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(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

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(3) S-3 Journal

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W. J. WOODRING, Jr.

3rd Bn/9th Marines

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PART IORGANIZATION & DATA1. DESIGNATION.

3d Battalion, 9th Marines

Major W. J. WOODRING, Jr.  
1-30 June 1967SUBORDINATE UNITS

Company I

Captain E. E. COYLE  
1-30 June 1967

Company K

Captain J. E. GILES  
1-30 June 1967

Company L

Captain T. T. SHIRLEY  
1-30 June 1967

Company M

Captain G. D. NAVADEL  
1-9 June 1967Captain R. B. JOHNSTON  
10-30 June 1967

H&amp;S Company

2nd Lieutenant W. C. HELTON  
1-30 June 19672. LOCATION.1-6 June 1967 Camp J. J. CARROLL, Republic of Vietnam  
9-30 June 1967 Dong Ha, Republic of Vietnam3. STAFF OFFICERS.

Executive Officer

Major J. G. METAS  
1-30 June 1967

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2nd Lieutenant H. L. TIEKING  
1-30 June 1967

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1st Lieutenant H. F. WRIGHT  
1-30 June 1967

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Captain R. B. JOHNSTON  
1-9 June 1967Captain G. D. NAVADEL  
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1st Lieutenant H. F. WRIGHT  
1-20 June 1967

1st Lieutenant G. GUDJONSSON  
21-30 June 1967

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Captain R. W. SWIGART

4. AVERAGE STRENGTH.

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Officers 35 Enlisted 1039

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Officers 2 Enlisted 54

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During the period 1-9 June 1967, this battalion continued in the defense of Camp J. J. CARROLL and the CUA VALLEY area (YD95515). Emphasis was placed on aggressive patrolling within the respective company sectors to counter and minimize enemy activity in these areas. The battalion established outposts, and ambushes throughout the assigned TAOR.

10 June 1967 this battalion completed the move into the Dong Ho Combat Base area and established a new CP area (YD241592). From 1-7 June, and 13-20 June the battalion participated in a search and destroy operation in conjunction with Operation CINH HON in the Quan Cam Lo District and Quan Gio Linh District, Quang Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam. During this operation emphasis was placed on patrolling assigned areas and conducting search and destroy operations against any enemy encountered and neutralizing all enemy emplacements encountered.

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. FIF organization committed to combat.

a. Combat mission assigned.

(1) Conduct unilateral offensive operations within assigned sector of TAOR.

(2) Conduct unilateral and/or coordinated offensive operations within the Division area of responsibility as directed.

(3) Occupy and defend assigned sector of TAOR.

b. Significant operations conducted.

(1) During the periods of 1-7 June, and 13-20 June this battalion conducted search and destroy operations in Quan Cam Lo District, Quan Gio Linh District, Quang Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam in conjunction with Operation CINH HON. During the remainder of the period the battalion conducted assigned operations in designated areas of assigned TAOR.

c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy.

(1) KIA Confirmed ----- 41

(2) KIA Prob ----- 2

(3) Detainees ----- 39

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d. Casualties sustained.

(1) KIA ----- 14  
(2) MIA ----- 97  
(3) Non-Hostile ----- 12  
(4) DOW ----- 3

e. New Techniques employed. None

f. Command Relations. For the period 1-8 June 1967 this battalion functioned under the OPCON of 3d Marine Regiment and for the remainder of the period under the OPCON of 9th Marine Regiment.

g. Equipment. During this period there were no serious problems with equipment and normal Marine Corps Issue was sufficient in all respects.

h. Logistics.

(1) Supply and Distribution.

(a) Company size and larger operations have been supported by FST from 3d Shore Party Battalion.

(b) As of this date two companies have been given Technical Inspections of their entire stock of M16A1 rifles.

(c) A reconciliation of all outstanding documents held by this unit as to the documents held by 1st FSR Da Nang, 3rd FSR Da Nang and MCSC Barstow was completed on 8 June 1967 with satisfactory results.

(d) Critical items; 1. Gas Lens, Compass, Food Powder, Mess Kit. All critical items are on priority 02 and 03 requisitions.

(2) Transportation.

(a) Vehicles for troop movements and daily household chores provided by 9th Motor Transport Battalion.

(b) 9th Motors response to troop movements has continued excellent.

(c) 9th Motor support of the battalion move from Camp Da Nang to Dong Ha helped it run smoothly and efficiently.

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#### i. Civic Action.

(1) The public health activities program conducted during this period revolved around the MEDCAP Program. Personnel from this battalion's aid station conducted the MEDCAP program treating all civilians who participated.

j. Administration. There were no administrative difficulties encountered during this period.

k. Personnel. Replacement personnel have not been available in sufficient quantities to adequately replace personnel lost due to combat and rotation to CONUS. An especially critical area lies in Officers and Staff Non-Commissioned Officers.

#### 1. Intelligence.

(1) Terrain. Terrain is of two different areas. The terrain north of the Cam Lo River and near the DMZ is characterized by the plains give into rolling plains, hills and isolated low mountains with elevations ranging from 50 to 300 meters except for Dong Ha Mountain which is the commanding terrain feature at YD 019593. The hills become increasingly rugged toward the west with short ridges and are randomly orientated in an easterly direction. The most prevalent vegetation in this area is dense undergrowth forest with brushwood interspersed, particularly along the larger stream valleys. This undergrowth is possible with difficulty by a foot troops and impossible by conventional vehicles except along trails and roads. Tanks can slowly clear paths through the shallow root vegetation in rolling plains. The brushwood areas consists of moderate growth and does not exceed 3 meters in height. The terrain south of Dong Ha; the plains are rolling with no high obvious mountains and elevation between 10 and 58 meters. The vegetation is predominantly brushwood averaging in height of four feet. Vegetation along the streams are particularly dense with a height of 4 meters.

