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

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

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation /Location. 2d Battalion, 9th Marines, 1-8 Jul Cam Lo, 9-27 Jul vicinity east of Con Thien, 28-31 Jul Than Cam Son.

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

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

|                        |                        |           |
|------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| Commanding Officer     | LtCol J. J. PEELER     | 1-4 Jul   |
|                        | LtCol W. D. KENT       | 5-31 Jul  |
| Executive Officer      | Maj J. D. BEANS        | 1-24 Jul  |
|                        | Maj D. J. MURPHY       | 25-31 Jul |
| S-1                    | 2dLt P. A. PEARCE      | 1-31 Jul  |
| S-2                    | 2dLt T. F. O'TOOLE     | 1-31 Jul  |
| S-3                    | Capt R. F. JOHNSON     | 1-15 Jul  |
|                        | Capt W. B. TERRILL     | 15-31 Jul |
| S-4                    | Capt M. HOROWITZ       | 1-5 Jul   |
|                        | 2dLt E. M. MYERS       | 6-27 Jul  |
|                        | Capt R. W. ELLISON     | 28-31 Jul |
| Comm Officer           | 1stLt E. R. COOVER     | 1-5 Jul   |
|                        | 1stLt M. G. SCHROEDER  | 6-31 Jul  |
| M. T. OFFICER          | 2dLt E. M. MYERS       | 1-31 Jul  |
| Supply Officer         | 2dLt S. K. CUTHBERT    | 1-31 Jul  |
| Medical Officer        | Lt G. BROWN            | 1-31 Jul  |
| Chaplain               | Lt N. D. CHASTEEN      | 1-31 Jul  |
| Civil Affairs Officers | 2dLt P. A. PEARCE      | 1-4 Jul   |
|                        | 2dLt T. F. O'TOOLE     | 5-31 Jul  |
| AS Company             | 2dLt J. L. LASTOVICA   | 1-31 Jul  |
| Company "E"            | Capt W. B. TERRILL     | 1-6 Jul   |
|                        | 1stLt D. O. FORD       | 7-23 Jul  |
|                        | Capt C. J. WOLK        | 24-31 Jul |
| Company "F"            | 2dLt F. B. WESTERFIELD | 1-5 Jul   |
|                        | Capt M. E. RICH        | 6-31 Jul  |
| Company "G"            | Capt R. W. MCGOWAN     | 1-5 Jul   |
|                        | Capt M. HOROWITZ       | 6-31 Jul  |
| Company "H"            | Capt F. L. SOUTHARD    | 1-31 Jul  |

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## ANNEX B

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S-1 Chronology

1. General. The personnel situation is rapidly becoming critical. The battalion is presently short 12 officers and 111 enlisted personnel, with shortages primarily in Occupational Field 03. Losses anticipated during the forthcoming month will further compound this problem, since the battalion is scheduled to lose 2 officers and 162 enlisted personnel through rotation. In addition, the battalion has 4 officers who will be evacuated to CONUS. It is estimated that a large number of the enlisted personnel will be evacuated to CONUS. Officer and enlisted replacements are urgently required.

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

| <u>USMC</u> |            | <u>USN</u> |            |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <u>OFF</u>  | <u>ENL</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> |
| 33          | 1064       | 2          | 58         |

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

b. Losses

|             | <u>USMC</u> |            | <u>USN</u> |            |
|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
|             | <u>OFF</u>  | <u>ENL</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> |
| Hostile     | 10          | 301        | 2          | 27         |
| Non-Hostile | 2           | 40         | 0          | 1          |
| Admin       | 6           | 44         | 0          | 17         |

(1) Of the hostile casualties, 28 were KIA's and 312 were WIA's. Of the WIA's, 47 were transferred by service records, 141 returned to duty and 124 remain hospitalized.

(2) Of the 43 non-hostile casualties, 1 was killed, 15 were transferred by service records, 3 returned to duty and 24 remain hospitalized.

(3) Three officers and 34 enlisted personnel rotated to CONUS. Three officers and 11 enlisted personnel were transferred within WESTPAC. Transfer percentage was 3%. Two USN enlisted personnel rotated to CONUS and 15 were transferred intra-Division.

c. Replacements. This Command joined nine USMC officers, 136 USMC enlisted personnel and 18 USN enlisted personnel.

d. Administration:

(1) State of Moral. Moral remains outstanding.

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

(3) A total of 46 personnel were promoted; two to Private First Class and 44 to Corporal.

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e. Discipline, Law and Order. Six personnel were awarded Office Hours by the Battalion Commander.

f. Mail. Mail service remain satisfactory.

g. Civil Affairs. Civil affairs activities, due to operational commitments, have been extremely limited.

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S-2 Chronology

OPERATIONS:

CIMARRON 1-2 Jul  
BUFFALO 2-14 Jul  
HICKORY II 14-16 Jul  
KINGFISH ER 16-31 Jul

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1. General. During this period from 1 to 31 July, the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines participated in four offensive operations against Communist Insurgent Forces under the operational control of the 9th Marine Regiment. From 1 to 9 July, the battalion was assigned the mission of security for the forward artillery encampment at Cam Lo (YD 144616). This mission carried with it the responsibility for security of the Cam Lo bridge (YD 148604), and the MSR running north from Cam Lo (YD 148604) to the forward Marine outpost at Con Thien (YD 116701). Also included in the mission was the task of securing the area generally bordering the MSR, with emphasis on the eastern side of the road. These missions were accomplished through the use of several company and platoon patrol bases, making maximum use of aggressive small unit patrolling and ambushing. Numerous small unit search and destroy missions were conducted in conjunction with this mission. On 9 July, the battalion relieved the 3d Battalion 9th Marines established a strong point at vicinity (YD 133702) and conducting aggressive small unit activities in the zone of action in support of Operation Buffalo, Hickory II, and Kingfisher. The battalion remained in this general operating area until 27 July, when it embarked on a mission to North west of the outpost at Con Thien (YD 116701). On 28 July, the battalion moved to the vicinity of Thon Cam Son (YD 086753) in the Demilitarized Zone. On 30 July, following a significant enemy contact on 29 July, the battalion established a position in the vicinity of (YD 100594) providing local security and small unit ambushes and patrols.

2. Area.

a. The area of operation, excepting the movement into the Demilitarized Zone, was bounded on the north by the most prominent terrain feature in the area, "THE TRACE", a strip of cleared land approximately six hundred meters wide running from the Marine outpost at Con Thien (YD 116701) to the forward artillery position at Gio Linh (YD 213732). The area was bounded on the east by the 17 North-South grid line, the South by a line generally along the 62 East-West grid line and on the West by the MSR, running from Cam Lo (YD 144616) to Con Thien (YD 116701). The area is predominantly low rolling hills with piedmont-type vegetation, broken by small streams and covered with a network of trails. The northern portion, just south of "THE TRACE" contains deserted and destroyed villages and a former agricultural area, broken by thick hedge-rows and treelines. The nature of the terrain to the North of "THE TRACE" was hilly and heavily vegetated with visibility in these areas limited to about 5 meters. A canopy of 10 to 15 feet is dominant in the area, which is also broken up by open areas and former agricultural areas (rice paddies). There are few trails, but those that do exist are very prominent. The area is marked by a dominant terrain feature, the medium service road running from North to South (YD 085753 to YD 097705).

b. Movement in and throughout the operating area is generally good to excellent. The MSR and an extensive network of trails mark the area. A large portion of the area is piedmont area and suitable for movement without trails. Those dense areas which limit movement usually afford trails to facilitate movement. The movement into Southern portion of the Demilitarized Zone was canalized along the road (YD 097705 to 085753) due to heavy vegetation bordering the route.

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c. During the month of July, weather was generally good for operations throughout the area. A weather summary for the period 1-31 July, is as follows:

Maximum Temperature - 95  
 Minimum Temperature - 75  
 Number of days with rain - 6 to 10 days  
 Total rainfall received - 10 inches  
 Average winds - 8 to 13 knots  
 Visibility - 12 miles

### 3. Enemy Situation

a. General. Following Operation Hickory I, a buildup of equipment and personnel took place in and north of the Demilitarized Zone. The major units posing a threat were the 31st, 803rd, 812th, and 90th Regiments of the 324 B Division of the North Vietnamese Army. Characteristics of these units are well-fed, well-supplied, aggressive troops, reinforced with artillery, rockets, anti-aircraft guns, and surface-to-air missiles.

b. The period from 1 to 29 July, was marked by minor contacts with enemy units. Due to heavy losses incurred on Operation Hickory I, and later on Operation Buffalo, involving other USMC units, the enemy abstained from major contacts. Significant events during this period were the almost daily artillery and mortar attacks on the Con Thien outpost, and surrounding friendly units (vic YD 116701). The primary mission of these units to the north of Con Thien was to continue the harrassing and interdicting fires, while continuing small unit activity to harass units available for support of Con Thien, by mining the MSR and other prominent trails, and occasionally conducting small mortar attacks on friendly positions along the road. These small units posed a threat to the battalion perimeter at Cam Lo and the Cam Lo bridge, but no significant contact was made in that vicinity. The major events during this period was the encounter with a sizable enemy force on the movement south from Thon Cam Son in the southern portion of the Demilitarized Zone. This action took place throughout the day of 29 July. The enemy contacted during this period were believed to be of the 803rd Regiment, 324 B Division, North Vietnamese Army. Uniforms sighted during the action were typical khaki NVA uniforms, supplemented with other clothing such as camouflaged utilities much like those worn by ARVN Units. There was one sighting of a NVA in a flak jacket and utilities plus helmet, probably gathered from previous contacts with USMC units. The enemy was well-equipped with automatic and crew-served weapons, the Soviet semi-automatic SKS, and the U.S. M-1 and M-2 carbine. Other sightings also showed evidence of the enemy using U.S. M-14 rifles and one sighting of an M-16. Typical crew-served weapons employed were the Soviet 12.7mm anti-air machine gun, the RPG-2, 57mm and 75mm recoilless rifles, and 60mm and 82mm mortars. The enemy did not use his artillery capability and no evidence of gas being used was detected during the contact. The enemy was well supplied with ammunition, both small arms, RPG's and mortars. Since this unit had been out of major contact with USMC units for some time it is believed that in this time he was able to build a strong, well-disciplined, well-supplied fighting force. From the nature of the deployment of enemy forces, it is certain he had a good communication system.

Actual sightings of the enemy were few due to the nature of the terrain and the enemy's use of camouflaged positions and individual camouflage. Enemy bodies found were stripped of clothing and gear. The enemy during the battle were very aggressive and determined, as indicated when one NVA charged a Marine with an axe. It is believed the mission of this enemy force was to isolate the battalion, separate the column and then destroy it as an initial phase in the long sought after victory over the forward Marine outpost at Con Thien. His concept of operation was to conduct ambushes at several strong points, utilizing terrain features to his advantage. At these sites the enemy had pre-registered mortar concentrations. In all cases the strong points were covered by intense automatic weapons fire.

Site of the strong points were (YD 085745), (YD084739), (YD 087739), the latter being a company sized ambush site. He also employed command detonated claymore mines, which were used as triggering signals for all the ambushes to open fire and for mortars to commence. It is believed that the enemy outposted the road on the movement to the north, then slipped into position early in the morning on 29 July, from assembly areas to the west, probably near the Ben Hai River.

#### 4. Viet Cong/NVA Casualties 1-31 July

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| VC NVA KIA (Conf) | 76  |
| VC NVA KIA (Prob) | 227 |
| VC NVA POW        | 0   |
| Detainees         | 7   |

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#### 5. Enemy Equipment Destroyed or Captured

##### a. WEAPONS.

- 1 12.7mm Machine Gun
- 2 AK-47
- 3 SST Soviet Carbine

##### b. Ammunition, Mines, Equipment, and Supplies

|                           |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Bunkers                   | 150   |
| Fighting Holes            | 24    |
| Thatched Huts             | 5     |
| Brick Huts                | 1     |
| Rakes                     | 1     |
| 82mm Rounds               | 51    |
| 82mm Detonators           | 300   |
| Boosters                  | 2     |
| Rockets                   | 4     |
| Mortar Pits               | 3     |
| Claymore mines            | 3     |
| AK-47 Rounds              | 385   |
| Light Machine Gun Rounds  | 3,200 |
| Machine Gun Type Unknown  | 1     |
| 12.7mm Machine Gun Rounds | 2,000 |

#### 6. VC Initiated Incidents.

- 2 Mining-booby traps (Detonated)
- 2 Mining-booby traps (Located)
- 9 Sniping
- 4 Small Unit Contacts
- 3 Mortar
- 2 Enemy Artillery Received

7. Source of Intelligence. Intelligence information was gained from ground forces and S-2 Scouts primarily. Excellent cooperation and coordination was also obtained from the 9th Marines. In addition, the following sources provided additional intelligence of a significant value.

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

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8. Surveillance Devices. During the first nine days of the month 1 AN/TPS-21 was utilized extensively. At this time however, both AN/TPS-21, assigned to this battalion are under repair and awaiting parts unavailable at this time. In addition, 5 SIDS were utilized on the battalion perimeter out of the 16 assigned to this unit. All other are deadlined due to a lack of repair parts which are on order (Priority 2). In addition 5 W.P. site-infra-red were employed most of the time.

9. Psychological Operations. Psychological operations efforts during this reporting period were directed and coordinated by the S-5 of the 9th Marines. However, entertainment in the form of a Marine Talent Show was provided for the villagers of Cam Lo, on several occasions. This show was considered a success.

10. Comments and Conclusions. Through aggressive actions, the enemy was kept off balance throughout the reporting period. His small unit actions were curtailed a great deal by the movement of this battalion. The movement into the Demilitarized Zone broke up what appeared to be a major build-up and another attempt at a ground attack on Con Thien. Danger areas in this area of operation are the outpost at Con Thien, still under constant threat of enemy bombardment and attack, and the strategic MSR and Cam Lo Bridge, both vital to the resupply of units operating in this area. Operations in general during this reporting period seemed to limit the enemy to reckless tactics leading to his destruction.

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1. General. From 010001 July to 021000 July 1967, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines participated in Operation Cimarron in accordance with 9th Marines OpnO 7-67. From 021000 July to 140900 July 1967, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines participated in Operation Buffalo in accordance with 9th Marines OpnO 10-67. From 140900 to 161600 July 1967, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines participated in Operation Hickory II in accordance with 9th Marines OpnO 11-67. From 161600 to 312400 July 1967, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines participated in Operation Kingfisher, in accordance with 9th Marines OpnO 12-67. From 1 July to 8 July 1967, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines provided security for the forward artillery position at Cam Lo (vic YD 147617), the Cam Lo Bridge (vic YD 149605), and provided security for the engineer sweep team on the MSR, provided security for convoys on the MSR; maintained an active ground surveillance program; conducted spoiling attacks in the assigned OA; and provided a counter-attack force for the Cam Lo Resettlement Area. On 9 July 1967, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines moved to (vic YD 133702), relieved the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines and assumed the mission of attacking in the assigned zone to locate and destroy enemy forces, supplies and equipment. On 14 July 1967, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines established a blocking position (vic YD 133702), and was prepared to provide a Command Group and 2 companies as a regimental reserve. From 16 to 27 July 1967, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines conducted patrols and ambushes in their designated OA. From 28 to 31 July 1967, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines conducted a spoiling attack into the DMZ and returned, in accordance with 9th Marines FragO 2 for Operation Kingfisher.

