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ANNEX A

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation/Location. 2d Battalion, 9th Marines, 1-5 October 1967, Dong Ha, 6-31 October 1967, Camp Carroll.

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

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

Commanding Officer	LtCol J. J. PEELER LtCol W. M. CRYAN	1-28 Oct 29-31 Oct
Executive Officer	Maj D. J. MURPHY	1-31 Oct
S-1	1stLt T. J. HANKINS 1stLt R. A. GRANT	1-17 Oct 18-31 Oct
S-2	1stLt D. J. HERNANDEZ	1-31 Oct
S-3	Maj J. R. SWEENEY	1-31 Oct
S-4	Capt R. E. LANGTON Capt R. W. KNIGHT	1-30 Oct 31 Oct
S-5	1stLt D. J. HERNANDEZ 2dLt J. P. C. FLOYD	1-11 Oct 12-31 Oct
Comm Officer	Capt M. C. SCHROEDER Capt C. H. GREISEN	1-17 Oct 18-31 Oct
MT Officer	1stLt E. M. MYERS	1-31 Oct
Supply Officer	1stLt S. K. CUTHBERT	1-31 Oct
Medical Officer	Lt G. BROWN, Jr. Lt R. D. MCARTOR	1-18 Oct 19-31 Oct
Chaplain	LtCdr J. F. SIEBERT	1-31 Oct
H&S Company	1stLt E. M. MYERS 2dLt E. L. ELMORE	1-11 Oct 12-31 Oct
Company "E"	Capt C. J. WOLK	1-31 Oct
Company "F"	Capt M. E. RICH	1-31 Oct
Company "G"	Capt P. V. BARRA	1-31 Oct
Company "H"	Capt R. W. ELLISON	1-31 Oct

ANNEX B

S-1 Chronology

1. General. During this reporting period, the officer strength has risen sharply. However, the already serious shortage of enlisted personnel has continued, with losses exceeding gains. The battalion is presently short one officer by manning level and four by T/O. Current enlisted shortages are 154 by manning level and 129 by T/O, with shortages primarily within occupational field 03. This enlisted shortage has been greatly magnified due to the fact that the battalion had a daily average of 192 non-effective personnel during October. Losses for the forthcoming month will further compound this problem. The battalion is scheduled to lose 65 enlisted personnel through normal rotation alone.

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

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
38	1048	2	50

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

b. Losses.

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Hostile	0	21	0	1
Non-hostile	0	6	0	0
Admin	6	88	1	15

NOTE: The above figures include only those personnel dropped from the rolls. For total casualties see the Medical Chronology.

(1) Of the battle casualties, 1 was DOW, 4 KIA and 17 were WIA. The 17 WIA were transferred by Service Record to Camp Smedley D. Butler as were the 6 non-hostile casualties listed above.

(2) Of the Admin losses, one officer was transferred to Camp Smedley D. Butler (battle casualty from previous month), 1 was transferred to COMUSMACV, 4 were reassigned within the Division. Seventy-four enlisted rotated to CONUS. Fourteen enlisted were transferred intra-division. Transfer percentage was 10% including those transferred by service record. One Navy officer and 15 Navy enlisted were transferred.

c. Administration.

(1) State of Morale. Morale is outstanding.

(2) Significant activities of personnel service. None.

(3) Promotions. There were two First Lieutenants promoted to Captain, two Second Lieutenants to First Lieutenant, 11 enlisted to Private First Class, 110 to Lance Corporal and 73 to Corporal.

d. Discipline, Law and Order. One Special and two Summary Courts-Martial were completed. Ten personnel were awarded NJP by the Battalion Commander.

e. Mail. Mail service remains satisfactory.

ANNEX C

S-2 Chronology

OPERATION KINGFISHER

1. General. Enemy ground activity during October was generally light in Eastern Quang Tri Province. Rocket, artillery, and mortar attacks on the forward outposts at Con Thien (vic YD 114702) and Gio Linh (vic YD 214747) continued throughout the month. One significant contact, involving units of the Second Battalion, Fourth Marines and an unknown size NVA unit, occurred on 26 October in the Ninth Marines area of operation. Activity throughout the Third Marines TAOR was light, with the only significant contacts occurring between recon units and small NVA/VC units.

