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1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.
2. This letter of transmittal is declassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 July to 31 July 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

Designation	Commander	Date
1st Battalion, 4th Marines	LtCol C. E. WILCOX	1-31 July
	<u>SUBORDINATE UNITS</u>	
Company HQS	1stLt L. C. IVRISON	1-31 July
Company A	Capt H. W. BUSE III	1-15 July
Company A	1stLt R. M. JESSIE Jr.	16-31 July
Company B	Capt D. M. ATKINSON	1-31 July
Company C	1stLt G. H. BROUILLETTE	1-31 July
Company D	1stLt T. J. RABBITT	1 July
Company D	Capt J. B. GREEN	2-31 July

ATTACHED UNITS

Det, Kit Carson Scout Center, Quang Tri
 Det, HqCo, 4th Marine (Scout Snipers)
 Det, G-5, 3d MarDiv (PsyOps Team)
 Det, 17th HhT, 3d MarDiv
 Det, A Co, 3dEngrBn
 Det, G Btry, 3dBn12thMar
 Det, HMM 262, MAG 39
 Det, VMO2, MAG 16

Location

Battalion CP 1-11 July,	Vandegrift Combat Base (VCB)
Battalion CP 12 July	YD 248546
Battalion CP 13 July	YD 264549
Battalion CP 14 July	YD 235544
Battalion CP 15 July	YD 247485
Battalion CP 16-18 July	YD 208446
Battalion CP 19 July	YD 164455
Battalion CP 20-21 July	YD 159446
Battalion CP 22-31 July	VCB

Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Major J. R. GREEN	1-31 July
S-1/Adjutant	2ndLt M. E. MACKIE, Sr.	1-31 July
Personnel Officer	1stLt M. T. OMEIS, Jr.	1-31 July
S-2/3A	Capt J. B. GREEN	1 July
S-2	GySgt P. F. STARRETT	
S-2	2ndLt M. J. EISLEINGER	
S-3	Major C. W. COLE, Jr.	
S-3A	Capt H. W. BUSE III	16-31 July

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Staff Officers (Cont'd)

S-3 ALO	1stLt R. P. BELL	1-16 July
S-3 ALO	Capt R. W. CLIFTON	17-31 July
S-3 FAC	1stLt R. P. MAKAREWICZ	1-31 July
Artillery Officer	1stLt K. A. SHELLY Jr.	1-31 July
S-4	Capt H. R. MORRIS	1-31 July
S-4A	2ndLt T. E. NOEL	1-31 July
S-4B	2ndLt J. E. DUBOSE	28-31 July
Comm Officer	1stLt W. L. TYNDALL	1-31 July
MT Officer	2ndLt H. R. HEIDAPohl	1-31 July
Supply Officer	1stLt R. A. STOTZ	1-31 July
Chaplain	LtCmdr L. E. ALLRED, USN	1-30 July
Chaplain	Lt P. W. MCCLURE, USNR	31 July
Bn Surgeon	Lt W. B. MOORE, USN	1-30 July
Bn Surgeon	Lt H. R. WAGNER, Jr., USNR	31 July

Average Monthly Strength

USMC	
OFF	ENL
<u>34</u>	<u>103</u>

USN	
OFF	ENL
<u>2</u>	<u>49</u>

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. General overview of all activities. As the month of July commenced the A Command Group was located at VCB along with Company C. Companies B, C, and D were OPCON to 3/4.

On 2 July the Battalion assumed responsibility for the defense of VCB. In addition to the resumption of OPCON of the organic companies, three companies from 3/4 were chopped OPCON to the Battalion to support the execution of this mission.

During the early part of the month Company D participated in Operation "Arlington Canyon" with 3/4.

On 8 July, the Battalion was alerted to be prepared to move to the Cua Viet R'R Center on 9 July. This move was accomplished without incident and the Battalion on 10 and 11 July encamped at Cua Viet. On 12 July the Battalion was chopped OPCON to the 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mech), U. S. Army and commenced operation "William's Glade." (The operation order and overlay is attached as a supporting document). On 22 July, the Battalion was helilifted out of the operational area and returned to VCB.

On 23 July, the Battalion once again assumed responsibility for the defense of VCB. Recent AO changes had eliminated the requirement to provide security for FSB Gates and Elliot Combat Base and added the requirement for positioning a company at Ca In to provide security for a 105mm artillery battery located there.

Late in the month, the Battalion deployed two companies to conduct a search and clear operation along the ridgeline north of the Ba Long River. (Operation Order 2-69 is forwarded as a supporting document).

The 4th Marines' operation "Werkimer Mountain" terminated on 16 July, and operation "Georgia Tar" commenced. At the close of the month all of the Battalion's activities were a part of this new operation.

2. Command Relations. The Battalion remained under the control of the 4th Marine Regiment for most of the month. The 3d Marine Division assumed OPCON of the Battalion during the Cua Viet R'R. During the period that the Battalion participated in operation "William's Glade" OPCON was passed to the 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mech), U. S. Army.

Operational control of several companies from 3/4 and 3/9 was held frequently throughout the month. The organic companies of the Battalion were also periodically chopped OPCON to other Battalions. The details of specific units, times and dates are contained in the Sequential Listing of Significant Events portion of this chronology.

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3. Mission Assigned. The mission varied during the month. Defense of VCB was the predominant mission, interrupted during the period 9-22 July when the Battalion engaged in rehabilitation at the Cua Viet R/R Center and participated in Operation "William's Glade."

4. Intelligence

a. During the month of July contact with the enemy was light throughout the Battalion's AO. During the period the Battalion was assigned the defense of VCB and the road sweeps inherent in this mission, an anti-tank mine was discovered on Route #9 and one friendly KIA resulted from a booby trap emplaced on the road near an unmanned road block set by the enemy. VCB received 12 rounds of mixed 107mm and 122mm incoming rockets during the month.

While the Battalion was employed on operation "William's Glade" one NVA was KIA by Company B during a daylight ambush. There were also two sightings of enemy personnel consisting of one NVA each. Company B received 8 to 10 60mm hostile mortar rounds and heard a small volume of small arms fire 700 to 800 meters from their position. There were also a few old bunker complexes and a trench line with fighting holes discovered.

	KIA	POW	DETAILED
NVA	1	0	0
VC	0	0	0

b. Weather. The weather during the first 20 days of the month consisted generally of very hot and humid days with a few days of intense rain. The last part of the month produced cool days with a moderate amount of rain throughout the day and night with very gusty winds.

c. Terrain. The terrain during the operation "William's Glade" ranged from zero elevation to sharply rising small hills with crests to 222 meters. Between these elevations were numerous small rolling hills and valleys criss-crossed mostly with dry stream-beds and covered with savanna grass, ranging in height from a few inches to six feet. There were a few patches of dense underbrush scattered throughout the AO. The terrain around VCB consists of a large valley broken by numerous streams with sharply rising mountains, with crests to 552 meters.

5. Operations. The Battalion participated in three operations during the month. From 2 through 8 July, the defense of VCB was considered part of the 4th Marines' operation "Herkimer Mountain." During the period 12-22 July the Battalion was OPCON to the 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), U. S. Army, and

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participated in operation "William's Glade." From 23 July until the end of the month, the Battalion once again assumed responsibility for defending VCB, thus participating in operation "Georgia Tar."

All of the operations were characterized by unusually light contact. The few incidents of contact are included in the Sequential Listing of Significant Events portion of this chronology.

6. Results of Operations

a. Enemy Equipment Captured/Destroyed

(1) Mines, Demolitions, Explosives, Ammunitions

Anti-Tank Mines	5
Anti-Personnel Mines (Claymores)	10
82mm Mortar Rounds	3

(2) Miscellaneous

NVA Helmet	1
NVA Utilities (Set)	2
782 Gear	Small Amount
Rice	50 pounds
Corn	25 pounds
Packs	1

7. Supporting Arms

a. Air Support. Significant use of Airborne Observers (AO's) for position confirmation and reporting were utilized by the company commanders to assist them in navigating over relatively featureless terrain. They were also employed in routine aerial reconnaissance missions bringing to a total of 20 the AO's that were utilized.

