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Encl: (1) 2d Battalion, 9th Marines Command Chronology for the period
of 1-30 June 1967

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

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ANNEX A

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation/Location. 2d Battalion, 9th Marines, 1-8Jun Dong Ha Combat Base, 9-30Jun Cam Lo.

2. Period Covered by Report. 1-30 June 1967

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

Commanding Officer	LtCol J. J. PEELER	1-30 Jun
Executive Officer	Maj B. J. HILL	1-23 Jun
	Maj J. D. BEANS	24-30 Jun
S-1	2dLt P. A. PEARCE	1-30 Jun
S-2	2dLt T. F. O'TOOLE	1-30 Jun
S-3	Capt R. F. JOHNSON	1-30 Jun
S-4	Capt R. N. KINGREY	1-30 Jun
Comm Officer	1stLt E. R. COOVER	1-30 Jun
M. T. Officer	2dLt E. M. MYERS	1-30 Jun
Supply Officer	2dLt S. K. CUTHBERT	1-30 Jun
Medical Officer	Lt H. L. ROSENFELD	1-10 Jun
	Lt G. BROWN Jr.	11-30 Jun
Chaplain	Lt N. D. CHASTEEN	1-30 Jun
Civil Affairs Officer	2dLt P. A. PEARCE	1-30 Jun
H&S Company	2dLt J. L. LASTOVICA	1-30 Jun
Company "E"	Capt W. B. TERRILL	1-30 Jun
Company "F"	Capt N. H. VINCENT	1-24 Jun
	2dLt F. B. WESTERFIELD	25-30 Jun
Company "G"	Capt R. W. MCGOWAN	1-30 Jun
Company "H"	Capt J. R. THOMPSON	1-26 Jun
	Capt F. L. SOUTHARD	27-30 Jun

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ANNEX 2

S-1 Chronology

1. General. The personnel situation has improved during the reporting period, however, the battalion is still short 9 officers and 119 enlisted personnel. All shortages are within Occupational Field Q3. Losses anticipated during the forthcoming month will further compound this problem as the battalion is scheduled to lose 3 officers and 36 enlisted personnel through rotation. Officer and enlisted replacements, particularly in Occupational Field Q3, are urgently required.

a. Strength. The average monthly strength for the period ending 30 June 1967 was as follows.

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
32	1040	2	54

(1) Percentage of T/O strength was 91%

b. Losses

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Battle	3	83	0	4
Non-Hostile	0	5	0	0
Admin	6	117	1	3

(1) Of the battle casualties, 1 was DOW, 9 were KIA'S and 80 were WIA's. Of the WIA's 21 were transferred by service records, 24 remain hospitalized and 35 were returned to duty.

(2) Of the 5 non-hostile, 1 enlisted was transferred by service records, 1 returned to duty and 3 remain hospitalized.

(3) 1 officer and 72 enlisted personnel rotated to CONUS. 5 officers and 1 enlisted were transferred intra-Division. Transfer percentage was 7%. One USN officer was transferred intra-Division and three USN enlisted rotated to CONUS.

c. Replacements. This command joined nine USMC officers, 177 USMC enlisted, one USN officer and one USN enlisted.

d. Administration.

(1) State of Morale. Morale remains outstanding.

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

(3) Promotion. A total of 10 personnel were promoted; 3 to Corporal and 7 to Lance Corporal.

e. Discipline, Law and Order. Two Special Court Martials and six Summary Court Martials were completed during this reporting period. A total of nine personnel were awarded Office-Hours by the Battalion Commander.

f. Mail. Mail service remains satisfactory.

g. Civil Affairs. Civil Affairs activity for the past month has been extremely limited. MEDCAP was held at the clinic in Cam Lo and a total of 15 civilians were treated.

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ANNEX C
S-2 CHRONOLOGYOPERATIONS

CIMARRON 1-30 June

1. General. During this period 2d Battalion, 9th Marines as part of Operation Cimarron, under the control of the 9th Marine Regiment, has been assigned the missions of: Security for the Cam Lo Artillery Site (YD 114616); Security of the MSR running north from (YD 150606) to the Artillery Position at Con Thien (YD 116701); and security for the area on both sides of the MSR for a distance of 4000 meters on either side. These missions were accomplished through aggressive patrolling, ambushing, search/destroy operations within the operating area. In addition on 28 June 1967, the Battalion minus was assigned the mission of a search of the Hill 174 area (YD 050682) for a downed helicopter to determine the status of possible survivors. This period will be covered in paragraph 3b.

2. Area.

a. The area of operation is bounded on the north by the 69 east-west grid line, on the east by the 17 north-south grid line, on the south by a line generally along the 62 east-west grid line, and on the west by the 08 north-south grid line. The most prominent terrain feature within the OA is the MSR which splits the OA running north to south. The central portion of the OA is predominantly low rolling hills with piedmont-type vegetation. The northern portion contains occasional deserted villages and rice paddies. The area on the western edge of the OA is slightly higher in terrain and thickly vegetated. The eastern portion is also slightly higher but the terrain is piedmont except in a few cases, primarily the lower areas (gulleys, valleys etc). The southern section contains occupied villages and cultivated farming land, primarily rice paddies.

b. Movement within and throughout the operating area is generally good to excellent with the MSR and an extensive network of trails. The majority of the area, being piedmont, is suitable for movement without trails and those dense areas do have trails to facilitate movement.

c. During the month of June weather was extremely good for operations throughout the area. A weather summary for the period 1-30 June is as follows:

Maximum Temperature - 92
Minimum Temperature - 74
No. days with rain - 6
Total rainfall received - 2.31 inches
Average winds - 7-10 mph SW
Visibility - 10 miles

3. Enemy Situation

a. General - During this reporting period no confirmed units were found within the operating area. Small groups, which will be discussed in paragraph 3c were encountered but their parent unit is undetermined. It is felt that the success of Operation Hickory in eliminating the main force units from this area, the destruction of his facilities and uncovering of his caches: aggressive patrolling, ambushes and search/destroy operations conducted by this unit are responsible for the lack of large enemy units within the OA.

b. On 29 and 30 June - two companies of this Battalion, with the Command Group, moved to (YD 050682) to assist in the search for the wreckage of a downed helicopter. This mission was completed successfully. While sweeping Hill 174 in preparation for the mission, this Battalion uncovered an NVA bunker complex with 20 bunkers atop the hill defended by at least 20 NVA. In the action 8 NVA/KIA (conf) and 9 NVA/KIA (prob) resulted. Uncovered was an NVA artillery forward observer outpost which overlooked the Con Thien Artillery Base and the MSR.

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c. During this period intelligence indicated the NVA badly beaten during Operation Hickory, would field only small groups (3-5 men) with the mission of mining, booby-trapping and harassing friendly units. Incidents during the month within the OA verified this with only 3 sightings of more than 5 men and one engagement of over 10 men. The total and type of incidents are listed in paragraph 6.

4. Viet Cong Casualties 1-30 June 1967

VC/KIA (Confirmed)	46
VC/KIA (Probable)	37
VC/POW	1
Detainees	2

5. Enemy Equipment Destroyed/Captured

a. Weapons

- 6 Ak-47
- 1 Ak-44
- 1 .38 cal machinegun - folding stock
- 1 M-14 with selector
- 2 carbine rifles
- 2 Chi Com sub-machineguns
- 1 Russian light machinegun
- 1 60mm mortar tube

b. Ammunition, Mines, Equipment, and Supplies

- 67 82mm mortar rounds
- 12 60mm mortar rounds
- 2 3.5 Chi Com rockets
- 5 82RR rounds
- 1 RPG round
- 1 Claymore mine
- 1 Home-made mine
- 1 Russian AT mine
- 5 AT mines
- 660 Ak-47 rounds
- 137 7.62mm rounds
- 60 carbine rounds
- 225 .30 cal machinegun rounds
- 42 Chi Com grenades
- 5 Chi Com grenades (booby trapped)
- 1 M-26 fragmentation grenade
- 1 500 lb. bomb
- 10 blasting caps
- 1 2 lb. block TNT
- 2 C-4 blocks
- 3 Ak-47 magazines
- 17 Ak-50 magazines
- 2 carbine magazines
- 2 Malaysian whips
- 2 million units penicillin
- 8 large vials saline solution
- 25 Atrophine syrettes
- 2 personnel med-kit
- 4 cans mortar increments
- 1 can fuses
- 4 gas masks
- 1 pair binoculars
- 762 bunkers
- 21 hootches
- 117 fighting holes
- 1 50 foot observation tower assorted documents and personal gear
- 790 lbs. of rice

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ANNEX C.

