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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A
(b) DivO 5750.1A

Encl: ✓(1) 2d Battalion, 9th Marines Command Chronology for the period
of 1-31 May 1967

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

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ANNEX A

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation/Location. 2d Battalion, 9th Marines, GOBI THANH TAN
1-16 May Dong Ha 16-31 May 1967.

2. Period Covered by Report. 1-31 May 1967

3. Name/Rank of Commanding Officer and Staff Including T/O Billet Assignments:

Commanding Officer	LtCol J. J. PEELER	1-31 May
Executive Officer	Maj B. J. HILL	1-31 May
S-1	2dLt P. A. PEARCE	1-31 May
S-2	2dLt T. F. O'TOOLE	1-31 May
S-3	Maj M. K. SHERIDAN Capt R. F. JOHNSON	1-21 May 22-31 May
S-4	Capt R. N. KINGREY	1-31 May
Comm Officer	1stLt E. R. COOVER	1-31 May
M. T. Officer	2dLt E. M. MYERS	1-31 May
Supply Officer	2dLt S. K. CUTHBERT	1-31 May
Medical Officer	Lt H. L. ROSENFELD	1-31 May
Chaplain	LCdr T. J. MCDERMOTT Lt N. D. CHASTEEN	1-6 May 7-31 May
Civil Affairs Officer	2dLt P. A. PEARCE	1-31 May
H&S Company	2dLt J. E. LASTOVICA	1-31 May
Company "E"	Capt W. B. TERRILL	1-31 May
Company "F"	Capt N. H. VINCENT	1-31 May
Company "G"	Capt R. W. MCGOWAN	1-31 May
Company "H"	Capt J. R. THOMPSON	1-31 May

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ANNEX B

S-1 CHRONOLOGY

1. General. The personnel situation is critical. At the end of the reporting period the battalion was short 12 officer and 169 enlisted personnel. Although the total shortage doesn't tend to indicate so, the battalion is presently 175 below authorized strength within Occupational Field 03. Overages in other occupational fields brings the total strength deficiency to 169. Losses anticipated during the forthcoming month will further compound this problem as the battalion is scheduled to lose one officer and 78 enlisted personnel through rotation. Officer and enlisted replacements, particularly in Occupational Field 03, are urgently needed.

a. Strength. The average monthly strength for the period ending 31 May 1967 was as follows:

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
35	1063	2	53

(1) Percentage of T/O strength was 93%

b. Losses

	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
Battle	3	191	0	7
Non-Hostile	1	102	1	10
Admin	5	216	0	3

(1) Of the battle casualties, 2 were DOW, 30 were KIA's and 169 were WIA's. Of the 169 WIA's, 49 were transferred by service records, 37 remain hospitalized and 83 returned to duty.

(2) Of the 114 non-hostile casualties, 21 were transferred by service records, 17 remain hospitalized and 76 returned to duty.

(3) Two officers and six enlisted rotated to CONUS. Two officers and 135 enlisted were transferred intra-Division. Five enlisted were transferred to Okinawa for duty. Transfer percentage was 14%. One USN enlisted was transferred intra-Division, one USN enlisted was transferred to Okinawa and one USN enlisted rotated to CONUS.

c. Replacements. This Command joined one USMC officer, 84 USMC enlisted, one USN officer and 10 USN enlisted.

d. Administration

(1) State of Morale. Morale remains outstanding.

(2) Significant Activities or Personnel Services. Due to operational commitments, very limited special services were conducted.

(3) Promotion. A total of 506 enlisted personnel were promoted; 158 to Corporal, 344 to Lance Corporal and 4 to Private First Class.

e. Discipline, Law and Order. One Special Court-Martial and one Summary Court-Martial were completed during this reporting period. A total of five personnel were awarded office hours by the Battalion Commander.

f. Mail. Mail service remains satisfactory.

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ANNEX E

S-4 Chronology

1. General. The logistical situation has improved in this battalion. This improvement is a direct result of the outstanding cooperation and help rendered this unit by the personnel of our parent regiment, mainly the Regimental S-4 Officer, the Officer and personnel of FLSU-1, the Ration Dump, Ammo Dump and the work of the Dong Ha ISA in its tireless performance of duty.

a. Supply. Significant shortages are (34) compasses, (200) first aid kits, (83) wrist watches, (1135) ponchos, (150) lamps incandescent (224) canteen covers, and (48) batteries BA-42. A short item at present is cleaning rods for the Rifle XM16E1.

b. Ordnance. Since the last reporting period the ordnance situation has improved. Currently we are "down" on the following weapons: (2) Flamethrowers, (2) 60mm Mortars, (28) Pistol Cal. .45, (17) Rifles 5.56mm M16 and (1) 81mm Mortar. The down items shown are either in for repair or on order.

c. Motor Transport. At present we have no vehicles deadlined for 2d echelon maintenance. We currently have (12) Trucks Utility M422A1 (Mite) operational, (6) are deadlined for engine repair at 3d echelon and (2) are on order. Truck Platform, M274A1 (Mule), (21) operational, (6) deadlined for engine repair at 3d echelon and (3) on order. Some difficulty still exists in obtaining repair parts, i.e., CV Joints, rear bearings and tie rods.

d. Comm-Elect. There is a critical shortage of the long antenna bases (50) for the radio AN/PRC-47 radios have been deadlined at 2d echelon for battery adapters since 17 December 1966.

e. Supporting Units

- (1) FLSU-1 provides the bulk of the logistical support.
 - (2) EOD support is provided by FLSU-1
 - (3) Engineer support comes from both the 3d and 11th Engineer Battalion.
 - (4) Truck support is provided by the 9th Motor Transport Battalion and is coordinated through the 9th Marines S-4.
 - (5) Helicopter support is received from MAG-16 and is coordinated through ISA-1 at Dong Ha for logistical lifts.
2. Camp Development. During this reporting period the battalion moved from the Chinook II area to Dong Ha. Since our arrival at our present location the only improvement has been the installation of a shower unit.

3. Operations. During this period the battalion has taken part in Operations Shawnee, Prairie IV, Hickory, also the battalion was involved in a move from the Chinook II area to Dong Ha. During this move the battalion used a total of 70 trucks with trailers to move 673 troops and 107,300 pounds of supplies and equipment.

4. Troop Movements. During the reporting period, 125 trucks moved 2116 troops in 4 lifts.

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ANNEX E

5. Logistical Lifts

a. During the reporting period, 48 helicopters moved 800 troops and 125,886 pounds of supplies in 111 lifts.

b. During this reporting period 11 trucks moved 11,500 pounds of supplies in 5 lifts.

6. Ammo Expenditure for the Month of May

<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>
Shotgun, 12 guage	200
7.62 Linked	36060
30 Cal. Match	100
45 Cal. Ball	275
50 Cal. Tracer	1500
40MM HE M406	3272
60MM HE	5440
60MM Illum	75
60MM W. P.	15
81MM HE	2660
81MM Illum	46
81MM HE, 362A	490
Grenade, Hand Frag.	1500
Grenade, Hand Illum.	208
Grenade, Hand Riot CS-M25A2	25
Grenade, Hand W. P. M-15	20
Grenade, Hand Smoke Green M18	840
Grenade, Hand Smoke Yellow M18	96
Grenade, Hand Smoke Red M18	10
Rocket 3.5 Heat M28	224
Rocket 3.5 W. P.	302
Mine Ap-M18A1	6
Sig. Illum Grenade Star Para.	100
Sig. Illum White Para.	144
Sig. Grenade Star Cluster	25
Sig. White Star Cluster	24
5.56MM Ball	66800
Flare Surface Trip M49A1	72
Cap Blasting Non Elec.	700
Cord Det. in Ft.	4000
Fuze Blasting Timed	6000
Demo, C-4, M37 in Kits	17000
Igniter for Timed Fuze	200

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ANNEX G

Medical Chronology1. General

- a. During the month of May, the BAS personnel held military sick call for 716 Marine Corps Personnel.
- b. MEDCAP was not held during the month of May, due to operational commitments.

2. Sanitation

- a. Routine sanitation inspections of the Shawnee area were conducted on a daily basis.
- b. Messing areas, Latrines, and Urinals were sprayed with insecticide on a daily basis.
- c. Sanitation inspections of the DONG HA area will commence as soon as the battalion is completely set up for messing, berthing, etc.

3. Disease, Injuries, Treatments in General

- a. The BAS continues to maintain an eight bed ward for minor injuries. This ward enabled the BAS to render more effective treatment. Personnel requiring more extensive treatment were referred to 3d Medical Battalion for hospitalization, treatment, and for possible further evaluation.
- b. Most of the patients treated at the BAS for the month of May were of a routine nature. There were four (4) cases of Malaria. The Battalion remains on a once weekly Primaquine and Chloroquine tablet as a preventive against Malaria, plus utilization of insect repellent and mosquito netting.

4. Casualties and Hospitalization. There were 46 personnel from the battalion hospitalized during the month of May. 6 of these were referred admissions to Medical Companies and 40 were BAS admissions. Of those patients hospitalized; 27 were heat prostrations, 12 fever unknown origin, 4 malaria, and 3 cutaneous fungus infection. There were 30 KIA's, 2 DOW's, and 169 WIA's during the month, all of which were a result of direct enemy action.

5. Training. Informal discussions were held in the BAS by the Battalion Surgeon on heat casualties. Five Venereal Disease and Personal Hygiene Lectures were conducted by BAS personnel.

6. Health and Service Records. Routine maintenance and immunization entries of health records was accomplished during the month. There were approximately 350 immunizations administered.

7. Compliment of BAS. At the close of the month the BAS had a compliment of 1 Medical Officer and 55 Hospital Corpsmen. There are 8 SNCO's attached to the BAS at this time.

8. Conclusion. There were no major problems during the month.

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ANNEX F

COMMUNICATIONS CHRONOLOGY

1. General. The communications platoon furnished radio, wire, message center, repair, and maintenance support for the Battalion and all attached units during the month. The Battalion has relocated twice, changed operational control and participated in three (3) major operations (Shawnee II, Hickory, and Prairie IV). Electric power was supplied using organic equipment.
2. Support. The platoon supplied the battalion with equipment and operators for the recon squads, for medical civilian assistance programs and solatium payments. Companies were supported with a wire man and extra telephones. The Battalion was supported with as many as three (3) command posts at one time. The 4th Marine Regiment was supported with the loan of radios, teletype, and battery charging equipment. The 2d Battalion, 26th Marines was supported with the loan of two (2) AN/PRC-41 radios, one (1) AN/GRA-39 remote control unit, four (4) AN/PRC-10 radio sets, two (2) SB-22/PT switchboards, and twelve (12) telephones. The message center section supported the rifle companies and the command group by delivering codes, ciphers, and radio accessories.
3. Telephonic Communications. The wire section of the battalion maintained a minimum of two (2) command posts throughout the month. Removal of the wire installation in the 4th Marines operating area was completed during this time. Installation and removal of the initial CP in Dong Ha was completed, and the installation in the new Dong Ha area is being completed.
4. Training. The communications platoon had no formal classroom instruction during May due to operational commitments. The platoon provided instruction for radio operators, and cross trained some of its members. A two (2) to five (5) day schedule for training of company radio operators was continued and most have completed this training.
5. Operations. During the month the communications platoon supported the battalion in three (3) code-named operations, Shawnee II, Hickory, and Prairie IV. The platoon gave support as riflemen as well as communications personnel. Men were placed in CP security squads and the 106 platoon to augment these units. At the end of the reporting period the platoon was supporting two (2) battalion command posts and a separate company command post. Equipment and men have been earmarked to augment the 9th Regiment in the establishment of an alternate regimental command post.
6. Difficulties. Heavy commitments have caused a drain on men and equipment. This platoon is short 25% of the T/O in radio operators, and is missing a large number of accessories for the AN/PRC-25 radio sets. These difficulties, while surmountable, do reduce the effectiveness of the platoon.

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ANNEX H

Chaplains Chronology

Chaplain CHASTEEN relieved Chaplain MCDERMOTT on 8 May 1967 as Battalion Chaplain. Protestant services were held in the field on the 14th, 21st, and 28th of May. Catholic services were provided on 28 May by Chaplain RYAN.

The Chaplains operated in the field with the Battalion through Operations Shawnee II, Prairie IV, and Hickory and rendered service to the personnel of the Battalion on those operations.

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2 May 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: SC-1)
Subj: Personnel Weekly Summary

1. The below information is correct for the period ending 2400, 1 May 1967

	ON HAND STRENGTH				NON-EFFECTIVES				
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN		
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	LOC
H&S CO	18	333	1	53	2	20	0	1	Phu Bai
Co "E"	4	203	0	0	1	9	0	0	"
Co "F"	5	204	0	0	1	10	0	0	"
Co "G"	4	209	0	0	1	18	0	0	"
Co "H"	<u>5</u>	<u>207</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>"</u>
TOTAL	36	1156	1	53	5	66	0	1	"

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3 May 1967

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: SC-1)
 Subj: Personnel Weekly Summary

1. The below information is correct for the period ending 2400, 2 May 1967

	ON HAND STRENGTH				NON-EFFECTIVES				
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN		
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	LOC
H&S CO	18	333	1	53	1	20	0	1	Phu Bai
Co "E"	4	204	0	0	1	9	0	0	"
Co "F"	5	204	0	0	1	10	0	0	"
Co "G"	4	²⁰⁹ 200	0	0	1	14	0	0	"
Co "H"	<u>5</u>	<u>207</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>"</u>
TOTAL	36	1156 1157	1	53	4	65	0	1	"

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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: SC-1)
 Subj: Personnel Weekly Summary

1. The below information is correct for the period ending 2400, 3 May 1967

	ON HAND STRENGTH				NON-EFFECTIVES					
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN			
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	LOC	
H&S CO	18	333	1	53	1		18	0	1	Plm Bai
Co "E"	4	204	0	0	1		9	0	0	" "
Co "F"	5	204	0	0	1		8	0	0	" "
Co "G"	4	206	0	0	1		15	0	0	" "
Co "H"	<u>5</u>	<u>206</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>11</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	" "
TOTAL	36	1153	1	53	4		51	0	1	

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5 May 1967

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: SC-1)
 Subj: Personnel Weekly Summary

1. The below information is correct for the period ending 2400, 4 May 1967

	ON HAND STRENGTH				NON-EFFECTIVES					
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN			
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	LOC	
H&S CO	18	333	1	53	1	18	0	1	Phu Bai	
Co "E"	4	204	0	0	1	9	0	0	"	
Co "F"	5	204	0	0	1	9	0	0	"	
Co "G"	4	206	0	0	1	16	0	0	"	
Co "H"	<u>4</u>	<u>205</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	"	
TOTAL	35	1152	1	53	4	64	0	1	"	

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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: SC-1)
 Subj: Personnel Weekly Summary

1. The below information is correct for the period ending 2400, 5 May 1967

	ON HAND STRENGTH				NON-EFFECTIVES				
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN		
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	LOC
H&S CO	18	283	1	53	1	42	0	1	Phu Bai
Co "E"	4	193	0	0	1	9	0	0	" "
Co "F"	5	195	0	0	1	11	0	0	" "
Co "G"	4	199	0	0	1	10	0	0	" "
Co "H"	4	192	0	0	0	6	0	0	" "
TOTAL	35	1062	1	53	4	40	0	1	

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~~7 May 1967~~

From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: SC-1)

Subj: Personnel Weekly Summary

1. The below information is correct for the period ending 2400, ~~6 May 1967~~

	ON HAND STRENGTH				NON-EFFECTIVES				
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN		
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	LOC
H&S CO	17	289	1	53	1	4	0	1	Phu Bai
Co "E"	4	193	0	0	1	9	0	0	"
Co "F"	5	195	0	0	1	11	0	0	"
Co "G"	4	199	0	0	1	11	0	0	"
Co "H"	4	192	0	0	0	7	0	0	"
TOTAL	34	1068	1	53	4	42	0	1	"

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	ON HAND STRENGTH				NON-EFFECTIVES					
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN			
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	LOC	
H&S CO	17	290	1	53	1	4	0	1	Phu Bai	
Co "E"	4	193	0	0	1	11	0	0	" "	
Co "F"	5	193	0	0	1	10	0	0	" "	
Co "G"	4	200	0	0	1	12	0	0	" "	
Co "H"	4	190	0	0	0	7	0	0	" "	
TOTAL	34	1066	1	53	4	44	0	1		

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9 May 1967

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: SC-1)
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1. The below information is correct for the period ending 2400, 8 May 1967

	ON HAND STRENGTH				NON-EFFECTIVES				
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN		
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	LOC
H&S CO	17	286	1	51	1	11	0	1	Phu Bai
Co "E"	4	193	0	0	1	11	0	0	" "
Co "F"	5	193	0	0	1	10	0	0	" "
Co "G"	4	200	0	0	1	12	0	0	" "
Co "H"	4	189	0	0	0	8	0	0	" "
TOTAL	34	1061	1	51	4	52	0	1	Phu Bai

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	ON HAND STRENGTH				NON-EFFECTIVES				
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN		
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	LOC
H&S CO	17	286	1	51	1	8	0	2	Phu Bai
Co "E"	4	193	0	0	1	10	0	0	"
Co "F"	5	192	0	0	1	10	0	0	"
Co "G"	4	200	0	0	1	16	0	0	"
Co "H"	4	190	0	0	0	7	0	0	"
TOTAL	34	1061	1	51	4	51	0	2	"

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To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: SC-1)

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1. The below information is correct for the period ending 2400, 10 May 1967

	ON HAND STRENGTH				NON-EFFECTIVES				
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN		
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	LOC
H&S CO	17	284	1	51	1	6	0	1	Phu Bai
Co "E"	4	193	0	0	1	10	0	0	"
Co "F"	5	192	0	0	1	12	0	0	"
Co "G"	4	200	0	0	1	15	0	0	"
Co "H"	4	191	0	0	0	8	0	0	"
TOTAL	34	1060	1	51	4	51	0	1	"

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1. The below information is correct for the period ending 2400, 11 May 1967

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	USMC		USN		USMC		USN		
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	LOC
H&S CO	17	285	1	51	1	6	0	1	Phu Bai
Co "E"	4	193	0	0	1	9	0	0	" "
Co "F"	5	192	0	0	1	12	0	0	" "
Co "G"	4	200	0	0	1	15	0	0	" "
Co "H"	4	191	0	0	0	11	0	0	" "
TOTAL	34	1061	1	51	4	53	0	1	Phu Bai

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13 May 1967

From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: SC-1)

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1. The below information is correct for the period ending 2400, 12 May 1967

	ON HAND STRENGTH				NON-EFFECTIVES				
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN		
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	LOC
H&S CO	17	285	1	51	1	7	0	1	Phu Bai
Co "E"	4	193	0	0	1	9	0	0	"
Co "F"	5	192	0	0	1	13	0	0	"
Co "G"	4	200	0	0	1	15	0	0	"
Co "H"	4	191	0	0	0	2	0	0	"
TOTAL	34	1061	1	51	4	53	0	0	"

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~~13 MAY 1967~~

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: SC-1)
 Subj: Personnel Weekly Summary

1. The below information is correct for the period ending 2400, 13 MAY 1967

	ON HAND STRENGTH				NON-EFFECTIVES				
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN		
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	LOC
H&S CO	17	285	2	52	1	7	0	1	Phu Bai
Co "E"	4	193	0	0	1	11	0	0	" "
Co "F"	5	192	0	0	1	13	0	0	" "
Co "G"	4	199	0	0	1	16	0	0	" "
Co "H"	4	191	0	0	0	6	0	0	" "
TOTAL	34	1060	2	52	4	53	0	1	Phu Bai

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15 May 1967

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: SC-1)
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1. The below information is correct for the period ending 2400, 14 May 1967

	ON HAND STRENGTH				NON-EFFECTIVES				
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN		
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	LOC
H&S CO	17	285	2	52	1	7	0	1	Phu Bai
Co "E"	4	193	0	0	1	11	0	0	"
Co "F"	5	191	0	0	1	13	0	0	"
Co "G"	4	199	0	0	1	15	0	0	"
Co "H"	4	191	0	0	0	8	0	0	"
TOTAL	34	1059	2	52	4	54	0	1	"

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16 May 1967

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: SC-1)
 Subj: Personnel Weekly Summary

1. The below information is correct for the period ending 2400, 15 May 1967

	ON HAND STRENGTH				NON-EFFECTIVES				
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN		
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	LOC
H&S CO	17	284	2	52	1	7	0	1	Phu Bai
Co "E"	4	193	0	0	1	10	0	0	"
Co "F"	5	187	0	0	1	13	0	0	"
Co "G"	4	194	0	0	1	11	0	0	"
Co "H"	4	187	0	0	0	8	0	0	"
TOTAL	34	1045	2	52	4	49	0	1	"

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17 MAY 1967

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: SC-1)
 Subj: Personnel Weekly Summary

1. The below information is correct for the period ending 2400, 16 May 1967

	ON HAND STRENGTH				NON-EFFECTIVES				LOC	
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN			
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	Phu Bai	
H&S CO	17	283	2	52	1	7	0	1		
Co "E"	4	193	0	0	1	10	0	0	"	"
Co "F"	5	185	0	0	1	13	0	0	"	"
Co "G"	4	194	0	0	1	14	0	0	"	"
Co "H"	4	186	0	0	1	9	0	0	"	"
TOTAL	34	1041	2	52	5	53	0	1	"	"

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18 May 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: SC-1)
Subj: Personnel Weekly Summary

1. The below information is correct for the period ending 2400, 17 May 1967

	ON HAND STRENGTH				NON-EFFECTIVES					
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN		LOC	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	Phu	Bai
H&S CO	17	281	2	52	3	6	0	3		
Co "E"	4	193	0	0	1	12	0	0	"	"
Co "F"	5	184	0	0	1	14	0	0	"	"
Co "G"	4	194	0	0	1	15	0	0	"	"
Co "H"	<u>4</u>	<u>186</u> ¹⁸⁵	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	"	"
TOTAL	34	1035 1037	2	52	7	55	0	3		

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19 May 1967

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: SC-1)
 Subj: Personnel Weekly Summary

1. The below information is correct for the period ending 2400, 18 May 1967

	ON HAND STRENGTH				NON-EFFECTIVES				LOC	
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN			
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL		
H&S CO	17	281	2	52	1	4	0	1	Phu Bai	
Co "E"	4	191	0	0	1	12	0	0	" "	
Co "F"	5	189	0	0	1	12	0	0	" "	
Co "G"	4	194	0	0	1	25	0	0	" "	
Co "H"	4	191	0	0	1	16	0	0	" "	
TOTAL	34	1046	2	52	5	69	0	1	" "	

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20 May 1967

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: SC-1)
 Subj: Personnel Weekly Summary

1. The below information is correct for the period ending 2400, 19 May 1967

	ON HAND STRENGTH				NON-EFFECTIVES				
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN		
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	LOC
H&S CO	17	280	2	52	1	3	0	2	Phu Bai
Co "E"	4	191	0	0	1	18	0	0	"
Co "F"	5	189	0	0	1	15	0	0	"
Co "G"	4	193	0	0	1	23	0	0	"
Co "H"	<u>4</u>	<u>191</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>"</u>
TOTAL	34	1044	2	52	4	99	0	2	"

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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: SC-1)
 Subj: Personnel Weekly Summary

1. The below information is correct for the period ending 2400, 20 May 1967

	ON HAND STRENGTH				NON-EFFECTIVES				LOC	
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN			
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL		
H&S CO	17	279	2	52	1	7	0	2	Fm Bai	
Co "E"	4	190	0	0	1	14	0	0	" "	
Co "F"	5	188	0	0	1	22	0	0	" "	
Co "G"	4	193	0	0	1	23	0	0	" "	
Co "H"	4	188	0	0	1	32	0	0	" "	
TOTAL	34	1038	2	52	5	105	0	2		

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22 May 1967

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: SC-1)
 Subj: Personnel Weekly Summary

1. The below information is correct for the period ending 2400, 21 May 1967

	ON HAND STRENGTH				NON-EFFECTIVES					
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN		LOC	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	Phu Bai	
H&S CO	17	279	2	51	1	5	0	3		
Co "E"	4	190	0	0	1	14	0	0	"	"
Co "F"	5	180	0	0	1	19	0	0	"	"
Co "G"	4	193	0	0	1	25	0	0	"	"
Co "H"	3	174	0	0	0	25	0	0	"	"
TOTAL	33	1016	2	51	4	88	0	3		

