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3d Battalion, 9th Marines  
3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California

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1 November 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) DivO 5750.1

Encl: (1) ✓ Command Chronology 1-31 October 1966  
(2) S-2 Journal  
(3) S-3 Journal  
(4) Lessons Learned dtd 1 November 1966  
(5) After Action Report for period 041500H July - 2811200H October [ADDE 0]  
(6) Operation Order 326-66

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1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosures (1) through (6) are submitted.

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## COMMAND CHRONOLOGY 1-31 OCTOBER 1966

1. Organization Data:a. Designation Location:

- (1) 3d Battalion, 9th Marines
- (2) 1-31 October 1966 occupied Battalion CP vic. (AT 875473)  
(An Hoa)

b. Period covered: 1-31 October 1966c. Commanding Officer, Staff and Principal Subordinates:

(1) Commanding Officer	F.D. MAC LEAN, JR. Major 1-31 October 1966
(2) Executive Officer	J.G. METAS, Major 1-31 October 1966
(3) S-3	J.G. METAS, Major 1-10 October 1966
	G.D. NAVADEL, Captain 11-31 October 1966
(4) S-2	C.S. TUTT, 2ndLt. 1-31 October 1966
(5) S-4	W.E. KONRATH, Captain 1-31 October 1966
(6) S-1	H.L. TIEKING, 2ndLt. 1-31 October 1966
(7) CO, Co. "I"	G.D. NAVADEL, Captain 1-10 October 1966
	J.J. CLARK, 1stLt. 11-31 October 1966
(8) CO, Co. "K"	J.E. GILES, Captain 1-31 October 1966
(9) CO, Co. "L"	G.E. YARBROUGH, Captain 1-31 October 1966
(10) CO, Co. "M"	T.T. SHIRLEY, Captain 1-31 October 1966
(11) CO, H&S Co.	C.R. WAITE, 2ndLt. 1-10 October 1966
	W.R. NORTHCUTT, Captain 11-31 October 1966

d. Average Monthly Strength:

USMC Officer -----	32
USMC Enlisted -----	892
USN Officer -----	3
USN Enlisted -----	51

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SECRET2. Significant Events:a. Personnel:

(1)	Wounded in Action -----	22	(MedEvac 11)
(2)	Killed in Action -----	3	(All MedEvac)
(3)	Died of Wounds -----	0	
(4)	Non-Battle Casualties -----	43	(MedEvac 23)
(5)	Non-Battle Deaths -----	0	

Total MedEvac: 37

b. Intelligence:(1) Situation:

(a) There was a decrease in enemy sightings and activity the first two weeks of October. This condition was balanced by an increase of traffic over mountain trails fringing this Battalion's TAOR. Increase of traffic was observed by Company "D", 3d Division Reconnaissance Teams. Decrease of VC activity against Marines and ARVN units was due to enemy efforts directed towards the harvesting, collection and staging of the local harvest.

On 10 October a document was found by Company "L" on a VC KIA giving information concerning enemy tactics and activities from 15 October to 25 October. The document outlined VC missions during the three month monsoon season. It urged them to "Get out and fight".

On 23 October, the S-2 Officer, and scouts executed a road reconnaissance from 3d Battalion, 9th Marines Command Post south and west to coordinates (AT 857434) to report on road trafficability. The road was found impassable by unmounted troops, tire vehicles and Ontos. LVT's could ford the road and cross the submerged bridges. All bridges were found to be intact. Water depth at coordinates (AT 857434) was approximately 68". The flooding of the road was caused by heavy rains on the 21st and 22nd. On 24 October the S-2 unit traversed the same road to coordinates (AT 844416) and found the road above water and passable except for one washout and two bridges that would not support LVT's.

A captured VC diary obtained by Company "M" from a VC KIA disclosed his movements and activities from 20 July to 25 October, the day before his death. Enemy contacts increased after 15 October and included probing actions within 300 meters of An Hoa airstrip. During these probes on the nights of the 27th and 28th, the Scout Section operated a Night Observation Device on the northeast area of the battalion perimeter. All these probing actions after 15 October were against RF and PF units.

