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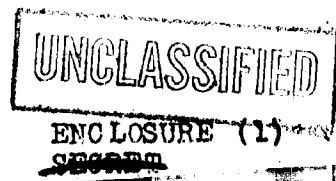
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

2d Battalion, 4th Marines	CO - LTCOL J.E. HOPKINS	1-6 May
	LTCOL W.C. BRITT	7-31 May
	XO - MAJ D.C. CAULFIELD	1-31 May

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Co. 2d Bn, 4th Mar	CAPT E. FREEZE	1-5 May
	CAPT J.E. KNIGHT Jr.	6-31 May
Co. E, 2d Bn, 4th Mar	CAPT A.W. MITCHENS	1-31 May
Co. F, 2d Bn, 4th Mar	1STLT J.A. BETTA	1-31 May
Co. G, 2d Bn, 4th Mar	1STLT J.B. STRANGE	1-11 May
	CAPT C.A. ROBINSON	12-31 May
Co. H, 2d Bn, 4th Mar	CAPT J.E. KNIGHT Jr.	1-6 May
	1STLT C.P. GARBER	7-31 May

ATTACHED UNITS

Co. B, 1/4	CAPT G.A. FRY	7-9 May
Co. I, 3/4	1STLT J.P. KILEY	20-23 May
Co. K, 3/4	CAPT R.L. MONJEAU	20-23 May
Co. I, 3/4	1STLT J.P. KILEY	26-27 May
Co. K, 3/4	CAPT R.L. MONJEAU	26-27 May
Co. M, 3/9	CAPT R.J. COLLINS	20-26 May
Co. K, 3/9	1STLT J.R. WASSON	24-29 May
Co. B, 3d Tank Bn	1STLT W.J. DAVIS	24-31 May
Co. I, 3/9	CAPT P.C. CISNEROS	26-29 May
Co. L, 3/9	CAPT W.R. HAPGOOD	26 May
Co. L, 3/4	1STLT D.C. YORK	29-31 May
Co. M, 3/4	1STLT E.C. KELLEY Jr.	29 May
Co. A, 1/9	1STLT J.E. CONNELLY	30-31 May
Co. B, 1/9	CAPT K.E. JUNKINS	31 May

2. LOCATION

1-9 May	FSB Neville Area
10-20 May	Cua Viet R and R Center
21-31 May	VCB Area
1-31 May	2/4 Rear located at Quang Tri
1-31 May	2/4 Forward located at VCB

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

S-1	1STLT W.R. BOGGS	1-31 May
S-2	2NDLT H.L. SAWYER	1-5 May
	SGT R.A. O'REILLY	6-31 May
	1STLT J.B. STRANGE	23-31 May
S-3	MAJ L.R. OGIE	1-31 May
S-4	CAPT E. BREEZE	1-11 May
	CAPT J.E. KNIGHT Jr.	12-31 May
Supply O	1STLT J.D. WILSON Jr.	1-31 May
Comm O	1STLT J.E. SIMPSON Jr.	1-31 May
MTO	1STLT W.G. HODGSON	1-31 May
Medical O	LT J.E. FRANGER	1-9 May
	LT J.C. COSMIDES	10-31 May
Chaplain	LT R.A. CRIST	1-31 May

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	
OFF	ENL
<u>34</u>	<u>1194</u>

USN	
OFF	ENL
<u>2</u>	<u>45</u>

OTHER	
OFF	ENL
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of May, 2d Battalion, 4th Marines participated in Operation Purple Martin and Operation Herkimer Mountain which began on 9 May. At the beginning of the month, the Battalion conducted a search and destroy operation in the area north of FSB Neville, while one company provided security for that fire support base. The next part of the month was spent at the R and R Center at the Cua Viet beach, with two companies providing security for the Center while two companies participated in the R and R. Returning to Vandegrift Combat Base, the Battalion assumed responsibility for the security of VCB, FSB Cates, Hill 691, Hill 950, and Signal Hill. They also maintained the Sparrow Hawk/Bald Eagle capability. At a change of command ceremony at Vandegrift Combat Base on 6 May, LTCOL W.C. BRITT relieved LTCOL J.E. HOPKINS as Commanding Officer of 2d Battalion, 4th Marines.

