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To: Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 May to 31 May 1969
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(b) FMFPacO 5750.8A
(c) BrigO 5750.10

Encl: (1) Command Chronology for May 1969

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E. W. SNELLING

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 May to 31 May 1969

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATADESIGNATION

BLT 3/26

COMMANDERLtCol E. W. SNELLING
(1-31 May 69)SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company

1stLt W. P. FRIESE
(1-31 May 69)

Company I

Capt R. FURLEIGH
(1-31 May 69)

Company K

Capt R. D. BARBA
(1-31 May 69)

Company L

Capt J. TURRIETTA Jr.
(1-31 May 69)

Company M

1stLt D. E. CRAWFORD
(1-31 May 69)ATTACHED UNITS

1st Plt, Co A, 5th SP Bn

GySgt G. J. WISEMAN
(1-31 May 69)

3rd Plt, Co A, 5th MT Bn

1stLt P. W. ESPLIN
(1-31 May 69)

3rd Plt, Co A, 5th Recon Bn

1stLt W. G. DEATHRAGE
(1-31 May 69)

3rd Plt, Co A, 5th Tank Bn

1stLt M. A. HUGHES
(1-31 May 69)

3rd Plt, Co A, 5th Amtrac Bn

1stLt P. R. HRIBAR
(1-31 May 69)

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3rd Plt, Co A, 5th Engineer Bn

1stLt H. ADAMS

(1-5 May 69)

2ndLt J. J. KELLY

(6-31 May 69)

"C" Btry 1/13

Capt M. E. POPELKA

(1-31 May 69)

"W" Btry 1/13

1stLt M. C. BUNTON

(1-31 May 69)

G&C Plt

Lt D. T. SMITH

(1-31 May 69)

Det, ARVN Interpreters

(1-3 May 69)

Det, KCS

(1-3 May 69)

Det, HQBN, 5th MarDiv

(1-3 May 69)

Det, HQ, 26th Marines

(1-3 May 69)

2. LOCATION

1-3 May 69 Charlie Ridge, Quang Nam Province, RVN; 4-31 May 69 ARG
Bravo Shipping

3. STAFF-OFFICERS

ExO

Major W. T. MACY

(1-31 May 69)

S-1 (ADJUTANT)

1stLt G. O. BURFORD

(1-31 May 69)

Personnel Officer

1stLt R. O. MOE

(1-31 May 69)

S-2

1stLt B. M. EVERETT

(1-31 May 69)

S-3

Major L. B. McHENRY

(1-31 May 69)

S-3A

Capt G. B. MEEGAN

(1-31 May 69)

S-3 B

1stLt C. S. S. TIBBS

(1-31 May 69)

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Capt H. I. CATES
(1-31 May 69)

CommO

1stLt W. A. MOSSOR
(1-31 May 69)

SupO

1stLt W. D. HILTON
(1-31 May 69)

MedO

Lt P. R. BALLING
(1-31 May 69)Lt D. H. PATRICK
(1-31 May 69)Lt J. MARTINIZ
(1-8 May 69)

Chaplain

Lt J. K. GOLIE
(1-31 May 69)4. AVERAGE STRENGTHUSMCUSNOFF
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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

A. GENERAL (S) During the first three days of May, BLT 3/26 was engaged in Operation "Oklahoma Hills". As of the last day BLT 3/26 participated in the operation, the BLT had accounted for a total of 140 VC/NVA KIA, 54 IWC, 19 CSWC, 4 122mm rocket launchers, large quantities of ammunition and miscellaneous 782 gear and clothing. The BLT suffered only minimal losses in both men and equipment.

On 3 May, the BLT amphibiously backloaded aboard ARG shipping and began a period of rehabilitation of troops and equipment which continued through to the end of the month. Liaison and coordination was made through the individual ships' operation officers in planning and scheduling an intensive training program for all embarked Marines which included lecture and application classes, physical training and administrative time. The high degree of cooperation experienced in working with the Navy personnel allowed full utilization of this unusual amount of available time aboard ARG shipping for training.

