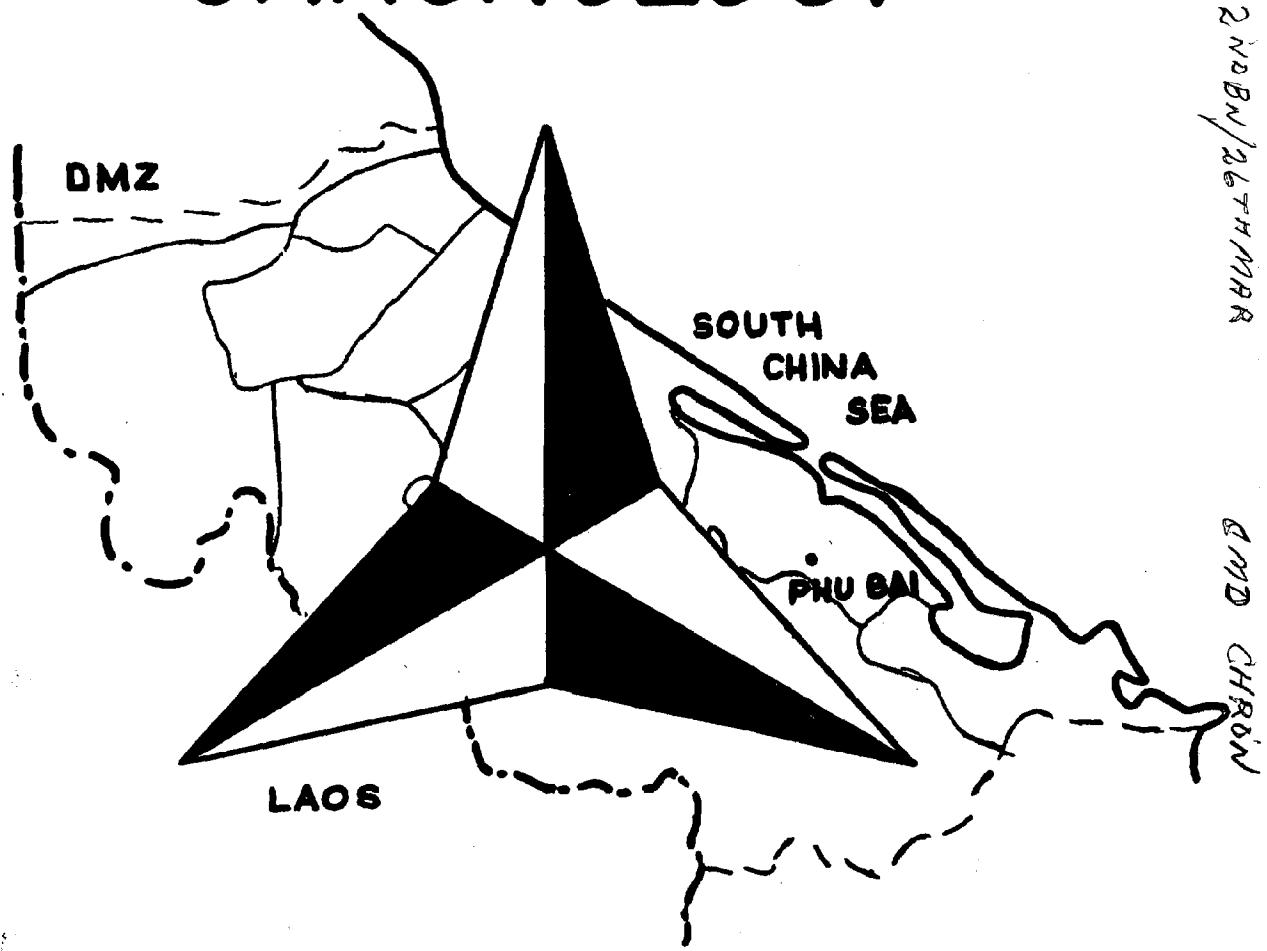


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Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A  
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8  
(c) DivO 5750.1A

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1. In accordance with references (a) through (c), enclosure  
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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation Commander  
 2d Battalion, 26th Marines LtCol F. J. HEATH 1-31May68

Subordinate Units

H&S Company Captain S. M. HARTMAN 1-31May68  
 Company "E" 1stLt. J. R. MEEKS 1-31May68  
 Company "F" Captain C. F. DIVELBISS 1-31May68  
 Company "G" Captain M. L. PIPER 2-23May68  
     1stLt. R. W. RIORDAN 24-31May68  
 Company "H" Captain C. O. BROUGHTON 1-31May68

2. Location  
 1-271500H May 1968: Camp Carroll, RVN  
 271500H-31 May 1968: Con Thien, RVN

3. Staff Officers  
 Executive Officer Major C. TYE 1-31May68  
 S-1 1stLt. R. J. GUSTAFSON 1-31May68  
 S-2 1stLt. J. C. WAINIO 1-31May68  
 S-3 Major G. F. KURTH 1-31May68  
 S-4 Captain E. G. BREEDING 1-31May68

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC	USN	OTHER			
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
32	1076	2	54	0	4

## PART II

## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of May the Battalion participated in Operation Lancaster II in the 4th Marines' AO and Operation Kentucky in the 9th Marines' AO.

Throughout a majority of the Battalion's participation in Operation Lancaster II the rifle companies were employed as follows: one company occupied the defensive perimeter at Camp Carroll; one company provided security for Khe Gio bridge (YD 027562) and Route 9 from YD 003565 to YD 060569; one company provided security for Route 9 from YD 060569 to YD 115582, occupying positions at "Mikes" Hill (YD 073573) and Hill 37 (YD 089578); and one company was under OPCON of 3d Battalion, 9th Marines' AO, with a mission to defend Thon Son Lam (YD 985552).

The two rifle companies securing Route 9 patrolled and ambushed extensively in their zone of action. Each company maintained one platoon as a swing platoon. The swing platoons patrolled the entire company zone of action, establishing Patrol Bases and conducting mutually supporting ambushes. Squad and Platoon (-) size patrols and ambushes were conducted by the units occupying Khe Gio Bridge, "Mikes" Hill and Hill 37.

The company manning the defensive perimeter of Camp Carroll continuously improved the defensive wire, cleared fields of fire and rebuilt living bunkers and fighting positions.

The Battalion was also assigned the task of installing hand SID's and operating the MICROTALES within the 4th Marines AO. Hill 37 was chosen as the site for employment of the MICROTALES. Three areas located astride a known enemy infiltration route were designated as lucrative areas for the SID's. Two attempts were made to emplant the SID's, one daylight and the other at night. In both instances contact was made with the NVA. Also, in both attempts the MICROTALES did not receive the SID signal and they were subsequently returned to Regiment for examination and repair.

The period from 22 to 27 May saw the Battalion shifted from 4th Marines' OPCON to 9th Marines' OPCON. The Battalion was assigned responsibility for the defense of Con Thien (A-4), C-2 and A-3. One rifle company occupied each position, while the fourth company reinforced A-3 and A-4 with one rifle platoon, respectively. The remaining platoon occupied a defensive position at C-2 Bridge (YD 128668) which included an important water point.

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At the end of the month the Battalion was deployed as follows: Company "F" and one platoon from Company "E" occupied and defended A-3 (YD 172721); Company "G" occupied and defended C-2 (YD 113644); Company "H" and Company E(-) occupied and defended A-4, Con Thien (YD 116701); the remaining platoon of Company "E" occupied and defended C-2A position (YD 130669). Since these were all Dyemarker positions, extensive use was made of such devices as the PPS-5 Anti-personnel radar, night observation device and searchlight.

## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. MISSION. During the period 1 to 31 May the Battalion was assigned the following missions:

a. 1 - 27 May (Operation Lancaster II)

(1) Provide for the defense and maintain security for Camp Carroll.

(2) Conduct search and destroy operations to include aggressive small-unit day and night activities to locate and destroy enemy forces in AO.

(3) Be prepared to provide Sparrow Hawk on 15 minute alert.

(4) Be prepared to provide rough rider and road mine-sweep security on order.

(5) Responsibility for security of Route 9 from 3d Battalion, 9th Marines boundary to 4th Marines/9th Marines boundary.

b. 27 - 31 May (Operation Kentucky)

(1) Provide for the defense of A-3; A-4; C-2 and C-2A.

(2) Dismantle Yankee Station (YD 113686) and reduce C-2A (YD 129670) and Hill 28 (YD 171730) to platoon size positions.

(3) Protect LOC (Route 561) within AO, denying enemy opportunity to interdict LOC by mines or ambushes. Conduct daily road mine sweeps from A-4 to C-2.

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**2. Significant Events**

01 May At 011130H a patrol from 3d Platoon, Company "H" 2/26 found a Confidential list of Division frequencies in vicinity of coordinates YD 092583. List was turned into 2/26 S-2 section.

Ref: Journal #7

(Tab A to enclosure 1)

02 May At 021815H 1 round of 75 pack howitzer impacted in vicinity of coordinates YD 063549 resulting in 1 KIA (USA), 2 WIA (USA). Round came from unknown location.

Ref: Journal #22

(Tab A to enclosure 1)

03 May At 031115H received 15 to 20 rounds of incoming 82mm mortars in vicinity of YD 074574 resulting in 2 WIA's (1 medevaced). Flashes were observed in vicinity of YD 066589. 81mm mortars and artillery fired at suspected mortar site at coordinates YD 066589 with good coverage. Enemy mortars ceased firing.

Ref: Journal #31

(Tab A to enclosure 1)

05 May At 050830H received 3 rounds of 82mm mortars in vicinity of coordinate YD 073574 resulting in 3 WIA (2 medevaced). Fired 60mm mortars and artillery mission on coordinate YD 061590. Enemy mortars ceased firing.

Ref: Journal #54

(Tab A to enclosure 1)

05 May At 051045H a squad sized patrol from 3d Platoon, Company "H", 2/26 received sporadic 82mm mortar fire, a total of 16 rounds, in vicinity of YD 072531. Suspected enemy positions located at YD 061590 and YD 061597. Artillery mission fired with good coverage. Mortars ceased firing.

