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3d Marine Division (-)(Rein), FMF
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D. J. GARRETT

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

2d Battalion 4th Marines

LTCOL W. C. BRITT
LTCOL D. J. GARRETT1-6 September
7-30 SeptemberSUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company

1STLT C. P. GARBER
CAPT C. A. ROBINSON1-16 September
17-30 September

E Company

CAPT H. C. BAXTER

1-30 September

F Company

CAPT J. W. MURPHY

1-30 September

G Company

1STLT W. H. STUBBIEFIELD

1-30 September

H Company

CAPT F. ZAVACKI

1-30 September

ATTACHED UNITS

Company C 1st Battalion 4th Marines

11-13 18-19 September

Company I 3d Battalion 4th Marines

11-17 19-20 September

Company B 1st Battalion 4th Marines

12-20 September

Company M 3d Battalion 4th Marines

20-26 September

Company L 3d Battalion 4th Marines

21-30 September

DETACHED UNITSCompany F to 3d Marine Division/
3d Plt Company E to 1st Battalion 4th Marines12-26 September
20-24 September2. LOCATION

1-11 September

2/4 FWD CP Located at FSB Russell

11-20 September

2/4 Located at VCB

21-30 September

2/4 Forward Located at ECB

1-30 September

2/4 Rear Located at VCB

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

XO	MAJ D. C. CAULFIELD MAJ M. G. BUSBY	1-16 September 17-30 September
S-1	1STLT W. R. BOGOS	1-30 September
S-2	QYSOT M. A. BETZALE	1-30 September
S-3	MAJ J. J. O'MEARA	1-30 September
S-3A	1STLT F. W. GRIFFIN CAPT J. R. KLUKAS	1-8 September 9-30 September
S-4	CAPT A. W. HITCHENS 1STLT C. P. GARBER	1-16 September 17-30 September
FSC	1STLT T. H. PAGE	1-30 September
AIO	CAPT A. J. HANIE 1STLT D. W. LEWIS	1-19 September 20-30 September
FAC	1STLT J. R. TURANO	1-30 September
SUPPLY OFF.	1STLT J. D. WILSON	1-30 September
COMM OFF.	1STLT J. E. SIMPSON	1-30 September
MTO	1STLT W. F. ENDERLE	1-30 September
MEDICAL OFF.	LT. W. H. KNAFF	1-30 September
CHAPLIN	LTCMDR R. W. MC CARTHY	1-30 September

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	USN	OTHER
<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 Activities. The Battalion was assigned search and destroy, and security missions in three different areas of responsibility during the month of September. These areas included, in chronological order, FSB Russell, Vandegrift Combat Base, and Elliot Combat Base. Basically the mission assigned was accomplished by maintaining one or two rifle companies in a perimeter defense at the major installation; with the remaining maneuver elements conducting search and destroy operations in the assigned TAOR. Organic supporting units were assigned general support missions from fixed positions within the major defensive area. Toward the end of the month the Battalion rear commenced preparations to move to Quang Tri.

2. Command Relations

a. Normal command relations and operational control was effected by the Battalion Commander through Command visits and the issuance of daily fragmentary orders.

3. Missions Assigned. From 1 to 10 Sept. the 2d Battalion was assigned the mission of FSB Russell security and search and destroy operations in an area of responsibility surrounding FSB Russell. This mission was accomplished by deploying three rifle companies in TAOR's in the vicinity of Russell, and by maintaining one rifle company and three sections of the 81mm Mortar Platoon at Russell. On the afternoon of 11 Sept. the Battalion assumed responsibility for the security of Vandegrift Combat Base and Signal Hill; Sparrow Hawk/Bald Eagle; Regimental Reserve; Reaction Force for Project Delta; and search and destroy operations in the Vandegrift TAOR. To accomplish these missions simultaneously, the Battalion assumed operational control of Rifle Companies of the 1st and the 3d Battalions on different dates for varying lengths of time. On 21 Sept. the Battalion was relieved of the above missions and assumed responsibility for the security of Elliot Combat Base, Khe Ghia Bridge, and FSB Fuller and the TAOR occupied by 3d Battalion 3d Marines.

4. Intelligence

a. Enemy. The enemy activity for the reporting period remained consistent with the tactics of the last reporting period. That being a limited number of contacts initiated by the enemy; however, the enemy did continue a harassment type of tactics using mortars, RPG's, and rockets, (107mm & 122mm).

b. Weather. The weather during the reporting period was typically seasonal. We experienced periods of light to heavy rain and periods of light to heavy winds.