During the period 1-31 May, operations were characterized by extensive patrolling and ambushing. In all, one hundred and eighty-three patrols were run and one hundred and fifty-two ambushes were established. Contact with the enemy was very light occurring on only eight occasions that produced seven enemy KIA's and two friendly KIA's. During the month, the Battalion took incoming rockets or mortars on ten different occasions, for the most part while providing security for VCB. There was one incident in which the enemy fired .50 caliber machine guns at helicopters attempting to resupply a company and one incident which involved a land mine.

On 25 May, the Battalion underwent an FMF Pac inspection with mixed results.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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A. SUMMARY OF EVENTS

1 May: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	FSB Neville
Company E	XD 793620
Company F	XD 857615
Company G	FSB Neville
Company H	XD 826616

1. Conducted seven patrols and six ambushes.
2. 106 Recoilless Rifle Platoon moved to Quang Tri to assume the responsibility for convoy security.
3. Company H reported movement outside their lines at XD 827616 on the previous night. A claymore was detonated and the listening posts were recalled to the perimeter. Small arms, 60mm mortars, and 81mm mortars were fired at the suspected movement as an artillery mission was called on the area. The following morning the area was thoroughly searched with negative results.
4. Company F observed one NVA at XD 858618. Artillery was fired on the enemy location and an AO came on station. The AO observed one NVA in a bunker and two NVA running across an open area. Fixed wing was run on the enemy position. The AO reported one NVA killed by artillery.
5. Company E reported hearing movement and saw figures in front of their position at XD 793620 at 2100. Small arms, illumination and 60mm mortars were fired and grenades were thrown at the suspected enemy position. A thorough search of the area produced negative results.

2 May: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	FSB Neville
Company E	XD 793620
Company F	XD 857615
Company G	FSB Neville
Company H	XD 826616

1. Conducted seven patrols and nine ambushes.
2. 2nd Platoon, Company H, ran into an enemy ambush at XD 831627. Enemy initiated ambush by detonating a claymore mine killing two friendlies and wounding one. The enemy then opened up with small arms fire. 2d Platoon returned fire and called in artillery on the suspected enemy position. Two enemy were killed by

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artillery fire. After 2d Platoon swept through the area, they set up security and moved casualties.

3. 2d Platoon, Company F, landed and set up security at XD 901598 for a downed CH 46. 2d Platoon extinguished the fire and began removing the twelve bodies, and collecting all personal effects. All gear, ammunition and weapons were removed or destroyed by the 2d Platoon.

4. 3rd Platoon, Company F, landed at XD 913611 and set up security for two UH1E's, one of which had a damaged rotor. The personnel of the second UH1E had removed the damaged UH1E's weapons and were preparing it to be lifted out by helicopter. 3rd Platoon conducted a search for a SID device said to be in the area with negative results. 3rd Platoon found one M-16. 3rd Platoon was then heli-lifted back to their CP.

5. Company E reported losing one Marine from their column while moving in the vicinity of XD 799629 at 1615. The area was thoroughly searched with negative results. Area search was continued.

3 May: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	FSB Neville
Company E	XD 793620
Company F	XD 857615
Company G	FSB Neville
Company H	XD 826616

1. Conducted five patrols and five ambushes.

2. 1st Platoon, Company E, observed two NVA walking south at XD 812629. The initial exchange of fire resulted in one enemy KIA. Fixed wing was run in the area of contact and a sweep of the area resulted in the finding of two AK-47's.

4 May: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	FSB Neville
Company E	XD 793620
Company F	XD 857615
Company G	FSB Neville
Company H	XD 826616

1. Conducted five patrols and five ambushes.

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2. 1st Platoon, Company E, observed two NVA walking south at XD 812629. The initial exchange of fire resulted in one enemy KIA. Fixed wing was run in the area of contact and a sweep of the area resulted in the finding of two AK-47's.

3. Company H reported finding blood trails and enemy equipment at XD 832632. (See Part III, B).

4. Company G discovered the body of one NVA at XD 821579 dead approximately two weeks. Company G also found enemy equipment. (See Part III, B).