Ref: Journal #56

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06 May At 061030H 2 rounds of 75 pack howitzer impacted in vicinity of YD 063548 from vicinity of YD 041596 and YD 005602, causing 1 minor WIA. Artillery fired with unknown results.

Ref: Journal #71

(Tab A to enclosure 1)

07 May At 071800H 3d Platoon, Company "G" 2/26 displaced from Khe Gio Bridge (YD 024561) to Camp Carroll.

Ref: Journal #81

(Tab A to enclosure 1)

08 May At 081005H E/2/26 relieved remainder of G/2/26 at Khe Gio Bridge in vicinity of coordinate YD 027561. Remainder of G/2/26 to Camp Carroll at coordinate YD 065544 to assume duties as perimeter defense company.

Ref: Journal #90

(Tab A to enclosure 1)

10 May At 100630H 2 rounds of incoming 75 pack howitzer in vicinity of YD 063547 were received resulting in one minor WIA. Rounds came from unknown range and direction.

Ref: Journal #106

(Tab A to enclosure 1)

10 May At 100710H minesweep found in excess of 125 pounds of explosives under culvert in vicinity of coordinate YD 097575. Minesweep was guided to explosives by small VN boy. Demolitions were removed and destroyed. VN boy rewarded with 1350 Piasters by S-2 representative.

Ref: Journal #107

(Tab A to enclosure 1)

10 May At 101500H a patrol from 1st squad, 2d Platoon, H/2/26 found 12 82mm mortar rounds with fuzes, a U.S. field protective mask and 1 bottle of albumin serum and intravenous kit in vicinity of coordinate YD 084592. Cache was disclosed to patrol by small boy who immediately ran away. Destroyed same.

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Ref: Journal #112

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11 May At 110820H minesweep received 5 to 7 rounds of 60mm mortars in vicinity of coordinate YD 073570 and approximately 20 rounds of 82mm mortars in vicinity of YD 070572 resulting in 7 USMC receiving minor wounds. No medevacs were required. Artillery, 60mm mortars and 40mm guns (Dusters) fired missions on enemy coordinates YD 065590 and 070585 with good coverage.

Ref: Journal #119

(Tab A to enclosure 1)

12 May At 121450H H/2/26 reported 6 incoming 82mm mortar rounds in vicinity of coordinate YD 086588 resulting in 1 USMC WIA (medevaced). Mortar was observed at coordinate YD 088598 manned by 7 NVA. Hotel Company took NVA under fire with small arms. Artillery and 81mm mortars were called at vicinity of enemy coordinate YD 088598. Enemy mortar destroyed.

Ref: Journal #135

(Tab A to enclosure 1)

14 May At 140730H 3d Platoon, E/2/26 moved from Khe Gio Bridge vicinity YD 025671 to Camp Carroll vicinity of coordinate YD 065554 to man Camp Carroll perimeter and carry out Battalion rough rider mission in the event G/2/26 was alerted for Sparrow Hawk.

Ref: Journal #152

(Tab A to enclosure 1)

14 May At 141100H a bulldozer hit a landmine in vicinity of YD 005566. It was determined that the minefield had been abandoned by the French. Dozer operator secured until receipt of further instructions.

Ref: Journal #155

(Tab A to enclosure 1)

16 May At 161202H 1 round of 75 pack howitzer impacted in vicinity of coordinate YD 063547 from unknown enemy coordinate resulting in 1 WIA (minor). Crater analysis conducted.

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Ref: Journal #171

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17 May At 171905 an accidental discharge of an M-16 rifle resulted in the death of Lance Corporal PARRIS, J. Jr., 2359448. L/Cpl BYERS, R. V., while exchanging his M-16 rifle for a rifle with a chrome plated bore, accidentally pulled the trigger of his own rifle and shot L/Cpl PARRIS thru the neck. L/Cpl BYERS claims that he forgot to clear his weapon on return from rough rider detail. L/Cpl PARRIS was medevaced at 1950H and was dead on arrival at Dong Ha at 2015H.

Ref: Journal #184

(Tab A enclosure 1)

18 May At 181200H to 181610H 1st Plt, H/2/26 received 4 incoming 82mm mortars in vic of YD 099600 while implanting SID's. While moving out of the impact area the patrol had to cross the Cam Lo River in vic of YD 088-588. As the patrol was crossing the river they received additional 82mm mortar rds and sporadic small arms fire. As the remainder of the platoon crossed the river one of the men was hit by shrapnel or small arms and was swept away by the strong current. Another Marine tried to help but was also struck by shrapnel or small arms and went under with the other Marine. Both men were listed as MIA. 3 WIAs (2 medevaced) were sustained. A search was conducted for the 2 missing Marines.

Ref: Journal # 188

(Tab A to enclosure 1)

18 May At 182015H an ambush was moving into their ambush site along a trail at coord YD 098587 when rear point heard NVA voices and saw 2 figures. Rear point engaged enemy in brief fire fight. Two enemy were seen to go down. Swept area with negative results. During fire fight 2 Marines were wounded. Both were medevaced. Ambush was set in general area of contact with negative results.

Ref: Journal # 190

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19 May At 190740H a platoon size patrol checked area of previous night contact in vic of YD 098587. Found 3 separate groups of AK brass. Two distinct blood trails were observed. VN civilians claim 1 NVA had been KIA. Also claim that NVA come to their village to collect rice. Treated 1 VN civilian wounded on 18 May 1968.

Ref: Journal # 197

(Tab A to enclosure 1)

19 May At 191440H an active enemy 82mm mortar was spotted as they were firing on an adjacent unit from enemy coord YD 975981. 81mm mortar and artillery mission fired on enemy mortar, 1 secondary explosion was observed.

Ref: Journal # 200

(Tab A to enclosure 1)

20 May At 200142H a patrol was placing and testing sensor equipment in vicinity of coord YD 098598 when 2 NVA appeared within 10 to 15 feet. The NVA were immediately taken under fire with small arms. The NVA were seen to fall and subsequently seen by the Marines. 4 or 5 more NVA took the patrol under fire with small arms, and chicom grenades and attempted to flank and encircle the patrol. The patrol withdrew across the Cam Lo River and broke contact. The NVA pursued by fire. The patrol layed down a base of fire from the opposite side of the river and suppressed all enemy fire. 2 USMC WIA (1 medevac & 1 minor) and one piece of test equipment was missing. 2 NVA (C) KIA.

Ref: Journal # 207

(Tab A to enclosure 1)

20 May At 200720H while conducting search for missing SID a 1/2/26 platoon size patrol found the bodies of the 2 Marines previously listed as missing in action, floating in the Cam Lo River in vicinity of coord YD 096596. Also found SID at the same coord.

Ref: Journal # 210

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22 May At 221030H to 221045H Camp Carroll received approx (28) 122mm and 140mm Rockets impacting in vicinity of coord 0654. Rockets were fired from an azimuth of 6200 mills, flashes were observed at coord YD 057587. Artillery, 40mm missions were fired on coord YD 057587 with good coverage. 1 WIA (minor) as a result of incoming.

Ref: Journal #226

(Tab A to enclosure 1)

22 May Effective 221900H May 1968 Company "H" was deployed to Con Thien and chopped to the 9th Marines.

Ref: 4th Marines message 231614Z/May68

22 May At 221745H 1 squad of 1st platoon, E/2/26 moved from Khe Gic Bridge at coordinate YD 026562 to "Mikes" Hill at coordinate YD 079574. 2d platoon, Echo Company moved from vicinity of coordinate YD 026562 to Hill 37 in vicinity of coordinate YD 089578 to provide security for that portion of Route 9 previously assigned to H/2/26.

Ref: Journal #230

(Tab A to enclosure 1)

22 May 221900H 3d platoon, F/2/26 arrived at Camp Carroll YD 067543 from Thon Son Lam to provide additional forces in 2/26 AO. Chopped from 3/9 to 2/26.

Ref: Journal #231

(Tab A to enclosure 1)

24 May At 242000H a patrol from E/2/26 found 5 NVA bodies and 40 fighting holes in vicinity of coordinate YD 82576. Buried bodies and reported holes. 5 NVA KIA (C).

Ref: Journal #249

(Tab A to enclosure 1)

25 May At 251700H assumed OpCon of company B/1/4 upon their arrival at Camp Carroll.

Ref: 4th Marines message 251631Z/May68

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25 May At 251830H Company "E", chopped to 9th Marines and helilifted to A-3.

Ref: 4th Marines message 251631Z/May68

27 May At 271500H 2/26 chopped from 4th Marines to 9th Marines. B/1/4 chopped to 4th Marines. The Battalion CP was displaced to Con Thien.

Ref: Journal #269 and 9th Marines message 270935Z/May68  
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

28 May At 280700H at enemy coordinate YD 122735 7 NVA were observed in treeline, fired artillery mission with fircracker. 2 NVA KIA (C).

Ref: Journal #273

(Tab A to enclosure 1)

28 May At 282125H listening post 7 observed 3 NVA coming towards their position at coordinate YD 112707. Fired M-79's and drove NVA into minefield results in detonation of an AP mine. An additional 2 NVA appeared to assist the others, and detonated another AP mine. Sweep of area inhibited by high grass and minefield, could not observe NVA bodies, but found blood trails and footprints.

Ref: Journal #281

(Tab A to enclosure 1)

29 May At 290335H E-1 at C-2 Bridge(YD128670) received two incoming rounds from unknown direction resulting in 1 WIA (minor).

Ref: Journal #282

(Tab A to enclosure 1)

30 May At 300830H a vehicle received small arms fire in vicinity of YD 134634, resulting in 1 WIA (minor) and 1 damaged Mighty Mite.

Ref: Journal #290

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30 May At 301050H F/2/26 received 20 rounds of incoming 105mm and 152mm in vicinity of coordinate YD 173723 resulting in 3 wounded (2 medevacs) and 1 (minor) damage to 3 bunkers. Rounds came from vicinity of enemy coordinate YD 183820.

Ref: Journal #291  
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

30 May At 301140H G/2/26 received 17 rounds of 81mm mortars in vicinity of YD 135646 from unknown enemy position resulting in 1 WIA (medevaced). Counter artillery fired at suspected enemy coordinate with good coverage.