6. VC Initiated Incidents

- 21 Mining - booby traps (detonated)
- 26 Mining - booby traps (located)
- 7 Artillery
- 8 Sniping
- 10 Small unit contacts

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

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

8. Surveillance Devices. During this reporting period, 1 AN-TPS 21 was utilized extensively. The other AN-TPS 21 signed to this Battalion is under repair and awaiting parts unavailable at this time. In addition, 5 SIDs were utilized on the Battalion Perimeter out of the 16 signed to this unit. All others are deadlined due to a lack of repair parts which are on order (Priority)

2. No other surveillance devices were utilized.

9. Psychological Operations. Psychological Operations efforts during this reporting period were directed and coordinated by the S-5, of the 9th Marines.

10. Comments and Conclusions. Due to aggressive patrolling, sweeps and ambushes, the enemy, thrown off balance by Operation Hickory, has been kept off balance. His traditional hiding places have been uncovered and destroyed, and his equipment found and taken. By continuing these tactics this area will continue to be denied to him by subsequent operations.

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S-3 Chronology

1. General. From 1 June to 30 June 1967, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines participated in Operation Cimarron in execution of 9th Marines Operation Order 6-67. From 1 June to 8 June 1967, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines (-) had OpCon of Combined Action Company (CAC) Tiger Papa units TP-1, TP-2, TP-3, and TP-4. During this time, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines (-) provided a counter attack force for Dong Ha Combat Base during the hours of darkness; provided a Sparrow Hawk reaction force for Dong Ha Combat Base; and had a company operating in 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines AO. On 9 June 1967, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines moved from Dong Ha to the artillery position at Cam Lo (vic YD144616) in execution of Operation Cimarron Frag order 1-67. The Battalion C.P. stayed in this position until the end of the month. From 9 June to 30 June, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines provided security for the forward artillery position at Cam Lo (vic YD 144616); provided security for engineer construction units working on the MSR to Con Thien; provided security for convoys on the MSR; provided security for the Cam Lo Bridge (vic YD 149605); provided security for engineer road sweep teams on MSR; provided a reaction force for the Cam Lo Resettlement area; and conducted search and destroy operations in the Bn TAOR. Also, on 29 June through 30 June 1967, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines (-) provided an escort for a recon team going near Hill 174 (vic YD049686) to determine the status of a downed helicopter, in accordance with Operation Cimarron Frag Order 8-67.

2. Company "E", 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines. From 1 June to 5 June 1967, Company "E" provided the Sparrow Hawk reaction force for Dong Ha Combat Base, and a platoon as the Base Counter-Attack Force. From 6 June to 8 June 1967, Company "E" conducted a search and destroy operation in their assigned AO (vic YD7125). On 9 June 1967 Company "E" moved with the rest of the Battalion to the artillery position at Cam Lo, taking over the mission of providing security for the MSR by aggressive patrolling and ambushing from a CP at (YD137670). Company "E" continued with this mission until 29 June 1967. From the 24th of June to the 28th of June, Company "E" also provided 1 platoon as security for an engineer unit working on a new route for the MSR to Con Thien. On 29 and 30 June 1967, Company "E" was part of an escort for a recon team looking for a downed helicopter in the vicinity of (YD049686) in accordance with Operation Cimarron Frag Order 8-67.

3. Company "F", 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines. From 1 June to 5 June 1967, Company "F" was OpCon to 12th Marines, providing security for the artillery position at Gio Linh in accordance with 9th Marines Operation Order 6-67. From 6 June to 8 June 1967, Company "F" provided Sparrow Hawk reaction Force for the Dong Ha Combat Base and the Base Counter-Attack Force. On 9 June 1967, Company "F" moved to the Cam Lo artillery position with the rest of the Battalion, and assumed the responsibility for the perimeter at (YD144616). Company "F" continued with this mission until 24 June 1967. From 15 June to 24 June 1967, one platoon was OpCon to the 9th Marines. From 25 June 1967 to 28 June 1967, Company "F" conducted a search and destroy operation in the Battalion TAOR. From 29 June to 30 June, Company "F" again assumed responsibility for the defense of the perimeter at the Cam Lo artillery position.

4. Company "G", 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines. From 1 June to 5 June 1967, Company "G" was OpCon to the 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines with the mission of providing security for an engineer unit in road construction to the southwest of HUE. From 5 June to 10 June 1967, Company "G" was OpCon to the 12th Marines providing security for the artillery position at Gio Linh. On 10 June 1967, Company "G" returned to the OpCon of 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines, and prepared to move on a company operation. From 11 June to 12 June 1967 Company "G" conducted a search and destroy operation in their AO, in accordance with 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines Operation Cimarron Frag Order 1-67. From 12 June to 15 June 1967, Company "G" escorted a recon team to the vicinity of Hill 174 (YD050682) in accordance with 9th Marines Operation Cimarron Frag Order 4-67.

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From 16 June to 20 June 1967, Company "G" conducted a search and destroy operation in their assigned AO. From 20 June to 28 June 1967, Company "G" provided security for the Cam Lo Bridge (vic YD 149605), provided a platoon LP/OP on Hill 30 (vic YD 140615) and provided a platoon as a reaction force for the Cam Lo Resettlement Area. From 29 June to 30 June 1967, Company "G" took part in escorting a recon team to the vicinity of Hill 174 (vic YD 049686), in accordance with Operation Cimarron Frag Order 8-67.

5. Company "H", 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines. From 1 June to 8 June 1967, Company "H" conducted a search and destroy operation in their assigned AO. During this time, also, Company "H" provided 1 platoon (rein) to Cam Lo District Headquarters to give them additional security. On 9 June, Company "H" moved with the Battalion to the Cam Lo artillery position. From 9 June to 19 June 1967, Company "H" provided security for the Cam Lo bridge (YD 149605), provided one platoon for the LP/OP on Hill 30 (YD 140615), and provided one platoon as a reaction force for the Cam Lo Resettlement Area. From 19 June to 25 June 1967, Company "H" conducted a search and destroy operation in the Battalion TAOR. From 26 June to 30 June 1967, Company "H" had responsibility for the perimeter at the Cam Lo artillery position.

6. H&S Company, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines. From 1 June to 30 June 1967, H&S Company conducted squad patrols and LP/OP's in the Battalion TAOR.

7. Close Combat

a. Patrol Breakdown. During the month of June 1967, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines provided 69 squad patrols and 81 platoon patrols. Also 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines conducted 145 squad ambushes and 14 platoon ambushes.

b. Sparrow Hawk. During the month of June 1967, while 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines had the Sparrow Hawk reaction force, Sparrow Hawk was never utilized.

8. Training. Operational commitments precluded formal military training which normally would have been accomplished. 169 replacement personnel received training in accordance with Division Order 1510.3A.

9. Fire Support and Fire Support Coordination

a. 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines was provided direct artillery support by Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines (1-14 June) and by Battery "F" 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines (15-30 June). General support during the period 1 June to 30 June 1967 was provided by Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 12th Marines (155 mm S.F.) and 1st Provisional 8" Howitzer Battery. Tactical and Technical fire direction was provided and supervised by Headquarters 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines.

b. Employment of the various artillery batteries during the period 1 June to 30 June 1967 consisted of 1358 high explosive, 80 white phosphorous and 59 illumination rounds fired on targets of opportunity, reconnaissance by fire and counter-mortar missions. In addition 2756 rounds were fired on 1478 harassing and interdiction targets.

c. Additional long range fire support was provided by Company "A", 3d Tank Battalion.

d. From 1-30 June the 81mm mortar platoon provided 8 tubes in support of 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines. During this period 125 high explosive, 17 white phosphorous and 77 illumination rounds were fired on targets of opportunity, unobserved missions, and spotting missions. In addition 1800 rounds were fired on 600 H&I targets.

e. From 1-30 June an intensive H&I program was conducted on a 24 hour basis. In addition, many of these H&I's were white phosphorous in an attempt to burn off cover favorable to the NVA.

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10. Air

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a. Medevac. During June twenty-one medevac missions were flown in support of this Battalion. The normal quick-reaction time provided by the H-34 pilots enabled prompt evacuation of casualties from operating areas.

