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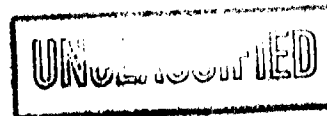
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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

2d Battalion, 14th Marines	LTCOL W. C. BRITT	1-30 June
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SUBORDINATE UNITS

HCS Company	CAPT J. E. KNIGHT JR.	1-30 June
E Company	CAPT A. W. HITCHENS	1-30 June
F Company	1STLT J. A. BETTA	1-30 June
G Company	CAPT C. A. ROBINSON	1-30 June
H Company	1STLT C. P. GABBER	1-30 June

ATTACHED UNITS

Company L, 3/4	1STLT D. C. YORK	1-30 June
Company A, 1/9	1STLT J. E. CONNELLY	1-30 June
Company B, 1/9	CAPT K. E. JUNKINS	1-30 June
Company B, 3d Tank Bn.	1STLT W. J. DAVIS	1-30 June

2. LOCATION

1-4 June:	VCB AREA
5-30 June:	FSB Russell AREA
1-30 June:	2/4 Forward Located at VCB
1-30 June:	2/4 Rear Located at Quang Tri Combat Base

2. STAFF OFFICERS

XO	MAJ D. C. GATFIELD	1-30 June
S-1	1STLT W. R. BOGGS	1-30 June

S-2	1STLT J. B. STRANOE	1-30 June
S-3	MAJ L. E. OGLE MAJ J. J. O'MEARA	1-18 June 19-30 June
S-3A	CAPT H. C. BAXTER	1-30 June
FSC	1STLT G. D. WILSON	1-30 June
TAC	1STLT C. D. PERRIGUEY	1-30 June
TAC	1STLT G. J. BRANDT CAPT A. J. HANLE	1-20 June 16-30 June
Supply O	1STLT J. D. WILSON	1-30 June
Comm O	1STLT J. E. SIMPSON JR.	1-30 June
MTO	1STLT W. G. HODGSON 2ndLT W. F. ENDERLE	1-18 June 19-30 June
Medical O	LT J. C. COSMIDES	1-30 June
Chaplin	LT R. A. CRIST	1-30 June

#### 4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. General Overview of all Activities. At the beginning of the month, 2d Battalion, 4th Marines, was responsible for the security of Vandegrift Combat Base, Hill 691, Hill 950, FSB Oates, Signal Hill, Ca Lu, and the daily road sweep of Route 9. On 5 June, the Battalion (-) displaced to the FSB Russell area where it assumed responsibility for the defense of FSB Russell while also conducting a search and destroy operation in the surrounding area. From 5 June to 16 June, Company F was not under the opcon of this unit. On 17 June, Company F rejoined the Battalion in the FSB Russell area. The aggressive actions exhibited by the units of this Battalion on the search and destroy operation around FSB Russell produced numerous contacts with the enemy and a good deal of captured enemy gear.

2. Command Relations

a. As Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 4th Marines, the Battalion Commander exercised command over those units assigned opcon and support to the Battalion through normal channels.

b. Contact with Regiment and adjacent Battalion command echelons was maintained through normal control/communication channels and command/staff visits.

3. Missions Assigned

a. Continue Operation Herkimer Mountain.

b. Maintain security of VCB, Hill 691, Hill 950, FSB Oates, Signal Hill, Ca Lu, and the daily road sweep of Route 9.

c. Maintain security of FSB Russell and conduct a search and destroy operation in the surrounding area.

4. Intelligence

a. Enemy. During the month of June, contact in the Battalion TACR was made with two enemy units: elements of the 1st and 2nd Battalion, 246th Independent Regiment, and elements of the 2nd Battalion, 84th Artillery Regiment. The size of the enemy force engaged varied from small groups of four to six N.V.A. to platoon size units. The enemy did not actively seek out opportunities to engage elements of the 2d Battalion, 4th Marines, but appeared to be fighting for the most part from a defensive posture.

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b. Weather. The weather during the month of June was relatively cloudy, moderately wet, with average winds and normal humidity. The weather did not adversely affect this unit during its operations.

c. Terrain. The mountainous terrain and thick jungle canopy that is characteristic of the terrain in the TAOR in which this Battalion operated was a significant factor during the month of June. Movement was slow and observation was very limited. The numerous streams in the area provided a good source of water for units operating in the area.