Ref: Journal #292  
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

31 May At 311305H a patrol from H/2/26 made contact with an estimated enemy squad in vicinity of coordinate YD 135695. Returned small arms fire and broke contact to employ supporting fires. The action resulted in 6 WIA's (medevaced). Patrol covered by 81mm mortar fire and withdrew from contact area. 2 NVA KIA (C).

Ref: Journal #304  
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

31 May At 311330H G/2/26 was chopped to 3d Battalion, 9th Marines Bravo Command Group.

Ref: 9th Marines message 311436H/May68

1 May At 311730H E/2/26 received 2 incoming rounds of unknown caliber resulting in 1 WIA (minor).

Ref: Journal #309  
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1 May At 310700 Frag Order 19-68 was issued.

Ref: 2d Battalion, 26th Marines Frag Order 19-68  
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1-31May	Total number of patrols	143
	Total number of ambushes	195
	Total number of LP's	259
	Total number of OP's	78

3. Personnel Administration

## a. Personnel

(1) Number of replacements received: 45

(2) Number of personnel lost through rotation: 71

(3) Number of personnel lost through attrition  
other than rotation:

(a) KIA: Officers	0	Enlisted	2
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1. Camp Carroll	0		1
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2. Con Thien	0		1
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(b) DOW: Officers	0	Enlisted	0
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(c) WIA: Officers	0	Enlisted	15
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(d) Non-battle casualties:	17		
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(e) Intra-division/Regiment Transfers:	26		
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(4) Number of personnel who were wounded, treated  
and returned to duty and non-battle casualties returned to  
duty after treatment.

(a) WIA: Officers	2	Enlisted	18
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1. Camp Carroll	2		12
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2. Con Thien	0		6
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(b) Non-battle casualties:	13		
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(5) R&R: A total of 87 personnel took R&R.

## b. Administration

(1) Awards: The following awards were issued during  
the reporting period:

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<u>AWARD</u>	<u>NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS</u>
Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry	3
Air Medal	1
Purple Heart	39
(2) Promotions:	
(a) To Sergeant Major	1
(b) To Corporal	26
(c) To Lance Corporal	113
(d) To Private First Class	24

(3) Postal Services: Mail is initially sorted in the Administrative Rear and sent by convoy and helicopter by mail courier to the receiving activities, where it is turned over to the unit mail clerks.

(4) Post Exchange: Post exchange facilities for the Administrative Rear area are quite adequate. Post Exchange facilities at the forward area at Camp Carroll were considered adequate with two operating PX's. Since the relocation of the Battalion to the Con Thien area, exchange facilities have been limited. A exchange truck makes runs when they can be scheduled.

(5) Special Services: Special Services has provided cribbage boards, games playing cards, writing kits and ice chests to the forward area. In addition, beverages have been and will continue to be provided.

#### 4. Intelligence

a. Enemy situation at the beginning of the period. The accepted location of the 64th Regiment, 320th Division, was north of the Cam Lo River in the vicinity of Dong Ha Mountain (YD 019594). This unit is supported by either the 64th or 52nd Artillery Regiments or both. The 27th Independent Battalion Headquarters continues to operate out of its known base camp in the vicinity of YD 1351. The Cam Lo Local Force Company operating area is accepted as being within the 2d Battalion 26th Marines' AO. Although no hard evidence is available, it is believed that the 27th Independent Battalion and the Cam Lo Local Force Company continued their mission of guiding NVA units

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from the DMZ, through Cam Lo District and into the Base Camp 101 area. The enemy forces within the 2d Battalion, 26th Marines AO continued with limited offensive actions in the form of harassing artillery and mortar fire.

b. Enemy initiated incidents.

(1) Contacts - The enemy initiated five ground contacts against the 2d Battalion, 26th Marines, three of which were supported by 82mm mortars.

(2) Sniper Fire - The enemy forces employed snipers against 2/26 on 3 occasions.

(3) Mortar/Artillery/Rocket Fire - The 2d Battalion, 26th Marines received a total of 284 rounds during the reporting period. Below listed is a breakdown by AO, and type received.

<u>LANCASTER II</u>	<u>KENTUCKY</u>		
82mm Mortar	102 rounds	60mm Mortar	2 rounds
120mm Mortar	1 round	75mm Pack Howitzer	2 rounds
75mm Pack Howitzer	37 rounds	105mm Howitzer	40 rounds
140mm Rockets	14 rockets	152mm Gun/Howitzer	40 rounds
122mm Rockets	14 rockets	Unknown	19
Unknown	18		

Known enemy mortar positions are listed below:

YD 055575 YD 090598 YD 068583 YD 091598 YD 058581  
YD 066589 YD 061597 YD 061590 YD 065590 YD 092597

(4) Vietnamese Nationals volunteering information. One instance of a Vietnamese volunteering information which led to the capture of 125 pounds of TNT. Another instance occurred in which a civilian pointed out the location of an enemy ammunition cache.

c. Summary of enemy casualties, POW's and captured equipment.

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(1) KIA

(a) By ground - 09

(b) By artillery - 03

(2) Detainees - 1 (Released as innocent civilian).

(3) Equipment Captured: 125 pounds TNT; 75 rounds 60mm; 10 rounds 82mm; 2 Chicom stick grenades; 2 Soviet gas masks; and a small amount of 782 gear and documents.

d. No significant trends were noted.

e. Enemy situation at the end of the reporting period. Elements of the 320th NVA Division are known to be operating in and around the 2d Battalion, 26th Marines AO. These units are supported by artillery and rocket units which are either organic to or in general support. These units include elements of the 54th, 84th and 164th Regiments. Another known unit is the K400 or Gio Linh Local Force Company which operates along Highway 1 east of A-3. It also appears that the 812th Regiment of the 324 B Division has moved north from the Hue area and is operating in the area southeast of A-4 in vicinity of YD 1688. The enemy employed harassing indirect fire weapons against C-2 and A-3, while fire against A-4 (Con Thien) was minimal.

f. Weather. The weather during the reporting period was highly conducive to friendly activities as it allowed maximum utilization of air. The days were characterized by clear weather and wind gusts up to 30 knots.

### 5. Operations

a. Command Relations. The Battalion was under operational control of the:

4th Marines	1-27 May 1968
9th Marines	27-31 May 1968

b. Major Operations conducted.

Participated in:	Operation Lancaster II	1-27 May 68
	Operation Kentucky	27-31 May 68

c. New techniques. None

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**d. Training.**

(1) Throughout the month each rifle company conducted training in the following areas:

Field Sanitation (Corpsman utilized)  
Offensive tactics (Squad and Platoon)  
Map Reading  
Crew-served weapons  
M-16 Rifle

(2) The 106 RR and 81mm Mortar platoon conducted training including: care and cleaning gun drill (day and night), types of ammunition and fuzes, mapping, field fortifications, 81mm mortar in offensive combat, camouflage, M-16 and plotting board.

(3) A representative from G-3 training conducted on position M-16 training to include FAM firing, zeroing of newly issued rifles to companies "H", "F" and "E"(-). A class in quick firing for the M-16 rifle was also held.

**e. Fire Support**

(1) During the period 1-27 May 1968, artillery support was provided by the 1st Battalion, 12th Marines at Camp Carroll.

(a) There were 39 HE missions fired in support of the Battalion.

(b) There were no illumination missions fired in support of the Battalion.

(c) There were 457 H&I targets attacked at the Battalion's request.

(d) There were 2 significant missions fired in support of the Battalion.

1. At 191445H Company "H" 's Forward Observer called a fire mission on active mortars at grid 092599, resulting in one secondary explosion.

2. At 121430H, Company "H" 's Forward Observer called a fire mission on active mortars at grid YD 088596 resulting in one destroyed mortar tube.

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(2) During this period two sections of the 81mm Mortar Platoon were employed at Camp Carroll. One section was located at Khe Gio Bridge in support of Company's "G" and "E" and one section was located at Hill 37 in support of Company "H".

(a) There were 28 HE missions fired in support of the Battalion.

(b) There were 3 illumination missions fired in support of the Battalion.

(c) There were 12 WP missions fired in support of the Battalion.

(d) 171 H&I targets were attacked.

(e) There were 3 significant missions fired in support of the Battalion.

1. The 81mm mortar section at Hill 37 fired 15 rounds of HE and 3 rounds of WP at an enemy mortar position and crew at grid YD 083596 and was credited with destruction of the mortar and an uncertain amount of enemy casualties.

2. At 191350H the 4th section of the 81mm mortar platoon on Hill 37 fired 20 rounds of HE and 10 rounds of WP at enemy mortar position at grid YD 093598 and caused numerous secondary explosions.

3. At 241000H at Camp Carroll the 2d and 3d sections of the 81mm mortar platoon fired 289 HE and 99 WP at enemy troops in the open and enemy positions at grid YD 048538, YD 044545, YD 039541 and YD 045536. Results were: 7 major secondary explosions, numerous small arms explosions and unknown number of casualties.

(3) During this period the 106 Recoilless rifle platoon was employed in direct support of the rifle companies, manning defensive positions at Camp Carroll.

(4) From 27-31 May artillery support was provided by the 2d Battalion, 12th Marines.

(a) There were 40 HE missions fired in support of the Battalion.

(b) There were 5 illumination missions fired in support of the Battalion.

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(c) There were 198 H&I targets attacked at the Battalion's request.

(d) There were 5 significant missions fired in support of the Battalion.

1. At 270700H OP-2(A-4) called a fire mission on NVA in the open at grid YD 12217346 resulting in 2 enemy KIA.

2. At 271440H OP-2(A-4) called a fire mission on NVA in the open at YD 11927421 resulting in 1 enemy KIA.

3. At 311810H OP-1 (A-4) called a fire mission on active artillery at YD 068764 resulting in two secondary explosions.

4. At 311820H OP-3(A-4) called a fire mission on suspected mortars at YD 150673 resulting in two secondary explosions.

(5) During this period two sections and one squad of the 81mm mortar platoon remained in general support from A-4 (YD 116693), while one section was in direct support at C-2 (YD 134644) and one squad in direct support at the C-2 bridge (YD 134670).

(a) There were 7 HE missions fired in support of the Battalion.

(b) There were 6 illumination missions fired in support of the Battalion.