2. Company "E", 2d Battalion, 9th Marines. From 1 to 8 July 1967, Company "E" provided security for the artillery position at Cam Lo (vic YD 144616). On 9 July 1967, Company "E" reported for OpCon to 3d Battalion, 9th Marines with the mission of providing security for the artillery position at Cam Lo. On 10 July 1967, Company "E" returned OpCon of 2d Battalion, 9th Marines and moved to (vic YD 140697), as part of the perimeter at that position. Company "E" stayed in the same general area with no change of mission until 27 July 1967. On the night of 27 July 1967, Company "E" moved to (vic YD 102690) and prepared to take part in a spoiling attack into the DMZ. On 28 July, Company "E" moved on the right flank of the axis of advance, moving to a night position (vic YD 085750). On 29 July 1967, Company "E" led the rest of the battalion out of the DMZ to a night position (vic YD 097704). On 30 July 1967, Company "E" moved back to assembly area (vic YD 100693) where they stayed until the end of July.

3. Company "F", 2d Battalion, 9th Marines. On 1 July 1967, Company "F" moved to (vic YD 136660) and set up a CPB to provide security for the MSR. Company "F" continued this mission and operated out of this patrol base until 9 July 1967, when Company "F" moved to (vic YD 132704) and set up as part of the battalion perimeter. From 7 to 9 July 1967, Company "F" was the reserve company for 3d Battalion, 9th Marines. Company "F" stayed (vic YD 132704) until 14 July 1967, when they moved to (vic YD 133702) as part of a battalion blocking position. Company "F" stayed in this position until 19 July 1967, when they moved to (vic YD 146678) and established a CPB, providing security for the MSR. Company "F" stayed in that area until 26 July 1967, when they returned to (vic YD 133702) to prepare to go on a spoiling attack with the rest of the battalion. On the night of 27 July 1967, Company "F" moved to (vic YD 102690), and stayed there until the following morning, when Company "F" was helo-lifted to (vic YD 085747). On the night of 28 July 1967, Company "F" established their night position at (vic YD 082745). On 29 July 1967, Company "F" started the return south behind Company "E" and moved to a night position (vic YD 088735). On 30 July 1967, Company "F" moved back to an assembly area (vic YD 100693), and remained there until the end of the month.

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**4. Company "G", 2d Battalion, 9th Marines.** From 1 to 8 July 1967, Company "G" provided security for the Cam Lo Bridge (vic YD 144608), and the out-post on Hill #30 (vic YD 140614), as well as providing the reaction force for the Cam Lo Resettlement Area. On 3 July 1967, Company "G" also assumed the Sparrow Hawk Reaction Force, and continued with this responsibility until 8 July 1967. On 9 July 1967, Company "G" moved to (vic YD 135704) as part of the battalion perimeter, and stayed in this vicinity until 22 July 1967. On 22 July 1967, Company "G" moved to (vic YD 168682) and set up a CPB. Company "G" continued this independent operation until 24 July 1967, when they returned to (vic YD 138706) and assumed responsibility for part of the perimeter. Company "G" remained in this position until the night of 27 July 1967, when Company "G" moved to (vic YD 102690) with the rest of the battalion. Company "G" moved out the following morning as part of a spoiling attack into the DMZ, moving on the left flank of the axis of advance. Company "G" moved to their night position on 28 July 1967 in the (vic YD 083757). On 29 July 1967, Company "G" moved out behind Company "F" in the move back out of the DMZ, arriving at their night position at (vic YD 087745). On 30 July 1967, Company "G" moved to an assembly area (vic YD 102690), and stayed in that position until the end of the month.

**5. Company "H", 2d Battalion, 9th Marines.** On 1 July 1967, Company "H" prepared to move out and establish a CPB. On 2 July 1967, Company "H" moved out, establishing a CPB at (vic YD 135666). Company "H" continued this operation until 6 July 1967, when they reported for OpCon to the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines. On 9 July 1967, Company "H" was released to 2d Battalion, 9th Marines and assumed responsibility for part of the perimeter at (vic YD 135695). Company "H" remained in this position, with the same mission, until 19 July 1967, when they moved to (vic YD 131698) to take part in a combined action search and destroy operation (vic YD 150682) on 20 and 21 July 1967, under OpCon of the 9th Marines. On 22 July 1967, Company "H" returned OpCon to 2d Battalion, 9th Marines, and returned to (vic YD 135704) and assumed responsibility for part of the perimeter. Company "H" remained in this position until the night of 27 July 1967, when they moved out to (vic YD 102690) with the rest of the battalion. On 28 July 1967, Company "H" moved out in the middle of the axis of advance as part of a spoiling attack into the DMZ. Company "H"'s night position on 28 July 1967, was (vic YD 086754). On 29 July 1967, on the move south out of the DMZ, Company "H" followed Company "E", and moved to their night position (vic YD 088735). On 30 July 1967, Company "H" returned to the assembly area (vic YD 102690), and remained here until the end of the month.

**6. H&S Company, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines.** From 1 to 9 July 1967, H&S Company stayed at the Cam Lo forward artillery position (vic YD 144616). From 9 July to 27 July 1967, H&S Company was in position in (vic YD 135704). On the night of 27 July 1967, H&S Company moved to (vic YD 102690) with the rest of the battalion. On 28 July 1967, H&S Company took part in a spoiling attack into the DMZ, moving to their night position at (vic YD 086754). On 29 July 1967, H&S Company moved back south, to a night position in (vic YD 088735). On 30 July 1967, H&S Company returned to the assembly area (vic YD 102690) and remained in the same area until the end of the month.

**7. Close Combat.**

**a. Patrol Breakdown.** During the month of July 1967, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines provided 36 squad patrols and 41 platoon patrols, plus 141 squad ambushes and 3 platoon ambushes.

**b. Sparrow Hawk.** During the month of July 1967, while 2d Battalion, 9th Marines had Sparrow Hawk Reaction Force, Sparrow Hawk was never utilized.

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8. Training. Operational commitments precluded formal military training which normally would have been accomplished. During July 1967, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines joined 149 replacement personnel that 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 "F" 2d Battalion, 12th Marines (1-14 July) and by Battery "E", 2d Battalion, 12th Marines (15-31 July). General support during the period 1 July to 31 July was provided by Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 12th Marines (155mm S.P.) and 1st Provisional 8" Howitzer Battery. Tactical and technical fire direction was provided and supervised by Headquarters, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines.

b. Employment of artillery during the period 1 to 31 July 1967 consisted of 6701 high explosive, 125 white phosphorous, and 125 illumination rounds fired on targets of opportunity, unobserved missions, counter-mortar missions, and harassing and interdiction targets.

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

d. From 1-31 July 1967, the 81mm mortar platoon provided 8 tubes in support of 2d Battalion, 9th Marines. 400 high explosive, 400 illumination and 125 white phosphorous rounds were fired on targets of opportunity and counter-mortar missions.

e. During the period 1-31 July 1967, an extensive B&I program was carried out at all permanent and over-night positions.

f. Artillery support was satisfactory with the exception of coordination with air. Sufficient rounds were provided for all targets and speed was average. A better coordination plan for air and artillery should be worked out.

10. Air

a. Medevac. During July a total of 211 Marines were evacuated from the field. The normal quick reaction time provided by the UH-34 and CH-46 pilots enabled prompt evacuation of casualties from operating areas. During the time interval 28 July to 30 July 1967, these pilots braved intense enemy fire to medevac 120 battle casualties and some forty-five heat casualties.

b. Resupply. A total of eight supply lifts were flown to units operating in the field. These were all of emergency nature, and included ammo for all types of weapons in the battalion arsenal, water and medical supplies. The total weight lifted was 9,283 lbs.

c. Command and Control. A total of eleven reconnaissance missions were flown in support of the battalion. These missions were flown in the UH-1E, UH-34D and the O-1C. These flights enabled key battalion personnel an opportunity to view terrain before, during, and after operations. It was felt that the O-1C was the most satisfactory plane for this mission.

d. Troop Lifts. On 28 July, Fox company was lifted from (vic YD100692) to (vic YD081746). This lift included 3 CH-46, 3 UH-34D and 2 UH-1E plus a variety of fixed wing which propped the LZ and also provided a smoke screen. A total of 152 combat troops were lifted. This operation was faultless in execution.

e. Fixed Wing. Various airborne FAC's continued to control air strikes in an outstanding manner. F-8's, F-4's and A-1's were utilized on 36 close air support missions. The accuracy of these strikes was excellent and accounted for 20 KBA (Conf) and 30 KBA (Prob). C-130's (Spooky's and "Dragon Ships") were also utilized with good results.

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S-4 Chronology

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

a. Supply. Significant shortages are (200) first aid kits, (83) wrist watches, (727) poncho liners, (2900) green drawers, (445) blankets, (247) air mattresses, and (250) entrenching tools with covers.

b. Ordnance. Currently the following is deadlined ordnance: (1) 81mm Sight, (1) M79 Grenade Launcher, (3) 45 Cal. Pistols, (1) 3.5 Rocket Launcher, (7) M16 Rifles, (1) M60 Machine Gun, (2) Flame Tanks, (1) 60mm Base Plate, (2) 60 mm Bipods, (1) Riot Dispenser Tank, (3) Shotguns, and (2) 106mm Mounts. Deadlined items are for repair or on order.

c. Motor Transport. At present we have no vehicles deadlined for 2d echelon maintenance. We currently have (11) Trucks Utility (M422A-1) operational, (6) are deadlined for R&R engines and (3) are Code X. Trailer, 1/4 ton (M416B-1), (19) are operational and (1) is Code X. Truck Platform (M274A-1), (23) are operational, (1) is deadlined for R&R engine and (16) are Code X. Truck, Cargo, 3/4 Ton (M37B-1), (3) are operational and (1) is on order. Difficulty is being experienced in obtaining suspension arm bearing units, long tie rods, rear wheel bearing and cups, and spark plugs.

d. Comm-Elect. Critical shortages for the AN/PRC-25 radio are (50) long antenna bases and modules, particularly A-9 and A-10. The modules have been on order since 2 May 1967. Antenna element AB-22 has been on order since 2 May 1967. This battalion is to receive (5) H-138 handsets per month, but to this date we have been receiving them with much irregularity. Shortages for the AN/PRC-47 are battery adapters which have been on order 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 the 3d 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 all administration sections from Cam Lo to Dong Ha. Since our arrival a shower unit has been installed and arrangement made with FLSU-1 for laundry service.

3. Operations. During this period the battalion has taken part in Operation Cimarron, Buffalo, Hickory II, and Kingfisher. The Battalion was also involved in moving the battalion admin from Cam Lo to Dong Ha and four (4) Companies with a Command Group to a position east of Con Thien.

4. Troop Movements. During this period, 69 trucks moved 1285 troops in 9 lifts.

5. Logistical Lifts.

a. During the reporting period, 1 helicopter moved 500 pounds of supplies in 1 lift.

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b. During this reporting period 93 trucks moved 183,180 pounds of supplies in 28 lifts.

6. Ammo Expenditure for the month of July.

| <u>NOMENCLATURE</u>           | <u>EXPENDED</u> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Shotgun, 12 guage             | 150             |
| 5.56mm                        | 16,000          |
| 7.62mm, Linked                | 5,000           |
| 45 Cal. Ball                  | 1,075           |
| 40mm HE M406                  | 368             |
| 60mm HE                       | 677             |
| 60mm Illum.                   | 350             |
| 60mm W.P.                     | 100             |
| 81mm HE M43A                  | 3,019           |
| 81mm Illum                    | 2,123           |
| 81mm W.P.                     | 2,060           |
| 81mm HE, 362A                 | 1,593           |
| Gren. Hand Frag               | 900             |
| Gren. Hand Illum              | 795             |
| Gren. Hand Riot CS-M25A2      | 100             |
| Gren Hand W.P. M-15           | 127             |
| Gren Hand Smoke, Yellow, M18  | 183             |
| Gren. Hand Smoke, Red, M18    | 77              |
| Gren. Hand Smoke, Green, M18  | 37              |
| Rocket 3.5 Heat M28           | 38              |
| Rocket 3.5 W.P.               | 42              |
| Sig. Illum Grenade Star Para. | 65              |
| Sig. Illum Red Star Para.     | 43              |
| Sig. Illum White Star Para.   | 68              |
| Sig. Green Star Cluster       | 25              |
| Sig. Red Star Cluster         | 10              |
| Cap, Blasting, Non Elec.      | 400             |
| Cord, Det. in Ft.             | 3,000           |
| Fuze, Blasting Time           | 2,500           |
| Ignition Cyl. Flames          | 15              |
| Demo, C-4, M37 in Kits        | 10              |

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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 during the month. The battalion has relocated and participated in four (4) major operations (Cimarron, Buffalo, Hickory II, Kingfisher). Electric power in the form of a 20KW generator was relinquished during the month and power is now supplied by the 11th Engineer Battalion.
2. Support. The communications platoon has supported as many as three (3) CP's at one time. The Battalion has supported 11th Engineer Battalion with one generator operator, the loan of sockets, plugs and cabling. The message center section has supported the rifle companies and the command group with courier service delivering spare parts, accessories, codes, and ciphers.
3. Telephonic Communications. The wire section of this battalion is maintaining two (2) command posts, one in the rear and one in the field. In the rear the section provides switchboard operation, wire maintenance, and servicing. In the field, the wire section provides telecommunications between the Battalion C.O. and the individual companies, plus assistance to the radio section in packing radio gear on the move. During the month of July the wire section lost five (5) men on rotation, bringing the wire section to two thirds strength. In the field the wire section also provides men for perimeter defense.
4. Training. There was no formal classroom instruction this month. Various members of the platoon were cross-trained in other specific fields of communications and for all practical purposes, transferred to other sections on a temporary basis. The schedule for training of company operators is being adhered to, even though most of them have completed it.
5. Operations. The battalion is now on Operation Kingfisher. A shortage of certain MOS fields, I.E. radiomen and wire men, is being overcome. The platoon is supporting two (2) CP's with wire and repair facilities as well as radiomen and equipment. A vigorous campaign of preventive maintenance is now under way.
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 2 in excess of ninety days. Maintenance at 3rd echelon or higher is too slow due to a lack of the same items.

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Medical Chronology1. General

a. During the month of July the BAS personnel held military sick call for 563 Marine Corps personnel.

b. MEDCAP was not held.

2. Sanitation.

a. Routine sanitation of the battalion area was made by inspection on a daily basis.