Off-set radar bombing utilizing the SST-122KU Transponder accounted for three air strikes. The character of the Battalion's assigned mission and availability of attack aircraft held this method of bombing to a minimum.

All-weather, day and night bombing on targets screened through the Regimental Air Section and employing the TRQ-10 method of control accounted for five air strikes.

Total tonnage of bombs dropped on selected enemy targets was 15 tons.

Helicopters were utilized for logistical, tactical and medical evacuation purposes. During operation "William's Glade" all MEDEVAC missions were flown by the U. S. Army. They employed the UH-1E model which is commonly referred to as the "Huey." Total MEDEVAC missions was 125.

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Helicopter support also provided by the Army included the "LOACH" aircraft designated the LO-2H and utilized by the Battalion Commander and Operations Officer for visual reconnaissance and liaison.

Marine Corps helicopters provided the Battalion with tactical and logistical support throughout the month.

Ten trooplifts were conducted carrying a combined total of more than 1500 combat troops.

Total tonnage of logistical supplies delivered to positions in the field amounted to 641 tons.

The AN/PRC-93 was tested with positive results, though range is limited to 4 to 5 miles. It will provide the Forward Air Controller (FAC) with limited UHF capabilities in the field where carrying of the AN/PRC 41 would be impractical.

The billet of Air Liaison Officer was filled with the addition of a Naval Aviator (NA) with primary qualifications in the OV-10A aircraft, thus providing the Battalion with an NA experienced in fixed wing and one experienced in rotar wing.

b. Artillery Support. During the period 1-9 July the Battalion had a variety of artillery support available, including 105mm, 155mm 175mm and 8" guns positioned at Elliot Combat Base. Additionally, 105mm, 175mm and 8" guns were capable of providing fire from VCB.

During the Battalion's participation in operation "William's Glade", (12-22 July) artillery support was provided by a U. S. Army Battery of 155mm(SP) howitzers.

At 0500 on 25 July a prep fire commenced for the vertical assault by Companies C and D (-) on Fire Support Base Holcomb. The prep fire ceased at 0800. Three linear and eight periphery targets were shelled by 105mm, 175mm and 8" guns. The total round expenditure was 1380. When the first elements landed on the ground they had 105mm howitzers supporting them.

The following is a comprehensive list of targets, rounds fired, and weapons used for artillery support during the month of July.

	Weapon	Target	Rounds
Harass and Interdiction (H&I)	105mm	240	1320
Fires	155mm	60	400
Time on Target Fires	155mm	4	60
Prop Fires	(105mm, 155mm, 175mm)	11	1380

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8. Logisticsa. Supply

(1) Class I. All class I was drawn at VCB in support of field operations. The Battalion Mess Hall Served "A" rations daily at VCB. Hot food was delivered to the companies in the field, a platoon on Signal Hill, and companies manning the perimeter at VCB. In support of field operations, 5,000 cases of MCI and 16,870 gallons of water were delivered on operations "Herkimer Mountain", "William's Glade", and Georgia Tar."

(2) Class II. Class II supply tents remained at VCB to cut time in transfer of cargo from the rear to the field. Shortage in the following items were experienced during this period:

Flack Jackets
 Sledge Hammers
 Nozzle, Cover (water trailer M107A1)
 Coat, Utility (all sizes)
 Socks (all sizes)
 Magazines, Cal .45
 Helmets, Steel
 Cover, Canteen

The above items have been placed on requisition; however, quantities received to date have been insufficient to alleviate shortages.

(3) Class III. Class III was drawn at VCB and was adequate, with 24 barrels of diesel and eight barrels of mogas being delivered to the field.

(4) Class IV. Class IV was drawn at VCB and was adequate. The following items were delivered to the field.

Sandbags 10,000
 Concertina 2 sleeves
 Drive stakes 10 bundles

(5) Class V. All class V was drawn at VCB with 4,428 rounds of 81mm, 1080 rounds 60mm, 200 rounds of 5.56, 280 rounds 7.62, 22 C-4 Demo Kits, and 19 cases of assorted smoke grenades being delivered to the field in support of operations.

(6) Class VI. Class VI was delivered to troops in the field in the following quantities:

Beer 97 cases
 Soda 106 cases
 SP's 41 cases

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(7) Class VII. Battalion Motor Transport vehicles were used for administrative and logistic runs from VCB and QTCB and were satisfactory with mileages as indicated below:

4	M37B1S	1,937 miles
18	M151A1	9,704 miles
15	M274A2	167 miles

FISG-B provided adequate 3d and 4th echelon maintenance support.

(8) Class VIII. A Forward BAS is maintained at VCB with a rear BAS at QTCB. Medical supplies were available in sufficient quantities during this period.

(9) Class IX. Repair parts are being received through normal supply channels; however, insufficient repair parts were received to keep all items of equipment operational.

(10) Class X. N/A

b. Support. Division Motor Transport furnished transportation for delivery of supplies and movement of company rear echelons to VCB, with total loads as follows:

6 6x6 loads, Class II, Class VI and 118 troops
23 flat beds, lumber and company rear echelons

6 6x6's were also furnished for household and logistic runs to VCB.

c. Services. Laundry facilities were utilized at Dong Ha. Approximately 1600 sets of utilities and 1200 pair of socks were turned in for laundering and estimated 150 sets of utilities and 400 pair of sock were lost or returned in an unserviceable condition.

9. Communications-Electronics

a. Message Center. The Battalion Message Center, now located at VCB, received 765 incoming messages and released 18 outgoing messages through the 4th Marines Regimental Message Center. Numerical codes, word codes, authentication tables, and Communication Operating Instructions were distributed as required.

b. Radio. The radio section maintained a battalion tactical net, a base defense net (as required), and a covered regimental net. As a result of a CCI change eliminating a previously assigned frequency, the administrative net between VCB and QTCB was discontinued. A relay station was established at FSB Henderson to improve communications with Companies C and D, who were operating in that area. The regimental brevity code was declared unauthorized by the 3d Marine Division and was replaced by the KAC QAL numerical codes and authentication tables and the KAC PZ word codes for encrypting traffic between companies and the Battalion. The AN/PRC-88 provided reliable communications

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between company commanders and their platoon commanders, squad leaders, and 60mm mortar sections when occupying defensive positions.

c. Covered Circuits. The covered circuit remained unchanged during this period with one KY-38 and one AN/PRC-77 in operation, and 22 KY-38's and one AN/PRC-77 on hand.

d. Wire. The battalion switchboard at VCB employed three SB-22/PT switchboards serving 34 subscribers with two trunk lines to the 4th Marines and one trunk line to Force Logistic Support Group B. Hot lines were employed from the Battalion Combat Operations Center (COC) to the Vandegrift Installation Coordinator (VIC), the 4th Marines COC and the Battalion S-4. Telephones were installed at Ca Lu for use by Company A and at FSB Henderson for use by the 81mm mortar section located there.

e. Electronics Repair. Work order forms have been locally prepared and distributed to the various sections within the communications platoon for use when turning in equipment. The work order serves as a receipt for sections that have turned in equipment, and provides a method of control for the maintenance section. One AN/USM-50C oscilloscope, two PP-4567 battery chargers, and 27 TM-143 Radiac meters were submitted to FLSG-B for calibration. Critical repair parts for this period were H-189 handset receiver elements. Two technicians, one in MOS 5931 and the other in MOS 2815, reported for duty during this period.

f. Equipment Repaired. The total essential and/or combat essential equipment declined and brought off deadline during the month was as follows:

ITEM	To D/L	Off D/L
AN/PRC-25	25	19
AN/PRC-88	3	2
SB-22/PT	1	1
AN/PRC-41	1	1
AN/PRC-87	1	1

10. Personnel and Administration

a. <u>Losses and Gains.</u>	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
Losses	3	181	2	6
Battle	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
Non-battle	(0)	(16)	(0)	(0)
Administrative	(3)	(165)	(2)	(6)
Gains	6	207	2	6

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b. Awards. During the reporting period awards of 2 Silver Stars, 3 Bronze Stars, 3 Navy Commendation Medals, 9 Navy Achievement Medals, 14 Purple Heart Medals and 3 Vietnamese Crosses of Gallantry were received for presentation to personnel already transferred. The following recommendation were originated:

Silver Star Medal	1
Bronze Star Medal	6
Navy Commendation Medal	13
Navy Achievement Medal	15
VCG	16

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

Courts-Martial/Administrative Discharges Pending/Completed

Art 32 Investigations	1 Pending
GCM	1 Completed
Special Courts-Martial	3 Pending
Special Courts-Martial	8 Completed
Summary Courts-Martial	3 Pending
Summary Courts-Martial	2 Completed
Administrative Discharges	4 Pending
Administrative Discharges	4 Completed

Non-Judicial Punishments

Battalion Commander's	8
Company Commander's	22

d. R&R. The Battalion utilized the following out of country R&R quotas for the month of July:

Bangkok	17	Penang	3	Tokyo	7
Hawaii	23	Singapore	6	Manila	1
Hong Kong	17	Okinawa	5		
Taipei	10	Sydney	17		

e. Promotions. During the month the following promotions were effected:

To	Regular	Meritorious
PFC	12	0
LCpl	83	0
Sgt	0	2

f. Religious Activities

(1) Eighteen Protestant Services were conducted for the Battalion during the month of July. The total attendance was 316.

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The number receiving Holy Communion was 120.

(2) Four Protestant Services were conducted by the Chaplain for other units. The total attendance was 38. The number receiving Holy Communion was 33.

(3) Five Catholic Masses were conducted for the Battalion. The total attendance was 101.

(4) One Memorial Service was conducted. The attendance was 130.

(5) Twenty-one men were visited aboard the Hospital Ship and 19 at 3d Medical Battalion.

11. Training

a. General Military Subjects and MOS training for the month of July for squad, platoon and company size units was moderate. A copy of the monthly training accomplished report is attached as a supporting document.

b. All replacements received comprehensive indoctrination briefings in accordance with the Battalion SOP for replacement training. Each replacement fired his T/O weapon for familiarization.

c. There was minimal Officer and Staff Non-Commissioned Officer and Chemical, Biological and Radiological (CBR) warfare training during the month of July due to the tactical situation.

12. Psychological Operations. (See MEDCAF report in supporting documents section.)

13. Medical and Dental Affairs

a. The total number of visits to the Battalion Aid Station (BAS) during the month of July was 855.

b. Prevalent medical entities encountered were:

Diarrhea	103	FUO	50
Malaria	12	Dermatological	
URI	26	Conditions	314
MP Disorders	4	Heat Casualties	123
		NSU	2

c. All suspected cases of Venereal Disease were given an STS in accordance with NAVMED 22-18 and the results entered in the individual's health record.

d. A total of 64 patients were referred to 3d Medical Battalion as indicated:

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ENT	10	SURGERY	16	Internal Medecine	15
UROLOGY	5	NP	5	Dermatology	7
				Orthopedics	6

e. The following referrals were made:

NSA DaNang	0	USS REPOSE	0
USS Sanctuary	0	3dMedBn	2

f. Total patients referred to Dental for treatment: 108

g. Weekly malaria prophylaxis was continued with the use of Chloroquine-Primaquine tablets. In conjunction with the weekly malaria prophylaxis, daily malaria prophylaxis was also administered.

h. Sanitation Inspections of the Battalion's areas were held daily and weekly in accordance with DivO P6000.4.

i. Two Battalion Aid Stations were operated during the month of July. A forward BAS consisting of a Battalion Surgeon and twelve Hospital Corpsmen located at VCB and a secondary BAS at QTCB staffed with eight Hospital Corpsmen. Incoming Hospital Corpsmen were processed at the rear BAS and outfitted with minimum equipment for the transit to VCB. All injuries and malaria encounters were treated by line company corpsmen and, when required, casualties were promptly transferred for further treatment. No serious delays were experienced in resupply or evacuation during this period.

j. Lectures were given regularly at both Battalion Aid Stations.

k. With cooperation of Battalion Rear Dental Units and Headquarters Battalion Dental Unit, a total of 108 patients were treated. All arrivals into the Battalion were screened and those presenting a class III or IV dental profile were referred to one of these units prior to reporting to forward areas.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Combat Operations

01 July As the month of July commenced, the Battalion Headquarters (GP Group) was located at VCB along with Company C. Companies A, B, and D were OPCON to 3/4. At 1500H, Company C was chopped OPCON to 3/4.

02 July Effective 1600H, the Battalion assumed responsibility for the VCB AO from 3/4. At the same time, 3/4 chopped all four companies of 1/4 back to the Battalion. Additionally, the Battalion assumed OPCON of Companies K, L, and M from 3/4, Company B, 3d Tank Battalion, and a platoon from the 3d Recon Battalion. At 2145H, a squad OP from Company C heard movement in the vicinity of XD 996466. Hand grenades were thrown and small arms fired with negative results.

03 July At 1515H, the helilift of Company K to VCB was completed. At 1655H, Company D was chopped OPCON to 3/4. They commenced participation in "Arlington Canyon" at that time.

04 July At 0800H, Company L was chopped OPCON to 3/4 to participate in operation "Arlington Canyon." At 0945H, the S-3, CO of Company K and the tank platoon commander from Company B, 3d Tank Battalion made a VR in a CH-34. This was in preparation for the tank-supported company operation which was to commence later in the day. At 0950H, the FAC was helilifted to "Signal Hill" (XD 978481). He took a transponder for the purpose of conducting "beacon" fixed wing strikes. At 2400H, a boundary change reduced the northeastern corner of the Battalion's AO by two 1,000 meter grid squares.

05 July At 0900H, a Marine from Company M was killed while conducting a road sweep in the vicinity of XD 018565, when he detonated what appeared to be an AT-mine. The unit also found 5 AT mines, and 10 AP mines nearby.

07 July At 1300H, the Battalion assumed OPCON of Company F 2/9. The company was moved immediately by truck to ECB and replaced Company M 3/4. Company M returned to VCB and commenced preparations for a helilift on the following day into the "Arlington Canyon" AO. At 1310H, the S-3, 4th Marines reported that 3/9 would relieve the Battalion and assume the VCB AO on 08 July.

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08 July At 0815H, Company L 3/9 relieved Company A on the lines at VCB.

At 0900H, Company M 3/4 was chopped OPCON to 3/4.

At 1300H, 3/9 assumed responsibility for the Battalion's AO. The 3d Platoon, Company B had not yet been helilifted from Hill 950 and was chopped OPCON to 3/9 upon their assumption of the AO.

12 July At 0930H, the Battalion Commander and the S-3 attended a briefing at the 3dMarDiv CP at Dong Ha. The briefing concerned the chopping of the Battalion OPCON to the 1st Brigade, 5th Mechanized Infantry Division, U. S. Army. At 1145H, the Battalion Commander and the S-3 attended a briefing at the Tactical Operations Center (TOC) of the 1st Brigade, 5th Mechanized Infantry Division. The operation in which the Battalion was to participate was named "William's Glade." (See Operation Order and Overlay in supporting documents section of this chronology). By 1630H, the Battalion had received supplies and commenced operation "William's Glade."