2. Area.

a. General. The October operating area for the Second Battalion, Ninth Marines changed from the Con Thien area to the area surrounding Camp J. J. Carroll (vic YD 063547), following a move on 5 October from the Dong Ha Combat Base. The area is bounded on the north by the southern boundary of the DMZ, on the east generally by the 09 North-South grid line, and on the west generally by the 00 North-South grid line as far south as Nui Ba Ho (vic YD 014510) where the boundary cuts east and south to the Dong Ngan area (vic YD 096449). The area generally south of Ba Long (vic YD 150400) serves as the southern boundary of the operating area.

Prominent terrain features in the area include Dong Ha Mountain (vic YD 017594), which affords observation over the entire operating area. Cutting the operating area into two segments is the Cam Lo River, running east from (vic YD 000561) to (vic YD 090595). During periods of heavy precipitation, this river will be difficult to cross and will isolate the northern portion of the TAOR.

Much of the operating area is rugged, mountainous and a 20' to 50' canopy is encountered. In the lowlands, thick brush covers many of the rolling hills making movement very difficult.

Also prominent in the operating area is the Cua Valley which contains over 90% of the civilians living in the area.

b. Trafficability. Trafficability throughout the operating area is afforded by Highway 9, a network of lesser roads and well used trails. Inclement weather will greatly limit any vehicular traffic, even on Highway 9. Movement on foot throughout the area will also be hampered due to swollen streams and flooded areas.

c. Weather. Weather during October was generally mild as part of the October transition period into the Northeast Monsoon, expected to be in full effect by 15 November. A brief weather summary for October is as follows:

Maximum temperature	97
Minimum temperature	57
Number of days with rain	21
Total precipitation	15.01"
Visibility	7 miles (average)
Average winds	7 kts (NNE)

3. Enemy Situation.

a. General. Enemy activity was generally centered around small unit harassment on and around Highway 9 and in the D-5 area (vic YD 098522). Recon units operating in the Second Battalion, Ninth Marines TAOR reported numerous sightings and small unit contacts. The heaviest concentrations of sightings were north of the Cam Lo River. Small unit contacts in and around the D-5 complex comprised the significant activities in the Cua Valley.

b. Significant Enemy Activity. The most significant enemy contact occurred on the night of 30 October, when recon units operating atop Dong Ha Mountain sighted an estimated NVA company. Almost continual artillery fire was brought to bear on the enemy and, when contact was broken after eight hours of shelling, the enemy dead were estimated to number forty.

Also significant were the small unit contacts at both the Khe Gia Bridge (vic YD 026561) and the village of Doc Kinh (vic YD 105524). Elements of Company "G", located at Khe Gia Bridge, triggered an ambush on the evening of 9 October resulting in one VC/NVA KIA (P). Three ambushes were triggered in the Doc Kinh area by elements of Company "H" and CAP-5, just prior to and following the National Election on 22 October.

4. VC/NVA Casualties.

VC/NVA KIA (C)	1
VC/NVA KIA (P)	1
VC/NVA POW	0
Detainees	28
Innocent Civilians	8

5. Enemy Equipment Destroyed or Captured.

Booby-traps	2
Bunkers	13
Tunnels	2
Observation Platforms	1
7.62mm rounds	100
Knives	1
Documents	4 sets
Huts	6
ChiCom Grenades	2
NVA Utilities	1 pair
Black PJs	1 pair
NVA Tennis Shoes	1 pair
Flag (VC)	1
Camouflage Sun Helmet	1
NVA Canteens	6
VC Rain Gear	5
ChiCom 82mm rounds	2
Rice	40 pounds

6. VC Initiated Incidents. During October, the VC initiated fourteen incidents in the Second Battalion, Ninth Marines area of operation. They are broken down as follows:

Sniping	6
Mines and Booby-traps	5
Mortar Attacks	1
Throwing Grenades	2

7. Intelligence Information. Intelligence information was gathered through a number of sources. Ground troops operating throughout the area yielded valuable information regarding terrain. Excellent coordination and cooperation was obtained from S-2, Third Marines. In addition to the sources mentioned, the following also yielded valuable information:

- (1) District Officials (Cam Lo)
- (2) Village Officials (Cam Chinh)
- (3) Third Force Recon Company
- (4) Company "C", Third Recon Battalion
- (5) Kit Carson Scouts

8. Surveillance Devices. Five Starlight⁺ Scopes were employed extensively in night ambush, LP, and OP situations. All scopes functioned effectively.

