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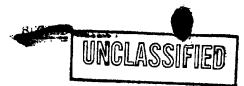
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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

At the beginning of August, 3d Battalion, 26th Marines was engaged in Operation ARDMORE in the KHE SANH Area, HUONG HOA District, QUANG TRI Province, RVN.

1 Migust 1967

Company M vic (XD 915415) was under the Operational Control of 1/26 for an operation vic (XD 920440-XD 950440-XD 950415-XD 920415). Co L was at DONG HA vic (YD 2459), from where it provided security for Rough Riders between DONG HA and KHE SANH. At 0600H, Co K relieved Co I as Regimental Reserve. I-1 was defending Blue Sector of the KHE SANH Combat Base Perimeter. I-2 conducted a minesweep of Highway #9 west to LANG VEI, and I-3 swept east to vic (XD 928421).

At 1015H, Co M plt patrol found 4 rafts made of wood 12" in diameter, 6 ft long, 4 ft wide and tied together with vines vic (XD 929418). Also found 4 shelters 2-3 weeks old made of local materials 4 ft high in front sloping at a 45° angle to 1 ft high in the reak, 6 ft square. Raft and shelters destroyed.

At 1157H, Co L arrived at LANG VEI with the Rough Rider from DONG HA. Co L returned to DONG HA in the afternoon.

2 Lugust 1967

Co I relieved Co K as Regimental Reserve at 0600H. K-2 conducted a minesweep of Highway #9 west to LANG VEI and K-3 swept east to vic (XD 928421).

At 1145H, Co L arrived at LANG VEI with the Rough Rider from DONG H, the Rough Rider departed for DONG HA at 1430H.

At 1945H, Co M vic (XD 919421) spotted two blinking lights vic (XD 922433). Fired 40 rds 60mm and 15 rds 105mm and lights went out. At 1130H, Co L arrived at LANG VEI with the Rough Rider from DONG HA. Co L returned to DONG HA that afternoon.

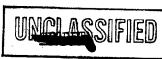
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At CljOH, Co I vic (XD 842318) reported two rds of incoming, which sounded like 82mm mortars. No casualties.

Co K relieved Co I as Regimental Reserve at 0600H. I-2 conducted a minesweep of Highway #9 west to LANG VEI and I-3 swept east to vic (VD 928421).

Co L provided security for the Rough Rider from DONG HA, which relived at KHE SANH at 1645H after being delayed enroute and spent the night (XD 828418). I-3 returned to the KHE SANH with the Rough Rider, I-2 returned when it received word the Rough Rider would not go to G VEI that day.





4 August 1967

Co I relieved Co K as Regimental Reserve, and K-1 provided security for minesweep of Highway #9 to eastern boundary of AO. K-2 squad provided security for convoy to LANG VEI.

At 0927H, Co L provided security for return of Rough Rider to DONG HA.

At 1300H, Co I patrolled southwest from KHE SANH to Hill 689 vic

(XD 803409). The company established a base at that location, from which it conducted search and destroy operations throughout the area vic (XD 770434-XD 820400-XD 820390-XD 770390). At 1900H a section of 81mm mortars and a section of 106's were helilifted to Co I on Hill 689.

At 1315H, Co M returned to KHE SANH with the 1/26 Command Group and chopped operational control to 3/26.

At 1500H, K-3 relieved I-1 of the defense of Blue Sector.

5 August 1967

At 1130H, M-1 relieved K-3 of the defense of Blue Sector.

At 1700H, Co L returned to the KHE SANH Combat Base with the Rough
Rider from DONG HA.

I-2 and I-3 conducted patrols in assigned AO.
M-1 provided a squad to execut tanks to LANG VEI.

6 August 1967

I-1 and I-3 conducted patrols in assigned AO.

Co K moved to HUONG HOA vic (XD 865375) conduct search and destroy operations to vic (XD 875355) and northeast to vic (XD 892404). During the day Co K moved to vic (XD 864370) where it established night-time positions.

At 1750H, I-2 vic (XD 802413) sighted and fired SAF and M-79 at 2 NVA vic (XD 804412), one of which was armed with an AK-47. One NVA vas hit in the leg. Co I called an 81mm mortar mission on area and area completion of fire mission, searched area to within 100 meters of anopy with negative results. Gunship and artillery worked area over.

. August 1967

During the day, Co K moved to an unnumbered hill vic (XD 878362), ***
where it established night-time positions.

I-1 and I-2 conducted patrols in assigned AO.

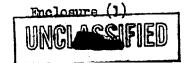
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· Co K moved to vic (XD 895373) where it established night-time tions.

-2 and I-3 conducted patrols in assigned AO.

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3+ 0800H, Co I vic (XD 803409) found and destroyed 2 82mm mortar believed to be from part of a cache found on 27 June.





At 1110H, Co I found 1 NVA body and 11 82mm nortar rds vic (XD 800411), believed to be KIA from battle on Hill 689 on 27 June. Body was buried and rds destroyed. 1 NVA KIA (C).

At 1430H, Co I patrol located a harbor site vic (XD 802407) and the following gear: 1 AK-47 damaged beyond use, 4 M-26 grenades, 24 bags of rice 4" by 5" in diameter, and assorted NVA equipment. All items were destroyed.

At 1600H, I-2 relieved M-1 of defense of Blue Sector.

During the day, Co K noved north to Highway #9 vic (XD 906402)

and returned to KHE SANH by vehicle convoy at 2300H.

I-1 and I-3 conducted patrols in assigned AO.

10 August 1967

At 0805H Co M moved to vic (XD 808398) to conduct operations in the area south of Hill 689 and Hill 758. The company established night time positions vic (XD 805395).

From 1545H to 1712H, Co I was helilifted from Hill 689 back to the KHE S.NH Combat Bese.