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c. Terrain. Due to the area of which the Battalion is operating and the fact that it has not differed from the last reporting period it remains the same. Basically the AO consists of mountainous origins with heavy foliage which are naturally detrimental to aerial observation.

5. Operations

a. Arlington Canyon (1-10 Sept.). The Battalion continued Operation Arlington Canyon by conducting search and destroy operations in the vicinity of FSB Russell and maintaining security of FSB Russell.

b. Georgia Tar (11-21 Sept.). 2d Battalion commenced Operation Georgia Tar on arrival at Vandegrift Combat Base on 11 Sept. For the 10 days that the Battalion was a part of the Operation, two rifle companies were deployed on the Vandegrift perimeter, one company was assigned to Sparrow Hawk/Bald Eagle and one Company conducted a search and destroy operation in the mountains around Vandegrift.

c. Idaho Canyon (21-30 Sept.). 2d Battalion entered the Idaho Canyon TAOR on the afternoon of 21 Sept. when two companies were helolifted from the vicinity of Vandegrift Combat Base and the Alpha Command Group and one company moved by vehicle to Elliot Combat Base and vicinity. Activities in this TAOR included company sized search and destroy sweeps to the North of ECB, and perimeter security at ECB, FSB Fuller, and Khe Chia Bridge.

6. Results of Operations during the month of September

/ a. Enemy KIA - 10

b. Casualties Sustained - KIA 4
WIA 17

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

AK rounds	-	75
60mm mortar rounds	-	8
82mm mortar rounds	-	10
Flashlight	-	1
Chi-com Gas grenades	-	6
Chi-com Frag grenades	-	10
RPG casings	-	20
RPG rounds	-	2

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7. Supporting Arms

a. Fire Support

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(1) Artillery Targets	-	890
HE rds.	-	12,428
WP rds.	-	104
Illum. rds.	-	2,008
(2) 81mm Mortar Targets	-	152
HE rds.	-	2,840
WP rds.	-	167
Illum. rds.	-	801

b. Air Support

	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Received</u>
Fixed Wing Flights	60	57
A.O.	60	52
TFQ's	121	16
Beacon Flights	51	22
VR's	4	4
Troop Lifts	4	4
Spooky	4	2
Medevacs	50	48

8. Logistics

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

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 201 messages.

10. Equipment. Equipment was maintained through 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 rotated during the month.

USMC		USN	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
7	97	0	4

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(b) Personnel joined during the month.

USMC	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
6	45

USN	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0	4

13. Training. Training for the month of September consisted of COATIP training for personnel newly arrived in country, specialist training for technical MOS's and NBC training for monitor and decontamination teams.

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PART III

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

1 September. Company H, second platoon, while on a routine patrol observed one NVA in the vicinity of XD 909590. The second platoon immediately took the NVA under small arms fire and the NVA fled. Results were unknown.

3 September. Company F received fifteen 82mm mortar rounds from the vicinity of XD 888590. The rounds impacted 200 meters short of the perimeter. Called and adjusted 81mm mortars and arty with unknown results. Enemy fires ceased.

7 September. Company H received twenty 82mm mortar rounds from the vicinity of XD 875600. Rounds impacted 300 meters short of the perimeter. Called in and adjusted 81mm mortars. AO on station adjusted artillery. Results were unknown.

12 September. Company H observed eight NVA in the open in the vicinity of XD 990514. NVA appeared to be digging. Called in 81mm mortars and 106mm recoilless rifle fire resulting in one secondary explosion. Vandegrift Combat Base received seven rounds of enemy 122mm rocket fire. Rockets came from the vicinity of XD 899500. Engineers reported that two buildings suffered 50% damage. Casualties were negative. Called artillery on enemy position and AO on station adjusted. Fixed wing came on station and while AO and fixed wing were working target area they received .50 caliber machine gun fire from the enemy position. Fixed wing and AO continued to work target area with unknown results.

13 September. Vandegrift Combat Base Coordinator requested an interpreter to speak to the mayor of Calu concerning a suspected kidnapping. Five enemy dressed in brown uniforms, believed to be NVA entered the village and fired three small arms rounds and abducted a suspected Kit Carson who entered the village two days earlier. The enemy entered the village from the Northeast and left moving toward the Southwest. The Regimental S-2 continued the investigation.