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

3. Disease, 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 3d Medical Battalion for hospitalization treatment, and for possible further evacuation.

b. Most of the patients treated at the BAS for the month of July were of a routine nature. There were no new cases of malaria. The battalion remains on a once weekly Primaquine and Chloroquine tablets as preventative against malaria, plus utilization of insect repellent and mosquito netting.

4. Casualties and Hospitalization. There were 180 personnel from the battalion hospitalized during the month of July. 84 were referred admissions to Medical Companies and 18 were BAS admissions. There were 28 KIA's and 312 WIA's during the month, all of which were a result of direct enemy action. Of those patients hospitalized: 14 cutaneous fungus infections, 2 hyperventilations, 5 diarrhea, 1 gastroenteritis, 3 fever unknown origin, 25 cellulitis, 25 contusion, and 2 crush injury.

5. Training. Informal discussions were held in the BAS by the Battalion Surgeon on Field Neurological Symptoms. Four Venereal diseases 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 150 immunizations administered.

7. Compliment of BAS. At close of the month the BAS had a compliment of 1 Medical Officer and 61 Hospital Corpsman. There are 8 Petty Officers 1st Class attached to the BAS at this time. There were 18 Hospital Corpsman joined during the month, 11 transferred within the division and 3 transferred by PCS Orders.

8. There were no major problems during the month.



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Chaplain's Chronology

1. During the month of July 1967, Sunday Divine Services were provided for both Protestant and Catholic personnel in the CP area. A Catholic Chaplain conducted services on all four of the Sundays to the troops available, and lay leaders conducted services for the Marines away from the CP area.
2. Special services were conducted before each unit moved out on an operation.

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HEADQUARTERS  
2d Battalion, 9th Marines  
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
FPO San Francisco 96602

1/HES/dlf  
1080  
11 July 1967

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

Subj: Personnel <sup>DAILY</sup> Weekly Summary

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

|       | ON HAND STRENGTH |            |          |          | NON-EFFECTIVES |           |          |          | LOC       |
|-------|------------------|------------|----------|----------|----------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|
|       | USMC             |            | USN      |          | USMC           |           | USN      |          |           |
|       | OFF              | ENL        | OFF      | ENL      | OFF            | ENL       | OFF      | ENL      |           |
| H&S   | 15               | 296        | 2        | 67       | 0              | 16        | 0        | 3        | Quang Tri |
| "E"   | 4                | 190        | 0        | 0        | 0              | 39        | 0        | 0        | "         |
| "F"   | 5                | 183        | 0        | 0        | 1              | 41        | 0        | 0        | "         |
| "G"   | 6                | 196        | 0        | 0        | 1              | 15        | 0        | 0        | "         |
| "H"   | <u>4</u>         | <u>193</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u>       | <u>26</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | "         |
| TOTAL | 34               | 1058       | 2        | 67       | 2              | 137       | 0        | 3        |           |

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21 July 1967

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

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

|       | ON HAND STRENGTH |            |          |          | NON-EFFECTIVES |           |          |          | Location  |  |
|-------|------------------|------------|----------|----------|----------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|--|
|       | USMC             |            | USN      |          | USMC           |           | USN      |          |           |  |
|       | OFF              | ENL        | OFF      | ENL      | OFF            | ENL       | OFF      | ENL      |           |  |
| H&S   | 15               | 291        | 2        | 63       | 3              | 22        | 0        | 7        | Quang Tri |  |
| "E"   | 5                | 191        | 0        | 0        | 0              | 30        | 0        | 0        | "         |  |
| "F"   | 4                | 193        | 0        | 0        | 0              | 30        | 0        | 0        | "         |  |
| "G"   | 5                | 194        | 0        | 0        | 0              | 16        | 0        | 0        | "         |  |
| "H"   | <u>4</u>         | <u>197</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u>       | <u>20</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | "         |  |
| TOTAL | 33               | 1066       | 2        | 63       | 3              | 118       | 0        | 7        |           |  |

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1 Aug 1967

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

Subj: Personnel <sup>DAILY</sup> Weekly Summary

1. The below information is correct for the period ending 2400, 31 Jul 1967

|       | ON HAND STRENGTH |                         |          |          | NON-EFFECTIVES |           |          |          |
|-------|------------------|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------------|-----------|----------|----------|
|       | USMC             |                         | USN      |          | USMC           |           | USN      |          |
|       | OFF              | ENL                     | OFF      | ENL      | OFF            | ENL       | OFF      | ENL      |
| H&S   | 15               | 282                     | 2        | 56       | 3              | 26        | 1        | 12       |
| "E"   | 4                | 192                     | 0        | 0        | 0              | 44        | 0        | 0        |
| "F"   | 4                | 196                     | 0        | 0        | 0              | 39        | 0        | 0        |
| "G"   | 5                | 187                     | 0        | 0        | 2              | 31        | 0        | 0        |
| "H"   | <u>4</u>         | <u>196</u>              | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u>       | <u>45</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| TOTAL | 32               | <del>1051</del><br>1053 | 2        | 56       | <del>58</del>  | 185       | 1        | 12       |

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2 July 1967

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

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

|       | ON HAND STRENGTH |            |            |            | NON-EFFECTIVES |            |            |            | LOC       |  |
|-------|------------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|--|
|       | USMC             |            | USN        |            | USMC           |            | USN        |            |           |  |
|       | <u>OFF</u>       | <u>ENL</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> | <u>OFF</u>     | <u>ENL</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> |           |  |
| H&S   | 18               | 293        | 2          | 54         | 1              | 15         | 0          | 10         | Quang Tri |  |
| "E"   | 5                | 187        | 0          | 0          | 0              | 39         | 0          | 0          | " "       |  |
| "F"   | 5                | 190        | 0          | 0          | 0              | 19         | 0          | 0          | " "       |  |
| "G"   | 5                | 190        | 0          | 0          | 1              | 21         | 0          | 0          | " "       |  |
| "H"   | <u>4</u>         | <u>187</u> | <u>0</u>   | <u>0</u>   | <u>0</u>       | <u>26</u>  | <u>0</u>   | <u>0</u>   | " "       |  |
| TOTAL | 37               | 1147       | 2          | 54         | 2              | 120        | 0          | 10         |           |  |

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| 2d                        |                    |
| PLACE                     |                    |
| 2d Battalion, 9th Marines |                    |
| FROM (Date and hour)      | TO (Date and hour) |
| 010000Z July 67           | 312400Z July 67    |

| TIME |     | SERIAL NO. | DATE TIME GROUP | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS  | ACTION TAKEN<br>M-Maps T-Troops<br>S-Staff F-File |
|------|-----|------------|-----------------|--|---|
| IN   | OUT |            |                 |  |   |
| 1815 |     | J-1        | 011815H         | 2/2/9 reported that truck returning to CP - 2/9, hit a mine at ID 130660. There were no casualties and truck returned to 2/2/9 position. Truck will be repaired and will return to 2/9 CP. Searched area of mine incident and found "C" ration can with an "x" scratched on top. Ration can was lying upright on trail and also found leaf broom which was apparently used to brush away debris after setting up mine. |   |
| 2235 |     | J-2        | 012235H         | 2/2/9 LP/CP position at ID 110616 spotted movement (using a SIB) approximately 400 meters in front of their position. Fired 60mm mortars, 81mm rounds, machinegun fire and 81A rounds. Fired 60mm illumination and concentrations with negative results. Casualties reported were 1 VC/IA.   |   |
| 2345 |     | J-3        | 012345H         | 2/9 at approximately 012300H began receiving lot of 6 incoming rounds, spaced about 2 minutes apart. Closest round was approximately 150 meters from perimeter (ID 115615). Rounds were at least 82mm and possibly larger. Fired counter mortar plan with unknown results and craters will be analyzed.  |   |
| 0730 |     | J-4        | 020730H         | 2/9 CP reported that Marine had accidental discharge with M-16 weapon resulting in minor wounds - Redwooded to Dong Ha. Casualties reported were 1 DDC.  |   |
| 1045 |     | J-5        | 031045H         | 2/2/9 at ID 125630 while providing security for engineers received 7 rounds of mortar/artillery fire from an unknown position. Rounds appeared to have come from due north. 2/2/9 pulled back to covered position. There were no casualties reported.  |   |
| 1130 |     | J-6        | 031130H         | 2/11/2/9 ambush at ID 123678 spotted 1 VC wearing helmet/camouflaged cover at ID 122677. Fired 3 rounds 81mm, 10 81mm rounds and VC fled to the east.  |   |
| 1300 |     | J-7        | 031300H         | Snipers at ID 123670 spotted 2 VC at ID 120679. They opened fire and VC returned fire with 30 rounds automatic weapon fire. VC broke contact and artillery mission called on suspected enemy position. Casualties reported were 1 VC/IA (prob) and 2 VC/IA.  |   |
| 1800 |     | J-8        | 031800H         | Senator relayed report from above that there is a possibility of mortar attack at ID 110609. No rating.  |   |
| 2135 |     | J-9        | 032135H         | 2/2/9 CP at ID 137666 received 1 round sniper fire, type unknown. No casualties and believed he was probing area.  |   |

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2d Battalion, 9th Marines  
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010001H July 67 312100H July 67

| TIME   |     | SERIAL NO. | DATE TIME GROUP | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS.   | ACTION TAKEN      |                    |
|--------|-----|------------|-----------------|--|-------------------|--------------------|
| IN     | OUT |            |                 |  | M-Maps<br>S-Staff | T-Troops<br>F-File |
| 0100   |     | J-10       | 040100H         | H/2/9 at YD 137666 received 1/1000/1/1000/1/1000 small probing action by VC along perimeter and received undetermine number of grenades - while spotting movement in front of position. Fired 60mm, S/A, M-79, and 106mm with unknown results. Casualties reported were 5 FR/WIA.  |                   |                    |
| 0115   |     | J-11       | 040115H         | F/2/9 at YD 137666 received 5 hand grenades and sporadic S/A fire from varying positions. Fired M-79 rounds, M-26 fragmentary grenades to neutralize enemy fire. Casualties reported were 2 FR/WIA.  |                   |                    |
| 040650 |     | J-12       | 040650H         | Security for engineers at YD 128668 received approximately 80 82mm mortar rounds from vicinity of YD 122678. 1/F/2/9 requested counter mortar and artillery fire. Casualties reported were 7 FR/WIA.   |                   |                    |
| 0859   |     | J-13       | 040859H         | 3/G/2/9 3rd squad reported that sweep security at YD 134646 received 3 S/A rounds S/A fire. No casualties and continued on sweep.  |                   |                    |
| 1035   |     | J-14       | 041035H         | 1/F/2/9 at YD 136667 received 3 82mm rounds from coordinates YD 116685 and YD 112689. Called artillery mission and counter mortar plan. Casualties were 1 FR/WIA.  |                   |                    |
| 1300   |     | J-15       | 041300H         | 3/H/2/9 while on patrol at YD 133654 apprehended 2 Vietnamese males. One suspect did not possess an I.D. card and both detainees were brought to Regiment.   |                   |                    |
| 1559   |     | J-16       | 041559H         | 3/E/2/9 3rd squad reported that 1 FR/KIA was caused by accidental discharge - self inflicted wound. Man was security for Ruggles convey. Casualties reported were 1 FR/KIA - non-battle casualty.  |                   |                    |
| 1800   |     | J-17       | 041800H         | F/2/9 reported that Marine while riding on back of truck fell off and hurt back. Incident occurred at YD 136666.   |                   |                    |
| 1915   |     | J-18       | 041915H         | E/2/9 reported that fire team at YD 149621 received 3 sniper rounds from YD 151622. No casualties and called arty mission  |                   |                    |
| 0500   |     | J-19       | 050500H         | F/2/9 set in night position at YD 124664, received unknown number of mortar rounds in perimeter position. Rounds were believed to be 82mm and estimated 80-100 rounds were received. Rounds were fired from 4 mortar tubes located approximately 500 meters away at YD 123669. Fired artillery and counter mortar plan, and initial coverage was on target. Casualties were 3 FR/KIA, 35 FR/WIA (12 non medevac) |                   |                    |

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PLACE

2d Battalion, 9th Marines

FROM (Date and hour)

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| TIME |     | SERIAL NO. | DATE TIME GROUP | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS  | ACTION TAKEN |
|------|-----|------------|-----------------|--|--------------|
| IN   | OUT |            |                 |  |              |
| 1030 |     | J-20       | 051000H         | 3/F/2/9 While providing security for engineers at coordinate YD 126683, an artillery mission was called on suspected enemy force. Artillery was off target and landed on friendlies. Casualties resulting were 1 FR/WIA. One tractor was immobilized and while being towed away, it detonated 2 mines at coordinates YD 126668. No casualties. |              |
| 1500 |     | J-21       | 051500H         | F/2/9 3rd squad while on patrol at coordinates YD 119667 found 8 bunkers - 4'x4'x4', 12 fighting holes, 3 mortar pits, safety clips and shipping plugs - believed to be for 82mm mortars. Fortifications destroyed and gear brought to F/2/9 CP.   |              |
| 1630 |     | J-22       | 051630H         | 3/H/2/9 Point man spotted 1 VC at coordinates YD 154694 and exchanged fire. VC returned with burst automatic weapons fire and grenade was thrown resulting in 1 USMC/WIA. VC fled north. Area searched with negative results.  |              |
| 1030 |     | J-23       | 061030H         | F/2/9 3rd squad point man spotted 3 NVA running south at coordinates YD 142694. VC fled into treeline and artillery mission called. Searched area with negative results.   |              |
| 1205 |     | J-24       | 061205H         | H/2/9 apprehended 5 VCS at coordinates YD 142694. There were 2 females - 10-15 years old, 1-11 year old male, 1-30 year old female, 1 1-40 year old male. None of the 5 VCS possessed I.D. cards and they were taken to Regiment for questioning. The 5 VCS were released and reclassified as 5 detainees.                                     |              |
| 2200 |     | J-25       | 062200H         | F/2/9 The defense perimeter received 1 enemy round which landed near fighting hole of 3 USMC in vicinity of coordinates YD 135645. Casualties were 3 FR/WIA - (2 medev)  |              |
| 2223 |     | J-26       | 082223H         | F/2/9 LP at coordinates YD 129647 spotted 7 VC wearing Flak jackets and helmets moving east towards position. VC detected LP and fired 2 S/A rounds while fleeing west on trail. No casualties. Returned fire with 15 60mm rounds and artillery mission called on enemy position. Searched area with negative results.                         |              |
| 1038 |     | J-27       | 101255H         | 2/9 found hooch at coordinates YD 128698 and confiscated 1 letter Vietnamese, 1 pamphlet, and 1 flag. Gear brought to Battalion S-2.   |              |
| 2320 |     | J-28       | 102320H         | F/2/9 LP at coordinates YD 133603 spotted 5 VC and fired S/A rounds. Casualties reported were 2 VC/WIA (prob).   |              |