5 May: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	FSB Neville
Company E	XD 793620
Company F	XD 857615
Company G (-)	FSB Neville
1st Platoon, Company G	XD 850575
Company H	XD 826616

1. Conducted five patrols and seven ambushes. Company E reported that the Marine who was lost 2 May 1969 was finally found at XD 805630.

2. Company E reported finding a number of well constructed enemy huts at XD 762648, and a number of fresh trails leading into the area. Two NVA were spotted by an A0. The A0 called in artillery fire resulting in three huts destroyed and a secondary explosion. The A0 then ran fixed wing resulting in ten huts destroyed.

6 May: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	FSB Neville
Company E	XD 793620
Company F	XD 857615
Company G	FSB Neville
Company H	XD 826616
1st Platoon, Company B, 1/4	XD 857615
Company B (-), 1/4	VCB

1. Conducted three patrols and four ambushes.

2. At 1400, Company B, 1/4, was chopped open to this unit. One platoon of Company B, 1/4, was lifted to Company F's position before the lift had to be aborted due to weather conditions.

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7 May: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	FSB Neville
Company E	XD 793620
Company F	VCB
Company G	FSB Neville
Company H	XD 826616
Company B, 1/4	XD 857615

1. Conducted seven patrols and eight ambushes.
2. Company B, 1/4, reported that resupply helicopters received approximately seventy-five rounds of 50 caliber fire from the vicinity of XD 865629. Suppressive fire was delivered with 81mm mortars and artillery. Gunships on station fired at suspected enemy positions.

8 May: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	FSB Neville
Company E	XD 793620
Company F	VCB
Company G	FSB Neville
Company H	XD 826616
Company B, 1/4	XD 857615

1. Conducted five patrols and eight ambushes.
2. Company B, 1/4, reported finding enemy equipment in caves at XD 843622. (See Part III, B).

9 May: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	VCB
Company E	VCB
Company F	VCB
Company H	VCB

1. Company B, 1/4 and Company G were dropped from this unit's opcon at 0915.
2. The Alpha Command Group and Companies E, F, and H were heli-lifted back to VCB.

10 May: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	VCB
Company E	VCB
Company F	YD 305659
Company H	YD 342702

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1. Conducted four patrols and four ambushes.
2. Company F and Company H displaced to the Cua Viet River area to provide security for the R&R Center.

11 May: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	VCB
Bravo Command Group	YD 342702
Company E	VCB
Company F	YD 305659
Company G	VCB
Company H (-)	YD 313724
1st Platoon, Company H	YD 294753
2d Platoon, Company H	YD 294753

1. Conducted four patrols and three ambushes.
2. While Company F occupied the My Loc area, Company H assumed responsibility for the defense of Combat Base C-4 and Oceanview. While elements of Company H were moving by otter to Oceanview, seven casualties were sustained when an otter hit a mine. The casualties were medevaced and engineers proceeded to sweep the area. Two more mines were discovered.
3. At 1530, Company H reported finding enemy equipment at YD 277755. (See Part III, B).
4. At 1530, Company G returned to VCB and was chopped upon back to this unit.

12 May: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	VCB
Bravo Command Group	YD 342702
Company E	VCB
Company F	YD 305659
Company G	VCB
Company H (-)	YD 313724
1st Platoon, Company H	YD 294753
2d Platoon, Company H	YD 294753

1. Conducted five patrols and four ambushes.
2. At 1115, Company H reported finding the fresh footprints of two individuals heading in a northwesterly direction at YD 283741. Area was thoroughly checked with negative results.
3. A patrol from Company H reported finding enemy equipment at YD 278758. (See Part III, B).

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13 May: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	YD 342702
Company B	YD 342702
Company F	YD 305659
Company G	YD 342702
Company H (-)	YD 313724
1st Platoon, Company H	YD 294753
2d Platoon, Company H	YD 294753

1. Conducted five patrols and seven ambushes.

2. The Alpha Command Group (-), Company B and Company G moved to the Cua Viet R&R Center where Company B and Company G began their period of R&R.

3. A patrol from Company H reported finding indications of tracked vehicle activity running east and west at YD 279768. They appeared to be about forty-eight hours old.