15 September. Vandegrift Combat Base received two rounds of incoming 107mm rocket rounds from the vicinity of XD 922534. Fired counter-rocket fire using 81mm mortars and artillery. Results were two secondary explosions. Company E received two RPG rounds from the vicinity of XD 912518. Rounds impacted 200-300 meters to the East. Called in 81mm mortars and artillery with unknown results. Later in the day Company E found one 82mm mortar round in the vicinity of XD 981520 approximately two to three days old. Round was 3/4 covered by dirt and had a wire attached to it. It was placed approximately one foot off of Route # 9. The round was destroyed by EOD personnel. Company H second platoon, while on a routine patrol found remnants of an NVA ambush site, bunker and cooking area in the vicinity of XD 019512. Ambush site and bunker were believed to be three to four months old. The cooking area was believed to be two to three days old. Bunker was searched with negative findings and then destroyed.

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18 September. Company B (OpCon 2/4) observed two NVA in the vicinity of XD 013446. One enemy soldier was dressed in white and one in black. The one in black carried a weapon. Small arms and M-79 grenade launchers were fired. Enemy fled in a Northeasterly direction. There were negative enemy casualties. Third platoon Company E reported a trip flare being set off in the vicinity of XD 978479. No enemy was sighted. A search of the area at first light was made revealing one flashlight and one engineer stake.

19 September. A patrol from Company H found seven bunkers and one living hootch in the vicinity of XD 942495. All bunkers and living hootch were four to six months old. There had been no recent activity in the area although there was definite evidence of occupation by women by one time. All bunkers and living hootch were destroyed.

20 September. 2d Battalion was ordered to effect a relief in place of 3d Battalion 3d Marines. Company G was helolifted to the vicinity of FSB Pete and Company E was moved by vehicle to Kha Chia Bridge. The Alpha Command deployed to Elliot Combat Base. 2d Battalion was chopped OpCon to 3d Marines 201700H.

21 September. 2d Battalion chopped back to 4th Marines at 211000H.

23 September. Company M (OpCon 2/4) detected suspected wire snipping close to their lines. Fragmentation grenades were thrown and 81mm illumination fired. There was no further movement. Wire was checked at first light and found to be secure.

24 September. Company G received one round of incoming enemy fire that was estimated to be an 82mm mortar round. Counter-mortar and rocket plan was put into effect with unknown results.

26 September. The 2/4 Alpha Command reported sensor readings in the vicinity of XD 944610. AO called on station and sighted one NVA in fighting hole. Fixed wing was run with unknown results.

27 September. Company G reported movement North of their position in the vicinity of XD 978592. Sensor devices in use by Company G registered movement to the North. A fire team ambush reported three figures moving across their front to the North. M-79's were fired and artillery was called in with unknown results. Company Golf received small arms fire and mortar fire from the vicinity of XD 978592. Enemy mortar fire was both 60mm and 82mm. Two Marines were killed and five were wounded. Enemy casualties were unknown. Company L (OpCon 2/4) located at Dong Ha Mountain reported receiving four rounds of what appeared to be recoilless rifle fire. Counter battery fire was called in along with 81mm mortar fire. Company G sent a squad to sweep area of previous nights actions in the vicinity of XD 977590. Numerous Chi-Com Gas and Fragmentation grenades were found. Findings also included twenty RPG casings, AK 47 and .30 caliber cartridges indicating two .30 caliber light machine guns in the area. Fresh blood trails and bloody dressings were found along with fresh trails leading to the Northwest. The Company G CO estimated the size of the enemy force to be an NVA company with 82mm mortar support.

28 September. Company G reported finding Chi-Com fragmentation grenades and what appeared to be human intestines in the vicinity of XD 981589.

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29 September. Company E and Company G received ten rounds of incoming 60mm and 82mm mortar fire at XD 972593. AO was called on station. Seven NVA were observed to be moving North in the vicinity of XD 973615. Artillery was called in. AO observed large force of NVA moving to the Northwest and called in fixed wing killing ten NVA. One Marine was KIA and there were nine wounded; six emergencies and three priority. Company E observed eight NVA carrying mortar tube in the vicinity of XD 955605. Enemy was taken under small arms fire and 60mm mortar fire; NVA moved into bunkers. Artillery fire was called in with AO on station. The first platoon Company E while in pursuit of eight NVA discovered a bunker at XD 955599. The bunker appeared to be an old ammunition bunker and contained nine 82mm mortar rounds, two RPG rounds, eight 81mm mortar rounds, eight 60mm mortar rounds, and various small arms ammunition. All ammunition was destroyed. The first platoon Company L (OpCon 2/4) reported enemy movement in the vicinity of YD 021559. One NVA was seen approaching the wire. M-79's were fired and 60mm mortars called in with unknown results.

