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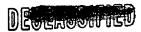
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LtCol E.D. FOX WORTH Jr. 051383/0802 1-30 September 1968

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1stLt J.L. PETERSON 095\$692/0802 1-30 September 1968

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Capt M.L. PRESSIEY 03367/0802 1-30 September 1960

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2. Location

1-30 September 1968 Command Group "A" YD 014455 Calu, RVN 1-30 September 1968 Headquarters (Rear) YD 300551 Quang Tri Province, RVN

3. Staff Officer

a.	Executive		Major C.P. STAPLETON
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b.	S-1	Adjutant/Legal	Officer	WO-1 F.P. DURBINO
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k. Liaison Officer

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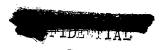
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S/SGT V.R. PIPMIN 1911524/0848 1-30 September 1968

Major P.E. TRASIER 073042/0802 1-30 September 1968

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PART II

- 1. During the worth of September the 3d Battalion, 12th Maxines, continued its mission of direct support of the 4th Maxines in Operation Scotland II. A lisison team functioned as an artillery co-ordination unit at the Quang Tri Airfield CCC.
- The movement of several batteries within the Scotland II area of operations reflected the planning and preparation stages of the Whe Sahn plateau sweep. Mortar Battery, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines made an administrative switch of the three gras and crows at IZ Quantico with the ones located at JZ Vandergrift. Golf Battery, 3d Battalion, ... 12th Marines displaced four guns from its Ca Lu position to XD 884468 in support of a speiling operation by the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines against a reported MVA battalion in the Hill 950 area. After a successful helilift at 021121E September, Golf's four gun forward element received incording moretar fire. The next day a direct fire desion at XD 872462 by the Golf forward element silenced the northra and a fifty celiber machine gun position with the result of 2 NVALLIAS. On 7 September Golf Forward elevent was returned by helilift to the Ca Lu position. All six guns from Golf Pattery, 3d Battalion, 12th for incs were helilifted to IZ Quantico on 11 September in preparation for the Khe-Salm movement. They were returned to Ca Lu posi-tion on 13 September as the result of a stand down on the D-Day.
- 3. 2d Provisional 155 Battery was chopped from 3d Battalion, 12th Marines to 2d Battalion, 12th Marines on 16 September at 1000H. At the same time fortar Battery, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines and displaced to Callu for the purpose of assuming direct support of that area at the commencement of the The Sam operation. On 30 September Mortar Battery, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines was opcomed to 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines was opcomed to 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines and displaced to 1% Vandergrift.
- 4. The latter weeks of September were used for preparing for the delayed the Sahn Operation, repairs and rebuilding of some bunkers following serveral days of rain, and routine training exercises. A total of 18,658 rounds of all calibres were fixed during the month indicating a relatively quiet-period of conflict. Significant missions are listed on the following pages.



2 SEPT

At 0330H "T" 1/11 expended 92 rounds of III at KD 842380. Box Score (Recon) reported energy wovement. All rounds were reported on target.

"W" 3/12 fired 2 rounds of WP and 25 rounds of HE at 10 NVA in open at ND 863462. An element of 1/4 reported this mission at 0700H. The surveillance was excellent coverage of target.

3 SEPT

At 0810H "9" 3/12 expended 7 rounds of HE at NVA in tree line while moving to support an operation conducted by 1/4. "G" 3/12 fixed direct fire at ND 872462. Surveillance for the mission was 2 KIA's.

8 SEPT

At 1512H an element of 2/4 requested fire on a well used trail and bunker complex at XD 621451. "T" 1/11 expended 47 rounds of HH. Surveillance was oxcellent coverage of target and 1 secondary explosion.

"" 1/11 expended 2 rounds of WP and 10 rounds of HE at newly constructed bunkers located XD 620446. An element of the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines reported this mission at 1600H. Surveillance was 4 secondaries.

13 SEPT

At 1755H Recon reported 2 HVA in open at KD 997574. "I" 3/12 expended 1 round of WP and 12 rounds of ME. Surveil-lance for this mission was 2 KIA's (conf).

14 SEPT

"T" 1/11 expended 2 rounds of WP and 24 rounds of HE at 2 NVA in tree line location XD 951484. An element of 1/4 reported this mission at 1045H. Surveillance was 2 KIA's and excellent coverage of target.

Recon reported 3 NVA in tree line at 1115H location
XD 085402. "T" 3/12 expended 2 rounds of WP and 22 rounds
of HE. Surveillance for this mission was I secondary and
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20 SEPT

At 1237H "I" 3/12 expended 12 rounds of MP and 36 rounds of HB at suspected enemy activity at XD 933467. Surveillance was 2 secondary explosions.

23 SEPT

At 2005H Recon reported enemy movement at XD 012397.
"G" 3/12 expended 8 rounds of WP, 178 rounds of III and
777 rounds of HE. Excellent coverage of target was reported.

25 SERT

At 1414H "T" 3/12 expended 4 rounds of NP and 65 rounds of HB at NVA in tree line located at ND 922452. An element of 2/4 reported this mission. Surveillance for this mission was 2 KIA's with excellent coverage of target.



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Sequential Listing of Significant Events.