(2) Order of Battle. Contact was made with NVA regulars. The unit size is estimated to be a reinforced company of unknown IV Battalion. Documents indicated contact with C-4, K-7 units.

(3) Significant Events. During the period 1-7 June heavy contact was made with an estimated reinforced company in the vicinity of Hill 94 (YD 089652). Enemy was well covered in bunkers and concealed in brushwood and heavy undergrowth. Enemy was in a strong position for Hill 94.

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(4) Enemy equipment and Positions. Positions were predominantly covered bunkers, 6x4x4 feet with three layers of logs and packed dirt for the top. The majority of these bunkers were in some military tactical positions, either 360's, 180's or "L" shaped. Many of the bunkers are connected by trenches, and all mortar positions were within the trenches. All mortar positions were directed toward Con Thien. Captured equipment included the following: 8/AK-47's, 2/7.62 heavy machineguns, 1/7.62 Light machinegun, 15/RPG-2 rounds, 19/82mm mortar rounds, 33/60mm mortar rounds, 3/82 recoilless rifle rounds, 7 Russian claymores, 100+ C-1000 grenades.

(5) Detection Devices.

(a) Number credited to battalion: 20 AN/PRS-1 (SID)

(b) Number serviceable: 12

(c) Number in daily use: 0

(d) Reason for not using: Not in permanent position, and therefore they are of little use.

Action being taken to bring to serviceable status: None are being repaired.

6. Communications.

(1) The communications platoon continued to provide communications support for the battalion during this period.

(2) The communications platoon provided communication support for the Battalion Command Group during period of deployment in the field as well as normal communication activities.

(3) All equipment needing repair was sent to the battalion's tech shop and the equipment that could not be properly repaired there was sent to maintenance shops in Phu Bai. All equipment continued to receive regularly scheduled preventative maintenance in addition to normally scheduled quarterly preventative maintenance.

7. Weather. The weather for June consisted of southwesterly winds and clear weather conditions. Average temperatures for the month ranged from a high of 105 degrees to a low of 75 degrees. Total rainfall for the month was two inches.

8. Fire Support.

(1) During this period a total of 29 F&I fires were fired in support of this battalion. Average expenditure of rounds was 4 rounds per mission.



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(2) During this period a total of 14,000 rounds of HE. 132 rounds of WP, 24 rounds of illumination were fired in direct support of this battalion.

p. in Support. During June 1967, 79 air requests were requested in support of this battalion of which 78 were received. Air support was generally excellent.

(1) - detailed breakdown by type of aircraft is listed below:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>
Helicopter	2	1
Medevac - Routine	5	5
Emergency	7	7
UH-1H (HO)	13	13
Resupply	28	28
Helicopter	2	2
UH-1H	4	4
UH-1H	11	11

q. Chaplain. During the month of June there were 12 Protestant services held with a total of 379 personnel attending. The Chaplain made 7 visits to the dispensary. Memorial services were held once during the month with an attendance of 620. The Chaplain conducted troop indoctrination lectures with an attendance of 165, counseled 29 personnel, wrote 93 letters, conducted 2 Holy Unctions and took care of 2 Red Cross cases. During the period Catholic Services were held by Father JOHNSON and Father RICARD, Chaplains of 1st Battalion, 12th Marines and 9th Marine Regiment respectively. Total attendance at these services was 66.

r. Medical.

(1) The medical status of the battalion is presently very

(2) There were 772 visits to sick call this month 771 Marines and 1 Navy.

(3) There were 20 clinical laboratory procedures performed

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(4) The medical supply remains adequate and the sanitation of the battalion area remains good.

(5) There have been 10 cases of venereal disease in the battalion within the past month.

(6) One Vietnamese civilian was treated this past month at the Battalion Aid Station.

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		041030H	Pay-K	OF		Company K, 3/3 squad patrol YD 035512 along trail found 9 Punji traps and scattered stakes. Traps are 1x1x1. 4 are on trail and 5 to either side in bush. Appear to be one month old as top are starting to cave in. All destroyed.	
		041545H	Pay K	OF		Payable K 3/3. K-43 at 051514: while moving along trail, patrol noted area appearing recently used at above coord. 6 branches and small trees cut. While searching area found log hidden in brush containing following items, civilian clothes, diary, rice, pictures of people in civilian clothes, letters, battle dressing, det. cord, magazing pouch and other documents appearantly to be in order. Continuing extensive search.	
		041630H	Pay K	OF		Follow up in same area 051514. Patrol found rifle believed to be 30 Caliber laying in brush wrapped in plastic. Rifle is bolt action with markings, MAS-in 1936, alsobag conatining 1 Khaki shirt that appeared to be part of Uniform. Bag had should straps and could be used as Pack.	