Serving throughout this period as amphibious reserve for III MAF, the BLT twice demonstrated its measure of readiness and internal coordination by being fully prepared to land all units within 24 hours notice and failing to do so only because of last moment cancellation of the operations. The first operation scheduled was on Hour Glass Island in Quang Ngai province with D-Day set for 12 May 69. The second operation scheduled was in an AOA south of the Gua Viet river and west of Wunder Beach in Quang Tri province with D-Day set for 26 May 69. All preparations were made including operation orders, logistic plans, briefing and pre H&L H-Hour transfers completed and the BLT was ready to land on both occasions, only to have each operation cancelled by III MAF at the last minute. On 6 May 1969, an amphibious training exercise was conducted on beaches in the Da Nang area landing two companies by helicopter and two by LVTP5's and LCM6's.

Two awards ceremonies were held during the month for 30 members of HMM-164 and BLT 3/26. On 17 May 1969, Brig. General John E. WILLIAMS, CG, 9th MAB made presentations of awards including 1 Silver Star, 1 DFC, and 5 Bronze Stars. Nine days later on 26 May 1969, the Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable J. H. Chafee visited aboard USS Valley Forge while on an Asian tour. He presented decorations to 12 Marines.

B. ADMINISTRATION (C) During the period 1-3 May 1969, administrative elements of the BLT were located at Camp Muir, Hill 55: this included "C" Btry 1/13 rear, "W" Btry 1/13 rear, battalion S-1, battalion S-2 rear, battalion S-3 rear, battalion S-4, BAS administration, company offices, disbursing, supply and LSA. On 4 May 1969, all administrative units displaced to ARG shipping.

Number of USMC Officers joined-----	(7)
Number of USMC Officers dropped-----	(4)
Number of USMC Enlisted joined-----	(106)
Number of USMC Enlisted dropped-----	(111)
Number of USN Officers joined-----	(2)
Number of USN Officers dropped-----	(2)
Number of USN Enlisted joined-----	(4)
Number of USN Enlisted dropped-----	(1)

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C. INTELLIGENCE (S)

1. Enemy Situation: Enemy forces in the BLT 3/26 "Oklahoma Hills" AO were estimated at 700 NVA of the 141st Reg. and 520 NVA of the 368B Artillery Regiment.

2. Enemy Mission: The enemy mission in the AO was to defend the headquarters of the 141st Regiment at all costs and evade contact in the outlying areas. After sufficient time had passed for the enemy to move some of his equipment and documents, his mission became one of evasion and harassment of allied forces.

3. Weather: The maximum temperature for this period was 90 degrees. The low was 70 degrees and the mean temperature was 80 degrees. The relative humidity was 75 degrees and the precipitation totaled 2 inches.

4. Terrain: The terrain in the operation area was one of double canopy forest with heavy brush, extremely steep mountains broken with deep draws and intermediate streams in each draw.

5. Totals: For Operation "Oklahoma Hills" as of 3 May 1969.

VC/NVA KIA	(140)
POW's	(0)
DETAINEES	(0)
CHIEU HOIS	(0)
IWC	(54)
CSWC	(23)
RICE	(1000 lbs)
S/A AMMO	(6000 rds)

6. Avenues of Approach: Unmarked trails running in all directions.

7. Summary: The above intelligence related to the BLT until 3 May 1969. From 4 May 1969 through 31 May 1969, the BLT was embarked aboard ARG shipping serving as III MAF reserve and no operations or amphibious landings were conducted. Intelligence estimates are prepared for the two operations that were cancelled.

D. Civic Action (C) There was no civic action conducted during this period.

E. Psychological Operations (C) Chieu Hoi broadcasts were conducted for a period of four days during Operation "Oklahoma Hills" at FSB Rattlesnake. Results were negative.

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F. Fire Support: (S) During the month, supporting arms were used only from 1-3 May 1969. Special emphasis was given to day and night H&I fires. "C" Btry and "W" Btry, 1st Bn, 13th Marines provided direct support for the BLT. "L" Btry, 3rd Bn, 11th Marines and 3rd 8" gun Plt provided general support.