30 September. Company E and Company F observed one NVA in the vicinity of XD960606 firing what sounded like an AK 47. Artillery was called in on suspected enemy position. Company G received fifteen rounds of enemy mortar fire. Artillery fired by AO on station. AO adjusted artillery with unknown results. The first platoon Company L (OpCon 2/4) detected enemy movement in the vicinity of XD 997563. Listening post saw one NVA. Wire was probed all the way around the perimeter. Peculiar smell accompanied movement. Two claymore mines were cut.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

2d Battalion, 4th Marines	LT COL D. J. GARRETT	1 Oct - 31 Dec 1969
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SUBORDINATE UNITS

Company H&S	CAPT C. A. ROBINSON	1 Oct - 6 Oct 1969
	CAPT H. C. BAXTER	7 Oct - 16 Nov 1969
	CAPT F. D. HONOLSKI	17 Nov - 31 Dec 1969
Company E	CAPT H. C. BAXTER	1 Oct - 6 Oct 1969
	CAPT J. R. KINKAS	7 Oct - 31 Dec 1969
Company F	CAPT J. W. MURPHY	1 Oct - 22 Oct 1969
	1STLT J. V. MARIGEL	23 Oct - 28 Nov 1969
	1STLT R. S. GILLIAM III	29 Dec - 31 Dec 1969
Company G	1STLT W. H. STUBBLEFIELD	1 Oct - 19 Oct 1969
	CAPT F. J. CALL	20 Oct - 31 Dec 1969
Company H	1STLT K. D. MOORE	1 Oct - 16 Nov 1969
	CAPT H. C. BAXTER	17 Nov - 31 Dec 1969

ATTACHED UNITS

Company L 3d Battalion, 4th Marines	1 - 10 Oct 1969
Company K 3d Battalion, 4th Marines	10 Oct 1969
Company M 3d Battalion, 4th Marines	19 - 21 Oct 1969

DETACHED UNITS

1st Platoon, Company G to 1st Bde. 5th INF. DIV. (Mech)	6 - 12 Oct 1969
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2. Locations

1 - 8 October 1969	2/4 Forward Located at ECB
1 - 5 October 1969	2/4 Rear Located at VCB
5 October 1969	2/4 Rear Located at QTCB

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8 - 11 October 1969	2/4 Forward Located at Mitters Ridge
11 - 21 October 1969	2/4 Forward Located at EGB
22 - 25 October 1969	2/4 Forward Located at QTCB
22 October 1969	2/4 Located at QTCB
25 October 1969	2/4 Advanced Party Located at Okinawa
12 November 1969	2/4 Located at Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS

XO	MAJ M. G. BUSBY	1 Oct - 31 Dec 1969
S-1	1STLT H. R. SMITH	1 Oct - 31 Dec 1969
S-2	GYSGT M. A. BETZALE 1STLT L. J. RUOTOLO	1 Oct - 22 Dec 1969 23 Dec - 31 Dec 1969
S-3	MAJ J. J. O'MEARA MAJ H. B. WEST Jr.	1 Oct - 11 Nov 1969 12 Nov - 31 Dec 1969
S-4	CAPT C. P. GARNER	1 Oct - 31 Dec 1969
FSC	1STLT T. H. PAGE	1 Oct - 22 Oct 1969
ALO	1STLT D. W. LEWIS	1 Oct - 22 Oct 1969
FAC	1STLT J. R. TURANO	1 Oct - 22 Oct 1969
SUPPLY OFF.	1STLT J. D. WILSON	1 Oct - 31 Dec 1969
COMM OFF.	1STLT J. E. SIMPSON Jr. 1STLT R. O. STATON	1 Oct - 15 Oct 1969 16 Oct - 31 Dec 1969
MTO	1STLT W. F. ENDERLE Jr. 1STLT C. R. MOHR	1 Oct - 16 Nov 1969 17 Nov - 31 Dec 1969
MEDICAL OFF.	LT. W. H. KNAPP Jr.	1 Oct - 31 Dec 1969
CHAPLAIN	LT. B. GROCHOWSKI LT. J. F. SHEA	1 Oct - 4 Nov 1969 5 Nov - 31 Dec 1969

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN		OTHER	
<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 Activities. The Battalion was assigned search and destroy and security missions in three different areas of responsibility during the month of October. These areas were: Vandegrift Combat Base, Elliot Combat Base and the Khe Chia bridge. Basically the mission assigned was accomplished by maintaining one or two rifle companies in a perimeter defense at the major installations, with the remaining maneuver elements participating in Operation Georgia Tar in the assigned TAOR. Organic support units were assigned general support missions from fixed positions within the major defensive areas. Toward the end of the month the Battalion prepared for stand down and stood down at Quang Tri Combat Base, and prepared for redeployment to Okinawa. On arrival in Okinawa the Battalion commenced small unit training and rehabilitation of weapons and equipment.