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OUT	SER NO	DTG	FROM	TO	INCIDENT
		130817H	CAC unit	OF	At c ord. 128590. Mortars received last night were confirmed 82mm. sparing Jungle 6-1 (recon unit) estimates firing position to be YD 115605. By back AZ method. only 2 civilians in uries. Being treated by advisory team medics.
		131040H	D 1/9	OF	While sweeping man tripped a chest high booby trap, causing one WIA. Booby trap was a grenade in tree. Called for medevac.
		140505H	TP-2	OF	TP-2 report the highway bridge at YD 276577 is reported blown by VC explosions were heard from bridge and PF chief confirmed bridge as blown blown by radio contact with PF on bridge. Received light arms fire from VC between TP-2 compound and bridge don not know status of pontoon bridge Railroad bridge still standing. Illumination called in on ground attack work was done by dappers. patrol being dispatched to bridge to determine extent of damage. TP-2 while on patrol spotted approx 1 sq. VC patrol at coord. 285H called in fire mission Fire mission completed. Began to sweep area. Halfway through sweep made enemy contact. received approx 50 rds. s/a fire. Returned approx 80 rds. S/A fire. Found neg results. continuing on assigned patrol route.
		161313H	CAC unit		District Intelligence reports one VC Company YD 095606 with 1/81mm, 1/60mm and all individual weapons. Woodcutter reports, rate C-3. One VC Company which moved East important also. H&I's plotted.
		151950H			

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				151630H		K-3/3. K-2 at 032519 found 1 base camp approximately platoon size Has 4 house type huts very old. 6 fighting holes 5x4x5. 2 large cave type holes in side of bank 8x5x6, old peice of black propangadda cloth around area, some rusty tin canisters of C-ration cans size but not food containers.	
		051345H	Crowd-2	OF		15th CIT report 1 NVA Company located from YD 074669 to YD 102665. Local guerrilla set up warning system at YD 0861. 1st ARVN Division Rates C-2 15th CIT rates F-6.	
		051230H	Pay K	OF		K-2 at 046532 patrol found what appears to be Company size base camp approx 35 holes. (3x3) C-rat cans and empty San Migiel Beer bottles were found in area. Holes approx 20 meters apart in a perimeter. (100x50 Meters) Appears to be 2to 3 months old. Unused in 2 or 3 months also found 30 2 to 3 man house frames. Destroyed house frames..	
		051400H	Pay K	OF		K-2 at 045534 found base camp approximately 15 lean to type huts of 20 fighting holes 3x3. Appears old no sign of recent activity. Huts destroyed.	

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TP-2 received S/A fire from treeline in front of their position. Believe 2 MG in treeline. TP-2A patrol returned to IP. Firing Arty mission, patrol will search area at end of mission and med-evac are out. Coords 282576.

152045H

Follow up to

TP-2

Initial TP-2A was going to ambush site at 2045H when they were hit by VC squad. Received about 100 rounds carbine fire and 1 grenade. TP2A returned 300 rounds then returned to CP. Call fire mission on coords in line D after fire mission ended sent Squad to check area out. Squad returned to CP after landing 20 rounds Carbine. 1 VC KIA (conf) and 1 VC KIA (prob).

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	201145H	CAC	OF	YD 272542 - TP-2B received 1000 rounds from 30 VC w/Automatic weapons. Noticed an enemy base camp, had punji trap and moat around it. TP-2B returned 1000 rounds M-16 and M-60. They burned base camp almost completely to ground. Have Base camp coor on H&I request for this P.M. TP-2B had two more Med-evac w/ back at TP-2 compound.
	221345H	Co "K"	OF	Journal Opened 220800H to 230800H June 1967 Found Rocket sight with various gear in area, Two (2) shipping plugs for rockets, Two (2) plastic canister lids for rockets one camouflaged with foliage readily identifiable as withered leaves, searching out area at present time Negative results. 1 NVA pack, found 10 long holes 6'x2' partially filled with dirt, found L shaped holes, each about 5'x2', found to horse shoe 5'x2' wide, also holes (15) 2'x3'. all holes partially filled with dirt. L Company at YD 261849 spotted 6 armed VC in uninhabited village wearing black and white PJ's. Arty mission called.
	221715H	"L" Co.	OF	TP3A at coords YD 178592 spotted 3 VC carrying carbines moving south left area moving west along stream bed. Did not return fire. TP3A swept area with Negative results.
	220121H	CAC	OF	Journal Opened 230800H to 240800H
	230645H	"K" Co.	OF	K-6 vic YD 266699 apprehended 1 female, age 35, who is listed as VC guerrilla on Black list. Will retain at this position until completion of search.
	231035H	"K" Co.	OF	Found 500 lbs rice, request to know what to do with it from 15 CIT. Because of no means of destroying it at present position.
	230815H	"L" Co.	OF	After initial contact ran into a gully and hid in some thick bushes. We sent out squad in pursuit wounded 1 VC the other VC fired at downed squad. Then broke contact Threw grenade. Finishing other VC. CAC unit took body and gear forwarded to OldF CP.
	231116H	"K" Co.	OF	found 1000 lbs more rice. Request at rice collection be sent through entire area. Collection be sent through entire area. People were told to have extra rice available by VC Cadre said they will return at a later date recommendation for amtrack to pick up rice by "K"-6.