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23 May 1967

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: SC-1)
 Subj: Personnel Weekly Summary

1. The below information is correct for the period ending 2400, 22 May 1967

	ON HAND STRENGTH				NON-EFFECTIVES				
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN		
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	LOC
H&S CO	16	279	2	54	0	5	0	4	Quang Tri
Co "E"	4	188	0	0	0	14	0	0	Quang Tri
Co "F"	5	179	0	0	0	23	0	0	Quang Tri
Co "G"	4	193	0	0	0	24	0	0	Phu Bai
Co "H"	3	¹⁷⁷ 176	0	0	0	29	0	0	Quang Tri
TOTAL	32	1075	2	54	0	96	0	4	

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24 May 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: SC-1)
Subj: Personnel Weekly Summary

1. The below information is correct for the period ending 2400, 23 May 1967

	ON HAND STRENGTH				NON-EFFECTIVES				
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN		
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	LOC
H&S CO	16	279	2	54	0	9	0	5	Quang Tri
Co "E"	4	187	0	0	0	14	0	0	Quang Tri
Co "F"	5	179	0	0	0	23	0	0	Quang Tri
Co "G"	4	193	0	0	1	21	0	0	Quang Tri Phu Bai
Co "H"	3	176	0	0	0	28	0	0	Quang Tri
TOTAL	32	1061 1014	2	54	1	95	0	5	

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25 May 1967

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: SC-1)

Subj: Personnel Weekly Summary

1. The below information is correct for the period ending 2400, 24 May 1967

	ON HAND STRENGTH				NON-EFFECTIVES				
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN		
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	LOC
H&S CO	15	249	2	54	0	10	0	4	Quang Tri
Co "E"	4	187	0	0	0	14	0	0	Quang Tri
Co "F"	5	175	0	0	0	23	0	0	Quang Tri
Co "G"	4	193	0	0	0	28	0	0	Fhu Bai
Co "H"	3	175	0	0	0	27	0	0	Quang Tri
TOTAL	31	1009	2	54	0	102	0	4	

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26 May 1967

From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: SC-1)

Subj: Personnel Weekly Summary

1. The below information is correct for the period ending 2400, 25 May 1967

	ON HAND STRENGTH				NON-EFFECTIVES				
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN		
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	LOC
H&S CO	15	277	2	54	0	10	0	4	Quang Tri
Co "E"	4	187	0	0	0	16	0	0	Quang Tri
Co "F"	5	173	0	0	0	20	0	0	Quang Tri
Co "G"	4	192	0	0	0	40	0	0	Phu Bai
Co "H"	<u>3</u>	<u>173</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Quang Tri
TOTAL	31	1002	2	54	0	110	0	4	

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27 May 1967

From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: SC-1)

Subj: Personnel Weekly Summary

1. The below information is correct for the period ending 2400, 26 May 1967

	ON HAND STRENGTH				NON-EFFECTIVES				LOC
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN		
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	
H&S CO	15	276	2	54	0	10	0	4	Quang Tri
Co "E"	4	187	0	0	0	22	0	0	"
Co "F"	5	173	0	0	0	21	0	0	"
Co "G"	4	193	0	0	0	40	0	0	Phu Bai
Co "H"	3	173	0	0	0	28	0	0	Quang Tri
TOTAL	31	1002	2	54	0	121	0	4	

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28 May 1967

From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: SC-1)

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1. The below information is correct for the period ending 2400, 27 May 1967

	ON HAND STRENGTH				NON-EFFECTIVES				
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN		
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	LOC
H&S CO	15	278	2	54	0	10	0	4	Quang Tri
Co "E"	4	187	0	0	0	20	0	0	Quang Tri
Co "F"	5	172	0	0	0	19	0	0	Quang Tri
Co "G"	4	191	0	0	0	37	0	0	Phu Bai
Co "H"	3	173	0	0	0	26	0	0	Quang Tri
TOTAL	31	1001	2	54	0	112	0	4	

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29 May 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: SC-1)

Subj: Personnel Weekly Summary

1. The below information is correct for the period ending 2400, 28 May 1967

	ON HAND STRENGTH			NON-EFFECTIVES			USN		LOC
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	
H&S CO	15	278	2	56	0	10	0	4	Quang Tri
Co "E"	4	187	0	0	0	8	0	0	Quang Tri
Co "F"	5	172	0	0	0	18	0	0	Quang Tri
Co "G"	4	191	0	0	0	37	0	0	Phu Bai
Co "H"	3	172	0	0	0	26	0	0	Quang Tri
TOTAL	31	1000	2	56	0	99	0	4	

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30 May 1967

From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: SC-1)

Subj: Personnel Weekly Summary

1. The below information is correct for the period ending 2400, 29 May 1967

	ON HAND STRENGTH				NON-EFFECTIVES				
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN		
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	LOC
H&S CO	16	278	2	57	0	11	0	4	Quang Tri
Co "E"	4	187	0	0	0	20	0	0	Quang Tri
Co "F"	5	171	0	0	0	16	0	0	Quang Tri
Co "G"	4	191	0	0	0	31	0	0	Pinh Bai
Co "H"	3	172	0	0	0	29	0	0	Quang Tri
TOTAL	32	999	2	57	0	107	0	4	

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ANNEX C

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Shawnee 1-16 May
 16-17 Prairie IV
 18-28 Hickory
 29-31 Prairie IV

1. General. During the period 1-31 May, the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines participated in three major operations against Communist Insurgent Forces. During the period 010001H-161000H May this unit participated in Operation Shawnee in the Hai Lang Mountains (YD 3138) under the Operational Control of the 4th Marines. During the period 161000H-170001H and 290001H-312400H this unit participated in Operation Prairie IV. From 170001H to 282400H the Battalion participated in Operation Hickory. During the last two operations this unit was under the Operational Control of the 9th Marines. Both operations took place in Quang Tri Province. As this unit operated in two separate areas (Hai Long Mountains and just south of the DMZ in Quang Tri Province) dual subparagraphs will be used in the below paragraphs. The first will be for the periods of Operation Shawnee and the second for Operation Hickory and Prairie IV, the dates being noted above.

a. Area.

(1) The area of Operation Shawnee was bounded on the south by east-west grid line 33. On the west by a line 1000 meters east of and parallel to the Song Nhung River. On the east by a line 500 meters west of and parallel to the Song Thac Ma River. Steep mountains and jungle type terrain was the rule throughout the area of operation which contained no villages or hamlets. The thick undergrowth, canopy, and deep rifts and folds afforded good cover and concealment to units operating in this area.

(2) The area of Operations Hickory and Prairie IV is located in Quang Tri Province due north of Cam Lo and is bounded to the north by the southern limit of the DMZ, and on the south by highway #9. The east and west limits were the 10 and 18 north-south grid lines. The central portion of the operating area is a village farming area containing few, if any, people in the villages. Flat paddies broken by tree lines and thickets exist throughout. Around the outside of the operating area the land is slightly more rolling and varies from piedmont to dense jungle. Virtually all local villagers throughout the operating area have been persuaded to leave by GVN authorities.

b. Trafficability

(1) Movement in the Shawnee area was seriously hampered by the jungle terrain throughout the operating area. Trails exist throughout this area and when not available troop movement was limited to a top speed of 1000 meters per day.

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(2) Movement in the Hickory and Prairie IV area was from good to excellent. The operating area is bisected by a large road and also contains many trails throughout the entire area. In addition, the central portion of the operating area contains many villages, farm areas, and open areas of rice paddies. Around the periphery of the operating area movement in some places was restricted due to dense undergrowth in valleys and around streams. However, trails when used, can overcome this difficulty.

c. Weather. During the month of May weather was extremely good for operations throughout both areas. A weather summary for the periods 1-31 May is as follows:

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Maximum temperature - 106
 Minimum temperature - 72
 Number of days with rain - 10
 Total rainfall received - 3.2 inches
 Average winds - 9-10 mph
 Visibility - 11-12 miles

2. Enemy Situation. During this operating period, Order of Battle listings were clarified and confirmed by captured documents and enemy personnel. Enemy units encountered by this unit were NVA or VC and all operations in both areas were launched to drive NVA and/or main force VC units from traditionally safe areas. Enemy activity consisted of light-heavy sniping, mining, harassment by mortars, artillery, recoilless rifles, and rockets and contacts ranging from individuals in the open up to company sized units deep in heavily fortified areas.

a. Order of Battle

(1) Enemy units during Operation Shawnee were the 808th NVA Battalion and the 814th Battalion. They had the mission of keeping open lines of communication and infiltration routes reaching from the mountains to the coast, in addition to harassing and/or attacking friendly units in and around the area from north of Quang Tri to south of Hue. These units had their headquarters, base camps, hospitals, etc. in the operating area.

(2) Enemy units encountered during Operation Hickory and Prairie IV were the 5th and 6th Battalions of the 812th NVA Regiment. These units used the operating area, just south of the DMZ, as staging areas and base camps for attacks on friendly units in the Quang Tri Province.

b. Significant Enemy Activity.

(1) During Operation Shawnee, enemy activity consisted of short, fierce small unit contacts usually involving 5-7 NVA. The enemy continually attempted to ambush the point elements but aggressive movement by Marines either denied or prevented this tactic from being fully effective. The NVA also made contact with the rear elements on at least two occasions and the middle of the column on two occasions. The enemy was able to do this due to the nature of the terrain and the dense jungle undergrowth. The NVA troops encountered were well fed, in good physical condition, and possessed good equipment and weapons.

(2) During Operation Prairie IV and Hickory, well equipped and highly trained NVA troops fighting from fortified bunkers and positions were encountered. These positions had interlocking fields of machine-gun fire and defensive concentrations of mortar fire. Camouflaged and placed at strategic locations, they formed formidable obstacles to friendly offensive movement. Defended by rear guard units, these positions slowed down the friendly advance to allow the major enemy units to slip back across the DMZ.

(3) A few Russian gas masks were found during these operations at base camps, fortified positions, and on NVA/KIA's or POW's. On at least one occasion gas was used ineffectively and of an unknown type, against a friendly unit assualting an enemy position.

(4) Mining of the MSR during operations Prairie IV and Hickory was a daily occurrence and required a daily sweep by engineer teams. In addition mines were found on approaches to main enemy base camps. Mines, both anti-personnel and anti-tank, were for the most part of the manufactured type as opposed to booby traps.

(5) Possession by the NVA of a strong anti-tank capability was confirmed during operation Hickory when both RPG-2s and 82 recoil-less rifle rounds were found in caches and used against friendly armor and personnel.

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(6) Harassment by sniping and/or mortar fire was an almost daily occurrence during the operations and due to the heavy volume of enemy mortar fire received during Operation Hickory it is assumed the enemy fell back on pre-stored caches. On at least one occasion friendly units received 85mm artillery fire from near or in the DMZ, and although not effectively utilized, it remained a constant threat throughout the operation.

3. Viet Cong Casualties 1-31 May 1967

VC/KIA (confirmed) 12
 NVA/KIA (confirmed) 36
 VC/NVA KIA (probable) 104
 NVA (PW) 1
 VC (PW) 1
 Innocent Civilians 18
 Civilian Defendants 1

4. Enemy Equipment Destroyed/Captured

a. Weapons

9 AK-47
 39 Chi Com carbines
 1 .31 cal rifle
 6 12 gauge shotguns
 9 Chinese sub-machine guns
 3 K-44
 1 Soviet carbine
 7 French 9mm sub-machine gun
 2 RPG-2

b. Ammunition, Mines, Equipment, and Supplies

201 82mm mortar rounds
 51 Anti-personnel mines
 6 Anti-tank mines
 284 60mm mortar rounds
 446 Chi Com grenades
 9 82 RR rounds
 113 RPG Rocket rounds
 5640 7.62 Chi Com rounds
 400 .31 cal rounds
 1400 pounds of rice
 14 Base camp areas
 187 Bunkers - average size 10'x10'
 250 Fighting holes
 750 feet of trench line

5. VC Initiated Incidents

Mining - 15
 Mortar/Arty - 8
 Sniping - 9
 Small unit contacts (5-10) - 23
 Large unit contacts (10 or more) - 3
 (11 - 27 - 11)

6. Sources of Intelligence. Intelligence information was gained from ground forces primarily. Excellent cooperation and coordination was also attained from the Regimental S-2 of the 9th Marines. In addition, the following sources provided additional intelligence of significant value.

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- a. ARVN officials
- b. District/Provincial/Village/Hamlet officials
- c. District Police
- d. CIT
- e. ITT
- f. Document translation
- g. Captured POW's

7. Surveillance Devices. During the reporting period no surveillance devices were utilized due to the nature of the terrain operated in and the constant moving of the Battalion.

8. Psychological Warfare. Psychological Warfare efforts during this reporting period were directed and coordinated by the S-5's of the 4th and 9th Marines. Whenever possible, this unit made personal contact with local villagers requesting their aid and explaining our purpose in their country-utilizing both Marines and ARVN interpreters.

9. Comments and Conclusions. Operations Shawnee, Prairie IV and Hickory were completely successful in that in Operation Shawnee the enemy was driven from and denied access to what he previously considered his own area of operation, and in Operation Prairie IV and Hickory he was driven back across the DMZ. His facilities were destroyed, caches and equipment were captured and his hold on the local people broken. His loss of equipment and exposure of previously hidden base camps alone, notwithstanding casualties received, upset his time table and threw his units off balance.

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S-3 CHRONOLOGY

1. General. From 1 April to 30 April 1967, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines continued the mission of responsibility for the CHINOOK II/BIG HORN/SHAWNEE area of operations (Operation CHINOOK II continued from the past month until 4 April. On 5 April, Operation BIG HORN commenced and continued until 21 April when Operation SHAWNEE commenced). During the month, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines maintained a Combat Outpost/Company Patrol Base (COP/CPB) on Hill 51; coordinated the defense of the 4th Marines perimeter; provided security for various engineer and resupply activities; maintained a reinforced rifle platoon as Sparrow Hawk/Reaction Force on day and night alert for employment, most probably at the Phong Dien, Quang Dien, Huong Dien, or Huong Tra District Headquarters; provided security for Radio Relay on Hill 674; provided security for the forward artillery position vicinity grid square (YD 4827); and conducted offensive search and destroy activities within the area of operation to deny the enemy lines of communications and destroy NVA/VC forces.

2. Company "E", 2d Battalion, 9th Marines. From 1-3 April Company "E" operated a CPB throughout the TAOR employing 2 sniper teams, 1 Kit Carson Scout, and 2 H&S Company Reconnaissance Squads. From 4-11 April Company "E" assumed the mission of defense of the 4th Marines perimeter employing LP's, security squads, SID's, infra-red sniper scopes, and 20 power scopes. During this time they also provided the Sparrow Hawk Reaction Force. On 7 April Company "E" chopped 1 platoon to the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines for use as a blocking position; the platoon returned on the same day. From 11-17 April Company "E" executed 2/9 OpOrder 9-67. From 18-21 April Company "E" executed 4th Marines FragOrder 15-67 which consisted of operating a CPB within the TAOR and on 21 April Company "E" again assumed the mission of defense of a sector of the 4th Marines perimeter employing SID's, LP's, security squads, infra-red scopes, provided the Sparrow Hawk/Reaction Force, and at various times provided security at Phong Dien District Headquarters. On 30 April the company moved from the 4th Marines perimeter to a CPB in the Cobi-Thanh-Tan Valley.

3. Company "F", 2d Battalion, 9th Marines. From 1 to 3 April Company "F" continued its mission of defense of a sector of the 4th Marines Perimeter, employing LP's, OP's, security patrols, SID's, infra-red scopes and 20 power scopes. On 4 April the company commenced operation of a CPB within the TAOR. From 11 to 17 April Company "F" executed 2/9 OpOrder 9-67. From 17-21 April Company "F" executed 4th Marines FragOrder 15-67. On 21 April the company moved into the 4th Marines perimeter and provided perimeter reaction force. On 22 April Company "F" commenced operation of a CPB within the TAOR. On 30 April Company "F" returned to this CP and assumed the mission of defense of a sector of the 4th Marines perimeter.

4. Company "G", 2d Battalion, 9th Marines. Company "G" manned the COP/CPB on Hill 51 from 1-11 April, operating aggressive platoon and squad size patrols and ambushes and employed a M-55, SID's, LP's, OP's, 1 TPS-21, 1 BC Scope and 1 20 power scope in the defense of Hill 51. From 11-17 April Company "G" executed 2/9 OpOrder 9-67. From 18-21 April the company conducted CPB activities within the TAOR. From 21-30 April the company manned the COP on Hill 51 with 1 reinforced rifle platoon, and operated a PPB within the TAOR. From 22-30 April the company executed 4thMar FragOrder 15-67 by providing a reinforced rifle

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platoon for security for the Radio Relay site on Hill 674. During the period and on 22 and 23 April 1 reinforced rifle platoon was provided for security in LZ Buzzard.

5. Company "H", 2d Battalion, 9th Marines. From 1-11 April Company "H" operated from the 4th Marines perimeter providing perimeter reaction force and Sparrow Hawk Reaction Force. From 3-7 April Company "H" provided security for 3d Battalion, 12th Marines at Phong Dien with 1 reinforced rifle platoon. From 5-6 April Company "H" CP, 2 platoons of Company "H" and 1 platoon of E 2/9 chopped to 1st Battalion, 9th Marines during Operation BIG HORN. From 8-11 April Company "H" provided a perimeter reaction force and operated 2 platoon ambushes within the TAOR. On 11 April to 17 April the company executed 2/9 OpOrder 9-67. From 18-21 April Company "H" operated a CPB within the TAOR. From 22-30 April the company executed 4th Marines FragOrder 15-67 by providing security for the forward artillery position in the Cobi-Thanh-Tan Valley.

6. H&S Company, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines. From 1-11 April H&S Company manned defensive positions on the 4th Marines perimeter employing 3 TPS-21's, SID's, infra-red scopes, security patrols, and LP's. In addition the company operated 2 reconnaissance squads in patrols and ambushes in conjunction with Company "E". From 11-17 April the company executed 2/9 OpOrder 9-67. From 18-30 April H&S Company manned defense positions on the 4th Marines perimeter and provided 2 reconnaissance squads for patrols and ambushes within the TAOR.

7. Close Combat

a. Patrol Breakdown. During the month of April 72 patrols and 302 ambushes of platoon size were conducted. Two-hundred and five patrols and 695 ambushes of squad size were also conducted during the month.

b. Sparrow Hawk. Sparrow Hawk was employed one time during the month. On 25 April the reaction force was called out to provide security for a downed H-34 at YD 548262. The Sparrow Hawk returned on 26 April.

8. Training. Operational commitments precluded formal military training that normally would have been accomplished. Seventy-one Marine and 11 Naval replacement personnel received training in accordance with Division Order 1510.3A.

9. Fire Support and Fire Support Coordination

a. 2d Battalion, 9th Marines was provided direct artillery support by Battery "E", 2d Battalion, 12th Marines (1-30 April); Battery "D", 2d Battalion, 12th Marines (1-19 April); Battery "H", 3d Battalion, 12th Marines (18-30 April); and Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 12th Marines (14-30 April). General artillery support during the same period was provided by 1st Provisional 155mm Howitzer (towed) Battery and Battery "L", 4th Battalion, 12th Marines. From 1 April to 22 April 1967, the direct and general support artillery batteries were under the tactical and technical control of the fire direction center provided and supervised by Headquarters, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines. Following the initiation of Operation SHAWNEE and the consequent displacement of 2d Battalion, 12th

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Marines, fire direction center, the role of fire direction control was assumed on an alternating daily basis by Battery "E", 2d Battalion, 12th Marines, and Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 12th Marines.

b. Employment of the various artillery batteries during the period 1 April through 11 April and 19 April through 30 April consisted of: 30 missions fired upon targets of opportunity; 37 missions of reconnaissance by fire; 12 illumination missions; 2 counter-mortar practice missions; 2 precision destruction missions; 3 defensive targets adjustments; 19 location of position missions; 1 landing zone preparation mission; 2 live counter-mortar missions; and 5,050 harassing and interdiction concentrations. The above mentioned missions resulted in the expenditure of 5 HC smoke rounds; 358 WP rounds; 16 illumination rounds and 10,096 high explosive rounds (of this latter group 270 were fuzed with variable time fuzes, the remainder with quick fuzes).

c. Additional long range fire support was provided by 3d Platoon, Company "C", 3d Tank Battalion. Their 90mm fires were controlled by the fire direction center provided by 3d Battalion, 12th Marines. Company "C", 3d Tank Battalion, further supported 2d Battalion, 9th Marines in that the 2d Platoon of Company "C" provided patrol escorts, perimeter defense and IR/Searchlight support.

d. Perimeter defense was also provided for by: Company "E" (-), 3d Anti Tank Battalion; 1st Platoon, Battery "D", 1st Battalion, 44th Artillery Brigade USA; a section from Battery "G", 1st Battalion, 65th Artillery Brigade, USA and a searchlight detachment from Company "G", 29th Artillery Brigade, USA. The above units also supported operations of various units from 2d Battalion, 9th Marines exclusive of defense of the perimeter. These various supporting units were utilized on a nightly basis during the period which 2d Battalion, 9th Marines was charged with defense of the perimeter. Their fires were in the form of nightly H&I fires around the perimeter. During this period the Ontos platoon fired 1,074 106mm rounds; the M-42 platoon fired 3,591 40mm rounds; and the M-55 section fired 59,120 50 caliber rounds. All of these perimeter H&I fires were fired from surveyed firing positions and were under the direct control of 2d Battalion, 9th Marines FSCC.

f. From 1-30 April the 81mm platoon varied in strength from 3 tubes operable to 9 tubes operable. At times during the period the platoon was split and located in 4 different locations. During this period the 81mm platoon fired 8,682 high explosive medium rounds, and 532 illumination rounds.

g. During the period 1-30 April an extensive and comprehensive H&I program was conducted on a 24-hour basis. During hours of darkness all of the above mentioned fires were employed, whereas during the daylight hours, H&I's were limited to the longer range available to artillery and tanks.

h. At the beginning of April a counter-mortar plan was in effect for the CHINOOK perimeter only. By the end of April, in addition to this plan, counter-mortar plans were developed and effectively employed in defense of units from 2d Battalion, 9th Marines both on Hill 51 and at the forward artillery position supporting Operation SHAMREE.

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i. Fire support coordination policies remained the same as for the month of March 1967.

10. Air

a. Medevac. During April a total of 37 medevac missions were requested by this Battalion. These missions utilized 59 H-34's, 10 UH1E's, and 2 H-46's. A marked improvement in medevac reaction time was realized when, at the commencement of Operation SHAWNEE, 2 medevac helicopters were stationed at the 4th Marine Heli-Pad.

b. Resupply. Thirteen resupply missions supported 2d Battalion, 9th Marines units in the field during April. A total of 11 H-46's, 14 H-34's, and 1 UH1E were employed. In most instances, although only 2 or 4 helicopters were used on a mission, several trips were made by each.

c. Command and Control. Battalion personnel flew missions in the Command and Control aircraft on 12 separate occasions. These flights involved 20 H-34's, and 5 UH1E's. These missions involved both recon and liaison work.

d. Troop Lifts. Eight troop lifts were completed by helicopter during the month of April. Aircraft used were 6 H-34's and 6 H-46's. Again multiple trips were made in most cases. The Sparrow Hawk platoon was also lifted by helicopter to protect a downed H-34 within the TAOR. They were inserted by 4 H-46's and extracted the following day using the same aircraft.

e. Fixed-Wing Strikes. A total of 12 close air support and tactical air support strikes were run during April in support of the Battalion. Eight F-4 Phantoms, two F-8 Crusaders, and 14 A-4 Skyhawks were involved in the strikes. Most notable was a strike on 22 April resulting in 26 K.B.A. (C).

f. Tactical Air Controllers (Airborne) Air Observer. The "Bird Dogs" continued to do their outstanding work in both directing air strikes and in tactical observation. A total of 17 separate flights were used by the battalion, in addition to numerous others used on a shared basis with other units involved in Operation SHAWNEE. 2 UH1E gunships were utilized in their attack role on one occasion.

g. Since the inception of Operation SHAWNEE several changes have considerably increased the effectiveness of helicopter support. As previously mentioned, medevac helicopters are now stationed at the 4th Marines area, reducing reaction time to nearly zero. A TAFDAS fuel system was similarly located in the 4th Marines area, which allowed all helicopters utilized in the area to remain and refuel vice returning to Phu Bai between each mission. Also a helicopter direction center was established in the 4th Marines area, which expedited all traffic and kept air nets less congested. In general, these improvements greatly improved the helicopter support to the Battalion.