11 August 1967

K-3 provided security for two gravel runs to LANG VEI, one in the morning, one in the afternoon.

At 1251H, M-2 found 40 bamboo punji stakes, approximately 3 ft long, sharpened at both ends and approximately 72 hours old vic (XD 799399). Stakes were in 2 piles approximately 5 meters apart on trail. Destroyed.

M-1, M-2 and M-3 established ambushes vic (XD 779406), (XD 782308)

and (XD 779399) respectively.

At 1935H, M-3 LP vic (XD782396) observed an estimated platoon-sized element of NVA approach their position from the west. Element noved past the LP towards Co M position vic (XD794398). Two other platoon-sized in the ments following the first set up for the night in a semi-circle within neters of the LP position.

🔞 Angust 1967

(Continued from 111935 entry, last paragraph) The LP checked off the company net until 0260H, when it reported the above information to Co M. So I and Huey gunships were placed on standby. At 0500H, the LP was still encircled, being well concealed on a ridge above the draw in which the NVA reme located.

At 0515H, Co M moved to positions to take the enemy under fire should they M-2 moved to vic (XD788403) and M-3 prepared to follow the enemy to east and block their withdrawal if they made contact with M-1 or M-2. At 0950H, the LP reported no novement or sounds from the NVA for the 15 minutes. M-3 trrived at the LP position at 1030H and found that was Mad hoved east at appreximately 1010H draging something heavy. At H: an AO arrived on station and artillery was fired vic (XD775395) to the enemy withdrawal. M-3 trailed NVA but never sighted the enemy. 125H, M-1 observed 2 persons noving northeast vic (XD793400), who led around and withdraw west. At 1245H, M-3 lost the trail vic (XD785400)

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and Co M was unable to locate the enemy At 1300H, 1/26 relieved 3/26 of responsibility for the uelense of Blue

During the day, Co M noved to vic (XD795399) where it established nighttime positions.

13 Ausgust 1967

At 1122H, Co L FO observed 4-6 NVA standing on ridgeline vic (XD863432). Called artillery mission with unknown results.

At 1212H, Command Group "A", Co K, and Co L departed KHE SANH by air for DOWG HA to participate in Operation KINGFISHER in accordance with 26th Mari: es 122255H Aug 67. (NOTE: This section of the Command Chronology continues with the activities of Cormand Group "B", Co I, and Co M at KHE SANH. The activities of Cormand Group "A" are covered on pages 9 to 12).

During the day Co M moved to vic (XD778398) where it established nighttime positions.

14 August 1967

During the day Co M moved to vic (XD786408) where it established nighttime positions.

15 August 1967

Co M maintained ambushes vic (XD786408) throughout the day and night.

16 August 1967

At 0920H, In moved by vehicle to vic (XD918416) where they unloaded and began to search and destroy northwest along the ridgeline. During the day the platoon moved to vic (XD885426) where it established its night-time position.

At 0930H, I-3 observed a large number of Vietnamese families with children and families moving east vic (XD 918416.

Co M noved to vic (XD784413) where it established night-time ambushes.

17 August 1967

From 1020H to 1102H, Co M was helilifted from vic (XD849457). back to KHE SANH. . . .

From 1520H to 1603H, Co I(-) was helilifted to Hill 950 vic (XD844457) to conduct search and destroy operations east along the ridgeline running st Fill 1015 vic (XD854453).

I-3 moved to vic (XD869428). It is needed local patrols from this wition and maintained an observe and court vic (XD869431). Turing the day, Co I(-) moved (A) (2 XD849457) where it established rositions. SALE BEFORE

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7550 42 3 reintained an observation is the ic (XD869431) and conducted local as throughout the day. 24

Furing the day, Co I(-) search on 11 1015 vic (XD854453) which was . vered with heavy brush and had to so large enough for a UH-34, and wed to wic (XD859454) where it : plished night-time positions. Enelodure.

1 11 0950H, I-1 found a well-worn trail to the west vic (XD855450 At 1615H, I-2 vio (XD 850454) found 1 non-Marine bootprint approximately 6 inches long and 3-4 bloodspots about one-hour old. Also found a bare footprint 6 inches long about 50 neters to the south.

19 August 1967

During the day Co I(-) moved to vic (XD883438) where it established night-time positions. I-3 moved to vic (XD853434) and at 1405H, the plateon was helilifted ...

from that position back to KHR SANH.

20 August 1967

At 0805H, I-2 found 1 used battle dressing approximately 3 days old on a well used trail vic (XD874446).

At 0850H, I-1 found 2 fresh footprints approximately 2 days old made by

tennis shoes vic (XD884443)

During the day, Co I(-) conducted local patrols in grid squares (XD8744) and (XD8843) and moved to vic (XD896437) where it established night-time positions.

Twenty-sixth Marines 201615Z Aug 67 placed the Battalion (-) on 6-hour

standby for Operation KINGFISHER.

21 August 1967

At 0840H, Co I was helilifted back to KHE SANH from vic (XD896436) to assume six-hour standby.

22 August 1967

The Battalion (-) continued on six-hour standby for Operation KINGFISHER.

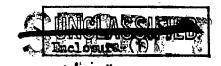
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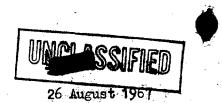
The Battalion (-) continued on six-hour standby for Operation KINGFISHER. 24 August 1967

At 0710H, Co M noved by vehicle convoy to the bridge vic (XD913403) where it disembarked for a search and destroy operation in the following AO: (XD9240-XD9241-XD8743-XD8740). During the day, Co M noved to vic XD903420) where it established night-time positions.

. August 1967

Co M moved to vic (XDA94422) from where had moved south to a blocking tion vic (XD895414) and Co M(+) continued west to vic (XD876427), them th to vic (XD877412) and swept east towards M-3's block. Co M (-) and then noved to LZ's vic (XD879413) and (XD892415) respectively, and were ilifted back to KHE SANH at 1700H.