4. At 1400, a patrol from Company H found one camouflaged fighting hole at YD 310714 with footprints around the area that were about twenty-four hours old.

14 May: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	YD 342702
Company B	YD 342702
Company F	YD 305659
Company G	YD 342702
Company H (-)	YD 313724
1st Platoon, Company H	YD 294753
2d Platoon, Company H	YD 294753

1. Conducted seven patrols and five ambushes.

2. At 0245, Company H reported receiving three incoming rockets at YD 293751. No casualties were sustained and artillery was fired at the suspected rocket sites (YD 261781 and YD 260790).

3. A patrol from Company H reported finding what appeared to be a weather device at YD 277750: a balloon with a transmitter attached to it. The device was turned over to S-3 for processing.

15 May: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	YD 342702
Company B	YD 305659
Company F	YD 342702
Company G	YD 313724
Company H	YD 342702

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1. Conducted four patrols and four ambushes.
2. Company E relieved Company F at YD 305659 and Company G relieved Company H (-) at YD 313724. Company F and Company H displaced to the beach for R&R
3. The units at the R&R Center reported taking approximately ten rounds of small arms fire at 2000 from the vicinity of YD 309701. The fire was believed to have originated from inebriated ARVN soldiers. No physical action was taken.

16 May: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	YD 342702
Company E	YD 305659
Company F	YD 342702
Company G	YD 313724
Company H	YD 342702

1. Conducted one patrol and four ambushes.
2. A small group of officers and enlisted communication personnel were dropped from the unit's opcon to participate in a cover and deception operation.

17 May: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	YD 342702
Company E	YD 305659
Company F	YD 342702
Company G	YD 313724
Company H	YD 342702

1. Conducted three patrols and five ambushes.
2. At 0145, 3d Platoon, Company E, was dropped from this unit's opcon. At 1000, they chopped back to this unit's opcon.
3. At 0225, one man was observed running approximately 50 meters in front of the lines. Five M-79 rounds were fired at the individual with negative results.

18 May: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	YD 342702
Company E	YD 305659
Company F	YD 342702
Company G	YD 313724
Company H	YD 342702

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1. Conducted two patrols and four ambushes.
2. A patrol from Company G reported receiving low angle fire believed to be direct fire artillery at YD 313731. The twenty-five rounds impacted 200 - 300 meters northwest of their position. Artillery was check-fired as the platoon patrol returned to Company G's position.
3. Scouts at Company E's position reported receiving small arms fire. Investigation revealed that fire originated from friendly units who were fam-firing in the area.

19 May: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	YD 342702
Company E	YD 305659
Company F	VCB
Company G	YD 313724
Company H	VCB

1. Conducted four patrols and four ambushes.
2. Company F reported finding two NVA bodies at YD 271649 and also some enemy equipment. (See Part III, B).
3. Company F and Company H displaced from the R&R Center to VCB.

20 May: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	VCB
Company F	VCB
Company H	VCB

1. Conducted three patrols and four ambushes.
2. At 1100, the Alpha Command Group displaced to VCB and Company E and Company G were dropped from this unit's opcon.

21 May: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	VCB
Company F (-)	XD 927443
2d Platoon, Company F	VCB
Company H (-)	FSB Cates
2d Platoon, Company H	Signal Hill
Company I, 3/4	VCB
Company K (-), 3/4	VCB
2d Platoon, Company K, 3/4	XD 844456
Company M, 3/9	VCB

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1. Conducted three patrols and one ambush.
2. The small group of officers and enlisted communications personnel were chopped opeon back to this unit.
3. Company I, 3/4, Company K, 3/4, Task Force B and Company M, 3/9, were chopped opeon to this unit at 0800. At that time, this unit assumed responsibility for the defense of VCB, the security of the daily road sweep operations, FSB Cates, Signal Hill, Hill 691, and Hill 950, and the Sparrow Hawk/Bald Eagle capability.
4. 2d Platoon, Company K, 3/4, reported that a patrol found indications of a person having urinated on a trail at XD 8383450 approximately five minutes earlier. Elements of the patrol checking the area out heard one or two people running away. 81mm mortars and artillery were called on the suspected enemy positions with negative results.
5. At 1330, Task Force B was dropped from this unit's opeon.