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|-----------|-----|------------|-----------------|---|---|
| IN        | OUT |            |                 |   |   |
| 1255      |     | J-29       | 101255H         | 2/9 found hooch at coordinates YD 128698 and confiscated 1 letter, Vietnamese, 1 pamphlet, and 1 flag. Gear brought to Battalion S-2.   |   |
| 2320      |     | J-30       | 102320H         | F/2/9 LP at coordinates YD 133603 spotted 5 VC and fired S/A rounds. Casualties reported were 2 VC/KIA (prob).  |   |
| 2250      |     | J-31       | 112250H         | F/2/9 at coordinates YD 133703 spotted movement and Marine threw grenade at suspected enemy movement. Marine near explosion received shrapnel wounds and casualties reported were 1 USMC/WIA - non medevac. Fired illumination with negative results.                           |   |
| 2300      |     | J-32       | 112300H         | F/2/9 at coordinates YD 115704, reported that jet made bomb run on their position. Made passes from west to east and two bombs landed outside of perimeter. Casualties reported were 1 USMC/WIA - injured back.   |   |
| 1145      |     | J-33       | 121145H         | F/2/9 patrol discovered Vietnamese writing on cactus leaves which were located on side of tank trail at coordinates YD 604128. Age of writing on leaves unknown. There is a ville located approximately 100 meters from where the leaves were found. Leaves were brought to CP. |   |
| 1030      |     | J-34       | 131030H         | H/2/9 at coordinates YD 128696 apprehended 3 Vietnamese women. They stated that VC had come through their village. They were classified as Innocent Civilians and sent to Regiment for further interrogation.   |   |
| 2300      |     | J-35       | 230000          | 1/G/2/9 reported that Marine was wounded by grenade thrown at his position. Grenade exploded approximately 15 feet from Marine resulting in 1 USMC/WIA.   |   |
| 0940      |     | J-36       | 110940H         | E/2/9 at coordinates YD 113684 found Claymore mine tied to tree with trip wire. Mine was blown in place.  |   |
| 0950      |     | J-37       | 110950H         | 2/9 Resupply convoy while moving to 2/9 CP, found a mine. Engineers are clearing road and convoy will continue after road sweep.  |   |
| LATE 1330 |     | J-38       | 111330H         | E/2/9 while on patrol found assorted documents. Documents will be forwarded to this CP. Located at YD 138697.   |   |
| LATE 2245 |     | J-39       | 112245H         | 2/9 reported that aircraft believed to be friendly made 2 bombing attacks on 2/9 position - YD 130700. 2/9 81mm mortars were firing illum at the time. Investigation will follow  |   |

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| IN   | OUT |            |                 |  |   |
| 1000 |     | J-40       | 151000H         | F/2/9 at coordinates found 20-25 bunkers 8'x8'x8', 40 82mm rounds, 300 AK-47 rounds, 200 light machine gun rounds with assault cannisters, 1 Claymore mine, 300 82mm detonators, 2 boosters, 4 rockets, 4 BA30 flashlight batteries wired to Claymore. All gear was destroyed. |   |
| 1420 |     | J-41       | 151420H         | F/2/9 at coordinates YD 132676 found 1 NVA body and 2 Chi Com grenades (destroyed in place). Casualties reported were 1 NVA/KIA (conf).  |   |
| 1445 |     | J-42       | 161145H         | 3/H/2/9 at coordinates YD 156714 found 8 well camouflaged bunkers with over-head covers 4'x8'. Destroyed in place.   |   |
| 1700 |     | J-43       | 161700H         | 3/H/2/9 at coordinates found 4 fighting holes 3'x3'x3' and bunkers 4'x8'. Destroyed bunkers and fighting holes,  |   |
| 0930 |     | J-44       | 170930H         | F/2/9 patrol at coordinates YD 165705 found approximately 75 bunkers - 6'x8'x4', 3 82mm rounds and undetermined number of AK-47 rounds.  |   |
| 1630 |     | J-45       | 220630H         | 1/H/2/9 at coordinates YD 137697 found 5 thatched huts, 1 brick hut, and 6 bunkers - 4'x5'x8'. Bunkers were destroyed  |   |
| 0010 |     | J-46       | 240010H         | 2/9 at coordinates YD 138705 received incoming S/A fire. Fire was not returned and casualties reported were 1 USMC/WIA   |   |
| 1110 |     | J-47       | 241110H         | F/2/9 at coordinates YD 112654 reported that Marine tripped booby trapped Chi Com grenade. Casualties reported were 2 USMC/WIA.  |   |
| 1355 |     | J-48       | 241355H         | H/2/9 at coordinates YD 149700 found 20 bunkers, 4 clips of AK-47 ammo, and 45 AK-47 rounds in ammo pouch. Bunkers were destroyed in place.  |   |
| 2130 |     | J-49       | 252130H         | F/2/9 at coordinates YD 135671 reported that LP sighted column of troops with lights heading toward position. Fired 5 60mm HE rounds and lights disappeared.   |   |
| 1520 |     | J-50       | 261530H         | 1/H/2/9 at coordinates YD 144691 found 2 pieces of wood forming arrowhead lying in the middle of trail pointing north-west. Destroyed marker and continued on patrol.  |   |
| 0630 |     | J-51       | 290630H         | F/2/9 LP spotted movement at coordinates YD 080747, which was about 300 meters from their position. Movement ceased and no incidents were reported.  |   |

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| 1025 |     | J-52       | 291025H         | 2/9 CP received 60-80 artillery rounds from YD 074754. Called artillery mission on enemy position. Casualties reported were 1 FR/MIA.  |   |
| 1040 |     | J-53       | 291040H         | 2/2/9 while on patrol at YD 085747, detonated A mine on road. Casualties reported were 2 FR/MIA. Medevac completed and patrol continued on patrol.   |   |
| 1100 |     | J-54       | 291100H         | 2/9 reported that tank at YD 088763 received 1 RPG round and infantry returned fire with negative results. Casualties reported were 3 FR/MIA.  |   |
| 1530 |     | J-55       | 291530H         | 3d Engineers observed 7 NVA in a machine gun position at YD 085724. Destroyed machine gun position with grenades and also destroyed machine gun with 3000 rounds of ammunition. Casualties reported were 7 VC/MIA (conf).  |   |
|      |     | J-56       | 30 July         | Summary of activities - 2/9 received approximately 60-80 artillery rounds at objective A. Lead elements encountered several mines and automatic weapons fire along route causing column to be held up enabling NVA to move close to main body. Aircraft received fire each time they came into position. Units closed up and set in for night casualty report. Casualty report will be submitted when completed. |   |
| 1850 |     | J-56       | 311850H         | 2/9 FR YD 100692, EN YD 070690. 2/9 received approximately 40 rounds of 82mm mortars. Called artillery mission and fired 90mm tank fire. 9 FR med-evacs were reported.   |   |
| 1915 |     | J-57       | 311951H         | 2/9 after mortar attack on GP/2/9 at YD 100692, 1-4 heard Vietnamese traffic on hes net then following contact at 3/4 position, the 1-4 again heard Vietnamese and French over the 1-4 net. Traffic was very clear. No action taken.   |   |
| 1530 |     | J-58       | 311530H         | G/2/9 at YD 098682 patrol located 3 reinforced bunkers 4'x6'x3' and 4 fighting holes 4'x6'x2 1/2'. Destroyed bunkers and fighting holes.   |   |
| 2200 |     | J-59       | 312200H         | G/2/9 at YD 100695 heard enemy. H/2/9 threw 1 grenade from their position which caused 1 FR/MIA. Corpman treated the man and he was returned to duty.  |   |

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 9th Marine Regiment

Subj: Operation Cimarron After Action Report

Ref: (a) 9th Marines OpnO 7-67  
(b) 9th Marines FragO 1-67  
(c) 9th Marines FragO 8-67

1. Code Name. Operation Cimarron

2. Dates of Operation. 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines participated in Operation Cimarron under OpCon of 9th Marine Regiment from 010001H, June 1967 to 021000, July 1967.

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

4. Control.

CO., 2d Bn., 9th Marines

LtCol J. J. PEELER

CO., E Company

Capt. W. B. TERRILL

CO., F Company

Capt. N. H. VINCENT 1-24 Jun  
2nd Lt. F.B. WESTERFIELD 25-30 Jun  
Capt. R.N. KINGREY 1-2 Jul

CO., G Company

Capt. R. W. MCGOWAN

CO., H Company

Capt. J. H. THOMPSON 1-26 Jun  
Capt. F. L. SOUTHERD 27 Jun - 2 Jul

CO., H&S Company

2nd Lt. J. L. LASTOVICA

5. Task Organization.

2nd Battalion, 9th Marines (Rein)

E Company

F Company

G Company

H Company

H&S Company

1st 8" Battery, 12th Marines

1st Plt., C. Co., 3AT Bn., 1-13 Jun

2nd Plt., C. Co., 3AT Bn., 14 Jun - 2 Jul

1st Plt., "B" Battery, 1st Bn (AW) (SP) 44th Arty, USA 1-14 Jun

2nd Plt., "B" Battery, 1st Bn (AW) (SP) 44th Arty USA 15 Jun - 2 Jul

## 6. Supporting Forces.

### a. Artillery and Armor

- (1) Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines provided direct support ( 1-14 Jun).
- (2) Battery "F", 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines provided direct support ( 12 Jun-2 Jul).
- (3) Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 12th Marines provided general support.
- (4) 1st 8" Howitzer Battery provided general support.
- (5) Tactical and technical fire direction was provided by Hq., 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines.
- (6) Company "A", 3rd Tank Bn. provided additional long range fire support.
- (7) 1400 high explosive, 100 white phosphorous and 70 illumination rounds were fired on targets of opportunity, reconnaissance by fire, and counter-mortar missions. In addition 2756 rounds were fired on 1478 harassing and interdiction targets.
- (8) A counter-mortar plan for the Cam Lo artillery position was drawn up and employed once during the period 1 Jun - 2 Jul.
- (9) An intensive H&I program was carried out throughout Operation Cimarron.
- (10) Artillery support during Operation Cimarron can be considered fair. Volume of fire awarded to all missions was adequate but in many cases missions took 20-30 minutes for clearance.

### b. Air Support.

- (1) Resupply. 4,500 pounds of ammo, water, and rations were flown to 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines during Operation Cimarron, utilizing H-34's flying 3 sorties. One mission was classified as an emergency and was requested on the FM TAR net. The remaining two were routine in nature, and therefore scheduled through Battalion S-4.
- (2) Medevacs. Twentyone marines and four civilians were evacuated, ranging from routine to emergency in nature. The medevacs were invaluable in getting marines prompt medical attention. Emergency requests were made directly to the DASC on the FM TAR net. Priority and routine requests were made on the same net to the regimental air officer. Reaction time was excellent in all cases.
- (3) Recon Flights. A total of seven recon flights were flown during Operation Cimarron. These flights provided invaluable information to key personnel in the Battalion. These flights were requested through the regimental air officer.

(4) Fixed Wing. Flights of emergency nature were requested directly to the DASC on the FM TAR net. Priority and routine requests were submitted through regiment. In all cases air controllers (airborne) were requested with fixed wing, and they were supplied by Army, Air Force, and Marine 01-C detachments. These spotter planes performed in an outstanding manner, as in one case bring airstrikes in as close as 100 meters from friendly troops. Aircraft used in Operation Cimarron were Marine A-4's, F-8's and F-4's. A wide range of ordnance was used including 20mm, 2.75 rockets, 70mm rockets, 250, 500, 1000, and 2000 pound bombs and ~~several~~ 1000 and 2000 pound bombs with delay fuses proved particularly effective against bunker complexes.

## 7. Intelligence

### a. Enemy Disposition and Strength Prior to Operation Cimarron

(1) Due to the success of Operation Hickory all major NVA/VC units within the OA were driven out. Major units did exist north of the OA however but as this was not in this unit's OA they will not be discussed in this report. Small groups, units unidentified did exist throughout the OA but ~~was~~ no large threat to the mission of this unit.

### b. Mission

The mission of these small groups, averaging 3-5 men was to harass friendly units. This was done by sniping, planting mines in areas used by friendly units, and planting booby traps. During this period (26) mines/booby traps were detonated by this unit and (21) mines/booby traps were ~~set~~ with 8 sniping incidents reported.

### c. Activity

(1) During Operation Cimarron the NVA, badly beaten during Operation Hickory, fielded only small groups (3-5 men) with the mission of mining, booby trapping and harassing friendly units. During this period, only 3 sightings of more than 5 men and one engagement of over 5 men occurred.

(2) The fact that this was a major NVA staging area was confirmed during the operation by the number of base camps, bunkers, and caches discovered and destroyed.

(3) Mining of the MSR, a constant threat, was greatly reduced by aggressive patrolling and ambushing. Mines were found sporadically and daily roadsweep was required.

### d. Description of area of operation

(1) General. 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 02 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 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.

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(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 concealment fair to good and good to excellent along the steep slopes of the hills.

(3) Critical Terrain Features. The most prominent terrain features in and around 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 (YD116701) to Gio Linh (YD213732).

(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.

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

Maximum Temperature - 96  
 Minimum Temperature - 74  
 Number of days with rain - 6  
 Total rainfall received - 2.31  
 Average Winds 7-10 miles - S.W.  
 Visibility - 10

(6) Civilian Population. Villages exist along the southern edge of the OA. The people are controlled by the Cam Lo Village Chief and are cooperative and friendly towards Marine units. Civilians exist in small isolated groups in the northern boundary of the operating area, most being 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 appropriate. All were instructed by this unit that it is in their best interest to leave this area.

(7) 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 given the mission to provide one rifle company as the Dong Ha Combat Base counterattack force; one company (rein) OpCon Gio Linh Cmdr. for defense and security; assume OpCon of Marine elements of Combined Action Company in assigned OA; provide reinforcements, counterattack and relief force for Gio Linh artillery outpost and Cua Viet facility; maintain an active ground surveillance program and conduct spoiling attacks throughout assigned OA to detect and destroy infiltrating NVA personnel; provide security for route #9 and #1 within assigned OA. On 9 June 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines mission was changed to provide security for the forward artillery position at Cam Lo (YD 117617), Cam Lo bridge site and provide security for route #561; maintain an active ground surveillance program and conduct spoiling attacks throughout assigned OA; provide counterattack force for the Cam Lo Resettlement Area.