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	231200H	"K" Co.	OF	Company "K" YD 268700 found two tons of rice in pagoda, one ton rice in house, excessive amounts reported in village. Picked up 12 VCS, 4 children, 8 females and retained 1 child and 6 females after CIT interrogation. 5 women on Black List, and male and female had improper IDs.
	231422H	LT-3	OF	At YD 270548 recieved approximately 5 incoming rounds S/A fire from out right front
	232020H	CAC	OF	Returned 50 rounds M-16 Swept area where rounds came from. Negative results. TP-3A at YD 172594, point received 20 incoming rounds SAF from a VC rifleman at a distance of about 75 meters to 100 meters. Point returned fire and observed approx 20 VC get up and run towardsriver. TP-3A took enemy under fire. Swept area w/negresul
				Journal opened 240800H to 250800H June 1967
	241955H	TP-2	OF	TP-2 CP received 50 incoming rounds SAF. Requested illumination. Negative results.
				Journal Opened 250800H to 260800H June 1967
	250830H	"K" Co.	OF	Company "K" Coord YD 280666 picked up 1 male and 1 female VCS, age 28. Interrogated throughout evening and morning. CIT states both are on black list. Will bring to DONG HA on LCU.
				Journal Opened and Closed 260800H to 270800H June 1967
				Journal Opened 270800H to 280800H June 1967.
	271915H	VMD-2	OF	Reported at YD 288505 two fresh dug holes 6' to 10' long, 1' wide 12" deep to 16" deep. Holes run E to W fresh dug holes 3' to 4' long 1' to 16" wide 1' deep. Holes run E to W spaced 5' apart and fresh tire tracks approx 10' south of holes. Wing Target notified.
				Journal Opened 280800H to 290800H June 1967
	281105H	"L" Co	OF	Company "L2

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	281105H	"L" Co.	OF	Company "L" patrol LT-1 at coord 232575 found 1 person w/o ID card. Said he left card in other shirt pocket. Age approx 50. Checked to see if his name is on black List.
	281345H	"L" Co.	OF	Company "L" patrol coords YD 204545 received 100 rounds s/a fire from coord YD 213542. Arty mission called unable to search area due to river.
	281945H	CAC	OF	Tiger Papa received report from Elmo Raids 26 that 100 VC entered village of BAC BINH at YD 13602 at 2300H. Last night, spreading the word they were going to hit CAM LO armed with AK-47, carbines, M-1, no mortars sighted. Rated C-3 by Elmo Raids 26.
	291020H	OF "L"	OF	Journal Opened 290800H to 300800H June 1967 Found 6 bunkers at YD 265538 approx 6'x4'x4'. 3 bunkers partially destroyed by arty about 40 days ago. Bunkers reinforced with logs and no camouflage. Also found in hood ID paper and other kinds of paper, medical gear, rifle cleaning patches and pictures. 1 picture had person with VC flag behind him. Also have 3 children 6 females and 1 male detainees will be turned over to Elmo Raids for further interrogation.
	291413H	"K"-6	OF	Picked up 6 Vietnamese detainees at YD 282522. 2 males 4 women. No ID cards.
	291455H	"K"-6	OF	Taking these individuals to pick up point to be brought in. Point element triggered Chicom explosive device at YD 292528 located in center of tank trail. No trip wire found, but as device exploded 3 feet from pointman trip wire might have been present. Search of area revealed nothing.
	301200H	Co "I"	OF	Journal Opened 300800H to 010800H June 1967
	301440H	Co "I"	OF	At Coords YD 296544 found documents and equipment, one NVA shirt and apprehended 8 detainees. All are being returned to CP. IP-2 received 25 rounds from approx 3 VC from across stream. Estimated 1 auto Carbine, 1 carbine, 1 rifle. Returned 100 rounds S/A fire. Called arty, swept area and found drag marks 1 VC KIA (prob). Captured 1 french uniform, plastic canteen, and cookware.

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Capt J. J. CARROLL, RVN

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TIME		SERIAL NO	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	F-Troops F-File
0600		1	010600	Received weather report from 3d Marines	SF	
1900		2	011900	All units in the field commenced night act. after firing night defensive fires and prep fires.	SF 3d Mar	
2330		3	012140	Company K, 3/3, squad patrol YD 083550 heard movement and noises on their left flank. Called 81mm mortar mission 1000 meters out and walked towards their position. Lights appeared at 088551 moving rapidly south. Patrol adjusted fire to intercept lights with good target coverage, as lights went out. Patrol requested prep fire of their night ambush site as lights appeared to move in that general direction. Artillery prep fired in the general area of proposed ambush and patrol continued mission. Area will be searched at first light.	SF 3d Mar.	

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IN	OUT				
0700		1	210700	Company M chopped OPCON from 3d Battalion, 9th Marines to 9th Marines for operation in assigned area.	SF 9th Mar.
1159		2	210001	CAC unit YD 287574 had villagers report that a mortar round was fired sometime during the night that landed in a friendly village. Round thought to have come from CAC unit. CAC commander is investigating incident and will submit a report as required.	SF 9th Mar.
1322		3	211230	CAC unit reports that village chief of village YD 123592 said villagers reported that they found one mortar pit with two rounds still in place. The villagers seem to think that the rounds may be booby trapped and request demop team to disarm. CAC unit requested EOD team whenever possible to investigate the report.	SF 9th Mar.
1500		4	211455	Company I received one wounded man from shrapnel in both legs, head and body from M-26 grenade that exploded as grenades were being passed out for the night's patrol. Another man was wounded in the face but not seriously. Investigation to be completed and report will be made. Results 2 USMC WIA.	SF 9th Mar.
2040		5	211840	In reference to above report. Right Guide and another Marine were drawing grenades for night's patrol activities from Company ammo dump when there was an explosion of some unknown ordnance (believed to be M-26). Right guide and the other Marine were both wounded with fragmentation wounds. A small fire was started by the internal blast but was quickly extinguished by personnel from Company L. The right guide was pulled from the immediate area and given artificial respiration and intravenous fluid during the evacuation to D-Med. The second man was walking wounded and was taken to D-Med without first aid. Sentries were posted at the dump and all personnel kept out of the area. EOD personnel were called and cleared the area of all damage. Results 1 KIA, 1 WIA.	SF 9th Mar.

