "A" discovered large arms cache at XO 935660. Approx 320 Mosinmagant 7.62mm rifles, 76 82mm rds, 168 81mm rds, 300,000 AK-47 rds, 200 lbs. TNT, 64 claymores, 128 cases .50 cal rds, 1 light machine gun and 2 sub-machine guns.	S-3, 9th Mar	
0515		3		Co "A" lead ***** elements observed 3 NVA at XO 944667. Fired s/a, NVA fled. Checked area and found 2 AK-44's, 8 packs, 6 sets new utilities, 10 lbs rice, 3 cakes, 3 plastic bags containing beef jerkey, 1 document, 782 gear, 1 entrenching tool, 1 pick, and 4 medicine kits.	S-3, 9th Mar	

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0001		1		Journal opened.	S-3	
0500		2		Submitted Sit Rep #9 DTG 200500H.	S-3, 9th Mar	
0930		3		Co "C" found 1 shovel, 1 hoe, 1 crow bar and 2 men saw at XD 941667.	S-3, 9th Mar	
1220		4		Submitted Sit Rep #10 DTG 201220H.	S-3, 9th Mar	
1220		5		Co "A" and Cmd Grp at XD 941660, Co "B" at XD 955664, Co "C" at XD 940670, Co "D" at XD 935665.	S-3, 9th Mar	
1245		6		Co "A" discovered bunker complex at XD 940656. Found 8 living bunkers approx 6'x6'x4'. Bunkers were reinforced with logs and dirt. Also found cave approx 4'x2'x2' on side of stream; found 2 shovels, 1 pick and 5-50lb. bags of rice.	S-3, 9th Mar	
1315		7		Co "A" discovered ammo cache at XD 934652, 150 anti-tank mines, 40 claymore mines, 249 82mm rds, 26 cases of 950 AK-47 rds, 16 shotgun shells and 4,000 .50 cal rds.	S-3, 9th Mar	
1400		8		Co "A" discovered arms cache at XD 932656, 12 RPG rds, 192-81mm rds, 10 anti-tank mines, 549 82mm rds, 15,200 .50 cal rds, 300 75mm H&H rds.	S-3, 9th Mar	
1730		9		Co "A" and Cmd Grp at XD 941660, Co "B" at XD 942656, Co "C" at XD 942660, Co "D" at XD 932666.	S-3, 9th Mar	
1730		10		Submitted Sit Rep #11 DTG 201730H.	S-3, 9th Mar	
2300		11		Submitted Sit Rep #12 DTG 202300H.	S-3, 9th Mar	
2300		12		Co "A" and Cmd Grp at XD 941660, Co "B" at XD 944658, Co "C" at XD 933655, Co "D" XD 931655.	S-3, 9th Mar	
2400		13		Co "B" was calling in arty mission when 1 rd. landed approx 30meters outside perim. 2 KIA US&C, investigating incident.	S-3, 9th Mar	
2400		14		Journal closed.		

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0001		1		Journal opened.	S-3	
0230		2		while checking lines, Co "A" CO observed lights. Other personnel on lines heard engine noise at 290 mls, grid XD 933659. Units alerted, called in arty mission, neg. results.	S-3, 9th Mar	
0500		3		Submitted Sit Rep #13 DTG 210500H.	S-3, 9th Mar	
1100		4		Submitted Sit Rep #14 DTG 211100H.	S-3, 9th Mar	
1310		5		H&S Company found 1 NVA type pack and NVA telephone similar to TA-1 with markings of B-2, 19th Bn, 320th Div. Pack had cooking gear, rice, gas mask, first aid kit, poetry, diary, training manual, cap, shorts, shirt, rope, belts, NVA entrenching tool and documents. All gear turned in to S-2.	S-3, 9th Mar	
1530		6		Co "A" element followed main trail then cut off on small trail which led to suspected base camp and training center at XD 933654. Searched area and brought back some gear and destroyed rest. Found 4 AK-44's, 3 SKS's, 4,000 bandoleers, 400 leather rifle slings, 472 AK rds, 8 cases 82mm rds, and 48 anti-tank mines.	S-3, 9th Mar	
1530		7		Co "C" found 2 cans .50 cal ammo approx 5 meters off to side of trail at XD 923652.	S-3, 9th Mar	
1800		8		Submitted Sit Rep #15 DTG 211800H.	S-3, 9th Mar	
1900		9		Co "A" and Cmd Grp at XD 932655, Co "B" at XD 942660, Co "C" at XD 936653, Co "D" at XD 931666.	S-3, 9th Mar	
2300		10		Submitted Sit Rep #16 DTG 212300H.	S-3, 9th Mar	
2400		11		Journal closed.	S-3	
				<u>Late Entry</u>		
1100		12		Cmd Grp no change, Co "A" at XD 933654, Co "B" at XD 944658, Co "C" at XD 927654, Co "D" no change.	S-3, 9th Mar	

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0001		1		Journal opened.	S-3	
0455		2		Submitted Sit Rep #17 DTG 221455H.	S-3, 9th Mar	
1000		3		Co "C" found 2 chicoms, 1 can of .50 cal ammo at XD 921650, approx 1 week old.	S-3, 9th Mar	
1102		4		Submitted Sit Rep #18 DTG 221102H.	S-3, 9th Mar	
1330		5		Co "B" found 27 large reinforced bunkers at XD 940665. Also found 100 lbs of rice, 1 set of wire cutters, comm wire strung from bunker to bunker, 4-30 foot living bunkers, 1 large kitchen, 2 cases .50 cal ammo, 300 rds per case, 3-82mm rds, 2 small molls of comm wire. Destroyed everything except bunkers.	S-3, 9th Mar	
1530		6		Co "C" found 7 A-frame bunkers approx 2 weeks old at XD 921651. Blew in place. Bunkers were oriented to north.	S-3, 9th Mar	
1545		7		Co "C", while having security out for people destroying bunkers at XD 927651, had 3 NVA approach from west among trail. Opened fire on enemy then searched area, pulled back and called in arty mission. Found 1 helmet, 1 medicine kit and 1 poncho.	S-3, 9th Mar	
1800		8		Submitted Sit Rep #19 DTG 221800H.	S-3, 9th Mar	
2300		9		Submitted Sit Rep #20 DTG 222300H.	S-3, 9th Mar	
2400		10		Journal closed.	S-3	

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