22 May: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	VCB
Company E	VCB
Company F (-)	XD 927443
2d Platoon, Company F	XD 844456
Company G	VCB
Company H (-)	FSB Cates
2d Platoon, Company H	Signal Hill
Company I, 3/4	VCB
Company K, 3/4	VCB
Company M, 3/9	VCB

1. Conducted four patrols and one ambush.
2. At 1100, the relief of 2d Platoon, Company K, 3/4, by 2d Platoon, Company F, had been completed.
3. At 0650, Company I, 3/4, reported receiving eight incoming mortar rounds at XD 995452. Counter-battery fire was delivered at suspected enemy mortar sites by 81mm mortars.
4. At 1500, Company E and Company G were chopped opeon back to this unit.
5. At 1940, Company G reported receiving 16-18 rounds of incoming 82mm mortar incoming at XD 998452. Counter-battery fire was delivered with unknown results.

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23 May: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	VCB
Company E	VCB
Company F (-)	XD 927443
2d Platoon, Company F	XD 844456
Company G	VCB
Company H (-)	FSB Cates
2d Platoon, Company H	Signal Hill
Company M, 3/9	XD 997443

1. Conducted six patrols.
2. At 0930, Company I and Company K were chopped open back to 3/4.
3. Company M, 3/9, was heli-lifted to XD 997443 to secure that hill.
4. An AO reported seeing thirty bunkers at XD 985444. Fixed wing was run and artillery was fired at the enemy bunkers with unknown results.
5. Company E reported detaining three males at YD 004453 while providing security for the road sweep. Detainees could not produce any form of identification. Company E also reported that a culvert had been blown at XD 980544.
6. At 2145, Company F reported seeing muzzle flashes at XD 955389. Artillery was fired with unknown results.

24 May: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	VCB
Company E	VCB
Company F (-)	XD 927443
2d Platoon, Company F	XD 844456
Company G	VCB
Company H (-)	FSB Cates
2d Platoon, Company H	Signal Hill
Company K, 3/9	VCB
Company M, 3/9	XD 997443
Company B, 3d Tank Bn	VCB

1. Conducted nine patrols and one ambush.
2. At 1430, Company E reported that a fire team providing Seabee Security had spotted four NVA observing Route 9 from XD 986537. Small arms fire was delivered at the enemy and the fireteam physically pursued them. The enemy did not return fire and escaped into the jungle.

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3. At 1500, Company K, 3/9, and Company B, 3d Tank Bn., were chopped opcon to this unit.

4. Company G reported receiving fifteen rounds of incoming 82mm mortar fire at XD 997474 around 1905 while manning the lines at VCB. Ten minutes later, twenty more rounds impacted on the perimeter. 81mm mortars and artillery were fired at the suspected enemy position (XD 998453) with unknown results.

5. At 2005, Company M, 3/9, reported observing a campfire and flashing lights at XD 997424. At 2010, they observed a column of flashlights moving from XD 996428 east. 81mm mortars and artillery were fired resulting in one secondary explosion.

25 May: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	VCB
Company E	VCB
Company F (-)	XD 927443
2d Platoon, Company F	XD 844456
Company G	VCB
Company H (-)	FSB Cates
2d Platoon, Company H	Signal Hill
Company K; 3/9	VCB
Company M; 3/9	YD 009428
Company B, 3d Tank Bn	VCB

1. Conducted ten patrols and three ambushes.

2. Company F reported sighting two NVA at XD 923453 and five NVA at XD 926463. 81mm mortars and artillery were fired with negative results.

3. At 1020, VCB took approximately twenty-seven rocket rounds over a twenty-five minute period. Artillery and 81mm mortars were fired at XD 934495. An A0 and fixed wing came on station.

4. Company F reported finding a trail running in a northeasterly direction at XD 921454. A search of the area produced negative results.

5. An A0 reported spotting a suspected mortar position at XD 924499. M&I's were fired on that grid with unknown results.

6. Company F reported finding enemy equipment at XD 910444. (See Part III, B).

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7. At 1930, Company H received approximately ten rounds of incoming mortar fire from the vicinity of XD 915424. Counter-battery fire was delivered against the suspected mortar site by 81mm mortars and artillery with unknown results.