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TIME		SERIAL NO	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps I-Troops S-Staff I-File
IN	OUT				
0800		1	220800	Company K departed CP area for Company size operation.	SF 9th Mar.
0900		2	220900	Received morning report from Company I	SF
1210		3	221210	Company K YD 252668 observed and stopped a Vietnamese resupply column. 29 women were carrying normal supplies such as fruit and wood. Checked for contraband items, ID cards and found no suspicious equipment or persons.	SF 9th Marines
1500		4	221345	Company K YD 253677 found rocket site with various gear in the area. Two (2) shipping plugs for rockets, two (2) plastic cannister lids for rockets, one camouflaged ring with foliage identified as withered leaves, Unit searching area found one empty NVA pack and 10 long holes 6x2 partially filled with dirt. Also found L-shaped hole 5x2 and two horse shoe shaped holes 5x2. All holes partially filled with dirt.	SF 9th Marines
1500		5	221500	Received OPCON Company M 3/9 from 9th Mar.	SF
1800		6	221715	Company L platoon Patrol YD 261849 spotted 6 armed VC in uninhabited village wearing black and white pj's. Patrol received 30 rounds S/A fire and returned 50 rounds S/A. Patrol then observed 15 people running down road in a southerly direction about 1500 meters away. Moved into vill and began search and had to withdraw due to darkness but found 4 women, 2 children and one old man in vill. While withdrawing the patrol received 20 rounds harrassing fire from unsearched part of vill. Patrol moved to night position.	SF 9th Marines
0130		7	220121	CAC unit YD 178592 spotted 3 VC carrying carbines moving south along streambed. CAC unit fired 300 rounds of S/A and swept the area with negative results. One USN KIA.	SF 9th Marines

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	F-Troops F-File
0720		1	230645	Company K YD 266699, apprehended one female age 35 who is listed as VC guerrilla on black list. Will retain at this position until completion of search.		SF 9th Mar.
0845		2	230815	Company L YD 254546 observed 2 VC with weapons wearing green utilities walking towards their perimeter. Fired small arms possibly wounding one and they fled. Squad sent to search area where VC ran into gulley to hide in thick bushes. One VC fired at squad and broke contact. Wounded VC while trying to escape was killed with a grenade. CAC unit took body and gear to their CP to forward to this CP.		SF 9th Marines
0856		3	230856	Received morning report from Company I.	SF	
1016		4	231005	Received resupply request from Company L	SF S-4	
1111		5	231035	Company K found 500 pounds of rice and request information as to disposition. No means of destroying or removing from present location.	SF 9th Mar.	
1115		6	231050	Company K reported 12 VCS at their position 9 who are on black list. Request transportation at same time as resupply.	SF 9th Mar.	
1144		7	231116	Company K found additional 1000Lbs of rice request an additional rice collector be sent to this area to go through the entire area, as people were told to have extra rice on hand by the VC. Cadre said they would return at a later date. K-6 recommends amtrac pick up excess rice.	SF 9th Mar.	
1245		8	231200	Company L YD 268700 found two tons of rice in pagoda and one ton of rice in house, excessive amounts of rice are reported throughout the area.	SF 9th Mar.	
1630		9	231422	Company L YD 270548 receive approximately 5 incoming rounds S/A fire from right front. Returned 50 rounds S/A and swept area with negative results.	SF 9th Marines	

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troop I-File
1125		1	281105	Company L platoon patrol YD 232575 found one person without ID card and says he left card in his other shirt. Man's name is on the blacklist.		SF 9th Mar.
1350		2	281345	Company L platoon patrol YD 204545 received 100 rounds of S/A fire from YD 213542. Artillery mission called but unable to search area due to river.		SF 9th Mar.
1945		3	281945	CAC unit received report from District Hqs. that 100 VC entered village of BAC BINH at YD 13602 at 2300H last night spreading the word that they were going to hit CAM LO. They are armed with AK-47's, carbines, M-1's but no mortars were observed. They departed the area at 0100. Rated C-3.		SF
	2115	4	282102	S-2 to Companies I and K. Company size force reported in your upcoming area of operations. Due to time lag on I lift, K must jockey their position in order to make visual contact with I. Thus visually covering gap between units.		SF

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IN	OUT				
0705		1	290705	CP Group left this CP for operational area.	SF 9th Mar.
0723		3	290723	CP Group reached operational CP area.	SF
0734		3	290734	Company K complete with the command group has been lifted into the operational area.	SF
0757		4	290757	1/AA USA is in position to support area with fires.	SF
0802		5	290802	Company K moving to make visual contact with Company L.	SF
0819		6	290819	2nd Battalion, 2nd ARVN Regiment has made contact with an estimated VC squad. Exchanged S/A fire and VC broke contact. Searching area but with negative results.	SF 9th Mar.
1127		7	291127	Company K in village detained one male as VCS.	SF
1220		8	291220	Company I received 12 rounds harassing fire from unknown number of VC. Search of area negative.	SF 9th Mar.
1245		9	291245	Company K found punji stakes in a large area. Also 3 covered bunkers 3x3x4 which were blown with C-4.	SF 9th Mar.
1327		10	291327	Company L, YD 269547 found five punji pits with dimensions 2x3x2 and 2x5x8. All but two pits were uncovered and about 25 meters apart along a trail entering village. Also three was an L-shaped fighting hole 2x3x2 covering the trail. Searched and destroyed the entire area.	SF 9th Mar.
1332		11	291332	Company L YD 265538 found 6 family bunkers 6x4x4 with three of the bunkers partially destroyed by artillery 10 days ago. Bunkers were reinforced with logs with no camouflage. In the area were numerous cleaning rags, pictures, one with VC flag behind person in the picture, and VC clothes. Detained 3 children, 6 females and one male. All bunkers were destroyed. Detainees returned to 9th Mar.	SF 9th Mar.

