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1. In accordance with reference (a), Enclosure (1) is submitted.

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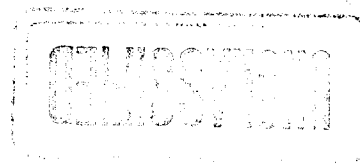
COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 September through 30 September 1966

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Enclosure (1)

## PART I

ORGANIZATION DATA SHEET

1. Reporting Unit. 2d Battalion, 26th Marines, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF.

2. Period Covered by Report. 1-30 September 1966.

3. Date of Submission of Report. 1 October 1966.

4. Commanding Officer.

- a. LtCol. J. J. WILSON, 1-14 Sep 1966
- b. Major W. S. PULLAR JR., 15-26 Sep 1966
- c. LtCol. J. M. CUMMINGS, 27-30 Sep 1966

5. Location of Command Post at End of Period.  
Coordinates (AT 951721).

6. Map. VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS Series L701, Sheet 6659 III.

7. Staff Assignments.

Executive Officer	1-14 Sep 1966	Major W. S. PULLAR, JR.
	27-30 Sep 1966	-do-
	15-26 Sep 1966	Major W. E. FOGO
S-1	1-30 Sep 1966	2dLt J. B. SHAUGHNESSY
S-2	1-30 Sep 1966	1stLt A. B. CROSBY
S-3	1-30 Sep 1966	Major W. E. FOGO
S-4	1-30 Sep 1966	Captain J. J. ROZMAN

8. Subordinate Unit Commanders.

H&SCo	1-30 Sep 1966	Capt. P. MORIGEAU, JR.
Co "E"	1-30 Sep 1966	Capt. J. R. JOY
Co "F"	1-30 Sep 1966	Capt. J. "A" LINNEMANN
Co "G"	1-30 Sep 1966	Capt. A. P. SGAMBELLURI
Co "H"	1-30 Sep 1966	Capt. W. E. SYKES, JR.

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## PART II

S-1 CHRONOLOGY1. Personnel.a. Monthly Strength (Average)

<u>MC OFF</u>	<u>MC ENL</u>	<u>NAVY OFF</u>	<u>NAVY ENL</u>
36	1150	3	52

b. Battle Casualties

8 - KIA  
38 - WIA

Non Battle Casualties

12

c. Rotation During Month.

<u>MC OFF</u>	<u>MC ENL</u>	<u>NAVY OFF</u>	<u>NAVY ENL</u>
0	58	0	0

d. Intra-Division/Regiment Transfers.

<u>MC OFF</u>	<u>MC ENL</u>	<u>NAVY OFF</u>	<u>NAVY ENL</u>
0	157	0	1

e. Medical Evacuation/Out of Country.

<u>MC OFF</u>	<u>MC ENL</u>	<u>NAVY OFF</u>	<u>NAVY ENL</u>
1	13	0	0

f. Replacements Received.

<u>MC OFF</u>	<u>MC ENL</u>	<u>NAVY OFF</u>	<u>NAVY ENL</u>
1	3	0	0

2. Staff Studies and Estimates. None.3. Local News Papers. None.4. Photographs. None.5. Journal. No journal is maintained as such. A chronological record is maintained of all messages received in the command.6. Discipline, Courts-Martial, Office Hours.

	<u>Pending</u>	<u>Completed</u>
a. Special Courts-Martial	0	0
b. Summary Courts-Martial	0	0
c. Bn Cmdr OH	1	9
d. Company Cmdr OH	0	4
e. There were no General Courts-Martial during the period covered by this report.		

7. Morale, PX, Postal Affairs, Liberty, R&R

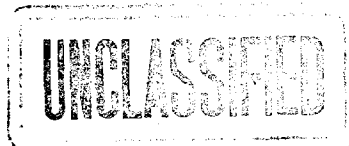
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S-1 CHRONOLOGY (Cont'd)

- a. Morale is considered to be excellent.
- b. A PX Mobile Van was available on a weekly basis during the period covered by this report. The Van is stocked with necessary basic health and comfort items for purchase.
- c. Postal Affairs are satisfactory. This command is presently utilizing the Unit #3 Post Office as its serving post office. A Mobile Money Order and/or Package Unit is available for use by personnel in the Battalion. The Money Order unit was utilized on three (3) occasions during the period covered by this report.
- d. Liberty was not authorized during the reporting period.
- e. There were no R&R quotas allocated to this command during the reporting period.

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## INTELLIGENCE (S-2)

1. Significant Event. There were no significant enemy events during this period in the Battalion TAOR.
2. New Developments. No new developments were noted during the period.
3. Problem Areas. A shortage of interpreters continues to be the major problem confronting this Battalion.
4. Weather. The maximum high temperature recorded during the period was 93 degrees. The minimum low recorded was 70 degrees. The weather had no effect on operations during the period.
5. Intelligence Summary.
  - a. There was a total of 42 VC initiated incidents during the period, consisting of:
    - (1) 11 Mining incidents
    - (2) 31 Small arms incidents
    - (3) 0 Incidents of grenades being thrown.
  - b. There was a marked decrease in the number of mining incidents during the month of September. In August there were a total of 59 mining incidents as compared to 11 for the month of September.
6. Daily Intelligence Summaries. Reference daily intelligence summaries #243 to #272.
7. Special Intelligence Reports. None
8. Prisoner Report.
  - a. There was 0 VCC apprehended during this period.
  - b. There were 16 VCS apprehended and sent to ITT or Hieu Duc District Headquarters.
9. Enemy Casualties.
  - a. There were 30 VC killed (prob) during this period.

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b. There were 18 VC wounded (prob) during this period.

10. Captured Supplies and Equipment. Captured weapons include (1) MAT-49 Sub-Machine Gun, (1) 9mm round, (2) ponchos, (2) cartridge belts, (1) first aid packet, (100 lbs) rice destroyed and propaganda material.

11. Destroyed VC Defenses/Positions. There were twenty-two (22) punji pit traps, nine (9) caves, eleven (11) tunnels and twelve (12) fighting holes destroyed.

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## COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS

1. Significant events.

- a. This unit supported two "Rough Riders" with communications.
- b. 30 September provided Command Group B with communications personnel and equipment to operate 1/3 TAOR.

2. New Developments.

- a. This unit submitted a letter requesting a special allowance of one (1) switchboard SB-86. A base camp and TAOR of the size assigned to this Battalion is an impractical area for five (5) Switchboards SB-22/ PT.

3. Problem Areas.

- a. Generator set PU-422/U

(1) This unit experienced several failures with this particular equipment. The cause is believed to be due to excessive heat generated in the case.

(a) Possible solution: Vents (Louvers) around upper edge of case.

- b. Generator set PU-482/M

(1) Unit mentioned in last report is still deadlined. Replacement unit failed. Present PU-482/M, which is on loan, has been repaired twice by a contact team from FLSG.

- c. Generator set PE-197

(1) Unit caught fire 25 September 1966, during operation, while providing emergency power during PU-482 failure. Cause undetermined. Unit has been taken to FLSG, it is unservicable and will be shipped to Okinawa.

- 4. Other contributions. None

5. Status of Communications Equipment.

- a. Overall status: Good
- b. Availability of combat essential equipment is 90 percent.

6. Inoperative and Unservicable Equipment.

- a. Generator set PU-482/M 1
- b. Generator set PE-197 1

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- c. Generator set PU-422/U      3 (This deadlines our two (2) TPS-21's)
- d. Radio set AN/PRC-25      1
- e. Radio set AN/PRC-10      2

7. Security Violations

- a. There were no security violations during September 1966
- b. There were 622 incoming messages and 57 outgoing messages during the month of September 1966.

8. Personnel Shortages.      None

9. Operational Training Conducted.

- a. Wire section installed approximately 6 miles of pole line, utilizing engineer stakes with 5 pair cable.
- b. Radio section is conducting 24 hour watches utilizing all types of equipment. TACP is presently combined with radio.
- c. Message center is conducting both on-line and off-line cryptographic training coincidental with normal operations.

10. Summary of operations.

- a. Two "Rough Riders" were conducted . Radio sets AN/MRC-87, AN/MRC-83, AN/PRC-47 and AN/PRC-25 were utilized with minimum difficulties.

11. Equipment and Personnel Located in Areas Other Than DANANG Enclave.

- a. None

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## TRAINING

1. Objective. To maintain and improve the high state of combat efficiency of the Battalion, training was conducted on a formal school and individual basis.