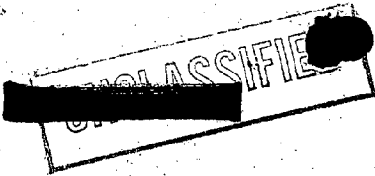
b. Resupply. There were three missions to units operating in the field this month. One of these was an emergency resupply of ammunition.

c. Command and Control. During June there was an increase in the number of reconnaissance missions. H-34's were available to key battalion personnel to keep abreast of the tactical situation.

d. Troop Lifts. There were no troop lift missions flown in support of the battalion this month.

e. Fixed Wing. The OIC "BINDDAY" continued to control airstrikes in an outstanding manner. F-8's, F-4's, and A-4's were utilized on 14 close air support missions. The accuracy of these strikes was excellent and accounted for 3 KBA (confirmed) and 20 KBA (probable) and 7 secondary explosions.

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ANNEX E

S-4 Chronology

1. General. The logistical situation of this battalion is considered good. There are still critical problem areas in Supply, Motor Transport and Comm-Elect.

a. Supply. Items of significance during the reporting period was the receipt of individual equipment and lightweight clothing. Significant shortages are (23) immersion heaters, (48) batteries BA-42, (34) compasses, (150) first aid kits, (83) wrist watches, (835) ponchos and (400) entrenching tools.

b. Ordnance. Since the last reporting period the ordnance situation has improved. Currently the organization is down on the following weapons: (3) flamethrowers, (1) machine gun, (26) pistols cal. .45 and (5) M16 rifles.

c. Motor Transport. At present there are no vehicles deadlined for 2d echelon. The Battalion currently has (11) trucks utility M422A1 (mule) operational, (7) are deadlined for engine repair at 3d echelon and (2) are on order. Truck platform, M274A1 (mule), (22) operational, (5) deadlined for engine repair at 3d echelon and (3) on order. Of significance was the receipt of CV Joints.

d. Comm-Elect. There is a critical shortage of the following items: 50 short antenna bases, (40) H-138 handsets, (30) long antennas and (50) long antenna bases for the radio AN/PRC-25. Two AN/PRC-47 radios have been deadlined at 2d echelon for battery adapters since 17 December 1966.

e. Supporting Units.

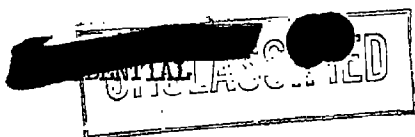
- (1) FLSU-1 provides bulk of the logistical support.
- (2) EOD support is provided by FLSU-1.
- (3) Engineer support comes from both the 3d and 11th Engineer Battalion.
- (4) Truck support is provided by the 9th Motor Transport Battalion and is coordinated through the 9th Marines S-4.
- (5) Helicopter support is received from MAG-16 and is coordinated through LSA-1 at Dong Ha for logistical lifts.

2. Camp development. During this reporting period the battalion moved from Dong Ha to Cam Lo. Since our arrival at our present location the only improvements have been the installation of concertina wire around the perimeter and the installation of six (6) heads.

3. Operations. During this period the battalion took part in Operation Cimarron. The Battalion was also involved in a move from Dong Ha to Cam Lo. During this move the battalion used a total of 49 trucks with 7 trailers to move 585 troops and 83,500 pounds of supplies and equipment.

4. Troop Movement. During the reporting period, 54 trucks moved 1085 troops in 9 lifts.

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5. Logistical Lifts

a. During the reporting period, 3 helicopters moved 3200 pounds of supplies in 2 lifts.

b. During this reporting period 95 trucks moved 132,670 pounds of supplies in 19 lifts.

6. Ammo Expenditure for the Month of June.

<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>
45 Cal. Ball	2300
50 Cal. Tracer	60
40MM HE M406	468
60MM HE	300
60MM Illum	150
81MM HE Light	371
81MM Illum	675
81MM HE Heavy	447
81MM WP	614
Grenades, Hand Frag M-26	275
Grenades, Hand Illum. MKI	125
Grenades, Hand Riot CS	98
Grenade, Hand Smoke, Green M18	16
Grenade, Hand Smoke, Yellow M18	40
Rocket 3.5 Heat	239
Rocket 3.5 W.P.	27
Signal, Illum Green Star Para.	10
Signal, Illum White Para.	257
Signal, Green Star Cluster	50
Signal, Red Star Para	3
Signal, White Star Cluster	18
Signal, Red Star Cluster	5
5.56MM Ball	27400
7.62MM Linked	22500
106MM Heat	15
106MM HE	15
Flare Surface Trip M49A1	30
Cap, Blasting Non Elec.	450
Cord Det. Feet	1000
Fuze Blasting Timed	2500
Demo, C-4 M37 Kits	1680
Grenade, Hand WP	16

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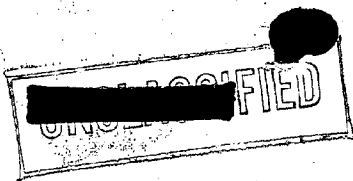
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COMMUNICATIONS CHRONOLOGY

1. General. The communications platoon furnished radio, wire, message center repair, and maintenance support for the battalion and all attached units for the month. The battalion was relocated to Cam Lo, with a small rear C.P. left at Dong Ha. Installation at Cam Lo has been completed.
2. Support. This battalion is supporting the 1st Battalion, 44th Artillery (Army), 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines, and the 1st Provisional 8-inch gun Battery with electric power. Over 4000 feet of electric cable has been installed. This power is supplied using a 20KW generator PU-239Z. Rough rider convoys and medical civilian assistance programs were supported with radios and operators. This battalion has provided amateur entertainment for local villagers, for which repair and electric power were supplied. The message center section of this platoon has supported the rifle companies by courier service, delivering necessary codes and ciphers, and has supported the 9th Marines message center with traffic pick-ups.
3. Telephonic Communications. The wire section of this battalion is maintaining two (2) command posts at this time. All cabling has been either over-headed or buried. After completing the wire installation, the wire section aided in the burial of the electric power cables. The wiring of the entire command post has been completed and the necessary precautions have been taken to preclude any interruptions of communications in the event of a mortar or artillery attack.
4. Training. The communications platoon has undergone a retraining program on the rifle M-16 E-1. All personnel have fired a minimum of one hundred fifty rounds. In the absence of formal classroom instruction, personnel have been cross-trained in related areas of communications. The platoon provides on a continuing basis instructions for members of the rifle companies, the recon squad, and the command group in basic communications subjects.
5. Operations. This battalion has been on Operation Cimarron for the entire month of June.
6. Difficulties. An acute shortage of modules and accessories for the radio set AN/PRC-25, and other equipment problems are increasing the attrition rates. Items have been on priority O2 requisitions in excess of ninety days. Maintenance at third echelon or higher is too slow due to a lack of the same items. The need for better support is critical.

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ANNEX G

Medical Chronology1. General

a. During the month of June the BAS personnel held military Sick Call for 850 Marine Corps personnel.

b. MEDCAP was held in the village of Cam Lo and 15 civilians were seen and treated.

2. Sanitation

a. Routine sanitation inspections of the Cam Lo area were made on a daily basis.

b. Messing areas, latrines, and urinals were sprayed with insecticide on a daily basis.

3. Diseases, Injuries, Treatment in General.

a. The BAS continues to maintain an eight-bed ward for minor injuries. This ward enables the BAS to render more effective treatment. Personnel requiring more extensive treatment are referred to 3rd Medical Battalion for hospitalization, treatment, and for possible further evacuation.

b. Most of the patients treated at the BAS for the month of June were of a routine nature. There was 1 new case of malaria. The battalion remains on a once-weekly primaquine and chloroquine tablet as a preventative against malaria, plus utilization of insect repellent and mosquito netting.

4. Casualties and Hospitalization. There were 52 personnel from the battalion hospitalized during the month of June. 20 were referred admissions to medical companies and 32 were BAS admissions. There were 9 KIA's, 1 DOW and 80 WIA's during the month, all of which were results of direct enemy action. Of those patients hospitalized 2 were sprains, 15 cutaneous fungus infections, 11 hyperventilation, 5 diarrhea, 2 bronchitis, 12 fever unknown origin, 3 cellulitis, and 1 contusion.

5. Training. Informal discussions were held in the BAS by the battalion surgeon on Field Neurological Symptoms. Two 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 3200 immunizations administered.