8. At 2110, Company K, 3/9, reported spotting red lights on the ridgeline at YD 038463. Artillery was fired and the lights disappeared.

26 May: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	VCB
Company E	VCB
Company F (-)	XD 927443
2d Platoon, Company F	XD 844456
Company G	VCB
Company H (-)	FSB Cates
2d Platoon, Company H	Signal Hill
Company I; 3/4	XD 925446
Company K; 3/4	XD 924453
Company I; 3/9	Elliot Combat Base
Company K; 3/9	VCB
Company B, 3d Tank Bn	VCB

1. Conducted seven patrols and one ambush.

2. At 0800, VCB took approximately twenty-four rockets from XD 940479 and XD 934495 which resulted in seven casualties. Artillery and 81mm mortars were fired and an AO came on station to adjust air strikes onto the suspected rocket sites.

3. Company H reported noting a large secondary explosion during prep fires on FSB Shepherd at XD 945410 which appeared to include red and green colored ordnance.

4. An AO reported that air strikes run on XD 947496 produced two secondary explosions.

5. Company L, 3/9, was chopped opcon to this unit at 0930 and dropped opcon at 1215 as was Company M, 3/9. At 1215, Company I, 3/9, was chopped opcon to this unit. This unit assumed the opcon of Company I, 3/4, and Company K, 3/4, at 1600. Company I, 3/4, and Company K, 3/4, began a search and destroy operation north of Hill 691.

27 May: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	VCB
Company E	VCB

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Company F (-)	XD 927443
2d Platoon, Company F	XD 844456
Company G	VCB
Company H (-)	FSB Cates
2d Platoon, Company H	Signal Hill
Company I, 3/9	Elliot Combat Base
Company K, 3/9	VCB
Company B, 3d Tank Bn	VCB

1. Conducted ten patrols and fourteen ambushes.

2. Elements of Company G discovered an enemy sleeping position at XD 989469 that had apparently accommodated three people. There were trails from this position that went northeast into the area at XD 983477. Other OP's in the area were alerted and this area was kept under observation.

3. At 1125, a truck from 1st of the 44th was coming from Vinh when a chicom grenade was thrown into the back of the truck at XD 988553. The grenade was thrown back out without incident.

4. Company I, 3/4, discovered fresh NVA tracks at XD 928465 leading off to the northeast. The area was searched revealing no tracks going uphill.

At 1500, Company I, 3/4, and Company K, 3/4, were dropped on the opcon of this unit.

At 2045, one round impacted near the ambush site for elements of Company G at XD 989472. It was a possible friendly short round.

28 May: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	VCB
Company E	VCB
Company F (-)	XD 927443
1st Platoon, Company F	XD 844456
Company G	VCB
Company H (-)	FSB Cates
2d Platoon, Company H	FSB Cates
Company I, 3/9	Elliot Combat Base
Company K (-), 3/9	VCB
2d Platoon, Company K, 3/9	XD 977437
Company B, 3d Tank Bn	VCB

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1. Conducted thirteen patrols and four ambushes.
2. Company F reported finding tracks of two people moving south at XD 931450. A search of the area produced negative results.
3. At 1400, elements of Company F reported hearing voices in the vicinity of XD 912444. 81mm and 60mm mortars were called on the enemy position. A search of the area produced negative results.
4. At 2110, Company I, 3/9, reported spotting three lights at XD 962565. 81mm mortars were fired resulting in two secondary explosions.