9. Comments and Conclusions. Enemy activity showed a marked increase in the Second Battalion, Ninth Marines operating area, especially near D-5. Without active and aggressive patrolling and ambushing in the area, enemy activity will continue. Reports from villagers and officials indicate the probability of a VC company or reinforced platoon operating in the area.

Also significant were intelligence reports indicating the movement of units into the northern portion of the TAOR. This activity is expected to increase should the mild weather continue; however, with impending inclement weather, enemy activities will probably center around interdiction of Highway 9 and terrorist activity in and around populated areas.

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S-3 Chronology

1. General. From 1 Oct to 5 Oct 1967, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines were in the Dong Ha Combat Base under OPCON of the 9th Marines conducting training and equipment maintenance. Over the two day period, 5 Oct to 6 Oct 1967, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines moved to Camp J. J. Carroll, and reported for OPCON to the 3d Marines. Upon arrival at Camp J. J. Carroll and for the remainder of the month, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines assumed responsibility for a portion of the 3d Marines' perimeter, provided security for the Khe Ghia Bridge in vic (YD 026562), provided a Sparrow Hawk Reaction Force, provided security for a daily road sweep to Highway 9 and D-5, assumed OPCON of CAP-5 and occupied the position at D-5 in vic (YD 093514). In addition to the foregoing commitments, the battalion also conducted four company size sweeps. Scout dogs were used on numerous patrols during the month.

2. Company "E", 2d Battalion, 9th Marines. From 1 Oct to 5 Oct 1967, Company "E" conducted training and equipment maintenance while at the Dong Ha Combat Base. On 5 Oct 1967, Company "E" moved with the battalion to Camp J. J. Carroll, assuming a sector of the 3d Marines' defensive perimeter around that position. Company "E" manned this sector of the perimeter until 19 Oct 1967. On 16 Oct 1967, Company "E" also assumed responsibility for providing the Sparrow Hawk Reaction Force until 19 Oct 1967. On 19 Oct 1967, Company "E" commenced a company search and destroy operation in the area bounded in the north by grid line 63, the east by grid line 09, in the south by grid line 58, and in the west by grid line 05. Company "E" returned from this operation on 24 Oct 1967 and manned a sector of the 3d Marines' perimeter until the end of the month.

3. Company "F", 2d Battalion, 9th Marines. From 1 Oct to 5 Oct 1967, Co "F" was OPCON to the 12th Marines, with responsibility for manning the perimeter at the Gio Linh Artillery position. On 6 Oct 1967, Co "F" moved with the rest of the battalion to Camp J. J. Carroll, manned a portion of the 3d Marines' perimeter and provided security for the daily road sweep. On 9 Oct 1967, Co "F" also assumed responsibility for the Sparrow Hawk Reaction Force. On 16 Oct 1967, Co "F" was relieved of these responsibilities and commenced a company sweep in the area bounded by grid line 03 on the west, grid line 11 on the east, grid line 54 on the north and grid line 51 on the south. Co "F" returned on 19 Oct 1967, and manned a portion of the 3d Marines' perimeter, provided the Sparrow Hawk Reaction Force and provided security for the daily road sweep. On 24 Oct 1967, Co "F" again began a company sweep, this time in an area to the south and east of the position at D-5 vic (YD 094513). Co "F" returned to Camp J. J. Carroll on 28 Oct 1967, and conducted training, security patrols and ambushes until the end of the month.