5. Operations. When the Battalion was in a defensive posture, patrols and ambushes were sent throughout the area around the area and H&I's were used extensively. When conducting the search and destroy operation units covered the area by saturation patrolling and ambushing. In all, two hundred and seventy-two patrols were run and three hundred and sixteen ambushes were established by this Battalion during the month of June. Contact was made with the enemy on twenty different occasions and in all cases, maximum use was made of all supporting arms available. During the month of June, this unit began using for the first time, a small Battalion recon force to locate and fix the enemy's position within the Battalion TAOR by making long range patrols. The concept has met with limited success and improvements will continue to be made. Psychological Warfare operations were conducted by the use of a Psyops Team on 25 to 30 June, 1969. Broadcasts were made on two and three occasions daily.

## 6. Results of Operations

a. Enemy KIA - 17

b. Casualties Sustained: KIA - 4

WIA - 45

c. Equipment, Ordnance and Supplies Captured, Destroyed or Damaged:

AK-47	-	6
Chi-com Grenades	-	47
Satchel Charges	-	29
107mm Rockets	-	7
AK Magazines	-	8
M-1 Rifle	-	1

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82mm Mortar rounds	-	10
TNT	-	20 lbs.
7.62 Ammo.	-	200 rds.
82mm Fuzes	-	13
82mm Shotgun Charge	-	8
82mm Mortar Increments	-	1 can
.45 Caliber Pistol	-	1
RPG Rounds	-	5
Drum Magazine, RPD-46	-	2
Claymore Mines	-	3

## 7. Supporting Arms

### a. Fire Support

(1) Artillery Targets	-	1,144
HE rds.	-	12,638
WP rds.	-	118
Illum. rds.	-	6
(2) 81mm Mortar Targets	-	680
HE rds.	-	6,083
WP rds.	-	118
Illum. rds.	-	11

### b. Air Support

	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Received</u>
Med Evacs	129	129
TPQ's	132	46
Fixed Wing Strikes	54	48
A.O.	76	70
Beacon	100	30
Flareship	3	2
Spooky	3	2
Gunship	15	9
Troop Lift	4	4
V R	11	7
C and C	22	22

## 8. Logistics

a. Supply. Primary source of supply was FSLU at Vandegrift Combat Base with secondary sources at FSLU at Dong Ha Combat Base and Quang Tri Combat Base.

b. Resupply. Resupply was accomplished by helicopter primarily through routine resupply.

9. Communications

a. Normal communications were maintained between higher headquarters and subordinate units.

b. The 2d Battalion, 4th Marines, Message Center processed a total of 560 messages.

10. Equipment. Equipment was maintained through normal first and second echelon maintenance.

11. Civic Action. Due to the nature of the TAOR in which the Battalion was operating, no civic action operations were conducted.

12. Personnel and Administration

(a) Personnel rotating during the month.

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
7	77	0	7

(b) Replacements during the month of June.

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
8	96	0	2

13. Training. Training for the month of June consisted of individual and small unit training in tactics and weapons, and COATIP training for troops newly arrived in country.



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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Significant Events During or in Direct Relation to Combat Operations.

a. 3 June. A squad patrol from 3d Platoon, Company H exchanged small arms fire with an enemy force of unknown size at XD 928428 which resulted in three friendly WIA (Evac).

b. 5 June. The Battalion (-) was relieved of its defensive mission in the VCB area and moved to the FSB Russell area where two companies began a search and destroy operation around FSB Russell while one company assumed responsibility for the defense of FSB Russell. Company E ran fixed wing, artillery, and 81mm mortars on an active .50 caliber machine gun position at XD 893614 with unknown results.

c. 6 June. Company E reported receiving incoming 60mm mortars from XD 892625. Counter battery fire with 81mm mortars silenced the enemy position. 2d Platoon, Company E, ran fixed wing on three N.V.A. spotted at XD 898572 resulting in two enemy killed by air.

d. 7 June. FSB Russell took incoming mortar fire on two occasions when a helicopter was landing on the LZ. Counter battery fire was delivered at the suspected enemy position, XD 901610, and the incoming ceased. 1st Platoon, Company H discovered one enemy body at XD 934596.

e. 8 June. A CH-46 helicopter made an emergency landing at FSB Russell after it was damaged by enemy .50 caliber fire. One wounded crewman was medevaced.

f. 11 June. 1st Platoon, Company E, found one N.V.A. in a shallow grave at XD 896613. Company H found one dead N.V.A. in a grave at XD 959636.

g. 13 June. A recon team found two chicom grenades at XD 906616. 2d Platoon, Company E, found two dead N.V.A. in one grave at XD 959591.

h. 14 June. Company H found two dead N.V.A. bodies, one at XD 949629, and one at XD 959636.

i. 15 June. A listening post from 1st Platoon, Company H, was attacked by 10 - 12 N.V.A. at XD 951629 throwing satchel charges, chicom grenades, and firing small arms. Fire was returned and the