13 July At 1030H, Company A uncovered a well camouflaged Platoon Patrol Base in the vicinity of ID 250553. Documents found were immediately forwarded to the S-2. At 1200H, Company D apprehended a female (Vietnamese) with no identification card. She was returned by helicopter to the 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mech) at Quang Tri.

15 July Company B was resupplied and moved into the attack at 0600. The other three companies and the CP Group were delayed in their movement due to the late arrival of resupply. It was 0950 before resupply was completed, thus causing the remainder of the Battalion to move during the heat of the day, resulting in a large number of heat casualties being evacuated from the field.

18 July At 1040H, an NVA was killed by a Company B ambush in the vicinity of ID 171431. At 1920H, Company B received hostile small arms fire and 8-10 61mm mortar rounds from the vicinity of ID 181428. Counter mortar fire and an artillery mission were returned with good target coverage but unknown results. There were no friendly casualties.

22 July The Battalion was helilifted back to VCB. The lift started at 0630 and was completed at 0950. At this time the Battalion's participation in operation "William's Glade" was terminated and the Battalion was chopped OPCON to the 4th Marines.

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23 July At 0700H, a platoon from Company D was helilifted to "Signal Hill" to assume responsibility for that position from a platoon from Company L 3/9.

At 0800H, Company A assumed responsibility for the defense of F Battery 2/12 at Ca Lu. They relieved Company H 2/9 in place.

At 0900H, Company B relieved Company I 3/9 as the "Sparrow Hawk/Bald Eagle" Company.

At 1240H, the Battalion assumed responsibility for the defense of VCB, Signal Hill, Ca Lu, and OF Biddle. At the same time, Companies I, K, and L 3/9 were chopped OPCON to the Battalion. This was the beginning of the Battalion's participation in operation "Georgia Tar."

24 July At 1400H, the Battalion Commander and S-3 met with a representative from MAG-39 to work out the details of a vertical assault scheduled for 25 July.

25 July At 0800H, Companies C and D conducted a vertical assault of objectives located in the Ba Long Valley. The LZ utilized was the original FSB Holcomb, located at YD 118432. The assault force encountered no resistance. Throughout the troop lift the Battalion Commander, S-3, and FSC were airborne in a UH1-E command and control helicopter, piloted by the Helicopter Transport Group S-3A.

27 July At 1630H, Company M 3/9 relieved Company I 3/9 in the lines at VCB. At that time, Company M was chopped OPCON to the Battalion, and Company I was chopped OPCON back to 3/9.

29 July At 1205H, a patrol from Company D(-) found two decomposed NVA bodies wrapped in ponchos. They appeared to have been dead approximately two months.

30 July At 1600H, Company I relieved Company K (Both 3/9) in the lines at VCB. At the same time OPCON of both companies changed. Company I to the Battalion, and Company K back to 3/9.

31 July At 1330H, a patrol from Company C(-) found 3 82mm mortar rounds, 1 can of fuses, 3 shot gun rounds and 9 82mm increments in the vicinity of YD 066464.

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05 July Between the hours of 1300H and 1500H, the Battalion Commander and the S-3 visited Companies B and D in the field.

06 July At 2040H, the VCB reaction force was mustered in a base defense drill. A predesignated assembly area, appropriately coded, was passed over the base defense net at the time the reaction force was alerted. A critique of the drill was scheduled for the next day. At 2230H, a serious incident report was received from Company K. A Marine had died from heat stroke during the afternoon while on patrol. He was an FO from 3/12 attached to the company.

07 July Company K secured an LZ at 0840H along the Quang Tri River, in the vicinity of ID 033450. A unit was helilifted into the LZ at 0940H to conduct a medical and PsyOps program for the Vietnamese village in the area. (See Supporting Documents). At 1100H, the Battalion received the word to move the entire Battalion to Cua Viet R&R Center for rehabilitation on 09 July. At 1340H, VCB received eight 122mm rockets. There were no casualties in the Battalion.

08 July At 0930H, the helilift of Company D to VCB commenced. The lift was completed at 1030, at which time OPCON of the company was returned to 1/4.

09 July At 1200H, the Battalion departed by truck convoy for the Cua Viet R&R Center. At 1330H, the Battalion was chopped OPCON to the 3d Marine Division. The OPCON will remain in effect throughout the R&R period.

10 July The Battalion commenced their two-day rehabilitation at the Cua Viet R&R Center.

11 July The Battalion commenced their second and final day of rehabilitation at Cua Viet. At 2030H, an accidental detonation of an M-26 grenade killed one Marine and wounded seven others. All Marines were from Company B, and the incident occurred in the company's billeting area at Cua Viet.

12 July At 1200H, the Battalion arrived at the Dong Ha ramp by boat. They had departed the R&R Center at Cua Viet that morning.

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14 July At 0915H, the G-3, 3d Marine Division visited the Battalion CP in the field (vicinity of ID 218526) and was briefed by the S-3.

16 July At 1100H, Colonel OSTEEN, Commanding Officer of the 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mech), U. S. Army and his S-3 visited the Battalion CP and were briefed by the S-3. At 1545H, the G-3, 3d Marine Division visited the Battalion CP and was briefed by the S-3.

18 July At 0920H, MajGen JONES, CG, 3d Marine Division visited the Battalion CP and was briefed by the Battalion Commander.

30 July At 1000H, the 2nd Platoon Commander from Company C was helilifted from the field to meet with the 3d Marine Division MTO. His platoon will provide convoy security for the Dong Ha to VCB daily convoy during the period 1-15 August. At 1400H, a Marine from Company M 3/9 was killed by an accidental discharge of an M-16 rifle. The incident is being investigated.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓1. S-2, S-3, Journal for 1-31 July 1969 *Filed Sep*
- ✓2. Monthly Training Report; for July 1969
- ✓3. After Action Report (MEDCAP)
- ✓4. Frag Order #1 to OpOrd 4-69 (William's Glade) Copy 3 of 10
- ✓5. Operation Overlay 121200H/July 1969
- ✓6. Operation Order 2-69 231200 July 1969
- ✓7. Vietnam Map Sheet 6342 III
- ✓8. Vietnam Map Sheet 6342 I, 6342 II, 6342 III, 6342 IV (Previously submitted).

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 25 July 1969

From: 1st Battalion, 4th Marines (S-3)
 To: Commanding Officer

Subj: Training accomplished during the month of July 1969

Ref: (a) Battalion Order 1510.7

1. Monthly training accomplished reports, submitted by the companies as required by reference (a), have been received. A recopitulation of training conducted throughout the battalion during the month of July is set forth below.

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Administrative Procedures/Responsibilities of the Company Executive Officer	2	4 (off)
The Summary Court Martial/Lecture, Demonstration.	1	4 (off)
Mapping and Compass Reading	7	172
Radio Procedure (PRC 25, PRC 88)	1	141
Nomenclature and use of the Claymore Mine	2	135
Care and Cleaning of Equipment	1	129
First Aid	1	158
Squad and Platoon Tactical Formations	1	126
Gas Leakage of the 60mm Mortar	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	119
60mm Mortar Fire during a Gas Attack	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	15
Hand to Hand Combat	2	98
Use of the Rope in Mountainous Terrain	1	120
MEDEVAC Procedure and use of the Niel-Robertsons Litter	1	24
Supporting Arms Lecture	2	12

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<u>Subject</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Principles of Patrolling	1½	57
Company Tactical Formations	2	85
Water Purification	2	21
FO Procedure	2	15
Field Sanitation	1	125
Field Fortifications	4	110
Rules of Engagement	2	50
Leadership	3	50
Vehicle Recovery	1	12
Vehicle Safety	1	16
Preparation for Inspection	1	16
AN/MRC-83	1	14
Pole Line Construction (Communications)	2	14
RRadiation Monitoring/Lecture, Demonstra- tion	1	18
Decontamination Procedure/Lecture	1	18

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FPO, San Francisco, 96602

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12 July 1969

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Via: Commanding Officer, 4th Marine Regiment

Subj: After Action Report of MedCap

1. The below listed after action report is hereby submitted.

a. Code Name: N/A

b. Date of MedCap: 071000H to 071330H

c. Location: Village of Dinh Dien Phu Thanh vicinity
Coordinates YD033450

d. Task Organization:

(1) 1st Platoon Co "K", 3d Bn, 4th Mar

(2) S-2 and Interpreter, 1st Bn, 4th Mar

(3) One (1) Loud Speaker PSYOP Team provided by G-5

(4) One (1) ITT team provided by 4th Mar

(5) One (1) Doctor and 4 Corpsman from 1st Bn, 4th Mar

e. Supporting Forces: None

f. Intelligence: It was believed by Intelligence sources that the people of this village were and still are under the influence of the Communists; however, no hostile action was initiated against this MedCap team.

g. Mission: To administer medical attention for the inhabitants of the village.

h. Concept of Operation: The 1st Platoon of Company "K" deployed and secured LZ vicinity coordinates 032452 at 070900H. At 071000H the MedCap Team arrived and began the MedCap. At 071330H the MedCap Team withdrawal was accomplished.