(1) Total ammo expenditures for May

- (a) 105mm 816
- (b) 107mm (4.2") 631
- (c) 81mm 584
- (d) 155mm/8" 149

G. Air Support (S)

- (1) Air support was requested by the BLT FAC/ALO through 7th Marines.
- (2) During the month of May:
 - (a) 1347 troops were heli-lifted
 - (b) 9 medivacs were called
 - (c) 1 air strike was run
 - (d) 3 over-flights of the AO were utilized

H. Logistics (C)

(1) Logistical support was satisfactory. Transportation during the period 1-3 May was provided by helicopters operating from the LSA located at Camp Muir to field units in the Worth and Charlie Ridge area. From 4-31 May transportation was provided by HMM-164.

(2) Maintenance support was provided by normal Marine Corps support facilities located at Da Nang. No unusual maintenance problems were encountered.

I. Communication (S)

(1) During the period 1 May 1969 through 3 May 1969, the communication platoon continued to maintain the normal communications established in support of operation "Oklahoma Hills".

(2) Upon boarding ARG shipping on 4 May 1969, SLF "B" assumed the communication/crypto guard for BLT 3/26. The BLT communication center was established in the SLF S-1 office and continued to be the facility controlling both incoming and outgoing message traffic. External communication was provided by the SLF communication center while courier service was provided by BLT message center personnel.

(3) Ship board time was used for inventory of communication equipment performing preventive maintenance and reorder of lost or damaged equipment. In addition a training schedule was followed which included approximately four hours of general military subjects and two hours of MOS training per week.

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1. Personnel: The Battalion Aid Station had a total of 53 enlisted and 2 medical officers. In addition, the medical section had 4 Shore Party corpsmen under direct supervision of the BAS. Also attached were 10 other hospital corpsmen from the various attachments.

2. Capabilities: Aboard ship, the ordinary capabilities of the medical department were augmented by the ship's assets, including X-ray, laboratory, pharmacy, ward and operating room facilities. Surgical Team Bravo was available for general surgical and orthopedic assistance. These clean and sophisticated facilities enabled the BAS to care for a great majority of the medical and surgical problems. One battalion surgeon was deployed on the USS Paul Revere because of the large number of Marines aboard. Consultations were available aboard the USS Valley Forge for Marines embarked aboard other ships in the Ready Group. Special problems and complicated cases were referred to NSA hospital or the hospital ships.

3. Training: Aboard ship corpsmen received on the job training directly from the medical officer. Corpsmen carried out their own lectures on buddy aid, first aid and personal hygiene to their troops. Indoctrination lectures were given to all new troops.

4. Dental: The USS Valley Forge and the USS Paul Revere both had dental facilities available. A large amount of dental work was done.

5. Malaria Prophylaxis: Accomplished by daily dosages of Dapsene and a weekly dose of Chloroquine/Primaquin to all troops.

6. Sanitation: General cleanliness and sanitation in all BLT spaces aboard the ships was inspected by the BAS. A weekly inspection was conducted.

7. Statistics for the month of May are as follows:

DIAGNOSIS	H&S	INDIA	KILO	LIMA	MIKE	TOTAL	LAST REPORT
Head Injuries	06	02	00	00	04	12	06
Lacerations	17	02	02	02	01	24	41
Diarrhea	05	08	07	06	09	35	58
Ear Problems	33	04	07	06	06	56	51
Eye Problems	05	02	04	00	07	18	23
Dental	93	103	20	93	32	341	41
Upper Resp Inf	90	20	32	13	30	185	27
Fever Unkn Origin	05	03	01	02	01	12	10
Ortho Disorders	34	05	26	21	26	112	113
Immunizations	48	10	11	05	12	86	134
Venereal Disease	12	03	04	03	00	22	16
Shrapnel Wounds	02	00	00	00	00	02	58
Malaria	02	00	00	00	03	17	06
Blisters	02	00	00	00	03	05	04