4. Company "G", 2d Battalion, 9th Marines. From 1 Oct to 5 Oct 1967, Co "G" remained in the Dong Ha Combat Base conducting training and equipment maintenance. On 5 Oct 1967, Co "G" moved to Camp J. J. Carroll, and provided one platoon as security for the Khe Ghia Bridge vic (YD 026562). On 6 Oct 1967, the company CP and two platoons moved to the position at D-5 vic (YD 093514) to occupy that position. Co "G" remained in these two positions until 18 Oct 1967, when they returned to Camp J. J. Carroll, manned a sector of the 3d Marines' perimeter, and provided security for the daily road sweep. On 19 Oct, Co "G" also assumed responsibility for providing the Sparrow Hawk Reaction Force. Co "G" retained these responsibilities until the end of the month.

5. Company "H", 2d Battalion, 9th Marines. From 1 Oct to 6 Oct 1967, Co "H" conducted training and equipment maintenance while in the Dong Ha Combat Base. On 6 Oct 1967, Co "H" moved to Camp

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J. J. Carroll and assumed responsibility for providing the Sparrow Hawk Reaction Force. On 9 Oct 1967, Co "H" commenced a company search and destroy operation in an area bounded on the west by grid line 04, on the north by grid line 54, on the east by grid line 08 and on the south by grid line 51. Co "H" returned from this operation on 16 Oct 1967, and provided one platoon for security at the Khe Ghia Bridge vic (YD 026502) and a company (-) for the position at D-5 vic (YD 093514) until the end of the month.

6. H&S Company, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines. Moved to Camp J. J. Carroll on 5 Oct 1967 and provided normal services and support.

7. Close Combat. During the month of October 1967, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines conducted 111 squad and 50 platoon patrols, 158 squad and 16 platoon ambushes, and 41 squad listening posts.

8. Training. 2d Battalion, 9th Marines conducted intensive training in the last month. Every squad and every platoon ran a live fire problem involving an attack on a fortified position. Key battalion personnel down to squad leaders were given refresher training with the M-16 rifle by a division contact team and all personnel re-zeroed their M-16 rifles during the month. 60mm mortar personnel were trained in FO procedures, and were cross-trained in the use and employment of the 81mm mortar. Training was also conducted with all crew-served weapons organic to the battalion. Training was accomplished for 70 replacement personnel in accordance with Division Order 1510.3A during October 1967.

9. Fire Support and Fire Support Coordination.

a. 2d Battalion, 9th Marines was provided direct artillery support by 1st Battalion, 12th Marines for the period 5 Oct to 31 Oct 1967. 12th Marines provided general artillery support during this same period. Company "E", 2d Battalion, 9th Marines was provided reinforcing fire for 20 Oct by Battery "D", 2d Battalion, 12th Marines, located at Cam Lo. Tactical and technical fire direction was provided by Headquarters, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines.

b. Employment of artillery during the period 5 Oct - 31 Oct 1967 consisted of counter battery fires, counter mortar fires, counter rocket fires, preparation fires, H&I fires and suppressive fires on suspected enemy positions.

c. 81mm mortars provided eight (8) tubes in support of 2d Battalion, 9th Marines. 2,917 rounds were fired for H&Is, 60 rounds for illumination, and 257 rounds on actual fire missions for a total of 3,834 rounds.

d. 106RR provided seven (7) rifles in support of 2d Battalion, 9th Marines. 40 rounds of H&I fire was fired from the D-5 position.

e. Artillery support was satisfactory. Sufficient rounds were provided for adequate coverage of all targets.

10. Air.

a. Med-evac. UH-34s continued to provide satisfactory medical evacuation support during the month of October. A total of sixteen (16) Marines were evacuated from the field. Of this total, six (6) were emergencies.

b. Command and Control. During October, five UH-34 missions were flown for key battalion personnel for reconnaissance of the operating area. In addition, two UH-1E reconnaissance missions were flown.

c. Resupply. There were two missions delivering 2900 pounds of supplies to field units.

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d. Troop-Lifts. There were no troop-lifts this month.

e. Fixed-Wing. One airstrike was requested and controlled by the battalion's FAC during October. This strike was controlled from the ground employing the R-10 transceiver.