At 0630H, Command Group "B", Co I, and Co M departed KHE SANH by vehicle convoy for vic (XD914403) in order to conduct search and destroy eperations east along Highway #9 to vic (XD943423) in accordance with 26th Marines Frag Order 3-67. The Battalion (-) moved to vic (XD914403) but was unable to cross a flooded stream at that location. The operation was cancelled and the Battalien (-) returned to KHE SANH at 1000H.

27 August 1967

At 0907H, Go I departed KHE SANH to conduct search and destrey operations in the KHE XA BAI area vio (XD8146-8246) in accordance with 26th Marines Frag Order 4-67.

At 0915H, Co I apprehended 3 detainees without ID cards or passes vic (XD834438). Detainees were Bru weodcutters and were evacuated to Regimental S-5.

During the day, Co I moved north to a swollen stream vic (XD813462).

I-2 crossed the stream with considerable difficulty and established night positions vic (XD816463) and Co I (-) remained on the south bank vic (XD811452).

28 August 1967

At 0145H, Co I (-) vic (XD816463) received 3 rds 81 mm RE:50 meters to their west and received 2 rds 81 mm illum 100 meters to their west at 0148H. Rds were subsequently determined to have come from B/1/26 on Hill 861.

During the day Co I patrolled east to vic (XD857460), and then returned

to vic (XD823463) where it established night-time positions.

Following the rocket/artillery attacks on DONG HA earlier in the day, all units manning the lines assumed 50% alert during the night for possible mortar/rocket attack.

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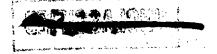
At 1314H, Co I returned to KHE SANH.

· August 1967

At 0900H, Co M moved by vehicle convoy to vic (XDP14399) where it isembarked from trucks and moved to commence search and destroy operations in accordance with 26th Marines Frag Order 5-67 in the following AO: (XDP338-3638-XD9642-XD9342).

M-1 and the CP, M-2, and M-3 established night-time positions vic (* ::

933403), (XD947403), and (XD932398) respectively.







DONG HA PERIOD

13 August 1967

(Continued from page 8) The Battalion (-) completed the lift to DOEG HA at 1900H, and chopped operational control to the Ninth Marines at 1224H.

14 August 1967

At 0700H, Co K, Co L, and the Command Group moved by vehicle convoy to vic (YD147682). to sommence operations in the AO (YD160690-YD200690-YD200646-YD170630) in accordance with Ninth Marines Frag Order 4-67. Co A, Third Tank Bn operated in direct support of the Battelion.

During the day, the Battalion moved to vic (YD165684), where it established

night-time positions.

15 August 1967

At 0645H, Co L and Co K began moving towards Objectives 2 and 3 vic (YD179685) while artillery prepped the area vic (YD778685). The two objectives were secured at 1000H. E/2/9 secured Objective 4 vic (YD189681) at 1119H and Objective 6 vic (YD196676) at 1455H. Co L secured Objective 5 vic (YD195687) at 1410H.

The Command Group, Co K, and Co A, 3d Tank Bn established night-time positions at Objective 4 vic (YD189681); Co L vic (YD194687); and E/2/9 vic (YD193674).

16 August 1967

At 9030H, Co L vic (YD196685) prematurely tripped an ambush on 3 NVA vic (YD194686). At 0630H, Co L searched the ambush site and found 1 AK-47 with blood on the stock and 1 canouflaged helmet. NVA KIAP. 1 www captured.

olood on the stock and 1 canouflaged helmet. 1NVA KIAP. 1 wpn captured. At 1245H, Co I secured Objective 7 vic (YD183674). E/2/9 secured Objective 8 at 1429H and Co K reached Objective 8 at 1600H.

Co K and the CP established night-time positions vic (YD180669) and Co L Tic (YD182673).

17 August 1967

At 0600H, Co K, Co L, and Co E moved to blocking positions vic (YD166666), (YD170674) and (YD173670), respectively, in preparation for an RCA drop. 4 4t 0705H; Co K found a box 42" by 4" by 3" containing documents vic (YD152665).

At 0745H, to I vic (YD181670) found and destroyed five bunkers 6ft by by 3 ft with partial overhead cover made of branches and 1.ft of dirt, cllon can containing rice, 3 ChiCon grenades, 1 carbine magazine, se am magazine, 6 PRC-10 batteries, and typewritten material.

At 0830H, E/2/9 vio (YD173671) found and destroyed 8 well-camouflaged are approximately 5 ft by 2 ft by 3 ft with fields of fire to south and awast. Also 1 open but 4 ft by 3 ft by 3 ft made of barboo and leaves with ves and area for cooking. Found 1 ammo pouch for pistol and propaganda in the ond Vietnamesc.

At 1020H, a helicepter dropped RCA vic (YD172666), and at 104 manies commanded search and destroy operations vic (YD172666), attack. Sweep terminated at 1200H with negative results.

1330H, received information from Regimen V that NVA Battalion was located in grid square (YD1764). The Battalian requested and was given operational control H/2/9 located vic (YD210650).

18 August 1967

At 1000H, Co K moved to Objective 15 vic (YD16464A), H/2/9 moved to Objective 17 vic (YD184647), and E/2/9 assumed mission as Battalion Reserve. Co I moved to vic (YD182648) at 1105H.

At 1025H, H/2/9 sighted 3 NVA wearing flak jackets vic (YD195650) who fled into brush.

At 1125H, H/2/9 spotted 4 NVA wearing flak jackets and helmets vic (YD188643). Co H pursued NVA, who fled west. At 1130H, E/2/9 also sighted NVA now reported as numbering 20. Co K moved right flank units into streambed vic (YD183640) to block while Co H. continued pursuit.

was cornered. Benbs were dropped from approximately 800 ft and exploded en ground. Co H moved to link up with Co K between Objectives 17 and 18 vic (YD184647).