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DIAGNOSIS	H&S	INDIA	KILO	LIMA	MIKE	TOTAL	LAST REPORT
Heat Exhaustion	00	00	01	00	00	01	00
Nauro/Psy	00	00	00	00	00	00	11
Skin Disease	101	20	57	25	45	248	88
Gun Shot Wounds	00	00	00	00	00	00	41
Return Visits	73	18	22	23	54	190	325
Emmersion Foot	00	00	00	00	00	00	Not Reported

K. Casualties (S)

- (1) KIA 2
- (2) WIA 5
- (3) NBC 79

L. Battalion Chaplain (U)

- (1) During the month of May, Chaplain GOLIE conducted 3 worship services to the embarked BLT.
- (2) There were 121 counseling sessions provided for the men of the BLT.
- (3) Hospital visits to wounded and sick BLT personnel were made as often as possible.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

03 May 1969 GRL while displacing form Operation "Oklahoma Hills" to ARG shipping lost 02 KIA and 05 WIA when a CH46 lost power and crashed on the LZ with a load of Marines.

06 May 1969 BLT 3/26 conducted an Amtraex in the Da Nang area which included two rifle companies landing by helicopter and two companies by LVTP5's and LCM6's.

11 May 1969 BLT 3/26 (-) (Rein) completed operations for an operation on Hour Glass island, Quang Ngai province. The operation was cancelled by III MAF 12 hours before H&L-Hour.

17 May 1969 Gen John E. WILLIAMS, CG, 9th MAB, presented awards while aboard the USS Valley Forge.

25 May 1969 BLT 3/26 (-) (Rein) completed preparations for an operation south of the CUA Viet River and west of Wunder Beach in Quang Tri province. The operation was cancelled by III MAF 14 hours prior to H&L-Hour.

26 May 1969 The Honorable J. H. Chafee, the Secretary of the Navy, presented awards while aboard the USS Valley Forge during his visit to Vietnam.

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division FMF

Subj: Combat Operations After Action Report

Ref: (a) MAPS: Vietnam, 1:50,000 EMS Series L7014, Sheets 6540 I,
6541 II, 6640 IV, 6641 IV
(b) Seventh Marines Operation Order 1-69
(c) Seventh Marines Admin Order 1-69
(d) Battalion Landing Team 3/26 (Operation Plan 1-69)
(e) Battalion Landing Team Operation Order 1-69

1. Code Name
Okinawa Hills
2. Dates of Operation
030800H Mar 69 --- 031800H May 69
3. Location
North - Charlie Ridge - Happy Valley, Dai Lac District, Quang Nam
Province RVN.
4. Command Headquarters
Command Post located at (w/c) ZC 133655, ZC 125650 and ZC 144624
5. Reporting Officer
Commanding Officer, BLT 3/26

6. Task Organization
BLT 3/26 (-) (Rein)

Lt Col E. W. STUELLING
(31 Mar - 3 May 1969)

NBS Co (-)

1st Lt W. P. WILKES
(31 Mar - 3 May 1969)

Yankee Plt

S/Sgt M. E. TASEADO
(31 Mar - 3 May 1969)

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DEP, IES Co
FOUR 81MM Mort Plt
FOUR Btry "C", 1st Bn 13th Mar
Interpreter
Tn 5th SF Bn (IST)
Scout Sniper Tn
FAC Tn

Capt J. FURLIGH
(31 Mar - 3 May 1969)

Co K (Rein)

DEP, IES Co
FOUR 81MM Mort Plt
FOUR Btry "C", 1st Bn 13th Mar
Tn 5th SF Bn (IST)
Scout Sniper Tn
FAC Tn

Capt R. D. BANDA
(31 Mar - 3 May 1969)

Co L (Rein)

DEP, IES Co
FOUR 81MM Mort Plt
FOUR Btry "C", 1st Bn 13th Mar
Interpreter
Tn 5th SF Bn (IST)
Scout Sniper Tn
FAC Tn

1st Lt D. C. McBRIDE
(31 Mar - 23 Apr 1969)
Capt J. FURLIGH
(24 Apr - 3 May 1969)