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c. Training: Training during this period was directed toward maintaining a high degree of proficiency in combat skills. Special training was conducted for all replacement personnel prior to assignments to company units. Ref: 3d Battalion, 9th Marines Order 1500.1.

d. Communication - Electronics:

The Communications Platoon continued to provide communications support for operations within the An Hoa TAOR.

There were several electrical problems and power failures. The Message Center often did not have enough power to operate their equipment and the Technical Shop did not have enough power to operate test equipment. This was due to the amount of power required without adequate equipment or material to meet the demand.

On 18 October, electricians from MCB-6 arrived at this CP and commenced to install electrical wiring. They estimated that it would take from four to six weeks to complete the job. As of this date they have installed wiring in seventy huts. The main lines will be installed after all the huts are completed.

e. Close Combat:

Operation Macon:

During the period 1 October - 281200H October 1966 the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines conducted search and clear operations, local patrols, ambushes and established PFB's along Liberty Road, ferry site and within the respective company TAOR to counter and minimize any enemy activities along and in the vicinity of Liberty Road from An Hoa to the southern bank of the Song Thu Bon, GS (9253). Operation Macon terminated 281200H October 1966.

Operation Kern:

At 201815H October 1966 Company "I" departed this CP enroute Nong Son Coal Mine area in support of 2nd Battalion, 51st ARVN Regiment.

At 211240H October 1966, 3d Battalion, 9th Marines chopped OPCON of Company "I" to 2nd Battalion, 3d Marines in support of Operation Kern. At 211745H October 1966 this Battalion assumed OPCON of Company "A", 1st Battalion, 26th Marines and assigned them responsibility previously held by Company "I".

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~~SECRET~~(b) Battalion Scout Activities:

Battalion Scouts were attached to Company "L". They operated with platoon and squad size patrols, and prepared intelligence reports on the terrain and hamlets in Company "L" TAOR.

On the 19th of October one Scout was attached to Company "I" for Operation "Kern". The other Scouts were on stand-by and conducted road reconnaissance patrols to determine trafficability of the road leading south toward Operation "Kern" area.

One Scout remained on OP Zulu along with one 81 Forward Observer. The Scouts also assisted in processing captives.

(2) Enemy Losses:(a) Personnel:

(1) VC KIA (Conf)	-----	4
(2) VC KIA (Prob)	-----	11
(3) VCS	-----	8

(b) Destroyed Enemy Material:

(1) Bunkers	-----	9
(2) Caves	-----	1

(c) Destroyed/Captured Equipment:

(1) Booby Traps	-----	1
(2) Land Mines	-----	8
		M-26 Grenades
		5 105mm Rounds
		4 Box Mines
		1 30lb. H.E. Mine
		1 Blasting Cap
		1 Tomato Can Anti-Personnel Mine
		1 81mm Round
		1 Flare
		130 rounds 7.62mm Ammunition
		1 M-1 .30cal. round
		Miscellaneous Foodstuffs
		1 Pharmecopia

(3) Weapons Captured:

(1)	1-7.62mm CHICOM Assault Rifle Type 56
(2)	3-CHICOM Fragmentation Grenades
(3)	1-M-2 American Carbine

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At 251630H October 1966, upon termination of Operation Kern, 2nd Battalion, 3d Marines relinquished OPCON of Company "I", 3d Battalion, 9th Marines. At 251915H October 1966 chopped OPCON of Company "A", 1st Battalion, 26th Marines to their parent organization.

f. Fire Support and Fire Support Coordination:

(1) Battery "F", 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines, in direct support of 3d Battalion, 9th Marines; firing in support of Operation Kern and the 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, fired a total of one-hundred and thirteen missions. Of the total missions fired fifty-one were in support of forward observers, thirty-eight were in support of reconnaissance observation posts, twenty-one unobserved missions on reports of enemy activity from local intelligence sources, and four were prep fires. Of the one-hundred and thirteen missions forty-four were in support of Operation Kern. Artillery support was generally excellent and there were no major difficulties in providing artillery support. Existing stocks of class V were adequate in spite of the large volume of fire in the Kern area.