9. Concept Of Operation. On 1 June 1967, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines provided one rifle company (rein) OpCon to the 12th Marines for the defense and security of Gio Linh artillery position; provided one rifle company (rein) as counter-attack force for Dong Ha Combat Base during the hours of darkness; provided one platoon (rein) as Sparrow Hawk on 30 minute alert during daylight hours;

assumed OpCon of marine elements of Combined Action Company at Cam Lo, including CAC- P1, P2, P3 and P4; and provided security for route #9 in ZOA using CAC units and other assigned forces. Beginning 9 June 1967, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines provided security for artillery positions located vic (YD147617); positioned forces along route #561 in ZOA to provide security for MSR and ford site vic (YD 136666) by aggressive patrolling along flanks; provided security for mine sweep team along route #561 (MSR) in ZOA; provided security for Cam Lo bridge site; provided security for truck convoys between vic (YD 145615) and Con Thien; controlled traffic on MSR between Con Thien and vic (YD 145615); provided security for 11th Engineer personnel and equipment while upgrading MSR; was prepared on order to provide relief/reinforcement of Gio Linh artillery subpost and Cua Viet Facility in the event of an enemy attack; conducted ground surveillance and spoiling attacks throughout assigned OA with assigned forces to detect and destroy infiltrating NVA forces; and was prepared to provide a platoon (rein) reaction force in the event Cam Lo Resettlement Village came under enemy attack. On 12 June the Battalion provided one rifle company (rein) as escort for a recon patrol to vic (YD080680) and established a patrol base until the return of the recon patrol, was prepared to provide relief/reinforcement of this escort force up to a Battalion-size force. On 29 June 1967 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines provided a Battalion CP group and two rifle companies to escort a recon patrol to the vic (YD 049686) to determine the status of a downed helicopter.

#### 10. Execution.

##### a. 1 June 1967

##### (1) Disposition of Forces

E/2/9 - Position vic (YD 242592) continued mission of Sparrow Hawk/Perimeter Counterattack force.

H/2/9 - Position vic (YD 242592) provided 2 squad ambushes at night for perimeter with 1 platoon providing security for Cam Lo District Headquarters.

CAC - Units provided 2 squad patrols and 3 squad ambushes in their OA.

##### (2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

Negative

##### b. 2 June 1967

##### (1) Disposition of Forces

E/2/9 - Continued same mission from same position providing one squad ambush

H/2/9 - (-) Set up CPB vic (YD 183530) in OA while still providing one platoon as security for Cam Lo District Headquarters. Employed 2 squad ambushes.

CAC - Units Provided one squad patrol and 2 squad ambushes in their OA.

##### (2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

022200H - CAC #2 (Squad ambush) at (YD 263500) encountered approximately 1 VC squad. CAC 2 fired 100 S/A rounds and VC returned fire with 50 S/A rounds and fled. CAC 2 sustained 1 PF/LIA and 1 PF/WIA, 1 FR/WIA. Med. evac requested and completed. Reaction force sent to area and later returned to CP with CAC 2.



c. 3 June 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces.

E/2/9 - Continued mission of 2 June providing 1 squad ambush.

H/2/9 - Continued mission of 2 June moving to new CP vic (YD 205495) employing 2 squad ambushes.

CAC - Units Provided one squad patrol and ambush.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events.

Negative

d. 4 June 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces.

E/2/9 - Continued mission of 3 June, providing one squad ambush.

G/2/9 - Returned OpCon 2/9 and returned to Dong Ha in preparation for relieving F/2/9 at Gio Linh.

H/2/9 - Returned to Dong Ha and prepared to move to new OA tomorrow.

CAC - Units provided 3 squad patrols and 3 squad ambushes.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events.

Oh113CH - 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 medevaced.

e. 5 June 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces.

E/2/9 - Was relieved of Sparrow Hawk/Counterattack force by F/2/9 and established CPB at vicinity (YD 277695) employing 2 squad ambushes.

F/2/9 - ChopCon to 2/9 and took over Sparrow Hawk/Counterattack force providing 1 squad ambush.

G/2/9 - ChopCon to 12th Marines.

H/2/9 - (-) Established CPB vic (YD 262679) employing 2 squad ambushes. Also providing one platoon at Cam Lo District Headquarters as security.

H&S/2/9 - Provided 1 squad as security for MGR's.

CAC - Units provided 7 squad ambushes.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events.

052140H - CAC #2 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.

(3)

f. 6 June 1967(1) Disposition of Forces.

E/2/9 - Conducted CPB from vic (YD 277695), employing 2 squad patrols, before moving to a new position at (YD 267722).

F/2/9 - Continued mission of 5 June, employing 1 squad ambush.

H/2/9 (-) - Conducted CPB from vic (YD 261681) employing 2 squad patrols and 2 platoon patrols before moving to night defensive position vic (YD 258692) and employing 1 squad ambush.

CAC - Units conducted 2 squad patrols and 2 squad ambushes in their CA.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events.

060745H CAC 2 reported that CAC 2B patrol at (YD274550) received 100 rounds of S/A fire and patrol returned fire with approximately 100 S/A rounds. Casualties reported were 2 FR/ WIA. Results unknown VC/KIA (prob).

061200H E/2/9 at (YD 270718) while sweeping in a northerly direction received 200 S/A fire and 10 mortar rounds from vic (YD270720). 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).

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.

g. 7 June 1967(1) Disposition of Forces.

E/2/9 - Conducted CPB with their northern limit of advance at vic (YD 269732), before returning to Dong Ha.

F/2/9 - Continued same mission as 6 June employing one squad ambush.

H/2/9 - Conducted CPB from vic (YD 263690), employing a 2 platoon sweep of area in vic (YD 269695) plus 2 squad patrols, before returning to Dong Ha. Also provided security for CAC units with 1 platoon.

CAC - Units conducted 2 squad patrols and 2 squad ambushes in their CA.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events.

Negative.

h. 8 June 1967.(1) Disposition of Forces.

E/2/9 - Made preparation to execute 9th Marines FragO 1-67.

F/2/9 - Continued same mission of 7 June and made preparation to execute 9th Marines FragO 1-67.

H/2/9 - Made preparation to execute 9th Marines FragO 1-67. (3)

CAC - Units conducted 5 squad size ambushes and 3 squad size patrols.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events.

Negative

i. 9 June 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces.

2/9 - Assumed mission of 2/3 in accordance with 9th Marines.  
FragO 1-67.

E/2/9 - Established CPB vic (YD 137670) and conducted 1 platoon size ambush, 1 platoon size patrol, 2 squad size ambushes, and 2 squad size patrols.

F/2/9 - Assumed mission perimeter security for Cam Lo artillery position.

H/2/9 - Assumed mission of providing security for Cam Lo Bridge, convoy security, and Reaction Force for Cam Lo Resettlement Area. Conducted 1 platoon size ambush, 1 squad size ambush, and 1 squad size patrol.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events.

Negative..

j. 10 June 1967.

(1) Disposition of Forces.

E/2/9 - Continued mission of 9 June. Conducted 2 platoon size patrols, 4 squad size ambushes, and 1 squad size patrol.

F/2/9 - Continued mission of 9 June. Conducted 1 platoon size ambush, 3 squad size ambushes, and 2 squad size patrols.

G/2/9 - Returned to OpCon of 2/2 returned to Dong Ha Combat Base vic (YD 242592).

H/2/9 - Continued mission of 9 June.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events.

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 gear. Documents were forwarded to 2/9 - S-2 and patrol continued on search of area.

101615H - 3/E/2/9 at (YD 127557) while on patrol found the following items. Three bunkers - 4'x4'x3', and found 2 NVA bodies in two graves - 2 to 3 weeks old. The bunkers were destroyed and the 2 NVA/KIA (conf) were charged to Operation Hickory.

k 11 June 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

E/2/9 - Continued mission of 10 June. Conducted 2 platoon size patrols and 4 squad size ambushes.

F/2/9 - Continued mission of 10 June. Conducted 1 platoon size patrol and 3 squad size ambushes.

G/2/9 - Conducted search and destroy operation and set in night time position vic (YD 185669). Conducted extensive squad size ambushes.

H/2/9 - Continued mission of 10 June. Conducted 1 squad size ambush.

H&S/2/9 - Conducted 1 squad size ambush.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events.

110710H - 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).

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.

111800H G/2/9 2nd Platoon at (YD 178666) found 50 fighting holes 2 1/2'x3'x3' and were approximately 1 month old. Due to platoon being on the move, fighting holes were not destroyed.

1 12 June 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces.

E/2/9 - Continued mission of 11 June. Conducted 2 platoon size patrols, 2 squad size patrols, and 6 squad size ambushes.

F/2/9 - Continued mission of 11 June. Conducted 5 squad size ambushes and 1 platoon size patrol.

G/2/9 - Continued execution of 9th Marines FragO 3-67. Established night CP vic (YD 093687). Conducted 1 platoon size ambush and 2 squad size ambushes.

H/2/9 - Continued mission of 11 June. Conducted 1 squad size patrol and 1 squad size ambush.

H&S/2/9 - Conducted 1 squad size ambush.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events.

120220H - 2/9 CP reported incoming artillery rounds landed 100 meters outside their perimeter. Direction of fire and size unknown. Approximately 30 minutes later, received 2 more artillery rounds on western side of perimeter. The last round was an air burst. No casualties reported.

120745 - E/2/9 at (YD 124658) detonated an explosive firing device. It was estimated to be 15-20 pounds of explosive. No casualties reported and 1/E/2/9 continued on patrol.

120820H - 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 1 pair of sandals.

m. 13 June 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces.

E/2/9 Continued mission of 12 June. Conducted 2 platoon size patrols, 3 squad size ambushes, and 1 platoon size ambush.

F/2/9 - Continued mission of 12 June. Conducted 1 platoon size patrol and 2 squad size ambush.

G/2/9 - Continued mission of 9th Marines Frag<sup>o</sup> 3-67. Established CP vic (YD 065682).

H/2/9 - Continued mission of 12 June. Conducted 1 squad size patrol and 1 squad size ambush.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events.

Negative.

n. 14 June 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces.

E/2/9 - Continued mission of 13 June. Conducted 2 platoon size patrols, 1 squad size patrol, 1 platoon size ambush, and 7 squad size ambushes.

F/2/9 - Continued mission of 13 June. Conducted 1 platoon size patrol, 2 squad size patrol, and 3 squad size ambushes.

G/2/9 - Moved to E/2/9 CP vic (YD 137670).

H/2/9 - Continued mission of 13 June. Conducted 1 squad size patrol, and 1 squad size ambush.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

140915H E/2/9 patrol found 10 bunkers at (YD 057688) with assorted equipment and ammunition. The bunkers were destroyed and following items were confiscated: 1 M-79, 3 AT mines and increments, 600-700 linked rounds, 29 82mm rounds, 225 AK-47 rounds.

141700H 3/E/2/9 at (YD 115675) destroyed 23 bunkers that had been discovered on previous patrol. Eleven more bunkers were also found.

o. 15 June 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces.

E/2/9 - Continued mission of 14 June. Conducted 2 platoon size patrols, and 5 squad size ambushes. (3)

F/2/9 - Continued mission of 14 June 1967. Conducted 1 platoon size patrol, 2 squad size patrols, and 1 squad size ambush. 3rd Platoon moved to Dong Ha ChopOpCon to 9th Marines.

G/2/9 - Commenced execution of 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines FragO 1-67. Moved to vic (YD 112663).

H/2/9 - Continued mission of 14 June. Conducted 1 platoon size ambush, 3 squad size patrols, and 1 squad size ambush.

H & S/2/9 - Conducted 1 squad size ambush.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events.

150830H E/2/9 point man detonated ChiCom 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), negative casualties.

151015H G/2/9 found VC wounded who stepped on mine 5 days previous. VC unable to move, infection set in legs, both of which covered with multiple shrapnel wounds. VC was NVA 7th Company, 27th Independent Battalion. Age 19 and had 1 AK-47, cartridge belt, 3 ChiCom grenades and 60 rounds of AK-47 ammo.

151215H G/2/9 Marine detonated mine believed to be of pressure type A.P. mine, type unknown. Casualties reported were 2 USMC/WIA.

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 injuries occurred.

151410H E/2/9 found 10 bunkers 2'x4'x6' at (YD 119663) 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.

p 16 June 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

E/2/9 - Continued mission of 15 June. Conducted 2 platoon size patrols, 4 squad size ambushes, and 1 squad size patrol.

F/2/9 - Continued mission of 15 June. Conducted 1 platoon size patrol, 1 squad size patrol, and 1 squad size ambush.

G/2/9 - Established GPR vic (YD 170653), conducted 2 platoon size ambushes and 2 squad size patrols.

H/2/9 - Continued mission of 15 June. Conducted 1 platoon size ambush, 1 squad size ambush, and 4 squad size patrol.

(2) Enemy Contact and Significant Events.

161100H 3/6/2/9 at (YD 185663) observed 6 VC wearing camouflaged helmets and black clothing. No weapons were observed by Air Observer. 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 mine with a delayed fuse. Casualties reported were 2 PR/WIA.

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q 17 June 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

E/2/9 - Continued mission of 16 June. Conducted 2 platoon size patrols, 1 platoon size ambush, and 3 squad size ambushes.

F/2/9 - Continued mission of 16 June. Conducted 1 squad size patrol and 1 squad size ambush.

G/2/9 - Continued mission of 16 June. Conducted 7 squad size ambushes.

H/2/9 - Continued mission of 16 June. Conducted 1 platoon size patrol and 1 squad size ambush.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events.

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 a trip wire and casualties were 3 USMC/WIA. When mine was detonated, point man fired burst of automatic rifle and found bloody shoe, assorted gear on trail. Also found series of approximately 200-250 bunkers, spotted by AC plane.

170830H G/2/9 at (YD 177661) found the following gear. 1 .30Cal carbine rifle with two magazines, 1 cartridge belt with poncho, canteen, 1 M-26 fragmentary grenade, 1 carbine bayonet.

171100H G/2/9 at (YD 177661) located 2 anti-tank mines possibly booby trapped, 2 Chi Com grenades, approximately 20 bunkers, 2 Chi Com 3.5 Rockets, 2 Chi Com sub machineguns.

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. AC indicated 10-20 bunkers to north-east. Search of area revealed 1 AK-47, and 1 .30Cal folding stock sub machine gun.

r 18 June 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

E/2/9 Continued mission of 17 June. Conducted 2 platoon size patrols, 1 squad size patrol, and 3 squad size ambushes.

F/2/9 - Continued mission of 17 June. Conducted 1 platoon size patrol, 1 squad size patrol, and 1 squad size ambush.

G/2/9 - Continued mission of 17 June. Conducted 1 platoon size ambush, 4 squad size ambush, and 1 squad size patrol.

H/2/9 - Continued mission of 17 June. Conducted 1 squad size ambush.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

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.

181945H 3/H/2/9 reported that personnel went 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. 1 FR/WIA.

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s 19 June 1967(1) Disposition of Forces

E/2/9 - Continued mission of 18 June. Conducted 2 platoon size patrols, 1 platoon size ambush, 3 squad size ambushes, and 2 squad size patrols.

F/2/9 - Continued mission of 18 June. Conducted 1 squad size ambush.

G/2/9 - Returned to Bn CP and assumed mission of security of Cam Lo Bridge, COP Hill #30 (YD 140614), provided reaction force for Cam Lo Resettlement Area.

H/2/9 - Moved from Bn CP to conduct search and destroy in designated area of operations. Established CP vic (YD 128615).