ANNEX E

S-4 Chronology

1. General. The logistical situation was satisfactory, although there are still problem areas in maintenance of organic equipment and supply response.

a. Supply. Significant shortages are (50) magnetic compasses, (450) air mattresses, (3) M-2 compasses, (83) wrist watches, (300) ponchos, (500) first aid kits, (150 pkgs) rifle cleaning patches, and (400) cots.

b. Ordnance. Currently the following ordnance items are dead-lined: (1) 106mm RR mount, (2) M-97 flamethrowers, (2) 12 gauge shotguns, (2) M-79 grenade launchers and (2) M-60 machine guns. The following ordnance items have been ordered on priority 02 requests: (1) complete 106MM rifle, (4) M-97 flamethrowers, (5) 12 gauge shotguns, (8) M-79 grenade launchers and (1) 60MM mortar tube.

c. Motor Transport. At present there are no vehicles dead-lined for 2d echelon maintenance. Truck, Utility (M422A1): (10) are operational, (1) is deadlined for replacement of an engine and (9) are Code X. Trailer $\frac{1}{2}$ Ton (M416B1): (18) are operational. Truck Cargo (M37B-1): All (4) are operational. Difficulty is being experienced in obtaining suspension arm bearing units, long tie rods, rear wheel bearings and cups, and spark plugs.

d. Comm-Elect. Critical shortages for the AN/PRC-41 and AN/PRC-47 are BB-451 batteries: of (24) BB-451s rated, only (4) are operational due to the lack of monoblocks, which have been on order since 13 August 1967. Shortages for the AN/PRC-47 include battery adapters, which have been on order since 4 May 1967 and 23 October 1967. There is also a shortage of AN/PRC-25 long antenna bases, short antennas and a critical deficiency of H-138 handsets. AN/PRC-25 modules, particularly the A-2, A-10, A-17, A-18, A-20 and A-22, are required to bring the 2d echelon spare parts to operating level.

e. Supporting Units.

(1) FLSU-1 provided the bulk of the logistical support.

(2) Engineer support and EOD support was provided by the 3d Engineers.

(3) Transportation was provided by the 9th Motor Transport Battalion and coordinated through the 3d Marines S-4.

(4) Helicopter support was provided by MAG-16 and coordinated through the Battalion Air Officer for logistical lifts during this reporting period.

2. Camp Development. Since our arrival at Camp J. J. Carroll, work has commenced on the construction of strong back tents and tropical huts to house the battalion.

3. Operations, Troop and Logistical Lifts. The battalion took part in Operation Kingfisher during this reporting period. See S-3 Chronology for details. During the move from the Dong Ha Combat Base to Camp J. J. Carroll the battalion required 78 trucks to move 1052 troops and 235,003 pounds of supplies and equipment. During this reporting period 129 trucks were utilized to move 714 troops and 173,900 pounds of supplies and equipment in support of operations. Five (5) helicopters were utilized to move 8 troops and 2901 pounds of supplies in three (3) lifts in support of operations.

ANNEX F

S-5 Chronology1. Civil Affairs.

a. General. Concern was directed primarily to the twin villages of Cam Chinh and Cam Nghia (pop approx 4,000; vic (YD 097525) which contain the resettled civilians in the operating area of this battalion. Approximately one quarter of these people are children. Security is provided by one Combined Action Platoon, CAP-5 (vic YD 097523), and a reaction force of Marines at D-5 (vic YD 094514). Education and health facilities are unsatisfactory. Water and food supply is excellent. Rice and other agricultural foodstuffs are abundant in the fertile valley surrounding the villages. VC activity in and around the village is evident with an unknown portion of the population being actual sympathizers.

b. Construction Projects. Work was begun and continues to progress on the rebuilding of a school house for all the children in the area (vic YD 093518). Timbers have been cut and trimmed by hand and cement has been made available for masonry work. A gift of ten (10) masonry kits and ten (10) carpentry kits has been made for this purpose. Tin for the roof has also been promised, to be provided when sufficient progress has been made on the frame. Interest in this project on the part of the villagers is considered good and progress satisfactory. Supplies for the school are available in abundance and will be provided at its completion. Future projects include the rebuilding of the village market place and improvement of the village midwifery.

c. MEDCAP. MEDCAPs are run in the village every Thursday, and the Marine Corpsman at CAP-5 sees from sixty (60) to seventy (70) persons every morning. General health of the civilians is considered excellent. A village corpsman attends all MEDCAPs and is being trained to cope with simple ills. Plans for vaccination of the villagers, at least children, are now being considered. Leaflets for a Health Leaflet Handout have been ordered and will be scheduled for a MEDCAP.

d. Solatum. Solatum payments of 1,000 piasters each were made for accidental deaths of three (3) water buffalo.