(2) The daily H&I fires averaged twenty concentrations and sixty rounds expended until 20 October when the number of H&I fires decreased to compensate for the large volume of fire in support of Operation Kern. The greater number of H&I fires fell west of the Song Thu Bon.

(3) Artillery fires resulted in a total of one-hundred and three confirmed Viet Cong Killed and another two-hundred and seventy-seven probable killed.

g. Logistics:

(1) Supply and Distribution:

(a) Accountability of flak-jackets and jungle utilities was changed from responsible officer to individual.

(b) Supply completed the move from Regimental Rear to An Hoa.

(2) Transportation:

(a) Entire Motor Transport Section now located and operating in An Hoa.

(b) This Battalion has been put on the Division Courier Schedule.

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(3) Construction:

(a) MCB-6 has completed 83 tropical huts as of this report.

(b) MCB-10 has completed 500' on the west end and 300' on the east end of the extension and has improved the An Hoa airstrip.

h. Air Support:

The following is a synopsis of air activity for the month of October 1966.

- (1) 135 persons were medically evacuated by helicopter.
- (2) 5 helicopter resupply missions
- (3) 14 reconnaissance insertions
- (4) 14 reconnaissance extractions
- (5) 2 helicopter air reconnaissance
- (6) 17 fixed wing escorts
- (7) 4 fixed wing air strikes were conducted 3 of which were controlled by air observers, one controlled by 3d Battalion, 9th Marines personnel.
- (8) 2 UH-1E air strikes were conducted, both of which were controlled by 3d Battalion, 9th Marines personnel.
- (9) 2 occasions, "Puff-the-Magic Dragon" AC-47 operated in support of Reconnaissance Battalion patrols in the area.

i. Medical and Dental Support:

(1) The medical status of this Battalion is presently excellent. There has been a marked decrease in gastroenteritis as well as a lower incidence of skin infections.

(2) There have been 270 visits to the BAS this month; 261 Marines and 9 Navy. This is better than a 50% decrease over last month. Fifty-one (51) persons were admitted to the BAS Ward and 39 non-battle casualties were evacuated to Da Nang.

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(3) The lack of medical supplies and vaccines has been corrected. The immunization program will therefore be resumed.

(4) There has been a significant improvement in the area of sanitation.

(5) With the addition of four new corpsmen the medical platoon is now only two under strength.

(6) The BAS has increased its Med Cap Program. Presently the Med Cap Team visits three locations twice a week. There has been a 400% increase in those treated. This month the total was 8,040.

(7) There have been 13 cases of venereal disease this month. This is an increase of 25% over last month.

(8) Dental: During seven working days of this month the Dental Clinic was not supplied electrical power. They still saw 166 patients of whom 117 were Marines and 49 Vietnamese civilians. They accomplished a total of 390 procedures; 329 on Marines and the remaining on Vietnamese civilians.

j. Chaplain Support:

(1) Divine Services:

(a) Protestant

(1) Number of services ---- 17  
(2) Total Attendance ----- 301

(b) Catholic

(1) Number of Services ---- 14  
(2) Total Attendance ----- 140

(2) Significant Events:

(a) Chaplain James A. Ammons relieved Chaplain Max Dunks as Battalion Chaplain on 3 October 1966.

(b) PFC John A. Brewer Jr. was assigned to the Battalion Chaplain as clerk on 18 October 1966.

(3) Memorial Services - 2 (Lina Company and Mike Company)

(4) Civil Affairs:

The Battalion Chaplain accompanied the Civil Affairs Sergeant in the delivery of 27 boxes and a set of carpenter tools to the pastor of the Evangelical Church at Phu Da on 11 October 1966.

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k. Civic Affairs:

(1) Public Health: The Public Health activities conducted this month evolved around the Med Cap Program. A total of 8040 civilians were treated medically during the month. 12 persons received evacuation assistance. Dental Med Cap was held with treatment given to 84 civilians.