7. Complement of BAS. At the close of the month BAS had a complement of 1 Medical Officer and 53 Hospital Corpsmen. There are 9 SNCO'S attached to the BAS at this time. There was 1 Hospital Corpsman joined during the month, and 3 transferred by PCS orders.

8. There were no major problems during the month.

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ANNEX H

Chaplain's Chronology

1. During the month of June, Sunday Divine Services were provided for both Protestant and Catholic personnel in the CP area. A Catholic Chaplain provided the Catholic services on three of the Sundays, and a lay leader conducted a Lay service on the fourth.
2. Divine Services were provided in the Echo CP area in the field and Memorial Services were held in each area as soon as possible after casualties were taken.

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2d Battalion, 9th Marines

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1500 J-1 011500H Tiger Papa #2 at YD 275575 saw two Vietnamese children walking in rice paddy, when they heard an explosion. When they arrived in area, they found two Vietnamese children with shrapnel wounds. Apparently the children found a M-79 round and began playing with it, when it exploded. Casualties reported were 2 Innocent Civilians- wounded and they were medevaced from area.

2200 J-2 022200H Tiger Pappa 2 (squad ambush) at YD 283570 encountered approximately 1 VC squad. TP-2A fired 100 S/A rounds and VC returned 50 S/A rounds and fled. TP-2A sustaines 1 PF/WIA, *KIA 1 FR/WIA. Medevac requested and completed. Reaction force sent to area and later returned to CP with Tiger Poppa-2A. Casualties reported were 1 FR/KIA and 2 FR/WIA.

1800 J-3 031800H Tiger Poppa #2 received information from a reliable source that 135 VC were in vicinity of YD 290550 and they were armed with automatic weapons and mortars. They are expected to attack TP-2 the evening of 3 June.

1130 J-4 041130H H&S/2/9 at YD 215735 while on resupply mission to F/2/9 at Gio Linh, unit received 3 incoming artillery rounds. Casualties reported were 1 FR/WIA- non medevac.

1500 J-5 051500H Helicopter reported seeing 11 people at YD 247553 and they were carrying heavy loads heading in an northeasterly direction

2300 J-6 042300H Village Police Chief at Papa 3 location reported that a house was destroyed by friendly artillery at above coordinate and time. Tiger Papa actual visited the scene and reported that the house suffered a direct hit by an HE round. Villagers say the round came from Dong Ha. The house was burned ~~slightly~~ to the ground and one woman was slightly injured by pieces of fallen house. A few fragments were recovered and will be turned into Pilsner 2/2. Casualties reported were 1 Innocent Civilian.

2140 J-7 052140H Tiger Papa- PF leader spotted VC squad at YD 178589, while being at YD 180581. Squad was not moving at that time, and artillery was fired on enemy position. Reported excellent coverage on target. Results of artillery mission unknown at present time.

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1600 J-8 041600H Shove 2 relayed report from ARVN's that 150 VC were spotted at YD 285547 and YD 282523. They were armed with 81mm and 60mm mortars. Rated F-3.

1030 J-9 041030H First ARVN reported spotting 1 VC Regiment at YD 045585, YD 057596 and was armed with 1 heavy machinegun. Reported 1 NVA Battalion moved from YD 100628 to Trien Phong District. No rating.

0745 J-10 061030H CAC 2 reported that TP2B patrol at YD 274550 received 100 rounds of S/A fire and patrol returned fire with approximately 100 S/A rounds. Casualties reported were 2 FR/WIA. Searched area and found 2 cartridge belts, 2 packs, 2 helmets and papers believed to be pay rooster and paychecks. Casualties reported were 1 VC/KIA (prob) and 2 FR/WIA.

1030 J-11 061030H H/2/9 reported that Marine was sitting in bunker, when he threw a lit cigarette on the deck and explosion occurred. This apparently was due to black powder on the deck. Casualties reported were one Marine burned slightly on forehead and arm. He was taken to "D" Med. Incident happened at YD 178589.

1200 J-12 061200H E/2/9 at YD 270718 while sweeping in a northerly direction received 200 S/A rounds fire and 10 mortar rounds from vicinity of YD 270720. Returned fire with S/A rounds, 3.5 and M-79 rounds. Artillery mission called on area and casualties reported were 4 VC/KIA (prob).

1525 J-13 061525H AO observed 25 VC fleeing from vicinity of YD 266728 and they were armed, wearing uniforms-packs. AO was on the way to station and artillery mission was not called on area.

2015 J-14 062015H CAC 2 at YD 275575 observed 10 rounds 105mm impact at YD 276576. They requested 81mm fire mission on suspected enemy position. After 81mm mission, CAC 2 received information from PF that rounds believed to be enemy were from ARVN tank unit (YD 285575) and landed in friendly village. Results unknown at present time.

0000 J-15 080000H CIT reported that a VC platoon commanded by Doan Quang, a leader of a propaganda platoon. They will possibly return to Quang Dien Hamlet at YD 320618 in Trieu Dai at 072230H to collect taxes. The platoon is armed with carbines, K-44s, K-50s. Rated F-3 Intelligence report.

0000 J-16 080000H 15th CIT reported 120 VC located at Phu An Hamlet at YD 139673, moving to Cam Lo refugee camp. This company is commanded by TRAN KHUOC. Intelligence report rated F-3. ~~REDACTED~~

1950 J-17 081950H TP3A at YD 171593 spotted 1 VC squad at YD 174586 and south to southeast on azimuth of 220. Called artillery mission and results unknown at present time.

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- 0945 J-18 100945H 1/E/2/9 at YD 135680 while on patrol, found 2 bunkers - 4'x6'x4' and confiscated the following items. Three ponchos, 1 NVA cartridge belt with propaganda leaflets, assorted clothing and gear. Documents will be forwarded to S-2, 2/9 and patrol continued search of area.
- 1615 J-19 101615H 3/E/2/9 at YD 127657 while on patrol found the following items. Three bunkers - 4'x4'x3' and found 2 NVA/KIA (conf) in two graves- 2-3 weeks old. The bunkers were destroyed and the 2 NVA/KIA (conf) were charged to Operation Hickory.
- 0910 J-20 110910H G/2/9 while moving to area of operation, received 1 sniper round from left flank. Searched area with no positive results. Location of friendly troops was at YD 220665.
- 1700 J-21 111700H 3/F/2/9 point element at YD 129687 spotted 5 VC moving in open area. Fired approximately 30 rounds S/A and swept area with negative results.
- 1800 J-22 111800H G/2/9 at YD 188666 found 50 fighting holes - 2 1/2'x3'x3' and were approximately 1 month old. Due to platoon being on the move, the bunkers were not destroyed.
- 2130 J-23 112130H G/2/9 at YD 183673 reported receiving 7 rounds artillery fire. Type unknown, fuse V.T. and check fire requested. Rounds ceased and casualties reported were 1 FR/WIA- non medevac.
- 0220 J-24 120220H Pilsner CP reported incoming artillery rounds landed 100 meters outside the perimeter. Direction of fire and size unknown. Approximately 30 ~~minutes~~ minutes later, received 2 more artillery rounds on the western side of perimeter. The last round was an air burst. There were no casualties reported.
- 0745 J-25 120745H E/2/9 at YD 124658 detonated an explosive firing device. It was estimated to be 15-20 pounds of explosives. No casualties reported and 1/E/2/9 continued on patrol.
- 1030 J-26 111030H E/2/9 patrols during morning reported meeting many villagers from PHU AN (YD 143698) and VAN KIM (YD 155685) and TAN THANH (YD 160708). They were generally headed southeast with all their possessions and they did not give reasons, for their departure from the area.
- 0820 J-27 120820H 1/E/2/9 while on patrol discovered 1 booby trapped Chi Com grenade rigged with trip wire across the trail at YD 123659. Grenade was destroyed in place.
- 1240 J-28 121240H 3/E/2/9 while on patrol at YD 102688 saw 8 VC wearing black uniforms. VC apparently were gathering rice in area and when they spotted patrol, fled in a westerly direction. Searched area and confiscated 1 canteen, 1 poncho, and a pair of sandals.
- 1605 J-29 121605H 3/E/2/9 while on patrol, found 100 rounds 7.62mm, and 12 fortified bunkers-4'x4'x4' at YD 115675. The bunkers were not destroyed at present time, and continued on patrol.