(c) There were 10 WP missions fired in support of the Battalion.

(d) There were 120 H&I targets fired at the Battalion's request.

(e) There were 2 significant missions fired in support of the Battalion.

1. At 301530H sections 2 and 3 of the 81mm mortar platoon fired 24 HE at suspected enemy OP at grid YD 123720 resulting in excellent target coverage and neutralized enemy OP.

2. At 301510H sections 2 and 4 of the 81mm mortars fired 5 HE and 2 WP at YD 104706, an enemy OP, resulting in destroyed OP.

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(6) During this period the 106 Recoilless rifle platoon remained in direct support of the rifle companies manning defensive positions at A-4 and C-2.

f. Air Support

(1) Resupply: 18000 pounds of resupply lifted to Battalion's positions.

(2) Troop Movement: A lift of a reinforced company was conducted from TSL to A-3.

(3) Direct Air Support: There were 3 DAS missions flown in support of the Battalion.

(4) TPQ-10: 37 targets were requested; number of targets hit is unknown.

(5) Observation: 11 missions were flown for personnel of the Battalion to conduct aerial reconnaissances.

(6) Medevacs: 31 personnel were medevaced by helicopter.

6. Logistics

a. Source of Supply and Maintenance

(1) The source of supply while at Camp Carroll was through the Battalion rear at Quang Tri and FLSG "B" at Dong Ha. Supplies and equipment were then moved by convoy to Camp Carroll and distributed to the units in the field. Second echelon maintenance was performed at Camp Carroll and at Quang Tri following the Battalion's deployment to the Kentucky AO. Items for 3d and higher echelon were retrograded by convoy to the Battalion rear at Quang Tri and to FLSG "B". No difficulties were experienced in the system, only in the procurement of transportation.

(2) Supply

(a) Status of Supplies

1. Class I. The Battalion maintained a level of five days "C" rations on hand based on an average of 950 rations. "S" rations were maintained at an average level of  $4 \frac{2}{3}$  days for an average supported strength of 450 as were "R" rations at a level of  $1 \frac{1}{3}$  days.

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2. Class II. A 5 day operational level of Class II was maintained at Camp Carroll for those items deemed necessary. The remainder were maintained at the Battalion rear at Quang Tri.

3. Class III. MoGas and Diesel were maintained by Camp Carroll. Bulk lubricants were obtained from the Battalion rear at Quang Tri.

4. Class IV. No specified level of Class IV was maintained, however the Battalion at Camp Carroll built up a sufficient on hand supply to meet the needs of the Battalion.

5. Class V. A basic allowance plus 15 days was maintained of all required Class V items.

6. Miscellaneous. All on hand supplies except for Class II were left at Camp Carroll for use by the relieving Battalion. Currently an inventory of supplies is being conducted at the areas occupied by the Battalion since moving to Quang Tri. Levels of supplies will be as directed by Commanding Officer, 9th Marines.

(b) Resupply. All resupply was accomplished by vehicle while at Camp Carroll except for Company "F", OpCon to 3/9, which was resupplied by helicopter with Class II from Camp Carroll. Resupply improved steadily from the time the Battalion arrived at Camp Carroll until it departed. Resupply of the Battalion and its units located in the A-3, Con Thien, and C-2 areas, will be conducted by road and helicopter from the Battalion rear at Quang Tri.

(3) Evacuation and Hospitalization. Vehicles & helicopter were used to evacuate the casualties from the field and from Camp Carroll. The serious and those not serious but inaccessible to vehicles were evacuated by helicopter to Camp Carroll or to Dong Ha as each case warranted. The serious cases at Camp Carroll were medevaced by helicopter to Dong Ha. No problems were encountered while at Camp Carroll and none have been experienced thus far while the Battalion has been located at Con Thien, C-2 and A-3.

(4) Transportation

(a) Surface. While at Camp Carroll the Battalion moved approximately 1000 cube and 12 tons per day by vehicle.

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(b) Air. Very little use was made of transportation by air with the exception of moving certain Class II items, mail and personnel to F/2/26 which was OpCon to 3/9.

7. Civil Affairs. No Civil Affairs activity was conducted during this period.

8. Communications. During the past month communications support was provided for Operations Lancaster II and Kentucky. Also technical assistance was provided for Project 972.

a. Wire. Wire communications was employed at A-4 and Camp Carroll, with the Battalion Command Post, to the companies and organic supporting arms. An effort was made at Camp Carroll to improve the existing wire system within the Battalion Command Post. New wire was installed and old wire was removed.

b. Radio

(1) Constant radio communications has been maintained on the Battalion, Regimental and supporting arms nets.

(2) A covered circuit has been installed between the Battalion CP at A-4 and the Regimental CP at Dong Ha. Upon initial installation, problems were experienced with X-mode cables.

(3) The Tactical Air Control Party continued using VHF and UHF radios in support of the Battalion.

c. Radio Relay. Radio Relay was not needed for communication between the Battalion and Regiment CP's at Camp Carroll. At A-4 a AN/TRC-27 terminal is available to provide communications to the Regimental CP at Dong Ha.

d. Message Center. A total of 879 messages were processed during the month of May.

e. Maintenance and Supply

(1) Batteries were charged and technical assistance was provided in support of Project 972.

(2) At the present time, AN/FRC-25 accessories and TA-1 phones are critically short and have been placed on the highest priority possible.

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9. Medical Support

a. The BAS treated or saw 897 patients.

b. Disease or injuries encountered during the month are as follows:

<u>DISEASE</u>	<u>PATIENTS</u>
Malaria	8
Heat Casualties	3
VD	12

INJURIES

Burns	2
Lacerations	22

c. The BAS provided support for the Battalion with a BAS equipped with a ward, laboratory, Sick Call and Record Office in Camp Carroll and a rear BAS in Quang Tri which consisted of Record Office, Supply and Sick Call.

d. A forward BAS in Con Thien is presently being maintained with a rear BAS at Quang Tri. The rear BAS consists of Sick Call, Record Office, Medical Supply and Sanitation.

e. The BAS is currently being revised to include a Sick Call and holding ward (10 beds) in Dong Ha.

10. Religious Services

a. Chaplain assigned: LCDR Hollis H. BOND, CHC, USN.

b. Services Conducted:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
Sunday Services - Protestant	12	378
Sunday Masses - Catholic	4	174
Weekday Services - Protestant	21	496
Weekday Masses - Catholic	4	84
Holy Communion - Protestant	12	270
Baptismal Services - Protestant	3	11
Daily Bible Classes	19	152

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## c. Personnel receiving counsel:

(1) Professional counseling cases - 45

(2) American Red Cross cases - 14

## d. Significant activities:

(1) The resident Infantry Battalion Chapel at Camp Carroll was dedicated on 25 May 1968 to the memory of Lieutenant Robert R. BRETT, CHC, USNR, who was killed in action at Khe Sanh Combat Base on 22 February 1968 while carrying out his priestly mission to this Battalion.

## e. Facilities:

(1) When the Battalion moved to Con Thien on 27 May a large bunker was designated the Camp Chapel. It has adequate room to seat 40 or more Marines, houses the Chaplain and clerk and contains a private area which can be utilized for counseling purposes. An altar has been erected and pews are being constructed for the chapel.

## PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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INCIDENTS, MESSAGES AND ORDERS				ACTION
TIME	DATE	FROM	TO	
0001	1	010001	3d MARDIV to HF: Intel Rept	FS
0505	2	010500	HF to R: Sitrep # 51	FR
0620	3	010550	HF to R: Spt Rept: LP set off flare setting fire to filtration vic of water point. Building burned down.	FR
0801	4	010800	HF to HFG: Rough rider routes for today.	FS
1105	5	011100	HF to R: Sitrep # 52	FR
1110	6	011100	HF3 to HFG6: relief has been altered.	FS
1330	7	011130	Spt Rept: Ptl found conf. list of Div Freqs	FSR
1400	8	011400	HFG to HF: Lowboy with dozer fm DH to Rockpile with no escort.	FS
1701	9	011700	Sitrep # 53	FR
1715	10	011545	Spt Rept: Ptl found bivowac area & camp sites at 080555	FSR
1830	11	011835	HF to HFG & H: Code for day	FS
2300	12	012300	Sitrep # 54	FR
0300	13	020300	R to HF: Intel Rept	FS
0500	14	020500	Sitrep # 55	FR
1102	15	021100	Sitrep # 56	FR

TAB-A

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INCIDENTS, MESSAGES AND ORDERS				ACTION
TIME	SEC	DATE	MESSAGE	
1157	16	020957	HFG & HFH received convoy schedule	FS
1253	17	021253	HF to HFG & H: C-1 depart CC to New York	FS
1315	18	021253	HF to HFG & H: Code for day	FS
1705	19	021700	Sitrep # 57	FR
1600	20	021840	HFH to HF: Army Lt & 3 vehicles disregarded orders and joined passing convoy.	FS
1635	21	021845	HFH to HF: Convoy received 13 82mm rds	FSR
1815	22	021850	HF to R: 1 76mm rd landed in 2/94th area	FR
2135	23	022135	HF to R: 8 rds fired at flashing light at 079563	FR
2300	24	022300	Sitrep # 58	FR
2346	25	022346	HF to HFG: Req you sweep road at 0600	FS
0255	26	030220	Spt Rept: OP at 067555 obs lights at 062585. Arty fired.	FSR
0500	27	030500	Sitrep # 59	FR
0820	28	030805	Spt Rept: obs 2 82mm rds fired fm north of river	FR
1105	29	031100	Sitrep # 60	FR
1115	30	031110	Spt Rept: 35 unidentified persons observed by R.	FS
1121	31	031115	Spt Rept: recd 15-20 rds incoming. Arty & 81s fired.	FR