2. Psychological Operations.

a. Plans were made through the Psy-Ops Officer, Third Marines to procure a Propaganda Team for a total of four days. Attempts to secure an Audio-Visual Team met with failure; however, plans are now being made to show cartoons for the children with the battalion projector. Plans have also been made for a rewards information leaflet drop in the near future.

b. Another project for the future is the procurement of a loud-speaker system similar to the one at Cam Lo, from which the Village Chiefs could make announcements and explain leaflet drops.

4. Ammo Expenditure for the Month of October.

<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>
5.56mm Ball	40,710
5.56 Tracer	5,960
Shotgun, 12 gauge	70
7.62mm Linked	4,200
45 Cal. Ball	100
50 Cal. Tracer	440
40MM HE M406	376
60MM HE	300
60MM Illum	120
60MM W.P.	45
81MM HE	1,764
81MM HE M43A	217
81MM Illum	163
81MM W. P. C-230	64
81MM HE, 362A	750
81MM W. P. C-234	295
106MM HEPT C-651	40
Gren., Hand Frag M26	319
Gren., Hand Illum MK1	150
Gren., Hand Incendiary	16
Gren., Hand W. P. M-15	16
Gren., Hand Smoke Green, M18	24
Gren., Hand Smoke Yellow, M18	48
Gren., Hand Smoke Red, M18	16
Gren., Hand Tear CS-1M7A2	32
Rkt., 66MM Heat M72	106
Rkt., 3.5' Heat M28	134
Rkt., 3.5' W. P.	30
Sig., Illum White Para	72
Mine AP-M18A1	1
Sig., Green Star Clust.	36
Flare, Surface Trip M49A1	24
Cap, Blasting Elec	150
Cap, Blasting Non Elec.	200
Cord, Det. (In Feet)	2,000
Fuses, Blasting, Timed	3,000
Demo, C-4 M37 in Kits	460 lbs
Igniter for Timed Fuse	50
Fuse, V. T. M517	155

ANNEX G

Communications Command Chronology

1. General. The communications platoon furnished radio, wire, message center, repair and maintenance support for this battalion and all attached units during the month. The battalion displaced from Dong Ha to Camp J. J. Carroll and all communications installations were accordingly moved. Electrical power for the battalion area was supplied by the 11th Engineer Battalion in Dong Ha and at Camp J. J. Carroll.

2. Support. The communications platoon supported the 1st Battalion, 44th Artillery, USA with the loan of one (1) case of electrolite. Two (2) remotes AN/GRA-39 were loaned; one each to Marine Air Support Squadron 2 and the 2nd Battalion, 94th Artillery, USA. A radio set AN/PRC-25 was loaned to "A" Company, 3d Tanks and one (1) battery charger PP-3240 was loaned to the 2nd Battalion, 3d Marines. This battalion supported "E" Battery, 12th Marines with second echelon repair and maintenance. The message center supported the battalion and company CP groups by providing courier service of shackle sheets.

3. Wire Communications. The wire section has completed the installation of all switchboards, phones and wire in the Command Post and in the defensive positions, and maintains a switchboard in the battalion CP and one on the battalion's portion of the 3d Marines' perimeter. A "retaliation line" system has been installed between CP 250, the water tower, Goose FSCC, and 81 FSCC to provide more rapid response in the event of an enemy mortar, artillery, or rocket attack.

4. Training. Formal instruction in the proper use of shackles, radio procedure, and preventive maintenance on the AN/PRC-25 was given to radio operators in all the line companies. One message center man and one wireman were cross-trained as radio operators and several men with infantry and intelligence MOSs began training as radio operators due to a shortage of school trained operators.