2. Highlights. 180 Marines attended a one day course in Land Mine Warfare and 60 Marines attended a two day course conducted by the 3d Engineer Battalion. One Marine was sent to Okinawa to attend a four week course in Vietnamese Language. One Marine was sent to Okinawa to attend a four week course on NCO Leadership. Motor vehicle operators school (M122A1 and M274A1) was conducted at Motor Transport Section, H&S Company. Twenty Two Marines were qualified to drive the M122A1 and twentytwo to drive the M274A1. Familiarization firing of individual and crew served weapons was conducted by all companies. Squad level classes were conducted by all companies with emphasis on patrolling, Rules of Engagement and Lessons Learned.

## SPECIAL OPERATIONS

1. Amphibious Operations. None
2. Combined Operations. None
3. Psychological Operations.

a. 16 September: A leaflet drop was conducted in HIEU DUC District in the area of BO BAN (1), LA CHAU (3), LA CHAU (5) and DUYEN SON (2). Propaganda tapes were also utilized in conjunction with the leaflet drop. The theme of the drop "CHOU HOI" and a request for assistance in aiding the free world forces to find and locate mines and booby traps and VC guerrillas.

b. 24 September: A leaflet drop was conducted in HIEU DUC District in the area of BO BAN (1), LA CHAU (3), LA CHAU (5), DUYEN SON (2), KHUONG MY (4), AN NHAM (2), GIAO TRI (2). Propaganda tapes were also utilized in conjunction with the leaflet drop. The theme of the drop was the poor life of the VC guerrilla and "CHOU HOI".

c. 27 September: A request was made to the Regimental Psychological Warfare Officer to obtain a Psychological Warfare Team to assist in planning psychological operations in the Battalion TAOR.

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1. Use of any equipment peculiar to CBR: None
2. Training accomplished: None
3. Status of CBR equipment on hand: All major items of equipment are on hand.

## COMMAND AND C ONTROL

1. The troop list as of 30 September is as follows.

	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
2d Battalion 26th Marines	36	1 063	3	48
H&S Company	16	354	3	48
Company "E"	5	179		
Company "F"	5	177		
Company "G"	6	175		
Company "H"	4	178		

2. Command Post Locations:

2d Battalion 26th Marines	AT951721
H&S Co	AT951721
Co "E"	AT905718
Co "F"	AT953666
Co "G"	AT925690
CO "H"	AT951721

3. The primary means of control within the 2d Battalion 26th Marines was through wire, backed up by radio.

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## COMBAT AIR SUPPORT

1. Combat Air Support

a. Support provided by 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

2. Significant Events

a. The following MEDEVACs were conducted during the month of September.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
1 Sept	1	1 US WIA
1 Sept	1	2 US WIA
1 Sept	1	1 CIV WIA
2 Sept	1	2 US WIA
3 Sept	1	1 CIV WIA
4 Sept	1	1 US ILL
4 Sept	1	1 US WIA
5 Sept	1	1 US WIA
7 Sept	1	1 US NHA
7 Sept	1	1 CIV WIA
8 Sept	1	1 US KIA 1 US WIA
9 Sept	1	1 CIV WIA
10 Sept	1	1 CIV WIA
11 Sept	1	1 US NHA
13 Sept	1	2 US WIA
13 Sept	1	1 US WIA
13 Sept	1	1 US WIA
15 Sept	1	3 US WIA
16 Sept	1	1 ARVN WIA
16 Sept	1	2 US NHA
19 Sept	1	2 US WIA
19 Sept	1	1 US WIA
19 Sept	1	1 US WIA
19 Sept	1	2 US WIA
19 Sept	1	1 US WIA
20 Sept	1	1 US WIA
20 Sept	1	1 US WIA
23 Sept	1	1 US NHA
24 Sept	1	1 US NHA
25 Sept	1	1 CIV ILL
26 Sept	1	1 US WIA
26 Sept	1	1 VCS WIA
27 Sept	1	1 US WIA
27 Sept	1	1 US ILL
29 Sept	1	1 US WIA 1 US KIA

3. No close air support missions were flown in support of this Battalion during September 1966.

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## CLOSE COMBAT

1. The following operations were conducted during September 1966.

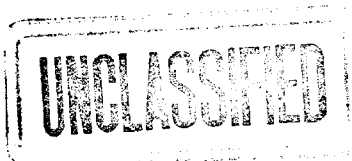
a. Patrols:

Fire Team Size 148  
Squad Size 327 Night and 263 Day  
Platoon Size 2

b. Operations:

Platoon: None  
Company: Three  
Battalion: None  
Combined: None

2. Significant events. (See next page)



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1 September

(1) Company G conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of MINH AN (1) (AT 9070), AN NHON (1) (AT 8969), AN NHON (2) (AT 9069), KHUONG MY (2) (AT 9169), (AT 9270), TUY LOAN (2) (AT 9269), (AT 9369), KHUONG MY (3) (AT 9167) and (AT 9367). Security was provided for TUY LOAN Bridge vic (AT 944709). Significant incidents are noted below.

010945H Company G patrol member tripped a M-26 grenade mine in vic (AT 904705). 1 US WIA required med evac.

011200H Company G patrol found a 60mm mortar round rigged as a mine in vic (AT 932678). The round was buried in the ground with a trip wire leading across the trail. Patrol blew mine in place.

011207H Company G patrol located a pile of rocks in an open area vic (AT 928678), with a pressure device underneath. The rocks were holding the device down which was attached to a 60mm mortar round. The mine was destroyed in place.

(2) Company H conducted a Company (-) (Rein) search and clear operation in the vicinity of LA CHAU (3) and (5) (AT 957683) to (AT 962660). Significant incidents are noted below.

011000H Company H patrol tripped a chi-com type mine (exact type unknown) in vic (AT 956677). 2 US WIA required med evac.

011030H Company H patrol discovered in a house vic (AT 964-668), VC posters. A tunnel was also found leading from the house. The house and tunnel were destroyed.

011045H Company H patrol located in vic (AT 964669) two punji pits. One pit was 2 ft x 2 ft x 5 ft with the second pit 2 ft x 2 ft x 4 ft. Both pits were destroyed with a secondary explosion resulting from the first pit.

011137H Company H patrol located 3 punji pits in vic (AT 956-677). Two pits were 2 ft x 2 ft x 2 ft, with the third 2 ft x 2 ft x 4 ft. The pits were camouflaged with bamboo stakes in the bottom. The pits were destroyed.

(3) GAC 31, 32, 33, and 34 conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of DUONG LAM (2) (AT 9469), (AT 9569), (AT 9272), (AT 9373), (AT 9271), LA CHAU (1) (AT 9468), (AT 8975), and THON XUAN LOC (AT 9074).

(4) 011030H H&S CP security in vic (AT 956725) observed 2 men approach the perimeter wire. One carried a wooden box with the other carrying a rifle. A third man was observed in the general vic. First two men were taken under fire by S/A, and they fled into the weeds along with the third man. The area was searched with negative results.

(5) The battalion utilized three scout-sniper teams, one each with Companies E, F, and G.

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2 September

(1) Company E conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of THON TRUC DONG (AT 9071), NINH AN (2) (AT 9070), GIAO TRI (2) (AT 8871), THON NINH AN (AT 9171), THON TAHI LAI (AT 9271). One incident is noted below.

022043H Company E FO sighted suspected VC on a hill top vic (AT 883712). Arty mission fired, results unknown. 022125H lights were seen on the hill and arty mission called in. lights extinguished.

(2) Company F conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of PHUOC NINH (5) (AT 9167), PHUOC NINH (2) (AT 9266), and DUYEN SON (5) (AT 9266), NUI GOC KHA (AT 9366), and DUYEN SON (1) (AT 9466), LA CHAU (3) (AT 9567), DUYEN SON (2) (AT 9566). One incident is noted below.

021715H Company F patrol obtained information from VN woman that at DUYEN SON (2) & (3) vic (AT 954653), there is a dam that the VC use to cross the river. A patrol dispatched to area found numerous footprints in the area and a boat. A trail leading into the area had signs indicating it was mined. Ambushes have been established.

(3) Company G conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of TUY LOAN (2) (AT 9269), (AT 9270), KHUONG MY (2) (AT 9168), (AT 9169), KHUONG MY (4) (AT 9168), (AT 9067), (AT 9068), (AT 9167) and PHUOC NINH (4) (AT 9368). Security for TUY LOAN Bridge was established in vic (AT 945707) and (AT 947696). Significant incidents are noted below.