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TIME	DATE	INCIDENT, MESSAGES AND ORDERS	ACTION
1335	32	031830H HF to HFG & H: Code for day.	FST
1705	33	031700H HF to R: SITREP # 61.	FR
1820	34	031723H Spot Report: Spotted 3 suspect d enemy, sent out patrol. no enemy movement sighted.	FSR
2035	35	032010H Spot report: Movement heard at 069547. 81mm mission fired with unknown results.	FSR
2215	36	032205H Spot Report: Received 1 rd at 064546, est. 120mm.	FSR
2300	37	032300H HF to R: SITREP # 62.	FR
2315	38	032300H Spot Report: Fired arty at lights at 088502, resulting in 2 secondaries.	FSR
2336	39	032330H Spot Report: Trip flare set off at 065544, 2-M-79 rds fired with negative results.	FSR
0500	40	040500H HF to R: SITREP # 63.	FR
0657	41	040657H HF to HFG & H: Rough Rider schedule.	FST
0850	42	040850H Spot Report: Accidental discharge at HFG posit.	FSR
0937	43	040937H HF4 to HFG & H: Request ammo count.	FT
1100	44	041100H HF to R: SITREP # 64.	FR

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INCIDENTS, MESSAGES AND ORDERS				ACTION
1425	45	041325H	Spot Report: H3 reported observing 82mm rds impacting at 072572 near Rt. 9. Arty, tanks and 81mm are on call. Covering convoy, no further incident.	FSR
1425	46	041326H	Spot Report: 3 rds 75mm Pac. impacted at 062547.	FSR
1700	47	041700H	HF to R: SITREP # 65	FR
1800	48	041650H	Spot Report: OP North at 058558 received 3 rds sniper fire from azimuth 3450, range 250m. continuing to observe.	FSR
2300	49	042300H	HF to R: SITREP # 66.	FR
0235	50	050230H	URS Report: NVA have initiated offensive action at Da Nang & to the south. Might include bases in 3d MARDIV area. TES.	
0500	51	050500H	HF to R: SITREP # 67.	FR
0740	52	050740H	HF to HFG & H: Rough Rider schedule.	FST
0800	53	042118H	Spot Report: Suspected enemy movement at 062541, threw 1 M-26 grenade with unknown results.	FR
0955	54	050830H	Spot Report: Recd. 3 82mm rds at 073574 from 061590, fired counter-mortar with excellent target coverage. 2 Medevac & 1 minor WIA's.	FSR

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IN	OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES AND ORDERS	ACTION
	1100	55	051100H	HF to R: SITREP # 68.	FR
	1225	56	051045H	Spot Report: HP7 received 16 rds 82mm at 072581 from 061590 & 061597, took evasive action and called arty msn with good coverage. 1 Minor WIA.	FSR
	1250	57	051205H	Spot Report: OP250 at 067553 reported 50 people at 084-575 moving toward Camp Carroll. HP8 reports civilian brush clearing detail.	FSR
	1300	58	051108H	HF to HFG &H: Code for the day.	FR
	1408	59	051408H	HFG to HF: Holding lone vehicle at Khe Gia Bridge.	FS
	1700	60	051700H	HF to R: SITREP # 69.	FR
	1900	61	051324H	Spot Report: HFH FO called Arty msn on active mortar site at 06825856, A0 then reported 8 NVA in same area carrying 82mm mortar, followed up with more arty. With unknown results.	FSR
	2300	62	052300H	HF to R: SITREP # 70.	FR
	0300	63	052200H	Spot Report: Trip flare at 069557 set off, fired M-79 to H&I the area.	FRS

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## Journal

TIME	SRN	T24	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES AND ORDERS	ACTION
0105	64	052400H	Spot Report: HF unit at 059545 reports what appears to be spotlight at 270°, 2000m. from their position. Keeping under observation.	FSR
0105	65	060040H	Spot Report: C, 1/44 at Red sector reports lights at 065592. Fired 40mm dusters and 81's. Lights thought to be fires from earlier air-strike.	FSR
0110	66	060047H	URS Report: Cam Lo vic has high probability of arty or ground attack at 060100H.	FST
0415	67	060355H	Spot Report: Lights observed from HF Red sector at 5200 & 5400 mils, range 2000m. continuing to observe.	FSR
0747	68	060740H	HF to HPG & H: Convoy Schedule.	FT
0920	69	060915H	Int. to HF: Request for After Action Report on Operation Pegasus.	FS
0945	69	060940H	HF to Int: After Action Report will be sent via helio.	FR
1100	70	061100H	HF to R: SITREP # 72.	FR
1100	71	061030H	Spot Report: 2 75mm rounds impacted at 063548 from 041-596. Fired counter arty with unknown results.	FSR

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TIME	SEC	MIN	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES AND ORDERS	ACTION
1415	72	061410	Spt Rept: Called in Arty at 069589 on En arty site. Good coverage	FR
1700	73	061700	Sitrep # 73	FR
2300	74	062300	Sitrep # 74	FR
0500	75	070500	Sitrep # 75	FR
0845	76	070840	HF to HFG & H: Rough Rider schedule for 07 May	FR
1020	77	070945	Spt Rept: 10 NVA obs at 085614 w/ wome.	FR
1105	78	071100	Sitrep # 76	FR
1420	79	071100	HF to #11 Cos: Code for today is 51	FR
1456	80	071456	HF to HFH: day acts disapproved	FS
1457	81	07232	HF to HFG: release G3 for ret to J.J.	FS
1705	82	071700	Sitrep # 77	FR
1710	83	071710	HFE to HF: E3 recd 1 sniper rd	FSR
1805	84	071805	HFG to HF: Convoy thru posit. G3 chopped to CC	FS
1850	85	071850	HFG3 to HF: arrived CC at 1850	FS
2040	86	072040	R informed HF of tracers in area of CAC D 5	FS
2300	87	072300	Sitrep # 78	FR
0500	88	080500	Sitrep # 79	FR

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IN	OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES AND ORDERS	ACTION
	0730	89	080730	HF to HFG & H: Rough Rider Schedule	FS
1005	1	90	081005	HFG & E to HF: HFE relieved HFG at 080730 at 027561. HFG arrived CC at 081005.	FS
	1120	91	081100	Sitrep # 80	FR
1105	92	081405		HF to HFE6: FAC op at your pos tomorrow	FS
1430	93	081430		HFG2 to HF: arrived 0900	FS
1510	94	081517		HFE arrived at Khe Gia Bridge at 1517	FS
1711	95	081700		Sitrep # 81	FR
2228	96	082216		Spt Rep: LP at 026564 received 1 grenade	FR
2300	97	082300		Sitrep # 82	FR
2310	98	082310		HF3 to HFE6: Check LPs grenades	FS
0500	99	090500		Sitrep # 83	FR
0735	100	090735		HF to HFG & H: Convoy schedule	FS
1100	101	091100		Sitrep # 84	FR
1700	102	091700		Sitrep # 85	FR
1815	103	091805		HFG to HF: 2 rds impacted vic 060539 from 061547.	FSR
	2303	104	092300	Sitrep # 86	FR

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IN	OUT	SER #	TNG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES AND ORDERS	ACTION
	0504	105	100500	Sitrep # 87	FR
	0700	106	100630	Spt Rept: recd 2 rds believed 75mm pack howitzer.	FSR
	0805	107	100710	Spt Rept: Minesweep discovered 125 explosives at 077571. VN boy rewarded 1350 P by S-2	FSR
	0858	108	100854	HF to HFE & H: Rough rider schedule	FS
	0937	109	100935	Spt Rept: recd 1 rd incoming unk cal	FSR
	1115	110	101100	Sitrep # 88	FR
	1700	111	101700	Sitrep # 89	FR
	1940	112	101500	Spt Rept: HF4 found 12 82mm rds at 084592	FSR
	2000	113	101910	Spt Rept: recd 2 sniper rds at 002564 from 000571. 81 & 60mm fired	FR
	2145	114	102145	R to HF: Intel Rept	FS
	2300	115	102300	Sitrep # 90	FR
	2305	116	102240	Spt Rept: E1A recd 7-10 rds 82mm at 004563	FSR
	0500	117	110500	Sitrep # 91	FR
	0800	118	110735	HF to HFE & H: Rough rider schedule	FS
	0820	119	110910	Spt Rept: Minesweep recd approx 20 82mm rds from vic 065590-070585	FSR
				Arty and air fired missioms	

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TIME	SSN	TAD	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES AND ORDERS	ACTION
1100	120	111100H	HF to R: SITREP # 92.	FR
1433	121	111141OH	Spot Report: HFH SS4 received 4 rds 82mm in their position 083591. Alerted FO's and Arty.	FSR
1523	122	1111505H	Spot Report: HFH3 CP received 1 rd 82mm at 074572.	FSR
1525	123	1111515H	Spot Report: HFH SS4 received 4 additional rds 82mm at 074572. With- drew to HFH CB.	FSR
1710	124	1111700H	HF to R: SITREP # 93.	FR
2300	125	112300H	HF to R: SITREP # 94.	FR
0500	126	120500H	HF to R: SITREP # 95.	FR
0815	127	120815H	HF to HFE & H: Rough Rider Schedule.	FST
0905	128	120855H	HF to R: Spot REPORT: HFH3 received 2 rds 82mm at 075573 from vic 065590. Fired 81's & Arty with good target coverage.	FSR
0956	129	120956H	HF to HFE & H: Rough Rider Schedule.	FST
0956	130	120946H	Spot Report: HFH3 reports 4 additional 82mm rds in vic 075572-075573. From enemy coord. 065590-067591, fired arty with good target coverage.	FSR
0957	131	120946	HF to R: HFH3 rep't receiving 4 82mm rds vic 075572 from 065590, 067591. Arty mission fired	FSR

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TIME	SEC	INFO	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES AND ORDERS	ACCTION
1110	132	121100H	HF to R: SITREP # 96.	FR
1250	133	121250H	HF to R: Request permission to operate in 9th Mar AO coord. 1058, 1059 from 0700 to 1200 13 May.	FSR
1340	134	121340H	R to HF: Permission to operate in 9th Mar AO 1058, 1059 granted.	FS
1515	135	121450H	Spot REport: SS #5 received 6 rds 82mm in vic 086588. Returned small arms, arty and 81mm mortar at enemy position at 088598. Position destroyed. Had 1 minor WIA.	FSR
1635	136	121635H	HF to HFE: April Show (Recon) passing in vic Ck. Pt. 8 of E3P.	FST
1700	137	121700H	HF to R: SITREP # 97.	FR
1700	138	121700H	HF to R: HFE reports lone vehicle at their posit. Coord 026561. Sent to Dong Ha.	FSR
1700	139	121700H	HFE to HF: E9 spending night at their posit.	FSR
0500	140	130500H	SITREP # 99.	FR
0820	141	130820H	HF to HFG: Alert Sparrow Hawk.	F
0830	142	130830H	HF to HFE & H: Rough Rider Schedule.	FST
1100	143	131100H	SITREP # 100.	FR
1219	144	131200H	HF to HFH: 1/9 will establish liaison with you.	FT

