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(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period of 1 June - 30 June 1968

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(c) DivO 5750.1A

Encl: (1) 1st Battalion, 9th Marines Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted. Also, Operation Order 6-68 (Operation Kentucky) and Frag Order 44-68 (Operation Kentucky), is enclosed in copy 1 only.

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1 June - 30 June 1968

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PART 1

ORGANIZATIONAL DATAI. DESIGNATION

1st Battalion, 9th Marines

H&S Company

Company "A"

Company "B"

Company "C"

Company "D"

Company "D"

COMMANDERSLt Col M.V. PALATAS
1 June - 30 June 1968Lt. M.J. WALKER
1 June - 30 June 1968Lt. W.L. LAMKA
1 June - 30 June 1968Capt. J.P. WILLIAMS
1 June - 30 June 1968Capt. R.H. FLAGLER
1 June - 30 June 1968Capt. J.W. GARGILE
1 June - 20 June 1968Capt. F. FRADLEY
21 June - 30 June 1968

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2. LOCATION: During the first half of June 68, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines were located at the following positions: Companies A and B at Thon Son Lam, Company C at the Khe Gio Bridge and Route #9; with the CP Group, Company A and Company D at Camp Carroll. On 18 June 68, the Battalion departed Camp Carroll for operations in the Cam Hung area in the vicinity of grid squares Y D 0960 to YD 1060. On 20 June, the Battalion returned to Camp Carroll. From 21 to 25 June, the Battalion operated in the Qua Valley area. On 25 1535H June 68, The Battalion CP Group and Company C moved to Camp Carroll. Company A moved to Dong Ha, Company B remained at YD 092514, and Company D at Quang Tri. As of 30 June 68, Company A is located at Thon Son Lam, Company B at YD 092514, Company C plus the CP Group at Camp Carroll, and Company D at Khe Gio Bridge area.

3. STAFF OFFICERS:

Executive Officer

Major W. W. DINGAR
1 June - 30 June 1968

S - 1

1st Lt. P.A. WOOD
1 June - 30 June 1968

S - 2

1st Lt. R.J. ARTOLEDA
1 June - 30 June 1968

S - 3

Major A. FERNANDEZ
1 June - 30 June 1968

S - 4

1st Lt. J.M. GEORGI
1 June - 30 June 1968

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1st Lt. R.J. ARTOLEDA
1 June - 30 June 1968

4. Average Monthly Strength:

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
31	1018	2	47

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

On 1 June at 1145, 1/9 Command Group with Company A departed Ne Ha at YD 270706 for Camp Big John at ID 279666 in which they spent the remainder of 1 June.

On 2 June, the Command Group and Company A were helolifted from Camp Big John to Quang Tri at YD 4702.

On 3 June, at 1150, Company C and Command Group A were helolifted from Quang Tri to Thon Son Lam. The lift was completed at 1215. At 1200, from there, Company C was moved by convoy to positions along Route #9. The Command Group was lifted to Camp Carroll at which they remained.

On 4 June, at 1140, Companies A and B were helolifted to Thon Son Lam, at which they set up positions and assumed responsibility for that area from elements of 1/4. At 1300, Company D moved by helicopter from Camp Big John to Camp Carroll. At 1530, Company D was assigned responsibility for the defense of Camp Carroll.

There were no significant activities or incidents on 5 June.

On 6 June, at 1030, Members of Company B, observed 2 indigenous personnel at grid YD 033554. Company B deployed 2 squads with 2 tanks to intercept the 2 Vietnamese. The 2 squads apprehended the 2 personnel, who were both dressed in utilities. They were not bearing arms but did have in their possession 2 metal spoons and 1 carton cigarettes. The 2 personnel were detained, given to 3d Mar Div G-2, and later released as innocent civilians. At 1200, 1/9 was released from the operational control of the 4th Marines and assumed by the 9th Marines. At 2055, a trip flare went off in the perimeter defensive wire, at which time, personnel warning the lines from artillery unit 1/12, observed 1 person immediately forward of their position, at grid YD 058548. 1 round of artillery illumination was called for and fired, but no further movement could be observed. At 2100, Observation Post North, at grid YD 059555, received 2 rounds of enemy sniper fire from the suspected enemy position at grid YD 054556. The incident was reported and the area was kept under observation.

There were no significant occurrences on 6 June.