2. Command Relations

a. Normal Command relations and operational control were effected by the Battalion Commander through command visits, inspections and the issuance of daily fragmentary orders.

3. Missions Assigned. From 1 - 5 October 1969 the 2d Battalion, 4th Marines was assigned the mission of providing security for Elliot Combat Base, FSB Fuller and Khe Chia Bridge. Search and destroy operations were directed in the area surrounding FSB Fuller and Elliot Combat Base. The mission was accomplished by deploying three rifle companies in TAOR's and keeping one rifle company at each FSB for security. On the afternoon of 6 October 1969 the Battalion assumed responsibility for security of Elliot Combat Base and Signal Hill, Sparrow Hawk/Bald Eagle, Regimental Reserve, reaction force for Project Delta, security for Gue Viet, a platoon with the 1st BDE, 5th INF. DIV. (Mech) at Cam Lo, and search and destroy operations throughout the entire 4th Marines TAOR. To accomplish the missions simultaneously, the Battalion assumed OPCON of rifle companies of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines on different dates for varying lengths of time. On the 22nd the Battalion commenced stand down operations, in preparation for redeployment to Okinawa. The Battalion arrived at Okinawa on 12 November 1969.

4. Intelligence

a. Enemy. The enemy activity for the reporting period remained consistent with the tactics of the last reporting period. A limited number of contacts were initiated by the enemy; however, the enemy did continue a harassment type of tactics, employing anti-vehicular mines, demolitions and sapper attacks.

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b. Weather. The weather during the first month of the 2d quarter consisted primarily of heavy rainfall. The weather during the month of November and December was cool in temperatures both day and night with frequent shower activity. The winds were predominantly from the NNE varying to NNW at 10 to 15 knots. A tropical storm entered the area at 251030Z Nov 1969 and moved back into the Pacific.

c. Terrain. Due to the area in which the Battalion was operating and the fact that it has not differed from the last reporting period, it remains the same. Basically, the AO consisted of mountainous origins with heavy foliage, naturally detrimental to aerial observation. The terrain encountered during November and December was mostly low, slightly rolling hills covered by heavy foliage, bamboo and sugar cane fields.

5. Major Operations

a. The 2d Battalion continued Operation Georgia Tar on arrival at Vandegrift Combat Base 6 October 1969. For the next 27 days the Alpha Command Group and one company deployed at Elliot Combat Base and two companies conducted search and destroy sweep to the north of Elliot Combat Base and in the surrounding mountains around Elliot Combat Base. One company was assigned to Sparrow Hawk/Bald Eagle.

6. Results of Operations during the reporting period.

a. Enemy KIA 17

b. Casualties sustained KIA 1
WIA 3

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

AK-47 rifles	2
Pistol, 9mm	1
Chi-com grenades	111
Chi-com Claymore mines	8
Web Belts	2
N.V.A. Packs	17
82mm Mortar rds.	24
RPG rds.	12
Rifle Grenades	4
Satchel Charges	9
Gas Masks	19
Anti Tank Mines	2
AK-47 rds.	1290
AK-47 Magazines	23
81mm Mortar Tubes	2
81mm Mortar rds.	164
Incendiary Grenades	11
Helmets	16
Russian Grenade	1
Demolition Charges	46
Canteens (N.V.A.)	7

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(1) Artillery Targets	-	276
IE rounds	-	3,094
WP rounds	-	46
Illum rounds	-	153
(2) 81mm Mortar Targets	-	278
IE rounds	-	2,375
WP rounds	-	151
Illum rounds	-	27,003

b. Air Support

	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Received</u>
Fixed Wing Flights	4	4
A.O.	11	11
TPQ's	1	1
Beacon Flights	15	15
V.R.'s	10	10
Troop Lifts	12	12
Spooky	6	6
Medevacs	5	5