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TIME	SER #	MSG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES AND ORDERS	ACTION
1250	145	131250H	Spot Report: 5 rds believed to be 75mm pack landed in vic of 063544. Enemy coordinates unknown. No casualties.	FSR
1340	146	131340H	HF to HFE: Change in night activities for 13 May.	FSTM
1500	147	131425H	Spot Report: 1/12 received 5 rds 75mm pack in H sub-sector vic 062545. Distance and range undetermined.	FSR
1700	148	131700H	SITREP # 101.	FR
2110	149	132055H	Spot Report: 2 trip flares set off on wire at 063543. Believed to be caused by animals.	FSR
2300	150	132300H	SITREP # 102.	FR
0500	151	140500H	SITREP # 103.	FR
0738	152	140738H	HF to HFE: Send 1 plt to J.J. on 15 May for RR.	FT
0800	153	140800H	HF to HFE & H: Rough Rider Schedule.	FST
1100	154	141100H	SITREP # 104.	FR
1100	155	141100H	Spot Report: HFE reported that a bulldozer hit a landmine from an abandoned, unmarked French mine-field in vic of 005566. Dozer standing by awaiting further instructions.	FSR

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TIME	STN #	PN	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES AND ORDERS	ACTION
1330	156	141300	HF to R: EP1 received 50 cal fire vic of 042569. Believe convoy fired.	FSR
1400	157	141420	HF to R: received 4 rds of 75mm Pack howitzer at 065547, 066545, 064544	FSR
1700	158	141700	Sitrep # 105	FR
1905	159	141900	HF Spt Rept: 8-10 people observed at 036566.	FSR
2300	160	142300	Sitrep # 106	FR
0500	161	150500	Sitrep # 107	FR
0800	162	150800	HF to HFE & H: Rough rider schedule	FS
1105	163	151100	Sitrep # 108	FR
1410	164	151145	Spt Rept: recd 1 rd incoming vic 062543 (LZ Eagle)	FSR
1700	165	151700	Sitrep # 109	FR
1737	166	151737	Spt Rept: 1 rd 75 pack how. impacted vic 063549	FSR
2300	167	152300	Sitrep 110	FR
0500	168	160500	Sitrep # 111	FR
0752	169	160752	HF to HFE & H: Rough rider schedule	FS
1100	170	161100	Sitrep # 112	FR
1330	171	161202	Spt Rept: 1 rd 75mm pack how impacted at 063547 & 061546. 1 WIA minor	FSR
1700	172	161700	Sitrep # 113	FR

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INCIDENTS, MESSAGES AND ORDERS				ACTION
TIME	DATE	TYPE	MESSAGE	ACTION
1835	173	161715	Spt Rept: G3P discovered 2 caves at 011560. Destroyed same.	FSR
2300	174	162300	Sitrep # 114	FR
0140	175	161636	R to HF: Confidential / Flash msg Intel Rept	FS
0320	176	161513	3d MARDIV to HF: Termination of OP Coneardia Square	FS
0321	177	160344	3d MARDIV to HF: Sea Wave advisory	FS
0500	178	170500	Sitrep # 115	FR
0800	179	170800	R Rogue to HF: recd 2 sniper rds from 057517. 81 msn fired unk res.	FSR
0835	180	170835	HF to HFE & H: Rough rider schedule	FR
1100	181	171100	Sitrep # 116	FR
1700	182	171700	Sitrep # 117	FR
2030	183	172022	Spt Rept: 3 lights obs at 078533. Arty fired, lights extinguished	FSR
2035	184	171905	HF to R: 1 USMC hit in neck with M-16 rd fired by another Marine. The Marine was DOA at Dong Ha	FSR
2300	185	172300	Sitrep # 118	FR
0500	186	180500	Sitrep # 119	FR
0825	187	180820	HF to HFE & H: Rough rider schedule	FS
1600	188	181405	Spt Rept: H1P & H2P recd 82mm incoming on Ptl. Arty fired unk res	FSR

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DATE	TIME	DAY	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES AND ORDERS	ACTION
	1700	189	181700H SITREP # 120.	FR
	2030	190	182015H Spot Report: at 098587 H2P engaged 2 NVA. 2 USMC WIA.	FSR
	2335	191	182300H SITREP # 121.	FR
	0030	192	190015H Spot Report: Tracked vehicles heard and picked up by radar at 102584 and 075560.	FSTR
	0500	193	190500H SITREP # 122.	FR
	0805	194	190800H HF to HFH: Change in day activities.	FTM
	0811	195	190810H HF to HFH & E: Convoy Schedule for 19 May.	FT
	1100	196	191100H HF to R: SITREP # 123.	FR
	1100	197	191100H Spot Report: Enemy contact of 182015H reveals blood trails at coord. 098587, interrogation of VN reveals NVA rice collection in ville.	FSR
	1140	198	191055H Spot Report: E LP heard approx 3 rockets launched from direction of 0400 mil, range unknown; will continue to observe.	FSR
	1440	199	191410H Spot Report: HFH spotted mortar position firing on H2P in vic of 090598, fired 81mm and arty with excellent coverage of target.	FSR
	1453	200	191440H Spot Report: Received 1 rd of 82mm in 2/94th area from vic of 097598 Arty mission fired, one secondary explosion observed.	FSR

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1700	201	191700H		SITREP # 124.	FR
1720	202	191715H		Spot Report: Two rds incoming in vic 065545, crater analysis being conducted by 4th Mar.	FSR
2030	203	192027H		Spot Report: 1/44th saw lights at 0458 took under fire with twin 40's, lights were extinguished.	FSR
2130	204	192120H		Spot Report: HFH observed 1 aircraft apparently hit by SAM over DMZ.	FSR
2300	205	192300H		SITREP # 125.	FR
2355	206	192340H		Spot Report: HFE2 CP at 042565 observed 2 rds unknown cal impact in vic of 042569.	FSR
0230	207	200142H		Spot Report: H1P at 098598 was engaged by undetermined number of enemy. Enemy fire ceased as H1P's support element provided covering fire. H1P lost 1 SID sensor, and are now attempting to retrieve. 1 USMC WIA Medevaced, 1 USMC WIA Minor. (2 BN KIA(C)).	FSR
0500	208	200500H		SITREP # 126.	FR
0600	209	200600H		Spot Report: H2P departed to conduct search in vic 0959 for missing SID. Scheduled H2P activity for 20 May will be delayed.	FSR
0730	210	200720H		Spot Report: H2P located missing SID and 2 MIA's at 096596. Returning to HFH CP.	FSR

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TIME	SECT	DATA		
0800	211	200800H	Spot Report: H2P received 8 rds 82mm in vic of 097595. Fired counter-mortar fire with unknown results, requested AO.	FSR
0830	212	200830H	HF to HFE & H: Rough Rider Schedule.	FT
1100	213	201100H	SITREP # 127.	FR
1530	214	201520H	Spot Report: 1 rd unknown cal impacted in vic of 065545, could not locate crater.	FSR
1940	215	201900H	SITREP # 128.	FR
2145	216	202140H	Spot Report: Water Tower at 059551 observed fire, then explosions at 056537. Fire was found to be 81mm registration.	FR
2300	217	202300H	SITREP # 129.	FR
0500	218	210500H	SITREP # 130.	FR
0755	219	210755H	HF to HFE & H: Rough Rider Schedule.	FT
1100	220	211100H	SITREP # 131.	FR
1700	221	211700H	SITREP # 132.	FR
2300	222	212300H	SITREP # 133.	FR
2345	223	212345H	Spot Report: F Sub-sector at 063543 heard fire fight in vic of grid 0452.	FSR

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TIME	DATE	ITEM	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES AND ORDERS	ACTION
0500	224	220500	Sitrep # 134	FR
0830	225	220830	HF to HFE & H: Rough Rider schedule	FS
1100	226	221030	Spt Rept: recd 28 rds of incoming, causing fire at fuel dump. Fired counter-ertv mission.	FSR
1105	227	221050	Spt Rept: H2 obs 2 suspicious personnel, 1 with M-26. Taken to R S-2.	FSR
1107	228	221100	Sitrep # 135	FR
1705	229	221700	Sitrep # 136	FR
1745	230	221745	1 sq E1 moved to Mikes hill. E2 moved to Hill 37. H Co to Con Thien	FSR
1900	231	221900	F3 arrived CC, awaiting to be chopped OPCON from 9th Mar. G2 chopped OPCON from H&S 2/26 to G/2/26	FSR
2300	232	222300	Sitrep # 137	FR
0045	233	230030	Spt Rept: Red sector heard dragging noise & breathing outside wire. Fired illum with neg results	FSR
0500	234	230500	Sitrep # 138	FR
0910	235	230910	HF to HFE: Rough rider schedule	FS
0915	236	230910	HF to R: R Rogues obs 50 to 60 VN Civilians at 069523.	FSR
1100	237	231100	Sitrep # 139	

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TIME	INFO	SITE	TYPE	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES AND ORDERS	ACTION
1300		238	231300	R to HF: H/2/26 OPCON to Beachboy at 221900H, then OPCON to 9th Mar at 221900H.	FS
1703		239	231700	Sitrep # 140	FR
2000		240	232000	CB to HF: Day acts	FSM
2055		241	232055	CB to HF: Req 81mm clearance	FS
2300		242	232300	Sitrep # 141	FR
0500		243	240500	Sitrep # 142	FR
0730		244	240730	HF to HFE: Rough rider schedule for 24 May	FS
1040		245	240945	Spt Rept: 40 obs 4-15 NVA, gunships, arty, & 81mm missions called with good target coverage	FSR
1140		246	241140	Sitrep # 143	FR
1615		247	241445	Spt Rept: recd 12 rds at 065545. Returned fire at 027597 w/good coverage	FSR
1700		248	241700	Sitrep # 144	FR
2030		249	242000	Spt Rept: At 082576 EP4 found 40 fighting holes & 5 NVA bodies.	FSR
2100		250	242020	Spt Rept: E obs 150 rds SAF from 103591	FSR
2300		251	242300	Sitrep # 145	FR
0410		252	250240	Spt Rept: recd 3 rds of rocket fire.	FSR