29 May: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	VCB
Company E	VCB
Company F (-)	XD 927443
2d Platoon, Company F	XD 844456
Company G	VCB
Company H (-)	FSB Gates
2d Platoon, Company H	Signal Hill
Company I, 3/4	VCB
Company B, 3d Tank Bn	VCB

1. Conducted ten patrols and six ambushes.
2. At 0400, Company I, 3/9, received indications of movement from a NOD device and an LP. 60mm mortars and dusters were fired at the suspected enemy positions with unknown results.
3. At 0615, Company G reported that one round impacted 100 meters in front of the perimeter of VCB at XD 992484. Counter-battery fire was delivered at suspected enemy mortar sites.
4. Company K, 3/9, at 0630, heard loud explosions and saw four rocket-like projectiles leaving a position at XD 990433. Artillery was called on the enemy position and an AO came on station.
5. At 1015, Company K, 3/9, was dropped from this unit's opcon.
6. At 1430, a patrol from Company H made contact with an enemy force of unknown size at XD 913423. Small arms fire was exchanged and the enemy threw one chicom grenade and then withdrew. Artillery and 81mm mortars were fired on likely avenues of escape and an AO came on station. A thorough search of the area produced negative results. Company H sustained one casualty.

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7. At 1500, Company L, 3/4, and Company M, 3/4, were chopped opcon to this unit.

8. At 1625, the squad from Company E serving as Seabee Security reported that two RPG's were fired at vehicles, damaging one slightly. The squad fired small arms at the suspected enemy position (XD 977517) with unknown results.

9. At 1800, Company M, 3/4, was dropped from the opcon of this unit. At 1900, Company I, 3/9, was dropped from this unit's opcon.

30 May: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	VCB
Company E	VCB
Company F (-)	XD 927443
2d Platoon, Company F	XD 844456
Company G	VCB
Company H (-) (Reinforced)	FSB Cates
2d Platoon, Company H	Signal Hill
Company L, 3/4	VCB
Company A, 1/9	VCB
Company B, 3d Tank Bn	VCB

1. Conducted nine patrols and five ambushes.

2. At 0600, all units began participation in cease-fire.

3. At 0800, Company A, 1/9, was chopped opcon to this unit.

4. 106 Recoilless Rifle Platoon was heli-lifted to FSB Cates to reinforce Company H (-).

5. Six Marines were injured in four separate incidents. They were all non-battle casualties. Investigations were conducted in each instance.

31 May: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	VCB
Company E	VCB
Company F (-)	XD 927443
2d Platoon, Company F	XD 844456
Company H (-) (Reinforced)	FSB Cates
2d Platoon, Company H	Signal Hill
Company L, 3/4	VCB
Company A, 1/9	VCB
Company B, 1/9	VCB
Company B, 3d Tank Bn	VCB

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1. Conducted thirteen patrols and sixteen ambushes.
2. At 0600, cease-fire no longer is in effect.
3. At 0800, Company B, 1/9, was chopped opcon to this unit.
4. At 1530, Company G was dropped from the opcon of this unit after being relieved on the lines at VCB by Company L, 3/4.

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B. INTELLIGENCE

1. Introduction: The month of May began with the 2d Battalion, 4th Marines ending a search and destroy mission north of FSB Neville and its security mission at FSB Neville. The month ended with the 2d Battalion, 4th Marines maintaining base defense for Vandegrift Combat Base and security at FSB Gates, Hill 691, Hill 950, and Signal Hill. Enemy contact was again with elements of the 246th NVA Regiment and was very sporadic for the entire month, consisting mainly of rocket and mortar attacks.

2. Weather: Weather for the greater part of May was hot with mostly clear skies. The average high was 95 with the average low at 80. Visibility for the month was generally unlimited although in the latter part of the month there were occasional showers and strong gusts of wind.

3. Enemy Killed In Action

May 1	Co. F	1 NVA	XD 858618
May 4	Co. E	1 NVA	XD 812629
May 4	Co. G	1 NVA	XD 821574
May 5	Co. H	2 NVA	XD 831627
May 19	Co. F	2 NVA	XD 271649

4. Enemy Sightings

May 1	Co. E	Undetermined number	XD 793620
May 5	AO	2 NVA	XD 762648
May 15	Co. F	1 NVA	XD 306680
May 21	Recon	11 NVA	XD 850380
May 22	Recon	1 NVA	XD 988413
May 24	Co. E	4 NVA	XD 981537
May 25	Recon	Undetermined number	XD 982584
May 29	I 3/9	Undetermined number	XD 923453
May 29	Co. H	Undetermined number	XD 918427
May 29	Co. E	Undetermined number	XD 980518

5. Enemy Equipment

May 4	Co. E	2 AK-47	XD 809628
May 4	Co. H	4 chicoms, 1 SKS bandolier, 2 belts, 1 knife	XD 832623

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May 4 Co. G 1 brown uniform w/shoes XD 821579.