020445H Company G ambush observed approx 15 VC in vic (AT 912683). The VC were taken under fire at a range of 75-100 meters, with the VC firing one rd of S/A. A search at daylight revealed no sign of VC casualties, but 16 bamboo stakes and 5 trip wires were found in area.

020945H Company G security member on TUY LOAN Bridge purchased a soda pop in vic (AT 943707) from a young VN girl. The bottle contained small pieces of glass. The girl was sent to HIEU DUC District Headquarters for interrogation.

021540H Company G patrol found a VC flag in vic (AT 917689). A VCS was apprehended in vic (AT 909691) with no ID Card and a unhealed stomach wound. VCS transferred to VN hospital, ITT notified.

021755H Company G patrol activated a trip wire across the trail in vic (AT 918678) which released a tied down tree. The tree threw a M-26 grenade into the air which exploded as it landed in the trail. Results 2 US WIA, med evac.

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(4) CAC 31, 32, 33, and 34 conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of DUONG LAM (2) (AT 9569), HOA PHU (AT 9272), LA CHAU (2) and PHUOC NINH (1) (AT 9467) and PHU THUONG YA (AT 9075). One incident is noted below.

020715H CAC 33 found a VC flag 250 meters from their position in addition to propaganda leaflets in vic (AT 946683).

(5) The battalion utilized three scout-sniper teams, one each with Companies E, F and G.

### 3 September

(1) Company E conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of THON TRUC DONG (AT 9071), (AT 9171), THON NINH AN (AT 9171), GIAO TRI (2) (AT 8970) and NHIN AN (2) (AT 9070). Significant incidents are noted below.

031415H Company E patrol located a cave in vic (AT 889712), large enough to hold 1 man. Search was negative, with the cave destroyed.

031448H Company E patrol found a 81mm mortar round buried in the ground, standing on end in vic (AT 925709). The mine has a pressure type firing device set above the deck. The mine was blown in place.

(2) Company F conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared area of BO BAN (1) (AT 9568), LA CHAU (3) (AT 9567), DUYEN SON (2) (AT 9566), DUYEN SON (3) (AT 9565), DUYEN SON (1) (AT 9366), PHUOC NINH (2) (AT 9267). One incident is noted below.

031100H Company F patrol found in vic (AT 925664) 2 flat surface rocks with 2 rubber tire shoes across the path. It was arranged with 2 flat rocks on outside of path and 2 rubber shoes on the inside. the area was searched with negative results.

(3) CAC 31, 32, 33, and 34 conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of DUONG LAM (2) (AT 9569), AP PHUOC THAI (AT 9271), PHUOC NINH (1) (AT 9367) and THON XUAN IOC (AT 9074). One incident is noted below.

030835H CAC 31 found a Remington 1903 rifle with a three round clip. Location had been given to District HQ by a VC female. The rifle was located in a small hole in the deck vic (AT 908692). Rifle was very rusty but the bolt was well cared for. Rifle and VC woman sent to HIEU DUC District HQ.

(4) 030955H 2d Bn wire team detonated one M-26 grenade attached to a trip wire in vic (AT 943675). No casualties.

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(5) 031700H H&S Company wiremen traveling east in a mighty mite and trailer from District HQ at HIEU DUC detonated a mine in vic (AT 938688). The mighty mite was completely destroyed and the trailer badly damaged by a suspected electrically detonated charge buried in the road. The mine was completely disintegrated and could not be identified. 3 US KIA, 5 US WIA one DOW later (Total 4 KIA and 4 WIA). Complete report to follow.

(6) The battalion utilized three scout-sniper teams, one each with Companies E, F, and G.

#### 4 September

(1) Company E conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of (AT 9072), (AT 8971), THON TRUC DONG (AT 9071), (AT 9171) and THON NINH AN (AT 9271). Significant incidents are noted below.

041255H Company E OP in vic (AT 906721) spotted 7 VC by a pagoda in vic (AT 887717). Arty fire mission called with results unknown.

042030H Company E position located (AT 905718) received approx. 7-8 rounds sniper fire from approx. 200 meters west of their position.

(2) Company F conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of LA CHAU (1) (AT 9468), BO BAN (1) (AT 9568), PHUOC NINH (5) (AT 9167), PHUOC NINH (3) (AT 9267), PHUOC NINH (1) (AT 9367), LA CHAU (2) (AT 9467), LA CHAU (3) (AT 9567), (AT 9166), PHUOC NINH (2) (AT 9266), DUYEN SON (1) (AT 9366), DUYEN SON (2) (AT 9566), (AT 9265) and (AT 9365). Significant incidents are noted below.

041450H Company F patrol found an 8' long cave in vic (AT 928669) with an entrance 4' in diameter. The cave was capable of holding approx. 4 persons. It was destroyed with demo.

041615H Company F patrol apprehended one VCS in vic (AT 934-666) without an ID card. VCS had 1600 piasters in his possession and was forwarded to ITT.

042030H Company F position, Hill 41 vic (AT 935664) received sniper fire from vic (AT 943663) from estimated 3 carbines firing 20 rounds. Fire returned with M-79s, results unknown.

(3) Company H conducted a company (-) (Rein) search and clear operation in the vic of BO BAN (2) and (1), DUONG LAM (1) and (3) (AT 9568), (AT 9569), (AT 9669) and (AT 9668). Significant incidents are noted below.

040745H Company H apprehended 2 VCS who had false looking ID cards in vic (AT 951684). Both VCS sent to ITT for interrogation.

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040900H Company H observed seven boats moving rapidly across Song Yen River in vic (AT 964692). Patrol dispatched to area had negative results upon search.

Summary of events of the operation are listed below:

040900H (AT 954683) 1 cave blown.

040915H (AT 954683) Papers found hidden in rice jug. Hand written turned over to S-2.

041030 (AT 960686) (AT 960686) 2 55 gal. drums of gasoline discovered and dumped.

041145H (AT 961688) found new signs for marking mined trail. Consisted of strips of bamboo tied to branch of tree. 3 mines blown. 6 punji type holes discovered and blown; 3 holes camouflaged, 3 not covered. 2 camouflaged holes produced secondary explosions. New type mine discovered - consisted of 2 strips of bamboo under a punji cover, connected by thin wire. Both sections 15" - 18" long. Filled with some type explosive. Appeared to be friction type mine.

041300H (AT 961687) 1 metal toothed trap discovered and thrown into river.

Occurrence in BO BAN (2): Blocking force provided medical attention for approx. 25 patients. After this occurred, the hamlet chief showed the plt patrol leader pits and possible hiding places of mines and booby traps in these positions on an irregular basis, but no set pattern.

(4) CAC 31, 32, 33, and 34 conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of DUONG LAM (1) (AT 9469), DUONG LAM (2) (AT 9569), THON PHU HA (AT 9473), (AT 9273), (AT 9272), PHUOC NINH (1) (AT 9367), LA CHAU (2) (AT 9467), (AT 9075), (AT 9074) and (AT 9174). One incident is noted below.

042100H CAC 31 observed approx. 30 VC moving NW towards TUY LOAN in vic (AT 950690). Automatic weapons fire was received with illum being fired and fire returned. 1 US WIA, med evac. VC casualties unknown.

(5) 042055H Bn CP was probed by approx. 5-10 VC from west in vic (AT 952723) using S/A fire approx. 40 rds. and grenades. CP on 100% alert, fire returned, with illum being fired. VC casualties unknown.

(6) The battalion utilized three scout-sniper teams, one each with Companies E, F, and G.

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5 September

(1) Company E conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of THON PHUAC HUNG (AT 9072) and (AT 9172), BINH THAI (AT 8871), (AT 8971), THON TRUC DONG (AT 9071), (AT 9171) and THON THAI LAI (AT 9271). One incident is noted below.

050910H Company E patrol in the vicinity of (AT 895712); received semi-automatic fire from a range of 200 to 300 meters in a SW direction. A reaction squad supported by two tanks swept area; six or seven VC in black PJs fled into BINH THAI (1) (AT 871709). Village encircled and searched with negative results. Children in the village indicated that VC ran south toward river. Possible propaganda leaflets, 1 cave, and 1 M-26 grenade found. Leaflets returned to 2/26 S-2, and the cave and grenade were blown in place with no secondary explosions.

(2) Company F conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of PHUOC NINH (3) (AT 9267), PHUOC NINH (1) (AT 9467), DUYEN SON (5) (AT 9266), DUYEN SON (1) (AT 9366), DUYEN SON (4) (AT 9466), DUYEN SON (2) (AT 9566), LA CHAU (5) (AT 9666), in the vicinity of (AT 9265) and (AT 9365), PHU SON (1) (AT 9465), PHU SON (2) (AT 9464), DUYEN SON (3) (AT 9565) and in the vicinity of (AT 9564). The following significant events resulted.