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1. Code Name. None; phase of Operation CLIMARRON.
2. Dates of operation. 130800H - 201300H June 1967.
3. Location. Dong Ha Combat Base, Quan Cam Lo District, Quan Gio Linh District, Quang Tri Province. Republic of Vietnam.
4. Task Organization.

Major W. J. WOODRING, Jr.

Captain J. E. GILES

Captain T. T. SHIRLEY

Captain R. B. JOHNSTON

Captain R. J. SASEX

1545. J. B. BROCK

1stLt. W. L. HOGUE

5. Support - ing Arms.

a. Artillery. During this period E Battery, 2nd Battalion, 20th Marines and W Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines fired in direct support of 3d Battalion, 9th Marines. The missions included target fires, night defensive registrations and illumination. There were a total of 1400 HE rounds, 124 WP rounds and 2 illumination rounds fired and of this number 362 HE rounds were fired as H&I fires.

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b. Air. During this period 3d Battalion, 9th Marines received the following air support:

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## 6. Intelligence.

### a. Terrain.

(1) Relief is rolling hills and plains. The area is generally flat with multiple hedgerows and old rice paddies. The vegetation ranges from grass of 5 inches to thick brush forests and tall bamboo. Primarily the vegetation is not thick and can be passed by foot troops and tracked vehicles. The density of the vegetation increases from the operational area to the northwest and the DMZ. The area has many open areas surrounded by thick hedgerows and brushwood forests. This allows excellent ambush positions with excellent fields of fire.

(2) Water is not plentiful for many of the streams are dry at this time of the year.

### b. Weather

(1) Temperature and Humidity. The mean temperature during this operation ranged from a high of 95-100 degrees to a low of 80 degrees. Mean relative humidity was 80-85 percent.

(2) Winds. The prevailing surface streamlines were generally from the southwest to the northeast direction with a speed of 7-10 knots.

(3) Precipitation. During the operation only one day had measurable rainfall that being approximately one inch.

(4) Clouds. Cloud coverage was 40-50 percent with more than six days being suitable for close air support.

(5) Visibility. Visibility was generally good.

3. Key Terrain. The commanding terrain feature was Hill 153.

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d. Obstacles. In the plains, the dense undergrowth along hedgerows is the major obstacle. The undergrowth and brushwood is passable to foot troops and tanks can make paths. Some areas are impassable to tanks and channelizes their movement to some extent.

e. Cover and concealment. The concealment along the ground is fair to poor in the clear undergrowth. In the dense undergrowth concealment is fair to good and good to excellent along the slopes of the hills along the DMZ.

f. Observation and Fields of Fire. In the riceland areas observation and fields of fire are generally good to fair. In the clear undergrowth visibility is limited to about 30 meters. In the dense undergrowth visibility is limited to 5 meters. Because of the predominantly level ground and vegetation, observation of key terrain features is nearly impossible. Movement is governed by compass and map navigation only.

g. Avenues of approach. With few exceptions the enemy can use any part of this area for avenues of approach. The natural obstacles can be easily traveled through, and therefore, the enemy is not channelized to any great extent.

h. Intelligence information available before operation. See G-2, 3d Marine Division Special Intelligence Study 6-67 of 14 May 1967.

i. Intelligence information gained from operation.

(1) Enemy soldier. The enemy soldier found and encountered during the operation was NVA regular and VC. The average height was 5'4" with an average weight of 120 pounds. Enemy had Vietnamese facial features and brush cut hair. His average age was 20 years old.

(2) Enemy weapons. The enemy encountered were primarily armed with the AK-47. The weapons were clean and in excellent condition. The one carbine captured was an US, M-1 .30 caliber. Other weapons captured were: 33/60mm mortar rounds, 36 CHICOM grenades, 19/82mm mortar rounds, 11 RPG-2 rocket rounds, 3/82mm recoilless rifle rounds, 7 Russian claymore mines and one badly damaged LMG.

(3) Enemy equipment. The enemy used NVA packs, extra ammunition, and web gear. Web gear was not of the best quality and most captured was old and very worn.

(4) Enemy positions. The enemy dug bunkers with tops reinforced with logs 4-6 inches in diameter and 1-2 feet of hard clay on the tops. Bunkers were flush with the ground and built in natural camouflage. The majority of enemy bunkers were mutually

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supporting and were in tactical positions such as 360's and 180's. Enemy fields of fire were excellent and most bunkers were in hedgerows and paddy dikes. The bunkers averaged 6x4x4. Many larger family bunkers were found that had been used by the enemy. Bunkers are sturdily built in hedgerows, thick underbrush, and dry rice paddy dikes. This affords the enemy excellent cover and concealment. The connecting trenchlines also have excellent concealment within the hedgerows and intermittent log and dirt tops over the trenches gives good cover. Bunkers have excellent fields of fire, for the majority either face outboard across open fields and dry rice paddies, or they circumscribe an open field or dry rice paddy. All mortar positions and unknown type tunnels point toward Con Thien without exception. Mortar positions are built down within the trenches.