8. Logistics

a. Supply. Resupply from LSA by air at Quang Tri was conducted during the period until redeployment from NVN. Additional resupply to some of the companies was also conducted by trucks. At one time this unit had the responsibility of resupplying six companies. During this period, one hot meal per day was provided to the companies at least 80% of the time that they were in the field. The major problem in providing hot chow to companies on the move was obtaining disposable food containers. Types of disposable containers used were styrofoam and 175mm metal canisters. Food placed in the 175mm canisters had plastic bag inserts. Preparation for redeployment went fairly smooth as most units returned from the field in time to prepare for embarkation and to provide working parties to clean vehicles, pack and band Battalion supplies. The agriculture and PMU inspection of equipment and supplies was satisfactory with few discrepancies. Equipment and supplies were ready for loading aboard ship as scheduled and embarkation progressed without major difficulty. During re-hab of equipment after this unit arrived in Okinawa major end items were turned in for LTI's and repair. Five 81mm mortar tubes were determined unserviceable, and new tubes placed on requisition by Third Force Service Regiment. Fourteen M 151's, twenty-two M 274's, two AN/MRC-109's and one AN/MRC-83 were coded out due to the high cost of repair on the equipment. Replacements were provided for the M 151's, the twenty-two M 274's and the two AN/MRC-109's that were coded out. Third Force Service Regiment provided good support in all aspects.

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

b. The 2d Battalion, 4th Marines Message Center processed a total of 3,119 messages.

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

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

12. Personnel and Administration

a. Personnel rotated during the reporting period

USMC		USN	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
11	358	0	14

b. Personnel joined during the reporting period

USMC		USN	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
29	568	0	13

13. Training

a. Training in Vietnam consisted of OJT for all personnel, combat orientation, Lessons Learned and Tactical Tips for personnel newly arrived, specialist training for Technical MOS's, NBC training for monitor and decontamination teams and predeployment training. Upon redeployment to Okinawa general military subjects, physical fitness, Civil Disturbances/Riot Control and small unit tactics were emphasized in the unit training program.

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

3 October. Company E found 82mm mortar pits in the vicinity of XD 970598. A search of the area uncovered a bunker, one fuse can, and one increment can. Bunker and enemy equipment were destroyed. Company L (opcon 2/4) reported three N.V.A. in the vicinity of YD 021543 at 2345H. Fired 40mm cannon and 81mm mortars; search to be done at first light.

4 October. While conducting a search and clear mission near La Sierra Company H found one 82mm mortar round, four RPG rounds, two rifle grenades, six chi-com grenades, one satchel charge, fifteen gas masks, four graves with bodies, two unknown devices (believed to be anti-tank mines), and fifty AK-47 rounds. All gear was unserviceable and was destroyed at that location.

5 October. While moving to their night position, Company E spotted one N.V.A. in the open at grid XD 954598, Company E called and received artillery fire with results unknown. Unable to check area due to lack of time.

6 October. Company H suspected enemy movement at grid XD 960610. Artillery was called in and area sweep was conducted at first light with negative results. At 060045H Company H received six rounds of incoming mortar fire from the vicinity of XD 964626. Called and received artillery support and enemy fire subsided. At 060950H elements of Company H found a large bunker complex at grid XD 940640. Search of the complex revealed two 82mm mortar rounds, and two mortar positions. All enemy positions and gear were destroyed.

7 October. At 071130H elements of Company K (opcon 2/4) found two enemy claymore mines in the vicinity of XD 975643. The mines were approximately four feet off the trail but not set up. The immediate area was searched with negative results and the mines were destroyed. At 071225H the same element of Company K (opcon 2/4) found two "A" frame bunkers and numerous spider holes in the same immediate area. It appeared that the positions were approximately one week old. It was estimated that it had been approximately the same amount of time since their last occupancy. At 071525H the same element of Company K (opcon 2/4) found a small weapons cache in the vicinity of XD 968633. The following enemy equipment and weapons were found: one AK-47 w/folding stock, ten chi-com grenades, one magazine w/30 rounds, one chi-com pouch, one N.V.A. sneaker and one N.V.A. belt w/star on the buckle. In the vicinity of XD 973646 one pound of TNT was found, a further search of the area was conducted with negative results.

8 October. Company K (opcon 2/4) on a routine patrol found remnants of an N.V.A. bunker complex consisting of five "A" frame type bunkers, fifteen "flat-top" bunkers and a small cooking "hooch". Bunkers had been previously destroyed by air strikes approximately two months prior to discovery. Materials found in the bunker complex consisted of: three metal cooking pots, three 82mm mortar primers, 1/2 vile used for opium.