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- 1630 J-30 121630H 3/E/2/9 at YD 118683 found 15 graves estimated to be 2 weeks old. Dug up one grave and found 1 body - clothed in NVA uniform. It is assumed that remainder of graves contained NVA. Searched area and found assorted equipment which was destroyed. The items confiscated were 3 Chi Com grenades, 2 M-26 grenades, 1 grenade pouch, and 2 cans of mortar increments. Casualties reported were 15 NVA/KIA(conf)
- 2100 J-31 122100H Pilsner at YD 144615 reported that 14 mortar rounds landed 1400 meters southwest of the perimeter. There were conflicting reports as to the direction and range, indicating at least two locations of enemy fire. The enemy position was in the vicinity of YD 135615. Three squad ambushes were approximately 600 meters of one indicated mortar site. One squad was sent to search area and results were negative. There were no casualties reported.
- 1230 J-32 131230H 3/F/2/9 while on patrol, discovered 20 sets of fresh prints on trail at YD 122609. They appeared to be imprints made by sneakers and the patrol followed footprints until they disappeared. Searched area with no positive results.
- 0840 J-33 140840H H/2/9 reported that engineer road sweep security found 1 AT mine planted in the road at YD 133650. The mine was disarmed and engineers continued on road sweep.
- 0915 J-34 140915H E/2/9 patrol found 10 bunkers-4'x4'x6' with assorted equipment and ammunition. The bunkers were destroyed and the following items were confiscated. 1 M-79 #10482, 3 AT mines and increments, 600-700 linked rounds, 29 82mm rounds, 225 AK-47 rounds, 25 NVA packs, 1 NVA hand set, 5 Chi Com grenades, 1 M-26 frag grenade, and 2 M-173 A1 mines.
- 0950 J-34 140950H Recon broke contact with enemy (YD 057688) and fired 40 rounds 60mm to cover movement from area of contact. Called artillery mission on enemy position.
- 1700 J-35 141700H 3/E/2/9 at YD 115675 destroyed 23 bunkers that had been discovered on previous patrol. (ref 121605) Eleven more bunkers were also found today.
- 0830 J-36 150830H E/2/9 point man detonated Chi Com grenade with trip wire while on patrol. Grenade head high but trip wire on ground. Booby trap had been set previous night within 300 meters of perimeter. Location of booby trap was at YD 155655.
- 0905 J-37 150905H Road sweep found VC Claymore mine of unknown type without markings. Mine was on side of road at YD 132662. Believed to be command detonated.
- 1015 J-38 151015H G/2/9 found VC wounded by stepping on mine 5 days ago. VC unable to move, infection set in legs, both of which are covered with multiple shrapnel wounds. VC was NVA of 7th Company.

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- 1015 J-39 151015H Cont. Independent Battalion. Age 19 and had 1 AK-47, cartridge belt, 3 Chi Com grenades and 60 rounds of AK-47 ammo. Initial questioning by Kit Carson scouts revealed VC was one of (3) brothers who had been at Cam Vu (YD 183616) for 3 days R&R. While returning to NVN were mortared and split up, and mine was detonated. Stated his company has 95 men, armed with 2 60mm mortars, 2 heavy machine guns, and AK-47s. 5th and 6th Companies of Battalion and 8th Company (Artillery) are located at YD 176757 to YD 175765. POW/WIA was cooperative and seems willing to talk. POW was medevaced from area. POW was found at YD 172670.
- 1215 J-40 151215H G/2/9 - Marine detonated mine believed to be of pressure type MINE, type unknown. Casualties reported were 2 USMC/WIA. Location of incident was at YD 174663.
- 1415 J-41 151415H G/2/9 - moving 20 meters off right side of trail, when directional type Claymore mine (type unknown) was believed command detonated covering trail from left side. First (7) USMC in column WIA while medevac being conducted, medevac helo received automatic weapons fire from YD 170664. Location of unit was at YD 173664 and no damage or injury occurred.
- 1410 J-42 151410H E/2/9 found 10 bunkers (2'x4'x6') at YD 119668 and they did not appear recently used. Found 1 Russian light machine gun and 2 blocks C-4 with blasting caps. Machine gun was rusty and inoperable.
- 1640 J-43 151640H G/2/9 found VC aid station at YD 172663, consisting of 6 hootches capable of holding 6 men each, recently vacated. Subsequent search revealed 10-15 additional bunkers (6'x6'x4'). Large quantities of medical supplies, documents. Kit Carson Scout pointed out Claymore mine with trip wire and VC signs indicating area was dangerous. Supplies and documents will be returned. Air mission requested to destroy area and 5 secondary explosions resulted - 2 being extremely large. Confiscated 1 home made mine, 37 7.62mm rounds, 2 million units of penicillin, 25 Atropine syrettes.
- 1800 J-44 151800H Sparring Jungle reported one VC company armed with mortars and individual equipment heading from north at YD 095600.
- 1130 J-45 161130H G/2/9 at YD 173664 found 15-20 reinforced bunkers. The following gear was confiscated; 4 gas masks, 11 60mm mortar rounds, 1 Chi Com 60mm mortar tube, 25 pounds of rice, assorted clothing, and 1 personnel med-kit containing gauze, penicillin tablets, mustard powder, battle dressing. G/2/9 was checking VC Battalion Aid station at YD 172664, when Marine stepped on booby trap. It was home made pressure-type booby trap in an open area. Casualties reported were 2 PR/WIA- medevaced.

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- 1245 J-46 161245H 1/E/2/9 at YD 105665 found 40 bunkers - 4'x4'x4' which were heavily fortified. Patrol had limited supply of explosives and only destroyed some of the bunkers. Another patrol will be sent to complete destruction. Confiscated 2 boxes of fuses for mortars, 2 banana clips, and 1 Chi Com grenade which was blown in place.
- 1400 J-47 161400H 3/G/2/9 at YD 185663 observed 6 VC wearing camouflaged helmets and black clothing. No weapons were observed and AO requested. While conducting patrol at YD 180655, point was crossing trail when explosion occurred. Explosive device was detonated by trip wire and believed to be a delayed type fuze. Casualties reported were 2 FR/WIA.
- 1830 J-48 161830H Four aircraft with 16 thousand pound bombs (delayed fuze) destroyed 15-20 bunkers and uncovered 30-40 additional bunkers. No secondary explosions occurred and had good target coverage.
- 0845 J-49 170845H G/2/9 while moving on patrol at YD 177657, point man detonated a 60mm booby trap along trail. Booby trap did not have trip wire and casualties were 3 USMC/WIA. When mine was detonated, point man fired burst of automatic rifle fire and found bloody shoe, assorted gear on trail. Also found series of approximately 200-250 bunkers, spotted by AO plane. Search of area revealed 1 carbine rifle, 1 diary 1 pair of sandals, 60 carbine rounds, 4 Chi Com grenades, 2 magazines and assorted clothing. Casualties reported were 1 NVA/KIA (conf) and search of area continues.
- 0830 J-50 170830H G/2/9 at YD 177661 found the following gear. 1 .30 cal carbine rifle with 2 magazines, 1 cartridge belt with poncho, canteen, 1 M-26 fragmentary grenade, and 1 carbine bayonet.
- 1100 J-51 171100H G/2/9 at YD 177661 located 2 anti-tank mines (possibly booby trapped) 2 Chi Com grenades (large type - possibly booby trapped), approximate 20 bunkers 3'x4'x3' - reinforced, 2 Chi Com 3.5 rocket rounds, 2 Chi Com sub-machine guns, 1 AK-47 carbine, 1 M-14 with selector, USMC BA-30 batteries, 2 signaling devices, 6 grease gun magazines, and assorted demolition gear and assorted clothing. (Ref. 170845) While searching area at YD 177660, Marine hit a 60mm booby trapped round with trip wire and casualties reported were 1 USMC/WIA and 1 VC/KIA(pb)
- 1330 J-52 171330H 3/G/2/9 at YD 177660 found permanent network of bunkers (30) recently occupied - 5'x4'x4'. Approximately 90 open foxholes were close to the bunker area. AO indicated 10-20 bunkers to north-east. Search of area revealed 1 AK-44 and 1 .38 cal folding stock sub-machine gun.
- 2030 J-53 172030H G/2/9 reported that four fixed air strikes were called on YD 177660 with fair coverage. Fired 80 155mm delayed fuze with good coverage. Artillery mission called and 17 bunkers were destroyed. Will conduct search of area tomorrow.
- 2140 J-54 172140H G/2/9 ambush at YD 170649 at YD 170649 received 2 incoming S/A rounds from left flank and conducted search of area. Found indications that