On 8 June, at 1745, personnel of the 2nd platoon of Company C, located at grid YD 037566, began receiving small arms fire passing overhead. The forward observer with the platoon, called in an artillery mission on grid YD 034573. The first round was fired and hit 800 meters off target. At this time, the 2nd platoon commander and the company commander arrived at the 2nd platoon position. They determined that the source of the small arms fire was from a nearby Sea Bee unit, test firing their weapons, and immediately called for a check fire, ending the mission which had thus far fired only 2 rounds. No casualties were incurred by any friendly unit as a result of the incident.

On 9 June, at 0935, members of Company D's road security on route to Camp Carroll from Dong Ha, via convoy, received 3 rounds of sniper fire at grid YD 223601 from an unknown enemy position. The friendly units sustained no casualties and the convoy proceeded on to Camp Carroll. The incident was reported. Personnel on observation post NAN, located at grid YD 982558, sighted 2 personnel, well camouflaged, near the road at grid YD 937573.

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An 81mm mortar fire mission was initiated, expending 10 high explosive rounds on the enemy position. 1 squad from Company B was dispatched to search the area. No signs of the 2 men were found. 1 Sea Bee gravel truck heading east on Route #9, struck a road mine at grid YD 058657, at 1110. The vehicle was disabled but there were no casualties. Approximately 20 minutes later, a second Sea Bee truck, also heading east, attempted to pass the first truck and it also struck a mine at the same position. Both trucks burned as a result of the second mine. No casualties were sustained. At 1200, a bulldozer was dispatched to grid YD 058657, and removed the remains of the 2 vehicles from the road. At 1220, an engineer sweep team with 1 security squad from Company D, moved to grid YD 058657, and effected a sweep resulting in the detection of a 3d mine which was identified as a Russian made, anti-tank, pressure detonated, metal mine; approximately 1 foot in diameter and buried under 3 inches of dirt in the road. The mine was blown in place. Prior to the arrival of the sweep team, members of the 11th engineers observed and pursued 3 indigenous personnel in the area. The 3 people disappeared and were last seen at grid YD 065575. Due to the mine incident, a convoy at 1400, was held up on the road at grid YD 073572. This convoy came under an 82mm mortar attack of approximately 30 rounds. Owing to facts that at 1405 the road was reopened and the convoy had been widely dispersed. There were no friendly casualties as a result of the mortar fire. Friendly units at that time, called in fire mission on 3 enemy active mortar sites at YD 075587, 073577, and 075570 expending 56 rounds of 81mm mortar fire and 24 rounds of 105mm artillery fire, all giving good coverage of their respective target areas. An AO controlled by 1/9 at 1500 observed the enemy area. Later, 1 flight of fixed wing dropped 4000 pounds of ordnance on the enemy targets. The AO's Bomb Damage Assessment was 100% confirming 2 killed by air, enemy dead, 1 fighting hole destroyed and 1 secondary fire.

On 10 June, at 0830, the 2nd platoon of Company C received 2 rounds of 81mm mortar fire from the direction of Camp Carroll. However, a check of all friendly units in the camp showed no friendly 81mm mortar fire at that time. No friendly casualties were sustained as a result of the 2 rounds. At 1010, Company D, at Camp Carroll, received 2 rounds of enemy 75mm pack howitzer artillery fire from an unknown enemy position. There were no friendly casualties as a result of the incoming. At 2205, members of the 2d platoon of Company D, at Camp Carroll, observed a group of lights at grid YD 073518, moving east to west. 22 rounds of 81mm mortar fire were fired at the position of the lights, after which the lights could no longer be seen.

On 11 June, Company D's road sweep and security team for Route #9, at grid YD 041566, received 15 rounds of enemy 60mm mortar fire from an enemy position at grid YD 055586. 2 twin 40mm A/A vehicles immediately initiated fire on the enemy position. 105mm artillery then fired a mission on the enemy, providing excellent coverage of the target. The results were unknown. Company D sustained 4 wounded as a result of the enemy fire, 2 of which were medevaced. At 0945, an OP from Company D at grid YD 064570, observed 15 NVA troops at grid YD 064570. A 105mm artillery mission was called for and adjusted on the enemy position by the OP. The target coverage was good and the results were unobserved. The 2d platoon position of Company C, at grid YD 074574, at 1020, received 2 rounds of enemy 60mm mortar fire from grid YD 0658. A 105mm artillery mission was fired in the general direction of the enemy position with unknown results. At 1045, the 3d platoon position of Company C, at YD 089578, observed 2 indigenous personnel moving in a restricted area.