At 1230H, Co E vic (YD170650) observed movement of an unknown number of enemy vic (YD173648) meving towards them. Dnemy moved to within 60 meters of Co E. Co L was deployed from vic (YD 17264) to vic (YD 180649) and moved its right flank to prevent enemy from moving north. Co K (-) deployed from (YD 1726/4) to (YD 1726/2) and maneuvered K-2 to block vic (YD 170 40) to prevent enemy escape to the west. Co H noved to a blocking position along streambed from vic (YD 174643) to (YD 177647) to prevent enemy escape to the southeast. Co E forced the enemy to move south in front of Co K. Co E, in visual contact with both Co k and enemy, guided Co K east and northeast toward enemy position. Prior to meneuvering Co K, on RCA attack was run from west to east impacting via (YD170649).

At 1312H, Co E sighted 3-4 enemy wearing gas masks and began reconning suspected enemy positions with flame tanks, 60 nm norters, M-79, and SAF. Co K (2) swe t on line with twin-40's through suspected energy positions and them searched area. Co E conducted local patrols into streambeds and areas in which enemy was initially sighted.

At 145°H, prep fires were delivered on Objective 12 vic (XD 183658). At 1500H, Co I claimed 1 NVA KIAC and 1 NAV KIAP.

Af 15100, Co K found pack, personal gear, clean clothes, and rice

vic (YI) 175643). Durin search of the target area, no evidence of the reported enemy

battalion or of any recent activity by a sizeable force was found. The Corrend Group and Collectablished night-time positions on. jective 10 vic (YD 160658), Co H on Objective 19 vic (YD 164638), Co K

.... Objective 15 vic (YD 164643), and Co L vic (YD 179655). At 22101; Co H suffered 1 USMC KIA when rounds from 81 nm fire mission

nauested landed inside its perimeter.

at 2330H, Co K located a trenchline in strennbed vic (YD 17.6/9-176648). Appeared to be recently used because of discarded gear and h footprints. May have been FO team. Captured gear included: 2 47 magazines with armunition, 1 NVA cas dask, personal papers and docus, rain gear, and fresh bowls of rice.



19 August 1967

At 0715H, Co I found and destroyed 5 old bunkers and 1 new bunker, all $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet by 5 feet by 4 feet vic (YD 173652). Captured following gears: $2\frac{1}{2}$ lbs of C-4, 1 bottle of sumpowder, 1 cooking pot, 300 rds 7.62 annunition, 2 pair of NVA trousers, 4 canteens, 2 AK=47

magazine pouches, 1 black shirt, and 1 pick and 2 shovels.

At 0730H, all units noved out to terminate operations in accordance with 9th Marines Op 0 4-67 to entrenching point vic (YD 135635), arriving at 1230H. At 1400H, the Battalion bounded trucks and returned to Dong Ha vic (YD 242592) at 1515H. At that time, Co E and Co H reverted to OF Con to 2/9. At 1700H, Co E chopped OpCon to 2/9 for an operation to the southwest of Gio Linh.

20 August 1967

At 1100H, LtCol H. L. Alderman relieved LtCol K. L. Hoch as Commanding Officer of 3/26.

21 August 1967

At 0805H, Co L vic (YD 170702) received 150 rds SAF and returned 50 rds 60mm and 20 rds 81mm mortar with unknown results.

At 1000H, Co I found and destroyed 50 4 feet by 5 feet by 4 feet bunkers vic (YD 168703).

At 1120H, Co L received 150 rds AWF while sweeting through bunker complex vic(YD 169706), resulting in 1 KIA, 2 WIA (medevac), and 2 WIA (nonevac).

At 1510H, Co L colled airstrike on an unknown number of NVA in bunker

complex Vic (YD 167707).

From 0805H to 1730H, Co b had continuous contact throu hout the day with an estimated enemy force of 24 NVA who employed a fighting and delay metic. During the pursuit, Co L encountered an enemy bunker complex. Results: 5 NVA KLAC, 5 NVA KLAC. Equipment captured: 1 semi-automatic after 9 82 mm nortar rds, 1 light AT mine, 51 60 nm nortar rds w/increments at fuses, 1 NAG rd, 4 lbs TNT, 6 E-tools, 4 m chetes, firing tables, norted clothing, packs, and homenade gas masks.

at 2315H, Co L observed 2 NVA vic (YD 1687050) Fired 90 mm dun,

gultin in 2 NVA KIAC.

2 August 1967

At 1130H, Co L found a piece of flesh 10" x 17" x 1" on the rin of a creter vic (YD 165706) after running an airstrike. 1 Nva KInC.

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o K relieved Co L as sperating company in accordance with Ninth 230635Z hun 67 and operated in following with 71 17 a 67 13. 5 1640K, Co K suffered 6 USMC WIA when a tank detonated a fill ing shramel hit necessy infantary.

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1015H, E/2/9 chopped operational control to 3/26, and a control to 3/26, and a control control control to 3/26, and a control contr



for the Rockpile vic (XD948545). The Battalion (-) arrived at that location at 1205H and chopped operational control to the Third Marines. The Battalion then noved south to vic (YD999503) where it debarked from trucks and began an operation with 1/9 to clear the area along Highway #9 on which a USMC convoy was ambushed on 21 Aurust. During the day the Battalion (-) moved to vic (XD999503).

26 August 1967

At 003CH, Co K LP vic (XD989501) observed 6-8 enemy 25 meters to the front of their position. Reaction force was formed and base of fire laid down. Enemy broke contact and fled in all directions. During search of area, Co K received 1 incoming hand grenade resulting in 1 USMC WIA(minor).