051030 Company F patrol apprehended three female VCS in the vicinity of (AT 931654) when routine check of IDs produced negative results. Female VCS sent to 3d ITT.

051200H Company F patrol found unidentified pamphlets, 5 x 7.62 cartridge casing, 1 x 7.62 charger guide, and one .38 cal pistol casing in a large cement pot inside a building in the vicinity of (AT 934674). Captured material turned over to 2/26 S-2.

051830H Company F security personnel with engineers in an engineer 6x6 truck proceeding north in vic (AT 940640), was ambushed by VC with approx. 3 automatic rifles. The number of rounds fired was not known. The fire was returned and vehicle continued past the ambush site. There were no casualties, 8 bullet holes were found in the truck.

(3) Company G conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of AN TAN (AT 9170), vicinity of (AT 9270), TUY LOAN (1) (AT 9370), AN NHON (2) (AT 9069), KHUONG MY (2) (AT 9169), vicinity of (AT 9269), (AT 9369), DONG BICH (1) (AT 8968), DONG BICH (2) (AT 9068), KHUONG MY (4) (AT 9168), KHUONG MY (1) (AT 9268), KHUONG MY (3) (AT 9167) and (AT 9267), (AT 8967) and (AT 9067). Security was continued for TUY LOAN Bridge in the vicinity of (AT 945707) and (AT 947696). One incident occurred as noted below.

051425H Company G patrol found a 20mm round in the vicinity of (AT 903693). The round was blown in place.

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(4) CAC 31, 32, and 33 conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of DUONG LAM (2) (AT 9569), LA CHAU (2) (AT 9467) and the vicinity of (AT 9172), (AT 9272) and (AT 9469). There were no contacts or significant incidents.

(5) The battalion employed three scout-sniper teams; one each with E, F, and G Companies.

#### 6 September

(1) Company F conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of LA CHAU (5) (AT 9666), DUYEN SON (2) (AT 9566), LA CHAU (3) (AT 9567), LA CHAU (2) (AT 9467), DUYEN SON (1) (AT 9366), PHUOC NINH (1) (AT 9367), PHUOC NINH (2) (AT 9266) and PHUOC NING (5) (AT 9167). Two incidents are noted below.

061300H a 10 year old VN boy reported to Company F that a M-26 grenade was buried in the road in vicinity (AT 953663). The M-26 grenade was found with the pin pulled and soft wire or a twig inserted. The grenade was blown in place.

062100H Company F platoon CP vicinity (AT 953667) received 3 rounds S/A fire. Rain and poor visibility rendered it impossible to determine direction fire came from. No casualties.

(2) Company G conducted search and clear operations in PHUOC NINH (4) (AT 9368), DUONG LAM (1) (AT 9469), TUY LOAN (2) (AT 9269), KHUONG MY (3) (AT 9167), DONG BICH (2) (AT 9068), KHUONG MY (4) (AT 9168), NINH AN (1) (AT 9070), GIAO TRI (3) (AT 8870), AN NHON (1) (AT 8969) and AN NHON (2) (AT 9069). Security was continued for TUY LOAN Bridge in the vicinity of (AT 945707) and (AT 947696). One incident is noted below.

061255H Company G patrol found a cache in a pagoda in vicinity (AT 887699), which included 2 M-16 anti-personnel mines plus equipment for homemade mines. It was felt that the pagoda was possibly used as an assemble place for mines. The cache was blown in place.

(3) CAC 31, 32, 33 and 34 conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of DUONG LAM (2) (AT 9569), THAN PHU HA (AT 9173), LA CHAU (2) (AT 9467) and THON XUAN LOG (AT 9074). There were no contacts or significant incidents.

(4) The battalion employed three scout-sniper teams one each with Companies E, F and G.

#### 7 September

(1) CAC 31, 32, and 34 conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of PHU HOA (AT 9570), DUONG LAM (2) (AT 9569), AP PHUOC THOI (AT 9271), and PHU THUONG (AT 9175). There were no contacts or significant incidents.

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(2) The battalion employed three scout-sniper teams, one each with Companies E, F and G.

8 September

(1) Company E conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of (AT 8973), (AT 9073), (AT 8972), (AT 9072), BINH THAI (AT 8871), (AT 8971), THON TRUC DONG (AT 9071) and (AT 9071) and (AT 9171). Significant incidents are noted below.

081200H Company E on a daily sweep of their defensive wire, discovered 2 cuts in the wire, 75 meters in front of the fighting holes protecting the 81mm mortar position, in vic (AT 905718). Both cuts include bottom strands of double apron and concertina, with the spoon of 1 trip flare wired down to prevent it from firing. The cuts were immediately in front of a claymore mine position, with one 8' bamboo pole near the wire which could be used to lift the wires. The wire was repaired and trip flares installed with an IP in that vic tonight.

081815H Regimental sniper team spotted 4 VC near a pagoda ruins in vic (AT 883716). Arty mission of 2 rds 105MM and 1 rd WP 105MM plus 7 rds 81MM HE. Excellent target coverage, results unknown, will search area at first light.

(2) Company F conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of LA CHAU (3) (AT 9567), LA CHAU (2) (AT 9467), PHUOC NINH (3) (AT 9267), KHUONG MY (3) and PHUOC NINH (5) (AT 9167), PHUOC NINH (2) and DUYEN SON (5) (AT 9266), DUYEN SON (1) (AT 9366), LA CHAU (4) (AT 9566), PHU SON (1) (AT 9465) and DUYEN SON (3) (AT 9565). Significant incidents are noted below.

081230H Company F patrol blew a closed gate which was leading to a hamlet in vic (AT 959677). The gate was camouflaged with branches and leaves. When blown with demo, a secondary explosion occurred.

081410H Company F patrol found a chi-com grenade in a ditch on the side of a trail in vic (AT 955680). There was no evidence of it being rigged as a mine or booby trap. The grenade was blown in place. No secondary explosion.

081445H Company F patrol found a punji pit camouflaged with bamboo leaves on the side of a trail in vic (AT 955678). The pit was 1' x 3' x 3', blown in place with a secondary explosion resulting.

081500H Company F patrol found a punji trap camouflaged with bamboo leaves on the side of a trail in vic (AT 957674). The punji stakes were fresh cut bamboo, with the pit being 2' x 3' x 2'. The pit was blown resulting in a secondary explosion.

081810H Company F patrol found a punji pit 3' x 3' x 4' on the side of a trail in vic (AT 960692). The pit was camouflaged with grass and new bamboo stakes were in the pit. The pit was blown.

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082120H B 1/12 and Company F platoon located in vic (AT 932667) received S/A fire from unknown location. Fire was returned at general area of possible VC position, results unknown, fire by VC ceased.

(3) Company G conducted search and clear operations in the semi-clear areas of AN TAN (AT 9170), (AT 9270), AN NHON (2) (AT 9069), KHUONG MY (2) (AT 9169), TUY LOAN (2) (AT 9269), (AT 9369), AN NHON (1) (AT 8969), (AT 8968), DONG BICH (2) (AT 9068), KHUONG MY (4) (AT 9168), KHUONG MY (1) (AT 9268), PHUOC NINH (4) (AT 9368), DUONG LAM (1) (AT 9469), LA CHAU (1) (AT 9468) and (AT 9568). Security continued to be provided for TUY LOAN Bridge in the vicinity of (AT 945707) and (AT 947696). Two incidents are noted below.

081440H Company G patrol found a 105mm dud in vic (AT 923697). Blown in place.

082126H Company G patrol received approx 15 rds of S/A fire from approx vic (AT 915687) patrol located in vic (AT 912687). Patrol returned approx 75 rds of S/A fire. Area searched with negative results.

(4) Company H conducted a company size search and clear operation in the semi-cleared areas of DONG LAM (3) (AT 9569) and BO BAN (1) (AT 9560) and BO BAN (2) (AT 9569). Significant incidents are noted below.

081400H Company H patrol found a punji pit in vic (AT 954686) and located a cave in vic (AT 954683). The punji pit was 2' x 3' x 8'. Both were destroyed with demo with no secondary explosions.

081448H Company H located an old uncovered punji pit, 2' x 2' x on side of trail in vic (AT 954682). 2 men passed the side of pit with no incident, the third man detonated a mine of an unknown type. Results 1 US KIA, 1 US WIA, med evac requested.