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events.

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.

191040H 2/H/2/9 while on patrol in vicinity of (YD 125615). It is believed enemy was NVA and dressed in green uniforms. Received 10 60mm incoming rounds and S/A fire from vic (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 reported were 8 FR/WIA, 3 VC/KIA (conf), and 3 VC/KIA (prob).

191100H F/2/9 tanks and security were moving along road at (YD 130627), when tank hit an estimated 40lb. Chi Com AT mine. The tank was damaged and returned to the CP.

191208H 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 landed at friendly position and casualties reported were 1 USMC/WIA.

t 20 June 1967(1) Disposition of Forces.

E/2/9 - Continued mission of 19 June. Conducted 4 squad size ambushes.

F/2/9 - Continued mission of 19 June. Conducted 1 squad size ambush.

G/2/9 - Continued mission of 19 June.

H/2/9 - Continued mission of 19 June. Moved CP to vic (YD 102627). Conducted 4 squad size ambushes and 1 platoon (-) ambush.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

200800H 3/E/2/9 found 3 bunkers heavily fortified- 3'x4'x6'. The bunkers were destroyed which were located at (YD 110666).

201115H 1/E/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



u 21 June 1967(1) Disposition of Forces

E/2/9 - Continued mission of 20 June. Conducted 1 platoon size patrol, 1 squad size patrol, and 5 squad size ambushes. Provided security for engineer unit vic (YD 138660).

F/2/9 - Continued mission of 20 June. Conducted 1 squad size ambush.

G/2/9 - Continued mission of 20 June. Conducted 1 squad size ambush.

H/2/9 - Continued mission of 20 June. Moved to Vic (YD 117627). Conducted 5 squad size ambushes and 2 platoon size patrols.

H&S/2/9 - Established squad size OP vic (YD 164636).

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events.

211040H 2/F/2/9 patrol located 8 82mm rounds at (YD 151618). Rounds were stacked on fins and were not booby trapped. They were evacuated to the 2/9 CP.

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 consisting of lines with cans - filled with stones attached to them. Searched area and found 2 documents identified as NVA love letters. The bunkers were destroyed.

v 22 June 1967(1) Disposition of Forces

E/2/9 - Continued mission of 21 June. Conducted 1 platoon size patrol, 1 squad size patrol, and 5 squad size ambushes.

F/2/9 - Continued mission of 21 June. Conducted 1 squad size ambush.

G/2/9 - Continued mission of 21 June. Conducted 1 squad size patrol, and 1 squad size ambush.

H/2/9 - Continued mission of 21 June. Conducted 2 squad size patrols, 1 platoon size ambush, and 4 squad size ambushes.

H&S/2/9 - Continued squad size OP.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

220850H 3/E/2/9 point man at (YD 155655) located a vine across road and proceeded to check trail. Platoon commander began checking area and discovered vine was attached to booby trap. At this time, another Marine stepped off trail and detonated a mine. Casualties reported were 6 USMC/WIA.

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 ChinCom grenade. Negative casualties reported. (3)

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 in place.

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 in tree line. Called artillery mission and will search area.

w 23 June 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces.

E/2/9 - Continued mission of 22 June. Provided security for Engineers unit. Conducted 1 platoon size patrol, 1 squad size patrol, and 5 squad size ambushes.

F/2/9 - Continued mission of 22 June. Conducted 2 squad size ambushes.

G/2/9 - Continued mission of 22 June. Conducted 1 squad size ambush.

H/2/9 - Continued mission of 22 June. CP moved to vic (YD 104626). Conducted 1 platoon size patrol, 1 squad size patrol, and 4 squad size ambushes.

H&S/2/9 - Continued mission of 22 June.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

221235H 1/E/2/9 located 25 bunkers - 4'x4'x6', and were reinforced with bamboo at (YD 105665). Bunkers were destroyed.

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, 3 Chi Com grenade, 400 AK-47 rounds, 3 cans mortar incements, 1 AK-47 magazine.

231600H 3/H/2/9 3d squad found 6 reinforced bunkers - 4'x5'x4' at (YD 112631). On the outside of one bunker was a artillery illumination round tied to two trees. Searched area and found 2 Malaysian whips. Everything was destroyed.

x 24 June 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

E/2/9 - Continued mission of 23 June. Conducted 2 platoon size patrols, 1 squad size patrol, and 5 squad size ambushes.

F/2/9 - Continued mission of 23 June. Conducted 1 squad size ambush.

G/2/9 - Continued mission of 23 June. Conducted 1 squad size ambush.

H/2/9 - Continued mission of 23 June. CP moved to vic (YD 105605). Conducted 1 platoon size patrol, 3 squad size patrols, and 4 squad size ambushes.

H&S/2/9 - Continued mission of 23 June. Squad returned to Bn CP at 241600H.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

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, 1 bag containing "C" rations.

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 the body with negative results.

242235H H/2/9 at (YD 105605) detonated a claymore mine rigged with trip wire. Casualties reported were 4 USMC/WIA and 1 USMC/KIA.

y 25 June 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

E/2/9 - Continued mission of 24 June. Conducted 1 platoon size patrol, 1 squad size patrol, and 5 squad size ambushes.

F/2/9 - Relieved of mission of perimeter security by H/2/9. Made preparations for movement for company sweep in designated OA.

G/2/9 - Continued mission of 24 June. Conducted 1 squad size patrol.

H/2/9 - Moved to Bn CP assumed mission of providing security for forward artillery position at Cam Lo.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

Negative.

z 26 June 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

E/2/9 - Continued mission of 25 June. Conducted 2 platoon size patrols, 1 squad size patrol, 1 platoon size ambush, and 4 squad size ambushes.

F/2/9 - Departed Bn CP on company sweep in designated OA. Company CP located vic (YD 160650). Conducted 5 squad size ambushes.

G/2/9 - Continued mission of 25 June. Conducted 1 squad size ambush.

H/2/9 - Continued mission of 25 June. Conducted 2 squad size ambushes.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

261145H (YD 155646) F/2/9 point was moving down trail when 3 command detonated mines were set off. At same time the point received 15 rounds auto weapon fire and a booby trap rigged with a 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 carrying weapons were seen heading east from area. F/2/9 fired at VC/NVA with M-16's and 3.5's. Area searched with negative results. Total casualties for F/2/9 were 4 USMC/WIA non medevaced.

261200H E/2/9 providing security for engineers at (YD 119667) saw movement and while checking it out spotted 5 VCS running from area. Point fired over their heads and yelled 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, and male. Detainees were 1 male, age 45, 2 females age 15 and 1 male, age 14.

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 3 weapons were visible. Although range was extreme F/2/9 took them under fire with M-16's and 60mm mortars. Area checked with negative results.

aa 27 June 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

E/2/9 - Continued mission of 26 June. Conducted 1 platoon size patrol, 2 squad size patrols, and 5 squad ambushes.

F/2/9 - Continued mission of 26 June. Conducted 1 platoon size patrol, 1 squad size patrol, and 6 squad size ambushes.

G/2/9 - Continued mission of 26 June. Conducted 2 squad size ambushes.

H/2/9 - Continued mission of 26 June. Conducted 3 squad size ambushes.

H&S/2/9 - Conducted 1 squad size ambush.

(2) Enemy Contact and Significant Events.

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 or black uniforms and appeared to have flak jackets on.

271000H 1/E/2/9 received S/A and auto weapon fire from a small group of VC at (YD 105660). VC were split up and appeared to be attempting to separate the flank from the main body. 1/E/2/9 withdrew and called artillery, then swept the area with negative results.

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 bunker complex consisting of 65 bunkers, 20 of which were 2-3 man living holes. The base area appeared occupied the morning of the 27th. Many articles of equipment were found in a search of the area and will be listed in part 11.

271702H 1/E/2/9 (YD 104658) point man came to a fork in the trail going in 3 directions. The column stopped so platoon leader could come forward. 3 command detonated claymores were detonated resulting in 2 USMC/KIA's and 6 USMC/WIA's. The claymore were set about 10 meters off side of the trail. One claymore was covering the intersection and the other were approximately 25 meters apart. They were fired separately, one after the other.

271730H F/2/9 (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 Marine tripped a booby trapped Chi Com with trip wire one foot above ground in the bushes resulting in 1 USMC/WIA.

bb 28 June 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

E/2/9 - Continued mission of 27 June. Conducted 1 platoon size patrol, and 4 squad size ambushes.

F/2/9 - Continued mission of 27 June until 1330H then return to the Bn CP.

G/2/9 - Continued mission of 27 June. Conducted 1 squad size ambush and 1 squad size OP.

H/2/9 - Continued mission of 27 June. Conducted 3 squad size ambushes.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

281100H 3/E/2/9 platoon swept, without incident, into area where 1/E/2/9 had hit mines received S/A and automatic weapons fire at 271100H coordinates (YD 097668). Found 50 bunkers, average size 6'x4'x6' all indicated recent use. Other bunkers contained rice which was still hot. Located one ammo bunker containing a large amount of ammo.

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.

cc 29 June 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

2/9 (-) Rein - Commenced execution of 9th Marines FragO 8-67 with mission to provide escort for recon team to determine status of downed helicopter vic (YD 049686).

E/2/9 - Commenced execution of 9th Marines FragO 8-67.

F/2/9 - Continued mission of 28 June. Moved 2 squads to assist H/2/9 to man defensive positions on perimeter.

G/2/9 - Commenced execution of 9th Marines FragO 8-67.

H/2/9 - Continued mission of 28 June. Conducted 3 squad size patrols.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

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.

dd 30 June 1967

2/9 (-) (rein) - Continued execution of 9th Marines FragO 8-67.

E/2/9 Continued mission of 29 June.

F/2/9 Continued mission of 29 June.

G/2/9 Continued mission of 29 June.

H/2/9 Continued mission of 29 June. Conducted 3 squad size ambushes.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

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.

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) and 1 VCS. area of contact was in vic (YD 055685).

301545H E/2/9 reported that while air strike were called, dirt and rocks were scattered in friendly area. Friendly casualties were 3 WIA's. Air strike was called off and company moved to search area of bunker complex and casualties reported were 3 VC/KIA (conf).

ee 1 July 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

2/9 (-) (rein) - Returned to Bn CP after completion of 9th Marines FragO 8-67.

E/2/9 - Returned to Bn CP. Assumed mission of providing security for forward artillery position at Cam Lo.

F/2/9 - Moved from Bn CP assumed mission of providing security for MSR. CP located vic (YD 136668). Conducted 2 squad size ambushes.

G/2/9 - Returned to Bn CP. assumed mission of security for Cam Lo Bridge, COP Hill #30 (YD 140614) and reaction force for Cam Lo Resettlement area. Conducted 1 squad size ambush.

H/2/9 - Making preparations for company sweep in designated OA.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

011815H F/2/9 reported that truck returning to 2/9 CP, hit a mine at (YD 130660). There were no casualties and truck returned to F/2/9 position.

012735H H/2/9 LP/OP position at (YD 148616) spotted movement (using SM's) approximately 400 meters in front of their position. Fired 60mm mortars and movement continued. LP received S/A fire and returned fire with 60mm mortars, M-79 rounds machine gun fire and S/A rounds. Fired 60mm illumination and concentrations with negative results. Casualties reported were 1 USMC/WIA.

ff 2 July 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

Operation Cimarron ceased 021000H Jul67

E/2/9 Continued mission of 1 July. Conducted 1 squad size patrol.

F/2/9 - Continued mission of 1 July. Conducted 1 platoon size patrol and one squad size patrol.

G/2/9 - Continued mission of 1 July. Conducted 3 squad size patrols.

H/2/9 - Continued preparation for movement to designated OA.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

Negative.

## 11. Results.

### a. Friendly Personnel Losses

- (1) KIA - 9
- (2) WIA - 82

### 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) 6 AK-47
- (b) 1 AK-44
- (c) 1 .38Cal machinegun - folding stock
- (d) 1 M-14 with selector
- (e) 2 carbine rifles
- (f) 2 Chi Com sub-machine guns
- (g) 1 Russian light machine gun
- (h) 1 60mm mortar tube
- (i) 67 82mm mortar rounds
- (j) 12 60mm mortar rounds
- (k) 2 3.5 Chi Com rockets
- (l) 5 82mm rounds
- (m) 1 RPG round
- (n) 1 Claymore mine
- (o) 1 Russian anti-tank mine
- (p) 5 anti-tank mines
- (q) 600 AK-47 rounds
- (r) 42 Chi Com grenades
- (s) 5 Chi Com grenades (booby trapped)
- (t) 1 500 lb. bomb
- (u) 10 blasting caps
- (v) 2 million units penicillin
- (w) 4 gas masks
- (x) 4 cans mortar increments
- (y) 761 bunkers
- (z) 21 hootches

## 12. Administrative Matters.

a. Supply and re-supply of all units attached to the Battalion was handled in the following manners.

(1) Resupply during the period in the Dong Ha Combat Base was no problem. Requests were passed from 3d Lt to company officer to initiate action.

(2) Resupply while at Cam Lo was handled strictly by household trucks each day. Water needs were abundantly met by the water point at Cam Lo Bridge. The mess hall was in the field.

(3) Helicopters made re-supply on three separate occasions to companies on extended operations in the field.

(4) Difficulty was encountered in getting M-17 gas masks filters. A priority 2 request was sent by courier to Phu Bai to get them.

Treatment of Casualties, Evacuated 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) Most of the patients treated at the BAS for this operation 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.

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

13. Special Equipment and Techniques

a. Special Equipment

(1) TFS-21 Radar Set. One TFS-21 radar set was used on O.P. Hill #30 at the Cam Lo forward artillery position. The range of the TFS-21 was partially reduced by rolling terrain forward of the perimeter. However the TFS-21 was still very effective. Numerous sightings were made and artillery, 81mm and 60mm missions were fired in the vicinity of the sightings. There were no enemy casualties that were a direct result of TFS-21. The maintenance of the TFS-21 generator was not a problem due to the fact that several generators were available for rotation and maintenance.

(2) Seismic Intrusion Device. Three SIDs were used for security of the Cam Lo forward artillery position. All seismometers were buried from three to six inches in the ground. One detected enemy movement outside the perimeter just prior to sniper rounds being fired from that vicinity. 60mm mortar fire was called with unknown results.

b. Techniques. To provide immediate action against convoy ambushes along route #561, artillery concentrations were planned at 1000 meter intervals on either side of the road. The OIC of the convoy security unit was given a sketch of the road and the numbered concentrations to be used in event of ambush.

14. Commanders Analysis.

Enemy movement was effectively interdicted in the Battalion OA. In addition it is felt the enemy was severely hurt by the large number bunkers and harboring site destroyed and the amount of equipment and weapons destroyed or captured.

15. Recommendations.

It is recommended that tenant units of the Cam Lo forward artillery position man more of the perimeter. This would release an infantry company for patrolling the Battalion OA, thus enabling the battalion to cover the OA on either side of route #561.