100 CH, the Battalion(-) commenced search and destroy operations south along either side of route 9 in conjunction with 1/9.

At 0800H, Co L found 1 NVA KLAC vic (XD989491) estimated as being 5 days

old. Also 2 AK-47 magazines and 2 ChiCom granades.

During the day, the Battalion (-) noved to vic (XD999480) where it established night-time positions.

27 August 1967

The Battalion (-) continued search and destroy operations in conjunction with 1/9. During the day, it swept to vic (XD997468) and returned to vic (XD999480) where it maintained night-time positions.

28 August 1967

At 1030H, the Battalion (-) noved to vic (XD994485), where it boarded trucks for the return convoy to Dong Ha. The Battalion (-) arrived at Dong Ha at 1630H, and chopped operational control to the Ninth Marines.

9 August 1967

To L roved to CAP-F2 vic (YD277576) which it used as a base of operations a County Fair operation in the area LL(YD2652)-UR(YD3058). This was a tof Operation LIBERTY (Ninth Marine Operation Order 14-76).

At 1145H, 2/9 chopped operational control of Co K to 3/26, and 3/26 chopped

rational control of Co E to 2/9.

At 1755H, Co L vic (YD267555) received approximately 20 rds from 1 or 2 'ny vro (YD269554). Co L returned SAF and swept the area with negative : ::

At 2015H, Co L vic (YD269554) received sporadic bursts of SAF. Co L

"urned SAF with unknown results.

1 31 August 1967

of I continued on Operation LIEERTY. No contacts or significant events and on these two days.





SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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in Operation ARIMORE under the operations control of the 26th Marines in the Khe Seek area of Hugong Hoa District, Quang Tri Trovince. The Sattal-ice was respectively for a port on of Gray Sector and all of Blue Sector and the Khe Sanh perimeter; conducted local ambushes, patrols and listening posts; provided security for convoys and mingagers; and, when designated, Trovided the Regimental Reserve Company. In addition, the Battalion conducted company-sized operations in various portions of the Operation ARIMOTE AO.

From 4 August to 2 Lagust, Company N was under the operational: r. control of 1/26 for an operation north of the eastern portion of Highway #1 has the 10.

From 1 August to 5 August, to L provided security for Rough Riders between Dong Ma and Lang Vel.

Company I conducted search and destroy eperations in the Hill 689 area from A wagust to 10 August.

Company K operated on the area southeast of Huong Hoa from 6 August to 9 August.

Compress F operated to the south of Hill 689 from 10 August to 17 ugust.

I-3 executed along the ridgeline just north of the Rao Quan Valley ron 16 to 19 August, and Co I (-) operated along the Hill 950 - Hill 115- Hill 832 ridgeline from 17 to 21 August.

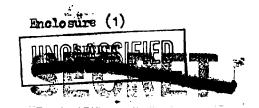
Co M operated in the eastern Rao Quan Valley area from 24 to 25 August.

Co I operated in the Khe Xn Bai area from 27 to 29 mugust.

Co M commenced operations in the area southeast of the quant Tri - a Krong hiver junction on 31 August.

On 13 August, Command Group A and Companies K and L flew to Dong to and Copped operational control to the Ninth Marines for Operation HISTOR.

1.1 August the Command Group, Company K, Co L, and E/2/9 commenced ration southwest of Gio Enh. H/2/9 entered the operation on 17 Aug-d on 19 August the Operation terminated and all four companies report to Dong Ha.







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From 19 to 24 August, Co L was under the operational control of 2/9 for an operation southwest of Gio Linh. Co K relieved Co L on 24 August and operated in this area until 29 August.

From 25 to 28 August, the Command Group; Co L, and E/2/9 conducted an operation between the Rockpile and Khe Ca Lu under the operational control of the Third Marines.

control of the Third Marines.

From 29 to 31 August, Co L participated in Operation LIBERTY in the THON HA XA area.

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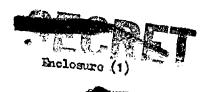




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KIA 4.
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WIA 17
Total 23

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C. COMMAND RELATIONS

!. With Higher Units. The Battalion was under the operational control of the Twenty-Sixth Marines from 1 to 13 August. On 13 August, Command Group "A", Company K, and Company L flew to Dong Ha where they chopped operational control to the Ninth Marines. Command Group "B", Company I, and Company M remained under the operational control of the Twenty Sixth Marines at KHE SAMH for the remainder of the month. From 25 to 28 August, Command group "A" with Company L and E/2/9 operated under the Third Marines in the Rockpils area.

2. With Other Marine Units.

e. KHE SANH

- 1) Close liaison was maintained with 1/26 throughout the month on all local activities, fire support, and coordination of patrol routes. On 31 August, boundaries were established between the two battalions for the coordination of all local activities on the following lines: (XD845420-XD849430) and (XD847415-XD851410).
- 2) For matters pertaining to perimeter defense, the Battalion had operational control of Company A, 3d Anti-Tank Battalion, which was responsible for Red Sector.
- 3) Company M was under the operational control of 1/26 for an operation in the eastern portion of the AO on 1 August.

b. DONG HA

- 1) E/2/9 and H/2/9 were under the operational control of the optical from 14 to 19 August, and from 17 to 19 August, respectively. 2/9 operated under our operational control again between 25 and 28 ust.
 - 2) Co L and Co K were under the operational control of 2/9 from to 24 August, and from 24 to 29 August, respectively.

With ARVN/PF/RF Units.

- e. KIE SAMH. While at Khe Sanh, the Twenty-Sixth Marines were responsible relations with the Vietnamese in the area, and the Battalian worked only jectly with Vietnamese.
 - b. DONG HA. At Dong Ha, the Battalion operated in support of CAP-P2.

 to 31 August, Co L operated in the THON HA XA area to provide election by for the villagers.





D. COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

- 1. Message Center. Message traffic was picked up and delivered to the 26th Marines Message Center at Khe Sanh, and the Ninth Marines Message Center at Dong Ha.
- 2. Redio. At Khe Sanh, all battalion nets and the Regimental Tactical Net terminated in the 3/26 COC bunker. When Command Group "A" moved to Dong Ha, it was necessary to avoid excessive traffic on the Battalion Tactical Net. Consequently, the Battalion Secondary Tactical Frequency was used by either Command Group "A" or "B" at all times. Contact between Dong Ha and Khe Sanh was possible through the use of a relay station on Hill 950.
- addition, two trunk lines were available to the 26th Marines switchboard, and hot lines were maintained between the 3/26 COC and the 26th Marines COC, and the 3/26 FSCC and the 26th Marines FSCC. At Dong Ha, Cormand Group "A" utilized the Ninth Marines COC switchboard.









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E. FIRE SUPLORT

- From 1-12 August, the FSCC was located in the 3/26 COC Bunker at KHE SAME. On 13 August, the FSC, several radio operators, and the FO teams from Co K and Co L displaced with Command Group "A" to DONG HA and operated with Command Group "A" in the Operation KINGFISHER AO for the remainder of the month. The 81 nm platoon commander, the FSCC Operations Chief, and several radio operators remained in KHE SANH where they continued the regular activities at that location.
- 2. MIE STAIR.: The primary function of the FSCC during August was to clear all supporting arms missions for the Battalion. 1st Battalion, 13th Marines, with three 105 Howitzer Batteries (A Bttry, C Bttry, and I/3/12) and a 155 Howitzer detatchment, provided all artillery support.

During August, no significant missions were fired against NVA/VC targets, and since the enemy did not conduct any mortar/rocket attacks, no counter-battery fire was delivered during the month. Areas through which infantry units moved were prepped regularly, and patrol routes and night defensive positions were boxed in with on-call concentrations. Illumination was available on request.

A normal H&I schedule was planned for the hours of darkness. On days of poor visiblity, a daytime schedule was also planned. Maximum use of intelligence information was used to determine H&I target lists.

3. DONG HA. During Operation KINGFISHER, the Battalion was supported by artillery units from 2d Battalion, 12th Marines. The FSCC had the same functions as at KHE SANH. On two occasions, however (from 14-19 August and from 25-28 August), the FSCC displaced to the field with Command Group "A". The FSCC's mission during both operations was to central all fire missions in the assigned AO's and to coordinate the night defensive fire plans of the companies, insuring that all fires were properly registered.



F. AIR SUPPORT

I. Air Defense. No enemy aerial activity of any type was encountered during August.

II. Air Support.

- a, Medevices. A total of 14 medevices were flown during August. Twenty-nine nen, consisting of 8 WIA, 5 KIA, and 16 NBC, were evacuated on these flights.
- b. Resupply and Troop Lifts. Five resupply missions and twelve troop lifts were flown during the nonth.
- c. Fixed Wing. Two airstrikes were flown by Huey gunships with excellent target coverage, but unknown enemy casualties. In addition, 2 RCA dreps were conducted vic (YD172666) and (YD174641) on 17 and 18 August. Coverage of area was good, but few enemy were in the area at the time of the drops.
- d. Askial Observor Flights. Five overflights were flown for recommensance purposes by unit commanders before entering new areas of operation.

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G. DETRISADUREN

1. No responsibility difficulties were encountered during the period covered by this reject. Battalien level personnel accounting proved to be very effective with the or anization split into two command groups and a rear.







A. KHE SANH

1. There was no simificant intelligence gathered during the nonth of August by the Battalion. On August 13, the Battalion was divided into two separate command groups which limited our previous extensive reconnaissance. The present situation is similar to last month's. The enemy maintains his base carps outside of the range of artillery and our current area of operations. The primary build-up areas of last month still exist. The principle onesare in the northeast vic (XD9050,8950,8949,9049), and the southwest vic (XD7632,7431, and 7036). The enemy still maintains its built-up areas on Hill 918 vic (XD725445) and Hill 728 vic (XD730416). There is

2. Incidents.

e. On 6 August, Co I sighted 2 NVA vic (XD804412). Co I took NVA under fire with SAF and M-79 resulting in 1 KIAP.

active enemy movement north and south of Highway # 9 and infrequent enemy movement around Hill 1015 vic (XD855454) and Hill 1371 vic (XD815520).

- the On 9 August, Co I found 2 rds 82 mm mortar on Hill 689 vic (XD802406), apprecently part of eache found on 27 June. Co I also located 1 NVA body vic (XD800410) apprecently KIA from ection in this area on 27 June, and 4 more 82mm mortar rds. Co I have dealer a harboring with 1 AK-47 damaged beyond use, 4 M-26 grenades, 24 bags of ris 4" by 5", and assorted NVA equipment.
- c. On 11 August, Co M LP vic (XD782396) Greenved Glarge number of NVA estimated at 2 platoons moving east, who set up for the night thin 10 eters of the LP. The NVA later moved on undetected and the local later regretation.
- On 13 August, Co L vic (XD844419) fired artillery on 4-6 NVA stending on Additional vic (XD863432) with unknown results.

DONG HA

- 1. Daying the period 14-19 August, Co K, Co L, and the CP conducted operation in the area of LL (YD 1563)-UR (YD 2069).
- a. Wenther. High of 90 degrees F., low of 85 degrees F.; aver
 - b. Terrain. Relief was characterized by low gently slopin, is with steer banked internittant streams which were low to dry during period. Areas indicated as being built up were found to be unoccupied mains. Venetation consists of extremely dense brush 3 feet to 6 feet with broken in low areas by dry rice paddies. Trails were numerous. benied stream bids provided the only obstacles to tanks. Ontos not be used in the area exce t in trace of tanks.
 - c. Enemy Situation. Prior to moving into the area it was suspected in enemy battalion was operating in the area. A series of small

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H. PERSONNLL

1. Furing the month of Au ust, the Battalion joined 1 officer and 126 enlisted personnel while 5 officers and 213 enlisted were reassigned to other units within RVE. Ninetsen enlisted personnel were reassigned out of country by service records as a result of redical evacuation.