5. Operations. The battalion participated in Operations Kingfisher and Liberty II during the month.

6. Difficulties. A critical shortage of H-238 handsets and modules for the AN/PRC-25 radio continues. The inability of FLSG to provide timely repair service on AN/PRC-25 radio sets resulted in radios being deadlined in excess of 3 months. Test equipment which was turned in for calibration for a period of one week on 21 August still has not been returned. This makes it impossible to perform much of the second echelon repair the tech shop would otherwise be able to perform.

ANNEX H

Medical Chronology

1. General. During the month of October, the BAS personnel held military sick call for 1,043 Marine Corps personnel. MEDCAP was held twice during the month of October in the village of Doc Kinh vic (YD 097523).
2. Sanitation. Routine sanitation inspection of the battalion area was made on a daily basis. The messing area was cleaned on a daily basis and sprayed. Flies have been a problem in the enlisted messing facilities. New messing facilities will be completed in a few weeks reducing these problems. Heads were also a sanitation problem which should improve with the completion of new facilities.
3. Disease, Injuries and Treatments in General. 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. Treatment of most of the patients at the BAS for the month of October was of a routine nature. There were three (3) new cases of malaria. The battalion remains on a weekly Primaquine Chloroquine tablet as a prevention against malaria, plus utilization of insect repellent.
4. Casualties and Hospitalization. There were 24 personnel from the battalion hospitalized during the month of October, and 15 hospitalized at the BAS. There were 4 KIAs, 1 DOW, and 23 WIAs during the month. Out-patient treatment consisted of 203 cutaneous infections, 5 hyperventilations, 36 diarrhea, 8 gastroenteritis, 26 fevers of unknown origin, 9 cellulitis, and 3 contusion injuries.
5. Training. Orientation lectures were given to all newly joined personnel. The subjects covered included personal hygiene, self-aid and buddy-aid, and venereal disease prevention. Informal discussions were held in the BAS by the battalion surgeon on treatment of cutaneous disease, and diarrheal diseases. Several corpsmen of the BAS applied for correspondence courses related to medical problems from the correspondence center.
6. Complement of BAS. At the close of the month, the BAS had a complement of 1 Medical Officer and 50 Hospital Corpsmen. There are 4 SNCOs attached to the BAS at this time. There were 12 Hospital Corpsmen joined during the month, and 15 Hospital Corpsmen dropped on either intra-division transfers or rotation to CONUS.
7. The major problems encountered during the month of October were skin infections and sanitation. A new procedure for treating skin infections has been developed and the skin infections are responding much quicker now. The sanitation problems should be solved when the battalion moves into the new housing and messing facilities.

A smaller problem area has been partially alleviated by informal talks with enlisted personnel regarding malaria prophylaxis. Some men have not been taking the pills because they want to get malaria--others, because they forget. It is difficult to force someone to swallow a pill but platoon commanders and section heads should devise some means to positively insure that all personnel do take their pills on Sunday. Although these pills are not an absolute preventative against malaria, they are effective in the large majority of cases.

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8 Oct 67

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

Subj: Personnel ^{DAILY} Weekly Summary

1. The below information is correct for the period ending 2400, 7 Oct 67

	ON HAND STRENGTH				NON-EFFECTIVES			
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
H&S	15	250	2	48	6	22	0	15
"E"	4	206	0	0	0	33	0	0
"F"	4	189	0	0	0	32	0	0
"G"	5	208	0	0	1	43	0	0
"H"	3	217	0	0	0	45	0	0
TOTAL	32	1080	2	48	7	175	0	15

ATTACHMENTS:

TOTAL ATTACHMENTS:

DETACHMENTS:

TOTAL DETACHMENTS:

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15 Oct 1967

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

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

14 Oct 1967

	ON HAND STRENGTH				NON-EFFECTIVES			
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
H&S	18	256	3	47	5	25	0	5
"E"	6	198	0	0	1	33	0	0
"F"	5	184	0	0	0	25	0	0
"G"	6	199	0	0	1	46	0	0
"H"	5	211	0	0	1	52	0	0
TOTAL								
ATTACHMENTS, 40	1040	3	47	8	181	0	5	
TOTAL ATTACHMENTS:								
DETACHMENTS:								
TOTAL DETACHMENTS:								