(5) Significant intelligence gained from the operation. The enemy was not in the area in large numbers, and contact made was with small groups.

7. Mission. 5d Battalion, 9th Marines (-) (Reinf) conducts deliberate search and destroy mission with one battalion in assigned operations area to locate and capture or destroy enemy forces, supplies and equipment.

8. Concept of Operation. 3d Battalion, 9th Marines (-) (Reinf) commencing 140800H June 1967 attack from west to east in operations area in multiple columns along designated axis conducting search and destroy actions between columns.

9. Execution.

a. Upon commencement of operation units moved to Con Thien dismount point via surface transportation starting at 131000 and completing at 131600 with the Lf of Company K and the Command Group. At 1800 S 2d YD 095707, found a tunnel and bunker which were destroyed by engineers with C-4.

b. 141610 Company K ambush, YD 097704 observed 2 VC moving up a trail towards their ambush position. The ambush was activated resulting in one VC killed and one US M-1 carbine captured. At 0900 10 shot 4 2 mortar rounds fell inside L Company perimeter, YD 095707 resulting in 3 USMC KIA who were redeployed at 0950. At 1020 an AO spotted a series of freshly dug bunkers on both sides of a trail. Artillery and air was called to saturate the entire area, YD 105732. Company L at YD 106710 received three rounds of harassing fire from YD 106701 with no action taken. Resupply of units was completed at 1640 and night defensive positions established. Night defensive fires were fired and night activities commenced at 1930.

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c. Company L, YD 107716, at 0750 found a bunker which contained 11 quarter blocks of demolition and 36 blasting caps. Bunker was 3x6 and all were destroyed with C-4. In the same area Company L found a company size base camp that appeared to have been last used two weeks ago. There were 20-25 bunkers 3x4x6 well reinforced with logs and camouflaged. Also one 82mm mortar pit was found and all were destroyed with C-4. Units established night defensive positions and completed resupply at 1630. Night defensive fires were fired and activities were commenced at 1930.

d. At 160700 all companies commenced day's activities. Captain G. D. N V DEL assumed command of D Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines relieving Captain R. J. S'SEK who was redeployed as a NBC. Company L, YD 126723, found six graves containing one NV body each with markers indicating 24 March as date of death. Company M, YD 123098 found 50 bunkers 6x6x4 with 2-3 layers of logs reinforcing roof. Also found were five AP grenades and some ammo cans for CHICOM .30 caliber. All were destroyed with C-4. At 1530 Company K, YD 106710 found one RPG-2 AT round in brushline. The round was estimated to have been there for two months, blown with C-4. Company M, YD 126723 received two major caliber flat trajectory rounds from unknown position resulting in one USMC KIA. At 1830 Company K, YD 106721 while destroying a hut found three small bags hidden in the roof containing three carbane rounds. At 1845 Company L, YD 117723 received 70 rounds semi-auto and automatic carbane fire. Returned 100 rounds S/1 and 3 rounds 90mm cannister into woodland where fire came from. Enemy fire ceased but could not check area due to darkness. All units established night defensive positions and fired night defensive fires before commencing night activities at 1930.

e. At 170800 all unit commenced days activities. At 0950 Company M KI and two NBC's were redeployed. Company K, YD 131718 found four punji pits approximately 6 months old 2x3x4 along with two CHICOM grenades. All were destroyed with C-4. At 1130 D Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, YD 124738 found 5 bunkers in 150 meter perimeter with fresh cut pineapple indicating recent use. Also found one rusty 32 mortar round. Outside one of the bunkers were three fresh NVA graves. Bunkers and mortar round were blown with C-4. D Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, YD 122739, found five reinforced bunkers made of bamboo and dirt but did not indicate recent use. Also in the area were 6/32 mortar rounds, 23/60 mortar, 3 NVA packs (empty), one NV helmet. Date on 60 mortar rounds was 1966. All bunkers and rounds destroyed with C-4. Company K, YD 123331, found 17 bunkers, 6x5x8 heavily reinforced with dirt and logs up to 5 inches in diameter. Five bunkers were beside destroyed huts and the remainder in natural camouflaged treelines and hedgerows. All units established night defensive positions and fired night defensive fires prior to commencing night activities at 1930. Engineers reported that cumulative rounds destroyed to date were 247.

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f. At 180800 all units continued blowing bunkers in the area which were not completed yesterday. D Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, YD 125735 found reinforced bunkers complex set in 360 degree perimeter that had been occupied in the past week. Also found 5 graves approximately two weeks old. Trenchline 2x4 and 20-40 feet long connected all of the bunkers. There was an air shaft 1½ feet in diameter which descended 15 feet before angling off. Searched all of the bunkers finding 85 pounds of rice buried in urns. Unable to search air shaft due to the mouth caving in upon trying to enlarge it enough to enter. Complex destroyed with C-4. At 1300 Company H, YD 125723, found bunker complex and one dead NV in 10x10 bunker. Also in the area were two bags of rice, cooking gear and empty increment can and 6/82 mortar rounds. Three five hundred pound bombs were also found. All were destroyed with C-4. Company H, YD 125715, found 1 10x25 and 5 5x5 fortified bunkers. Also in the area was 550 pounds of rice, 10 shotgun shells and assorted 782 gear. Company K, YD 125716, found one 60mm mortar optical sight in excellent condition and one aiming stake one spare parts bag and repair kit for 60mm, all of Chinese origin. Also there was one Chinese gas mask complete with hose and canister, one magazine drum 7.62mm linked, one 60mm round and 7 60mm fuses. All were destroyed with C-4 except for parts to be returned to CP. Company M, YD 125725, found six fortified bunkers 4x4x5. Also found one vase and one basket filled with rice buried in ground along with one NV body. Bunkers were destroyed with C-4. Company M, YD 125723, found 12 bunkers 4x4x4 which were destroyed with C-4. Company K, YD 181530, found a bunker complex in a village, also one CHINOM light machinegun, one IT mine, 5 Russian grenades, 10 CHINOM grenades, 3 NV helmets, 3 ammo cans, and various other assorted ordnance and gear. All bunkers were destroyed and gear of value returned to CP area.