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8 warning shots were fired over the heads of the 2 persons, but they continued on. The 2 were then taken under small arms fire, resulting in the death of one, and the wounding of the second. The dead man was turned over to local civilians for burial, and the wounded one was taken to San Lo District Headquarters for treatment. At 1230, a vehicle from Company C, was traveling east along Route #9. While passing a convoy traveling in the opposite direction at YD 102576, the vehicle struck a Vietnamese girl who ran on to the road to pick up some food thrown from a truck. The girl sustained lacerations of the leg and was taken to San Lo District Headquarters for treatment. At 1930, Company B, while making fields of fire and clearing a landing zone just outside its position at YD 028763, discovered 1 wrecked aerial observation plane under thick foliage and undergrowth. The plane appeared to have been there 3 to 4 months. There were no signs of bodies. A description of the craft, its location, and its serial number was given to the 9th Marines.

On 12 June, at 0730, Company C, at Camp Carroll, received 9 rounds of enemy 82mm mortar fire from an unknown position. There were no casualties. At 0810, a squad patrolling from Company D, at grid YD 054562, received 4 rounds of enemy 82mm mortar fire from an enemy position at grid YD 055575. A 105mm artillery mission of 14 HE rounds was fired on the enemy position with excellent coverage of the target. At 0820, a command detonated explosive device was blown in a culvert as the road sweep team passed over it, resulting in 1 serious MIA and the destruction of the culvert. 40 rounds of 60mm mortar fire was initiated on the surrounding area. Traffic on Route #9 was held up pending correction of the culvert. At 1115, the culvert was repaired and the road opened. At 2215, members of Company C, 1st Battalion 44th Artillery, at Camp Carroll, observed moving lights at grid YD 063543. 9 rounds of 81mm mortar fire was fired on the area of the sighting, providing good coverage of the target with unknown results. No further sightings were made.

On 13 June, at 0800, a 105mm artillery mission, from D battery 2/12, on grid YD 074574, the 2nd platoon position of Company C, was erroneously cleared by 1/9 FSCG. After 1 round landed in the Company C's position, a check fire and end of the mission was given. The 1 round resulted in 2 non-serious concussion NBC's. At 2010, members of the 1st platoon of Company A at Camp Carroll, observed moving lights at grid YD 065592. An 81 mm mortar mission of 3 rounds of WP and 10 rounds HE were fired but an end of mission was given due to the inability of adjusting the rounds on target.

On 14 June, at 1800, a squad sized patrol from Company C found 1 mine while searching a Vietnamese hut occupied by 1 elderly woman at YD 096594. The mine was black with yellow markings and found hidden behind a bed. The woman claimed she found the mine lying in the area. The mine was taken outside and blown, in the process, 1 Marine was wounded by a fragment from the mine. No further action on the incident was taken.

There were no significant incidents on 15 June.

On 16 June, at 2105, members of 1/9 observed an active enemy 37mm anti-aircraft weapon firing from 3850 mls, unknown distance. This information was reported to the 9th Marines.

At 1630 on 17 June, 1/9 released responsibility for Tron San Lam, Route #9, and Camp Carroll to 1/3. The remainder of 17 June was spent on consolidation and preparation by 1/9 for operations to begin on 18 June.

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On 18 June at 0600, 1/9 was staged at Camp Carroll in heloteams in preparation for the battalion lift to operations in the Than Kin Don Binh and Van Ba Thung Village areas in the grid squares YD 0060 and YD 1060 and their surrounding areas. The helolift began at 0730. 3 landing zones were established. The areas were prep fired with artillery and screened by smoke from aircraft just prior to the battalions entering the area. Company A and Company D were lifted to the landing zone "WREN" at grid YD 077638, Company C and the command group with units of P&S, to LZ "GULL" at YD 035645 and Company and CO and Company B to LZ "OWL" at YD 001636. Prior to the completion of the lift, the battalion began receiving enemy 82mm mortar fire from as many as 3 enemy positions which were unknown, which did inflict friendly casualties. The lift was completed at approx. 0820. Enemy mortar fire continued. 1/9's units were unable to move from the areas pending the arrival of medevac helicopters. A total of KIA and WIA were sustained as a result of the enemy fire, the last casualty being evacuated at 1315. During the evacuation of casualties, Companies A and D had moved to positions at grid YD 084545. At 1150, the 2 Companies began receiving sporadic enemy sniper fire. Return fire was initiated and the exchange of small arms fire continued for approx. 50 minutes. Neither Company sustained casualties nor were there any enemy casualties confirmed.