Co M (Rein)

DEP, IES Co
FOUR 81MM Mort Plt
FOUR Btry "C", 1st Bn 13th Mar
K. C. Scruton
Tn 5th SF Bn (IST)
Scout Sniper Tn
FAC Tn
1st Plt, Co "A" 5th Ranger Bn
Prov Plt, Btry "C", 1st Bn 13th Mar

1st Lt D. E. GRAFFORD
(31 Mar - 3 May 1969)

81MM Mort Plt

1st Lt M. D. FLYNN
(31 Mar - 3 May 1969)

Btry "C", 1st Bn 13th Mar

Capt M. E. POPLINKA
(31 Mar - 3 May 1969)

Mort Btry, 1st Bn 13th Mar

1st Lt M. C. BURTON
(31 Mar - 3 May 1969)

7. SUPPORTING FORCESa. Artillery Support

(1) During Operation "Oklahoma Hills", the battalion was directly supported by " " Btry 1/13 and "C" Btry 1/13. 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines 1st 155 Plt, 1st 8 inch Plt and 17531 gun Plt provided general support.

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(2) IZM targets were selected on the basis of map reconnaissance intelligence reports, and positions of previous contacts. IZM's were fired on an irregular time pattern during both the day and night. Methods of fire included battery and multi-battery TOT's, trail runners and zone and shift patterns.

(3) Fires conducted of major importance:

- | | | |
|-----|-----------------------|-------|
| (a) | Prep Fires | (14) |
| (b) | TOT's | (189) |
| (c) | Precision Destruction | (6) |

b. Air Support

(1) Air support was requested by the BLT FAC/ALO through 7th Marines.

(2) During the period 31 Mar - 3 May 69:

- | | |
|-----|--|
| (a) | 55 Helos were called |
| (b) | 2050 troops were heli-lifted for tactical deployment |
| (c) | 43 IPQ's were run on enemy positions |
| (d) | 25 air strikes were run on enemy positions |
| (e) | 7 over-flights of the A.O. were utilized. |

8. INTELLIGENCE

a. The enemy situation in BLT 3/26 "Oklahoma Hills" A.O. was approximately 700 NVA from the 141st regiment and 520 of the 368 B artillery regiment.

b. Enemy Mission

The enemy mission in the A.O. was to defend the headquarters of the 141st regiment at all cost and evade contact in the outlying areas. Subsequently their mission was changed to evade the allied forces and just harass with sniper and harassing fire.

c. Incidents

During Operation "Oklahoma Hills" several base camps and complexes with numerous bunkers and hootches were found. One of these complexes apparently was the Q/9 hospital, as evidenced by the documents and medical equipment found. In other searches of base camps and complexes, documents were found to be classified as "Top Secret", which listed a roster of officers in the 141st NVA regiment and assigned duties. Captured documents revealed NVA/VC passwords from the 1st through the 15th of April. Numerous radio and phone equipment were captured including current radio frequencies being used by the VC/NVA. Documents are proving valuable to SIGINT interceptors.

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12 May 1969d. Weather

The maximum temperature for this period was 90 degrees. The low was 70 degrees and the mean temperature was 80 degrees. Relative humidity was 75% and precipitation totaled 2 inches.

e. Avenues of Approach

Unworked trails running in all directions throughout the Charlie Ridge complex.

9. CIVIC ACTION

There was no civic action conducted on this operation.

10. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS

Chieu Hoi broadcasts were conducted for a period of four days during the operation, at FSB Rattlesnake. Results of broadcasting proved negative.

11. MISSION

On D-Day at L-Hour BLT 3/26 (-) (Rein) lands by helicopter in western Happy Valley, (vic) ZC 133655, establishes FSB Rattlesnake and conducts reconnaissance in force operations in the western portion of the Happy Valley-Charlie Ridge area to interdict enemy infiltration and exfiltration.