(5) CAC 31, 32, 33 and 34 conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of DUONG LAM (2) (AT 9569), (AT 9469), THON PHUOC HUNG (AT 9172), (AT 9272), AP PHUOC THAI (AT 9271), PHUOC NINH (1) (AT 9367), (AT 9467), PHU THUONG THON (AT 9076) and PHU THUONG XA (AT 9075). There were no contacts or significant incidents.

(6) 081400H 2/26 wire team located one 81mm HE rds attached as a booby trap to the wire line in vic (AT 967732). Blown in place.

(7) 081515H 2/26 wire team repairing line between Company F and HIEU DUC DISTRICT HQ found the line cut over a house. A pair of commercial wire cutters were found in back of the house. Bn S-2 will investigate area in morning.

(8) The battalion employed three scout-sniper teams, one each with Companies E, F and G.

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(1) At 101025H Co G sqd plt found 1 106mm rd (intact with casing) approx 250 yds from Co perimeter in vic (AT 917706). Blown in place, not rigged as mine.

(2) At 102050 Co F Plt in vic (AT 923674) received 20 rds S/A fire from vic (AT 918689). Area illuminated, observed 10-15 VC outside wire taken under fire, VC withdrew to NW. H&I in area.

(3) At 102130H Co G AN/TPS-21 located (AT 923705), picked up movement in vic (AT 916700) including metallic object. Arty mission of 10 rds 105mm fired, metallic object disappeared on AN/TPS-21. Will search at first light.

(4) At 102200H CAC 33 (AT 945683) received 20 rds S/A fire from A/W in vic (AT 943680), returned fire, sniper ceased. will search at first light.

(5) At 102205-102300H Co F & "B" Btry vic (AT 933662) received 5 rds mort fire in vic (AT 933661). Flashes observed from vic (AT 914647) with 6 rds 90mm and 12 rds 105mm returned. Flashes also observed from (AT 909699) fire returned with 18 rds 105mm, all incoming fire ceased. Estimated VC Sqd size probe firing E-W with A/W & carbine firing at position at same time of mortars. No casualties.

(6) The Bn employed 3 SS teams, 1 each with Co E, F & G.

11 September

(1) At 111310H CAC 33 at (AT 943682) received 10 rds A/W fire from (AT 945673). Sniper could not be located.

(2) At 112040H Co E listening post moving into position (AT 916712), received 12 rds S/A fire from 3 snipers vic (AT 913709). Fire returned, area searched neg results.

(3) At 112100H Co E plt position (AT 916714) received 20 rds fire from 4 snipers vic (AT 918716). Fire returned W/S/A and 6 rds 60mm, results unknown.

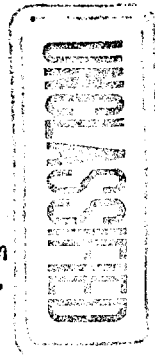
(4) 112105H Co E FO vic (AT 916714) observed 5 VC moving N vic (AT 907709) 6 rds 105mm WP & 2 rds HE fired. VC observed dispersing all directions. Results unknown.

(5) The Bn employed 3 SS teams, 1 each with Co E, F and G.

12 September

(1) CAC 31, 32, 33 and 34 conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas in the vicinity of DUONG LAM (2) (AT 9469), (AT 9569), HOA PHU (AT 9272), AP PHUOC THUAN (AT 9273), PHU THUONG XA (AT 9075) and (AT 9175). One incident is noted below.

122145H CAC 31 patrol discovered 60 VC at (AT 947698). 155mm illum and 105mm HE fire missions were fired; target coverage was good. 2/26 reaction platoon sent to exploit.

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(2) The battalion employed three scout-sniper teams, one each with Companies E, F and G.

13 September

(1) Company F conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of PHUOC NINH (3) (AT 9267), PHUOC NINH (5), (AT 9167), PHUOC NINH (1) (AT 9367), LA CHAU (AT 9467), PHUOC NINH (2) and DUYEN SON (1) (AT 9166), (AT 9466), LA CHAU (4) (AT 9566), PHU SON (1) (AT 9465), DUYEN SON (3) (AT 9565), PHU SON (2), (3) & (4) (AT 9464), (AT 9564), (AT 9364), (AT 9363) and (AT 9463), DUYEN SON (1) (AT 9366). Significant incidents are noted below.

130604H Co F patrol encountered approx. 6 VC at (AT 951663). A S/A fire fight resulted which caused 1 USMC WIA due to shrapnel wounds when bullets hitting mans rifle splattered.

131030H one Marine from Co F patrol fell in punji trap 1' X 1' X 3' consisting of steel barbed spikes fastened to a wooden base at (AT 958657). 1 USMC WIA resulted. WIA was evacuated and punji trap was blown with 1 pound of C-4.

131530H Co F patrol (AT 947633) received three rounds of sniper fire from (AT 950635) resulting in 1 USMC WIA. Patrol fired on area with negative results, and WIA med evacuated.

(2) Company G continued to provide security for TUY LOAN Bridge (AT 945707). Search and clear operations were conducted in the semi-cleared areas of AN TAN (AT 9170), (AT 9270), A NHON (2) (AT 9069), KHUONG MY (2) (AT 9169), TUY LOAN (2) (AT 9269), DONG BICH (2) (AT 9068), KHUONG MY (4) (AT 9168), KHUONG MY (1) (AT 9268), (AT 9067) and (AT 9167). Significant incidents are noted below.

130920H Co G patrol exploded an M-26 grenade (AT 915682) which was attached to a trip wire resulting in 2 USMC WIA. Both WIA were med evaced to "C" Med.

131315H Co G bridge defense (AT 945707) engaged in brief S/A fire-fight with 3 VC who attempted to sneak upon the bridge. VC were armed with carbines; action resulted in no casualties to either side.

131800H Co G called observed 105mm fire mission on suspected VC mine field (AT 915680) to (AT 915676). Four secondary explosions resulted.

(3) CAC 31, 32, 33 and 34 conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of DONG LAM (2) (AT 9569), (AT 9469), THON PHUOC HUNG (AT 9172), (AT 9173), (AT 9272), LA CHAU (2) (AT 9467), (AT 8975), THON TUAM LOC (AT 9075) and (AT 9074). One significant incident is noted below.

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131150H CAC 31 patrol investigating results of 122200H 105mm fire reported no wounded indigenous personnel. The patrol further reported that villagers were uncooperative but did indicate that the VC route of departure was south to DUONG LAM (3) (AT 9569), southeast to BO BAN (1) (AT 9568) and to CAM NE (3) (AT 9668).

(4) The Battalion employed three scout-sniper teams, one each with Companies E, F and G.

#### 14 September

(1) Company F conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of BO BAN (1) (AT 9568), PHUOC NINH (5) (AT 9167), (AT 9267), (AT 9267), PHUOC NINH (1) (AT 9367), (AT 9166), PHUOC NINH (2) (AT 9266), (AT 9366), LA CHAU (4) (AT 9466), (AT 9566) and (AT 9465). Security was provided for TUY LOAN Bridge (AT 946698). Significant incidents are noted below.

14105H Company F patrol found M-26 grenade with trip wire running east to west attached to a straw scarecrow (AT 935670). Grenade blown in place resulting in secondary explosion.

141130H One VC surrendered to ARVN soldiers with Company F (AT 934663). VC led patrol to cave; search produced negative results--cave blown with no secondary explosions; VC turned over to ITT.

141400H Company F patrol apprehended one VCS with French and American Medicine including Penicillin in bag (AT 934663). VCS turned over to ITT.

(2) Company G conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of (AT 8970), (AT 9070), AN TAN (AT 9170), (AT 9270), (AT 8969), AN NHON (2) (AT 9069), (AT 9269), (AT 9369), DUONG LAM (1) (AT 9469), (AT 9068), KHUONG MY (4) (AT 9168), KHUONG MY (1) (AT 9268). Security was provided for TUY LOAN Bridge (AT 945707). One incident is noted below.

142050H Company G first platoon received 15 rds S/A fire (AT 930683) from hamlet (AT 926687). Fire was returned including one LAAN causing a fire and two secondary explosions.

(3) CAC 31, 32, 33 and 34 conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of DUONG LAM (1) (AT 9469), DUONG LAM (2) (AT 9569), THON PHUOC HUNG (AT 9172), (AT 9173), LA CHAU (2) (AT 9467), THON XUAN LOC (AT 9075), and (AT 9074). There were no contacts or significant incidents.

(4) The battalion employed 3 scout-sniper teams, 1 each with Companies E, F and G.