From 1250 to 1310, 1/9 controlled fixed wing aircraft in strikes against enemy mortar positions resulting in the confirmed destruction of 6 enemy bunkers.

By 1545, Co. B moved to and secured objective "E", hill 124 at grid YD 076623. Co C moved to and secured objective "M", at grid YD 071621 at 1745 and set up defensive night time positions.

At 1815 Co. "D" and the CP received a resupply of water and 81mm mortar ammunition by 2 CH 46 helicopters. At the same time Co "D" on hill 124 received their resupply.

At 2322, Co "D" and the CP began receiving enemy 60mm mortar fire from 2 unknown enemy positions. 81mm mortars returned fire as artillery defensive fires were called in. "Spooky" flare ship was requested and arrived at 2330. Medevac helicopters were requested and arrived at approx. 2400.

By 0100 on 19 June, the last of the medevac helicopters departed. All of the 2 K.I.A. and 19 W.I.A. sustained from the enemy mortar fire were evacuated at that time.

At 0930, 1/9 departed its respective positions in route toward objective "F", Hill 52 at YD 092599.

During the movement, 1/9 was required to medevac a total of heat casualties, Company C reached objective "F" at approximately 1600. Company C moved to and past hill #52. Companies C and D and the command group, crossed the Cam Lo River and set in night time positions at grid YD 091505.

Companies A and B set up positions at grid YD 094598.

On 20 June, at 0730, the command group and Company D departed its positions of the previous night and moved to a point on Route #9, at grid YD 093576, at which they mounted vehicles for convoy to Camp Carroll. Companies C, B, and A then followed in succession. All units of 1/9 were consolidated in Camp Carroll by 1300. At 2330, Company B departed Camp Carroll and moved down to secure the landing zone areas in the Cam Lo Phuong Village area. For security for the helolift of the remainder of 1/9 into the Cia Valley for operations to begin on 21 June.

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On 21 June at 0530, Companies A, C, D and the CP moved to Camp Carroll landing zone to be lifted into the Qua Valley for operations there. At 0605, Company B spotted 4 VC whom they took under small arms fire, resulting in 2 VC KIA confirmed. The helolift was completed at 0645. The companies and the CP were situated in positions around the Cam Lo Phuons village to effect a cordon around it. An ARVN unit operating in conjunction with 1/9, was the sweeping, searching, and securing element in the village area itself. At 1100, Company C found 1 boobytrap at grid YD 107524, consisting of an M-26 grenade with a trip wire across the trail. The trap was blown in place. By 1115, the ARVN unit had swept through the village, taking 47 detainees, 20 of which were on the Black List, and found anti-U.S. propaganda and documents indicating that local VC use the village area nightly. At 1945, a psychological operation broadcast was made to the residents of the village, stating that the battalion was not there to harm any innocent civilians, and that rewards would be offered to anyone turning in VC weapons or equipment. At 2000, a Marine from Company A tripped a boobytrapped M-26 hand grenade from which he sustained non-serious wounds. At 2208, an LP from Company D heard an estimated 10 people moving 25 to 30 meters to their front. The LP then received 1 grenade and 1 round of small arms fire, and returned fire with 4 M-26 grenades and M-79 fire. When the LP returned, an 81mm mortar mission was fired on the enemy position, grid 100516, with unobserved results.

On 22 June, at 0220, the 1st Flt. of Co. "A" observed 6 V.C. moving from the village down the road. The Flt initiated small arms fire on the enemy. The later search of the area revealed 1 V.C.K.I.A., and 1 V.C.W.I.A. F.O.W., a woman N.V.A. nurse with a U.S. medical bag and supplies, 1 M-47 and 1 M-16.

At 0245, an ambush from the 1st Flt. of Co. "C" began receiving grenade and small arms fire. They returned to the perimeter and there was no return fire on the enemy.

At 0630, members of Co. "C" heard movement 10 meters forward of the lines and threw 1 M-26 in the direction of the movement. A later check of the area revealed 1 V.C.K.I.A. confirmed.

From 1130 to 1630, the battalion conducted MUDCAP activities in the village.