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i. Execution: At 0900H, 4 July 1969, this Battalion was instructed to initiate a MedCap program to villagers located vicinity coordinates 033450. A Psyop team, and an ITT team were requested and received. At 1000H on 7 July 1969, the MedCap was initiated and lasted until 1330H 7 July 1969.

j. Results: There were 100 people treated for various ailments. Thirty people were found to be suffering from ailments which required definitive medical treatment. The 10 most seriously ill were medevaced to Dong Ha medical facilities.

(1) Treated 100

(2) Medevac 10

k. Administrative Matters: None

l. Special Equipment and Techniques: The loud speaker Psyop team proved to be a valuable assist in announcing the MedCap and insuring the people that they would be humanly treated and not harmed.

m. Commander's Analysis: The MedCap was successful. Our interest in helping the indigenous population was reaffirmed.

n. Recommendation: It is recommended that a follow up program be established on a regular basis. The most recent MedCap held in this village was February 1969.

o. Marine Corps Matters: None

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 Vandegrift Combat Base
231200H Jul 69

Ref: (a) Map: Thon Doc Kinh, 1:50,000, Sheet 6342 II
 (b) 4th Marines' COI, effective 150600 Jun 69

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

- (1) Annex B (Intelligence)
- (2) Current I'SUMS

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) 4th Marine Regiment continues operation "Georgia Tar" to the west.
- (2) 2d ARVN Division continues operations in AO to the south of the Ba Long River, including occupation of FSB Henderson.
- (3) CIDC units continue operations in Mai Loc AO to the north.
- (4) 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), U.S. Army continues operation "William's Clade" to the east.
- (5) Close Air Support. Annex C (Air Support)
- (6) F Battery, 2/12 in D/S of 4th Marines. Battery in place at Ca Lu.

c. Attachments and Detachments. (See Task Organization)

2. MISSION. Commencing 250700 July, 1st Battalion (-), 4th Marines conducts 5-7 day Search and Clear operation along ridgeline north of Ba Long Valley.

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3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. The battalion will conduct a search and clear operation along the ridgeline north of the Ba Long River Valley. Two companies will land by helicopter at FSB Henderson and sweep northwest. Another company will establish a blocking position at the northwestern end of the valley. Air support will be available on request. Fire support will be provided by a 105mm battery located at Ca Lu and two sections of 81mm mortars located at FSB Henderson.

b. Co A (Reinf)

- (1) Commencing 230800, relieve H/2/9 at Ca Lu and provide security for F Btry, 2/12, presently in position.
- (2) Establish blocking positions on north and south side of Ba Long River on 25 July. Maintain blocking positions until arrival of Co D, approximately D+6.

c. Co C (Reinf)

- (1) Commencing 250600 move company to northeast end of VCB helicopter strip.
- (2) At L-Hour land at FSB Henderson. Move to vicinity of 109434 and establish Company Patrol Base.
- (3) Conduct extensive patrolling, searching, and ambushing in grid squares 1042, 1043, 1142, and 1143.
- (4) Be prepared to conduct sweep of the ridgeline to the northwest on order.

d. Co D (--) (Reinf)

- (1) Commencing 250600 move to northeast end of VCB helicopter strip.
- (2) Following helilift of Company C, land at FSB Henderson. Move to vicinity of 088430 and establish a Company Patrol Base.
- (3) Conduct extensive patrolling, searching, and ambushing in grid squares 0842, 0843, 0942, and 0943.
- (4) Be prepared to conduct sweep of the ridgeline to the northwest on order.

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e. 81mm Mortar Plot (-)

- (1) General Support.
- (2) Position two sections at FSB Henderson on D-1.
- (3) Be prepared to commence fire missions by 250600, with priority of fires initially to Company C.

f. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Annex C (Air Support)
- (2) Annex D (Operation Overlay)
- (3) D-Day, 25 Jul; L-Hour, 0700
- (4) No "Prep Fires" of LZ. (FSB Henderson occupied)
- (5) Companies authorized to coordinate via Bn Tac Net.
- (6) Companies submit hourly situation reports between 2200 and 0600 (inclusive) daily.
- (7) Spot reports will be submitted as they occur. Serious incidents will be reported by spot report immediately, followed by SIR's as soon as practicable.
- (8) Colored reports on casualties (battle and non-battle) will be submitted in accordance with battalion code.
- (9) River crossing point vicinity of YD 094418. Ropes will be required.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Supply and resupply. Units commence operation with prescribed load (i.e., 1 DOA; 2 days ICI; salt tablets, haligone tablets, and insect repellent). Submit requests for resupply by 1100 one day prior to delivery day. Submit emergency resupply requests anytime. Resupply of Companies C and D will be by helicopter; Company A by truck.
- b. Casualties. Exercise preventative medicine measures to reduce number of heat casualties. Utilize maximum anti-malaria procedures. Requests for MEDDEVAC will be submitted to battalion command post. Designate "routine", "priority", or "emergency."

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5. COMBINED INFO COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. Radio procedures.

- (1) Reference (b).
- (2) Authentication and numerical codes - KAC QUAL 511.
- (3) Radio-relay and/or re-transmission facilities will be established at FSD Henderson as required.

b. Visual signals.

- (1) White smoke marks enemy positions.
- (2) Yellow smoke marks friendly positions.
- (3) Red smoke marks unsecure areas.
- (4) Green smoke marks secured areas.

c. Thrust lines (effective 250700).

- (1) States - intersection of grid lines at 1041
- (2) Names - intersection of grid lines at 0646
- (3) Cars - intersection of grid lines at 0243

d. Command post. Battalion CP will be at COC, VCB.

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT (verbally)

BY COMMAND OF LT.COL. WILLCOX

C. W. Cobb, Jr.
 C. W. COBB, Jr.
 Major, U. S. Marine Corps
 Operations Officer

ANNEXES:

- ✓ A- Task Organization
- ✓ B- Intelligence
- ✓ C- Air Support
- ✓ D- Operation Overlay
- ✓ E- ARTILLERY *C.E.*

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Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Order 2-69

(All attachments effective 24 July 1969)

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Det, H&S Co
Det, VMO 2, MAG 16
Det, HMM 262, MAG 39
Det, G Btry, 3/12

LtCol WILLCOX

Co A (Reinf)

Det, H&S Co
Det, G-5, 3rd MarDiv (PsyOps)
Det, HqCo, 4th Marines (Snipers)
Det, G Btry, 3/12
Det, Kit Carson Scout Center, Quang Tri

1stLt JESSIE

Co C (Reinf)

Det, H&S Co
Det, HqCo, 4th Marines (Snipers)
Det, G Btry, 3/12
Det, Kit Carson Scout Center, Quang Tri
Det, A Co, 3rd Engr Bn
Det, 3rd MP Bn (Dog)

1stLt BROUILLETT

Co D (-) (Reinf)

Det, H&S Co
Det, HqCo, 4th Marines (Snipers)
Det, G Btry, 3/12
Det, Kit Carson Scout Center, Quang Tri
Det, A Co, 3rd Engr Bn
Det, 3rd MP Bn (Dog)

Capt GREEN

81mm Mortar Plat (-)

Det, H&S Co

1stLt HIGGINS

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 ANNEX D TO OPERATION PLATE 2-69

Ref: (a) Maps: Sheet 6342 II (Thon Deo Kinh)
 (b) Series of photos of Ba Long Valley.