Combat Missions Assigned

a. 1-30 September 1968, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines in direct support of the 4th Marine Regiment.

2. Significant Operations Conducted

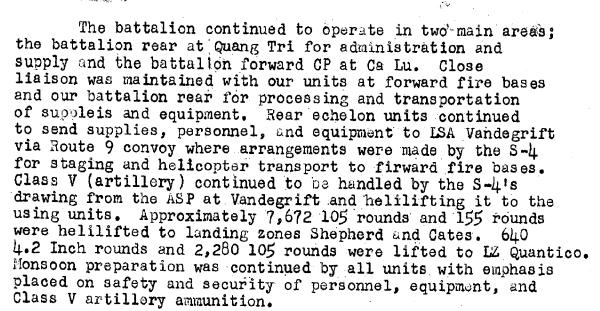
- a. Operation Scotland II
- 3. Casualties inflicted on the Enemy
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 - c. Died (NBC) O
- 5. Equipment. The highlight of the maintenance situation for this unit is the centralization of the Motor Transport sections to give guidance and support to all units within. the battalion. A large number of vehicles have been placed on deadline during the month with 13 down for 2nd echelon maintenance and 24 down for 3rd echelon maintenance. A lack of necessary spare parts is keeping a large number of items deadlined.

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6. General Logistics. Logistics support during the month remained good. One problem area that has developed is the inability to draw large single lots of ammunition from the local A.S.P., presently due to lack of storage facilities and the limited number of forklifts available to off-load. convoys. Ammunition is not segregated by lot. The use of single lots is necessary in order to adhere to basic gunnery practices and to provide the safest possible artillery support. A request was made to higher headquarters for assistance and, locally, the battalion has begun to use the same lot of ammunition during each mission.





During the month the Commanding General's inspection was held in the battalion with a rating of satisfactory with minor descrepancies given to the S-4 administration and operations. Particularly noteworthy was the battalion MARES reporting system utilizing a locally reproduced user level G/B to report items to and from deadline.

Battalion Supply was also inspected by the Commanding General's inspection team resulting in a satisfactory with minor descrepancies. A consolidation of individual equipment issue at Battalion Supply was completed and found to work satisfactorily with better control and accounting of items as a result.

The Motor Transport inspection was also held during the month with the battalion receiving a rating of unsatisfactory. The main descrepancies were lack of 1st echelon maintenance and proper record keeping. Maximum effort was applied to rectify the poor 1st echelon condition but has been hampered by the two floodings of the Motor Transport area at the rear position. Now administrative and maintenance procedures were instituted to offer better control of vehicles use and proper maintenance. In addition the first in a series of motor transport schools for all Officers and Staff Non-Commissioned Officers was begun to assist them in carrying out their responsibilities.





During the reporting period a cement foundation was laid for the Battalion rear area messhall and shower stall. Building materials began to arrive for 32 South East Asia type huts to be erected in the rear area at Quang Tri.

- a. Food Services. The Battalion continued to operate two messhalls, one in Guang Tri and one at Ca Lu. The messhall at Quang Tri served 80% "A" rations and 20% "B" rations. The messhall at Ca Lu served 60% "A" rations and 40% "B" rations. There were three full batteries and ahlf of another operating at forward fire bases consuming "C" rations on a full time basis, with hot rations sent to them by helicopter lift once a day, weather permitting. The hot rations to the forward fire bases were provided by the supported infantry units.
- 7. Administration. There were four Commanding Officer's Non-Judicial Punishments awarded during the month; all offenses were violations of Article 86, UCNJ.
- a. The Commanding General's inspection team awarded the administration sections of this battalion and the legal section satisfactory ratings.
- 8. Personnel. The average strength for the month was 95% of the maning level. During the month the battalion joined 15 Marine Officers and 95 Marine Enlisted. There were 7 Marine Officers rotated during the month of September. There were 58 Marine Enlisted either transferred or rotated.
- 9. Intelligence. Enemy Artillery/Rocket, Mortar Fire. There were no recorded instances of enemy Artillery/Rocket fires within the Scotland II AO. Enemy contacts were light and sporadic. Several Recon teams were inserted, and considerable numbers of small groups of NVA/VC were detected during the month of September.

During the month of September, the Counter Battery/ Mortar plans were revised and updated by this battalion due to the receipt of new PIIU, AO, and Recon reports.

10. Communications-Electronics.

a. Functional radio nets remained established as in August and Lay points, notably Fire Base Cates, were again used due to the nature of the terrain.





- b. The primary link between 3/12 Forward and 12th Marines continued to be integrated wire-radio relay. Service was sporadically curtailed and remained diminished in quality due to storm damage to the Task Force Hotel radio relay site. This situation necessitated greater reliance on radio communications. Acquisition of AS-2236 antenna from 12th Marines greatly aided long distance radio communications. A scheduled courier service with the battalion rear in Quang Tri was established in response to deteriarating wire communications.
- c. A radio relay link was established between the battalion FDC and "I" Battery at Fire Base Sheppard.
- d. The battalion experienced intermittent radio interference from Army units within radio range. The Division C.E.O. was notified byt was unable to improve the situation. Alternate frequencies were assigned for further convenience.
- e. During the month of September the battalion continued to provide communications capability for the Quang Tri Base Defence FSCC.









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