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TIME	NAME	TYPE	MESSAGE	
0505	253	250500	Sitrep # 146	FR
0610	254	250800	HF to HFE: Rough Rider schedule for 25 May	FS
1100	255	251100	Sitrep # 147	FR
1115	256	251100	Spt Rept: at 079591 suspected En ptl spotted	FR
1330	257	251322	Spt Rept: recd 2 rds 75 pack how. at 063548 fm 0359. Arty returned fire.	FR
1700	258	251700	Sitrep # 148	FR
1830	259	251830	G Co chopped OPCON to 9th Mar	FS
2300	260	252300	Sitrep # 149	FR
0504	261	260500	Sitrep # 150	FR
0820	262	260815	HF to HFE: Rough Rider schedule	FS
1020	263	260905	Spt Rept: recd 5 rds fm unk pos. Rds were 75 pack how.	FR
1100	264	261100	F Co chopped OPCON to 9th Mar and helilifted to A-3	FS
1400	264	261100	Sitrep # 151	FR
1700	265	261700	Sitrep # 152	FR
2215	266	262200	Spt Rept: LL from OP 250 cut & tapped. Voice attempted to call in fire msn on line.	FR
2300	267	262300	Sitrep # 154	FR

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TIME	SNR	TAG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES AND ORDERS	ACTION
0500	268	270500	Sitrep # 154	FR
1500	269	271500	2/26 chopped OPCON from 4th Mar to 9th Mar	FSR
1700	270	271700	Sitrep # 1 to Operation Kentucky	FR
2300	271	272300	Sitrep # 2	FR
0500	272	280500	Sitrep # 3	FR
0620	273	280700	HF to DP: OP obs 7 NVA leaving treeline. Arty msn resulted in 2 KIA(C)	FSR
0955	274	280920	Spt Rept: 3 NVA obs at 132732. Arty msn fired with good coverage	FR
1100	275	281100	Sitrep # 4	FR
1703	276	281700	Sitrep # 5	FR
1935	277	281930	Spt Rept: H3 obs flare & AP mine set off at 113707	FR
2030	278	282014	HF to HF: heard movement & obs lights at 129674. 60mm fired unk results	FR
2302	279	282252	HF to DP: pos rept	FR
2304	280	282300	Sitrep # 6	FR
2310	281	282125	HF to DP: LP7 & LP8 obs 5 en, fired M79 & SAF with unk results	FR
0453	282	290355	Spt Rept: E1 recd 2 rds incomming fm unk direction.	FR
0500	283	290500	Sitrep # 7	FR
0700	284	290700	Spt Rept: OP2 obs 20 NVA in onew. Arty fired with good coverage	FR

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TIME	SET	DATE	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES AND ORDERS	ACTION
1103	285	291100	Sitrep # 8	FR
1633	286	291145	Spt Rept: G Co recd 2 rds incoming.	FSR
1700	287	291700	Sitrep # 9	FR
2300	288	291700	Sitrep # 10	FR
0500	289	300500	Sitrep # 11	FR
1030	290	300830	Spt Rept: vehicle recd SAF at 134634. Returned fire with 81s & .50 cal 1 minor WIA	FR
1032	291	301050	Spt Rept: F Co recd 20 rds arty, 2 WIA & 3 bunkers damaged.	FR
1103	292	300820	Spt Rept: G Co recd 6 rds arty	FR
1220	293	301100	Sitrep # 12	FR
1235	294	301135	Spt Rept: F Co recd 10 rds 105mm. Arty fired at 184824 with unk results.	FR
1350	295	301120	DP to HF: Intel rept	FS
1555	296	301510	Spt Rept: E Co recd 2 rds 152mm at 120660	FR
1700	297	301700	Sitrep # 13	FR
1710	298	301600	Spt Rept: G Co had 1 man accidentally shot in leg. Medevaced man, a investigation will be conducted	FS
2302	299	302300	Sitrep # 14	FR

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FM	AM	SEC	ITG	
0500	300	310500	Sitrep # 15	FR
1104	301	311100	Sitrep # 16	FR
1140	302	311120	Spt Rept: F Co took 10 incoming arty rds. Counter-arty fired.	FR
1435	303	311430	DP to HF: New AO boundaries effective 311300H May 1968	FS
1520	304	311305	Spt Rept: At 135695 H2P made contact with est. NVA sqd. Ptl recd SAF & VT mortar fire. Ret SAF, 81's & arty. Medevaced <sup>61</sup> 4 WIA	FSR
1521	305	311436	DP to HF: chop HFG OPCON to CWB effective 311300H	FS
1552	306	311552	HF3 to HFF6: New AO	FS
1615	307	311515	Spt Rept: 7 NVA obs at 122734. 106's fired w/unk results.	FR
1800	308	311615	Spt Rept: recd 11 rds incoming of unk cal. Fired counter Mortar & arty.	FR
1806	309	311730	HF to DP: E2 recd 2 rds of incoming.	FR
1820	310	311800	Spt Rept: Chainwork "W" personnel struck by lightning. Medevac initiated	FR
1821	311	311700	Sitrep # 17	FR
2150	312	311800	Spt Rept: E1 recd 3 incoming suspected 152mm arty	FR
2200	313	310700	2/26 Frag Order 19-68 issued	FS
	314	312115	DP to HF: recd Frag Order 36-68	FS
2307	3144	312300	Sitrep # 18	FR

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Ser No. 0079-68From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 4th Marines

Subj: Combat Operations After Action Report

Ref: (a) 4th Mar Frag Order 3-69 (Lancaster II)  
(b) 4th Mar Frag Order 4-68 (Lancaster II)  
(c) 2d Bn, 26th Mar Frag Order 16-681. Code Name. Operation LANCASTER II, Search and Destroy/Defense of Camp Carroll.2. Dates of Operation. 2d Battalion, 26th Marines participated during the period 18 April to 27 May 1968.3. Location. Vic Camp Carroll (YD 063547), Hill 37 (YD 089578) and Khe Gio Bridge (YD 026561).4. Task Organization2d Battalion (Rein), 26th Marines  
H&S Co. (-)LtCol HEATH  
Capt HARTMAN

Det, HQ Co, 4th Mar

Lt MEEKS

Det, Btry B, 1st Bn, 13th Mar

Capt DIVELEBISS

Company E (Rein)

Capt PIPER

Company F (Rein)

18 Apr - 24 May

Company G (Rein)

Lt RIORDAN

Company H (Rein)

24 May - 27 May

Capt BROUGHTON

5. Supporting Forces

## a. Artillery Support

(1) 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, direct support of 4th Marines.

(2) Reinforcing fires available from 2d Battalion, 94th Artillery USA (175mm Artillery).

## b. Air Support

(1) 1st Marine Aircraft Wing provided TAC(A), direct air support/close air support and helicopter support.

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## c. Other

(1) Co B, 3d Tank Bn, direct support.

(2) Btry C, 1st Battalion, 44th Artillery, USA, direct support.

6. Intelligence.

a. Enemy situation at the beginning of the period. Elements of the 320th NVA Division were located north of the Cam Lo River in the vicinity of Dong Ha Mountain (YD 012592). They were supported by elements of either the 64th or 52nd Artillery Regiments, or both. The 27th Independent Battalion Headquarters and one to two companies were located in a known base camp area in the vicinity of YD 1351. The Cam Lo Local Force Company operating area was accepted as being within the 2d Battalion, 26th Marines' AO. Although no hard evidence was available it was believed that the 27th Independent Battalion and the Cam Lo Local Force Company continued their mission of guiding enemy units through the DMZ and Cam Lo District area. This estimate of the enemy situation was based upon current order of battle holdings, URSs and a study of incidents which had occurred during the previous 2 months.

b. Enemy Situation during Operation. Camp Carroll received sporadic enemy artillery and rocket attacks, including 75mm pack howitzer and 120mm rockets, from the area north of Dong Ha Mountain. Company H elements at Mikes Hill (YD 074574) were sporadically attacked with 82mm Mortars. From contacts by Company H and from a compilation of numerous intelligence reports it was ascertained that:

(1) There was a buildup of enemy troops north of the Cam Lo River in the Van Quat Xa area (YD 0960).

(2) Elements of at least one VC company were intermingled with the inhabitants of Quat Xa (YD 0960) and the Cam Lo Resettlement Village (YD 1259).

(3) Infiltrating units used the villages in the area as a haven in their movement through the Cam Lo area.

(4) The enemy units were very careful to avoid any significant ground contact. Instead they employed artillery, rockets and 82mm mortars to engage friendly units.

c. No positive unit identification was made.

d. It was noted that the enemy utilized the sound of friendly artillery to cover the use of their own indirect fire weapons.

e. Terrain. The 2d Battalion, 26th Marines' AO was characterized by two dominant terrain features. The first of these was the Camp Carroll plateau (YD 0654) and the second Dong Ha Mountain and its adjoining ridgelines. The Cam Lo River and Highway 9 were the two major east-west features. An important north-south cultural feature was Highway 558. Other significant terrain features which were important due to their observation of Highways 9 and 558 and because of their visual command over movement throughout the AO were Hill 37 (YD 089579), Mike's Hill (YD 078574), OP 250 (YD 0685550, and OP North (YD 059558). Cover and concealment throughout the AO was excellent except in the open areas in the Cua Valley.

f. Weather. The weather throughout the period was highly conducive to friendly activities due to the clear weather conditions which permitted maximum use of friendly air. During the day the weather was characterized by high temperatures and wind gusts up to 30 knots.

g. The indigenous personnel in the Cam Lo resettlement area appeared to be highly receptive to Civil Affairs although the populated areas are known to be VC/NVA havens. There were two incidents of civilians volunteering information which led to the discovery of enemy caches.