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S-3 Chronology

1. General. From 1 May to 16 May 1967, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines (-) was OPCON to the 4th Marines. From 17 May to 31 May, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines (-) was OPCON to the 9th Marines. From 1 to 6 May 1967, the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines (-) continued the mission of responsibility for the SHAWNEE area of operations (OPERATION SHAWNEE continued from the previous month.) From 7 to 16 May 1967, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines (-) executed 4th Marines Frag Order 18-67 as part of OPERATION SHAWNEE. From 17 to 28 May 1967, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines (-) executed 9th Marines Operation Order 5-67 as part of OPERATION HICKORY. From 29 to 31 May 1967, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines (-) executed 9th Marines Operation Order 6-67, and moved into a new Battalion area at Dong Ha Combat Base. From 14 to 16 May 1967, Company "E", 2d Battalion, 4th Marines was OpCon to 2d Battalion, 9th Marines with the mission of providing security for the forward artillery position (vic YD 382422). From 28 to 31 May 1967, Combined Action Company (CAC) TP-1, TP-2, TP-3, and TP-4 were OpCon to the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines, (-) in accordance with 9th Marines Operation Order 6-67. During this month, the 2d Battalion 9th Marines (-) coordinated the defense of the 4th Marines perimeter in the SHAWNEE area; maintained a Combat Outpost (COP) on Hill #51; provided security for the radio relay site on Hill #674; maintained one platoon (rein) as Sparrow Hawk Reaction Force; provided security for the forward artillery position vicinity grid square (YD 4827); conducted search and destroy operations in the SHAWNEE area; conducted a helicopterborne assault to attack objective (vic YD 289331) and conducted a north-easterly search throughout the assigned zone of action in the National Forest area; provided security along the road from vicinity (YD 147617) to vicinity (YD 114700) to prevent enemy mining and/or ambushes; conducted search and destroy operations in the operation Hickory area; provided a Counterattack Force for Dong Ha Combat Base during hours of darkness; and provided a Sparrow Hawk Reaction Force for the Dong Ha Combat Base.

2. Company "E", 2d Battalion, 9th Marines. From 1 to 10 May 1967, Company "E" (rein) was OpCon to the 3d Marines with the missions of coordinating the defensive perimeter at Khe Sanh, providing one platoon (rein) as a Combat Outpost (COP) on Hill #861, and conducting search and destroy operations in their assigned area of operation. From 11 to 16 May, Company "E" (Rein) was OpCon to the 9th Marines. From 11 to 13 May they were assigned the mission of providing security for the forward artillery position (YD 220660). From 14 to 16 May 1967, Company "E"'s mission was providing security for the forward artillery position (vic YD 147617). On 17 May 1967, Company "E" was chopped to 2d Battalion, 9th Marines. From 17 to 28 May 1967, Company "E" executed 9th Marines Operation Order 5-67 as part of OPERATION HICKORY. From 29 to 31 May 1967, Company "E" executed 9th Marines Operation Order 6-67, moving with the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines (-) to a new battalion area at the Dong Ha Combat Base, with the missions of providing one platoon (rein) for Sparrow Hawk Reaction Force during the day, and providing the Company Counterattack Force for the base at night.

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3. Company "F", 2d Battalion, 9th Marines. From 1 to 6 May 1967, Company "F" was assigned the responsibility for a section of the 4th Marines perimeter, employing 3 SID's and 2 infra-red sniper scopes. During this period, Company "F" also provided one platoon (rein) as security for Phong Dien District Headquarters and one platoon (rein) as Sparrow Hawk Reaction Force. From 7 to 15 May 1967, Company "F" executed 4th Marines Frag Order 18-67, participating in a sweep of the National Forest area. From 16 to 28 May, Company "F" executed 9th Marines Operation Order 5-67, as part of OPERATION HICKORY. From 29 to 31 May 1967, Company "F" was OpCon to the 12th Marines, in accordance with 9th Marines Operation Order 6-67, with the mission of providing for the security of the artillery position at Gio Linh.

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4. Company "G", 2d Battalion, 9th Marines. From 1 to 6 May 1967, Company "G" was assigned the mission of providing one platoon (rein) to man the Combat Outpost (COP) on Hill #51, providing for the security of the radio relay site on Hill #674, and providing 1 platoon (rein) as the Perimeter Reaction Force, for the 4th Marines. From 7 to 15 May 1967, Company "G" executed 4th Marines Frag Order 18-67, participating in a sweep of the National Forest area. From 16 to 31 May 1967 Company "G" was OpCon to the 3d Battalion, 26th Marines, with the mission of providing security for engineers engaged in road construction southwest of Hue.

5. Company "H", 2d Battalion, 9th Marines. From 1 to 6 May 1967, Company "H" provided security for the forward artillery position (Vic YD 4827). From 7 to 15 May 1967, Company "H" executed 4th Marines Frag Order 18-67, participating in a sweep of the National Forest area. From 16 to 28 May 1967, Company "H" executed 9th Marines Operation Order 5-67, as part of OPERATION HICKORY. From 29 to 31 May 1967 Company "H" executed 9th Marines Operation Order 6-67, moving with the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines (-) to a new battalion area at the Dong Ha Combat Base and providing squad-size night ambushes from the perimeter.

6. H&S Company, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines. From 1 to 6 May 1967, H&S Company was responsible for a portion of the 4th Marines perimeter, employing 2 infra-red sniper scopes, 5 SID's, and 2 TPS-21's. H&S Company also provided 2 squads for patrols and ambushes within the TAOR. From 7 to 15 May 1967, H&S Company executed 4th Marines Frag Order 18-67, participating in a sweep of the National Forest area. From 16 to 28 May 1967, H&S Company executed 9th Marines Operation Order 5-67, as part of OPERATION HICKORY. From 29-31 May 1967, H&S Company executed 9th Marines Operation Order 6-67, moving with the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines to a new battalion area at Dong Ha Combat Base.

7. Close Combat

a. Patrol Breakdown. During the month of May 1967, 332 squad patrols and 171 platoon patrols were conducted. Also, 453 squad ambushes and 212 platoon ambushes were conducted.

b. Sparrow Hawk. Sparrow Hawk was employed one time during the month. On 4 May 1967 the reaction force was helolifted to the vicinity (YD 365532) to provide security for a downed helicopter. The Sparrow Hawk force returned the next day.

8. Training. Operational commitments precluded formal military training which normally would have been accomplished. Ninety-six replacement personnel received training in accordance with Division Order 1510.3A.

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9. Fire Support and Fire Support Coordination

a. 2d Battalion, 9th Marines was provided direct artillery support by Battery "E", 2d Battalion, 12th Marines (1-31May); Battery "B" 1st Battalion, 12th Marines (18-31May). General support during the same period was provided by Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 12th Marines (18-31 May); Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 12th Marines (155mm SP) (18-31May); and a platoon of 8" Howitzers from the 1st Provisional 155mm Gun Battery (18-31 May). From 1-17 May 1967 the technical and tactical control of the fire direction center was provided and supervised by Headquarters, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines. Following the initiation of Operation Hickory, tactical and technical control was assumed by Headquarters, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines (18-31May).

b. Employment of the various artillery batteries during the periods 1-16 May 1967 and 18-31 May 1967 consisted of: 51 missions on targets of opportunity; 42 missions of reconnaissance by fire; 25 illumination

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missions; 3 training missions; 15 defensive concentration missions; 25 counter-mortar, counter-rocket, and counter-artillery missions and 3820 Harrassing and Interdiction missions.

c. Additional long range fire support was provided by Company "A" (Rein), 3d Tank Battalion. Their 90mm fires were controlled by the fire direction center provided by 2d Battalion, 12th Marines. Company "A", 3d Tank Battalion further supported 2d Battalion, 9th Marines by occupying night perimeter positions and offering I/R Searchlight support.

d. From 1-31 May the 81mm Mortar platoon provided 8 tubes in support of 2d Battalion, 9th Marines. During this period the 81mm mortar platoon was split and located in four different locations. During this period the 81mm mortar platoon fired 490 high explosive medium rounds, 2660 high explosives light rounds, and 46 illumination rounds.

e. From 1-16 May an extensive and comprehensive H&I program was conducted on a 24 hour basis. The daylight H&I program (1-16 May) was limited to the longer range capabilities of artillery and tanks. With the initiation of Operation Hickory (18-31 May) an extensive H&I program was pursued at every night position.

10. Air

a. Medevac. During May the Battalion was reintroduced to medevac techniques that differed somewhat from those used in the past. The helicopter pilots continually demonstrated outstanding ability in difficult jungle canopy conditions. The H-46's and H-34's provided prompt evacuation to medical centers near the operating areas. There were a total of 177 medevacs during the month.

b. Resupply. Operating exclusively in field conditions, there was a marked increase in resupply missions to the Battalion by helicopter. There were emergency night resupplies of ammunition and water on several occasions during the month. Resupply by helo was at best considered to be fair-poor.

c. Command and Control. To help keep abreast of the tactical situation these missions were made available to key Battalion personnel utilizing H-34's and UH1E's. These missions involved both reconnaissance and liaison work.

d. Troop Lifts. The entire Battalion was lifted by CH-46's to start operation SHAWNEE. Twelve (12) CH-46's were used to shuttle the Battalion to the landing zone.

e. Fixed Wing. The OLC "Birdog" continued to provide air cover and to control air strikes in an outstanding manner. The Army and Air Force, as well as the Marine Corps, supported the Battalion in observation and air control. Air Force tactical bombers were also utilized, along with F-4's, A-4's, F-8's, C-117's and UH1E's provided by the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

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PLACE

2d Battalion, 9th Marines

FROM: (Date and hour)

010001Z May 67

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ACTION TAKEN

M-Maps T-Troops
S-Staff F-File

TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0930		J-1	010930H	1/0/2/9 1st squad at YD 154272 found bamboo forest which appeared to have been occupied by VC. Forest contained approximately 10 trenches 10'x3'x3', 50 fighting holes 4'x3'x3', 3 camouflaged hootches, cooking utensils, fishing nets, VC clothes, 5VA jungle boots, pack, and flare canisters containing rice. Destroyed most of the items and burned hootches.	
1700		J-2	011900H	1/0/2/9 at ID 550260 sighted 5 VC with weapons moving northwest at ID 523273. VC were dressed in black pajamas. Artillery mission called with excellent coverage. Unable to check area due to darkness.	
2220		J-3	012220H	1/0/2/9 on Hill 51 observed flashlights and what apparently were mortar flashes at ID 523273. No units reported receiving incoming rounds. Fired artillery mission and results unknown.	
1230		J-4	021230H	2/0/2/9 at ID 521236 found 1 250 pound bomb badly trapped inside punji pit. The bomb was proximity type and the punji pit was camouflaged along trail. The bomb was destroyed in place and punji pit destroyed.	
1300		J-5	021300H	2/0/2/9 at ID 521307 sighted 3 VC moving north at ID 523273. Opened fire and casualties reported were 2 VC/kia (prob) and 1 VC was wounded. The wounded VC was questioned and is believed to be HVC. He was dressed in dark uniform with pith helmet and was removed from area. Confiscated the following items: 1 M1 carbine, 26 blue sweat shirts, blue uniforms, 7 silk shirts 12 silk shorts, 2 black silk uniforms, 12 black shirts, 12 khaki trousers, 6 green shirts, and assorted documents, 3 packs. 1 VC/POW	
0125		J-6	030125H	2/0/2/9 at ID 523317 reported receiving 12-20 mortar rounds from ID 523233. Rounds were approximately 300 meters outside of perimeter and counter mortar plan fired sections 1 and 2. Patrol searched	

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TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps S-Staff T-Troops F-File
IN	OUT				
				at 20 50330, 2nd round of 3rd line in vicinity of 20 50330.	
1745		3-7	021450	Intelligence relayed report from 1st Marine Division that an estimated 70 70 armed with 2 40mm and 2 81mm and individual weapons at 20 50330. Relayed to 1st Marine Division.	
1800		3-8	021500	Intelligence relayed report that estimated 2 40mm weapons at 20 50330, 20 50330 and they are fully armed. Relayed to 1st Marine Division.	
0025		3-9	030025	3/8/67 at 20 50330 found 1 155 round protruding from ground. It apparently was not being triggered and was blown in place.	
0500		3-10	030500	3/8/67 found 10 100mm torpedoes in vicinity of 20 50330. They will be returned to CP.	
0615		3-11	030615	3/8/67 found 1 100mm round at 20 50330. The round was blown in place.	
0725		3-12	030725	3/8/67 found 2 lighting holes at 20 50330 and 20 50330. It appears that they were used recently and were destroyed.	
2105		3-13	032105	1st Marine perimeter of perimeter lines against lights in grid square 5530. Approximately 2 minutes later, 2/3/7 units in combat position began receiving mortar rounds. Approximately 20 mortar rounds landed 100 meters in front of the perimeter. Counter mortar plan fired.	
2250		3-14	032250	3/8/67 at 20 50330 observed flickering lights at 20 50330. 1st Marine rounds at lights and they were no longer observed.	
2250		3-14	032250	1st Marine center of perimeter reported seeing lights or flashes at an azimuth of 100 degrees from position at 20 50330. Azimuth from 1st Marine perimeter at given range indicated mortars came from grid square 5530. 1st reported that they believed mortars came from azimuth 100 degrees. Counter mortar plan fired and 1st Company on Hill 51 reported seeing lights at 20 50330. Artillery situation fired and 1st Marine called.	

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TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps S-Staff T-Troops F-File
IN	OUT				
0915		J-15	010715Z	3/2/2/9 reported 5 detainees at TD 50710. They were dressed in civilian clothes (black shorts, orange shirt). They were taken to 011 perimeter of and released as innocent civilians.	
1100		J-16	011100Z	3/2/2/9 searched area at TD 50320 and found 1 blue crater with tin cans and fragments. They are believed to have come from grid square 5041. Near sent to 100. Ref 0322001)	
1100		J-17	011150Z	3/2/2/9 searched area of last night's mortar attack and found 1 blue light in tin cans and fragments in railroad track at TD 50731. The 1st number was the same as the mortar being fired from the perimeter. About 10 craters were found in front of the perimeter. The craters were blue and believed to be our own. No evidence of 011 or 012 mortars found.	
1500		J-18	012500Z	3/2/2/9 at TD 50020 spotted 2 VC at TD 50059, standing in an open area. Fired artillery missile and results unknown.	
1600		J-19	012000Z	3/2/2/9 reported that Marine triggered booby trapped blue round at TD 50730, however round did not explode. Booby trap was clipped with trip wire and noise was blown in place.	
1910		J-20	011510Z	3/2/2/9 at TD 50703 spotted 2 VC moving east at TD 50507. Spotted VC with 1/2 round and VC fired into trenchline. Trenchline searched area and found a trench 3'x4'x5'. The VC were not spotted again and trench was destroyed.	
0955		J-21	070955Z	3/2/2/9 reported that USMC detonated booby trapped blue round at TD 50730. No action was requested and completed.	
1620		J-22	071620Z	3/2/2/9 was a attendant at tower located at 3/2/2/9 perimeter observed 37 persons at TD 50931. They were taken to 011 and released as innocent civilians.	
0900		J-23	070900Z	3/2/2/9 at TD 26575 Solor lifting from 12 Eagle after inserting 1st wave of 3/9. Received 3/9 fire resulting in no injury or damage.	
0915		J-24	070915Z	3/2/2/9 observed approximately 100 meters of trench line at TD 50336, TD 50531, TD 50638. At TD 50633 observed 200 meters of trench line and 5-6 bunkers to southwest. At TD 50637 and TD 50730 bunkers were observed.	

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IN	OUT				
0140		J-25	080110H	0/2/9 at YD 279326 received 1 incoming grenade from northwest, approximately 20 meters from their position. Returned 20 rounds S/A fire but was unable to check area. No injuries reported.	
0820		J-26	080520H	11/2/9 at YD 279326 observed 1 VC walking along trail at YD 279326, engaged with S/A fire. Searched area and found 4 packs, containing food containers, 1 with cooked rice, 2 cooking pots, 2 canteens, 20 rounds AR15 ammo, 10 7.62 carbine rounds, 2 7.62 pistol rounds, 5 ponchos, 4 hammocks, 1 pound salt, 70 pounds salt, 10 pounds rice, 1 pair civilian trousers, 2 civilian shirts, 2 green uniforms, 1 khaki uniform, 1 pair black PJ's, 1 NVA helmet, diary and 1 letter. All equipment destroyed except documents.	
0953		J-27	080953H	11/2/9 made contact with unknown number of VC dug in on high ground. "F" commenced movement against enemy positions. Results of contact were 1 FR/KIA and 2 FR/KIA.	
1100		J-28	081100H	11/2/9 (Bosco 1) at YD 282395. As command group was moving towards objective "E" in trace of "F" Company, rear guard came under heavy automatic weapons fire from left flank. Estimated 15-20 VC with 6-7 automatic weapons pinned down squad as clutch platoon moved to rear and drove enemy off high ground. VC broke contact; searched area and found bloody clothing and two packs. Friendly casualties were 5 KIA and 7 WIA. Enemy casualties were 1 VC/KIA (prob)	
1600		J-29	081600H	11/2/9 lead elements made contact and lead element killed 1 VC. He was wearing black PJ's, black shorts, NVA cartridge belt with NVA belt buckle, 3 magazines, 50 rounds ammo, 1 AK-47, and black sandals. Location of activity was YD 282327. Casualties reported were 1 VC/KIA (conf)	
		J-30	080000H	First Regiment ARVN reported the following information. 2 VC Battalions located at Hui Chao Ngn YD 230395 and Dong Ong Do YD 205405. Moved to YD 311301 and YD 337397. These two places have been used as base areas for 300th local force and 311th Main Force Battalions. Areas have been recently hit by B52s. VC may be moving to this area under the assumption that it may not be hit again. Report C-3	
0900		J-31	080900H	11th Arty ARVN reported 2 VC Regiments with 6 rockets moved from To Oi thru Ba Long to Dong Tien YD 250306 and Hui Doi at YD 275355.	

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IN	OUT				
0800		J-32	090800H	"G" Company at ID 297345 received 208/A rounds fire from 1-5 VC in vicinity of ID 294345 and were wearing gray uniforms. Artillery mission called and VC fled in northerly direction. Searched area and found 3 ponchos, 10 canteens and 1 pack.	
0900		J-33	090900H	"G" Company made contact with 5 VC at ID 299349 wearing gray uniforms. Exchanged fire resulting in 5 VC/KIA (conf) 3 Chi Con 7.62mm automatic weapons, 1 grease gun M1941 and a pack containing assorted clothing.	
0900		J-34	090900H	"H" Company found a villa containing 13 huts in vicinity of ID 293331. Searched area and found 263 60mm rounds, 113 82mm mortar rounds, 11 75mm R/R rounds, 200 pounds TNT, 241 Chi Con grenades, 5000 rounds 7.62mm rounds, 1 Chi Con carbine, 1 shotgun 12 gauge. Everything but the weapons were destroyed.	
1100		J-35	091100H	"G" Company received S/A fire from 1 VC in vicinity of ID 289350. Results were 1 FR/WIA. Returned fire resulting in 1 VC/KIA (conf) and 1 Chinese Mauser.	
2030		J-36	092030H	"H" Company found abandoned enemy camp approximately 6 months old containing many hootches, fighting holes, and small 1 man bunkers. Everything will be destroyed.	
		J-37	100000H	Phong Dien reported that 1 VC sniper team was sighted at ID 500355. Rated C-4 by ARVN.	
1225		J-38	100225H	"G" Company observed and fired on 2 VC at ID 290344 moving in a southeasterly direction wearing black uniforms and carrying a weapon. Results of conflict were 1 VC/KIA (conf). Searched area and found one M-1 carbine, pack, canteen and documents will be forwarded to this CV.	
1100		J-39	101100H	"G" Company found a VC camp in vicinity of ID 294349. Searched area and found 9 cooking areas and 12 tables. Camp recently built and could accommodate 1 platoon. Camp site was destroyed.	
1150		J-40	101150H	"H" Company at ID 307334 received S/A fire from 3 VC at ID 300355 resulting in 4 FR/KIA. Returned fire with approx. 600 rounds S/A and 7 withdrew. Fired artillery mission with negative results.	
0715		J-41	110715H	"G" Company found a large hut with a tunnel running under it. Searched tunnel and found 1 M-1 rifle and 1 Chinese Mauser, 10 anti ball, 10 bottle morphine. Sent to 1st Bn.	

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IN	OUT				
1255		J-42	121255H	2/2/7 at TD 336356 received 5/A fire and returned fire with no further contact. No casualties were reported.	
1530		J-43	121530H	2/2/9 at TD 336357 located VC weapons cache consisting of 37 .30 Cal Chi Con grenades, 6 French auto-matic weapons, 5 12 gauge shotguns, 6 rocket rounds, and 2 belts 7.02mm in process on search, an explosive device was detonated resulting in 3 TD/AIA.	
2000		J-44	122000H	2/2/9 at TD 336358 received 1 round of 5/A fire soon after establishing defensive perimeter. Returned fire and checked area with no further contact.	
2045		J-45	122045H	2/2/9 at TD 336357 found 2 bunkers. Searched area and found assorted rifle parts and 2 carbines without stocks and it is believed area was armory.	
0845		J-46	120845H	2/2/2/5 at TD 337345 located 12 houses with bunkers containing 9 packs, 1 sub-machine gun, 1 flare pistol, assorted clothing, ammo, medical supplies and documents.	
0945		J-47	120945H	2/2/2/5 at TD 337344 found VC camp consisting of 3 camouflaged huts and cooking area. Search of area found assorted clothing, tools, ammo, 41 personnel mines, 2 AT mines, 2 booklets, with personnel writing and letters, 1 bench, 1 rifle rack for 6 weapons, 3 metal ammo boxes (2 empty, 1 full), 1 7.62mm 23 web magazine, pouches, black PJs, 1 mirror, 20 web belts, 3 small containers with solvent, and oil, 1 gallon of kerosene, 3 shovels, 1 pick, 2 cutting knives, 4 empty rice bags, 1 pound tin, 2 electric blasting caps, 1 Chi Con grenades, 10 M-1 rounds, 7 .32 cal rounds, 2 home made fans, footches had tunnels with logs covering them and also bunkers under them.	
1630		J-48	131630H	2/2/9 at TD 352360 made contact with 2 VC wearing black shorts and cartridge belts. Results were 2 VC/AIA (conf), 2 .30 Cal carbines, Searched area and found 2 stools, 2 uniforms, 2 home made packs containing letters.	
1730		J-49	131730H	2/2/9 at TD 352360 point elements spotted movement near a fallen tree on right side of trail junction approximately 75 meters away. Point opened fire with auto-matic weapons and immediately spotted VC movement. VC fled down trail had position behind fallen tree. Lead platoon followed VC along	

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IN	OUT				
				010000H Day 67	312100H Day 67
				131700H cont. bloody trail for approximately 200 meters when they spotted movement on both flanks. 2d Platoon opened fire immediately to both flanks and received heavy auto-matic weapons fire. Fire fight continued causing VC to withdraw in easterly direction. It was estimated that 12-15 VC were armed with auto-matic weapons. Platoon moved into position and assaulted enemy position. Machine guns and rockets provided base of fire. Searched area and found numerous freshly fighting holes on defensive terrain. Confiscated 1 sub machine gun, 1 .30cal rifle, 3 M16 packs. Casualties reported were 2 VC/MIA (cont), 2 VC/MIA (prob), 1 PR/MIA, 5 P/MIA.	
0930		J-50	11-0930H	8/2/9 at YD 339280 found 1 large sleeping house, 1 cooking house, three bamboo sleeping areas 12'x6' and three covered fi covered fighting hole. Burned houses, sleeping areas, and carved in holes.	
1700		J-51	11-1700H	8/2/9 at YD 352360 and movement at YD 350363 and air strike was called. 8/2/9 secured the area and proceeded in direction of objective with rear elements finding and destroying enemy base camp, hootches, and bunkers at YD 350359.	
1000		J-52	12-1000H	2/9 of rear element at YD 350395 was hit by estimated 7 VC from 3 directions. OF returned fire resulting in 1 VC/MIA (cont) He was wearing new green uniform, cartridge belt and armed with Russian sub machine gun.	
0930		J-53	150930H	8/2/9 at YD 377443 detonated explosive device thought to be 105mm round rigged chest high. Casualties reported were 3 PR/MIA.	
1300		J-54	151300H	8/2/9 lead elements received 10 rounds from right flank. Searched area with negative results. Casualties were 1 VC/MIA, and 1 PR/MIA.	
		J-55	171000-2000H	8/2/9 on sweep mission found a total of ten mines and booby traps. Types were 3 Russian AT mines, 1 Russian AT inc 2 M-16 Bouncing Betties, 2 booby trapped G-ration cans. In addition, one was detonated by "Tiger" resulting in a track being blown off.	
1020		J-56	171050H	8/2/9 at YD 131629 while sweeping forward received incoming rounds from approximately 10-15 VC in vicinity YD 123635- YD 123632. VC were armed with 7.62 weapons and hand grenades.	