During the morning of 23 June, the search of Cam Lo Phuons and Tang Son villages continued. Resulting in the discovery of tunnels, rice and food caches, and the capture of 1 confirmed V.C. and detention of 9 V.C. suspects.

From the hours of 1100 to 1430, more MUDCAPS activities were conducted in the Rong Son Village.

In and around the area of grid YD 092542, Co. "B" located various V.C. caches, totaling 1700 lbs. of rice, 20 sets of civilian clothing and 4 P.F. uniforms. All of the findings were turned over to the A.R.V.N. force.

At 2000, an L.P. from Co. "A" moving into its night time position, tripped a boobytrap, suspected to be an M-26 or Chi-Comm. grenade. The trap resulted in 1 USMC W.I.A. who was medevaced.

On 24 June, Co. "A" and "D" moved to effect a blocking force around Mai Loc village at YD 110514 and the Mai Dam village at YD 102515, while A.R.V.N. units swept them. There were no significant incidents from this activity.

At 1052, a Marine from Co. "A" was checking a ravine in front of his lines at grid YD 099511, and detonated a boobytrapped 60mm mortar. The marine sustained wounds from the trap and was medevaced.

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At 1200, Co "C" dispatched a recovery team by helicopter, to recover the body of one Co. "C" personnel missing in action on 18 June. The body was located on 17 June by our TACP, using a helicopter to make a visual reconnaissance. The team was lifted to the body's position, recovery effected without incident, and the body taken to Dong Ha graves registration.

At 1400, 1 squad from Co "A" swept through Mai Lam village. At 1409512 they found and destroyed 6 well-constructed enemy bunkers. The squad also found and destroyed 2 punji pits in the same area.

At 1430, a pit, from Co "A" swept through a small village section at grid YD 102505 and found 3 enemy bunkers and approximately 50 meters of trench lines. The bunkers and trenches were estimated to have been constructed 3 days prior to their discovery. They were destroyed by the pit.

At 1730, 1/9 released operational control of Co "A" to 9th Marines.

At 2030, an L.P. from Com. "B" tripped a boobytrapped M126 grenade resulting in 3 M.I.A. medvacs. The evacuation was completed at 2120.

At 0905, on 25 June, 1/9 released operational control of Company D to the Quang Tri Base Coordinator at which time Company D was helolifted to Quang Tri. Company C departed the Cam Lo Phuong area and moved up road #558 to a position at grid YD 116570. In this position, Company C was picked up by convoy and transported then, via Route #9 to Camp Carroll. Company C arrived at Camp Carroll at 1515. The CP group was picked up by convoy in the Cam Lo Phuong village area itself and transported to Camp Carroll. The CP arrived at Camp Carroll at 1535. Company B remained in position in the Cam Lo Phuong area at grid YD 092514.

On 26 June, at 0600, 1/9 officially relieved 1/3 of responsibility of Camp Carroll, Thon Son Lam and Route #9 in the 9th Marines AO. At 2145, an ambush from Company B, observed 3 VC moving northwest across an open rice paddy. 8 rounds of 81mm mortar fire were called in on the enemy position, at grid YD 082512, with good coverage of target and unknown results. On 26 June, 1/9 with attached units with the command group and Company C at Camp Carroll, Company B in the Cam Lo Phuong area, Company L 3/9 at Thon Son Lam and Company K 3/9 in positions along Route #9.

On 27 June at 1030, Company C 1/4 arrived to effect the relief of Company L 3/9 in the Thon Son Lam area. Company C 1/4 assumed the responsibility at 1226. At 1330, Company L 3/9, departed Thon Son Lam via convoy on Route #9, arrived at Camp Carroll at 1400 and at 1500, relieved Company C 1/9 of responsibility of defense of Camp Carroll. At 1600, 1/9 released operational control of Company C 1/9, to 9th Marines. At 1730, Camp Carroll received 2 rounds of 75mm pack howitzer artillery from 5800 miles. Counter battery mission was fired with unknown results. 1/9 personnel at Camp Carroll observed an active enemy 37mm anti-aircraft weapon at 3850 miles at an unknown distance. No fire was initiated.

On 1500 on 28 June, Company C was helolifted to Camp Carroll and 1/9 assumed operational control over it. At the same time Company D was helolifted to Camp Carroll. At 1530, Company C relieved Company L 3/9 of responsibility of Route #9 in the 1/9 AO. At 1715, Companies K 3/9 and L 3/9 were helolifted from Camp Carroll at which time 1/9 released operational control of the 2 Companies to 3/9.