1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION

- a. From reports received and information gained from friendly units operating in or near the projected AO, this section estimates enemy strength between 2 platoons and a company in the vicinity. This number is broken down into small units of 2 to 5 VC or main force NVA, as both elements are known to be operating in this area. (Appendices 1 and 3) Enemy personnel are known to be wearing green, grey, camouflage, and blue uniforms. They are equipped extensively with US 702 gear and G-3's. It can be said that the enemy is well fed and well armed (small arms, AK's and SIS's) though in most cases they do not stand and fight due to inferior numbers.
- b. Although the enemy has units using this area as a base of operations (e.g., "G-15", code name for detachment of engineers whose main job is burial details), most main force units are just passing through. High speed trails exist to the west, and south with a major infiltration route to the east running north toward A101 Nai Lec Special Forces Camp. This Special Forces unit and 4th Marines S-2 suspect a hospital/aid station and possible arms cache in this AO.

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

- a. This area has not been effectively searched out for over six months although friendlies have operated around the edges (e.g., I, K, and L 5/9 to the south west, Special Forces to the north). From the 14th to the 21st of July, 3/9 accounted for 4 enemy confirmed and found six occupied graves, and miscellaneous gear. It is significant that the mercenaries serving with the Special Forces team dislike moving into the area; consequently, they've seldom been south of the 46 grid line and never in force. Within the last 3 months no Recon teams have been in this AO. The closest one was working 4 grid squares bordering grid intersection 0246, on 12 and 13 July 1969. This recon team had heavy movement and was extracted after 36 hours. Elements of 3/9 reported heavy movement and cooking odors when they were in the AO.
- b. Civilians in the area are considered friendly to the enemy (Appendix 1). There are 3 villages in the SW corner of the AO. (The No-Fire Zone shown on overlay does not apply to units in contact.)

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Phu Thanh, at grid 040445, is considered heavily on the side of the enemy. Appendix 5 (MedCap Report) is overly optimistic as there is too much evidence to the contrary.

- c. The terrain of the AO is very rugged. The sides of draws are steep, the fingers run in crooked directions that will make navigation difficult. Hill 660 and the Song Luong Tri River will be good reference points. (Map 6342 II is accurate concerning this area.) There are several fording sites along the river, primarily at bends and along sand bars. Aside from the valley floor itself, thick undergrowth and double canopy trees cover most of the AO. Movement will be slow off established trails, and resupply/motorcycles will probably be by cable hoist. There are few suitable LC sites, though some hilltops have been cleared by arty and air. There is little or no water in the draws of the high country; that streams there are, are sometimes used by the IVA for travel.

3. TERRITORY ACQUISITION TASKS

- a. Charlie and Delta Companies will make thorough checks of all enemy positions and fortifications in this area, reporting results.
- b. Alpha Company will be more directly involved with civilian population in their position at Ca Lu and should benefit from having a RSVF team assigned to them. Any patrols should try and obtain as much information as they can from civilians encountered.

4. MEASURES FOR HANDLING PERSONNEL, DOCUMENTS AND MATERIAL

- a. Send all POW's, detainees, documents, and enemy gear to battalion Gnd 2, ASAP. Check all civilians encountered for proper identification.
- b. Charlie and Delta Companies will have both ARVN interpreters and language trained S-2 Scouts, as well as IC's. These men will be of considerable value in this area if employed aggressively.

5. MISCELLANEOUS INSTRUCTIONS

- a. A RSVF team should be attached to Company moving to Ca Lu.
- b. Eight ambulances, sqd. size from Alpha, Charlie, and Delta Companies.
- c. Extensive use should be made of Miniaturized Night Vision scopes.
- d. Caution troops concerning mines and booby traps. Special Forces have run into several.
- e. The terrain will be very hard on troops; they should take only essential gear. Leave radios, packages and other excess weight.

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- f. Aerial photos of the entire AO have been asked for.
- g. Normal reconnaissance and observation will be carried out by all units.

BY COMMAND OF M. COL. WINKER

M. J. Winkler
M. J. WINKLER
2nd Lt., U.S. Marine Corps

S-2 Officer

APPENDIXES:

1. Captured Document on NVA Activity
2. Report of Heavy Movement to South
3. Interrogation Report from ARVN Deserter
4. Astronomical Data
5. IkdCap
6. S-2 Personnel

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CA FORGED DOCUMENT ON NVA ACTIVITY

20 July 1969

Initial document readout by 17th MI

Captured by K 3/9 vic (ID065434) at 191340H July 1969

Meeting April/March 69, Woman Agriculture Association Phu Than (VC). 14 Members present. Meeting was to elect Chairman of the Association and to introduce representatives of VC, and to tell success of winter/spring crop.

Meetings will be held every 15th of the month if the weather permits at night time in the village. Each meeting has an OP outside village (PHU THAN - ID040445).

Transportation 4 days and 7 more days. Buy food for troops (VC) political circle but they haven't been interfered with so the meetings continue and the people don't have to complain.

Twelve people were in the political class. Three came to visit the patient and offer 55 packs of cigarettes, 15 packets of sugar, 100 cans of milk, 1 packet of coffee, 6 bars of soap, 10 cans of candy, 4 more bars of sugar, 55 cans of flour, and 1 sewing kit.

The Plan. To plant more bananas and rice and prepare farm for bean growing.

Security Cadre. Of C-16 (Transportation Group) salt and 1 sandbag of big batteries, 5 small batteries, 1 record book, and 1 paper signed by Nguyen Ouy VY.

Another meeting of the 2d cell, farmers association: Monthly meetings at PHU THAN, 4 April 1969. Purpose to recapitulate report of monthly output. How many potatoes and crops grown? Meeting was held by LP and DNU (secretary).

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S-2 Chief, 4th Marines

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APP. C

REPORT OF HEAVY MOVENTE TO SOUTH

From TEAM 2B, DEP A, 1st MI BN 525th MI GP

CONFIDENTIAL, CITE: 1/B/0287/69

1. (U) COUNTRY: TRIBU PHONG (D), QUANG TRI (P), RVGZ, VS
 2. (C) SUBJECT: U/I IWA UNIT
 3. (C) ITC MR: N/A
 4. (U) DATE OF INFORMATION: 16 JULY 69
 5. (C) DATE AND PLACE OF ACQ: 191450H JULY 69, DONG HA, RVN
 6. (U) INFORMATION: SOURCE: F INFORMATION 3
 7. (U) REPORT NUMBER: 1/B/EX/0287/69 ARVN: 279/T67K
 8. (C) DATE OF REPORT: 191510H JULY 69
 9. (U) NUMBER OF PAGES: 1
 10. (U) REFERENCE: SPECIFIC INFO REVLED BY G-2, 3d Mar Div.
 SOURCE: AGENT P1336 and P1343
 12. (C) ORIGINATOR: I/B/EX 26-JS-1 DONG HA RVN
 13. (U) PREPARED BY: JINLICZ/gn/TH 2B
 14. (U) APPROVED BY: S-3, 1ST MI BN, DA NANG
 15. (C) A, MAP REFERENCE: UTM, AIS, L-7014; SCALED: 1:50,000; SHEET 6342 II

B. SUMMARY: N/A

C. WARFARE: On 16 July 1969, an U/I IWA unit, totaling an estimated 150 men, was camped near a stream 9 kilometers southwest of the Ba Long Valley, Tribu Phong (D) Quang Tri (P), (YD076406) Vs. The members of the unit included 2 X 30 Cal. machine guns, and numerous B-40 and B-41 rockets. The soldiers were both camouflage-patterned fatigues and block uniforms with conical shaped hats, rubber sandals and field packs. The unit is presently dispersed in small groups. There was no evidence of the presence or construction of bunkers or fighting holes. The trail running from the Song Quang Tri River at YD 073425 south to YD 072410, to YD 060400 to YD 05367 to the Song Da Krong River at YD049367 shows no sign of present use. The trail averages 1 meter in width, but at some points it is so thickly wooded that there is hardly room for a man to pass. The trail climbs a mountain as it moves further south, and here the jungle makes the trail impossible.