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IN	OUT				
			171050Z	cont. 2/2/9 continued sweep of area. Gas allies were 2 RT/WIA and 1 RT/WIA (cont).	
1130		J-57	171130Z	2/9 at TD 145691 received approximately 50 mortar rounds believed to be 60mm. Artillery mission called and no casualties reported. Enemy position was reported at an azimuth 1600 to 2000 degrees and range was 1000-1500 meters.	
1000-1800		J-58	171800-1800Z	Engineer sweep team found and destroyed 1 AT mine and 3 AT mines in vicinity of TD 135615 and on sweep of area.	
0800		J-59	180800Z	1 RTA/FW was taken this morning by 2/9 at TD 145698. He reported following disposition of 812th NVA Regiment 4th Battalion at TD 150732, 5th Battalion at TD 125720, 6th Battalion at TD 165725. Rated F-3 by 3-2 9th Marines.	
1050		J-60	181050Z	11/2/9 reported Marine stepped off trail at TD 145690 and detonated booby trap. Casualties were 1 F/WIA.	
1115		J-61	181115Z	2/2/9 reported that 2 Marines detonated booby trap at TD 135700 and were medevaced from area.	
0810		J-62	180810Z	2/2/9 while advancing through area at TD 141/13, received 5 60mm rounds and casualties reported were 2 RT/WIA.	
0815		J-63	180815Z	2/2/9 ambush at TD 145698 observed 1 NVA carrying 3 weapons entering ambush site. Fired 5/A weapons wounding NVA. He was taken to "B" Med and the following weapons were confiscated: 2 M41 rifles, 1 RPG rocket launcher, packs.	
1115		J-64	181115Z	2/2/9 reported that tanks at TD 125700 received 500 S/A rounds and 50 60mm mortar rounds. Returned fire with 200 S/A rounds 15 M-79 rounds, 15 90mm rounds and air support with results unknown. No casualties reported.	
1525		J-65	181525Z	2/2/9 sweep at TD 136700 received mortar and S/A fire. Returned fire and continued on mission. No casualties reported.	
1715		J-66	181715Z	2/2/9 while sweeping area, Marine detonated unknown type of mine. Casualties reported were 1 RT/WIA.	
1900		J-67	181900Z	2/2/9 and 11/2/9 moved across strip on right side of road and advanced into tree line on northern side of strip. Each Company was supported by section of "Tigers" approximately 300 300 meters inside of tree line on north side of strip. Fox	

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			101000Z	cont. and Hotel came under heavy mortar and machine gun fire. Fox Company had 1 PB/ALA but Hotel had 30 casualties including CO. Controt combined forces with 2/26 west of road.	
0215		J-68	190215H	8/2/9 while moving through area at YD 141713, received sniper rounds from sniper trap. Casualties reported were 1 PB/ALA and 2 UMC/ALA.	
0625		J-69	190625H	8/2/9 at YD 136710 while conducting artillery preparation for attack at 0630, artillery rounds fell short resulting in 2 UMC/ALA and 2 UMC/ALA.	
0900		J-70	190900H	8/2/9 while on sweep received at YD 143717 received automatic weapons fire from the right front. Return of fire and casualties reported were 4 UMC/ALA (cont). Also confiscated 1 Chi Com. sub-machine gun and 1 AK 47.	
1245		J-71	191245H	8/2/9 while on sweep of area received 3 sniper rounds. Casualties reported were 1 PB/ALA and he was moved from area.	
1330-1530		J-72	191330H	8/2/9 was sweeping east on south side of road with platoons on line and one platoon reserve. The right flank was hit by automatic weapons fire and 40 mortar rounds. Returned fire from another trench and 60 meters to their front. Another fire fight began and a tank was brought to area and fired cannister rounds. Enemy fire ceased and a squad was sent to check the area. When they moved to area, they received fire. A tank maneuvered to fire and was hit by anti-tank weapon. Another tank moved moved to fire and was hit by anti-tank weapon. 8/2/9 reinforced returned and retrieved wounded out of area. It is estimated that 20 UMC with automatic weapons and anti-tank weapons assaulted unit. Casualties reported were 7 PB/ALA and 12 F/ALA.	
1645		J-73	191645H	8/2/9 reported that 30 mortar rounds fell on left sector of line. Many mortars were spotted by AO at YD 130734. AO directed fired unit on enemy positions. Casualties were 1 PB/ALA and 3 PB/ALA.	
1730		J-74	191730H	2/4 rep rtd that helos bringing in supplies received heavy volume of automatic weapons fire from YD 142723, YD 135726. A med Buys were contacted and fire delivered on enemy location by gun ship. No casualties reported.	

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0930 J-75 200930H B/2/9 assaulted fort at YD 139724, following artillery and air strikes. There was no enemy contact and had abandoned all positions. Fort consisted of 30 bunkers and with logs-dirt reinforced. There were numerous foxholes in all tree lines and bunkers were destroyed.

1000 J-76 201001H B/2/9 sweep at YD 151726 destroyed 55 rounds 82mm ammo, 1 3.5 round, 1 M-26 grenade, 2 belts of link Chi Com ammo-500 rounds 7.62mm, 6 82mm mortar fuses, 4 Chi Com grenades, 1 drum can for 20mm rounds, 400 pounds rice, 1 Vietnamese radio battery, 3 Vietnamese helmets, 2 Vietnamese machetes, 1 roll 300 feet electric wire, 2 fragmentation mines, 5 assorted packs rain gear and assorted documents.

1345 J-77 201345H B/2/9 elements at YD 137733 found 6 graves containing 6 NVA/KIA (conf). Each grave was marked with sticks and star. Graves were approximately 1 day old.

1445 J-78 201445H B/2/9 at YD 137731 discovered and destroyed freshly dug graves. Captured 1 Chi Com rifle and drum magazine, 9-1/4 lbs. blocks TNT, 5 gas masks, 5 hammocks, 5 packs, 8 hammocks, 8 ponchos, 2 sets utilities, 2 Chi Com grenades, 2 RPG rocket rounds, 2 detonators, 10 containers rice, 3 E-tools, and assorted gear, documents.

1530 J-79 201530H B/2/9 at YD 147720 found 3 NVA/KIA (conf) -approximately 1 1/2 days old, 15 bunkers, 1 mortar pit, 3 82mm mortar rounds, 1 AK 47 magazine, and 1 roll of barbed wire.

1615 J-80 201615H B/2/9 sweep at YD 114730 found 142 Chi Com grenades, 9 musket type rockets, 8 cylinder type powder containers attached to end of rockets, and 15 gallons rice.

1630 J-81 201630H B/2/9 sweep at YD 138731 revealed 3 fresh graves containing 3 NVA/KIA (conf). Graves were marked with a star and bodies were ~~AAK/4~~ wrapped in canvas. All three bodies were larger than normal Vietnamese.

1720 J-82 201720H B/2/9 platoon at YD 135733 received 2 rounds mortar fire and returned S/A, M-79 fire and returned to SP. Area hit with air strike and artillery mission. Casualties were 4 NVA/KIA (conf) and 1 NVA/KIA.

1815 J-83 201815H B/2/9 at YD 138728 while on patrol found 2 anti-tank mines and they were destroyed.

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1200 J-84 211200H F/2/9 at YD 137732 reported that Marine stepped on booby trap-trip wire Claymore mine and casualties reported were 1 PR/MIA and 3 PR/MIA.

1210 J-85 211210H Tanks at YD 148718 found 1 pack, 1 NVA flag, several medals, 1 set utilities, assorted documents. All gear returned to CP.

1300 J-86 211300H F/2/9 at YD 137732 while on sweep found 1200 pounds of rice which was contained in 200 pound bags. Rice was returned to CP.

1656 J-87 211656H Despoint 2 reports that an possible attempt by NVA (platoon strength) to occupy high ground at YD 126739.

1630 J-88 211630H F/2/9 while sweeping area at YD 137707 received sniper fire while moving to new location. No casualties reported.

1800 J-89 211800H F/2/9 at YD 137732 while searching base camp complex found several bunkers- 2-3 levels and they were approximately 8-10 weeks old. Found 1 NVA/MIA (conf) in fresh grave. Found assorted documents believed to be military records. Destroyed 1 barrel for .31 cal machinegun, 100 rounds .31 cal ammo, 37 Chi Com grenades, 1 mortar base plate, 2-3 pound blocks TNT, captured 20 packs, 22 ponchos, 6 gas masks, 13 hammocks, 1 RPT rocket fuse and assorted personal gear- canteen and equipment.

1800 J-90 211800H F/2/9 at YD 138706 received M/A fire from YD 138708. Return fire with 81mm, 81mm, 3.5 rockets, M-79 and M/A fire. Casualties reported were 6 NVA/MIA (prob) Ref 211300H

2100 J-91 212100H Elements 2/9 at YD 157695 received 100 rounds mortar fire from YD 148703. Counter mortar plan fired and enemy fire ceased. No casualties reported.

0845 J-92 220845H 2/2/9 at YD 142770 spotted 3 VC at YD 130700. While moving to get in better position, they received sniper fire resulting in 1 PR/MIA. Fired 81mm on enemy position and casualties were 1 VC/MIA (prob).

0850 J-93 220850H F/2/9 at YD 144703 while on patrol discovered and destroyed 1 VC Claymore mine.

0950 J-94 220950H F/2/9 at YD 140710 found trench line and mortar pit containing 2 NVA packs. Trench line and mortar pit were approximately 2-3 months old and large enough for 82mm mortars. Found

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220950H cont. 2 packs, 100 rounds Chi nose 7.62 lined ammo, 1 E-tool, 2 Chi Com grenades, 5 blasting caps, 5 pounds TNT, 10 pounds of rice and notebook.

1500 J-95 221500H While moving to new area of operation, 1 enemy rocket was fired at "Tiger", but was not hit and continued on its mission.

1010 J-96 221040H E/2/9 has 9 men, 7 women, 1 boy, and 1 girl as detainees. They were taken where E/2/9 had contact at YD 130700 earlier. They were questioned and released as innocent civilians.

1700 J-97 221700H E/2/9 while setting in at D 135673 found 10 NVA/MIA (cont). Approximately 2 weeks old. Confiscated 5 AK-47 rifles, 1 Soviet carbine, 3 drums 7.62mm Soviet link ammo, 15 magazines, 7.62mm ammo with pouches, 200 rounds ammo, 19 Chi Com grenades, 5 rockets in containers, 1 machine gun, 1 rocket launcher, gear and documents.

222015 J-98 232015H E/2/9 found 1 VC body in grave at YD 133675 wrapped in poncho and body was approximately 7 days old. Casualties were 1 NVA/MIA (cont)

1035 J-99 241035H E/2/9 at YD 158662 received automatic weapons fire from 3-5 VC at YD 158662. Returned S/A, artillery fire and results unknown. Casualties reported was 1 FR/MIA.

1015 J-100 241155H E/2/9 at YD 158662 found a bunker complex, and received 5 sniper rounds. Casualties reported were 1 FR/MIA. Returned fire and sniper fled. The bunkers were approximately 1 week old and found two booby automatic weapons, various documents, and hand drawn maps of area.

1940 J-101 241940H E/2/9 at YD 153657 received S/A fire from 3-5 VC while setting up medevac LZ. Returned fire and enemy fire ceased.

1230 J-102 261230H E/2/9 at YD 165666 detonated booby trapped Claymore mine and it was rigged with trip wire. Casualties were 2 FR/MIA.

1315 J-103 261315H E/2/9 at YD 176665 detonated a booby trap with pressure type release. Casualties were 3 FR/MIA.

1330 J-104 261330H E/2/9 at YD 175670 discovered and destroyed 5 fighting holes with pan tops. Also detonated 1 anti-personnel mine.

1520 J-105 261520H E/2/9 at YD 176669 discovered and destroyed 2 Chi Com grenades rigged with trip wire and bound together.

1640 J-106 261640H E/2/9 elements at YD 171667 discovered and destroyed 4 huts with 10 fighting holes in a draw leading to river.

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1700 J-107 261700H 2/ elements at YD 160648 received 2 rounds sniper fire from YD 163646. Returned 60mm rounds, 3.5, and artillery with negative results. Casualties were 1 FR/MIA.

1710 J-108 261710H E/2/S sweep at YD 173663 observed 6 NVA moving north at YD 173668. Fired at VA and swept area with no positive results.

1700 J-109 261700H 3/E/2/S at YD 136645 while turning brush on side of road, spotted 8 VC fighting holes in ambush site. Burning resulted in explosion believed to be grenade. No casualties reported.

1840 J-110 261840H Tanks returning to CP detonated mine at YD 165637. explosion damaged wheels and axle, however it returned to CP.

1845 J-111 261845H E/2/S at YD 170662 had a Claymore mine detonated in front of platoon. Observed VC running east and fired s/A rounds. Searched area with no positive results.

2210 J-112 262210H 2/S CP at YD 170657 received 8 rounds believed to be fire from YD 181644. Called artillery fire and enemy firing ceased.

0830 J-113 270830H 1/A/2/S 1st squad found 5 bunkers-3'x6'x4' and 1 hootch-9'x7'x4' at YD 172667. Also found 20 fighting holes 2'x3'x4' along trail and believed to be ARVN.

2215 J-114 302215H GAC patrol- "Tiger Poppa 2" while on patrol at YD 275575 was fired upon by individual with M-16 rifle. Patrol did not return fire believing ambush was friendly patrol. Patrol found 1 M-16 cartridge belt with magazines after individual fled from area. Patrol returned to CP with MIA. Casualties reported were 1 FR/MIA.

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Operation Order 12-67 (Operation Shannex)

Ref: (a) Map: 1:50,000, VIETNAM, AMS L7014, Sheets 6442 III and 6442 II.
 (b) 4th Marines Frag Order 18-67.
 (c) DivO P2000:2E
 (d) BnO 5100.1B

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

2d Bn., 9th Marines

LtCol PELHAM

Det B, Co. A, 3d SP Bn.
 2d Plt, Co C, 3d Engr Bn.
 Det, 7th INF

Co F

Capt. VINCENT

Co G

Capt. MCGOWAN

Co H

Capt. THOMPSON

H&S Co

Lt. WILCOSS

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy forces. See current INTSOLS

b. Friendly forces.

- (1) 4th Marines conducts operations in National Forest Reserve (YD288331) to locate, attack and destroy NVA/VC forces.
- (2) On D-Day, upon completion of 2d Battalion, 9th Marines landing, one company of the 1st ARVN Division will helilift into landing zone Eagle (YD266336) and provide security for the landing zone. On D+1 elements of 1st ARVN Division will land in landing zone Eagle and move to assigned area of operations and commence north easterly search and destroy operation.
- (3) On D-3 2d Bn., 4th Marines commences movement into assigned area of operations and upon securing objective 1 on D-Day commences northeasterly search and destroy operation in assigned area of operations.
- (4) On D-Day 3d Bn., 12th Marines displaces artillery to new position vicinity (YD30420) in direct support of 4th Marines.

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(5) ARVN will provide blocking units at northeastern end of all zones of action.

(6) 1st MAW provides fixed wing and helo support.

c. Attachments. Task Organization.

2. MISSION. On order, 2d Bn., 9th Marines conducts helicopterborne assault to attack and seize objective 2 (TB289331) and subsequently conduct north easterly search, attack and destroy throughout assigned zone of action.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of operations. Annex A (Operation Overlay).

b. Company F

(1) At L-Hour: Land in landing zone Eagle (TB265330) and secure landing zone.

(2) On order seize objective C and be prepared to continue attack to seize objective 2.

(3) On order conduct search and destroy operation in assigned zone of action to locate, attack and destroy NVA/VC forces.

c. Company G

(1) Upon landing in landing zone Eagle attack and seize objective A and be prepared to continue attack to seize objective B.

(2) On order conduct search and destroy operation in assigned zone of action to locate, attack and destroy NVA/VC forces.

d. Company H

(1) Upon landing in landing zone Eagle attack and seize objective D and be prepared to continue attack to seize objective E.

(2) On order conduct search and destroy operation in assigned zone of action to locate, attack and destroy NVA/VC forces.

e. 81mm Mortar Plt

(1) Attach one section to Company G and one section to Company F.

(2) Provide maximum number of personnel as ammunition carriers.

f. 2d Plt., Co C, 3d Engr Bn.

(1) Attach one squad each to Companies F, G, and H.

g. Det B, Co A, 3d SF Bn.

(1) General support

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~h. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Annex A (Operation Overlay)
- (2) Tentative D-Day: 7 April 1967
- (3) Tentative L-Hour: 1300H
- (4) Upon reaching objectives units will halt and report same.
- (5) Rules of engagement in accordance with reference (d).
- (6) 4th Marines MSG responsible for MSG functions for assigned area of operation.
- (7) Submit six hour sitreps to reach this headquarters MLT 0500, 1100, 1700, and 2300 daily. All sitreps will include plans for forthcoming six hour period.
- (8) Submit spot reports on occurrence.
- (9) All units will dig in upon establishing night position.
- (10) Thrust Points:

ALPHA	YD3040
BRAVO	YD3232
CHARLIE	YD3737
- (11) All units down to fire team carry yellow smoke and yellow air panels to mark friendly front lines.
- (12) Maximum use will be made of supporting arms to prepare objectives and for recon by fire missions.
- (13) Landing zones for evening resupply must be selected and reported by 1500H daily.
- (14) Captured rice will be destroyed only on permission of this headquarters.
- (15) Wherever practicable utilize riot control agents to effect capture of enemy personnel in bunkers or caves.
- (16) This order effective for planning on receipt and for execution on order.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICSa. Prescribed load

- (1) Double basic allowance of ammunition.
- (2) C-Rations for three days.

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(3) Two full canteens of water per man.

(4) Five day supply of halizone tablets.

(5) Batteries for three days.

b.. Flak jackets, helmets and entrenching tools are mandatory.

c. Items of captured material having technical intelligence significance will be evacuated through intelligence channels. Use of captured materials by own troops is prohibited.

d. Safeguarding and evacuation of POW's will be coordinated through the S-1.

In order to make maximum use of helicopters units will insure that sufficient personnel are present in helicopter landing zone to expedite loading and unloading of supplies and equipment.

f. Each company will carry four lister bags. Units will erect lister bags prior to helicopter resupply of water in order that water cans can be immediately emptied and returned on helicopter to LSA.

g. Units are responsible to insure that military and personal effects of medevaced personnel are safeguarded and properly accounted for.

h. All friendly equipment losses or destruction will be reported to S-4 on occurrence.

i. Commanders will encourage troops not to take money, valuables or personal papers on operation.

j. Rice bags are available in the LSA for captured rice.

k. Request for helicopter resupply must be called in to this headquarters by 1000H the day prior to the resupply.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. Communications-Electronics. Reference (c).

b. Radio

(1) Regimental Tac- 68.3 (M-1056)

(2) Battalion will maintain continuous communications on Battalion Tac-44.7 (M-629) with all companies and attachments. Companies and attachments will conduct a radio check and give position reports once each hour.

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- (3) Battalion will pass administrative traffic and supply requests on Battalion Admin Net 59.1 (M-858).
- (4) Battalion will establish communications with medevac aircraft on TACP Net 42.8 (M-586) Alternate Net 35.5 (M-448)
- (5) Conduct of Fire Net 57.95 (M-835).
- (6) Helicopter Support Team Net 66.1 (M-1008).

c. Security

- (1) Authentication and numeral code for battalion is the effective edition of the KAC-QT.
- (2) Authentication and numerical code for Regiment is the effective edition of the KAC-PF.

d. Report change of command post locations.

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ANNEX A (Operation Overlay)

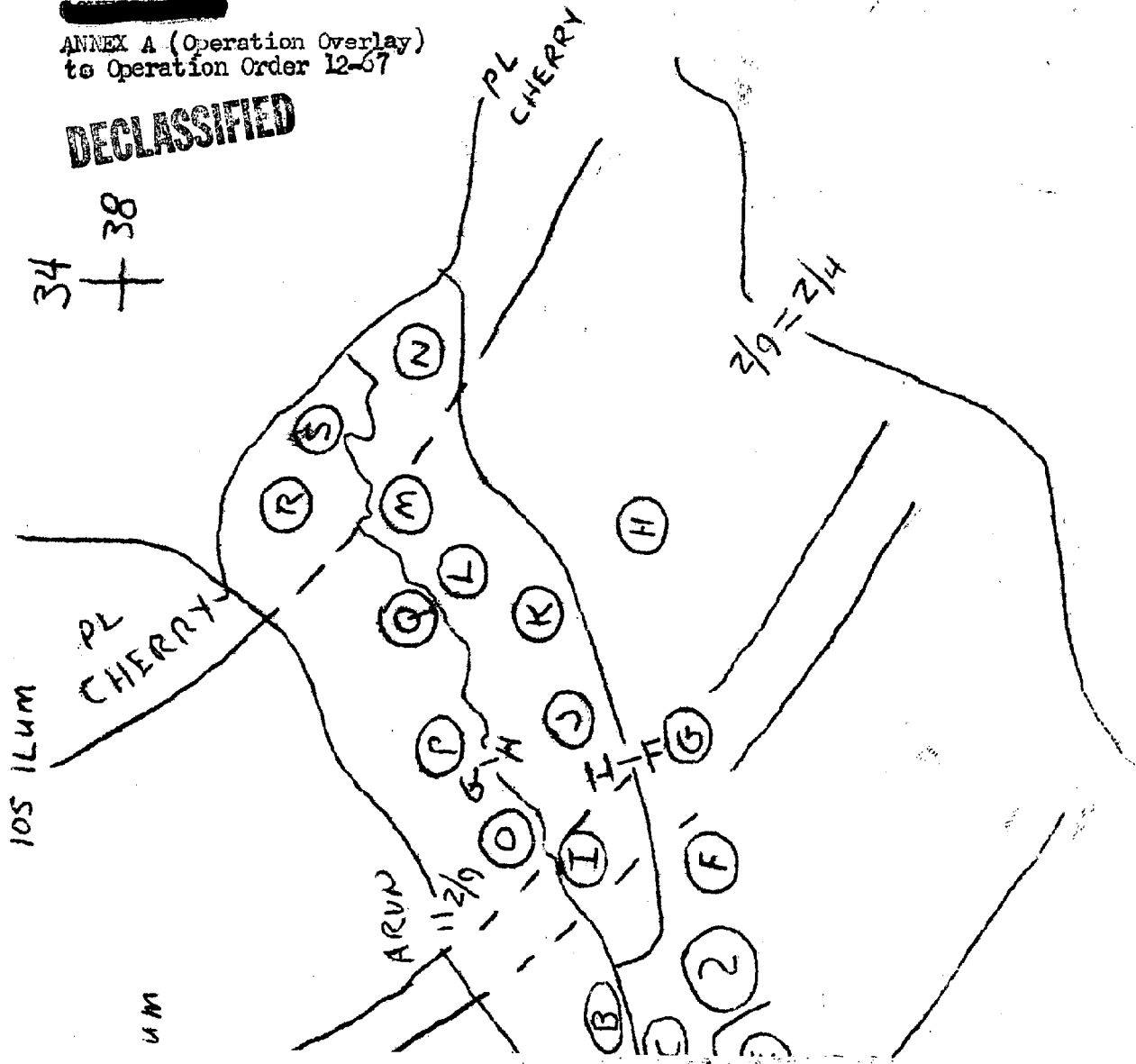
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S-4	1
Comm	1
RAS	1
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Subj: Operation Shawnee After Action Report

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(b) 4th Marines FragO 18-67
(c) 2d Battalion, 9th Marines OpnO 12-67

Encl: ☒ (1) Route Overlay

1. Code Name. Operation Shawnee

2. Dates of Operation. 2d Battalion, 9th Marines participated in Operation Shawnee under OpCon of 4th Marine Regiment from 220000H April to 161000H May 1967.