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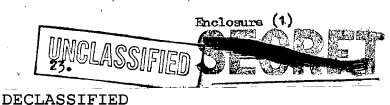




bunker complexes found by Co L vic (YD 181670) and (YD 173652) and infrequent sightimes of small numbers of NVA indicated that the area was being used only by small groups for harboring and observation. Co K found equipment from an enemy FO team including a set of binoculars and a compass in a heavily vegetated trench system in the stream bed vic (YD 178649)

- d. No significant contact or sightings were made. The outstanding aspect of the operation was the coordination of Psy Ops broadcasts, troop deployment and Riot Control Agents dispensed by air in an effort to appropriate prisoners. The enemy sighted during RCA attacks 18 August were wearing gas masks.
- 2. During the period 20-24 August Co L under the operational control of 2/9 operated vic (YD 170702). From 210805 to 211730 L Co had continous contact throughout the day with an estimated force of 24 NVA employing a fighting and delay action. During the pursuit Co L encountered an energy bunker complex, accounted for 5 KIAC and 5 KIAC, and captured assorted mortar and RPG rounds, 1 AK-47, a map, firing tables and documents. On 212315H Co L vic (YD 168705) accounted for 2 KIAC. Co K relieved Co L on 24 August and between 24 and 29 August and no significant sightings or contacts in the area vic (YD 1770).
- 3. During the period 25-28 August Co L, E/2/9, and the CP reacted in support of 1/9 in the area vic (XD 978480).
- e. Weather. Figh of 90 degrees F., low of 75 degrees F., average relative humidity 75 degrees, precipitation approximately one inch with light dew each night, characterized by heavy cloud cover and for in the late evening hours.
- b. Terrain. The valley floor is oriented north/south with the lock Pile at the north end and the Quang Tri River to the South. The valley floor reaches abruptly east and west up burnt off fingers into density functed mountains. Water is plentiful, in the valley floor. Highway 9 ms through the valley between lock Pile and Ca La and is an asymalt road rafficable by all military vehicles. Movement east and west off of the lay is entropely difficult for infentry and impassable for tracked bicles. Small areas of the valley are cultivated and inhabited by Bru close proximity to Route 9 vic (XD 999482) and south.
- c. Enemy Situation. Elements of 1/9 had been previously engaged ith an estimated battalion-size unit which had ambushed a USMC convoy on that on houte 9.
 - d. Co L had one sighting of 8 NVA at XD 988503.

 Luring the region 29-31 august Co L operated in the LL(YD 2652)
 3053) using CAP-P2 vic (YD 277576) as a base of operations.
 - a. Terrain. The relief is flat and open with scrub brush and proddies. The inhabited areas are Kien Phuoc (H) vic (YD 267540) and









Ai Ta (H) vic (YD 295543) and SW. The prominent terrain features are the hill vic (YD 277550), the ridge line from (YD 265550) to YD 240546) and the teril alone this ridgeline.

b. Enery Situation. It is believed that platoon size VC element operates as a screen for larger NVA elements harboring to the SW. The ridgeline is used as an FO position. Tactics include frequent sniping and booby traps.

c. Co L encountered numerous snipers vic of Kien Phace and Ai Ta and detenated 2 chicom grenades.

- C. Enemy Losses for August
 - 1. Personnel-KIAC 1
 KIAP 2
 Detainees 3
 - 2. Equipment
 - a. Clothing and miscellaneous-20 lbs
 - b. Individual Weapons -2
 - c. 16-82mm rounds 4-M-26 grenades 1-set binoculars



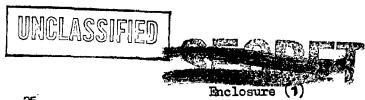


J. CIVIL AFFAIRS

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- 1. A bi-weekly MedCap to the villages of KHE SANH vic (XD848383) and CHAU LANG CHANH vio (XD842408) was conducted with good results. Approximately 40 people were treated in each of the six visits during August. A total of 40 women, 180 children, and 10 men were treated, and 4 patients were evacuated to QUANG TRI Hospital.
- 2. Formal liaison was established and preparations were made to widen the scope of civil affairs in the areas of personal hygiene, agricultural projects, and construction projects.







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X. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS

- 1. On 17 August, the Battalion exploited an intelligence report of an enemy battalion located vic (YD178649). Elements of the Battalion completely surrounded the objective area and a PsyOps plane broadcast for 15 minutes describing the situation and urging the enemy to surrender. The broadcast was followed by RCA drops by helicopters. Ground broadcasts were then directed into the objective area. Maximum effort was made to obtain prisoners prior to firing a single shot.
- 2. Although the attack was well-coordinated, no prisoners were taken. The enemy used gas masks and escaped through a trench system which was heavily overgrown with foliage. A quantity of equipment was abandoned and subsequently captured by the Battalion.