#### 15 September

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(1) Company G conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of AN TAN (AT 9170), KHUONG MY (2) (AT 9169), AN NHON (AT 9069), (AT 9369)), PHUOC NINH (4) (AT 9368), (AT 9268), (AT 9068) and KHUONG MY (4) (AT 9168). Security continued to be provided for TUY LOAN Bridge (AT 945707). Significant incidents are noted below.

151213H Company G patrol detonated an M-26 when point hit trip wire (AT 908704) resulting in 3 USMC WIA who were med evaced. One (1) died enroute to "C" Med.

152055H Company G perimeter security position (AT 924692) received one VC grenade. 81mm mortar illumination and 30 rounds of S/A were fired with unknown results; area to be checked in AM.

(2) Company H continued to provide security for Rough Rider North under the Operational Control of 4th Marines.

(3) CAC 31, 32, 33 and 34 conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of DUONG LAM (1) and (2) (AT 9469), (AT 9569), (AT 9172), (AT 9075) and PHU THUONG THON (AT 9076).

(4) The battalion employed 2 scout-sniper teams, 1 each with Companies E and F.

#### 16 September

(1) Company F conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas along Hy #5 between Hill #41 (AT 9366) and Hill #22 (AT 9566). One significant incident is noted below.

At 162030H a mine was electrically detonated behind a patrol. The patrol then followed a comm wire to an ammunition box containing a CHI COMM grenade surrounded by propaganda leaflets (AT 951647). This was blown in place causing a secondary explosion.

(2) CAC 31, 32, 33 and 34 conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas adjacent to their assigned villages. There were no contacts or significant incidents.

(3) The battalion employed 2 scout-sniper teams, 1 each with Companies E and F.

#### 17 September

(1) Company G conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas South of SONG TUY LOAN, West of Hy #5 and North of Grid line 68. One significant incident is noted below.

170940H Company G CP observed 10-15 rounds of S/A fired at unknown aircraft while circling KHUONG MY (2) (AT 9069); no apparent damage to the aircraft resulted.

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(2) Company H continued to provide security for the Rough Rider North under the Operational Control of 4th Marines.

(3) CAC 31, 32, 33 and 34 conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas adjacent to their assigned sectors and villages.

(4) The battalion employed 2 scout-sniper teams, 1 each with companies E and F.

#### 18 September

(1) Company F conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas north east of the hill mass (AT 9164) and between Route 5 and SONG YEN south of hill 22 (AT 9566). Security was provided for the TUY LOAN PONTOON Bridge (AT 946698). One incident is noted below.

180445H Co F AN/TPS-21 detected movement in hut (AT 934662) at 180100H. WP illum set hut on fire. Search of area produced 1 VN body estimated dead about one week, fresh blood traces and 10 7.62 cartridge cases. Search team received sniper fire (AT 929665) at 180130H and (AT 931662) at 180310H; no casualties resulted.

(2) Company G conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas south of SONG TUY LOAN between Route 5 and grid line 90. Security was provided for the "new" TUY LOAN Bridge (AT 945707). One incident is noted below.

181220H Co G patrol found 155mm dud round (AT 908680) and shallow hole on side of road (1'x2'x $\frac{1}{2}$ '). 155mm dud blown in place with  $\frac{1}{2}$  pound C-4 at 181530H.

(3) Company H continued to provide security for Rough Rider north under the Operational Control of 4th Marines.

(4) CAC 31, 32, 33 and 34 conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas in the vicinity of their assigned villages. There were no contacts or significant incidents.

(5) The battalion employed 2 scout-sniper teams, 1 each with Companies E and F.

#### 19 September

(1) Company F conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas Northeast of Hill mass (AT 9164) and between Route #5 and SONG YEN South of Hill # 22 (AT 9566). Security was provided for the TUY LOAN Pontoon Bridge (AT 946698). Significant incidents are noted below.

190930H Company F squad size patrol received S/A fire (AT 948674) from (AT 955677); S/A fire returned and plt was dispatched from Bn CP to CAC 33 to support the patrol. Another Co F sqd sent to rein patrol.

191210H Company F (Rein) and received sniper fire (AT 955674) resulting in 2 USMC WIA: S/A fire returned WIA MEDEVAC and third sqd attached to patrol.

191350H Company F patrol member firing M-79 (AT 956678) received fragmentation wounds when M-79 round detonated by tree limb.

191530H Company F patrol received 5 to 10 rds S/A fire (AT 956678) resulting in one USMC KIA. S/A fired and fire mission on suspected enemy position requested.

191640H Company F plt patrol received 2 WIA from arty fire-mission (AT 958679) when two rounds hit in a tree top located 150 meters line Short of target. WIA's MEDEVAC, one USMC WIA with shock and one ARVN with shrapnel wounds in arms later MEDEVAC from Company F CP (AT 953666) at 191850H.

Company F patrol action in the vic of LA CHAU (3) (AT 9567) resulted in a Vietnamese Villager's report of 10 VC KIA and 3 VC WIA.

(2) Company H continued to provide security for Rough Rider North under OPCON 4th Marines.

(3) CAC 31, 32, 33 and 34 conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas in assigned sectors. There were no contacts or significant incidents.

(4) The battalion employed 2 scout-sniper teams, 1 each with Companies E and F.

#### 20 September

(1) Company F conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas northeast of hill mass 223 (AT 9164) and in the vicinity of Route 5 between hill 22 (AT 9267) and hill 22 (AT 9566). Security was provided for the TUY LOAN Bridge (AT 946698). Significant incidents are noted below.

201530H Co F patrol discovered punji pit (2'x3'x2') (AT 957655). Punji pit blown with  $\frac{1}{2}$  pound C-4 resulting in secondary explosion.

201530H Co F patrol detonated mine fixed to trip wire (AT 952649) resulting in one USMC WIA who was med evaced.

(2) Company G conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas south of SONG TUY LOAN Bridge (AT 945707). One incident is noted below.

200810H Co G patrol accompanying mine sweep team detonated a pressure type mine believed to be an M-26 greande, resulting in one USMC WIA (AT 944665).

(3) Company H continued to provide security for Rough Rider North between DA NANG and DONG HA under OPCON 4th Marines.

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(4) CAC 31, 32, 33 and 34 conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas adjacent to their assigned villages. There were no contacts or significant incidents.

(5) The removal of the pontoon bridge (AT 946698) was completed shifting principal traffic to the new bridge (AT 945707).

(6) The battalion employed 2 scout-sniper teams, 1 each with Companies E and F.

21 September

(1) Company F conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas northeast of the hill mass (AT 9164) and between route 5 and Song Yen south of hill 22 (AT 9566). Security was provided for the TUY LOAN Bridge (AT 946698). One incident is noted below.

210325H Co F position (AT 934663) received TPS 21 contact (AT 925667), noise and visual contacts (AT 921663) and (AT 917664). 81mm illumination and HE fired vicinity of last contact (AT 917664) with negative results.

(2) Company H provided security for Rough Rider North between DONG HA and DA NANG, returning to DA NANG 211630H.

(3) CAC 31, 32, 33 and 34 conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas in the vicinity of their assigned villages. There were no contacts or significant incidents.

(4) The battalion employed 2 scout-sniper teams, 1 each with Companies E and F.

22 September

(1) Company G conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas south of SONG TUY LOAN between Route #5 and grid line 90. Security was provided for the new TUY LOAN Bridge (AT 945707). Significant incidents are noted below.

221130H Company G patrol located booby trap consisting of M-26 grenades, a pot of explosive and triggered by a wire attached to a sign saying "Min". Grenades and explosive blown in place.

222210H Company G CP perimeter located 2 VC 25 meters from perimeter wire (AT 923691). S/A and M-79 fired with negative results.

(2) CAC 31, 32, 33 and 34 conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas adjacent to their assigned villages. There were no contacts or significant incidents.

(3) The battalion employed 2 scout-sniper teams, 1 each with Companies E and F.

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23 September

(1) 231930H 3d Motors truck (AT 949718) from 2d Bn, 26th Marines CP received approximately 15 rounds automatic S/A fire from (AT 950718) resulting in no casualties or damage to truck.

(2) CAC 31, 32, 33 and 34 conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of their assigned villages. There were no contacts or significant incidents.

(3) The battalion employed 2 scout-sniper teams, 1 each with Companies E and F.

24 September

(1) Company E conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas southwest of route 5 to Song TUY LOAN and grid line 89. One incident is noted below.

240450H Co E ambush fired on a number of boats with 2 or 3 VC in each boat (AT 922708), resulting in one sunken boat.