3. Location. Puong Dien District, Thua Thien Providence, Republic of Vietnam.

4. Control

Co., 2d Bn., 9th Marines
Co., E Company
Co., F Company
Co., G Company
Co., H Company
Co., H&S Company

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5. Task Organization

2d Battalion, 9th Marines (-) (Rein)
E Company
F Company
G Company
H Company
H&S Company
Co. C (-) 3d Tk Bn.
Co. B, 3d Anti-Tank Bn.
Det., 1st Plt. Co. A, 3d SP Bn.
2d Plt, Co. C, 3d Engr Bn.
Det. (-) 7th ITT

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6. Supporting Forces

a. Artillery and Armor

- (1) Battery "E", 2d Bn., 12th Marines provided direct support.
- (2) Battery "H", 3d Bn., 12th Marines provided direct support.
- (3) Battery "B", 1st Bn., 13th Marines provided general support.
- (4) 1st Prov. 155mm Howitzer Battery "P" (Towed) provided general support.
- (5) Battery "L", 4th Bn., 12th Marines provided general support.
- (6) 1st 8" How. Battery (SP) provided general support.
- (7) Hq. Battery, 3d Bn., 12th Marines controlled fire direction for all artillery fires, both tactically and technically.

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(8) 2d Plt., Company C, 3d Tank Battalion provided support for the perimeter defense by occupying perimeter positions and provided a direct fire and IR searchlight capabilities.

(9) Company B (-), 3d Anti-Tank Battalion; 1st platoon Battery D, 1st Battalion, 65th Artillery, USA, (M-55); and 1st platoon, Battery D, 1st Battalion, 44th Artillery, USA, (M-42) provided support for perimeter positions with a primary mission of direct fires and a secondary mission of indirect fire support. H&I's were fired nightly; expending during the period 446 106mm RR rounds, 39, 330, .50 caliber rounds, and 1,850 .40mm rounds.

(10) Two sections Battery G, 29th Artillery, USA, (AN/ASS-2) provided IR/searchlight capabilities for the perimeter defense.

(11) Artillery and tanks maintained an intensive 24 hour ILL program which was supplemented during the hours of darkness by 81mm mortar, 40mm, 106mm and .50 caliber indirect fires from the perimeter.

(12) Counter-mortar plans in support of the 4th Marines perimeter, Hill #51, and the forward artillery position in the Co Bi/Thanh Tan Valley employing 81mm mortar and artillery were devised. Through drill, excellent reaction times were attained for all three plans. These plans were used twice for the 4th Marines perimeter and once for the forward artillery position. On all three occasions the reaction time was quick and the mortar fire was suppressed.

(13) The use of artillery in support of Operation Shawnee consisted of 28 missions fired on targets of opportunity, 34 recon by fire missions, 13 illumination missions, 3 training missions, 7 defensive target missions, 3420 H&I concentrations, and 3 counter-mortar missions.

(14) Fire support and fire support coordination was unsatisfactory. On many occasions during the period from 7 May through 15 May, a single illumination round took 30 minutes or more to clear; other missions took longer. Consequently, artillery, when fired was not timely nor as effective as it could have been.

b. Air Support

(1) Resupply. There were 23 resupply missions in Operation Shawnee. These resupply missions were scheduled through the Battalion S-4 who requested resupply directly from ISA. Normally all resupplies were delivered utilizing either two H-46s or two H-34s depending on the size of the load. Because of heavy mining in the TAOR and because Battalion operations from 7 May through 15 May were conducted in a remote area, helicopter resupply was used extensively. Weather was the main factor that prevented a constant flow of resupply and contributed significantly to marginal helicopter resupply support. Six major troop lifts were conducted utilizing H-46s and H-34s. On 7 May 12 H-46s were used to move the Battalion to LZ Eagle.

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(2) Medevacs. 20 Medevacs ranging from emergency to routine were conducted during Operation Shawnee. These medevacs were invaluable in getting Marines prompt medical attention. These requests were submitted directly to KASC on the HFTAR NET. Reaction time was usually very satisfactory despite inclement weather. During the period from 7 May to 15 May several evacs were made by H-46s utilizing the hoists. On 8 May an emergency medevac was conducted by two H-46s. The job done by these pilots and crews was outstanding, a credit to themselves and their profession.

(3) Recon Flights. Recon flights in the TAOR enabled officers and key personnel to maintain an up-to-date evaluation of the situation. These flights were requested through the Regimental Air Officer as operational necessities demanded.

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(4) Fixed Wings. Air Observers were requested as situations developed that required the use of fixed wing aircraft. These were requested in the same manner as recon flights except where immediate requests were concerned and at this time the HF TAR NET was used. On occasions where it was known the day prior that a legitimate target would be available the fixed wing aircraft was requested along with an AO. When an AO or ground unit spotted a target and requested fixed wing through the Battalion, the DASC was contacted on the HF TAC (A) on UHF, and aircraft were scrambled from hot pads at DaNang and Chu Lai. Reaction time for these aircraft was excellent. The OIC continued to prove its value in air control. Their ability to mark targets and adjust fire is outstanding. Aircraft used in support of Operation Shawnee were F-4's, A-1's, F-8's, G-117's, and C-130's. The wide ordnance included 20mm, 250 and 500 pound bombs, napalm, rockets and flares (used in support of night operations). The accuracy of air delivered weapons was excellent. Fixed wing arrived on station in pairs with different ordnance loads for maximum flexibility.

7. Intelligence

a. Enemy Disposition and Strength prior to Operation Shawnee

(1) Confirmed enemy units in the 1st phase of Operation Shawnee were Base Camp 114, Headquarters 6th NVA Regiment, 810th NVA Battalion, 802d Battalion.

(2) Confirmed enemy units operating in the area of operations for the 2d phase of Operation Shawnee were the 808th NVA Battalion and the 814th NVA Battalion.

b. Mission

The mission of the 6th Regiment is probably to function as a command center for the northern sub-region headquarters and to keep open lines of communications and the National infiltration route reaching from the mountains to the Coastal lowlands. Their sector of responsibility is from north of Quang Tri to south of Hue.

c. Activity

(1) This Battalion's mission during the first phase (22 April-6 May) of Operation Shawnee was defense of the 4th Marines perimeter and to conduct small unit patrols and ambushes along enemy lines of communications. Activity during this period consisted almost entirely of sniping, mining, and small unit (4-10) contact.

(2) During the 2d phase of Operation Shawnee (7-15 May) in a sweep of the Annemite Mountains, this Battalion had a total of 18 small contacts ranging from 2-3 snipers to platoon size.

(a) When faced with a large force the enemy continually employed delaying tactics.

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(b) In addition, this Battalion found the following Base areas or camps.

YD 293331-13 hootches

YD 295340- Abandoned enemy camp with many hootches, fighting holes and one man bunkers. This camp was apparently deserted for 6 months.

YD 336357- Weapons caches in old base camp did not appear to be recently occupied and appeared to be site for armory and hospital.

YD 294349- 9 cooking areas, 12 tables and could accomodate one platoon at a time appeared to be recently occupied.

YD 338357- 2 bunkers and assorted parts of weapons. Site appeared to be the armory and had not been recently occupied.

YD 327345- 12 hootches with bunkers, did not appeared to have been recently occupied. It apparently was the site for a hospital.

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YD 327345- 12 hootches with bunkers, did not appear to have been recently occupied. It apparently was the site for a hospital.

YD 337364- e camouflaged huts and cooking areas. Huts had tunnels and bunkers were located under them. They apparently were new.

YD 339280- 1 large sleeping house, 3 bamboo sleeping areas and 3 covered fighting holes. They had not been used recently.

(c) The large number of weapons found (69), together with the number of base camps located, and the lack of mines in the area would seem to indicate the extensive use of the area.

d. Description of the area of operations

(1) General. This Battalions area of operations for the 2d phase of Operation Shawnee was bounded on the south by east-west grid line 33. On the west by a line 1000 meters east of and parallel to the Song Nhung River. On the east by a line 500 meters west of and parallel to the Song Thac Ma River. Steep mountains and jungle type terrain was the rule throughout the area of operations. There were no villages or hamlets in the area of operation.

(2) Cover and Concealment. For the most part concealment was good in the thick undergrowth and canopy. Cover was afforded by the deep rifts and folds of the mountainous terrain.

(3) Critical Terrain features. The most prominent terrain features were the two ridge lines running parallel to each other in a north-east to south-westerly direction dominating almost the entire area of operation.

(4) Avenues of Approach. The jungle terrain restricted the speed of movement. This caused the offensive movement considerable disadvantage; channeling the unit into long columns. One-thousand meters a day was about top speed, except on well used trails. See overlay - Enclosure (1).

e. Weather. During Operation Shawnee, hot weather generally prevailed throughout the operating area. Daily afternoon rainfall had little or no adverse effect on friendly or enemy movement within the operating area. A weather summary for the period 22 April to 15 May is as follows:

Maximum temperature - 105
Minimum temperature - 70
Number of days with rain - 13
Total in. rainfall received - 7
Average wind- 5 knots
Visibility - 5-8 miles

f. Civilian Population. Civilians throughout the operating area have been instructed by GVN authorities to leave the area of "Free Fire" zone. There were no villages or hamlets in the area of operation and no civilians were encountered. (C. 4.1)

g. Psychological Operations. Efforts in this area of operations were controlled and coordinated by 4th Marines S-5.

8. Mission. 2d Battalion, 9th Marines was assigned the mission of search and destroy within assigned area of operations to deny enemy lines of communications and destroy NVA/VC forces with Battalion size operations, company and platoon size aggressive patrols, ambushes and small unit tactics; providing perimeter defense for Regimental CP, LSA, and supporting artillery vicinity TD 538318, providing security for daily road sweeps between the perimeter and Highway #1 and the perimeter and the forward artillery position; maintain a reinforced

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rifle platoon as Sparrow Hawk Reaction Force; provide a reinforced rifle platoon in LZ Buzzard - vicinity YD 454214 for security for engineers during expansion of LZ; providing one reinforced rifle platoon as security for radio relay on hill 674 - vicinity YD 516219; and in order to provide a command group in LZ Crow or LZ Hawk. On order attack and seize objective #2- YD 289331; commence north-easterly search, attack, and destroy operations throughout assigned zone of action.

9. Concept of Operation: 2d Battalion, 9th Marines provided security for the 4th Marines perimeter with one rifle company and a Sparrow Hawk reaction force. One rifle company provided security for the combat outpost/company patrol base on hill #51 and conducted extensive patrols, ambush and destroy missions in the Co Bi/Thanh Tan Valley. Two rifle companies conducted extensive patrols and ambushes throughout the TAOR to interdict enemy lines of communications. Rifle companies spent an average of six days in the field before returning to the 4th Marines perimeter for resupply and rest. H&S Company provided a provisional platoon for security of a sector of the 4th Marines perimeter; provided security for radio relay site on hill #674 and security for LZ Crow from 21 May to 22 May. From 7 May to 15 May 2d Battalion, 9th Marines conducted sweep, search, and destroy mission in a joint Marine ARVN operation. Company B(-), 3d Anti-Tank Battalion, provided security for the 4th Marines perimeter by firing H&I and direct fire. The company also participated in local patrols around the perimeter. 1st Platoon, Battery D, 1st Battalion, 44th Artillery, USA (M-42) provided security for the 4th Marines perimeter and for resupply and engineer activities in the area of operations. 1st Platoon, Battery D, 1st Battalion, 65th Artillery, USA, (M-55) provided security for the 4th Marines perimeter and the combat outpost/company patrol base on Hill #51, by firing extensive H&I's. The M-55's were also used to provide security for Motor Transport activities in the area of operations. Two sections Battery G, 29th Artillery, USA, (AN/MSS-3) provided infrared and searchlight capabilities for the 4th Marines perimeter.

10. Execution.

a. 22 April 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

E/2/9 - Manned defensive positions on the 4th Marines perimeter employing (3) SID's, (2) Infrared Scopes, (1) AN/MSS-3, and (1) reinforced rifle platoon as Sparrow Hawk/Reaction Force.

F/2/9 - Operated a CFB in the vicinity of YD 598264 employing (1) Demo Team, (1) Kit Carson Scout, (1) ARVN Interpreter, and (1) Marine Interpreter.

G/2/9 - Manned COP on Hill #51 with (1) platoon providing security for the Radio Relay Site on Hill #674, and (1) platoon as perimeter Reaction Force. From Hill #51 the company employed (1) M-55, (3) Sniper Teams, and (1) AN/MSS-3.

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H/2/9 - Provided security for the forward Artillery position in the CO BI THANH TAN Valley vicinity YD 4827.

H&S/2/9 - Manned defensive positions on the 4th Marines perimeter employing (2) Infrared Scopes, (5) SID'S, and (2) TFS-21's. Provided (2) squads for ambushes from the perimeter.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

221220H-F/2/9 Apprehended seven Vietnamese civilians vicinity YD 598264 traveling along trail carrying various food stuffs. At approximately the same time (2) young male Vietnamese were apprehended traveling along the SONG O HO River in a San Pan carrying various food stuffs.

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Shortly after interrogation of the detainees the third platoon received two sniper rounds from vicinity YD 599262. One squad swept area of enemy sniper fire resulting in (1) USMC WIA which was Med Evaced. Squad returned fire resulting in (1) VC KIA (CONF) and (1) VC KIA (Prob). While squad was continuing search of area a cave was discovered and during the search (1) Marine was wounded in the left hand. Results of search (2) VC/POW's, (1) carbine, (1) M-14 magazine pouch, (1) army M-16 magazine pouch, (2) parachute, (1) carbine magazine, (45) rounds Russian 30 Cal ammo, (1) NVA uniform, (1) poncho, (10) blasting caps, (1) green shirt, and (1) pair of trousers. POW'S and Detainees were sent to 4th Marines CP.

221955H-3/F/2/9 While moving to night ambush site the 3rd platoon received (4) rounds of automatic vicinity YD 597264. The platoon did not return fire for the exact enemy position could not be determined. Results of contact (1) USMC WIA. The platoon then conducted sweep of suspected area and located (1) bunker 5'X6'X4' covered with dirt and sod. It was believed that the bunker was recently built. The bunker was located vicinity YD 595261 and was destroyed with demolitions.

222145H-F/2/9 While in ambush site vicinity YD 591265 observed raft on the SONG O HO River vicinity YD 591264 moving west. Ambush opened fired on raft with small arms fire and then received (30) rounds of small arms fire from south side of river. It is believed that people on raft were hit by small arms fire but could not check out area due to darkness. Negative USMC casualties.

b. 23 April 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

E/2/9 - Continued its mission of 22 April 1967.

F/2/9 - Moved CPB to the vicinity of YD 590265.

G/2/9 - Continued its mission of 22 April 1967.

H/2/9 - Continued its mission of 22 April 1967.

H&S/2/9 - Continued its mission of 22 April 1967

M-55's, M-42's, M-48's, M 50 A-1's, assumed mission of supplementing H&I fires from the 4th Marines perimeter. AN/MSS-3's were assigned the mission of providing Infra-Red/Searchlight capabilities from the perimeter.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

230515H-1/E/2/9 While enroute to daytime position observed (2) VC vicinity YD 515321 moving in a easterly direction. The platoon was located vicinity YD 512329 and due to distance involved no action was taken.

230800H-1E/2/9 While in blocking position at YD 511333 observed (2) VC vicinity YD 511327. The platoon fired small arms fire at VC and swept area with negative results. (P. 11)

230715H-2/G/2/9 Located (1) ChiCom grenade at YD 515219. Grenade was rigged with trip wire strung across trail. The grenade was blown in place.

230840H-3/G/2/9 COP on Hill # 51 fired artillery mission on suspected VC in bushes vicinity YD 536267 with good coverage. Area ~~will~~ not be checked out.

230945H-1/F/2/9 While moving to check out area of contact of 222145H received (6) rounds of automatic fire from vicinity of YD 595260. Platoon could not return fire due to unknown exact location of enemy. Will continue to search area.

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231020H-1/E/2/9 Located at YD 514334 received (1) incoming rifle grenade from vicinity YD 506336. Returned fire with M-79 rounds. Unable to check out area at this time. Negative casualties.

231245H-2/G/2/9 While attempting to land security for radio relay on hill 674 by helicopter they received small arms fire resulting in (1) USMC WIA. Helicopter did not land at this time and artillery mission was called on suspected enemy position. Results of mission unknown.

231600H-3/F/2/9 Located (3) bunkers vicinity YD 590263 reinforced with bamboo and logs and camouflaged with dirt and sod. Bunkers were recently constructed and were destroyed with demolitions.

231735H-F/2/9 Reported locating pieces of paper where (2) VC were captured on 22 April 1967 vicinity YD 600265. Papers were dated 17 April 1967 and indicated (2) VC were killed that date. Also indicated several South Vietnamese and Americans were killed. Papers were sent to 4th Marines CP.

232305H-F/2/9 While in ambush site received (3) incoming 60mm rounds from unknown unit across river. It is believed that it was an ARVN unit. No fire was returned and negative casualties.

232340H-F/2/9 While in ambush site vicinity YD 590265 received (1) illumination round over their position. It is believed the round came from friendly unit across river. Liaison was made with PHONG DIEN District Headquarters to have fire ceased.

c. 24 April 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

E/2/9 - Continued mission of 23 April 1967.

F/2/9 - Moved CPB to the vicinity YD 599264.

G/2/9 - Continued its mission of 23 April 1967.

H/2/9 - Continued its mission of 23 April 1967.

H&S/2/9 - Continued its mission of 23 April 1967.

M-55's, M-42's, M-48's, M 50 A-1's, and AN/MSS-3 continued their mission.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

240900H-H/2/9 While sweeping road located (1) M 1-A 1 AT mine vicinity YD 517296. AT mine had 105mm round and M-16 AP mine attached. Mines had pressure type release. Mines were blown in place.

240905H-3/F/2/9 While in vicinity of YD 597267 received (6) rounds of automatic carbine fire from vicinity of YD 595260 resulting in (1) USMC WIA. 3d platoon returned fire with small arms and M-79 rounds and swept area with negative results. (P. 11)

241300H-1/F/2/9 While located vicinity YD 602263 observed (6) people running through treeline vicinity YD 604263. Platoon fired small arms and M-79 rounds at movement and swept area with negative results.

241630H-3/F/2/9 Located (5) bunkers vicinity YD 592262 that were reinforced with bamboo and railroad tracks. Bunkers were 4'X3'X7' and appeared to have been recently constructed. Also located (1) tunnel 4'X4'X15' vicinity YD 603263. Bunkers and tunnel were destroyed with demolitions.

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d. 25 April 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

E/2/9 - Continued its mission of 24 April 1967. In addition provided security for downed helicopter with (1) platoon vicinity YD 556264.

F/2/9 - Continued its mission of 24 April 1967

G/2/9 - Continued its mission of 24 April 1967

H/2/9 - Continued its mission of 24 April 1967

H&S/2/9 - Continued its mission of 24 April 1967. In addition provided (1) squad to conduct patrols and ambushes in conjunction with H/2/9.

M48's, M-55's, M-42's, M-50 A-1's and AN/MSS-3 continued their mission.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

250245H-2/G/2/9 On hill 674 YD 515219 received (4) rounds of incoming 60mm from unknown location resulting in (2) USMC WIA. Artillery mission fired results unknown.

251135H-F/2/9 Located at YD 600264 and YD 582277 observed (1) VC platoon vicinity YD 585296 moving west. Due to distance involved unable to tell if they were armed. Patrol was dispatched and checked area with negative results.

251935H-1/E/2/9 As platoon was setting security for downed helicopter they received (20) rounds of small arms fire from vicinity YD 546253. Artillery mission was fired with good target coverage, results unknown. Negative casualties.

252110H-2/F/2/9 While in ambush site vicinity YD 603267 heard (2) to (3) people move into ambush zone. Platoon opened fire with small arms and received (3) rounds of carbine in return. Checked area with negative results. Negative casualties.

e. 26 April 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

E/2/9 - Continued its mission of 25 April 1967

F/2/9 - Moved its CPB to YD 600266

G/2/9 - Continued its mission of 25 April 1967

H/2/9 - Continued its mission of 25 April 1967

H&S/2/9 - Continued its mission of 25 April 1967

M-48's, M-55's, M-42's, M-50 A-1's and AN/MSS-3 continued their mission.

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(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

260655H-3/F2/9 While departing night ambush site at YD 592259 the 3d platoon received (8) rounds of small arms fire from vicinity YD 593256. Returned fire with small arms and M-79 rounds. Swept area with negative results. Negative casualties.

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260820H-2/G/2/9 Located (2) 57 rr rounds vicinity YD 515219 with electrical wire attached. Also located at same coordinates (1) 2 pound block of TNT with friction type detonating device. 57 rr rounds and TNT were blown in place.

261130H-1/F/2/9 Located (2) fresh graves vicinity YD 601255. Graves were opened and found (2) VC bodies in black clothes. No weapons or documents were found. It is believed the (2) bodies were results of contact on 24 April 1967. As graves were being closed (1) VC was observed in tree line vicinity YD 545261. Platoon search out treeline and found (1) USMC cartridge belt. Results (2) VC KIA Confirmed.

261230H-1/E/2/9 While providing security for downed helicopter at YD 554266 received (20) rounds of small arms fire from vicinity YD 556254. Returned fire with small arms, could not call in artillery due to other aircraft in area. Negative casualties.

261230H-3/G/2/9 Located (2) bunkers vicinity YD 555279 and YD 554277. Both appeared to be (6) months old and were 12'x4'x3'. Both bunkers were destroyed with demolitions.

261255H-1/F/2/9 Located (1) five hundred pound bomb vicinity YD 590253 rigged with electrical and pressure type detonating device. Bomb was located along trail camouflaged with bushes and grass. Bomb was blown with demolitions and secondary explosion occurred about 15' from bomb. It is believed that secondary explosion was a 250 pound bomb. Negative casualties.

261405H-1/F/2/9 While on patrol observed (2) VC vicinity YD 592252 and opened up with small arms fire. Area was searched revealing (1) VC KIA confirmed. Continued search of area and located following items: (4) cooking pots, (1) teapot, (3) tin cans, (12) ceramic bowls, (1) metal container, (1) ammo can containing various foodstuffs, (1) pair of green trousers, (1) black shirt, (1) bamboo hat, (1) pair of sandals, (1) wooden hammer, (1) canteen, (1) can cleaning solvent, (1) lantern, and assorted documents. All gear and documents sent back to 4th Marines CP.

261630H-1/F/2/9 Conducted search of area that Recon team reported sighting (10) VC vicinity YD 596234 and (2) VC vicinity YD 597236. Area was searched with negative results.

261830H-H/2/9 Observed (10) VC vicinity YD 485278 dressed in camouflaged utilities. Artillery mission was called, results of mission unknown.

261900H-3/G/2/9 While on patrol located the following booby traps: (1) 57rr round and 60mm round tied together with pull type fuse and wire stretched across trail vicinity YD 552276, (1) 57rr with block of TNT attached with pull type fuse and wire stretched across trail vicinity YD 553277, (1) pound block of TNT with pull type fuse with wire stretched across trail vicinity YD 544277, all three booby traps were camouflaged with bamboo and covered with dirt. The (3) booby traps were blown in place.