- 1. General. Logistics support was satisfactory during August. There were no major problems obtaining supplies, transportation, or food services.
- 2. General Supplies. General supplies were adequate except for a shortage of small and X-small jumgle utilities.
 - 3. Transportation.
- a. Transportation was provided by both the 26th Marine Regiment and 9th Motor Transport Battalion thru the 9th Marines S-4. Service was excellent.
- b. Command group Alpha and two (2) rifle companies moved by air from Khe Sanh to Dong Ha on 13 August. The move was effected without any major problems.
- c. Due to the overall tactical committeents of the battalion, tactical runs were frequent. Administrative runs with organic vehicles were held to a minimum.
- 4. Resupply. Resupply was accomplished at Khe Sanh by helicopters. At Dong Ha resupply was accomplished both by truck convoy and helicopters.
- 5. Ordnance. Ordnance support was provided by FLSU-1 at Dong Ha, and LSU at Khe Sanh.
- 6. Maintenance Support. Maintenance Support was furnished by FLSU-1 at Dong Ha, on LSU at Khe Senh. Service was satisfactory.
- 7. Food Service. This unit operated a field mess hall at the Khe Sanh Jonbet Base serving full meals at breakfast and supper and hot soup and analyhiches at lunch. There were adequate quantities of food and supplies, and cod was satisfactory in quality and quantity throughout the month.









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M. MEDICAL DENTAL

- 1. Personnel. The Battalion Aid Station has a total of 58 personnel, consisting of 51 Hospital Corpsmen and 1 Medical Officer.
- 2. Capabilities. The Battalion Aid Station is capable of treating all minor medical and surgical problems. One GP tent with a capacity for 12-16 patients was maintained at Khe Sanh for treatment and observation of minor casualties. An underground ward which will have a capacity of 15-20 patients is presently under construction. Patients requiring more extensive care are evacuated to the 3d Medical Battalion at Phu Bai or Dong Ha. When Command Group "A" displaced to Dong Ha, the entire BAS remained at Khe Sanh except for 2 corpsmen who were used for casualty reporting. While at Dong Ha, the Battalion used 2/9's BAS.
- 3. Supply. Medical supplies were obtained from FLSG-A at Phu Bai. Supply was satisfactory.
- 4. Training. Hospital Corpsmen receive on the job training under the supervision of the Medical Officer and the Chief Hospital Corpsmen. Classes were held by the Medical Officer giving additional instructions on field medical techniques and diagnostic care.
- 5. Dental. There are no facilities for dental care at the BAS. Patients requiring limited care are referred to Sub-Unit #5, and patients requiring extensive dental care are evacuated to the 3d Medical Battalion.
- 6. Malaria Prophylaxis. Chloroquine-Primaquine tablets are taken once a week on Sunday. The Battalion had 7 confirmed cases of malaria and 2 probable cases in August.
- 7. Sanitation. Daily sanitation inspections are made by the medical officer one of his representatives.

Statistics. The following are the statistics for the period 1 to 31 August.

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N. TRAINING

The following training was conducted during August.

- 1. <u>Grientation</u>. Personnel joined as replacements during the month of August received an orientation from the Commanding Officer. Upon being assigned to a company they received orientations from their respective Company Commanders.
- 2. Familiarization Firing of the M-16. All personnel joining the Battalion in August fired at least 125 rds of familiarization on the KHE SANH Range.

 The range was also available for any units that wanted to test fire any weapons.
 - 3. Starlight Scope. Instruction on the starlight scope was given by a contact team from 3d Marine Division G-3 Training to Company I on 24 August, and Company M and H & S Company on 26 August. Instruction consisted of a one-hour lecture and a night-time application in which all personnel were given an opportunity to observe through the scope. The instructional team also gave numerous tips on proper use of the M-16. All three companies subsequently zeroed their weapons on a 15-yard range.
 - 4. FO Procedures. On 30 August, personnel from 1st Battalion, 13th Marines conducted an FO school for the small unit leaders from Company M on the KHE SANH Ronge.
 - 5. <u>Company-Level Training</u>. All companies conducted their own concurrent training when they were in the Battalian area. The following subjects were stressed: field fortification, first aid, nedevac and casualty reporting procedure, and ambush techniques.







O. CHAPLAIN SUPPORT

* Catholic Services. The Battalion Chaplain conducted a total of 95 Catholic services with a total attendance of 2103 during the month of August. Services were held at all locations in the Operation ARL AO at which military personnel were permanently assigned. Breakdown of tendance is as follows:

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- 5. Counseling Sessions. The Chaplein of a counseling sessions, of which 22 were with Maxings from 3dtBattali... Marines.
 - were conducted jointly with the To B, 3d Recon Bn.
 - in mave three lectures on stealing



- I. The following messages and orders from Third Marine Division, Ninth Marines, Twenty-Sixth Marines, Third Marines, and Third Battalion, 26th Marines governed the activity of the battalion during the month:
 - a. OG Third Mar Div 1203452 Aug 1967 (Warning Order)
 - bi Thir 73Bn, Twenty-Sixth Marines 120635G Aug 1967
 - c. Twenty-Sixth Marines 122255H Aug 1967
 - d. Twenty-Sixth Marines 130230Z Aug 1967
 - e. Third Bn, Twenty-Sixth Marines 131035Z Aug 1967
 - f. Ninth Marines 131410Z Aug 1967 (Frag Order No Four for Operation KINGFISHER)
 - g. Twenty-Sixth Marines Frag Order 1-67
 - h. OG Third MarDiv 190333Z Aug 1967 (Operation Order 46-67 -- Operation LIBERTY)
 - Ninth Marines 190500Z Aug 1967 (Frag Order No Five for Operation KINGFISHER)
 - j. Dong He Combat Base Defense Operation Order 1-67
 - k. Twenty-Sixth Marines 201615Z Aug 1967 (Warning Order)
 - 1. Minth Marines 230635Z Aug 1967 (Planning Message)
 - m. Twenty-Sixth Marines Frag Order 3-67
 - n. Twenty-Sixth Marines Frag Order 4-67
 - o. Third Marines 270800Z Aug 1967 (Planning Mag for 28 Aug 1967)
 - p. Ninth Marines 2816012 Aug 1967
 - q. Twenty-Sixth Marines Frag Order 5-67