D. Comments: P1336 and P1343, posing as woodcutters, traced the trail from the Song Quang Tri River to the Song Da Krong River at YD 044403 with negative results. Searching the Area of YD053403 for bunkers and anti-aircraft position produced only old trenches and foxholes, with no sign of recent activity. On 16 July 1969, reconnaissance elements observed enemy to the east of the reported position. On 18 July 1969, a radio relay team observed enemy to the east of the reported position, and an AVM unit to the west found a trail running east and west with fresh prints of an enemy platoon (Ref. 3d Mar Div Insun). This report satisfied specific report levied by G-2 3rd Mar Div. Out of the 20 evaluations returned on reports submitted by this source over the past five months, 100% have been rated possibly true or higher. This report has already been transmitted by RPT.

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APPENDIX B

INTELLIGENCE REPORT FROM ARVN DESERTER

161520Z JUL 69 vicinity (YD013451). A Vietnamese dressed in underwear swam across the river and turned himself in to "H" Co. Person claimed to be an ARVN soldier and stated that he had just escaped from the Viet Cong. Interrogation by the 17th RCT revealed the following information:

Captured 18 days ago near the The Sanh airstrip by the Viet Cong. Was forced to do labor and marched to the vicinity of Tan Loc village (YD030445) and then to a hillside near the village. On the hillside are 4 platoons of enemy soldiers with between 30 and 40 men in each platoon. The platoons consisted of 1 NVA, 1 DRV, and 1 VC villager. The 4 platoons are living in 2 hootches and 2 underground bunkers on the hillside near the village. The enemy troops are armed with AK 47 rifles and each has a complete set of US 702 gear obtained from the trash dump at VCB. The returnee states that he was captured with two other ARVN soldiers and that they were still being held by the VC near Tan Loc. All three were captured while gathering water from a stream near The Sanh and all three were unarmed at the time as they were former deserters from the ARVN's and were being used as laborers.

The returnee stated that he had been held on the hill for 14 days and had escaped at 0500Z on 15 July 69. He stated that the VC and the Montagnards came to the hill during the day and at night returned to the village to collect food and 702 gear to carry to other NVA units.

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ASTRONOMICAL DATA

Marine Weather Service
 Hué/Phu Bai Airbase
 First Marine Aircraft Wing

Astronomical Data for the Month of July 1969

Date	BOND	Sunrise	Sunset	EOND	Moornrise	Moonsset	Phase	ILL.
21	0606	0630	1929	1952	1058	2301	1/2	38%
22	0607	0631	1929	1952	1149	2340	1/2	49%
23	0607	0631	1929	1951	1247	2400	1/2	62%
24	0608	0631	1928	1951	1345	0021	1/2	72%
25	0608	0631	1928	1952	1452	0108	1/2	80%
26	0608	0631	1928	1951	1600	0210	3/4	86%
27	0609	0631	1927	1951	1600	0324	3/4	91%
28	0609	0632	1927	1950	1808	0425	3/4	95%
29	0632	0632	1927	1949	1904	0533	Full	98%
30	0610	0632	1926	1949	1909	0642	Full	100%
31	0611	0632	1926	1949	2034	0744	Full	97%

BOND—Beginning of morning (civil) twilight
 EOND—End of evening (civil) twilight

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MEMORANDUM

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

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12 July 1969

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Via: Commanding Officer, 4th Marine Regiment

Subj: After Action Report of MedCap

1. The below listed after action report is hereby submitted.
 - a. Code Name: N/A
 - b. Date of MedCap: 071000H to 071330H
 - c. Location: Village of Dinh Dien Phu Thanh vicinity
Coordinates YD 033450
 - d. Task Organizations
 - (1) 1st Platoon Co "K" 3d Bn, 4th Mar.
 - (2) S-2 and Interpreter, 1st Bn, 4th Mar.
 - (3) One (1) Loud speaker PSYOP Team provided by C-6
 - (4) One (1) INT team provided by 4th Mar
 - (5) One (1) Doctor and 4 Corpsmen from 1st BN, 4th Mar.
 - e. Supporting Forces: None
 - f. Intelligence: It was believed by intelligence sources that the people of this village were, and still are, under the influence of the Communists; however, no hostile action was initiated against this MedCap Team.
 - g. Mission: To administer medical attention for the inhabitants of the village.
 - h. Concept of operations: The 1st platoon of Co. "K" deployed and secured LZ vicinity coordinates 032452 at 070900H. At 071000H the MedCap Team arrived and began the MedCap. At 071330H the MedCap Team withdrawal was accomplished.

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i. **Execution:** At 0900H, 4 July 1969, this Battalion was instructed to initiate a MedCap program to villagers located vicinity ID033450. A PsyOp team and an ITC team were requested and received. At 1000H on 7 July 1969, the MedCap was initiated and lasted until 1330H, 7 July 1969.

j. **Results:** There were a hundred people treated for various ailments. Thirty people were found to be suffering from ailments which required definitive medical treatment. The 10 most seriously ill were evacuated to Longgia medical facilities.

(1) Treated: 100

(2) Evacuated: 10

k. **Administrative Matters:** The loud speaker PsyOp team proved to be a valuable assist in announcing the MedCap and in assuring the people that they would be humanely treated and not harmed.

l. **Commander's Analysis:** The MedCap was successful. Our interest in helping the indigenous population was re-affirmed.

m. **Recommendations:** It is recommended that a follow up program be established on a regular basis. The most recent MedCap held in this village was in February 1969.

n. **Marine Corps Letters:** None

M.E. Mackie, Sr.
by direction

BY COMMAND OF MR. COH. ~~W. COH.~~

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~~Adj'tg. U.S. Marine Corps~~
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ALTA CO

CPL LEMKE.....S-2 SCOUT
Pvt VINTGREN.....S-2 SCOUT
SGT BL.....INTERROGATOR
Pvt TAYLOR.....K C SCOUT
Pvt SMITH.....K C SCOUT

BIMBO CO

CPL LOMMELLY.....S-2 SCOUT
CPL GRANCO.....S-2 SCOUT
SGT T. L.....INTERROGATOR
Pvt TILL.....K C SCOUT
Pvt HIRN.....K C SCOUT

CHARLES CO

CPL DECAENY.....S-2 SCOUT
CPL BATTLE.....S-2 SCOUT
SGT VAIL.....INTERROGATOR
SGT QUAD.....K C SCOUT
Pvt VAIL.....K C SCOUT
SCOUT DOG TEAM

DELM CO

CPL O'BRIEN.....S-2 SCOUT
CPL LINDNER.....S-2 SCOUT
SGT T. M.....INTERROGATOR
Pvt KUHL.....K C SCOUT
Pvt LAM.....K C SCOUT
SCOUT DOG TEAM

COMBINE GROUP

2 LT BESLINGER.....S-2 OFFICER
GYSGT STAERER.....S-2 Chief
SGT TAYLOR.....S-2 Assnt.

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ANNEX C (Air) to Operation Plan 2-69
Ref: (a) MAP: 1:50,000 Thon Doc Kinh Sheet 6342 II
 (b) 3D MARDIV HELO/01 Request form 3d MarDiv 3310/2

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. ANNEX B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 2-69
- b. Friendly Forces. ARVN troops are occupying LZ HENDERSON (YD 081411). Reference (a).