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261900H-3/G/2/9 Located (3) bunkers at YD 522275, YD 553276, and YD 554277. All (3) bunkers were constructed of wood and steel and camouflaged with grass and brush. All (3) bunkers appeared to have been recently occupied. The (3) bunkers were destroyed with demolitions.

262005H-1/F/2/9 An estimated (5) VC approached ambush site located in the vicinity YD 603265. Ambush opened with small arms fire and observed (2) bodies laying on trail with other VC attempting to remove them. Ambush requested illumination and kept area under small arms fire. Area was searched and found numerous blood stains and drag marks that indicated (3) bodies had been dragged off from trail. Results of contact (2) VC KIA confirmed and (1) VC KIA probable.

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262052H- Listening post on the 4th Marines perimeter reported receiving small arms fire from his left front. Illumination and counter mortar plan was fired at suspected enemy position. Negative casualties.

262145H- Squad from H&S/2/9 reported receiving (1) incoming grenade while in ambush site at YD 473276. Squad returned fire with M-79 rounds and searched area with the aid of illumination with negative results. Squad then moved to a new ambush site. Results of contact (1) USMC WIA.

f. 27 April 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

E/2/9 - Continued its mission of 26 April 1967

F/2/9 - Continued its mission of 26 April 1967

G/2/9 - Continued its mission of 26 April 1967, In addition established ~~722~~ vicinity YD 523266.

H/2/9 - Continued its mission of 26 April 1967

H&S/2/9 - Continued its mission of 26 April 1967

M-48's, M-55's, M-42's, M 50 A-1's, and AN/MSS-3's continued their mission

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

271100H-3/F/2/9 Located (1) tunnel vicinity YD 599259 15'X3'X4'. Tunnel was well camouflaged but showed no signs of recent occupation. Tunnel was searched with negative results and was destroyed with demolitions.

271155H-F/2/9 Located (4) large bunkers about two weeks old and large enough to house twenty people. Bunkers were destroyed with demolitions.

271635H-3/F/2/9 Located (1) VC body vicinity YD 602251. It is estimated VC has been dead about (4) days. (1) VC KIA Confirmed.

271845H-3/G/2/9 Located (6) bunkers vicinity YD 547275 that were well camouflaged and appeared to have been recently occupied. The bunkers were 4'X4'X5' and were destroyed with demolitions.

g. 28 April 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

E/2/9 - Continued its mission of 27 April 1967

F/2/9 - Continued its mission of 27 April 1967

G/2/9 - Continued its mission of 27 April 1967

H/2/9 - Continued its mission of 27 April 1967

H&S/2/9 - Continued its mission of 27 April 1967

M-48's, M-55's, M-42's, M 50 A&S, and AN/MSS-3's
continued their mission

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

281530H-3/F/2/9 Located (1) 250 pound bomb rigged with
trip wire at YD 601246. Bomb was blown in place.

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281830-3/G/2/9 Located (9) bunkers vicinity YD 550279 with (3) spider holes located in same vicinity. Bunkers were 20'X8'X4' and fortified with logs and steel poles and camouflaged with sod and grass. Spider holes were (1x3x4) and also well camouflaged. These were all destroyed.

h. 29 April 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

E/2/9 - Continued its mission of 28 April 1967. In addition provided one platoon for PHONG DIEN District Headquarters.

F/2/9 - Continued its mission of 28 April 1967

G/2/9 - Continued its mission of 28 April 1967

H/2/9 - Continued its mission of 28 April 1967

H&S/2/9 - Continued its mission of 28 April 1967

M-48's, M55's, M50A-1, and AN/MSS-3's continued its missions

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

290835H-F/2/9 While on patrol detonated a mine (believed to be 105 of 155) at YD 592265. There were two (2) USMC KIA's and one (1) USMC WIA (Priority Med Evac)

291430-3/F/2/9 Located a booby trapped 500 lb bomb beside house at YD 601251. Destroyed in place.

291927H-H/2/9 At YD 435275 received approximately 80-100 rds of mortar fire from YD 505245, 81mm mission fired (170 rds). No casualties reported.

291940H-G/2/9 While on hill 674 YD 516219 fired 35 rds 60 mm at enemy mortar flashes at YD 505245. Flashes were observed on reverse slope of hill. Results of fire was unknown.

i. 30 April 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

E/2/9 - Established CPB vicinity YD 504287

F/2/9 - Assumed mission of a sector of the 4th Marines perimeter employing (3) SID'S, (2) Infrared Scopes, and (1) platoon as security at PHONG DIEN District Headquarters.

G/2/9 - Continued its mission of 29 April 1967. Platoon on PFB returned to the company CP

H/2/9 - Continued its mission of 29 April 1967

H&S/2/9 - Continued its mission of 29 April 1967

M-48's, M-55's, M-42's, M 50 A-1's, and AN/MSS-33's continued their mission

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

300001H-2/G/2/9 On hill 674 YD 515219 received (2) incoming grenades from southwest portion of perimeter. Returned fire with small arms and searched area with negative results. Resulting in (1) USMC WIA

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j. 1 May 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

E/2/9 - Returned to battalion CP at 010430. CHOP OF CON to 3d Marines as of 010900H

F/2/9 - Continued its mission of 30 April 1967. Platoon providing security at PHONG DIEN District Headquarters returned to company CP.

H/2/9 - Continued its mission of 30 April 1967

H&S/2/9 - Continued its mission of 30 April 1967

M-48's, M-55's, M-42's, M 50 A-1's, and AN/MSS-3's continued their mission

(2) 01093H-H&S/2/9 Squad while on patrol located bamboo forest vicinity YD 454272 which appeared to have been recently occupied by VC. Forest contained (10) trenches 10'X3'X3' and (50) fighting holes 4'X3'X3'. Further searched uncovered the following: (3) well constructed hootches, various cooking utensils, (2) fishing nets, various VC clothing, (1) pair NVA jungle boots, (1) pack, and flare canister containing rice. Destroyed as much as possible by hand.

k. 2 May 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

F/2/9 - Continued its mission of 1 May 1967

G/2/9 - Continued its mission of 1 May 1967

H/2/9 - Continued its mission of 1 May 1967

H&S/2/9 - Continued its mission of 1 May 1967

M-48's, M-55's, M-42's, M 50 A-1's, and AN/MSS-3's continued their mission

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

021230H-F/2/9 Located (1) 250 pound bomb that was booby trapped in punji trap with pressure type detonating device. Punji trap and bomb was blown in place.

021300H-F/2/9 Encountered (3) VC vicinity YD 519249 moving north. Point opened fire with small arms resulting in (1) VC/POW badly wounded in legs. Further searched of area revealed numerous blood trails. Kit Carson Scout and Interpreter questioned VC/POW with negative results. Search of area resulted in following gear captured: (1) U. S. carbine, (1) pack containing (20) pair khaki trousers, several sweat shirts, and various types currency. Results of contact 1 VC/POW and (2) VC KIA Prob.

1. 3 May 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

F/2/9 - Continued its mission of 2 May 1967

G/2/9 - Continued its mission of 2 May 1967. In addition
established PPB vicinity of YD 520260

H/2/9 - Continued its mission of 2 May 1967

H&S/2/9 - Continued its mission of 2 May 1967

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M-48's, M-55's, M-42's, M 50 A-1's, and AN/MSS-3's Continued their mission

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

030125-F/2/9 on perimeter reported that (15 to 20) mortar rounds landed in the vicinity of YD 548333. Fired counter mortar plan sectors two and three. No casualties. At first light area of suspected mortar position was searched resulting in the following: (1) suspected 60mm mortar pit 4'X2' and 6" deep in the vicinity of YD 543335, also located (29) 82mm fins vicinity of YD 538330.

030826H-3/F/2/9 While on patrol located (1) 155mm round protruding from ground vicinity of YD 549333. Round was blown in place.

030900H-3/F/2/9 Patrol located (10) bangalore torpedoes in stream vicinity of YD 554331. Rounds will be brought to 4th Marines CP for disposition.

032145H- 4th Marines portion of perimeter reported observing lights in grid square YD 5530. Approx. (3) minutes later F/2/9 in ambush site reported receiving mortar rounds. At the same time (21) rounds of mortar rounds impacted (100) meters in front of the perimeter. Counter mortar plan was fired.

032230H- 4th Marines sector of perimeter reported observing lights or flashes on a azimuth of 100 hundred degrees from YD 542321 within one minute (4) mortar rounds impacted 100 meters vicinity YD 553328. Azimuth was checked out and indicated that rounds came from grid square YD 5530. Counter mortar plan was fired and flare ship was requested on station.

m. 4 May 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

F/2/9 - Continued its mission of 3 May 1967. In addition provided security for downed helicopter vicinity of YD 365532.

G/2/9 - Continued its mission of 3 May 1967

H/2/9 - Continued its mission of 3 May 1967

H&S/2/9 - Continued its mission of 3 May 1967

E/2/4 - CHOP OP CON from 2d Battalion, 4th Marines to 2d Battalion, 9th Marines. Established CFB vicinity of YD 503315.

M-48's, M-55's, M-42's, M 50 A-1's, and AN/MSS-3's continued their mission

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

041800H-E/2/4 While on patrol Marine tripped booby trapped 81mm round that failed to detonate vicinity YD 507328. Round was blown in place.

n. 5 May 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

F/2/9 - Continued its mission of 4 May 1967

G/2/9 - Relieved of COP on Hill 51 by the 3d platoon of H/2/26 and then returned to company CP. 2d platoon returned to company CP from Hill 674 (radio relay site).

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H/2/9 - Continued its mission of 4 May 1967

E/2/4 - CHOP OP CON from 2d Battalion, 9th Marines to 2d Battalion, 4th Marines as of 051500H

H/2/20 - CHOP OP CON from 2d Battalion, 26th Marines to 2d Battalion, 9th Marines. 1st platoon assumed mission Sparrow Hawk/Reaction Force. 2d platoon provided security for radio relay site vicinity of YD 384256. 3d platoon manned COP on Hill 51.

G/2/26 - CHOP OP CON from 2d Battalion, 26th Marines to 2d Battalion, 9th Marines. Provided security for forward artillery position vicinity of YD 487292

H&S/2/9 - Continued its mission of 4 May 1967

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

050955H-2/F/2/9 Marine detonated booby trapped M-26 grenade vicinity YD 551308. Resulting in (1) USMC WIA.

o. 6 May 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

2d Battalion, 9th Marines (-) (Rein) Relieved of mission by 26th Marines on the 4th Marines perimeter. Making preparations for execution of 4th Marines Frag Order 18-67.

H/2/26 - CHOP OP CON from 2d Battalion, 9th Marines to 2d Battalion, 26th Marines.

G/2/26 - CHOP OP CON from 2d Battalion, 9th Marines to 2d Battalion, 26th Marines.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

None

p. 7 May 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

2/9 (-) (Rein) - Moved from 4th Marines CP to LZ Eagle at 0950H. Then moved from LZ Eagle to vicinity YD 286325.

F/2/9 - Moved from the 4th Marines CP to LZ Eagle at 0950H. Then moved from LZ Eagle to vicinity YD 286325.

G/2/9 - Moved from the 4th Marines CP to LZ Eagle at 0950H. Then moved from LZ Eagle to vicinity YD 280328.

H/2/9 - Moved from the 4th Marines CP to LZ Eagle at 0950H. Then moved from LZ Eagle to vicinity YD 275313. (1) (2) (4A)

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

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070905H-F/2/9 Helicopters lifting from LZ Eagle vicinity YD 265335 after inserting initial wave of 2/9 received small arms fire resulting in no injuries or damage.

q. 8 May 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

2/9 (-) (Rein) - Continued to operate in its Zone of Action moving to YD 282328

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F/2/9 - Continued to operate in its Zone of Action moving to YD 282328

G/2/9 - Continued to operate in its Zone of Action moving to YD 285342

H/2/9 - Continued to operate in its Zone of Action moving to YD 288332

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

080953H-F/2/9 Made contact at YD 282328 with unknown number of VC dug in on high ground. F/2/9 commenced movement against enemy positions. Resulting in (1) USMC KIA and (2) USMC WIA.

080820H- H/2/9 Point observed (1) VC walking along trail vicinity YD 279326 and engaged enemy with small arms fire. Area was swept resulting in the following equipment captured: (4) packs containing food containers, (2) cooking pots, (20) rounds AK-47 ammo, (40) pounds of rice, various uniforms, (1) NVA helmet, and (1) book that appears to diary. All equipment was destroyed except documents which will be sent to 4th Marines CP.

081100H- As command group was moving in trace of F/2/9 rear security was hit by a heavy volume of automatic fire in the vicinity of YD 282335. Fire came from left flank of rear guard and inflicted heavy casualties. The 106rr platoon serving as a clutch platoon moved to the rear and drove enemy from high ground. VC broke contact and the 106rr platoon swept area and found bloody clothing and (2) packs. Results of contact: (5) USMC KIA, (7) USMC WIA, and (1) VC KIA (Prob).

081600H- F/2/9 Point element made contact with (1) VC vicinity of YD 282329. Results of contact: (1) VC KIA (conf), (1) AK-47 captured. The VC was wearing black PJ's (1) NVA cartridge belt with (3) magazines and (90) rounds of ammo.

r. 9 May 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

2/9 (-) (Rein) - Continued its mission moving to YD 303346

F/2/9 - Continued its mission moving to YD 303346

G/2/9 - Continued its mission moving to YD 302352

H/2/9 - Continued its mission moving to YD 314340

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

090800H- G/2/9 Received 20 rounds of small arms fire from (4to 5) VC vicinity of YD 294345 dressed in gray uniforms. Called in artillery mission on enemy position and conducted sweep of area resulting in the following captured equipment: (3) ponchos, (10) canteens, (1) pack, (50) 7.62 carbine rounds, and (3) notebooks. All equipment was destroyed except documents that will be sent to 4th Marines CP.

090900H- G/2/9 Encountered (4) VC wearing grey uniforms moving northwest vicinity of YD 299349. Enemy was brought under small arms fire resulting in (5) VC KIA (conf), (3) K-44 and (1) AK-47 captured, also captured grenades, ammo, and food. There was (2) USMC WIA during the contact.

090900H- H/2/9 Located complex with (13) hootches vicinity of YD 293331. The hootches contained (263) 60mm mortar rounds, (143) 82mm mortar rounds, (11) 57mm RR rounds, (200) pounds of ChiCom TNT, (241) ChiCom grenades, (5,000) rounds of 7.62 ammo, (1) ChiCom carbine, and (1) 12 gage shotgun. All was destroyed except weapons.

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091106H-G/2/9 Received small arms fire from the vicinity of YD 298350. Unit returned fire resulting in (1) VC KIA (conf) and (1) USMC WIA. Captured (1) single action Mauser type rifle.

s. 10 May 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

2/9 (-) (Rein) Continued its mission moving to YD 295340

F/2/9 - Continued its mission moving to YD 295340

G/2/9 - Continued its mission moving to YD 326363

H/2/9 - Continued its mission moving to YD 315342

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

101225H- F/2/9 Observed and fired on (1) VC moving southwest vicinity YD 293344. Resulting in (1) VC KIA (conf) and (1) M-1 carbine captured. Search of area uncovered (1) pack, (1) canteen, and various documents that will be sent to 4th Marine CP.

101100H- F/2/9 Located a VC camp in the vicinity of YD 294349. Camp contained (9) cooking areas and (12) tables that could accommodate (1) platoon at a time. Camp was destroyed.

101450H- H/2/9 Received automatic weapons fire from the vicinity of YD 308335 resulting in (4) USMC WIA. Returned fire with small arms fire and called in artillery mission on enemy position. Results of which are unknown.

t. 11 May 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

2/9 (-) (Rein) - Continued its mission moving to YD 340360

F/2/9 - Continued its mission moving to YD 340360

G/2/9 - Continued its mission moving to YD 330366

H/2/9 - Continued its mission moving to YD 326344

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

110715H- 1/G/2/9 Located (1) large hootch with tunnel and smaller hootch in the vicinity of YD 316356. Search of area resulted in locating the following items: (1) M-1 rifle, (1) Chinese Mauser, (1) U. S. cartridge belt with bullet holes and covered with blood stains, (10) small bottles, (50) syrettes, and (25) vials that appeared to be morphine. Hootches and tunnel was destroyed.

111530H- F/2/9 Located VC weapons cache at YD 336357. The cache consisted of (37) ChiCom carbines, (8) French automatic rifles (5) 12 gage shotguns, (6) rocket rounds, and (2) belts of 7.62 ammo. In the process an explosive device was detonated resulting in (3) USMC WIA.

112045H- F/2/9 Located (2) bunkers in the vicinity of YD 338357. Conducted search of area and found assorted rifle parts and (2) ChiCom carbines without stocks. It is believed that bunkers were an armory.

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u. 12 May 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

2/9 (-) (Rein) - Continued its mission moving to YD 332378

F/2/9 - Continued its mission moving to YD 332378

G/2/9 - Continued its mission moving to YD 332372

H/2/9 - Continued its mission moving to YD 335349

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

120845H- 2/H/2/9 Located (12) houses with bunkers inside containing (4) sub machine guns, (1) flare pistol, assorted clothing, ammo, (9) packs medical supplies, and various documents. All of the listed was located at YD 327345.

120945H- 2/F/2/9 Located VC base camp vicinity of YD 337364. Camp consisted of (3) camouflaged huts and cooking area. Search of area uncovered tunnels with logs covering them and the tunnels also had bunkers inside of them. Also located numerous equipment and ammo.

v. 13 May 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

337374 2/9 (-) (Rein) - Continued its mission moving to YD

F/2/9 - Continued its mission moving to YD 352368

G/2/9 - Continued its mission moving to YD 355400

H/2/9 - Continued its mission moving to YD 337374

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

131430H- F/2/9 Made contact with (2) VC at YD 352360. VC were wearing black shorts and cartridge belts. Point took VC under small arms fire resulting in (2) VC KIA (conf). Search of area was conducted and found (2) 31 cal carbines, (2) entrenching tools, (2) uniforms, (2) homemade packs, and various letters that were sent to 4th Marines CP.

131730H- F/2/9 Point element spotted movement near a fallen tree on the right side of trail junction vicinity of YD 352368. Point opened fired with small arms and spotted VC move down trail. The position behind the fallen tree was a well prepared fighting hole. Point pursued fleeing VC down trail that was covered with heavy blood stains for about 200 meters when they spotted movement on both flanks. 2d platoon opened fired with small arms fire and in return received heavy automatic fire. A heavy fire fight ensued causing the VC to flee in an easterly direction. It is estimated that there were (12 to 15) VC with automatic weapons. Fire fight was so close that artillery fire could not be called in on the enemy. Area was searched and found numerous fighting holes on defensive terrain. Results of contact: (2) VC KIA (conf), (2) VC KIA (prob), (1) submachine gun and (1) 31 cal rifle captured. Friendly casualties: (1) USMC KIA and (5) USMC WIA.

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W. 14 May 1967

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(1) Disposition of Forces

2/9 (-) (Rein) - Continued its mission moving to YD 367394

F/2/9 - Continued its mission moving to YD 358359

G/2/9 - Continued its mission moving to YD 370415

H/2/9 - Continued its mission moving to YD 367394

E/2/4 - CHOP OP CON to 2d Battalion, 9th Marines. Providing security for the forward artillery position located in the vicinity of YD 382422.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

141700H-F/2/9 While moving to a suitable LZ the point heard movement in the vicinity of YD 358363. Air strike was called on suspected enemy position and upon completion area was searched out. Results of search: (1) VC base camp with bunkers and numerous hootches. All were destroyed.

x. 15 May 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

2/9 (-) (Rein) empleted its sweep to the forward artillery position and returned to the 4th Marines CP by truck.

F/2/9 - Completed its sweep and returned to the 4th Marines CP by truck.

G/2/9 - Completed its sweep and returned to the 4th Marines CP and was then CHOP OP CON to the 3d Battalion, 26th Marines as of 1200H.

H/2/9 - Completed its sweep and returned to the 4th Marines by truck.

E/2/4 - Continued its mission as security for the forward artillery position.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

151000H- Security for 2/9 CP was hit by an estimated (7) VC from (3) different directions with small arms fire. Rear element returned a heavy volume of small arms fire resulting in (1) VC KIA (Conf). VC was wearing a new green uniform, a cartridge belt, a helmet, and armed with a Russian sub-machinegun. Negative USMC casualties.

150950H-E/2/4 Detonated an explosive device believed to be a 105mm round rigged with trip wire that was chest high. Resulting in (3) USMC KIA.

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151300H-F/2/9 Lead elements were taken under fire from the right flank in the vicinity of YD 377443. Area was searched with negative results. Casualties: (1) USMC KIA and (1) USMC WIA.

11. Results

(a) Friendly Personnel Losses

- (1) KIA-8
- (2) WIA-32

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(b) Enemy Losses

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- (1) KIA (conf) 22
- (2) KIA (prob) 4
- (3) VC/POW 3
- (4) Detainee 1
- (5) Weapons, Documents, and Materials Destroyed or Captured
 - (a) 41 .31cal Chi Com Carbines
 - (b) 8 French Automatic Rifles
 - (c) 6 12 gauge shot guns
 - (d) 5 sub-machine guns
 - (e) 1 M-1 rifle
 - (f) 1 AK-47
 - (g) 3 Chi Com auto-matic weapons
 - (h) 1 grease gun M1941
 - (i) 2 Chinese Mausers
 - (j) 1 Russian Carbine
 - (k) 4 US Carbines
 - (l) 1 Russian sub-machine gun
 - (m) 263 60mm mortar rounds
 - (n) 143 82mm mortar rounds
 - (o) 241 Chi Com grenades
 - (p) 11 75 RR rounds
 - (q) 6 Rocket rounds
 - (r) 41 anti-personnel mines
 - (s) 2 anti-tank mines
 - (t) 10 Bangalore torpedoes
 - (u) 3 Spider holes
 - (v) 11 Trenches
 - (w) 60 Bunkers
 - (x) 62 Fighting holes
 - (y) 34 Tunnels
 - (z) 40 pounds of Rice and 40 pounds of Salt

12. Administrative Matters

a. Supply and resupply of all units attached to the Battalion was handled in the following manner.

(1) The procedure for supply and resupply of all units within the Battalion was essentially the same as for Operation Big Horn. See paragraph 12, Administrative Matters, After Action Report, 28 April 1967.

(2) The adverse weather conditions and subsequent cancellations of requests for helicopter resupply to units in the field caused considerable concern.

(3) During the latter phase of the operation, terrain (heavy jungle) caused a lack of adequate landing zones and subsequent cancellations of requests for helicopter resupply to units in the field.

(4) No difficulty was encountered in obtaining ammunition of all types and calibers.

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(5) A definite need of additional stocking of organic supplies, i.e. insect repellent, halizone tablets, battle dressings, utilities, jungle boots, and batteries of all types, was found. The normal stockage objective of these items were quickly reduced by the inclement weather, low shrubbery tearing up clothing and boots, and dampness draining batteries.

b. Maintenance. Maintenance on weapons of all types organic to the Battalion could be improved. The present procedure calls for turning weapons into FLSG "A". Float weapons have not been available to replace the down item. It is suggested that a contact team, capable of third and fourth echelon repair, be positioned, on site to speed up the weapons return to the user.

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c. Treatment of Casualties, Evacuation and Hospitalization

- (1) The primary evacuation chain was from the field directly to the C&C Platoon, "C" Company, Medical Battalion at 4th Marines CP via helicopter.
- (2) In the event of adverse weather conditions, evacuation to RAS by surface vehicle was available where shock and resuscitation facilities were available.
- (3) RAS was available as a shock and resuscitation area at all times with reinforcement by BAS personnel within the perimeter.
- (4) 2d Battalion, 9th Marines BAS was prepared to stand by as a (40) bed holding ward in the event of more casualties being received by the RAS.

e. Communications

- (1) Radio. Terrain (heavy jungle) made transmission difficult as only man pack frequency modulated equipment could be used. Use of tree top antenna arrays helped to alleviate the situation. It was found that field expedients exceeded performance of RC-292.
- (2) Wire. No wire or telephone installations were used in the field except for 81mm mortar gun loop lines.
- (3) Message Center. Companies were resupplied with codes and ciphers by courier.
- (4) Repair and Maintenance. Repair and maintenance efforts were hampered by lack of landing zones. In-the-field 2nd echelon maintenance was performed and components evacuated by courier. Electric power was supplied by two (2) 20 KW generators for the rear C.P. and attached units.
- (5) Difficulties. Extreme climatic conditions, jungle terrain and lack of personnel were the only difficulties encountered. The communications platoon, though up to strength in other fields, is short 25% of the T. O. in Radio Operations.

f. Medical Evaluation.