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one flask (25 cc) suspected of containing liquid narcotics. Company L, 2d platoon, (opcon 2/4) received three rounds of incoming enemy fire that was estimated to be 82mm mortar rounds that impacted 400-500 meters outside their perimeter. Counter mortar fire was initiated with unknown results.

10 October. Company K (opcon 2/4) located a bunker complex in the vicinity of XD 994646 at 101420H. One skeleton fully dressed in dead utilities without markings was found. Numerous pieces of ordnance and enemy equipment were found. Findings included: one bag of TNT blocks, one N.V.A. anti-personnel mine, three N.V.A. canteens, two N.V.A. packs, one pair of sandals, one chi-com grenade and three rice bowls. All equipment and clothing had shrapnel holes and appeared to be approximately two months old. All ordnance was destroyed. Company K (opcon 2/4) found three bodies in a grave in the vicinity of YD 003642 at 101800H. Bodies were N.V.A. dressed in tan uniforms with no markings. N.V.A. appeared to have been killed by air. A search of the area turned up five anti-personnel mines; all ordnance was destroyed. Company H found three boxes of .50 caliber rounds in the vicinity of XD 937647. Ammunition appeared to have been buried for two months.

11 October. Company H reported finding an enemy bunker complex in the vicinity of XD 943645 at 110635H consisting of ten "A" frame bunkers and fifteen fighting holes. All had been destroyed by air. Company E found ordnance and numerous pieces of enemy equipment in the vicinity of XD 972540. Enemy gear found included: five anti-personnel mines set with blasting caps and detonation cord attached, one saw, one pouch, one AK magazine with forty rounds of unserviceable ammunition, one helmet, one pick, four 82mm rounds, one asbestos hood, one pair of goggles, one entrenching tool and one machete. All ordnance was destroyed at the location. Company K (opcon 2/4) found eight "A" frame bunkers and several "flat-top" bunkers in the vicinity of YD 005648 at 111300H. Bunkers were in poor condition and one N.V.A. claymore mine was found which was later destroyed. Company H found two 82mm rounds and three 60mm mortar rounds in the vicinity of XD 954640 at 111800H. A search of the surrounding area was made with negative results.

12 October. Company H reported finding enemy ordnance and equipment in the vicinity of XD 993628. Also found was gear of N.V.A. origin that included: four 82mm mortar rounds, one canister of increments, one "horseshoe" mine, two RPG casings, one 60mm mortar round, one chi-com grenade, three entrenching tools, one helmet and two gas masks. All ordnance and equipment was destroyed. Company G found six N.V.A. bodies and equipment in the vicinity of YD 003629. Equipment uncovered included: green utility uniforms with 3d Battalion 24th stitched under the left breast pocket, three canteens, five entrenching tools, three picks, three shoes, one RPG casing, four rice bowls, four helmets, one pack, three chi-com grenades, 200 rounds of AK-47 ammunition, one RPG round, and six blocks of TNT. All ordnance was destroyed on the scene.

13 October. Company H reported roadsweep received seven incoming rounds of mortar fire in the vicinity of XD 997541. Rounds sounded like 60mm mortars and impacted approximately 200 meters northeast of the road. Suspected enemy mortar sites were in the vicinity of YD 004576 and were

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taken under fire by artillery and 81mm mortars. Area was later searched with negative results. The second platoon, Company E, located three mortar emplacements in the vicinity of XD 954649 at 131215H with four "flat-top" bunkers in good condition approximately one month old. A search of the area was made and the following gear was uncovered: two 82mm mortar rounds, one green smoke grenade, one used battle dressing and one "Chieu Hoi" leaflet. Company K (cepon 2/4) received thirty-five 82mm mortar rounds from suspected enemy in the vicinity of YD 018659. Artillery fire was called in on the grid and fixed wing flight was called on station. There were no Marine casualties and the results of the return fire were unknown.

22 October. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines with the exception of Company H stood down from combat operations in preparation for embarkation on 5 November 1969. Phase one training was conducted on care and cleaning of individual weapons and serialized equipment.

23 October. Company H reported a fuel truck moving around a crater in route # 9 detonated a mine blocking the roadway. A.O. searched the entire area with negative results. Mine was believed to be 40 lb. plastic type. Companies E, F, G, and H&S conducted training on Military Courtesy and Discipline, Information Program, care and cleaning of weapons/equipment and personnel inspections.