At 1600, a patrol from Company "B" at grid YD 110513, spotted approximately 1 squad of NVA, at grid YD 122515. A 105mm artillery mission was called in on the enemy position, after which

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the Co. "P" patrol swept through the area of the sighting and found several blood trails and bloody bandages.

At 1630, another squad sized patrol from Co. "P", at grid YD 118536 observed 3 NVA at grid YD 118534, but then lost sight of them. A check of the area of the sighting revealed NVA clothing, 2 E-tools, 1 helmet and cooking utensils, which were returned by the patrol and turned into S-2.

At 1715, the same patrol found a well camouflaged cave entrance at grid YD 109587. The cave was entered and searched revealing 2 bicycles, 1 Chi-Comm grenade, 15 links for 7.62 ammunition, 2 white pop-up parachute flares and vietnamese documents. The flares and documents were returned to S-2 and the remaining gear was destroyed.

On 29 June, 1/9 elements at Camp Carroll, at 1400, received 5 rounds of 75mm pack howitzer from an unknown enemy position, Artillery suppression fires were initiated on suspected enemy positions at TD 039602, 005515, 039601, and YD 983616 with unknown results.

At 1200, 1/9 was released by 9th Marines to the operational control of 4th Marines.

At 1630, the 1st plt of Co "C" at grid YD 060569 received 3 rounds of enemy 82mm mortar fire at grid YD 055585. 36 rounds of 105mm artillery were brought to bare on the enemy position providing excellent coverage of target.

On 30 June at 0010, the 3d plt of Co. "D", at YD 027571, received 5 rounds of suspected 122mm rocket fire from an enemy position on as as north of 6100mils at an unknown distance. No friendly casualties were sustained as a result of the rockets.

A squad sized patrol from Co. "B" at 0745, was taken under automatic weapons by approx 6 enemy troops at grid YD 125534. The squad returned fire and called in 81mm mortar fire on the enemy position. After the mission, the squad swept through the area and found 4 fighting holes, but no other signs of enemy activity. Later, at 0840, a member of the same patrol detonated a boobytrap which was suspected to be a 60mm mortar, at grid YD 111522, no casualties were sustained as a result of the trap.

At 0930, elements of 1/9 at Camp Carroll received 4 rounds of 75mm pack howitzer fire from 5800 mils at an unknown distance. Counter battery fire was initiated in the general area of the enemy position. There were no casualties resulting from the incoming.

At 1715, the daily convoy on route #9, at grid YD 0556, along the highway in that area, received small arms fire from both sides of the road, but sustained no casualties. Personnel on the convoy returned fire and an 81mm mortar mission from Camp Carroll was fired on the enemy positions. The convoy proceeded on.

Also at 1715, a patrol from Co. "B", at grid YD 102523, found enemy documents, letters and medical items hidden in a tree. The material was returned with the patrol and turned into S-2.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTSI. PMF ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTED TO COMBAT AND THE SELF.

A. COMBAT MISSION ASSIGNED: During this reporting period the 1st Battalion 9th Marines were assigned the following Missions.

1. CAMP CARROLL AREA: From 030001H June to 171630 June 1968 the Battalion Mission was to provide security for Camp Carroll, Thon Son Lam, Khe Gio Bridge and conduct road-sweep of Route #9 in our AO. Provide security for the CP work effort at the Rock Quarry (YD 063543) and to maintain strict control of the civilian (BRU) wood-cutters entering our AO. Also to conduct extensive patrols and ambushes to locate and destroy the enemy and interdict his lines of communications and supply.
2. QUY HUNG AREA: On 180600H June 68 the Battalion was engaged in the mission of search and destroy from grid square YD 0960 to YD 1060 which included the villages of Than Kim, Dau Binh and Van Ba Thung and the surrounding areas. The mission was completed on 201300H June 68 at which time the Battalion returned to Camp Carroll.
3. QUA VALLEY AREA: On 210001H June 68 to 251515H June 68 the Battalion's mission was to cordon off the village area of Cam Lo Phuong while an A.R.V.N. unit working in conjunction with 1/9 was to sweep, search and secure the village complex.
4. CAMP CARROLL AREA: From 260600H June 68 to 302400H June 68 the Battalion assumed the same mission it had at Camp Carroll at the beginning of June 1968.

B. SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS CONDUCTED: A Medcap was held in the Prua area of the Cam Lo Refugee Village in which a total of 60 persons were treated. A cordon was established around the Cam Lo Phuong village at 210645H June 68 by 1/9, while an ARVN unit operating in conjunction with 1/9, was the sweeping, searching and securing elements of the village area. One of the significant results of the 1/9 and ARVN cordon was the taking of 47 detainees, 20 of which were on the black list.

C. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY:

KIA (CONF)
12

POW
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D. CASUALTIES SUSTAINED:

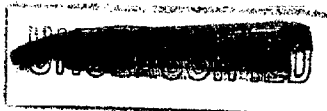
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USMC MIA: 87

USN KIA: 0
USN MIA: 5

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E. NEW TECHNIQUES EMPLOYED: None

F. COMMAND RELATIONS: During this reporting period the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines were under the operational control of the following units: 3d Marine Regt., 3d Marine Div., 4th Marine Regt., and 9th Marine Regt., Command Group Bravo.

G. EQUIPMENT: Organic motor transport at Dong Ha has been primarily engaged in resupply, administrative and message runs during the period covered by this report. Motor transport at Camp Carroll is used primarily for resupply and message runs to Dong Ha.

H. LOGISTICS: Supply operations during the month of June were centered around resupply of Battalion activities in the field. Several problem areas arose in regards to insufficient assets of individual equipment. However assistance was requested from Division Supply, and problems were eliminated with a minimum of time-expended. At the present time, no significant problem areas are foreseen. Sufficient assets of clothing and individual equipment, are on hand, to satisfy future requirements for a period of approximately 2-3 weeks.

I. CIVIL ACTION: A Medcap was held in the Preu area of the Cam Lo Refugee Village, a total of 60 persons were treated. Two Medcaps were held in the Delta 5 area with a total of 250 persons being treated. Personal assistance consisted of giving 2 boxes of assorted clothes, 50 bars of soap, 3 bags of flour, 1 bag of sugar to Father Co. of the Cam Lo Refugee village. Over 7000 bars of soap were given for distribution to the people, also old tires were given to be used in the Self Help Project.

J. ADMINISTRATION: Nothing significant to report.

K. TRANSFERS: The following personnel were transferred from this command.

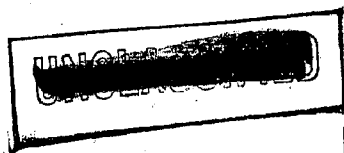
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L. INTELLIGENCE. During the month of June, the enemy units operating in the Battalion's Operating Area, consisted of the 1st Company of the 27th Independent Battalion, located in the vicinity of Cam Pung, and an unidentified infantry regiment, believed to be the 271st Regiment, located in the vicinity of YD 0643. These infantry units were supported by the 58th Artillery Regiment, located at YD 0664, and the 164th Artillery Regiment, which was generally employed along the DMZ.

The enemy's main effort during the first part of June were continued attempts to interrupt travel along Route #9 by the use of mortar fire and mining incidents. On the 8th of June, a gravel truck struck a mine at YD 068507. A sweep team sent to the scene discovered 1 unarmored Russian anti-tank mine, which had been wrapped in a poncho, to make detection difficult.

Due to the mining incident, a convoy became stalled and received 30 rounds of incoming mortar fire from YD 073577. Fixed wing was called on station, resulting in 2 downed. Another mining incident occurred on the 12th of June, when a command detonated charge was blown at YD 064570, destroying a culvert.

On the 14th of June, a Patrol from "C" Co. discovered a mine in the house of a Vietnamese National, in the village of Quet 74. There were several suspects in the area, but they managed to elude pursuit.

On the 18th of June, the Battalion moved to the northwest of the Three Sisters area to conduct a sweep and clear mission in the area north of Cao Lo. As the Battalion was lifted into the landing zone, they began receiving mortar fire from 250 deg. A and B Companies began moving to their objective area at YD 070494, and they both became engaged by automatic weapons and sniper fire from a bunker complex at YD 063833. In the ensuing action, B Co. had 7 MIA KIA (Conf) and captured 3 individual weapons, 2 crew served weapons, assorted documents and miscellaneous gear.