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2d Bn., 9th Marines  
Dong Ha, RVN  
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ANNEX B (Operation Overlay)

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1. Code Name. Operation Buffalo
2. Dates of Operation. 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines participated in Operation Buffalo under OpCon of 9th Marine Regiment from 021000H, to 140900H, July 1967.
3. Location. Quan Cam Lo and Quan Gio Linh Districts, Quang Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam.
4. Task Organization.

2nd Battalion, 9th Marines (Rein)

E Company  
F Company  
G Company  
H Company  
H&S Company  
1st 8" Battery, 12th Marines 2-9 Jul  
2nd Plt., C. Co., 3 AT Bn., 2-9 Jul  
2nd Plt., "B" Battery, 1st Bn (AW) (SP) 41st Arty USA 2-9 Jul  
3rd Plt., "A" Co., 3rd TK Bn. 2 - 9 Jul  
Det., 2nd Plt., "C" Co., 3rd Engr., Bn.

5. Supporting Forces.

a. Artillery and Armor.

- (1) Battery "F", 2nd Bn., 12th Marines provided direct support (2-9 Jul.).
- (2) Battery "E" 2nd Bn., 12th Marines provided direct support (9-14 Jul.).
- (3) Battery "K", 12th Marines provided general support.
- (4) "W" Battery, 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines provided general support.
- (5) 1st 8" Howitzer Battery provided general support.
- (6) Tactical and Technical fire direction was provided by Hq., 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines.

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(7) Company "A", 3rd Tank Bn., provided additional long range fire support ( 2-9 Jul. )

(8) 100 high explosive, 25 white phosphorous and 25 illumination rounds were fired on targets of opportunity, reconnaissance by fire missions. In addition 1980 rounds were fired on 750 harassing and interdiction targets.

(9) A counter-mortar plan for the Cam Lo artillery position was in effect.

(10) An extensive H&I program was carried out throughout Operation Buffalo.

(11) Artillery support during Operation Buffalo can be considered satisfactory.

b. Air Support.

(1) Resupply. There were no resupply missions flown in support of Operation Buffalo.

(2) Medevacs. 35 Marines were evacuated, ranging from routine to emergency in nature. The medevacs were invaluable in getting marines prompt medical attention. Emergency requests were made directly to the DASC on the FM TAR net. Priority and routine requests were made on the same net to the regimental air officer. Reaction Time was excellent in all areas.

(3) Recon Flights. A total of 1 recon flight was flown during Operation Buffalo. This flight provided invaluable information to key personnel in the Battalion. This flight was requested through regimental air officer.

(4) Fixed Wing. Although there were numerous air strikes in the general operating area of the Battalion, none of these were either requested or controlled by the Battalion.

6. Intelligence

a. Enemy Disposition and Strength Prior to Operation Buffalo

(1) A constant build-up of personnel, supplies, and equipment has been taking place in the D.M.Z. since Operation Hickory. Sighting of Regimental size units were common. Major units are 812th Regiment 324B Division and 31st Regiment 341 Division. Both units are reinforced with artillery, rockets, tanks and SAM missiles.

b. Mission

The mission of these units was to attack and occupy the artillery position at Con Thien, destroy the bridge on the MSR located at Cam Lo (YD 118604), attack Dong Ha Combat Base and Con Thien with rockets and artillery. Also to employ specially trained units to conduct political agitation and propaganda using violence, assassinations, terrorism and sabotage.

c. Activity

(1) The enemy can and does conduct a highly effective H&I program on Con Thien and surrounding units. Even through his attack on Con Thien failed, there is no reason to believe that he won't try again.

(2) Mining of the MSR causes a constant threat to this Battalion overland resupply by the MSR.

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d. Description of area of operation

(1) General. This Battalion's area of operation has been confined due to its mission as a blocking force. It is bounded on the north by the most prominent terrain features in the area, a cleared area known as "The Trace". The remainder of the area is predominantly low rolling hills with piedmont type vegetation, except for deserted villages and rice paddies to the south.

(2) Cover and Concealment. Concealment is provided by bamboo hedgerow ditches and thickets, ranging from fair to excellent. Cover was obtained by digging fighting holes and bunkers in the Battalion's position.

(3) Critical Terrain Features. The most prominent terrain feature in the area is "The Trace" running from Con Thien (YD 116701) to Gio Linh (YD 213732). The MSR running generally north and south from Con Thien to Cam Lo is also a prominent feature.

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

(5) Weather. During Operation Buffalo, the weather was generally hot. A summary of the weather for Operation Buffalo is as follows:

Maximum Temperature - 100  
 Minimum Temperature - 90  
 Number of days with rain - None  
 Total rainfall received - None  
 Average Winds - 10-12 mph S.W.  
 Visibility - 8-10 miles

(6) Civilian Population. The villages to the south have been deserted. However some civilians returned to their villages and when encountered were searched by this unit and sent to the rear for further interrogation. All were instructed by this unit that it is in their best interest to stay out of this area.

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

7. Mission. 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines was given the mission to provide security for the forward artillery position at Cam Lo vic (YD 1147617), Cam Lo Bridge site and provide security for route #561; maintain an active ground surveillance program and conduct spoiling attacks throughout assigned OA; provide counter-attack force for the Cam Lo Resettlement Area. On 9 July, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines mission was changed to relieve 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines and on order attack in assigned zone to locate and destroy enemy forces, supplies and equipment.

8. Concept of Operation. 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines provided security for artillery position located vic (YD 1147617); positioned forces along route #561 in ZOA to provide security for MSR and ford site vic (YD 136666) by aggressive patrolling along flanks; provided security for mine sweep team along route #561 (MSR) in ZOA; provided security for Cam Lo bridge site, provided security for convoys between vic (YD 1145615) and Con Thien; controlled traffic on MSR between Con Thien and vic (YD 1145615); conducted ground surveillance and spoiling attacks throughout assigned OA with assigned forces to detect and destroy infiltrating NVA forces; and provide a platoon (rein) reaction force in the event Cam Lo Resettlement Area came under attack. On 9 July, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines assumed 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines mission and conducted a daylight relief in place over a two day period that was completed on 10 July 1967. 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines established a perimeter vic (YD 133702) and conducted aggressive patrolling and ambushes in ZOA.

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9. Execution.a. 2 July 1967(1) Disposition of Forces

E/2/9 - Provided security for forward artillery position at Cam Lo. Conducted 1 platoon size patrol.

F/2/9 - Conducted CPB vic (YD 136668) to provide security for MSR; provided security for engineer unit improving MSR. Conducted 1 squad size patrol and 4 squad size ambushes.

G/2/9 - Provided security for Cam Lo bridge, COP Hill #30 (YD 1140 614) and reaction force for Cam Lo resettlement area. Conducted 3 squad size patrols and 2 squad size ambushes.

H/2/9 - Conducted company sweep operation in designated OA established CP vic (YD 135666).

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events.

Negative.

b. 3 July 1967(1) Disposition of Forces

E/2/9 - Continued mission of 2 July. Conducted 1 platoon size patrol, 1 squad size patrol, and 2 squad size ambushes.

F/2/9 - Continued mission of 2 July. Conducted 1 platoon size patrol, 1 squad size patrol, and 5 squad size ambushes.

G/2/9 - Continued mission of 2 July and assumed Sparrow Hawk on 15 minute alert as of 030600H. Conducted 2 squad size ambushes.

H/2/9 - Continued mission of 2 July. Conducted 1 platoon size patrol and 2 squad size ambushes.

H&S/2/9 - Conducted 1 squad size ambush.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

031045H - F/2/9 at (YD 125680) while providing security for engineers received 7 rounds of mortar/artillery fire from unknown position. Rounds appeared to have come from due north. There were no casualties reported.

031130H - 3/H/2/9 - ambush at (YD 123678) spotted 1 VC wearing helmet/camouflaged cover at (YD 122677). Fired 3 rounds 5.56mm, 10 M-79 rounds and VC fled to the east.

031300H - Snipers at (YD 123678) spotted 2 VC at (YD 120679). They opened fire and VC returned fire with 30 rounds automatic weapon fire. VC broke contact and artillery mission was called on suspected enemy position. Casualties reported were 1 VC/KIA (Prob) and 2 FR/WIA, non medevaced.

032135H - F/2/9 CP at (YD 137666) received 1 round sniper fire, type unknown. No casualties reported.

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c. 4 July 1967(1) Disposition of Forces

E/2/9 - Continued mission of 3 July. Conducted 2 squad size patrols and 2 squad size ambushes.

F/2/9 - Continued mission of 3 July. Conducted 1 platoon size patrol, and 3 squad size ambushes.

G/2/9 - Continued mission of 3 July. Conducted 2 squad size ambush.

H/2/9 - Continued mission of 3 July. Conducted 3 squad size ambush.

H&S/2/9 - Conducted 1 squad size ambush.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

040100H - H/2/9 at (YD 137667) received small probing action by VC along perimeter and received undetermined number of grenades - while spotting movement in front of position. Fired 60mm, S/A, M-79, 106mm with unknown result. Casualties reported were 5 FR/WIA.

040115H - F/2/9 at (YD 137666) received 5 hand grenades and sporadic S/A fire from varying positions. Fired M-79 rounds, M-26 grenades to neutralize enemy fire. Casualties reported were 2 FR/WIA.

040650H - Security for engineers at (YD 128668) received approximately 80 82mm mortar rounds from vicinity of (YD 126678). 1/F/2/9 requested counter mortar and artillery fire. Casualties reported were 7 FR/WIA.

040859H - 3/G/2/9 3rd squad reported that sweep security at coordinates (YD 134646) received 3 S/A rounds. No casualties reported.

041035H - 1/F/2/9 at (YD 136667) received 3 82mm rounds from coordinates (YD 116685) and (YD 112689). Called artillery mission and counter mortar plan. Casualties reported were 1 FR/WIA.

041915H - E/2/9 reported that fire team at (YD 119621) received 3 sniper rounds from (YD 151622). No casualties were reported, artillery mission was called in on suspected VC position.

d. 5 July 1967(1) Disposition of Forces

E/2/9 - Continued mission of 4 July. Conducted 1 squad size patrol and 2 squad size ambushes.

F/2/9 - Continued mission of 4 July. Conducted 1 squad size patrol and 3 squad size ambushes.

G/2/9 - Continued mission of 4 July. Conducted 2 squad size ambush.

H/2/9 - Continued mission of 4 July. Conducted 3 squad size patrols and 3 squad size ambushes.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

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050500H- F/2/9 set in night position at (YD 124664), received unknown number of mortar rounds in perimeter position. Rounds were believed to be 82mm and estimated 80-100 rounds were received. Rounds were fired from 4 mortar tubes located approximately 500 meters away at (YD 123669). Artillery mission was called along with counter-mortar plan. Casualties reported were 3 FR/KIA, 35 FR/WIA - (12 non medevaced).

051500H- F/2/9 3rd squad while on patrol at coordinates (YD 119-667) found 8 bunkers - 4 'xh'xh', 12 fighting holes, 3 mortar pits, safety clips and shipping plugs-believed to be for 82mm mortars. Fortifications destroyed and gear was brought to F/2/9 CP.

051630H- 3/H/2/9 Point man spotted 1 VC at coordinates (YD 154694) and exchanged fire. VC returned with burst automatic weapons fire and grenades was thrown resulting in 1 USMC/WIA (non medevaced).

e. 6 July 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

E/2/9 - Continued mission of 5 July. Conducted 1 platoon and 1 squad size patrol and 3 squad size ambushes.

F/2/9 - Continued mission of 5 July. Conducted 2 platoon, 1 squad size patrols and 4 squad size ambushes.

G/2/9 - Continued mission of 5 July. Conducted 2 squad size ambu

H/2/9 - Continued mission of 5 July. Conducted 1 platoon size patrol. ChopOpCon from 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines to 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines as of 061755H.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

061030H - F/2/9 3rd squad point man spotted 3 NVA running south at coordinates (YD 142694). VC fled into treeline and artillery mission was called on area. Searched area with negative results.

061205H - H/2/9 apprehended 5 VCS at coordinates (YD 142694). There were 2 females- 10-15 years old, 1 11 year old male, 1 -30year old female, 1 - 40year old male. None of the 5 VCS possessed I.D. cards and they were taken to Regiment for questioning.

062200H - F/2/9 The defense perimeter received 1 enemy grenade which landed near fighting holes of 3 USMC in vicinity of coordinates (YD 135645). Casualties reported were 3 FR/WIA ( 2 medevaced).

f. 7 July 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

E/2/9 - Continued mission of 6 July. Conducted 1 platoon size patrol and 2 squad size ambushes.

F/2/9 - Continued mission of 6 July. Conducted 3 squad size ambu. Started as reinforcement company for 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines.

G/2/9 - Continued mission of 6 July. Conducted 2 squad size ambu

H/2/9 - OpCon 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

Negative.

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g. 8 July 1967(1) Disposition of Forces

E/2/9 - Continued mission of 7 July. Conducted 1 platoon size patrol and 2 squad size ambushes.

F/2/9 - Continued mission of 7 July. Conducted 3 squad size ambushes. Continued standby to reinforce 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines.

G/2/9 - Continued mission of 7 July. Conducted 1 squad size ambush.

H/2/9 - OpCon 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

O82223H- F/2/9 LP at coordinates (YD 129647) spotted 7 VC wearing flak jackets and helmets moving east towards position. VC detected LP and fired 2 S/A rounds while fleeing west on trail. No casualties reported. Returned fire with 15 60mm rounds and artillery mission was called on enemy position. Searches area with negative results.

h. 9 July 1967(1) Disposition of Forces

2nd Battalion, 9th Marines (-) (Rein) commenced execution of 9th Marines FragO 10-67 with mission to relieve 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines in place. Established CP vic (YD 133702).

E/2/9 - Continued mission of 8 July ChopCon to 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines.

F/2/9 - Commenced execution of 9th Marines FragO 10-67. Established CP vic (YD 132704). Conducted 2 squad size ambushes and local security.

G/2/9 - Commenced execution of 9th Marines FragO 10-67. Established CP vic (YD 135704). Conducted 1 squad size ambush and local security.

H/2/9 - ChopOpCon From 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines to 2nd Battalion 9th Marines in accordance with 9th Marines FragO 10-67. Cp location vic (YD 135695).

I/3/9 - ChopOpCon from 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines to 2nd Battalion 9th Marines in accordance with 9th Marines FragO 10-67. Conducted 2 squad size ambushes.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

Negative.

i. 10 July 1967(1) Disposition of Forces

I/3/9 - ChopOpCon from 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines to 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines.

E/2/9 - ChopOpCon from 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines to 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines in accordance with 9th Marines FragO 10-67. Established CP vic (YD 140697). Conducted 1 squad size patrol and 1 squad size ambush.

F/2/9 - Continued mission of 9 July. Conducted 1 squad size patrol and 1 squad size ambush.