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~~22 Oct 1967~~

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FME (Attn: SC-1)
Subj: Personnel ~~Weekly~~ ^{Daily} Summary

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

~~21 Oct 1967~~

	ON HAND STRENGTH				NON-EFFECTIVES			
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
H&S								
"E"	20	255	2	50	2	23	0	6
"F"	6	192	0	0	1	43	0	0
"G"	6	180	0	0	0	37	0	0
"H"	6	194	0	0	1	17	0	0
TOTAL	5	205	0	0	1	37	0	0
ATTACHMENTS:	43	1026	2	50	5	157	0	6
TOTAL ATTACHMENTS:								
DETACHMENTS:								
TOTAL DETACHMENTS:								

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HEADQUARTERS
2d Battalion, 9th Marines
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From: Commanding Officer
TO: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: SC-1) 29 Oct 1967

Subj: Personnel ~~Summary~~ ^{Summary}

The below information is correct for the period ending 2400, _____

28 Oct 1967

	ON HAND STRENGTH				NON-EFFECTIVES			
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
H&S								
"A"	19	260	2	50	2	20	0	3
"B"	5	191	0	0	0	30	0	0
"C"	5	180	0	0	0	36	0	0
"D"	6	190	0	0	1	32	0	0
"E"	5	201	0	0	1	36	0	0
TOTAL								
40 ATTACHMENTS:	1022	2	50	4	154	0	3	

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~~1 Nov 1967~~

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

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

~~31 Oct 1967~~

	ON HAND STRENGTH				NON-EFFECTIVES			
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
H&S	23	250	2	50	2	21	0	5
"E"	5	250	0	0	0	23	0	0
"F"	5	250	0	0	0	21	0	0
"G"	6	250	0	0	1	25	0	0
"H"	5	250	0	0	0	23	0	0
TOTAL	44	250	2	50	3	22	0	5

ATTACHMENTS:

TOTAL ATTACHMENTS:

DETACHMENTS:

TOTAL DETACHMENTS:

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ANNEX I

Chaplain's Chronology

During the month of October, Sunday Divine Services and Week-day Divine Services, including Communion, were provided for both Protestant and Catholic personnel of 2/9. On 1 October a Memorial Service was held for the battalion in honor of those who were killed in action during Operation Kingfisher. The Battalion Chaplain attended the Personal Response School in Phu Bai on the first week of the month. A Sunday evening "Hymnanny" was started for both Protestant and Catholic personnel at the Battalion Chapel in Camp J. J. Carroll. The chaplain participated with the battalion MEDCAP team and battalion S-5 officer in a people-to-people program around the local village near the D-5 area. Special school supplies were distributed to the local village school. Organized games and recreation were also held during the school noon period. Personal counseling and Catholic Confessions were provided to all who were in spiritual or moral need. Chapel supplies such as rosaries, missals, New Testaments, religious tracts and books, were distributed to all who requested them. A weekly visitation was made by the Battalion Chaplain to all battalion areas to promote goodwill and fellowship among the men. A Chaplain's orientation lecture was given to all new arrivals. During these lectures the Chaplain utilized a special chart which shows all the religions of Vietnam and some of their unusual customs. One Jewish Marine attended the High Holyday Services in Da Nang. He reported that he was deeply appreciative of the opportunity to attend and worship in the faith of his choice.

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~~2 October 1967~~

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Subj: Personnel ^{DAILY} Weekly Summary

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

	ON HAND STRENGTH				NON-EFFECTIVES			
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
H&S	16	261	2	50	2	31	0	11
"E"	4	205	0	0	1	50	0	0
"F"	4	186	0	0	0	50	0	0
"G"	5	218	0	0	1	73	0	0
"H"	4	207	0	0	1	69	0	0
TOTAL	35	1077	2	50	5	273	0	11

ATTACHMENTS:

TOTAL ATTACHMENTS:

DETACHMENTS:

TOTAL DETACHMENTS:

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