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- 2140 J-55 172140H cont. approximately 3-4 VC were crawling through grass possibly setting in booby traps.
- 0130 J-56 180130H G/2/9 received approximately 30-40 60mm rounds from vicinity of YD 159650. There were no casualties reported and artillery mission called on area.
- 1640 J-57 181640H G/2/9 discovered a body at YD 177660. The body was in a charred state and is attributed to air strikes with napalm used today. Casualties reported were 1 VC/KIA (conf).
- 1803 J-58 181803H 2/G/2/9 was searching area at YD 172664 and reconning by fire with 90mm canister rounds. At this time, an anti-personnel mine was detonated at above coordinates. Platoon continued to search area.
- 1945 J-59 181945H Air strikes and artillery completely destroyed all but six of a 150 bunker complex at YD 178661. The remaining 6 bunkers were destroyed with explosives. Area swept with 3 tanks and one platoon. On the basis of gear found after air strike, it is estimated that casualties were 20 VC/KIA (prob).
- 0602 J-60 190602H 3/H/2/9 reported that personnel went out to find and disarm Claymore mine in vicinity of YD 148605. VC threw one grenade in vicinity of friendly personnel and 1 VC was spotted running into treeline. Illumination requested and fired S/A rounds at suspect. Searched area with negative results. Casualties reported were 1 FR/WIA.
- 0735 J-61 190735H E/2/9 1st squad while conducting patrol in vicinity of YD 152658 located 2 Chi Com grenades that were booby trapped with trip wire. The grenades were blown in place.
- 0907 J-62 190907H E/2/9 found 4 more grenades at YD 155657. Two of the grenades were rigged with wire and the other two grenades with string. The grenades were blown in place.
- 1015 J-63 191015H H/2/9 reported that engineer security received approximately 3 incoming sniper rounds. Returned fire and continued on sweep. No casualties reported. Friendly unit was at YD 131658 and enemy location was in vicinity of YD 134658.
- 1040 J-64 191040H 2/H/2/9 while on patrol in vicinity of YD 125615. It is believed enemy was NVA - dressed in green uniforms. Received 10 60mm incoming rounds and S/A fire from vicinity of YD 125618. It is estimated that there were 2 squads armed with mortars and automatic weapons. Called in artillery mission and returned fire with S/A rounds. Casualties were 8 FR/WIA, 3 VC/KIA (conf) and 3 VC/KIA (prob). Captured 3 AK-50s 13 AK-50 magazines, 4 Chi Com grenades, and 3 magazine pouches.
- 1100 J-65 191100H 1/E/2/9 called for fire mission on bunker complex at YD 154657. Fired for effect and first round was on target. However, second round

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1100 J-65 191100H cont. at friendly position and casualties reported were 1 USMC/WIA non-medevac.

1100 J-66 191100H F/2/9 Tanks and security were moving along road at YD 130627, when tank hit an estimated 40 lb. Chi Com AT mine. The tank was damaged and returned to CP. No casualties reported.

1208 J-67 191208H 1/E/2/9 patrol found 2 Chi Com grenades with trip wires approximately 25 meters from YD 154666. They were blown in place and platoon continued on patrol.

1245 J-68 191245H 1/E/2/9 while point squad was entering bunker complex at YD 156664, they received sniper fire from 3 VC. Unit returned fire with S/A rounds, and is now sweeping bunker complex. No casualties reported.

0140 J-69 200140H H/2/9 point man woke up approximately 6 sleeping VC. Patrol received S/A fire and grenade from VC located at YD 110612. Returned fire and VC fled south. Casualties reported were 1 FR/WIA- non medevac.

0800 J-70 200800H 3/E/2/9 found 3 bunkers - heavily fortified 3'x4'x6'. The bunkers were destroyed with explosives, which were located at YD 110666.

1115 J-71 201115H 1/F/2/9 patrol while searching area at YD 107642 found 4 separate graves and bomb crater with 8 grave markings. Upon excavation 4 separate graves were found with 4 decomposed VC bodies. Also found 8 VC bodies in bomb crater. These VC/KIA (conf) were credited to Operation Hickory.

2315 J-72 202315H Received intelligence report, rated A-2 that VC Battalion was sighted at YD 105605. Cleared artillery mission with District Chief and mission called on area. After artillery mission, there were two secondary explosions.

2104 J-73 211040H 2/F/2/9 patrol located 8 82mm rounds at YD 151618. Rounds were stacked on fins and were not booby trapped. They will be brought to 2/9 CP.

1630 J-74 211630H 3/H/2/9 2d squad found 3 bunkers at YD 112624. There were well used trails leading to bunkers and near the bunkers were warning devices. These consisted of lines attached to cans and filled with stones. Searched area and found 2 NVA love letters. The bunkers were destroyed with C-4.

2230 J-75 212230H H/2/9 reported spotting flashing lights, which appeared to be signals at YD 11616148. Called artillery mission and results unknown.

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- 0850 J-76 220850H 3/E/2/9 point man at YD 155655 located a mine across road and proceeded to check trail. Platoon commander, began checking area and discovered mine was attached to booby trap. At this time, another Marine stepped off trail and detonated a mine. Casualties reported were 6 USMC/WIA and they were medevaced from area.
- 1050 J-77 221050H 2/E/2/9 1st squad engineer security found a 500 lb. bomb at YD 134663 and was destroyed in place.
- 1050 J-78 221050H 3/E/2/9 patrol found a booby trapped Chi Com grenade at YD 156659 and a Claymore mine approximately 150 meters from it. Apparently the Claymore mine was command detonated, because it was detonated approximately 100 meters to the right flank of the point. Searched area and found another booby trapped Chi Com grenade - knee height. Both Chi Com grenades were blown in place.
- 1400 J-78 221400H 1/H/2/9 located 10 bunkers and three of them appeared to be recently occupied or not completely built. Searched area and confiscated 3 Chi Com grenades, 3 82mm rounds, 10 blasting caps, 1 two lb. block TNT, 15 lbs. of rice, 2 Chi Com grenade pouches, 1 NVA belt, 3 NVA packs and 1 sound power phone.
- 1455 J-79 221455H 3/E/2/9 patrol at YD 152664 located 5 bunkers - 4'x8'x5' and 3 booby trapped Chi Com grenades. The bunkers and grenades were destroyed.
- 1610 J-80 221610H 3/H/2/9 at YD 101605 sighted 12 VC in an open area at YD 098605. Fired S/A rounds and VC fled into treeline. Called artillery mission and will search area.
- 0800 J-81 220800H 1/F/2/9 reported that a Vietnamese civilian turned into sentry at the main gate of perimeter, a demolition bag containing; 24 feet of time fuse, 30 blasting caps, 140 M-16 rounds and 2 M-16 magazines. Although this was not VC gear and was probably lost by a Marine, 1500 VN piasters was paid to local civilian since this is the first incident of this type in the area. We desire that this incident be publicized among the local populace.
- 1235 J-81 231235H 1/E/2/9 located 25 bunkers - 4'x4'x6' and were reinforced with bamboo at YD 105665. Bunkers were destroyed.
- 1430 J-82 231430H 1/H/2/9 1st squad found 9 finished bunkers and 13 unfinished bunkers at YD 098622. Found half of two bodies (approximately 3 months old). Searched area and located assorted gear and 3 smoke houses. The items found were 1 Russian AT mine (markings MHD 10-4/46, Lot 2A), 3 Chi Com grenades, 400 AK-47 rounds, 3 cans mortar increments, 1 AK-47 magazine, 4 NVA helmets and uniforms, 3 picks and 4 E-tools. The bunkers and equipment were destroyed and the smoke houses were burnt.
- 1600 J-83 231600H 3/H/2/9 3d squad found 6 reinforced bunkers - 4'x5'x6' at YD 112631.