12. CONCEPT OF OPERATION

(1) BLT 3/26 (-) (Rein) with four rifle companies, one provisional platoon, one engineer plt, "C" Btry 1/13 and "I" 1/13 conducts a helicopter-borne assault into LZ Robin (vic) ZC 133655; establishes FSB Rattlesnake and conducts reconnaissance in force operations in western Happy Valley, to find, fix and destroy enemy forces, caches, installations and fortifications.

(2) BLT 3/26 (-) (Rein) on D-Day occupies and begins preparation of FSB Rattlesnake on Hill 749 (vic) ZC 125651. Additional FSB's will be established on North and Charlie Ridges as necessary.

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12 May 1969134 EXECUTION

With the issuance of 7th Marines Operation Order 1-69 BLT 3/26 commenced Operation "Oklahoma Hills" on 31 March 1969. The following is a chronological listing of significant events.

31 Mar 69

1000 BLT 3/26 was heli-lifted into the "Oklahoma Hills" AOA. G.P. was established at BU 133654. Commenced to search and clear immediate area with India and Lima companies. Mike company proceeded to proposed area in vicinity BU 125650 to establish FSB Rattlesnake. Kilo company provided G.P. security.

1 Apr 69

1135H India-3 while preparing to move out 01 Marine was hit by external resupply load being brought into the LZ. Results: treated and returned to duty (1 IDB)

2 Apr 69

1415H BLT 3/26 G.P. area helicopter made an emergency landing at G.P. LZ. Results: No casualties, crew picked up by a platoon helicopter

3 Apr 69

0930H Kilo-3 while on patrol found 01 grave containing NVA body killed by air or artillery. Result 01 NVA KIA. 0930H India company Marines had accidental discharge with 3.5 rocket launcher. Launcher was loaded with safety on. Results: 01 USMC KIA 09 USMC WIA. 1130H Kilo-2 patrol moving east along trail received 02 bursts of AK fire from their front. Spotted 02 NVA and returned fire. Negative results. 1540H Lima-3 while on patrol found 01 SM rifle, documents including a stamp collection, 03 books about Moscow and Russian pictures. Weapons and documents sent to S-2. 1645H Kilo-3 found 04 booby traps. Engineers blow in place.

4 Apr 69

0650H Mike-1 Marine tripped booby trap which consisted of a rigged Chicom grenade. Results 02 USMC WIA and 04 USMC WIA.

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0900H India company while moving out received small arms fire from 02 NVA. Returned fire and called arty mission. Results 01 USMC KIA. 1340H India-1 while searching area came under enemy fire. Returned fire with small arms and machine guns. Called arty mission. Results 04 USMC KIA. 1300H BLT 3/26 displaced and was heli-lifted to FSB Rattlesnake. Moved out to Lima company's position. New C.P. located at grid 144624. Lima company assumed C.P. security.

6 Apr 69

1900H India company ran into small arms fire. Laid down base of fire and enveloped them the flanks with two platoons. Results 01 USMC KIA. 04 NVA KIA. 1000H Displayed mortar Btry from grid 125650 to FSB Rattlesnake.

7 Apr 69

0930H India company checking area of yesterday's contact found the following equipment: documents, rank and unit insignia's, 02 compasses for 82M, 01 SRS rifle with 40 rounds, 01 AK-47 rifle with 300 rounds, 01 B-40 rocket, 02 ChiCom grenades and numerous T82 gear. All equipment sent to S-2 rear. 1100H 8TH plt displaced from grid 125650 to FSB Rattlesnake. Kilo company displaced from grid 125650 and proceeded to grid 144624 and relieved Lima company as C.P. security.