g. At 190800 all units continued to blow bunker complex. D Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, YD 125734, observed one NV in brushline. While moving to capture NVs spotted a second NV in trenchline. Company D pinned both NV down and observed two more. Results were four NVs killed and four C-4's captured. Company L, YD 125725, found two bunkers 4x5x4 and four bunkers 4x6x7 with heavy log reinforcement on the tops. Bunkers were naturally camouflaged in heavy brushline on trail running east to west. Along the trail were 35 digging holes 2x3x4 approximately 10 meters apart and on opposite sides of the trail in an alternating fashion. Also in the area were 100 mortar pits 50 meters apart, parallel and 15 meters south of the trail. The pits were 10 feet in diameter six feet deep. All were destroyed with C-4. Operation was terminated with the arrival of Command Group in the CP area at 20100H June 1967.

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10. Results.

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- a. Friendly Casualties: USMC KIA ----- 1  
USMC WIA ----- 10
- b. Friendly Equipment Losses: None
- c. Enemy Casualties: KIA CONF ----- 16  
KIA PROB ----- 0
- d. Enemy Equipment Losses: AK-47's ----- 5  
LMG ----- 1  
M-1 Carbine ----- 1  
60 mm rounds ----- 33  
RPG-2 ----- 11  
82mm rounds ----- 19  
82mm RR rounds ----- 3  
Russian claymores ----- 7  
Mines AT ----- 2  
7.62 mm rounds ----- 1000  
Assorted '82 gear -----
- e. Enemy Bunker Destroyed: ----- 500

11. Administrative Matters. Verbal instructions were issued to all units involved and no difficulties were encountered.

a. Supply.

(1) All personnel carried four rations and a basic allowance of ammunition. In addition at least three pairs of socks, two canteens of water, halizone tablets and four grenades were carried.

(2) The mission of destroying all enemy fortifications necessitated a considerable requirement for demolitions. Upwards of 4000 pounds were utilized as large heavily constructed bunkers required 30 to 40 pounds of C-4.

(3) Water was a constant consideration and had to be supplied from external sources as there was generally no native sources available.

(4) Tanks were utilized to transport demolitions and water cans to locations removed from LZ locations.

(5) Resupply of all items of supply was by helicopter.

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b. Medical Evacuation. Company Corpsmen administered first aid to injured personnel as required. All wounded Marines requiring evacuation were medevaced by helicopter to the appropriate medical facilities.

c. Communications. There developed a problem in communications with the rear CP area due to distance and terrain. A relay station and a 292 antenna alleviated the problem.

## 12. Commanders Analysis.

a. The search and destroy operation was an overall success. Considerable equipment was captured and destroyed. In excess of 500 fortifications that had harbored the NVA force that attacked Con Thien Outpost was destroyed.

b. The NV did not choose to stay and fight. He appeared to leave only "camp guard" detachments in each area to shadow USMC activities. Previous extensive use of air appeared to have caused the enemy to abandon certain areas some time ago.

c. Excellent access routes into the DMZ afford the NV rapid withdrawal or attack capability into any portion of the assigned operating area. The size force utilized for this operation was well in keeping with the mission and enemy capabilities. A force with a lesser capability could easily have run into trouble.

d. Tanks were employed effectively throughout the operations in many roles and contributed to the overall success. The firepower of the 90mm cannon round and .30 caliber machine gun were used extensively in reconnaissance by fire role. Their crushing action was utilized to destroy enemy positions and to make hasty passages through hedges and heavy brush. Extra demolitions and water were transported between helicopter resupply points. The flame tanks were maintained in general support awaiting live targets.

e. Few booby traps and explosive devices were encountered. Sniper and harassing fire was limited to a few scattered occasions. This pointed to the enemy's belief that our forces would not remain long in the area and that he intended to reoccupy in strength.

## 13. Recommendations.

a. All movement in this operating area should be slow and deliberate, utilizing artillery and air preparation on all suspect areas.

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b. Routes of advance should avoid trails, corridors and areas affording ease of movement as enemy fortifications were found covering all. Move in the brush and avoid preplanned fields of fire.

c. Area coverage for this type of mission should be held to 1000 to 1500 meters per company per day.

d. Multiple column formations are readily adaptable in this operation area. This enables the unit to cover an expanded front and provides mutual flank protection.

e. Flank screening force of company size deployed well out from the main body contributed to the overall mission and at the same time is capable of self protection. NVL reconnaissance units were eliminated by this practice as the screening force moved across escape routes and searched toward the main body.

f. Requirements exist in this type of mission for resupply by helicopter on greater than daily basis. This is partially true due to the water requirement caused by the excessive heat and the large requirement for demolition exceeding the individual company's ability to manually carry. Frequently a unit's progress was halted early in the day as they required additional demolitions to complete the mission. Two and three daily helicopter resupply's would have the troops well watered, enabled the companies to cover greater areas-destroying all fortifications as they moved and cut down on excessive late afternoon resupply requirements.

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