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enemy retreated, leaving one AK-47 rifle, three AK magazines, sixteen satchel charges, and two Russian grenades. Company H took one KIA and nine WIA. One Marine from Company H was injured from an 81mm short round.

j. 16 June. 3d Platoon, Company E, engaged a large force of N.V.A. at XD 881586. After calling in supporting arms, the platoon swept through the area and found one M-1 rifle, seven 107mm rockets, three helmets, and two AK magazines.

k. 18 June. 1st Platoon, Company H, initiated small arms fire with four N.V.A. at XD 937628, killing two. The remaining N.V.A. fled leaving two AK-47's, three magazines, and four chicom. One hour later, 3d Platoon, Company H, spotted five enemy and killed one at XD 968650. 3d Platoon, found eight 82mm shotgun shells, seven 82mm HE rounds, one AK-47, and four chicom grenades.

l. 19 June. 1st Platoon, Company E, exchanged small arms fire with an enemy force of unknown size at XD 889600. One N.V.A. was killed, while Company E suffered two WIA (Evac). 3d Platoon, Company H, fired on two N.V.A. at XD 942640 with negative results. The enemy fled north.

m. 20 June. 2d Platoon, Company E, engaged six N.V.A. at XD 870592 with negative results. A sweep of the area produced one AK-47 rifle, three grenades, and some 7.62 ammunition. 2d Platoon, Company H, reported finding three 82mm mortar rounds, five chicom, 150 AK rounds, one .45 caliber pistol, 20 lbs. of rice, and assorted gear at XD 944634. At 2235, Company F was attacked by a sapper unit at XD 953628. The enemy was repulsed and Company F medicated three WIA's. Company G recieved one incoming chicom grenade at its night position at XD 912590 with negative results.

n. 21 June. An ambush from Company E engaged five N.V.A. at XD 880585, killing two, while suffering two friendly wounded.

o. 22 June. Company F found ten chicom grenades, ten 82mm mortar fuzes, one can of increments, and thirteen mortar boosters at XD 941626. 2d Platoon, Company H, made contact with an enemy force of unknown size at XD 963651. Company H suffered one KIA and six WIA (Evac). An A.O. took small arms fire from XD 865591 while adjusting on an artillery mission. Artillery was fired at the enemy position with unknown results.

p. 23 June. Company H found one N.V.A. in a grave at XD 941626 who had recently be killed by small arms fire. They also found one AK magazine, three chicom, and three satchel charges. Company

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H reported that the units sweeping through the area of yesterday's contact suffered two KIA and eleven WIA from two claymore mines and small arms fire in the vicinity of XD 942638. An OP from Company H recieved sniper fire at their position at XD 946626. An 81mm mortar mission was fired at XD 944627 and the sniper fire ceased.

q. 24 June. Company H (-), moving to join 2d Platoon, Company H, made contact with four N.V.A. at XD 945632 with negative results.

r. 26 June. 3d Platoon, Company G, found four RPGs with boosters, one claymore, two chicons, two drums for the RPD 46, twenty pounds of TNT, eight satchel charges, and twenty pounds of rice at XD 944634. A patrol from 1st Platoon, Company G, suffered two WIA (Evac) from enemy small arms fire at XD 953633.

s. 27 June. Company G reported receiving incoming mortar fire from XD 933653. Counter battery fire was delivered and the incoming ceased. A listening post from Company G suffered two wounded when they took one incoming grenade at XD 952629. A patrol from 3d Platoon, Company G made contact with 6 to 8 N.V.A. at XD 946626 which resulted in one enemy KIA and the capture of one AK-47, ten chicons, three claymores, one RPG with booster, and one AK-50 drum.

t. 28 June. A patrol from 3d Platoon, Company G, made contact with an enemy force of unknown size at XD 937628. No casualties were sustained. At 1047, a medevac chopper attempting to extract a heat casualty from 3d Platoon, Company G, drew three rounds of 60mm mortar incoming that resulted in one WIA at XD 935630. At 1600, this same unit made contact with 6 to 8 N.V.A. at XD 927628 which resulted in one WIA (Evac).

2. Other Significant Events. There were no other significant events.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓ 1. Copies of All Staff Journals. The staff journal for the month of June is attached to this document. *Filed Sep*
- ✓ 2. Originated Messages. All originated messages are submitted with this document. *Filed Sep*
- ✓ 3. Copies of All Operation Orders. No operation orders were issued during the month of June. All operations were initiated by a frag order.
- ✓ 4. Combat After Action Reports. There were no After Action Reports submitted from this unit during the month of June.