24 October. Company H observed an individual moving at long range and was unable to determine what individual was carrying. 60mm and 81mm mortars were fired. Movement was in the vicinity of XD 975554. Company H reported observing three persons moving past one of their ambush sites toward a draw in the vicinity of YD 009563. Company H personnel from ambush observed through starlight scope one N.V.A. working beside the road two other personnel remained in the draw; ambush was sprung with negative results. Search was made at first light uncovering three U.S. claymore mines believed to be used against the road sweep and one roll of comm wire. Other enemy ordnance included three chi-oom grenades and five blasting caps. All ordnance was destroyed. Companies E, F, G, and H&S conducted training on Military Courtesy and Discipline and care and cleaning of weapons. Rifle and personnel inspections were held.

25 October. At 251430H Company H received eight rounds of incoming mortar fire. Counter battery fire was initiated with negative results. Night ambush of Company H observed six N.V.A. moving along route # 9 in a northerly direction. Ambush was sprung and 81mm mortars were called in with unknown results. Companies E, F, G, and H&S conducted training on care and cleaning of weapons. Daily rifle and personnel inspections were held.

26 October. Company H received two rounds of incoming artillery fire that failed to explode. Holes made by artillery were approximately 8" in diameter and eight feet deep. Company H observed two N.V.A. moving through the trash pit at Elliot Combat Base at 262145H. Illumination was fired and xenon lights were employed to illuminate the area. Search team found negative results. Companies E, F, G, and H&S conducted Company Rifle and Personnel Inspections.

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28 October - 5 November. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines conducted phase two training, concentrating on embarkation and basic military subjects. There were three USO shows by various groups. Movies were shown every evening.

6 November - 14 November. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines conducted phase-two training concentrating on Okinawan orientation and continued basic military subjects training.

15 November - 17 November. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines conducted Okinawan troop indoctrination lecture. (total 9 hours).

17 November - 22 November. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines conducted training as required by 4th Marine Regiment; reference Regt. Dal 1540 3/HMB/wmh 30 October 1969 w/Ch. 1.

24 November - 29 November. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines conducted training in accordance with the Battalion Weekly Training Schedule.

26 November. Company H conducted training on swimming qualifications.

2 December. Company F conducted drownproofing at the enlisted pool.

4 December. Company E conducted hand-to-hand combat training at the athletic field.

6 December. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines conducted a awards ceremony and review at the Camp Hansen Parade Field, honoring the personnel of 2d Bn., 4th Marines. Forty-eight awards were presented.

8 December. Company H conducted swimming requalification at the enlisted pool. The Battalion hosted Second Lieutenants Dao Ngoc Ky and Vo Thang Sang, both of the Vietnamese Marine Corps. A training schedule was published and a host officer was assigned to assist them during their visit.

15 December. Companies E, F, G, H, and H&S attended classes on the introduction of tank-infantry tactics and coordination presented by 3d Tank Bn. Introductory classes on artillery and call-for-fire were presented by the 12th Marines.

22 December. Company E conducted field training in training area 3C, Hansen Ranges, for four hours on small unit tactics. Section leaders from M.C.B. 7 attended 2d Bn., 4th Marines classes on the 81mm mortar on 22-23 December 1969.

23 December. The Commanding Officer of the 2d Battalion, 4th Marines presented \$ 687.00 to the Ryukyuan-American Children Foundation Inc., at Christ The King School in Futenma Okinawa. The Battalion donation was received by the foundation President Mr. A. Caudron. Company F conducted field-training in training area 3C, Hansen Ranges, for four hours on small unit tactics.

24 December. Company G conducted field training in training area 3C, Hansen Ranges, for four hours on small unit tactics.

25 December. Company H conducted field-training in training area 3C, Hansen Ranges, for four hours on small unit tactics.

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29 December. Company F conducted a conditioning hike of 5.2 miles and night-field-training on squad tactics.

30 December. Company G and Company H conducted conditioning hike of 5.2 miles and night-field-training on squad tactics.

31 December. Company e conducted conditioning hike of 5.2 miles and night-field-training on squad tactics.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓1. Copies of Staff Journals. The S-3 Journal for the period is submitted with this document.
- ✓2. Originated Messages. All originated messages are submitted with this document. ~~FILED SEP~~
3. Copies of Operation Orders. No operation orders were issued during the period. All operations were initiated by fragmentary orders.
4. Combat After Action Reports. There were no combat after action reports submitted by this unit during the period.
- ✓5. Training Schedules. Unit Training Schedules for the period 22 October - 31 December are submitted with this document.
6. A newspaper article is submitted with this document.
- ✓7. A foreign officer training schedule is submitted with this document.

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