(2) Public Welfare: Public Welfare activities included the distribution of 150 gallons of Nuoc Man, (fish oil) and 400m of cloth, captured from VC. These items were distributed to refugees within the Battalion TAOR.

(3) Public Safety: Operation Macon continued this month as a clear and hold operation along Liberty Road designed to provide security for the civilian as well as military elements engaged in road improvement and is continuing to provide special security for civilian vehicles on Liberty Road.

(4) Civilian Improvement: A school building was completed this month in Mau Chan, Xuyen Phu Village. 3d Battalion, 9th Marines provided the sheet metal for roofing. 60 wooden boxes and a woodwork kit were delivered to the school to construct furniture. 25 wooden boxes and a woodwork kit were delivered to the Protestant pastor in Phu Da (2) to help with work on a church.

(5) Education: English language classes have been conducted tri-weekly for 25 persons in the An Hoa Industrial Complex. 300 school books were delivered to Duc Duc District, and An Hoa Complex for use in local schools.

(6) Psychological Warfare:

(a) Primary Themes:

1. Chieu Hoi
2. Inevitability of Viet Cong Defeat
3. Why USMC are in Vietnam
4. Why Liberty Road is important to the people

(b) Means of Dissemination:

1. Land Broadcast (12 hours)
2. Manual Distribution of 200 newspapers and 250 magazines

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Colonel,

Attached is what purports to be an After Action report for Operation Macon. I do not believe it is satisfactory. The idea of reducing paper work may be sound, and possibly the report could have been considerably condensed by virtue of previous reports, but this report should be essentially complete in itself.

I recommend the report be returned for rewrite, with instructions that the fundamental information must be included.

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3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
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1 November 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines  
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Ref: (a) DivO 3100.1B  
(b) 3d Mar. Div. FragO 408-66  
(c) 9th Mar. FragO 189-66  
(d) 3d Battalion, 9th Marines After Action Report dtd 4 August 1966  
(e) 3d Battalion, 9th Marines After Action Report dtd 25 Aug. 1966  
(f) 3d Battalion, 9th Marines After Action Report dtd 14 Aug. 1966  
(g) 3d Battalion, 9th Marines Command Chronology dtd 1 Aug. 1966  
(h) 3d Battalion, 9th Marines Command Chronology dtd 4 Sept. 1966  
(i) 3d Battalion, 9th Marines Command Chronology dtd 2 Oct. 1966  
(j) 3d Battalion, 9th Marines Command Chronology dtd 1 Nov. 1966  
(k) 3d Battalion, 9th Marines Special Situation Report Number 452 Operation Macon dtd 280900 2 Oct. 1966  
(l) 3d Battalion, 9th Marines Lessons Learned dtd 1 Aug. 1966  
(m) 3d Battalion, 9th Marines Lessons Learned dtd 1 Sept. 1966  
(n) 3d Battalion, 9th Marines Lessons Learned dtd 1 Oct. 1966  
(o) 3d Battalion, 9th Marines Lessons Learned dtd 1 Nov. 1966

1. In accordance with reference (a) the following report is submitted.

2. References (b) and (c) promulgate Mission and Concept of Operation from higher command. The After Action Report on Operation Macon is submitted using After Action Reports in references (d) through (f); monthly Command Chronologies in references (g) through (j); Special Situation Report number 452 Operation Macon in reference (k); and monthly Lessons Learned in references (l) through (o).

