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Encl: ✓(1) 1st Battalion, 9th Marines Command Chronology for June 1967.

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

1st Battalion, 9th Marines

COMMANDERMajor D. J. FULHAM
1-21 June 1967
Lt. Col. R. J. SCHEMING
22-30 June 1967SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company

1st Lt. THOMPSON
1-30 June 1967

Company "A"

Capt. SLATER
1-30 June 1967

Company "B"

Capt. CURD
1-20 June 1967
Capt. COATES
21-30 June 1967

Company "C"

Capt. HUTCHINSON
1-30 June 1967

Company "D"

Capt. SASEK
1-30 June 1967ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

During the reporting period, the 1st Bn. 9th Marines was engaged in one major operation - Operation Cimarron in and around the vicinity of Con Thien and east to Gio Linh.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Major DANIELSON
1-30 June 1967

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2nd Lt. RAMIREZ
1-30 June 1967

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1st Lt. HOWELL
1-30 June 1967

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Major BEANS
1-23 June 1967
Capt. CURD
24-30 June 1967

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2nd Lt. BENEDICT
1-22 June 1967
1st Lt. BLUM
23-30 June 1967

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
34	1050	2	56

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During this reporting period the 1st Bn., 9th Marines was engaged in Operation Cimarron in the vicinity of Con Thien and eastward to Gio Linh.

From 1 June to 18 June 1967, the Battalion CP (-) and one company provided security for the Con Thien CIDG Camp while one company provided security for 11th Engineer personal and equipment engaged in widening the strip between Con Thien and Gio Linh. The remaining two companies conducted search and destroy sweeps throughout the battalion area of operation to screen the engineers from interferences. The companies were rotated among these missions.

During the period from 13 June to 30 June Company "D" was OPCON TO THE 4RD Bn., 9th Marines and operated north and northeast of Con Thien.

Incoming enemy artillery was a daily occurrence at Con Thien during this period. This initially caused numerous casualties. With the completion of new defense positions and bunkers, casualties became infrequent, although enemy harassing fire with artillery has continued on a regular basis.

The companies conducting search and destroy sweeps made periodic contact with small enemy forces of squad size. They also discovered numerous booby traps, bunkers and fighting positions which were destroyed.

On 7 June 1967 Company "B" was engaged with enemy forces of approximately squad size. This engagement started when the point squad of the first platoon, which was on a platoon size patrol, was ambushed by NVA forces using command detonated claymore type mines and automatic small arms. The point squad withdrew with their casualties under the cover of artillery fire. Shortly thereafter the remainder of Company "B" lined up with the first platoon and swept through the ambush site following air strikes and artillery fire. As Company "B" continued to sweep beyond the ambush site they discovered and engaged 4 NVA soldiers in an extensive trench line. This action resulted in the death of 1 Marine with 13 others receiving wounds. The enemy losses were 3 KIA confirmed and 1 captured MIA. The wounded NVA was medevac with the Marines.

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On 10 June 1967, while on platoon patrol, the 2nd platoon of Company "A" surprised an NVA ambush. The platoon deployed and engaged the ambush from the flank supported by 60 mm mortars. As the platoon swept through the ambush site they encountered and destroyed 5 claymore type and 5 multiple chicon type mines, all rigged for command detonation. This action resulted in two non serious Marine KIA's. The enemy losses were 1 KIA confirmed, 1 KIA probable and 1 captured KIA.

On 14 June 1967 a platoon from Company "B" patrolling in the vicinity of (190740) saw 2 NVA moving in a north westerly direction. As the platoon deployed to take the NVA under fire it hit two command detonated Chinese claymore mines. Three Marines were killed and 12 wounded by these mines.

On 18 June 1967 the widening of the strip to Gio Linh was completed by 11th Engineer unit.

From 18 to 30 June 1967 emphasis by the 1st Bn. 9th Marines was placed on search and destroy operations throughout the ZOA, with one company and the COC remaining at the Con Thien Complex.

On 24 and 25 June 1967, the 1st Bn. 9th Marines conducted a deliberate search and destroy operation to locate and destroy or capture enemy forces, supplies and equipment. Companies "A" and "D" and a small command group conducted the sweep while Bravo and the command group (-) continued to provide security for Con Thien Complex. Company "C" was utilized as a blocking force for the sweep. Enemy contact was light, yielding only 1 NVA KIA (confirmed) and 1 NVA KIA (probable). No friendly losses were incurred.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. 1st AF Organization committed to combat and the SEPa. Combat missions assigned.