- (1) Minimal preventive health measures are constantly under surveillance of a PMU specialist. Vector control can successfully be implemented by consistent efforts at screening and spraying for indigenous insects.
- (2) The water supply is adequate although potable ice has not been available at this time.
- (3) Medical supplies are extremely difficult to obtain, often requiring personal representative at Phu Bai and Da Nang to implement the filling of supply request.

(4) The electrical power supply is not adequate for establishing adequate lighting systems have been established using gasoline lanterns, battle lanterns, and an auxillary power supply from the BAS ambulance.

(5) Minor surgical packs are prepared at BAS and sent to 3rd Med. Bn. at Phu Bai for sterilization.

(6) Cutaneous fungal lesion constitute 50% of the superficial infection encountered in this area.

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(7) Approximately 12% of the Battalion had moderate to severe foot problems, primarily superficial infections.

(8) Diarrhea during this operation was almost of epidemic proportions.

(9) The role of the physician in the field during this operation was seriously curtailed by a number of factors: (a) the limited amount of medical supplies available: (b) the absence of a stable CP base in which to establish adequate treatment facilities; and (c) the dispersion of troops over a large geographic area precluded the Bn surgeon having access to the sick and injured. The ready availability of Medevac Helicopters made definitive care of casualties rapid.

13. Special Equipment and Techniques.

See Second Battalion, Ninth Marines After-Action report for Operation Big Horn.

14. Commander's Analysis.

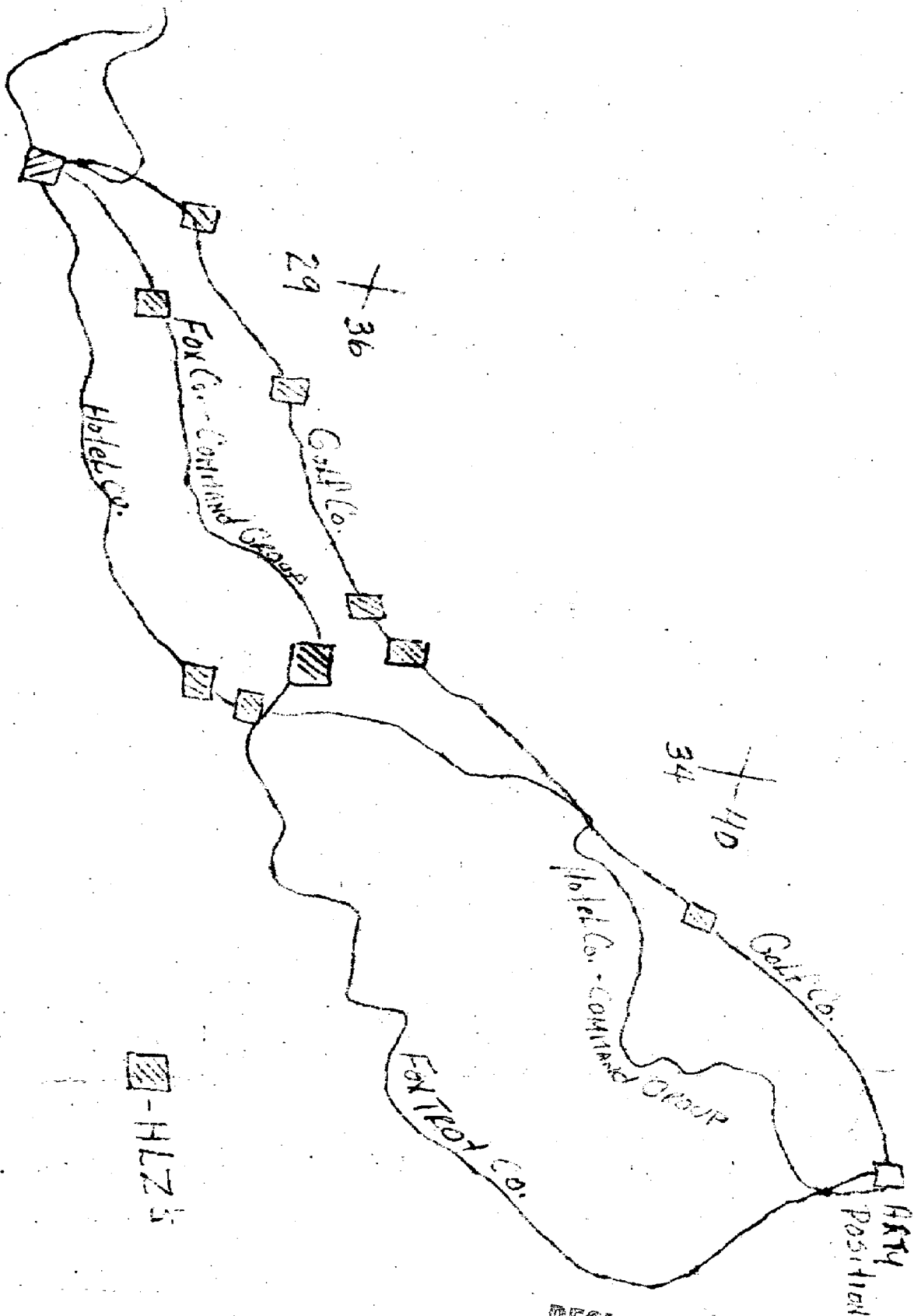
The mission of the Battalion was successfully accomplished in that the enemy was again denied free access of what he previously considered his own area of operations. His facilities were destroyed at will and many weapons, considerable ammo and other items of value were captured and/or destroyed. By wide dispersal of the battalions assets this was made possible.

It is felt that there is still much to be found in this area, particularly in the area to the northeast of Phase Line Cherry.

It is recommended that another Battalion size operation be conducted in the area to the northeast of Phase Line Cherry and that the Battalion slowly and methodically search out this area. The numerous well used and recently used trails in the area give every indication that the enemy was using this area extensively prior to this Battalions insertion into the area of operations.

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Encl: (1) Mortar and Mine incident overlay
(2) Overlay of Contacts
(3) Overlay of Bunkers, Graves and Caches found
(4) Diagram of Bunker Complex at YD 156662
(5) Diagram of Bunker Complex at YD 135728

1. Code Name. Operation Hickory

2. Dates of Operation. 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines participated in Operation Hickory under OpCen of 9th Marine Regiment from 0500, 17 May to 2400, 28 May 1967.

3. Location. Quang Cam Lo and Quang Gio Linh Districts, Quang Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam...

4. Control.

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CO., F Company	Capt. N. H. VINCENT
CO., H Company	Capt. J. H. THOMPSON
CO., H&S Company	2ndLt. J. L. LASTOVICA

5. Task Organization.

2d Battalion, 9th Marines (-) (Rein)

E Company
F Company
H Company
H&S Company
Co. A, (-) 3rd Tank Bn.
Det., Co. A, 3rd SP Bn.
Det., Co. B, 3rd Engr Bn.

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6. Supporting Forces.

a. Artillery and Armor

- (1) Battery "E", 2nd Bn., 12th Marines provided direct support.
- (2) Battery "B", 1st Bn., 12th Marines provided general support.
- (3) Battery "C", 1st Bn., 12th Marines provided general support.
- (4) Battery "K", 4th Bn., 12th Marines (155mm Howitzer) provided general support.

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(5) 1st Provisional 155mm Gun Battery provide one platoon of 8" Howitzers for general support.

(6) Hq Battery, 2nd Bn., 12th Marines controlled fire direction for all artillery fires, both tactically and technically.

(7) Company "A" (Rein), 3rd Tank Bn., was in direct support and provided for perimeter defense by occupying perimeter positions and providing a direct fire and searchlight capability.

(8) Company "C", 3rd AT Bn., provided direct support.

(9) At every night position, an extensive artillery and mortar H&I program was carried out. Total H&I's for the operation was 400.

(10) The use of artillery in support of operations consisted of twenty-three missions fired on targets of opportunity, eight recon-by-fire missions, twelve illumination missions, eight defensive target adjustments, twenty-two counter-mortar, counter-rocket, and counter-artillery missions, and four hundred H&I concentrations. Added to this were twenty-two objective preparation missions.

(11) Fire direction and fire support coordination procedures were satisfactory. The main problem concerning delays in artillery fires was coordination between air and artillery. On many occasions a general check-fire of all artillery was held because of a few planes in one area. This problem was alleviated somewhat in the later stages of the operation, and artillery was available in five to ten minutes.

b. Air Support.

(1) Resupply. 117,886 pounds of ammo, water, and rations were flown to 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines during Operation Hickory, utilizing H-46's and H-34's flying 80 sorties. A total of four resupply missions were classified as emergencies. These resupply missions were scheduled through the Battalion S-4, who requested resupply directly from ISA except for emergency requests which were requested on the FM TAR Net. Weather was not an influencing factor although a shortage of helicopters was noticed due to the large number of Battalions to be resupplied. This resulted in the resupply arriving many hours late almost daily.

(2) Medevacs. One hundred fifty-seven Marines were evacuated, ranging from emergency to routine. These medevacs were invaluable in getting Marines prompt medical attention. These requests were made on an emergency basis directly to DASC on the FM TAR Net. Priority and routine requests were made on the same net to the Regimental Air Officer. Reaction time was good normally except in two cases where no helicopters were immediately available.

(3) Recon Flights. Recon flights in the TACR enabled officers and key personnel to maintain an up-to-date evaluation of the tactical situation. These flights were requested through the Regimental Air Officer as operational necessities demanded.

(4) Fixed Wing. These flights were requested on an emergency basis directly to DASC on the FM TAR Net. Priority and routine requests were submitted through Regiment. Each time an air controller (air-born) was requested with the bombers, and they were supplied by the Army, Air Force and Marine CAC detachments. They continued to perform the air-controlling duties in an outstanding manner-at times controlling strikes as close as one hundred meters to friendly forces. Aircraft used in support of Operation Hickory were F-4's, A-1's, F-8's F-100's, A-1's, and C-117's. A wide range of ordnance was delivered, including 20mm, 7.62Cal., 250, 500 and 1000 pound bombs and napalm, rockets and flares used in support of night operations. Fixed wing arrived on station in pairs with different ordnance loads for maximum flexibility.

7. Intelligence.

a. Enemy Disposition and Strength prior to Operation Hickory.

(1) Confirmed enemy units believed to be in or around this Battalion's area of operation were the 4th, 5th, and 6th Battalions of the 312th Regiment. This Regiment is part of the 32nd Division NVA.

(2) In addition, local NVA Cadre Base Camps and caches belonging to these units were believed to be in the area.

b. Mission.

The mission of the 312th NVA Regiment was probably to conduct combat operations against friendly units in the northern section of Quang Tri. This includes intimidating local civilians into giving aid and shelter to these units, conducting harassing tactics against friendly units and, when to their advantage, conducting Phase III Guerrilla Operations against US/ARVN forces.

c. Activity.

(1) This Battalion's mission was to provide security for the MSR, and to conduct offensive combat operations, utilizing sweeps, patrols, and ambushes within the area of operation.

(2) During this operation this Battalion had: Seventeen contacts with NVA/VC units ranging from 2-3 VC to one incident of company-size contact; nineteen mine or mortar incidents; and uncovered seventeen areas where bunkers, fighting holes, weapons caches, and graves were concentrated. Enclosures (1), (2), (3), (4), and (5).

(3) During Operation Hickory, well-equipped and well-trained NVA troops fighting from fortified bunkers and positions were encountered. These positions had interlocking fields of machine-gun fire and defensive concentrations of mortar fire. Camouflaged and placed at strategic locations, they formed formidable obstacles to friendly offensive movement. Defended by rear guard units, they slowed down the friendly advance to allow the major enemy units to slip back across the DMZ.

(a) A few Russian gas masks were found during these operations at base camps, fortified positions, and on NVA/KIA's or POW's. On at least one occasion an unknown type of gas was used, ineffectively, against a friendly unit assaulting an enemy position.

(b) Mining of the MSR was a daily occurrence and required a daily sweep by engineer teams. In addition, mines were found on approaches to main enemy base camps. Mines - both anti-personnel and anti-tank were for the most part of the manufactured type as opposed to booby traps.

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(c) Harassment by snipers and mortar fire was an almost daily occurrence during this operation and, due to the heavy volume of mortar fire received, it is assumed the enemy fell back on pre-stored caches. On at least one occasion friendly units received 85mm artillery fire from near or in the DMZ, and, although not effectively utilized, it remained a constant threat throughout the operation.

(d) Possession by the NVA of a strong anti-tank capability was confirmed when both RPG-2s and 82 recoilless rifle rounds were found in caches and used against friendly units.

(e) Included at the end of this report (Encl (1)) are 2 diagrams of base areas found. Due to their size and locations, plus the defensive positions around them, extensive use of this area by large NVA forces was indicated.

d. Description of the area of operations.

(1) General - The area of Operation Hickory is located in the Quang Tri Province due north of Cam Lo and is bounded on the north by the southern limit of the DMZ, and on the south by Highway #9. The east and west limits were the 10 and 18 north-south grid lines. The central portion of the operating area, once a fertile farming area, is now a relatively flat, sparsely-vegetated area with deserted villages and rice paddies broken by tree lines and thickets. The area in the eastern and southern portions has generally a type of piedmont terrain with small hills and sparse vegetation, except along stream beds and valley. The northern and western portions of the operating area contain slightly higher hills with terrain running from piedmont to jungle in nature.

(2) Cover and Concealment - In the farm lands, cover and concealment is provided by hedgerows, ditches, and thickets, ranging from fair to excellent. In the northern and western sections of the OA the dense undergrowth provides from fair to good and good to excellent concealment along the steep slopes of the hills.

(3) Critical Terrain features - The most prominent terrain features in the operating area are Hill #158 at (YD 116701), the MSR running generally north and south through the operating area and the cleared strip running from Con Thien (YD 116701) to Gio Linh (YD 213732)

(4) Avenues of Approach - The entire area is interlaced with a good network of trails and roads. Movement through the entire OA is generally good to excellent.

e. Weather - During Operation Hickory, weather was generally hot; but, never-the-less, extremely good for operations throughout the OA. A weather summary for Operation Hickory is as follows:

Maximum Temperature - 106°
 Minimum Temperature - 72°
 Number of days with rain - 2
 Total rainfall received - .3
 Average Winds - 9-10mph
 Visibility - 11-12 miles

f. Civilian Population - Most civilians throughout the operating area have been persuaded by GVN authorities to leave this area. A few civilians were encountered, searched by this unit and either sent to the rear for further interrogation or released, as deemed appropriate. All were instructed by this unit that it was in their best interest to leave this area.

g. Psychological Operations - Efforts in this area of operations were controlled and coordinated by the 9th Marines S-5.

8. Mission. 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines was first assigned the mission of providing a screening force for the eastern flank of the 9th Marines (-) (Rein) OA to prevent enemy forces from entering or leaving the OA, providing security for the MSR in assigned ZOA to prevent enemy mining and/or ambushes, and to be prepared to be employed anywhere in the 9th Marines OA. On 17 May 1967 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines assumed the mission of 1st Battalion, 9th Marines (9th Marines OpnO 5-67 FragO Number 1). This mission was to cross the LOD at H-Hour in trace of 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines, to conduct Search and Destroy Operations in assigned Zone of Action and to be prepared on order to attack and seize objectives 2 or 3 in assigned Zone of Action. Movement to the LOD was difficult as 2nd Bn, 26th Marines was constantly harassed from their eastern flank. On 19 May 1967 2nd Bn, 9th Marines was assigned an additional mission of reorienting the direction of their attack to move on the eastern flank of 2nd Bn, 26th Marines and destroy enemy in that Zone of Action. On 23 May 1967, 2nd Bn, 9th Marines was assigned the mission to conduct Search and Destroy operations in assigned Zone of Action, and the mission of Division reserve (9th Marines FragO 5-67 number 6).

On 25 May 1967, 2nd Bn, 9th Marines was assigned the mission of providing a screening force for the eastern flank of the 9th Marines AO to prevent enemy forces from entering or leaving the OA, providing security for the MSR in assigned ZOA to prevent enemy mining and/or ambushes, and being prepared to be employed anywhere in the 9th Marines AO. In compliance with this order 2nd Bn, 9th Marines, conducted an extensive battalion (-) Search and Destroy Operation in the eastern portion of their assigned ZOA.

9. Concept of Operation. The concept of operations changed with the various changes in missions. The concept of operations employed after the assumption of 1st Bn, 9th Marines mission was to follow in track of 2nd Bn, 26th Marines with flank security along the Command Group. As the mission changed to moving along the eastern flank of 2nd Bn, 26th Marines, the concept of operation became that of moving Command Group with two companies sweeping on line, with one company as reserve and security. As 2nd Bn, 9th Marines closed on the LOD their mission was changed to that of Search and Destroy in a south-easterly direction from the LOD. In accomplishment of this mission 2nd Bn, 9th Marines assigned Zones of Action to the companies, who operated sweep and patrol activities in their assigned ZOA. When 2nd Bn, 9th Marines was assigned an OA along the MSR and given the mission of security for the MSR, the Bn OA was divided and the companies established mutually supporting company patrol bases and conducted extensive patrols and ambushes in their area of operation.

10. Execution.

a. 17 May 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

2/9 (-) (Rein) - Moved northward along MSR to vicinity YD 145691 to set up night defensive positions.

E/2/9 - Provided security for the Battalion Command Group in the northward movement along MSR to Vicinity YD 145691 and provided platoon ambush vicinity of night defensive positions.

F/2/9 - Moved northward along MSR to vicinity YD 145691 and provided platoon ambush vicinity of night defensive positions.

H/2/9 - Moved northward along MSR to vicinity YD 145691 and provided platoon ambush vicinity of night defensive positions.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

171000H - 172000H - E/2/9 While on sweep mission located a total of ten mines and booby traps. Types of mines located: three Russian AP, one Russian AT, two M-16's, and four booby trapped C-Rations cans. In addition one AT mine was detonated by a tank, resulting in a blown track.

171050H - F/2/9 While sweeping vicinity YD 131629 received small arms fire from 10 to 15 VC in YD 123635 and YD 137632. F/2/9 swept the area results: two USMC/KIA, two USMC/WIA, one VC/KIA (Conf).
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171130H - 2/9 Received approximately fifty incoming mortar rounds vicinity YD 145691 that was believed to be 60mm. An artillery mission was called on the suspected enemy position. Negative casualties.

171000 - 171800H - Engineer sweep team located and destroyed one AT mine and three AP mines vicinity YD 135645.

b. 18 May 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

2/9 (-) (Rein) Moved up on the right of 2d Bn., 26th Marines units who had met stiff resistance and continued movement northward, in conjunction with 2d Bn., 26th Marines, to night defensive positions vicinity YD 139705.

E/2/9 - Provided security for the command group in the move up the MSR, and provided one platoon to escort two disabled tanks to Con Thien. Established night defensive positions vicinity YD 139705.

F/2/9 - Passed through 2nd Bn., 26th Marines on right of MSR and moved to vicinity YD 138710.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events.

180545H - F/2/9 Ambush located vicinity YD 145698 observed five VC/NVA carrying three weapons entering ambush site, opened fire with small arms and wounded one NVA, who was taken prisoner. Search of area resulted in the following: two AK 47 rifles, one RPG rocket launcher, and two packs.

180810H - H/2/9 While conducting sweep received mortar and small arms fire. Returned fire and continued on mission. Negative casualties.

181058H - H/2/9 reported Marine stepped off trail at YD 145690 and detonated booby trap. Casualties: one FR/WIA.

181100H - E/2/9 reported that tanks in the vicinity of YD 125700 received five hundred rounds of small arms fire and fifty 82mm rounds. Returned fire with two hundred small arms rounds and fifteen M-79 rounds, fifteen 90mm rounds and air support with results unknown. Casualties: one FR/KIA and three FR/WIA.

181145H - E/2/9 reported that two Marines detonated booby trap at YD 135700 and were medevaced from area. Casualties: two FR/WIA.

181525H - H/2/9 sweep at YD 138708 received mortar and small arms rounds. Returned fire and continued on mission. Negative casualties.

181600H - F/2/9 and H/2/9 moved across strip on right side of road and advanced into treeline on northern side of strip. Each company was supported by a section of tanks approximately 300 meters inside of treeline on north side of strip. F/2/9 and H/2/9 came under heavy mortar and machine gun fire. F/2/9 had one FR/WIA and H/2/9 had thirty casualties, including the commanding officer. F/2/9 combined forces with 2/26 west of the road.

181745H - E/2/9 reported while sweeping area, a Marine detonated an unknown type of mine. Casualties: one FR/WIA.

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c. 19 May 1967.

(1) Disposition of Forces.

2/9 (-) (Rein) - Continued movement north along the MSR to a position vicinity YD 137728.

E/2/9 - Provided security for command group during movement along MSR to vicinity YD 137728.

F/2/9 - Continued their mission of the 18th to a position vicinity YD 137728.

H/2/9 - Continued their mission of the 18th to a position vicinity YD 137728.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

190245H - H/2/9 while moving through area at YD 141713 received sniper rounds from spider trap. Casualties: one FR/KIA and two USMC/WIA.

190625H - F/2/9 at YD 136710 while conducting artillery preparation for an attack at 0630 reported that friendly artillery rounds fell short. Casualties: two USMC/KIA and two USMC/WIA.

190900H - F/2/9 while on sweep received at YD 143717 automatic weapons fire from the right front. They returned fire and casualties reported were four NVA/KIA (conf.). Also confiscated one Chi com sub-machine gun and one AK47.

191245H - F/2/9 while on sweep of area received three sniper rounds. Casualties: one FR/WIA

191330H - H/2/9 was sweeping east on the south side of the road with platoons on line and one platoon reserve when the right flank was hit by automatic weapons fire and forty mortar rounds. They returned fire, and were then hit from a treeline that was 60 meters to their front. Another fire fight began and a tank was brought to the area to fire cannister rounds. Enemy fire ceased and a squad was sent to check the area. When they moved to the area, they received fire. A tank maneuvered to fire and was disabled by an anti-tank weapon. Another tank moved to fire and was also disabled by an anti-tank weapon. H/2/9 (rein) moved forward and retrieved their wounded out of the area. It was estimated that twenty NVA with automatic weapons and anti-tank weapons were in contact with the unit. Casualties: seven FR/KIA and twelve FR/WIA.

191645H - E/2/9 reported that thirty mortar rounds fell on Echo sector of line. Enemy mortars were spotted by AO at YD 130734. AO directed fixed wing on enemy positions. Casualties: one FR/KIA, and three FR/WIA.

191730H - 2/9 reported that helicopters bringing in supplies recieved heavy volume of automatic small arms fire from YD 142723 and YD 135728. Armed Hueys were contacted and delivered fire on enemy locations. Results unknown.

d. 20 May 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

2/9 (-) (Rein) Maintained positions vicinity YD 137728 awaiting further orders.

E/2/9 - Attacked fortified position vicinity YD 139724 and provided two platoon daylight patrols and one squad-size ambush.

F/2/9 - Maintained positions vicinity YD 137728. Conducted one platoon-size patrol and one squad-size ambush.

H/2/9 - Maintained positions vicinity YD 137728. Conducted one platoon-size patrol and one squad-size ambush.

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(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

200930H - E/2/9 Assaulted fortified position vicinity YD 139724, following artillery and air strikes. There was no enemy contact because the enemy had abandoned all positions. The fortified area consisted of thirty bunkers that were reinforced with logs and dirt and numerous fighting holes in all treelines surrounding the bunkers. All bunkers were destroyed.