(2) 242030H 2d Bn, 26th Marines CP perimeter (AT 952724) received automatic S/A fire and observed 3 persons moving toward perimeter (AT 952727). Illumination and S/A fired resulting in 1 VC WIA (prob).

(3) The battalion employed 2 scout-sniper teams, 1 each with Companies E and F.

25 September

(1) Company H maintained a Battalion reserve, furnishing one plt (rein) for security on Rough Rider North from DANANG to PHU BAI. Security departed NAM O Bridge 251420H: secured PHU BAI 251710H; and returned to DANANG 251930 H.

(2) CAC 31, 32, 33 and 34 conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas in the vic of their assigned villages. There were no contacts or significant incidents.

(3) The battalion employed 4 scout-sniper teams, 1 each with Companies E and G; two with Company F.

26 September

(1) Company F conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas south of grid line 68, northeast of Hill mass (AT 9165) and west of SONH YEN. One significant incident is noted below.

260925H Company F patrol member stepped into camouflaged punji pit (AT 957656). Pit consisted of one metal spike which pierced Marine's foot resulting in one USMC WIA, med evac. Pit blown with C-4.

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(2) Company G conducted search and clear operations in the Semi-cleared area south of SONG TUY LOAN, north of grid line 68, west of Route 5 and east of CAO SUNG (1) (AT8869). Significant incidents are noted below.

261307H Company G patrol (AT899702) received sniper fire from (AT897702). S/A fire returned resulting in 1 VC WIA (prob) due to blood stains found in area.

261318H Company G patrol found two tunnels inside dirt bank (AT894697). Tunnels blown with C-4.

(3) Company H continued to provide security for the Bn CP and TUY LOAN Bridges (AT945707) and (AT943709). Significant incidents are noted below.

261410H Company H bridge security (AT945707) apprehended one VCS with wound in stomach. VCS possibly sniper in Company G contact of 261307H at (AT899702). VCS med evaced.

262030H Company H bridge security (AT945707) received 5 grenades and S/A fire from (AT942706). S/A fire returned with negative results.

(4) CAC 31, 32, 33, and 34 conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas in the vicinity of their assigned villages. There were no contacts of significant incidents.

(5) The battalion employed scout-sniper teams, 1 each with Companies E and G and two with Company F.

#### 27 September

(1) Company E conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas Southwest of Route #5 in the vic of the SONG TUY LOAN and hill #324 (AT8874). There were no contacts or significant incidents.

(2) Company F conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas South of grid line 68, East of SONG YEN and Northeast of Hill mass (AT9165). There were no significant incidents.

(3) Company G conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas South of SONG TUY LOAN, North of grid line 68, West of Route #5 and East of DONG BICH (1) (AT8968). One incident is noted below.

270650H Company H patrol detonated mine believed to be M-26 under rock, resulting in one USMC WIA (AT893700). MEDEVAC WIA and area search with negative result.

(4) CAC 31, 32, 33, and 34 conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas in the vic of their assigned villages. There were no contacts or significant incidents.

(5) The battalion employed 4 scout-sniper teams, 3 with Company F and 1 with Company E.

28 September

(1) Company E conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas Southwest of Route #5 and in the vicinity of the SONG TUY LOAN and Hill 324 (AT8874). There were no contacts or significant incidents.

(2) Company F conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas South of grid line 68, West of SONG YEN, and Northwest of hill mas (AT9165). Significant incidents are noted below.

281630H Company F patrol discovered 4 recently made Punji pits (AT926672); pits blown in place with no secondary explosions.

281815H Company F. squad supported by one tank dispatched to scene of reported ambush (AT935630) to (AT940640) along Route #5. 7th Engineers M-37 radio vehicle had received S/A fire forcing vehicle off road. Occupants of M-37 dismounted and proceeded to Hill #41 (AT9366) where incident reported. Search squad found vehicle damaged from VC grenades; vehicle towed to Company A, 7th Engineers CP (AT9470).

(3) Company G conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas South of SONG TUY LOAN, North of grid line 68, West of Route #5 and East of DONG BICH (1) (AT8968). There were no contacts of significant incidents.

(4) CAC 31, 32, 33, and 34 conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas in the vicinity of their assigned villages. There were no contacts or significant incidents.

(5) The Battalion employed 4 scout sniper teams, 1 with Company E and 3 with Company F.

29 September

(1) Company E conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas North of SONG TUY LOAN, West of Route #5, South of Hill 324 (AT8874) and East of grid line 88. There was one significant incident.

290115H Company E was leaving ambush site when patrol members heard spoon fly from M-26 grenades. Point received slight fragmentation wound. Heard someone running through brush in an easterly direction.

(2) Company F conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of grid line 68, Northeast of Hill mass (AT9165) and West of SONG YEN, and a search and clear operation in the vic of BO BAN (1) and (2) and LA CHAU (3). The following significant incidents are noted below.

Company F platoon found approx 100 pounds rice which appeared to be stored by the VC in an deserted house. Rice was destroyed because of difficulty in removing from area.

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291555H Company F platoon returning from operation received S/A fire from (AT958683) and (AT959689) from unknown number of VC. Returned S/A fire, VC withdrew. Above action resulted in one USMC KIA and one WIA. WIA med evacuated.

(3) Company G conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas South of SONG TUY LOAN, North of grid line 68, West of Route #5 and East of CAO SUNG (1) (AT8869). There were no significant incidents.

(4) Company H continued to provide the reaction force for the battalion and security for the TUY LOAN Bridge (AT945707). The Company also provided a blocking force the search and clear conducted by Company F. One significant incident is noted below.

290620H Company H platoon spotted two VC in boat (AT960700), delivered S/A fire, VC returned fire, one rifle grande fired, one VC knocked from boat. Body appeared to sink to river bottom. Other VC landed boat and fled southward.

(5) CAC 31, 32, 33, and 34 conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas in the vic of their assigned villages. There were no contacts or significant incidents.

(6) The battalion employed 4 scout-sniper teams, 1 with Company E and three with Company F.

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(1) Command Group B departed to assume responsibility for 1/3 TAOR

(2) Company E conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas North of SONG TUY LOAN, West of Route #5, South of Hill 324 (AT8874) and East of grid line 88. There were no significant incidents.

(3) Company F conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas south of grid line 68, Northeast of Hill mass (AT9165) and West of SONG YEN. There were no significant incidents.

(4) Company G conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas South of SONG TUY LOAN, North of grid line 68, West of Route #5 and East of CAO SUNG (1) (AT8869). There was one significant incident.

301130H Co G patrol discovered 12 55 gallon drums of rice in a house (AT932692). District Headquarters says rice belongs to father of P.F. Rice not destroyed.

(5) Company H departed for 1/3 sector OPCON Command Group B.

(6) CAC 31, 32, 33, and 34 conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas in the vic of their assigned villages.

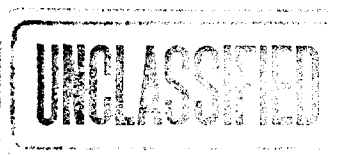
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There was one significant incident.

302000H Dead ARVN soldier delivered to CAC 31 by villagers.  
Body found in DUONG LAM (1). No information as to time or cause of  
death. HIEU DUC District Headquarters notified.

(7) 301425H Driver from 3d M.T. Bn travelling South on Route #5  
reported one round sniper fire from (AT940688). Round imbedded in wood  
side support of truck bed.