- (1) Coordinate and provide security for the 11th Engineer personnel and equipment clearing a 600 meter strip between Con Thien and Gio Linh with a command group and battalion.
- (2) Be prepared on order to provide relief and reinforcement for Gio Linh artillery outpost, Cao Vieu facilities and Con Thien GIOP Camp in the event of an enemy attack.
- (3) Conduct ground surveillance and spoiling attacks throughout assigned OA with assigned forces, to detect and destroy infiltration of FVA forces.
- (4) Maintain security on route 561 in ZOA, by aggressive patrolling along flanks.
- (5) Provide security for mine sweep teams in ZOA.
- (6) Occupy and defend Con Thien Complex with a command group and battalion(-).

(b) Significant Operations Conducted.

- (1) 1 to 30 June 1967--Operation Cimarron.

(c) Casualties inflicted on the enemy.

KIA (confirmed)	47
KIA (probable)	58
PW WIA	01

(d) Casualties sustained.

USMC KIA	09	USM KIA	01
USMC WIA	89	USM WIA	02
USMC NBC	25	USM NBC	02

(e) New techniques employed. None.

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UNCLASSIFIED(f) Command relations.

1st Bn. 9th Marines was under command of its parent regiment throughout the period. "D" Company chopped CP CON to 3rd Bn. 9th Marines 13 June 1967 until 20 June 1967.

(g) Equipment.

- (1) During the month of June the 1st Bn. 9th Marines in perimeter defense of Con Thien Complex utilized Seismic Intrusion Devices positioned at 48 different locations around the perimeter. These devices were manned nightly to provide early warning against possible enemy attacks.
- (2) During the month of June considerable use was made of the AN/TPS-21. This radar set gave the unit much information on enemy movements, size of enemy units and their position. However, considerable difficulties were encountered in keeping the set operational. The set was only operational 50% of the time due to generator malfunctions, vacuum tube failures and a lack of spare parts.

(h) Logistics.

Throughout the period covered, routine resupply was by truck convoy and later in the period helicopters were used to support resupply operations for companies away from the MSR. Emergency resupply was by helicopter.

(i) Civic Action. None.(j) Administration. 21 June 1967. Lt. Col. R.J. Schening assumed command of 1st Bn. 9th Marines relieving Maj. D.J. Fulham.(k) Personal.

- (1) The following personnel were dropped or transferred by SR during the period.

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0	40	0	2

- (2) The following personnel were joined during the period.

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
6	151	0	11

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(1) Intelligence.

The following NVA units were believed to be operating in the AO during the month of June: Element of the 342B Division which included the 90th NVA Regiment, elements of the 341st Division including a report of one engineer battalion operating to the west and north west of 1st Bn, 9th Marines position. Captured documents dated 30 May 1967, found at VD 115721, identified one unit of 3rd Company 31st Battalion.

Most of the area north of our position is believed to be a logistical supply route serving most of the Giong Thi (P). Cam Lo areas. These work areas included storage facilities, an c camps and training camps.

The use of air support, air observation, contact patrols and the extensive use of the AH-1H/TH-21 unit enabled the Battalion to detect enemy activity in the area. Most of the activity was on a small scale level and these were generally detected early enough to minimize their success.

During the month of June, 23 different bunkers complexes were found and destroyed. They ranged from 2x2x4 to 2x3x10. Propaganda leaflets were found in bunkers and forwarded to the rear.

Most of the equipment captured or taken from the NVA was now and of a new type. In almost every case was found a gas mask, either the new Chinese issue or a crude but effective home made mask.

The AH-1H/TH-21 made 11 sightings of troop movement which resulted in either mortar or artillery missions being fired.

The Battalion Psy Ops Team coordinated the dropping of 250,000 leaflets on 20 June 1967 and 200,000 on June 22, 1967. The team was Chuoi Noi and conducted passes and suspension leaflets. The aerial drop cost to the NVA the a total of 2 1/2 hours broadcast time.

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(b) Communications.