G/2/9 - Continued mission of 9 July. Conducted 1 squad size patrol, and 1 squad size ambush.

H/2/9 - Continued mission of 9 July. Conducted 1 squad size ambush.

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(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

101255H- 2/9 found hooch at coordinates (YD 128698) and confiscated 1 letter (Vietnamese) 1 pamphlet, and 1 flag. Gear was brought to Battalion S-2.

102320H- F/2/9 LP at coordinates (YD 133603) spotted 5 VC and fired S/A rounds. Casualties reported were 2 VC/KIA (prob).

j. 11 July 1967(1) Disposition of Forces

E/2/9 - Continued mission of 10 July. Conducted 1 platoon size patrol and 1 squad size ambush.

F/2/9 - Continued mission of 10 July. Conducted 1 squad size ambush, and local security.

G/2/9 - Continued mission of 10 July. Conducted 1 squad size patrol and local security.

H/2/9 - Continued mission of 10 July. Conducted 1 squad size ambush and local security.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

112250H- F/2/9 at coordinates (YD 133703) spotted movement and marine threw grenade at suspected enemy movement. Marine near position received shrapnel wounds and casualties reported were 1 USMC/WIA (nonmedevaced).

k. 12 July 1967(1) Disposition of Forces

E/2/9 - Continued mission of 11 July. Conducted 1 squad size patrol and local security.

F/2/9 - Continued mission of 11 July. Conducted 3 squad size ambushes and 1 platoon size patrol.

G/2/9 - Continued mission of 11 July. Conducted 1 squad size patrol.

H/2/9 - Continued mission of 11 July. Conducted 3 squad size ambushes.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

121145H- F/2/9 patrol discovered Vietnamese writing on cactus leaves, which were located on side of tank trail at coordinates (YD 604128). The age of writing on leaves are unknown. There is a ville located approximately 100 meters from where the leaves were found. Leaves were brought to the CP.

l. 13 July 1967(1) Disposition of Forces

E/2/9 - Continued mission of 12 July. Conducted 1 squad size patrol and 2 squad size ambushes.

F/2/9 - Continued mission of 12 July. Conducted 1 squad size ambush.

G/2/9 - Continued mission of 12 July. One platoon on standby as Sparrow Hawk for downed helicopter.

H/2/9 - Continued mission of 12 July. Provided local security.

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(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

131030H- H/2/9 at coordinates (YD 128696) apprehended 3 Vietnamese women. They stated that VC had come through their village. They were classified as Innocent Civilians and sent to Regiment for further interrogation.

132300H- 1/G/2/9 reported that Marine was wounded by grenade thrown at his position. Grenade exploded approximately 15 feet from Marine resulting in 1 USMC/WIA.

m. 14 July 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

Operation Buffalo ceased 140900H Jul 1967.

E/2/9 - Continued mission of 13 July.

F/2/9 - Continued mission of 13 July.

G/2/9 - Continued mission of 13 July.

H/2/9 - Continued mission of 13 July.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

Negative.

10. Results.a. Friendly Personnel Losses

- (1) KIA - 3
- (2) WIA - 65

b. Enemy Losses

- (1) KIA (confirmed) 0
- (2) KIA (probable) 3
- (3) NVA/POW 0
- (4) Detainees 7
- (5) Innocent Civilians 3
- (6) Weapons, Documents, and Material captured or destroyed
  - (a) 8 Bunkers
  - (b) 3 mortar pits and increments

11. Administrative Matters.

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

(1) Resupply during Operation Buffalo was no problem. Requests were passed from S-4 to the supply officer to initiate action.

(2) Resupply was handled by trucks to a debarkation point and then the use of the Battalion mules to the Battalion CP.

(3) Difficulties were encountered in obtaining M-17 gas mask filters.

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b. Treatment of Casualties Evacuated and Hospitalization.

(1) During Operation Buffalo the casualty evacuation chain was directly through "D" Company, Third Medical Battalion, located in Dong Ha.

(2) From 2 July through 9 July the B.A.S. of 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines was prepared to serve as a standby medical holding facility with a capacity of about 20 patients. From 10 July until the termination of the Operation, the B.A.S. was prepared to give emergency treatment and supervise further evacuation of casualties, but no holding facilities were set up.

c. Medical Evaluation.

(1) Adequate sanitation was maintained by strict regulation of the disposal of refuse and excrement.

(2) The supply of potable drinking water has been sufficient.

(3) Skin infections were minimal, and have not been a problem.

(4) Serious foot problems have been almost non-existent.

(5) Diarrhea and heat exhaustion have been minimal due to the adequate supply of potable water and liberal use of salt supplements.

(6) No major medical problems or unusual medical problems were encountered during this operation.

12. Special Equipment and Techniques.a. Special Equipment

(1) TPS-21 Radar Set. One TPS-21 radar set was used on COP Hill #30 at the Cam Lo forward artillery position. The range of the TPS-21 was partially hindered by the rolling terrain forward of the perimeter. The maintenance of the TPS-21 became a problem when a vacuum tube became inoperable and could not be replaced. The vacuum tube was placed on a priority request.

(2) Seismic Intrusion Device. Three SID's were used for security of the Cam Lo forward artillery position and two were used for security of the Battalion perimeter during Operation Buffalo. All seismometers were buried from three to six inches in the ground. No enemy movement was recorded during Operation Buffalo by the SID's.

b. Techniques. To provide immediate action against convoy ambushes along route #561, artillery concentrations were planned at 100 meters intervals on either side of the road. The convoy commander was given a sketch of route #561 and the numbered concentrations to be used in event of ambush.

13. Commanders Analysis.

Through aggressive patrolling and ambushing along the MSR and company size operations in the Battalion ZOA the mission of the Battalion to keep the MSR open was carried out very successfully.

14. Recommendations.

Continue to control the ZOA through aggressive patrolling and conduct company size sweeps along flanks of the MSR.

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 9th Marine Regiment  
Subj: Operation Hickory II After Action Report  
Ref: (a) 9th Marines OpnO 11-67

1. Code Name. Operation Hickory II

2. Dates of Operation. 2d Battalion, 9th Marines participated in Operation Hickory II under OpCon of 9th Marine Regiment from 140900H, to 161600H, July 1967.

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

4. Task Organization.

2d Battalion, 9th Marines (Rein)

E Company  
F Company  
G Company  
H Company  
Det., 2d Plt., C. Co., 3d Engr. Bn.

5. Supporting Forces.

a. Artillery and Armor.

- (1) Battery "E" 2d Bn., 12th Marines provided direct support.
- (2) Battery "K", 12th Marines provided general support.
- (3) Battery "W", 2d Bn., 12th Marines provided general support.
- (4) Tactical and technical fire direction was provided by Hq., 2d Bn., 12th Marines.
- (5) 621 high explosive rounds were fired on harassing and interdiction targets.
- (6) Artillery support during Operation Hickory II can be considered satisfactory.

b. Air Support.

- (1) Resupply. There were no resupply missions flown in support of Operation Hickory II.
- (2) Medevacs. There was one medevac mission flown during Operation Hickory II. Reaction time was considered excellent. This was a routine non combat casualty mission.
- (3) Recon Flights. A total of 1 recon flight was flown during Operation Hickory II. This flight provided invaluable information to key personnel in the Battalion. This flight was requested through the regimental air officer.

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(4) Fixed Wing. A total of 15 TPQ's were requested through the regimental air officer during Operation Hickory II.

## 6. Intelligence

### a. Enemy Disposition and Strength prior to Operation Hickory II

Following Operation Buffalo, it appeared that the large NVA units, present during the operation, had moved north across the Ben Hai River, to regroup due to heavy losses in personnel and equipment on Operation Buffalo. Major units still posing a threat are the 812th Regiment 324B Division, and the 31st Regiment 341st Division. Both units are reinforced with artillery, rockets, and SAM missiles. Sighting of large units did not occur, but small OP and LP units were spotted north of the cleared area, "The Trace".

### b. Mission

The mission of these small units was to observe movement and activity of friendly units, and attempt infiltration through the front line troops to gain potential rocket and mortar sites for shelling the Dong Ha Combat Base and the forward artillery outpost at Con Thien, Gio Linh, and Cam Lo. They also were to conduct propaganda rallies and political agitation in an effort to swing the civilian populace in favor of their programs.

### c. Activity

(1) The enemy conducted his highly effective H&I program at the forward artillery outpost at Con Thien.

(2) Enemy LP's and OP's were present almost every evening on the northern border of "The Trace" in an effort to determine the movement and intentions of friendly units.

(3) The enemy continued his mining operations in the MSR, with six incidents reported. In all cases the mines were located by Engineer sweep teams and detonated in place.

### d. Description of the area of operation

(1) General. This Battalion's area of operation has been limited due to its mission as a blocking force. It is bounded to the north by the most prominent terrain feature in the area, a cleared area known as "The Trace". The remainder of the area to the south, east, and west is predominantly an agricultural area, with many low rolling hills, and compartments bordered by thick hedgerows and treelines. There are several deserted villages to the south and east.

(2) Cover and Concealment. Concealment is provided by bamboo hedgerows and other thickets of heavy vines. Concealment, in general ranges from good to excellent. Cover was obtained by the construction of fighting holes and covered bunkers on the Battalion's position.

(3) Critical Terrain Features. The most prominent terrain feature in the area is "The Trace" running from Con Thien (YD 116701) to Gio Linh (YD 213732). The MSR running north and south from Con Thien to Cam Lo.

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

(5) Weather. During Hickory II, the weather was generally hot. A summary of the weather for Hickory II is as follows:

Maximum Temperature - 97  
Minimum Temperature - 78  
Number of days with rain - None  
Average winds - 11-13 miles SW  
Visibility - 15-20 miles

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(6) Civilian Population. The villages to the south and east are deserted and no time were any civilians sighted or apprehended.

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

7. Mission. 2d Battalion, 9th Marines was given the mission to conduct search and destroy mission in ZOA. Be prepared to provide Command Group and two companies for employment anywhere in the Regimental ZOA. Establish blocking position in accordance with (Opn Overlay) Ref (a).

8. Concept of Operation. 2d Battalion, 9th Marines established a blocking position vicinity (YD 133702) and conducted aggressive patrolling and ground surveillance throughout assigned OA to detect and destroy infiltrating NVA forces.

9. Execution.

a. 14 July 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

2d Battalion, 9th Marines (Rein) established a blocking position in accordance with (Opn Overlay) Ref. (a).

E/2/9 - Conducted 1 platoon size patrol, 1 squad size ambush, and local security.

F/2/9 - Conducted 1 squad size patrols, 1 squad size ambush, and local security.

G/2/9 - Conducted 1 squad size patrol, 1 squad size ambush, and local security.

H/2/9 - Conducted 1 platoon size patrol, 1 squad size ambush, and local security.

H&S/2/9 - Provided security for Engineer road sweep team.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

Negative.

b. 15 July 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

2d Battalion, 9th Marines (Rein) continued mission of 14 July.

E/2/9 - Conducted 1 platoon size patrol, 1 squad size ambush, and local security.

F/2/9 - Conducted 1 platoon size patrol, 1 platoon size ambush, 1 squad size ambush, and local security.

G/2/9 - Conducted 1 platoon size patrol, 1 squad size ambush, and local security.

H/2/9 - Conducted 1 platoon size patrol, 1 squad size ambush, and local security.

H&S/2/9 - Provided security for Engineer road sweep team.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

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151000H E/2/9 at coordinates (YD 155701) found 20-25 bunkers 8'x8'x8', 48 82mm rounds, 300 AK-47 rounds, 200 light machine gun rounds with assault cannisters, 1 Claymore mine, 300 82mm detonators, 2 boosters, 4 rockets, 4 BA30 flashlight batteries wired to Claymore. All gear was destroyed in place.

151420H F/2/9 at coordinates (YD 132676) found 1 NVA body and 2 Chi Com grenades. Grenades were destroyed in place. Casualties reported were 1 NVA/KIA (conf), no friendly.

c. 16 July 1967

(1) Disposition of Forces

Operation Hickory II ceased at 161600H July 1967.

2d Battalion, 9th Marines (Rein) continued mission of 15 July.

E/2/9 - Continued to provide local security.

F/2/9 - Conducted 1 platoon size patrol and provided local security.

G/2/9 - Conducted 1 platoon size patrol and provided local security.

H/2/9 - Conducted 1 platoon size patrol and provided local security.

H&S/2/9 - Provided security for Engineer road sweep team.

(2) Enemy Contacts and Significant Events

161145H 3/H/2/9 at coordinates (YD 156714) found 8 well camouflaged bunkers with over-head covers 4'x8'. They were destroyed in place.

10. Results.

a. Friendly Personnel Losses. 2d Battalion, 9th Marines suffered no personnel losses during Operation Hickory II.

b. Enemy Losses

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| (1) | KIA (confirmed)   | 01 |
| (2) | KIA (probable)  | 00 |
| (3) | NVA/POW   | 00 |
| (4) | Detainees   | 00 |
| (5) | Weapons, Documents, and Materials captured or destroyed |    |
| (a) | 3 Claymore mines  |    |
| (b) | 48 82mm rounds  |    |
| (c) | 300 AK-47 rounds  |    |
| (d) | 300 82mm detonators                                     |    |
| (e) | 200 light machine gun rounds with assault cannisters    |    |
| (f) | 2 boosters  |    |
| (g) | 4 rockets   |    |
| (h) | 36 bunkers  |    |
| (i) | 4 fighting holes  |    |

11. Administrative Matters.

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

(1) Resupply during Operation Hickory II was no problem. Requests were passed from S-4 to the supply officer to initiate action.

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(2) Resupply was conducted by truck to the Battalion CP and then by mule to each of the company CP's.

b. Treatment of Casualties Evacuated and Hospitalization

(1) During Operation Hickory II the casualty evacuation chain was directly through "D" Company, Third Medical Battalion, located in Dong Ha.

(2) From 14 July through 16 July the B.A.S. of 2d Battalion, 9th Marines was prepared to serve as a standby medical holding facility with a capacity of about 20 patients. During the operation, the B.A.S. was prepared to give emergency treatment and supervise further evacuation of casualties.

c. Medical Evaluation.

(1) Adequate sanitation was maintained by strict regulation of the disposal of refuse and excrement.

(2) The supply of potable drinking water has been sufficient.

(3) Skin infections were minimal, and have not been a problem.

(4) Diarrhea and heat exhaustion have been minimal due to the adequate supply of potable water and liberal use of salt supplement.

(5) No major medical problem or unusual medical problem were encountered during this operation.

12. Special Equipment and Techniques.

a. Special Equipment. Seismic Intrusion Devices were used for security of the Battalion perimeter. Also SID's were buried from three to six inches in the ground. No enemy movement was recorded during Operation Hickory II by the SID's.

b. Techniques. No special techniques were initiated during Operation Hickory II by this Battalion.

13. Commanders Analysis.

The operation was considered to be routine.

14. Recommendations.

None.

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