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- 231600H cont. On the outside of one bunker was an artillery illumination round tied to two trees. Searched area and found 2 Malaysian whips. Everything was destroyed and squad continued on patrol.
- 0700 J-84 240700H H&S/2/9 squad moved into village at YD 160639 and found 3 bunkers 3'x4'x3'. Searched area and located 15 fighting holes, that were well camouflaged.
- 1040 J-85 241040H 3/E/2/9 patrol at YD 102654 observed 2 VC wearing flak jackets, and carrying rifles. Patrol fired S/A rounds and searched area which revealed 1 AK-47, 1 pair of binoculars, and 1 bag containing "C" rations.
- 2210 J-86 242210H 2/F/2/9 sprung an ambush on 3 VC moving north to south at YD 169611. VC fled area and casualties reported were 1 VC/KIA (conf). An ambush was re-established around body with negative results.
- 2235 J-87 242235H H/2/9 at YD 105605 detonated an Claymore mine rigged with trip wire. Casualties reported were 4 USMC/WIA and 1 USMC/KIA. ~~REDACTED~~
- 0745 J-88 260745H 2/E/2/9 at YD 124674 found 12 fighting holes approximately 4 days old with (3) sets of footprints heading in a southeasterly direction. 1 60mm round still in the cannister, was found in a hole. It was not booby trapped and area was searched with negative results.
- 1145 J-89 261145H F/2/9 point at YD 155646 was moving down trail when 3 command detonated mines were set off. At the same time the point received 15 rounds automatic weapons fire and a booby trap rigged with trip wire was detonated. The booby trap was believed to be an 81mm mortar round. 2 VC/NVA wearing dark green uniforms, helmets, and flak jackets and carrying weapons were seen heading east from the area. F/2/9 fired at VC/NVA with M-16s and 3.5s. Area searched with negative results. Total casualties for F/2/9 were 4 USMC/WIA - non medevac.
- 1200 J-90 261200H E/2/9 providing security for engineers at YD 119667 saw movement and while checking it, spotted 5 VCS running from area. Point fired over their heads and yelled to halt. When VCS continued to run, point fired killing 1 VCS. The other 4 VCS were captured. Total 1 VCS/KIA and 4 detainees. VCS/KIA was approximately 14 years of age - male. Detainees were 1 male - age 45, 2 female age - 15, and 1 male age 14.
- 1940 J-91 261940H F/2/9 at YD 180635 spotted 6 VC moving north at YD 181663. VC dressed in green and black clothing and at least three weapons were visible. Although range was extreme F/2/9 took them under fire with M-16s and 60mm mortars. Area searched with negative results.
- 2130 J-92 262130H F/2/9 while set up in night position at YD 175647 heard 2 explosions 500 meters to the south followed by Vietnamese screaming. Believed VC set off booby trap while setting them. Area searched with negative result.

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- 0815 J-93 270815H 1/E/2/9 point of patrol spotted 8 VC at YD 182662 who immediately fled in a westerly direction, pursued by fire by E/2/9 with negative results. VC were dressed in green in green or black uniforms and appeared to be wearing flak jackets.
- 1000 J-94 271000H 1/E/2/9 received S/A and automatic weapons fire from a small group of VC at YD 105660. VC were split up and appeared to be attempting to separate the flanks from the main body. 1/E/2/9 withdrew and called artillery, then swept the area with negative results.
- 1005 J-95 271005H F/2/9 reported that Marine detonated pressure type device at YD 182662. Device was believed to be small home-made type containing only small amount of explosive and shrapnel. Casualties reported were 3 USMC/WIA of which two were non-medevaced.
- 1110 J-96 271110H 3/F/2/9 point spotted 3 VC who fled. Platoon gave chase and were lead into VC base camp where VC escaped. Camp was bunkere complex consisting of 65 bunkers, 20 of which were 2-3 man living holes. The base area appeared occupied the morning of the 27th. The items found were 100 AK-47 rounds, 6 82mm mortar rounds, 4 Chi Com grenades, 225 30 cal machine gun rounds, 7 pairs of tennis shoes, 1 NVA uniform - complete, 1 RPG round, 3 packs (2 were mortar type), 750 pounds of rice, 3 ponchos and assorted documents.
- 1630 J-97 271630H 1/E/2/9 point spotted 1 VC at YD 104658 fleeing from patrol. Fired M-16s with negative results. VC fled in westerly direction.
- 1650 J-98 271650H 1/E/2/9 at YD 104658 point man came to a fork in the trail going in 3 directions. The column stopped, so the Platoon Leader could forward. Three command Claymores were detonated resulting in 2 USMC/KIA and 6 USMC/WIA. The Claymores were set about 10 meters off the side of the trail. One Claymore was covering the intersection and the other two were approximately 25 meters apart. They were fired seperately, one after the other.
- 1720 J-99 271720H F/2/9 at YD 164655 point element found 2 anti-tank mines, used as anti-personnel mines. Mines were command detonated and destroyed in place. After the mines were destroyed and the unit started to move, a Marine tripped a booby trapped Chi Com with trip wire - one foot above ground in the bushes. Casualties reported were 1 USMC/WIA.
- 1100 J-100 281100H 3/E/2/9 platoon swept, without incident, into area where 1/E/2/9 had hit mines and received S/A and automatic weapons fire at 271000H - coordinates YD 097668. Found 50 bunkers, average size - 6'x4'x6' all indicated recent use. One bunker contained rice which was still hot. Located one ammo bunker containing 50 82mm rounds, 1 60mm round, 100 AK-47 rounds, 5 rocket rounds (82RR), 1 can fuses, 1 can increments, and a 50 foot observation tower was used by enemy FOs. All gear, including tower and bunkers were destroyed.

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- 1140 J-101 281140H E/2/9 reported that Marine accidentally discharged M-79 and round (did not explode), hit him in the right cheek. Casualties reported were 1 USMC/WIA.
- 2045 J-102 282045H E/2/9 - (YD 137674) while moving to night ambush position along MSR, point man tripped booby trap (type and method of detonation unknown) resulting in 1 USMC/WIA.
- 0010 J-103 290010H E/2/9 - CP at (YD 135670) received three grenades believed M-26 into perimeter resulting in 1 USMC/WIA. No movement was detected before or after incident.
- 1128 J-104 291128H 1/H/2/9 3rd squad at YD 162619 found VCS - male, 17 years old, and he was wearing blue trousers with light blue shirt. Subject was questioned and released by 7th ITT as an Innocent Civilian.
- 1530 J-105 291530H 2/H/2/9 2nd squad reported that M-2 truck hit AP mine at YD 118662. Two wheels were blown off truck and another vehicle was requested. There were no casualties reported.
- 1735 J-106 291735H AO spotted 10-15 recently dug bunkers at YD 082689. Due to friendly troops in area, air strike was not called on bunkers.
- 0030 J-107 300030H TPS-21 at YD 141615 picked up movement at YD 124624. Called artillery mission and movement ceased. Area searched with negative results.
- 0715 J-108 300715H E/2/9 discovered bunker complex at YD 053685. Received S/A fire and casualties reported were 1 USMC/KIA and 2 USMC/WIA. Called air strike on area. Medevac requested for casualties.
- 0815 J-109 300815H F/2/9 - Road sweep security found A.T. mine at YD 132629. The mine was destroyed in place and secondary explosion occurred.
- 0930 J-110 300930H E&G/2/9 - In movement to objective, E/2/9 made contact at approximately 0700H. One platoon was pinned down by S/A and automatic weapons fire. G/2/9 moved to objective and also received fire. Casualties reported were 4 FR/KIA, 9 FR/WIA, 5 VC/KIA (conf), 9 VC/KIA (prob). Area of contact was in vicinity of YD 055685. Reference spot report 300715H.
- 1045 J-111 301045H 2/H/2/9 reported that engineers at YD 132598 received approximately 20 rounds sniper fire. There were no casualties reported.
- 1030 J-112 301030H 3/H/2/9 at YD 126667 received 10 rounds automatic weapons sniper fire from vicinity of YD 120667. No casualties reported and searched area with negative results.
- 1230 J-113 301230H 2/G/2/9 with Recon found area believed to be where chopper crashed. The area (YD 059687) was completely burned out and no sign of activity. There were some old anti-aircraft positions in area. Searched area and found 1 USMC flyers flak jacket. Completed mission and returned.

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- 1412 J-114 301412H 3/H/2/9 3rd squad reported that engineers at YD 127676 received one sniper round from YD 125679. Returned fire and no casualties reported.
- 1545 J-115 301545H E/2/9 reported that while air strikes were called, dirt and rocks were scattered in friendly area (YD 055683). Friendly casualties were 3 FR/WIA. After air strikes, searched area of bunker complex and casualties reported were 3 VC/KIA (conf).
- 1800 J-116 301800H 3/H/2/9 reported Marine at YD 124684 accidentally discharged weapon and inflicted wound in left lower leg. He was medevaced from area. Casualties reported were 1 NBC.