May 8 Co. B, 1/4 3 caves, 50 cal, AK, and SKS brass and bottles of sulfa drugs XD 843629

May 11 Co. H 2 claymores, 1 AK mag. 2/rds YD 277755

May 12 Co. H 12 60mm mtr rds YD 278758

May 19 Co. F 1 booby trap YD 271649

May 21 Recon 20 bunkers XD 985414

May 25 AO destroyed 1 mtr psn XD 924499

6. Results

Enemy KIA: 7
POW: 0
DET: 3

Enemy Weapons: Individual: 4
Crew-served: 0

C. AIR SUPPORT

	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>
AO	45	41
Lifts	10	10
Medovac	52	52
Flareship	1	1
Spooky	1	1
Gunships	3	3
TPQ	347	35
Beacon	25	25
Fixed Wing	21	21
G&C	3	3
VIP	0	7

D. FIRE SUPPORT

	<u>MISSIONS</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>TOT RDS.</u>	<u>H&I'S</u>	<u>ENEMY CONFIRMED</u>
Arty	106	60	5615	5675	2480	1
81mm	67	77	1876	1953	2812	0

E. COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS

There were no major developments during the month of May. On 25 May, an FMF Pac Inspection Team inspected this unit and gave the Communications Platoon a rating of satisfactory with major discrepancies. The major problem areas were in the tech shop and in record keeping in the rear area. TTY message traffic for the month of May totaled twenty-four outgoing and six hundred and forty-six incoming messages.

F. LOGISTICS

During the month of May, the biggest problem encountered was getting transportation for resupply between Quang Tri and VOR. Concerning equipment on hand, rifle cleaning gear and canteens are critically short items and this presents a problem since replacement troops cannot be sent to the field without them.

G. MEDICAL AFFAIRS

1.	SIGNIFICANT EVENTS	NONE			
2.	NEW DEVELOPMENT	NONE			
3.	PROBLEM AREAS	NONE			
4.	AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS SEEN DAILY THRU 31 MAY 1969	37			
5.	TOTAL NUMBER OF PATIENTS SEEN FROM 1 MAY 1969 THRU 31 MAY 1969	1147			
6.	NUMBER OF REFERRALS TO NSA, USS REPOSE, USS SANCTUARY, 3RD MEDICAL BATTALION, ETC....	61			
7.	ROUTINE COMPLAINTS				
	(a) DIARRHEA	17			
	(b) URI	14			
	(c) DERMATITIS	102			
	(d) EENT	94			
	(e) VENEREAL DISEASE	7			
	(f) IMMERSION FOOT	1			
	(g) OTHERS	476			
8.	SIGNIFICANT DISEASE AREAS				
	(a) MALARIA	6			
	(b) FUO	36			
9.	NUMBER OF EMERGENCIES	TOTAL	EVAC	KIA	DOW
	(a) BURNS	9	8		6
	(b) LACERATIONS	2	2		
	(c) HEAT CASUALTIES				
	(d) SHRAPNEL WOUNDS	12	12	2	
	(e) GUNSHOT WOUNDS				
	(f) OTHERS	53	53		1

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10.	IMMUNIZATION AND PROPHYLACTICS ADMINISTERED	<u>974</u>
11.	DENTAL REFERRALS	<u>39</u>
12.	OFFICERS SEEN AT SICK CALL	
(a)	OFFICERS SICK CALL	<u>5</u>
(b)	EVACUATED WITH SHRAPNEL AND GUNSHOT WOUNDS	<u>0</u>
(c)	OFFICERS WIA	<u>0</u>
(d)	OFFICERS KIA	<u>0</u>
(e)	OFFICERS DSI	<u>1</u>
(f)	OFFICERS INCLUDED IN OTHER UNLISTED DISORDERS	<u>0</u>

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

No operation orders were issued during the month of May to this Battalion. All operations were initiated by frag order.

The Command Journal and all tactical messages are attached to this document. *Filed Sep*