#### 7. Mission

a. Provide for the defense and maintain security for Camp Carroll.

b. Conduct Search and Destroy operations to include aggressive small-unit day and night activities to locate and destroy enemy forces in the AO.

c. Be prepared to provide Sparrow Hawk on 15 minute alert.

d. Be prepared to provide rough rider and road minesweep security on order.

e. On order assume responsibility for security of Route 9 from 3d Battalion, 9th Marines boundary to 4th Marines/9th Marines boundary.

f. Install hand SID's along known enemy infiltration routes in the 4th Marines' AO. Operate the microtale from Hill 37 (YD 089578).

8. Concept of Operation. The concept at the commencement of the Battalion's participation in Operation Lancaster II was to defend Camp Carroll with two rifle companies; assign one company to provide security for Khe Gio Bridge (YD 026561) and Route 9 from YD 003565 to YD 060569; and to employ one company to conduct search and destroy operations, primarily in the Cua Valley.

This concept was altered upon the receipt of the mission to provide security at "Mikes" Hill (YD 074573) and Hill 37 (YD 089578)

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and to provide security along Route 9 from YD 060569 to YD 089578.

The concept of operation for the employment of the two road security companies was to conduct aggressive patrol and ambush operations and to occupy a minimum of static positions.

When Company F was chopped to 3d Battalion, 9th Marines for security at Thon Son Lam (YD 985552), the forces of Camp Carroll were reduced to one rifle company. Maximum use was then made of resident supporting forces to assist in the defense of Camp Carroll.

9. Execution. Upon arrival at Camp Carroll on 18 April, the commencement of the Battalion's participation in Operation Lancaster II, Companies E and F were assigned to the defense of Camp Carroll. Companies G & H initially occupied a billeting area within the camp itself.

On 20 April, Company G was assigned to provide security for Khe Gio Bridge and Route 9 from YD 003565 to YD 060569. At darkness on the night of 23 April, Company H commenced what was to be a three day search and destroy operation in the CUA VALLEY. After two nights and one day in the field, the company was diverted to Hill 37 and relieved Company E, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines of responsibility for security of Route 9 from YD 060569 to YD 089578.

The two companies assigned security for Route 9 occupied Khe Gio Bridge, the bridge at YD 042565, Mikes Hill and Hill 37. The concept was to maintain as few static positions as possible while conducting aggressive patrol and saturation ambush operations. Each Company established a swing platoon. The swing platoons operated throughout the company's zone of action conducting search and destroy/clearing patrols and ambushes. In conjunction with these activities the forces assigned to static positions conducted platoon minus and squad size patrols and reinforced squad ambushes.

On 26 April 68 the 4th Marines Scout Snipers attached to Company H found 55 bodies at YD 089577. All bodies appeared to have gunshot wounds.

A Company H patrol, on 28 April, discovered parts of approximately 10 to 15 bodies at YD 072575.

On 30 April Company F was chopped to 3d Battalion, 9th Marines for the defense of Thon Son Lam (YD 985552). Company F remained under the operational control of 3d Battalion, 9th Marines until the end of the Battalion's participation in Operation Lancaster II.

The Battalion enforced the CO, 4th Marines' policy regarding vehicular traffic along Route 9. Only scheduled convoys or convoys with at least two vehicles, an FO and FAC, and proper security were allowed to travel along Route 9. Two checkpoints were established, one at the Khe Gio Bridge and the other at the southern base of Hill 37. Unauthorized vehicles were stopped, reported to 4th Marines COC and then turned back.

On 10 May the minesweep sweeping Route 9 east from Hill 37 to Cam Lo Village was guided to a road culvert containing approximately 125 lbs of explosives by a small VN boy. The explosives were removed and destroyed and the VN boy was rewarded with 1350 Piasters by the Battalion S-2.

Also on the same day, a patrol from Company H found 12 82mm mortar rounds with fuzes, a US field protective mask, one bottle of albumin serum and an intravenous kit. The cache was disclosed to the patrol by a small VN boy who immediately ran away.

On 15 May the Battalion was assigned the task of recommending areas for installation of hand SID's and a microtale. A plan was submitted to and approved by the Regimental Commander to place the hand SID's in three or four areas along a known enemy infiltration routes near YD 098597, YD 105598 and YD 115565. Hill 37 was chosen as the location for the microtale. The first area to be seeded was north of THON QUAT XA at YD 099598. On 18 May a Company H patrol crossed the Cam Lo River to emplace the SID's. During this attempt, however, it was discovered that the microtale did not receive the signal. While north of the river the patrol was attacked by 82mm mortar and sniper fire. A second patrol was conducted the night of 20 May. Again the microtale would not receive the SID's signal. As the patrol was returning it engaged several NVA, killed two and then withdrew across the river to the platoons' supporting position.

Company H was alerted at 221100H May to be prepared for deployment to Con Thien. The move was commenced at 1500 and Company H was chopped to 3d MarDiv at 221900H. Company E then assumed responsibility for the security of Route 9 in the Battalion's AO. One platoon from Company F was returned from Thon Son Lam to the Battalion's control on the same date to provide additional forces within the Battalion's AO.

On 25 May, Company B, 1st Battalion, 4th Marines arrived by motor convoy at Camp Carroll and was chopped to the Battalion. Company G, utilizing the vehicles that brought in Company B, was transported to C-2 (YD 135644) and chopped to the 9th Marines. The following day Company F was helilifted from both Camp Carroll and Thon Son Lam to A-3 (YD 173720) and was chopped to the 9th Marines.

On 27 May the remainder of the Battalion, including H&S Company and Company E, moved by motor convoy to Con Thien and was chopped to the 9th Marines at 1500.

10. Results

a. Friendly

- (1) KIA 4
- (2) WIA (medevac) 13
- (3) WIA (minor) 27
- (4) DOW 0

b. Enemy

- (1) KIA(c) 76

(2) Material Captured or Destroyed: 125 lbs of TNT destroyed, 12 82mm mortar rounds and a small amount of enemy 782 gear.

11. Administrative Matters

a. Supply

(1) All resupply for the Battalion forward positions at Khe Gio Bridge and Hill 37 was delivered by vehicle from Camp Carroll.

(2) Sufficient ammunition was on position at the Khe Gio Bridge and Hill 37 to provide ample Class V backup.

(3) Units operating away from Camp Carroll and both forward bases did not require resupply in the field.

b. Maintenance. Organic facilities for 2d echelon repair of weapons, vehicles, and communications equipment were located at Camp Carroll which permitted expeditious repair when the necessary parts were available.

c. Treatment of Casualties, Evacuation and Hospitalization

(1) A Battalion Aid Station with excellent facilities was located at Camp Carroll. The facilities were utilized by casualties sustained at or in close proximity to Camp Carroll.

(2) All casualties sustained during search and destroy operations were evacuated by helicopter to Co D, 3d Medical Battalion at Dong Ha.

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## d. Transportation

(1) Organic vehicles were utilized for command and control, reconnaissance, and inter unit resupply.

(2) 9th Motor Transport Battalion provided truck support for exterior resupply, trash collection and other requirements.

## e. Communication

(1) Covered Circuit. A covered circuit was not necessary at Camp Carroll due to the proximity of the Battalion CP to the Regimental CP.

(2) Wire. Wire was extensively employed within the Battalion Command Post and to the companies on the perimeter. In addition to the switchboards employed within the Battalion CP, one SB-22 was installed at each company CP position at Camp Carroll.

(3) Dyemarker equipment. 1 AN/PPS-5, 2 AN/PPS-6s and 2 NODs were employed by the Battalion. Battery charging and technical assistance for the equipment was provided by the Battalion and Regimental radar technicians.

f. Medical Evaluation. During Operation Lancaster II the BAS was located at Camp Carroll. The BAS maintained medical support for our units in the field by maintaining a ward and clinical lab for both in-patient and out-patient care. A small rear BAS was maintained and the majority of medical supplies were located at Quang Tri. There were no major problems in the resupply of medical material to the BAS at Camp Carroll. There were no significant medical trends.

12. Special Equipment and Techniques

## a. Equipment

(1) Microtale. A representative from the Division G-3 section worked with the Battalion to assist in installation and use of hand SID's and the microtale when the Battalion was assigned the task of employing these electronic devices. Two separate attempts were made to place the hand SID's approximately 2200m from the microtale. The microtale was not able to detect the hand SID signal beyond several hundred meters. All devices were turned in for examination and repair.

13. Commander's Analysis. The Battalion's participation in Operation Lancaster II consisted primarily of the conduct of defensive and security type operations. While two companies were assigned to the defense of Camp Carroll, emphasis was placed on improving fighting

positions, clearing fields of fire and improving artificial obstacles. Work progressed rapidly at first but slowed when one company was chopped to 3d Battalion, 9th Marines, reducing the forces available for the defense of Camp Carroll to one rifle company and resident supporting forces. Providing for the security of Route 9 was the Battalion's other major mission. It was my intention to tie down as few forces as possible at static defensive positions, and to remain as flexible, mobile and aggressive as possible. Thus the concept, mentioned above, of utilizing one swing platoon from each company and the conduct of maximum patrolling and ambushing operations was employed. It is impossible to determine the degree of success of this concept in deterring enemy interdiction of the LOC. However, there were no major incidents along Route 9 in the Battalion's AO during the period 18 April to 27 May.

14. Recommendations

- a. That forces committed to the task of providing security for a major LOC conduct multiple patrol and ambush operations and maintain as few static positions as is practicable.
- b. That resident supporting units be utilized to the maximum extent possible to provide security for fixed bases in order to free infantry units for field operations.
- c. That adequate engineer equipment, bulldozers, front end loaders, and back holers, be provided to clear and maintain fields of fire and to improve and rehabilitate defensive positions.



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From: Commanding Officer, Second Battalion, 26th Marines  
Action: 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines

FRAG OP Order 10-69. Company F with one platoon of Company E, occupy and defend Dyemakor position A-3 (YD173722); Company G occupy and defend Dyemakor position C-2 (YD154644); Company H with one platoon of Company E occupy and defend Dyemakor position A-4 (YD115700) at Con Thien; dismantle the defensive position at Yankee Station (YD117699); one platoon from Company E occupy and defend water point at YD129688.

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