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## FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION

1. Significant Events. Extensive H&I program was fired during the entire month of September.

- a. Artillery providing direct support.  
Bravo Battery (105) 1/12
- b. Artillery providing general support-reinforcing.  
1st 8 inch Battery  
Kilo Battery (155) 4/12
- c. Ships providing Naval Gunfire Support. N/A
- d. Types and numbers of missions delivered
  - (1) Artillery
 

(a) Observed 15	(f) Prep fires 0
(b) Unobserved 1	(g) Training missions 8
(c) Groups of fire 134	(h) Registration of night defense 0
(d) H&I 1000	(i) Total 1151
(e) Neutralization 1	
  - (2) Naval Gunfire Missions Fired. N/A
  - (3) 81mm Mortars
 

(a) Observed 40	(e) H&I 1098
(b) Unobserved 0	(f) Neutralization 0
(c) Illumination 192	(g) Prep fires 0
(d) Groups of fires 0	(h) Registration of night defense 0
	(i) Total 1340
- e. Ammo expended by type.
  - (1) Direct Support
 

HE 2486
WP 1102
HC 2
Illum 72
  - (2) Naval Gunfire  
N/A
  - (3) 81mm Mortar
 

HE (medium)	2246
HE (light)	253
Illum	856
WP	24

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(4) Tanks  
HE 230

(5) ONTOS  
HEPT 725

f. Significant Events

(1) Secondary explosions 4

(2) KIA (Prob) 40

(3) WIA (Prob) 6

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1. Supply. Supply support has been adequate overall despite difficulties in obtaining Class IV materials.
2. Maintenance. The 2nd echelon maintenance within the Battalion has met with no difficulties and the 3rd echelon maintenance has been good and timely.
3. Food Services. Quantity and quality of the food received by this Battalion has been very good. Facilities for preparation of food within the Battalion have been adequate.
4. Contonment and Camp Facilities Development. No significant progress has been made in this area. Many engineer requests are pending and although approved by the Division Engineer, no work has been accomplished except that a pre-fab 8-holer latrine has been made. Same will be erected in the near future.
5. Transportation and Roads.
  - a. Support in transportation has been barely adequate. Although a standing daily requirement of six (6) trucks (6x6) exists, only five (5) trucks (6x6) have been received daily.
  - b. The MSR's serving this Command Post and those of the companies are adequate. However present roads to platoon patrol bases are barely adequate and are not expected to be navigable during the coming monsoon season. A representative of the Division Engineer Office informed this Battalion's S-4 that no new roads are to be constructed in the near future.
6. Fiscal. Not applicable
7. Water. Potable water supply has been adequate. Non-potable water has been delivered to forward units for showers in adequate quantity.
8. Motor Transport. No major problems have been experienced in organic motor transport. One M-422 destroyed has not been replaced and one M-422 and two M-274's are on deadline.
9. Embarkation. A work request has been prepared requesting the construction of mount-out boxes to provide for anticipated needs.

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10. Hospitalization and Evacuation

a. Facilities within the Battalion for temporary hospitalization for treatment of minor wounds and illnesses are adequate.

b. Helicopter evacuation support has been adequate.

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MEDICAL AND DENTAL SUPPORT (Surg)

- A. Name of Surgeon: LT Leo J. DAVIS MC USNR
- B. Significant Events: Nothing of significance to report.
- C. Medical Trends: Preparing the ward for capabilities of 6 to 10 inpatients.
- D. Number of Battle Casualties: 05
- (1) All were shrapnel type wounds.
- E. Number of Non-Battle Patients Treated: 674
- (1) Admissions to BAS: 11
- (2) Emergency Treatment:
- (a) Heat Casualties: 00
- (b) Lacerations: 51
- (c) Trauma: 29
- (d) Burns: 09
- (3) Number of Consultations to 3rdMedBn and NSA Hospitals: 41
- (4) Cases of significant Diseases of the Area:
- (a) Malaria: 00
- (b) Hookworm: 00
- (c) Bacillary Dysentary: 00
- (5) Cases of Venereal Disease: 05
- (a) Acquired Out of Country: 02
- (b) Acquired in Country: 03
- F. Preventive Medicine and Sanitation:
- (1) Number of Innoculations: 56
- (2) Other: The use of mosquito repellent is in effect. All personnel are participating in the malaria prophylaxis program weekly, on Sundays, and have received instructions in Personal Hygiene.

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(a) All women working in the galley area were given skin test and stool specimens were taken. Ten stool specimens were positive for Hook Worm and one positive for Shigelloa. All VDRL's and tinea test were negative. Patient with Shigelloa was removed from the galley area for 10 days under treatment. All others were treated for Hook Worm.

(b) Camp area was sprayed with Malathion by PMS 3rd Medical Battalion.

(c) New screen has been put around the galley.

G. Civil Affairs Medical Support Rendered:

(1) Number Treated: 9,982

(2) Referrals for Corrective Surgery: 01

(3) Other events affecting Civilian Health: A deworming treatment and vitamin therapy is automatically started on all local people seen.

(4) Schooling Conducted: The village health workers at CAC 33 are being trained by our corpsman. The nurses (06) at the Tu Loan Hospital are under direct supervision of our corpsman assigned to that area. Medical & Sanitation training program with visual training aids will be started in the near future in their language for the village people at CAC 31. (Started by U. S. Army Public Health Team)

(5) The following events took place during the month of September:

(a) On 1 SEP 66 LT T. I. STEINMAN MC USNR assistant Battalion Surgeon made sick call at the villages of CAC 34 and CAC 31.

(b) 3 SEP 66 Dr. STEINMAN held Sick Call at CAC 32 and CAC 33. The Doctor also made house calls on 3 sick children.

(c) 6 SEP 66 rounds made to CAC 31 with Public Health Team from U. S. Army. Village sanitation system reviewed and village hospital visited.

(d) 13 SEP 66 CAC 31 & 33 visited by Dr. STEINMAN. Village sick call held and Vietnamese Hospital visited.

(e) 14 SEP 66 Catholic Orphanage at CAC 34 visited by Dr. STEINMAN and sick call held. Clothing and soap distributed. Items were donated by Chaplain BOLLES of 2/26. Numerous house calls were made by the doctor.

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(f) 20 SEP 66 CAC 31 was visited by Dr. STEINMAN and sick call held. Three patients were taken to Usom Surgical Hospital for intensive care.

(g) 21 SEP 66 CAC 32 was visited by Dr. STEINMAN and sick call held. Recommendations were made for the improvement of sanitary conditions of the CAC unit.

(h) 26 SEP 66 all CAC units were visited and inspected by Dr. STEINMAN.

(i) 29 SEP 66 Dr. STEINMAN held sick call at the school near CAC 33.

(j) Summary: Many improvements have been made at all the CAC units the past month. CAC 31 is building a first aid station and radio house out of concrete. The money for this building is coming from the coke and beer fund of the CAC unit. The building is two stories and should be completed in the next couple of months. CAC 33 has made improvements of their messing facilities by screening the area.

H. Problem Areas: Nothing to report.

I. Dental Referrals: 89

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## CHAPLAIN SUPPORT (CHAPLAIN)

1. Chaplain Support

- a. Name of Chaplain: Hebert W. Bolles
- b. Number of Services: 78
- c. Number of personnel receiving counseling; 56
- d. Significant activities: 28 Hospital calls; visits in company with CAC personnel to areas of their work; call on orphanages; making available people to people supplies (clothing, soap, small gifts) as requested by physicians and corpsmen of the company positions and the CAC units.
- e. Facilities: CP and platoon strong points most adequate for Church services; transportation readily available.

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1. CIVIL AFFAIRS/ MILITARY GOVERNMENT/ COMMUNITY RELATIONS

a. Significant activities.

(1) Self help kits ( 5 woodworking kits and 10 Mason kits) were delivered to the District Chief to be given to the villagers at the refugee hamlet at An Tan. Soap was also made available for distribution to the villagers.

(2) The construction of a dispensary was completed at CAC #33.

(3) Work has begun again on the school under construction at CAC #34.

(4) The people of Hoa Phu (At 922724) have utilized the facilities at CAC #32 during the past month to thresh and store their rice.

(5) A public health and sanitation project is now being planned for Tuy Loan. The project was the result of joint planning by the village chief, the NCOIC of CAC #31 and Alpha Company of the 7th Engineers. Plans were drafted on locations, building instructions and local materials needed. It is hoped that actual work will begin sometime within the next several weeks.

(6) 3rd Engineers are currently assisting the villagers of Hoa Loc in constructing a new village school.

(7) District has initiated a request for rural health workers to staff the current medical facilities located in Hieu Duc District.

(8) The Commanding Officer of Echo Company has, on request of the Hamlet Chief of Phon Truc Dong, delivered twenty (20) bags of cement for the construction of two wells.

(9) On 29 September toys, games and candy were delivered to District Headquarters to be distributed by the District Chief in connection with "Children's Day". The Battalion Commander, Battalion Chaplain and Surgeon were present, accompanied by the District Chief and his family during the "Children's Day" celebration.

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- (1) 45 bags of cement
- (2) Unknown number of toys, games and candy
- (3) 1 truck load of scrap lumber
- (4) 5 woodworking kits
- (5) 10 mason kits
- (6) 600 bags of cement
- (7) 10 gallons paint

**d. Apparent Results of Civil Affairs Program.** Within the past month it is evident that a more active interest has been shown by local leaders to participate in civic action projects. It is believed this interest in participating in self help projects will increase as more lasting, well planned projects are initiated by the people with materials provided locally, when possible, and guidance provided by our technical advisors.

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