2. PROCEDURES

- a. Pre-D-day aviation support will be requested via the Regimental Air Officer, utilizing reference (b), prior to: 0930 24 July 69 for CAS; 1330 24 July 69 for helicopters; 1430 24 July for Air Observer.
- b. Airstrikes within AO will be under positive control of TACF, TAC(A) or ISRT.
- c. Coordination of supporting arms will be under the cognizance of the battalion FSCC.
- d. Six digit grid coordinates with the appropriate prefix (e.g., YD 080510) will be used to initially identify targets for close air support.
- e. Targets for airstrikes will be marked by white phosphorus when possible.
- f. Alternate methods of marking targets consist of using 60mm or 81mm HE; M-60 tracers and/or verbal description.
- g. Maximum utilization of airborne observers (OV-10; O-1) will be made in the performance of visual reconnaissance and tactical

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air coordination.

- h. Units will maintain the capability of properly marking their positions with air panels, pen flares, mirrors and/or smoke.
- i. Use standard mission request forms for on call missions (Reference (b)).
- j. Helicopter landing zone will be LZ Henderson (YD 081411).
- k. Pick-up zone will be the C-3 Landing Strip.
- l. Units will organize into 12 man heliteams and embark in accordance with appendix (1).
- m. L- hour is designated as 0700 25 July 1969.
- n. All units assemble as per enclosure (1) of appendix (1) prior to L-30.

BY COMMAND OF LT.COL. WILLCOX

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Major, U. S. Marine Corps
Operations Officer

APPENDIX:

✓1 - HELICOPTER EMBARKATION PLAN

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APPENDIX (1)

HELICOPTER EMBARKATION PLAN

Encl: (1) Embarkation Plan Diagram

PURPOSE

To provide simple, rapid and efficient system for embarking heliteams.

PROCEDURE

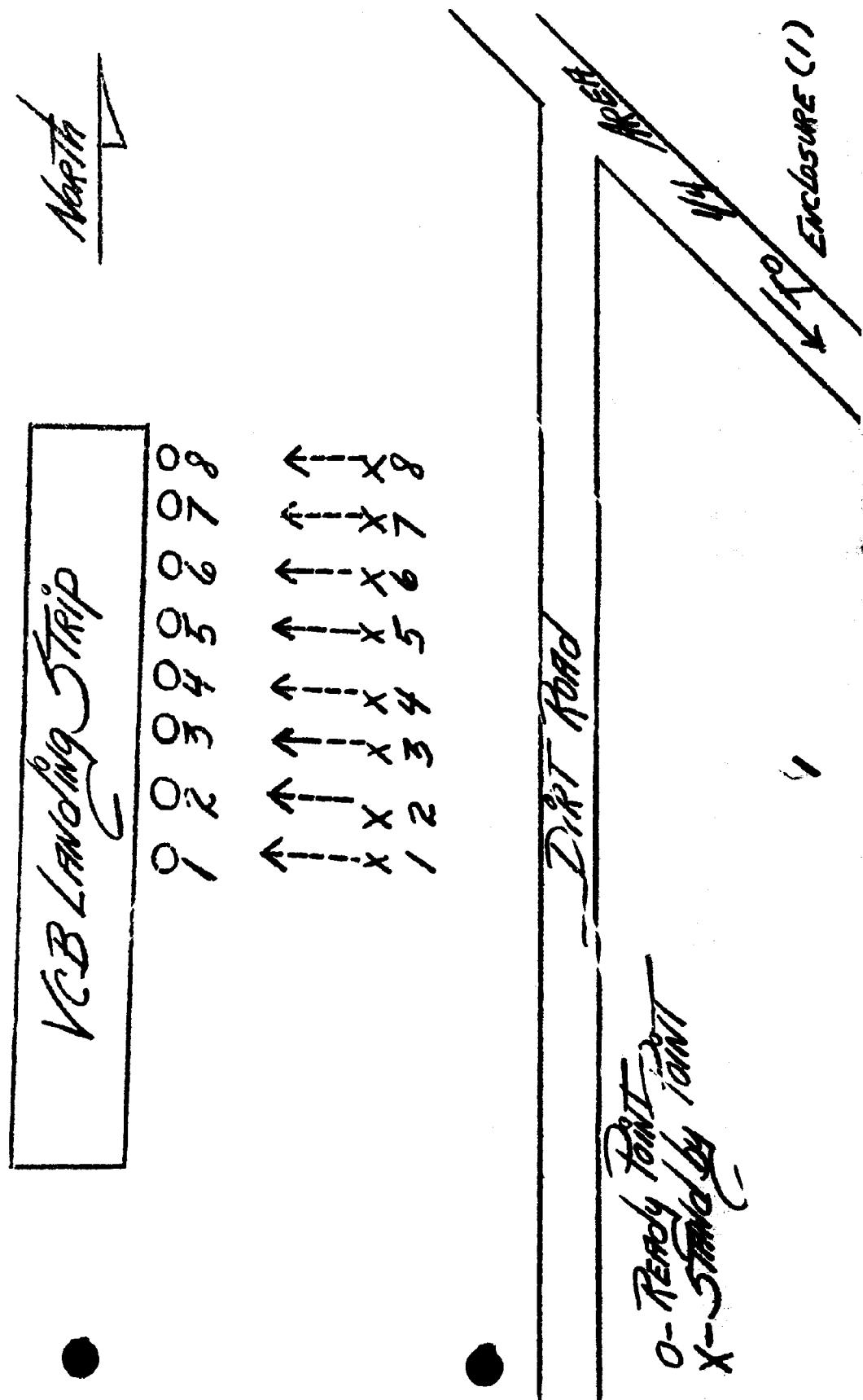
- (1) Heliteams will be lifted consecutively by numerical order.
- (2) Units will be staved in the assembly area with "C" Company initially occupying the ready and stand by points.
- (3) Heliteams will progress from the assembly area to the stand by and ready points as these points become vacant.
- (4) Units do not embark aircraft until instructed to do so by the LZ loadmaster.

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Embankment Plan Diagram

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Annex E (Artillery) to Operation Order 2-69

Ref: (a) Maps: Thon Doc Kinh, 1:50,000, Sheet 6342 II

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

(1) Annex B (Intelligence)

b. Friendly Forces

(1) Golf Battery 3/12, grid 011456

(2) Kilo Battery, 1st Prov, grid, 985543

(3) 5th 8" guns A Battery grid 005482

2. MISSION. To provide fire support for the defense of Vandegrift Combat Base and for operations south and east of Ca Lu.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Artillery Employment.

(1) Golf Battery 3/12 will move to Ca Lu and provide support.

(2) 175mm and 8 inch guns from the Rockpile will be supporting Vandegrift Combat Base and the Ca Lu operation if needed.

(3) 175mm and 8 inch guns on the perimeter of Vandegrift Combat Base will provide direct fire.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) All fire missions must go to 3/12 Marines FDC via 1/4 FSCC.

(2) 60mm mortar missions must be cleared through 1/4 FSCC.

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- (3) Counter-mortar. There are three counter-mortar plans in effect for the AO: Leopard, Tiger and Shrew.
- (4) No fire zone. (See Annex D, Operation Overlay)
- (5) Fire missions will be fired by batteries as assigned by the FDC, 3/12.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. All administrative and logistical support will be provided by 3/12.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

- a. All forward observers will be on frequency 39.95.
- b. Regimental FSCC is final clearing agency for all missions.
- c. Battalion FSC will be located in 1/4 COC at VCB.

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