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1. Code Name. Operation Maceo
2. Dates of Operation. 041500H July 1966 - 281200H October 1966
3. Location. Quang Nam Province (Duy Xuyen and Duc Duc District)
4. Command Headquarters.  
3d Battalion, 9th Marines 04-31 July Major G.H. GREEN  
01 Aug. - 28 Oct. Maj. W.D. M.C. LEAN, JR.
5. Task Organization.  
3d Battalion, 9th Marines  
Amphibious Engineer Platoon  
"E" Battery, 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines  
2nd Platoon, Company "C", 3d Assault Tank Battalion  
3d Platoon, Company "A", 3d Engineer Battalion  
2nd Platoon, Company "B", 3d Tank Battalion  
Company "B" (-), 1st Amphibious Battalion  
3d Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th AVN Regiment
6. Supporting Forces. Refer to artillery, air and armor enclosures of references (d), (e) and (f).
7. Intelligence. Refer to paragraph (7) of reference (d); enclosure (3) of references (e) and (f); enclosure (1), paragraph 2.b of references (g), (h), (i) and (j).
8. Mission. Refer to paragraph (a) of reference (c); paragraph (8) of references (d), (e) and (f).
9. Concept of Operation. Refer to paragraph (3) of reference (c); paragraphs (9) of references (d), (e) and (f).
10. Execution. Refer to paragraph (3) of reference (c); paragraph (10) of references (d), (e) and (f); artillery, air and armor enclosures of references (d), (e) and (f); enclosure (1) paragraph 2.e of references (g), (h), (i) and (j).
11. Results.
  - a. Friendly Casualties

(1)	KIA	-----	26
(2)	WIA	-----	146
(3)	MIA	-----	0
(4)	NBC	-----	9

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## b. Enemy Casualties

(1)	KIA (Conf)	-----	384
(2)	KIA (Prob)	-----	614
(3)	VCC	-----	5
(4)	VCS	-----	59
(5)	WIA Captured	-----	1

## c. Weapons/Equipment Captured

(1)	7 - 105mm Duds
(2)	1 - 155mm Dud
(3)	9 - 60mm Duds
(4)	2 - 82mm Duds
(5)	3 - 81mm Duds
(6)	1 - 90mm Dud
(7)	3 - 57mm Duds
(8)	1 - Rifle Grenade
(9)	1 - Ammunition Dump Destroyed
(10)	480 - Rounds .30 Caliber Ammunition
(11)	1 - Cannister C-4
(12)	2 - 55 Gallon Drums of Kerosene
(13)	1 - Cartridge Belt
(14)	Assorted Packs and Documents
(15)	Medical Gear and Clothing
(16)	2 - Gas Masks
(17)	1 - 7.65mm German Pistol
(18)	1 - .38 Caliber Smith & Wesson Pistol
(19)	3 - U.S. M-1 Rifles
(20)	1 - K-50 Machinegun
(21)	7 - Grenades
(22)	7 - CHICOM Grenades
(23)	13 - M-26 Grenades
(24)	5 - Shoebox Mines
(25)	1 - M-79 Round
(26)	2 - M-16A1 AP Mines
(27)	1 - M-14 Rifle
(28)	4 - CHICOM Carbines
(29)	1 - Russian Rifle
(30)	1 - Thompson Sub-Machinegun
(31)	1 - Edson Rifle
(32)	1 - 7.62mm Machinegun
(33)	1 - 30lb. H.E. Mine
(34)	1 - 7.62mm CHICOM Assault Rifle Type 56
(35)	1 - M-2 American Carbine

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## d. Fortifications Destroyed

(1)	Trenchline -----	2918 Meters
(2)	Covered Trenchline ----	300 Meters
(3)	Tunneling -----	4624 Feet
(4)	Bunkers -----	1476
(5)	Flighting Holes -----	596
(6)	Caves -----	3
(7)	Treeline -----	200 Meters
(8)	Structures -----	122
(9)	Spider Holes -----	51
(10)	Man Trans -----	12

12. Administration. Resupply of Class I through Class V items was accomplished by support provided by FLSG utilizing fixed wing aircraft in accordance with previously established procedures. Truck convoys were utilized to supplement air delivery after Liberty Road was opened in late August. Towards the later phases of the operation, operating units suffered some delay in resupply due to monsoon rains limiting air delivery capability.

13. Command Analysis. Refer to paragraph (13) of references (d), (e) and (f); references (l), (n), (n) and (o).

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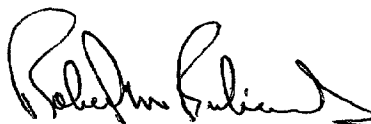
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