On the evening of 18 June, the Battalion discovered a bunker complex at YD 067608. Upon occupying the area of the bunker complex at 2130H, the Battalion came under mortar attacks. At this time, at YD 070643 A Co. received a ground probe. After the action, A Co. recovered 3 individual weapons, 1 crew served (82mm Mortar) weapon, miscellaneous gear and 1 MIA KIA (Conf).

On the night of 20 June, the Battalion began an operation to clear the Cao Valley. The enemy was made aware of the planned operation prior to its commencement, and the bulk of the population disappeared from the immediate village complexes. A Co., on the night of 22 June, made contact with a squad sized unit trying to reenter the village of Loc Linh, resulting in 1 VB/MIA KIA (Conf) and the capture of 1 POW (a VC/MIA female nurse), 1 M-47 1 M-16, medical supplies and documents. Also, as a result of A Company's contact, one of the enemy trying to escape from A Company, ran into C Co. lines and was killed.

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On the morning of 23 June, a search of Cam Lo Truong - Hong San Village complex was conducted. The search yielded 1 confirmed VC and the detention of 9 suspects. C Company a YD 092542 discovered a supply cache containing 1700 pounds of rice, 20 sets of Vietnamese clothing, 4 sets of Popular Forces utilities and some documents. On the 24th of June, A Company, clearing the village of Mai Dam at YD 099512, discovered 2 bunker complexes which had recently been used by the enemy. On 26 June the Battalion returned again to Camp Carroll.

At the end of the month, the enemy continued to harass Route #9 with mortar fire from the vicinity of Dong Kio and to fire occasional 75mm pack howitzer rounds from the vicinity of XD 9961 into the Camp Carroll complex.

M. WEATHER. During the month of June the temperatures ranged from the high 90's during the day to the low 80's at night. Skies were generally clear with scattered cloud cover and visibility of approx. 15 miles. Humidity was high and occasionally there were late afternoon showers.

N. COMMUNICATIONS. Radio was the primary means of communication during the month of June, due to the deployment of the Battalion. Few problems were encountered, except for the occasional overlapping of frequencies due to adjacent units. It was necessary at times to establish a relay station for optimum communications. Carrying a RC 292 proved invaluable in the field, and should be recommended for all units operating in this area.

O. ARTILLERY. During the month of June, artillery of the 2d Battalion, 12 Marines supported the Battalion in two operations:

In the Cam Hung - Three Sisters Area Operation, artillery laid heavy prep fires on landing zones and preliminary objectives before the assault landing. During the operation, heavy prep fires were put on the objectives as the battalion advanced. Enemy troops and mortars contacted, were fired upon, and heavy H&I plans and MDE's were employed at night while in position.

The entire month of June, artillery fired large H&I and TPT programs, covering the entire AO. Heavy suppression fires were used to cover the road sweeps and convoys on Rt. #9 in the Dong Ha mountain area.

P. AIR. During June the battalion made extensive use of helicopter support for flexibility of movement. Several times full companies were air lifted in support of other units. A battalion lift was on 21-46D and H&I gunships was executed 18 June. Prior to insertion, the landing zones were extensively prepped with High Drag Napalm and fragmentation bombs and smoke screens laid during insertion. In all 34 flights of fixed wing aircraft were used for close and direct air support during the three day operation.

During the day in the 1st 1/2 of night, skies were generally clear with scattered cloud cover and visibility of approx. 15 miles. Humidity was high and occasionally there were late afternoon showers.

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G-47 and G-130 aircraft were employed as gun and flare ships with nearly constant aerial observation provided by Marine F-4E aircraft. All personnel was helilifted to Chu Valley with a night rifle company movement. Landing zones were secured without prep and suppression fires. G-46, F-4E Mustangs and F-4E aerial observers were again utilized with the addition of Army G-2 "PSX-F" aircraft. During both battalion lifts the battalion commander was provided aerial observation of the Airlift and initial ground movements from a F-4E (SLUG) aircraft with the radio capability to interdict. Visual reconnaissance prior to movements was utilized to a greater extent in June than previous months. Availability of aircraft remains a problem. Resupply and passenger traffic having been delayed several times in June. Supply of aerial observers did not meet demand during June with unit commanders becoming more aware of the AG's spotting ability and inherent advantage of dictating enemy action.

Helicopter medevacs of Marine and NAVAC casualties during June were 19 KIA, 96 WIA and 78 NPC.

9. ACTIVATION/DEACTIVATION/REDESIGNATION. None.

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