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Operation Order 13-67 (Operation Cimarron)

Ref: (a) Map: 1:50,000 Vietnam AMS Series, L7014 Sheets 6342 I, 6442 IV.
 (b) 9th Marines OpnO 7-67
 (c) 9th Marines Operation Cimarron Prag Order 1-67
 (d) DivO P2000.2E
 (e) BnO 5100.1E

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:2d Battalion, 9th Marines

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1st Plat., C Co., 3 AS Bn.

"B" Battery, 1st Bn (AM) (SP) 44th Artillery, USA

Co E

Capt. THERMILL

Co F

Capt. VINCENT

Co G

Capt. MCGOWAN

Co H

Capt. THOMPSON

1. SITUATIONa. Enemy forces. See current ISUMS.b. Friendly forces.

(1) 9th Marines continues operations against Vist Cong and NVA forces in area of operations.

(2) 12th Marines (-) (Rein) maintains FSCC at Dong Ha for coordination of fire support in Operation Cimarron and liaison with BANC.

c. Attachments and detachments: See Task Organization.

2. MISSION. 2nd Bn., 9th Marines provides security for artillery position located vicinity (YD147617); positions forces along route 561 (MSR) in zone of action (ZOA) to provide security for MSR and ford site vicinity (YD136666) by aggressive patrolling and ambushes along flanks; provides security for mine sweep teams along MSR in ZOA; provides security for Cam Lo Bridge site; provides security for trucks between vicinity (YD145615) and Con Thien; Control traffic on MSR between Con Thien and vicinity (YD145615); provides security for 11th Engineers personnel and equipment while upgrading MSR; Be prepared on order to provide relief/reinforcement of Gio Linh army outpost, Cua Viet facility, and Con Thien position in the event of an enemy attack; Conduct ground surveillance and spoiling attacks throughout assigned OA with assigned forces; and be prepared to provide a (Rein) platoon reaction force in the event Cam Lo resettlement village comes under attack.

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3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operations. On order 2d Bn., 9th Marines will displace to forward artillery position vicinity (YD147617) with one company, a company (-), and Battalion Command Group to provide security for that position and establish a headquarters. One company will displace to the vicinity of (YD136666) for security of the MSR and fording site. One platoon will displace to the Cam Lo bridge vicinity (YD148604). One platoon from the artillery position will provide security for the engineers while upgrading the MSR, and one platoon from the artillery position will provide reaction force for the Cam Lo resettlement. Forces for mine sweep and convoy security will come from units in the artillery position. 2d Battalion, 9th Marines will assume control of the OA (Annex A) upon mutual agreement of the Commanding Officers of the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines and the 2d Battalion, 3rd Marines.
- b. Company E. On order position force along route 561 (MSR) to provide security of the MSR and fording site at (YD136666) by aggressive patrolling and ambushes along flanks.
- c. Company F.
 - (1) On order provide security for forward artillery position (YD147617) as perimeter security.
 - (2) Be prepared to provide one platoon as security for engineers upgrading the MSR.
- d. Company G. Upon relief at Gio Linh move to 2d Bn., 9th Marines OA (Annex A) and be prepared to establish security along MSR.
- e. Company H.
 - (1) On order provide one platoon for security of Cam Lo Bridge Site vicinity (YD148604).
 - (2) Be prepared to provide one (Rein) platoon reaction force for Cam Lo resettlement.
 - (3) Be prepared to provide a platoon as convoy security.
 - (4) Be prepared to provide one platoon at COP on Hill #31.
- f. W-S Company
 - (1) Provide forces for perimeter security at the artillery position (YD147617).
 - (2) Provide security for mine sweep teams along the MSR in 2d Bn., 9th Marines ZOA (Annex A).
- g. 106th Platoon. Provide a provisional rifle platoon for perimeter defense and mine sweep security.

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h. 81mm Mortar Platoon

- (1) Attach one section to Company E.
- (2) General Support.

i. 1st 8" Battery, 12th Marines. General Support.j. 1st Plat., C Co., 3rd AT Bn.

- (1) Provide security for perimeter with direct fire.
- (2) Provide section for road sweep.

k. "B" Battery, 1st Bn (AW) (SP) 44th Artillery, USA

- (1) Provide security for perimeter with direct fire and H&I's.
- (2) Provide security for road sweep.

l. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Annex A (Operation Area Overlay)
- (2) Rules of engagement in accordance with reference (e).
- (3) Dirlauth between all units.
- (4) 9th Marines MSGG responsible for MSGG functions in AO.
- (5) Submit spot reports on occurrence.
- (6) All units will submit 6hr. Sitrep to reach this Headquarters NLT 0500, 1100, 1700, and 2300 daily. All sitreps will include plans for forthcoming 6hr period.
- (7) All personnel will be cautioned as to danger of mines and boobytraps within the AO. Units that discover any type boobytrap will report these devices to this headquarters.
- (8) Carry air panels and yellow smoke to mark friendly front lines.
- (9) Battalion S-4 will control traffic on the MSR between Con Thien and vicinity (YD145615). Each truck convoy will have a minimum of one platoon (Rein) as security.
- (10) Thrust Points:

(a) Initially the following thrust points will be used.

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| (1) Fish-1374 | (5) Cars-1767 |
| (2) Birds-1469 | (6) Girls-1859 |
| (3) Dogs-1571 | (7) Boys-2260 |
| (4) Flowers-1673 | (8) Veg-1459 |

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(b) Be prepared to use the following thrust points on order.

- (1) Anne - 1375
- (2) Judy - 1674
- (3) Sam - 1470
- (4) Texas - 1572
- (5) Ford - 1768
- (6) Cow - 1859
- (7) Bull - 1459
- (8) Baby - 2260

(11) This order effective for planning upon receipt, for execution on order.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. All vehicles will be blackedout in area and preceded by a walking guide.
- b. Re-supply
 - (1) Perimeter area will be re-supplied daily by trucks.
 - (2) Companies out of perimeter will be re-supplied by roads.
 - (3) Secondary re-supply for companies will be by helicopter.
 - (4) Water buffaloes will be used in area and on road, supplemented by water cans.
- c. Minimum of two vehicles are required outside the perimeter.
- d. Convoys will abide by the existing rules with the following exceptions:
 - (1) The following checkpoints will be used:

Check point #1 -	136623
Check point #2 -	134635
Check point #3 -	138642
Check point #4 -	134665
Check point #5 -	135674
Check point #6 -	124688 126488
 - (2) All convoys will check-in upon leaving Cam Lo, Con Thien, and at all checkpoints.
- e. Personnel in the perimeter will be allowed to bring WP bags.
- f. Personnel going to the field will utilize packs.
- g. Prescribed load for units going to field.
 - (1) Double basic-allowance of ammo.
 - (2) Three MGI'S per man.
 - (3) Two full canteens of water per man.

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- (4) Five days supply of halizone/iodine tablets.
- (5) Batteries for three days.
- h. Personnel in the perimeter will be issued two MCI's per man.
- i. Flak jackets, helmets, and entrenching tools will be mandatory.
- j. Safeguarding and evacuation of POW'S will be coordinated through the S-1.
- k. Units are responsible to insure that military and personal effects of medevaced personnel are safeguarded and properly accounted for.
- l. All friendly equipment losses or destruction will be reported to the S-4 on occurrence.
- m. Commanders will encourage troops not to take money, valuables, or personal papers on operation.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

- a. Communications and Electronics. Reference (d)
- b. Radio
 - (1) Regimental TAC - 50.60 (M-709)
 - (2) Battalion will maintain continuous communications on Bn TAC 44.70 (M-629) with all companies and attachments. Continuous contact with regiment will be maintained by the Bn. Companies and attachments will conduct a radio check and will give position reports once each hour.
 - (3) Battalion will pass administrative traffic and supply requests on Bn Admin net 52.80 (M-741).
 - (4) A perimeter defense net will be activated from 1800 to 0600.
 - (5) Battalion will establish communications with medevac aircraft on TACP net 35.50 (Given in the clear).
 - (6) Battalion will maintain a covered teletype circuit with regiment using effective edition of KAK-2641 AR/TSEC.
 - (7) Battalion will come up with regiment daily at 0800 and when directed, employing the KI-8 using the effective edition of KAK-3241 K/TSEC on 52.85 (M742).
- c. Security. Authentication and numerical code is the effective edition of the KAK-325.
- d. Report Changes of command post to this headquarters.

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