201000H - E/2/9 swept area vicinity YD 151726 and located the following: fifty-five rounds of 82mm ammo, one 3.5 round, one M-26 grenade, two belts of linked Chi Com ammo, five hundred rounds of 7.62mm ammo,

six 82mm fuses, four Chi Com grenades, four hundred pounds of rice, one Vietnamese radio battery, three hundred feet of electric wire, two fragmentation mines, and assorted documents.

201345H - 2/9 Elements vicinity YD 137733 located six graves containing six NVA/KIA (Conf). Each grave was marked with sticks and star. The graves were approximately one day old.

201445 - F/2/9 Discovered and destroyed freshly dug graves vicinity YD 137731. Graves contained one Chi Com rifle, nine $\frac{1}{4}$ pound blocks of TNT, five gas masks, two Chi Com grenades, two RPG rocket rounds, two detonators, and assorted equipment and documents.

201530H - Patrol located vicinity of YD 147730 fifteen bunkers, one mortar pit, three 82mm rounds, one AK-47 magazine, one roll of barbed wire, and three NVA/KIA's.

201615H - H/2/9 Swept area vicinity YD 147730 and located nine Russian-type rockets, one hundred forty-two Chi Com grenades, eight cylinder-type powder containers attached to the end of rockets, and fifteen gallons of rice.

201630H - F/2/9 Swept area vicinity YD 138738 and located three fresh graves containing three NVA/KIA (Conf.) Graves were marked with a star and bodies were wrapped with canvas. All three bodies were larger than normal Vietnamese.

201720H - F/2/9 Platoon located vicinity YD 139728 received two rounds of mortar fire and returned small arms, M-79 fire and returned to company CP. The area was hit with air strikes and an artillery mission. Casualties: four NVA/KIA (Conf) and one FR/WIA.

e. 21 May 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

2/9 (-) (Rein) Continued operating in A0, moving to night position vicinity YD139725.

E/2/9 - Continued to man defensive positions vicinity YD 137728. Attached one platoon to F/2/9 for their company sweep. Moved to defensive position vicinity YD 139725, sending out one platoon-size patrol during daylight and one squad-size ambush at night.

F/2/9 (Rein) - conducted sweep to vicinity YD 138725 and then established night defensive positions.

H/2/9 - Provided one squad size patrol from position YD 137728 before moving to new position vicinity YD 139725 where they provided one squad-size ambush at night.

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(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

211015H - E/2/9 Patrol located two anti-tank mines vicinity YD 138728 and were blown in place.

211200H - F/2/9 Reported that a Marine stepped on booby trap-trip wire Claymore mine vicinity YD 137732. Casualties: one FR/KIA three FR/WIA.

211300H - F/2/9 While sweeping in the vicinity of YD 137732 located 1,200 pounds of rice which was contained in 200 pound bags. Rice was returned to CP.

211630H - H/2/9 While sweeping area at YD 137707 received sniper fire while moving to new location. Negative casualties.

211800H - F/2/9 Located base camp area vicinity YD 137732. Complex contained several bunkers that were 2-3 levels and were approximately 8-10 weeks old. The following is a list of equipment found: one NVA helmet, one barrel for .31 cal machinegun, 400 rounds .31 cal ammo, 37 Chi Com grenades, 1 mortar base plate, 2 quarter pound blocks of TNT, 20 packs, 22 ponchos, 6 gas masks, 1 RPG rocket fuse and one grave with one NVA/KIA (Conf). The body contained assorted documents believed to be military records.

211800H - E/2/9 Received small arms fire from vicinity YD 138708. Unit was located vicinity YD 138706. Returned fire with 90mm, 81mm, 3.5 rockets, M-79, and small arms fire. Results of contact six NVA/KIA (Prob).

212100H - 2/9 located at YD 157695 received 100 rounds of mortar fire from vicinity YD 148703. Counter-mortar plan fired and enemy fire ceased. Negative casualties.

f. 22 May 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

2/9 (-) (Rein) - conducted platoon-size patrols from defensive positions vicinity of YD 139725 for half of the day, then resumed mission of providing security for MSR, then moved to vicinity YD 137667.

E/2/9 - Conducted one platoon-size patrol from defensive positions vicinity YD 133674 and established company patrol base to provide security for their assigned portion of the MSR. Provided three squad-size ambushes at night.

F/2/9 - Conducted one platoon-size patrol from defensive positions vicinity YD 139725 and set up company patrol base to provide security for MSR. Provided three squad-size ambushes at night.

H/2/9 - Conducted one platoon-size patrol from defensive positions vicinity YD 139725. Then moved to new position vicinity YD 137667 to set up company patrol base to provide security for a portion of the MSR. Provided three squad-size ambushes at night.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

220845H - 2/E/2/9 Located at YD 142770 observed three VC vicinity YD 130700. While moving to get in better position, they received sniper fire resulting in one FR/WIA. Fired 81mm on enemy position resulting in one VC/KIA (Prob).

220850H - E/2/9 Located and destroyed one Claymore mine vicinity YD 144710.

220950H - F/2/9 Located trench line vicinity YD 140710. Further search uncovered two NVA packs, 100 rounds Chi Com 7.62mm linked ammo, one entrenching tool, two Chi Com grenades, five blasting caps, five pounds TNT, ten pounds of rice, and one notebook.

22170CH - 3/E/2/9 while setting in at YD 135673, located ten NVA/KIA (Conf) approximately two weeks old. Also located five AK-47's, one Soviet carbine, three drums 7.62mm Soviet linked ammo, fifteen magazines, 200 rounds of 7.62mm with ammo pouches, 19 Chi Com grenades, five rockets in containers, one machinegun, one rocket launcher, and assorted documents.

g. 23 May 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

E/2/9 - Continued assigned mission from the same position. Provided one platoon-size patrol during daylight then moved to new position vicinity YD 136676 and provided three squad-size ambushes at night.

F/2/9 - Continued assigned mission from the same position. Provided one platoon-size patrol and one squad-size patrol during daylight, then moved to vicinity YD 134656 and provided three squad-size ambushes at night.

H/2/9 - Continued assigned mission from the same position. Provided one platoon-size patrol during daylight, then moved to new position vicinity YD 136671 and provided three squad-size ambushes at night.

H&S/2/9 - Continued assigned mission. Provided sweep teams during daylight then moved to new position vicinity YD 136671 at night.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

232015H - E/2/9 located one VC body in grave vicinity YD 133675 wrapped in poncho. Body appeared to be approximately seven days old. One NVA/KIA (Conf).

h. 24 May 1967

(1) Disposing of Forces

E/2/9 - Conducted Search and Sweep Operation to vicinity YD 154663 and then returned to vicinity YD 136676.

F/2/9 - Continued assigned mission from the same position. Conducted three squad-size patrols, one squad-size OP, and security for road sweep team during the day. Conducted three squad-size ambushes during the night.

H/2/9 - Continued assigned mission from the same position. Provided one platoon for security of E/2/9's former position vicinity YD 136676 and security for road sweep team during the day. Conducted three squad-size ambushes at night.

H&S/2/9 - Continued same mission from same position, providing 2 squads to help the platoon from H/2/9 provide security for E/2/9's old position in vicinity of YD 136676.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

241035H - E/2/9 at Yd 158662 received automatic weapons fire from 3-5 VC at YD 158662. Returned small arms and artillery fire, with results unknown. Casualties: 1 FR/WIA.

241815H - E/2/9 at YD 156662 found a bunker complex, and received 5 sniper rounds. Returned fire and sniper fled. The bunkers were approximately 1 week old. Found two booby trapped automatic weapons, various documents, and hand drawn maps of area. Casualties: 1 FR/WIA.

24194CH - E/2/9 at YD 153657 received small arms fire from 3-5 VC while setting up medevac LZ. Returned fire and enemy fire ceased. Negative casualties.

i. 25 May 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

E/2/9 - Continued same mission from same positions, providing 2 platoon patrols and security for the road sweep, before moving to

new position vicinity of YD 148682 in preparation for the Battalion (-) sweep to begin the next day, attaching 1 platoon to H&S Company.

F/2/9 - Continued same mission from same position, providing 1 platoon patrol, 1 squad patrol and security for road sweep before moving to new position vicinity of YD 136665.

H/2/9 - Continued same mission from same position, providing 1 platoon patrol, 1 squad size patrol and security for road sweep before moving to new position vicinity YD 174685 in preparation for the next day's sweep.

H&S/2/9 (rein) - With one platoon from Company "E", moved to new position vicinity YD 165683 in preparation for next day's sweep.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

None

J. 26 May 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

2/9 (-) (Rein) - Conducted a sweep south from trail running from vicinity YD 147683 to vicinity YD 182682 with 2 companies, while providing one company as security for the MSR.

E/2/9 (-) - Conducted sweep from YD 148682 to YD 156650.

F/2/9 - Continued to provide security for MSR, with 1 platoon and CP at YD 138667, 1 platoon at YD 137675, one platoon at YD 132658.

H/2/9 - Conducted sweep from YD 174685 to vicinity YD 173663.

H&S/2/9 (Rein) - Conducted sweep from YD 165683 to vicinity YD 170657.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

261230H - 2/E/2/9 at YD 165666 detonated booby-trapped Claymore mine rigged with trip wire. Casualties: Two FR/WIA.

261315H - E/2/9 at YD 170665 detonated a booby trap with pressure-type release. Casualties: Three FR/WIA.

261330H - H/2/9 at YD 175670 discovered and destroyed 5 fighting holes with open tops. Also destroyed 1 anti-personnel mine.

261520 - H/2/9 at YD 174669 discovered and destroyed 2 Chi Com grenades rigged with trip wire and bound together.

261640H - 2/9 elements at YD 171667 discovered and destroyed 4 huts with 10 fighting holes in a draw leading to river.

261700H - 2/9 elements at YD 160648 received 2 rounds sniper fire from YD 163646. Returned 60mm rounds, 3.5, and artillery with negative results. Casualties: 1 FR/WIA.

261700H - 3/F/2/9 at YD 136645, while burning brush on side of road, spotted 8 VC fighting holes in ambush site. Burning resulted in explosion believed to be a grenade. No casualties reported.

261710 - 2/E/2/9 sweep at YD 173663 observed 6 NVA moving north at YD 173668. Fired at NVA and swept area with no positive results.

261840H - Tanks returning to CP detonated mine at YD 165687. Explosion damaged wheels and axle; however, it returned to CP.

261845H - 2/E/2/9 at YD 170662 had a Claymore mine detonated in front of platoon. Observed VC running east and fired S/A rounds. Searched area with no positive results.

262210H - 2/9 CP at YD 170657 received 8 rounds believed to be RR fire from YD 181644. Called artillery fire and enemy firing ceased. Negative Casualties.

k. 27 May 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

2/9 (-) (Rein) - Continued mission of 26 May 1967.

E/2/9 (-) - Swept from vicinity YD 156650 to vicinity YD 155635, then returned to provisional sector for MSR from CPB at vicinity YD 136676, with the platoon that had been attached to H&S returning to the opcon of Company "E". Conducted three squad-size ambushes at night.

H/2/9 - Continued sweep vicinity of YD 156635 then returned to CPB vicinity of YD 136671. Resumed mission of providing security for MSR. Provided three squad-size ambushes at night.

F/2/9 - Continued mission of 26 May 1967 for most of day, then established CPB vicinity YD 135669. Conducted three squad-size ambushes.

H&S/2/9 - Continued sweep to vicinity YD 156635. Platoon from E/2/9 returned to OPCON of E/2/9.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

270830H - H/2/9 1st squad located five bunkers vicinity of YD 172667 that were 3'X6'X4' and one hut 5'X7'X4'. Also located twenty fighting holes 2'X3'X4' along trail believed to be ARVN positions.

l. 28 May 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

2/9 (-) (Rein) Continued mission of providing for MSR with three CPB's. Detached "A" Co (-) 3d Tank Bn. and the detachment from Co. "B", 3rd Engineer Battalion.

E/2/9 - Continued mission of 27 May 1967 from the same position. Conducted one platoon-size patrol during daylight hours and two squad-size ambushes at night.

F/2/9 - Continued mission of 27 May 1967 from the same position. Conducted one platoon-size patrol during daylight hours and two squad-size ambushes at night.

H/2/9 - Continued mission of 27 May 1967 from the same position. Conducted one platoon-size patrol during daylight hours and two squad-size ambushes at night.

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(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

None

11. Results.

a. Friendly Personnel Losses

- (1) KIA - 22
- (2) WIA - 116

b. Enemy Losses

- (1) KIA (confirmed) 34
- (2) KIA (probable) 104
- (3) NVA/POW 1
- (4) Detainees 17
- (5) Weapons, Documents, and Materials captured or destroyed
 - (a) 10 AK-47 rifles
 - (b) 3 Chinese LMG
 - (c) 2 Russian carbines
 - (d) 1 French 9mm LMG
 - (e) 2 RPG-2s
 - (f) 17 Rockets
 - (g) 1735 Pounds of rice
 - (h) 16 Mines
 - (i) 1500 S/A rounds of ammo
 - (j) 206 Chi Com grenades
 - (k) 66 82mm mortar rounds
 - (l) 21 60mm mortar rounds
 - (m) 6 82 mortar fuses
 - (n) 2 RPG-2 rocket launchers with 3 rounds
 - (o) 4 Base camp area containing 110 bunkers
 - (p) 125 feet of trench line
 - (q) 200 pounds of enemy 782 gear (cartridge belts, pack etc)
 - (r) Asst Documents, Medals and Flags.

12. Administrative Matters.

a. Supply and resupply of all units attached to the Battalion was handled in the following manner.

(1) All supply requests were received from the individual companies by the Battalion S-4 and passed to the LSA via the HST attached to the Battalion. In addition, the S-4 (forward) passed all resupply requests to the S-4 (rear) for comparison with the copy that the LSA passed to the S-4 (rear), to preclude any possibility of error.

(2) The weather condition was not an influencing factor, although a shortage of helicopters was noticed due to the large number of other units being resupplied. A total of four emergency resupply requests were made for water.

(3) During the later phase of the Operation, the resupply was delivered by truck convoy since the Battalion was located on a road which was used by other units in their daily resupply.

(4) Difficulty was encountered in obtaining 60MM Mortar and 40MM M-79 ammunition during the first days of the Operation due to these two types not being in stock. No other difficulty was encountered on other types and calibers.

b. Treatment of Casualties, Evacuation and Hospitalization.

(1) The primary evacuation chain was from the field directly to "D" Medical Company, 3d Medical Battalion, located at Dong Ha.

(2) 2d Battalion, 9th Marines BAS was prepared to stand-by as a twenty-five bed holding ward in the event of "D" Medical Company overflow.

c. Medical Evaluation.

(1) Approximately 15% of the Battalion had moderate to severe foot problems, primarily superficial infections.

(2) Heat casualties constituted the majority of medical problems in the fields. These were treated at "D" Medical Company and at BAS. These personnel were usually returned to the field within 48 hours.

(3) Diarrhea was found not to be a problem during this Operation, due to a daily supply of potable drinking water being received.

(4) The role of the physician in the field during this Operation was curtailed by a number of factors:

- a. The limited amount of medical supplies available.
- b. The absence of a stable CP Base in which to establish adequate treatment facilities.
- c. The dispersion of troops over a large geographic area precluded the Battalion surgeon having access to the sick and injured. The ready availability of medevac helicopters made definitive care of casualties rapid.

13. Special Equipment and Techniques.

Basic infantry weapons and basic infantry tactics were used throughout the operation.

14. Commanders Analysis.

North Vietnamese forces, when fighting from well-fortified and camouflaged bunkers will hold their fire until the lead elements of the friendly forces are right on them and then open up in an attempt to cause close-in casualties and thereby prevent these forces from pulling back so they can make maximum use of air and artillery. When this occurs every effort must be made as rapidly as possible, to retrieve the casualties, pull back and call in air support and 8" artillery to soften the objective prior to assaulting it. This was accomplished with success by this Battalion on two separate occasions during the operation.

It is felt that the overall mission of the Battalion was accomplished with much success in that the North Vietnamese forces in the area were destroyed in place or driven out of the area where they were destroyed by the other friendly forces. It was again demonstrated to the North Vietnamese/VC that they have no safe haven in South Vietnam and that they will be destroyed every time they attempt to stand and fight.

15. Recommendations.

None

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MORTAR AND MINE INCIDENTS

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| 1. Echo- found 2 A.P. and A.T. mines | 171000H |
| 2. 2/9 received 50 mortar rounds | 172130H |
| 3. Engineers found 1 A.T. and 3 A.P. mines | 171500H |
| 4. Hotel- detonated 1 A.P. mine | 181058H |
| 5. Echo- detonated A.P. mine | 181145H |
| 6. Fox and Hotel heavily mortared | 181600H |
| 7. Echo- detonated A.P. mine | 181745H |
| 8. Echo received 30 mortar rounds | 191645H |
| 9. Fox received 2 rounds of mortar fire | 201700H |
| 10. Hotel - found 2 A.T. mines | 211015H |
| 11. Fox- detonated A.P. mine | 211200H |
| 12. 2/9 received 100 mortar rounds | 212100H |
| 13. Echo- destroyed 1 A.P. mine | 220850H |
| 14. Echo- detonated 1 A.P. mine | 261230H |
| 15. Echo- detonated 1 A.P. mine | 261315H |
| 16. Hotel- destroyed 1 A.P. mine | 261330H |
| 17. Hotel- destroyed 1 booby trap | 261530H |
| 18. Tank detonated 1 A.T. mine | 261840H |
| 19. Echo- detonated 2 A.P. mines | 261845H |

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| 1. Fox - Ambush Co 10-15 NVA | YD 172000H |
| 2. Hotel - received S/A rounds | YD 180245H |
| 3. Fox - Captured 1 NVA POW in ambush | YD 180515H |
| 4. Echo - Tanks received S/A and mortar fire | YD 181100H |
| 5. Hotel - 10-15 NVA in trench/bunkers | YD 181800H |
| Hotel - received S/A and mortar | YD 181825H |
| 7. Fox - received automatic weapons fire | YD 190900 H |
| 6. Hotel - 20-30 NVA in fortified positions with automatic weapons and AI weapons | YD 184330H |
| 9. Fox - patrol received automatic weapons fire from fortified positions | 201720H |
| 10. Hotel - patrol received S/A fire | 211630H |
| 11. Echo - received automatic weapons fire | 211800H |
| 12. Echo - spotted (3) NVA exchanged fire | 220045H |
| 13. 2/9 received sniper rounds | 261700H |
| 14. Echo - received automatic weapons fire | 261140H |
| 15. Echo - received automatic weapons fire | 261035H |
| 16. Echo - observed 8 NVA fire on them | 261710H |
| 17. Echo - VC detonated Claymore mine | 261710H |

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BUNKERS, GRAVES, AND CASUALTIES

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| 1. Echo- assaulted fort/ 30 bunkers | 200930H |
| 2. Echo- large amount of small arms ammo | 200950H |
| 3. 2/9 found 6 graves marked with star | 200345H |
| 4. Fox- found military gear, gas masks-5 | 200110H |
| 5. Hotel- grenades and rockets | 200615H |
| 6. Fox- found 3 fresh graves | 200630H |
| 7. Fox- found 1 NVA grave | 211228H |
| 8. Fox- found 1200 pounds rice | 211300H |
| 9. Fox- found trench line and mortar pit | 220950H |
| 10. Echo- found 10 men grave - 2 weeks old | 221700H |
| 11. Echo- found bunker complex- 1 week old | 241815H |
| 12. Hotel - found and destroyed 5 fighting holes
and 10 holes with bunkers | 261230H |
| 13. 2/9 found and destroyed platoon size base camp | 261640H |
| 14. Fox- 8 VC fighting holes | 261700H |
| 15. Echo- found base camp - 10 bunkers | 261730H |
| 16. Echo- found base camp- 15 bunkers | 261830H |

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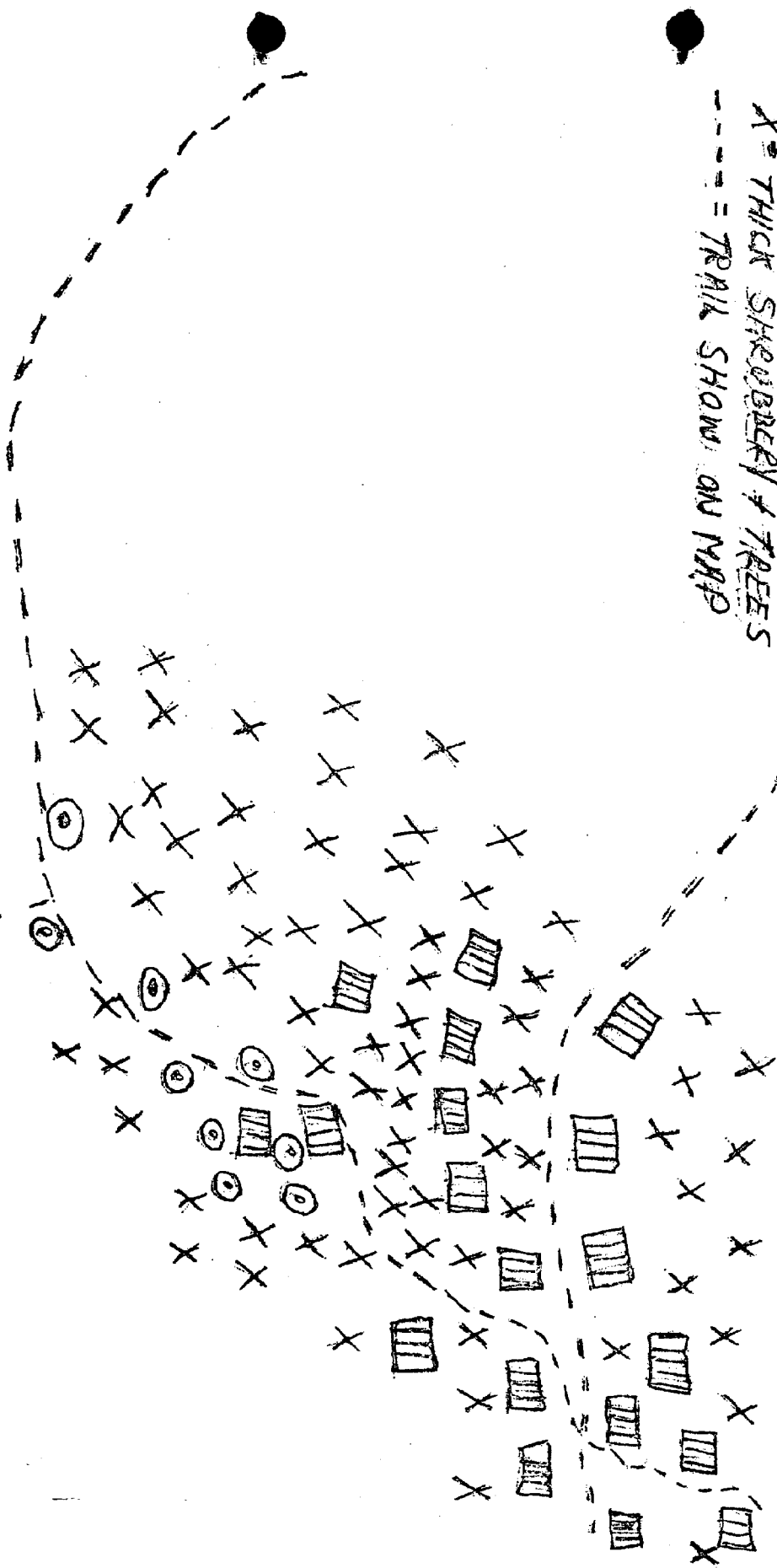
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



FORTIFIED POSITIONS FOUND BY ECMA CO 2/9

COORD: 156662

ENCL (4)

- ▢ = FORTIFIED BUNKERS
- ⊙ = FIGHTING HOLES
- X = THICK SHRUBBERY & TREES
- - - = TRAIL SHOW ON MAP



 : FORTIFIED BUNKERS
 : TRENCH LINES
 : TRAIL
 : FIGHTING HOLES
 : OPEN TERRAIN
 : THICK SHRUBBERY + TREES

FORTIFIED POSITIONS FOUND BY FOX CO. 249

CO. RD. 135 7217

ENCLOSURE(5)