During the month of June 1967, radio communications were enhanced by the attachment of a Radio Relay Team and an AM/ERC-27 between Con Tien and Dong Ha. Four channels were allocated to the battalion including two hot lines and two common users.

The critical lack of hand sets for the AM/ERC-25 has resulted in the loss of 40 of the battalions 75 AM/ERC-25 radios. We have had 40 of these hand sets on priority II requisition for over 45 days.

(a) Weather

During the month of June 1967 the weather was quite warm with high temperatures and high scattered clouds. Wind was generally out of the south west 8-17 knots. The average temperature was a high of 91 and a low of 70, however, the temperature seemed higher due to the high humidity. Only two days in June did it rain, and the location of our Coe makes it very difficult to operate wheeled vehicles heavily laden with supplies during the rain.

(c) Fire Support

Artillery support was used with good effect. Infantry support was provided by 2nd Bn, 12th Marines with Echo Battery providing direct support throughout the entire month. During the last half of the month, Charlie Battery 1st Bn, 12th Marines moved into the area and was also in direct support of the battalion. Both units did an excellent job in their respective roles. The Detachment F600 remained stationary during the entire month and all missions were planned and coordinated through the regimental F600 with no significant coordination problems encountered. The following number of rounds were expended during the month on combat missions in direct support of the battalion:

	105		4.2
76	MP	13	4E
1912	206	212	49

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During the month the battalions of mortars were worked into the defensive fire plan at Con Thien Con Son and also played a very important part in the nightly NVA raids.

Positions were prepared on the reverse slope for two of the heavier tanks. Their fire control was made in an indirect fire support role. After registration these weapons proved extremely accurate and were used in both long range fire missions and NVA's.

The M-42's will also be incorporated into the plan as soon as suitable positions can be prepared. The month ended with the Battalion still participating in "OPERATION CINDERELLA".

(c) Air Support

During the month of June 1967 close air support played a key role. Constant good weather allowed for 110 fixed wing sorties. This consisted of bombs, rockets, mortar and guns. Recon and aerial observation aircraft were used daily in support of the sweeping campaign. No aircraft were lost in support of the Battalion during the month of June 1967.

(c) Activations/Deactivations/reassignments. None.

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PLACE OPERATION CIMMARON (CON THIEN)	
FROM (Date and hour)	TO (Date and hour)

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TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
				JOURNAL OPENED		
	1100	5	011100	JUNE 1 Rug 2/ Reappoint 3 sum # 32		S-2
	0941	5	020941	JUNE 2 Rug/ Reappoint Sit # 1		S-2
	1255	14	021255	Rug 2 RR2 Request Roster of language qualifies		S-2
	1145	8	031145	JUNE 3 Rug 2/ Reappoint 2 Intsum #2 OP CIMMARON		S-2
1845		17	041845	JUNE 4 Reappoint 2/Rug 2- INTEL Report		S-2
2030		23	042030	SENATOR 2/ Rug 2 INTEL Report		S-2
0925		11	050925	JUNE 5 SENATOR 2/ Irontree 2/ INTEL Report		S-2
	0945	8	060945	JUNE 6 Rug 2/ Reappoint 2 Init sum # 5		S-2
0001			090001	JUNE 9 JOURNAL OPENED		S-2
	1700	10	101715	JUNE 10 Rug 2/ Reappoint 2 INTEL Report from Rug "B" -6		S-2
	1815	13	101815	Rug Units INTEL info.		S-2
2240		17	122240	JUNE 12 Reappoint 2/ Rug 2 INTEL Report		S-2
	2120	17	142120	JUNE 14 Rug 2/ Reappoint 2 INTEL Report		S-2
1945		23	151945	JUNE 15 Rug 2/ Rug 2 Code # for pass words		S-2
2335		24	152335	Reappoint/Rug INTEL Report		S-2
2122		50	292122	JUNE 29 RC/Rug Day Acts		S-2
0700		5	300700	JUNE 30 Rug 2A/ Rug 2- Sweep		S-2

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FROM (OPERATION) CIMMERON (DUN-THORN)

TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	05001H June 67 052400 HANOI (S)
IN	OUT				
				JOURNAL OPENED	
	0530	3	050530	Rug/Reappoint Sit Rep # 17 0530	File
	0800	5	050800	Rug/Reappoint Final Spot Rep #1 FMB	File
	0900	6	050900	Rug/Reappoint- Final Spot Rep #2 FMA	File
0925		11	050925	Senator2/ Irontree 2/ Intel Report	S-2
0930	Comment		050930	at 148682 100-150 Civilians spotted moving north	
1100		14	051100	C-Woods/ Rug- INTEL REPORT*	FILE
	1100	15	051100	Rug/Reappoint- FINAL Spot Rep #3 FMA	File
	1215	16	051215	Rug/ Reappoint Sit Red # 18	File
1226	Comment		051235	Spotter Plane Crashed in CP	Comment
	1245	17	051245	Rug/Reappoint Final Spot Rep # 4 FMB	File
	1320	18	051320	Rug/Reappoint Final Spot Report #5	
	1500	19	051500	Rug/Reappoint Initial Spot Report #6 FMRA	
	1900	23	051900	Rug/Reappoint Sit Rep # 19,1730 June 5th	File
1905		24	051905	Rug/3 All Stations Frag Order 5-67	File
	2315	29	052315	Rug/Reappoint Sit Rep No.20	File

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FROM (Date and hour) 070001 H June 67	TO (Date and hour) 072400 H June 67

TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps T-Troops S-Staff F-File
IN	OUT				
				JOURNAL OPENED	
	0530	1	070530	Rug/Reap Sit Report # 25	File
	0845	4	070840	Rug/Reapp. Initial Spot Report #1 From 14	File
	0709	5	070905	Rug/Reapp. Initial Spot Rep #2 From Rug A	File
	1010	8	071010	Rug/Reapp. Final Spot Rep # 3 From Rug A	File
	1015	9	071015	Rug/Reapp. Final Spot Rep #4 From Rug A	File
	1105	11	071105	Rug/Reapp. Initial Spot Rep # 5 From Rug Ba	File
	1150	12	071150	Rug/Reapp. Sit Rep # 26 071130 H June 67	File
	1350	13	071350	Rug/Reapp. Follow WP Spot Rep # 6 PM RugB	File
	1530	15	071530	Rug/Reapp. Follow L/P Spot Rep #8	File
	1435	16	071435	Rug/Reapp. Final Spot Rep # 7	File
	1630	19	071630	Rug/Reapp. Follow up Spot Rep From Rug A	File
	1715	23	071715	Rug/Reapp. Sit Rep # 27	File
	1925	25	071925	Rug/Reapp. Final Spot Rep # 9 FMB	File
	1955	29	071955	Rug/Reapp. Frag Order 7-67	File
	2010	31	072010	Rug/Reapp. Initial Spot Rep # 10 FMA	File
	2100	32	072105	Rug/Rug A Ref/R&R Quotas From "A" FWD	File
	2115	35	072115	Rug/Reapp. - Final Spot Rep # 12 FWR "B"	File
	2145	36	072145	Rug/Reapp. - Final Spot Rep # 13 FWR "B"	File
	0040	37	080040	Rug/Reapp. - Sit Rep # 25	File
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TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
				JOURNAL OPENED		
	0625	1	300625	Rug/Reappoint - Sit Rep # 117		File
0900	Comment		300900	Rug B Departed Con Thien		
0945	Comment		300945	Rug D Arrived Con Thien and Took Rug B Responsibility		
	Comment		301045	Received Incoming RDS. Spot Rep. # 1		
	1130	9	301130	Rug/Reap. sit Rep # 118		File
	1235	10	301235	Rug 2/Rug B S-2		File
	1315	11	301315	Rug/Reap. Final Spot Rep # 2 FMCB		File
45		12	301345	Rug/ B Rug Final Spot Rep # 3		File
	1520	13	301520	Rug/Reap. Final Spot Rep # 4 FMB		File
	Comment	14	301600	Rug "C" Departed for Dong Ha		
	Comment		301800	Received 4 incoming Artl. Rds.		
	1835	16	301835	Rug/Reap. Sit Rep # 119		File
	2025	18	302025	Rug/Reap. - Final Spot Rep # 6 From Rug CP		File
	2100	20	302100	Rug/Rug Frag Order # 5-67 # 30		File
	2330	21	302330	Rug/Reap. Sit Rep # 120		
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