8 Apr 69

0832H India-2 while moving toward objective received enemy machine gun fire. Returned fire and moved through enemy position. Found several blood trails leading away from position. Results 01 USMC KIA. 1250H India-2 found booster and warhead of Soviet made 122 rocket. Engineers blew in place. 1315H Lima company moving towards BLT objective "A" came upon a large NVA base camp. After a fire fight with approx 20NVA, enemy broke contact and fled. There were more than 30 well built hootches which could have held 30 persons each. Also found 01 operating room, 250 empty bottles of penicillin and streptomycin (made in San Francisco by American Chemical Drug Company), 03 SRS rifles and documents. Results 01 USMC KIA, 01 USMC KIA and 01 NVA KIA. Weapons and equipment found sent to S-2. 1400H Lima company continuing to search base camp found fresh grave yard containing 35 NVA bodies. Bodies all had bullet holes and shrapnel wounds. Results 35 NVA KIA. 1730H Lima continuing to search found a large mess hall with kitchen with under ground stove pipes. Also 05 fully packed canvas packs with documents, clothing and white cloth apparently used as band-aids. Gear sent to the S-2. 1000 Assumed Opcon of Kilo company 3rd Bn 7th Marines.

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1000H Kilo, 3/7 while moving along trail found enemy housing complex with a total of 27 hootches. Received fire from 01 NVA. Results 01 USMC KIA. 1300H Lima company found 02 122 mm rockets. Engineers blew in place. 1400H Lima company moving toward BMT objective found 07 hootches well constructed with bunkers attached. Point man spotted 01 NVA KIA. 1630H Lima company while advancing received small arms fire and machinegun fire. Returned fire with small arms and machineguns. Result 02 USMC KIA.

10 Apr 69

1330H Kilo 3/7 found NVA base camp of 15 hootches with bunkers underneath also numerous 762 gear, medical equipment and documents. Gear and equipment sent to S-2. 1400H Lima company on a sweeping operation received small arms and .30 cal machinegun fire. Enemy was well fortified in bunkers, spider holes and trenches. Returned fire with all organic weapons. Results 02 USMC KIA, 03 USMC KIA and 10 NVA KIA.

11 Apr 69

1630H Kilo-2 made search of NVA base camp and found a large amount of gear. 01 PPK-50 pistol, 01 can of documents, 06 cans of fish-heads, 02 cans of pepper, 07 cooking pots, 01 pair of shoes, 01 ChiCom grenade 01 Beresene lamp, 01 iron, blood plasma, 02 NVA canteens, 04 AK-47 rounds, 45 PPK-50 rounds, numerous clothing, medical gear, 22 hoses, 07 cans of soy bean oil, 02 cans of grain, 01 can of dry shrimp, numerous cooking utensils, 03 empty plasma bottles, numerous empty penicillin bottles. 1405 India-1 observed 03 NVA moving to west. Called arty mission. Received fire from approximately 10 NVA on flank. Returned fire with small arms and M-79's. Results 03 NVA KIA. 1750H Lima while sweeping found 01 NVA KIA with AK-47 rifle and documents turned over to S-2. Results 01 NVA KIA. 1830H Lima company continuing to search area found 01 SKS rifle and documents. Sent to S-2. 2030H Lima Killer Team moving toward a night ambush position came under fire. Pulled back to Lima's lines. Result 01 USMC KIA.

12 Apr 69

1030H Kilo company sent patrol with VIP's to inspect discovered NVA base camp. Placed fire team on ridge as security for night body. Security element spotted 05 NVA moving towards their position. Took under fire, enemy broke contact. Results 01 NVA KIA, 01 AK-47 rifle captured. 1130H Kilo company patrol spotted 02 NVA moving down trail. Opened fire with small arms. Results 01 NVA KIA, 01 AK-47 rifle captured. 1630H Kilo 3/7 recon patrol found bunker and hootch complex. Checked hootch complex.

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and found false bottom containing ChiCom grenades, maps, compass, binoculars mortar plotting board and firing table. Sent equipment to S-2. 1900H Kilo 3/7 patrol continuing to search found additional ChiComs, compass, 1x 7.62 model 1944 carbines, 01 7.62MM sub-machinegun model 1944, 10 03 Springfield rifles, 05 French 35's, 01 BAR, 01 DaNang City map, 01 map of Hill 555, 01 map of Marble Mountain area, 05 ChiCom maps of unknown areas and 01 US map of Quang Bac. Also a 10" stack of documents including rosters, lists, supply accountability table, letters, diary and part of a mortar table. Also 01 hair cutting set, 50 new blue uniforms, 02 U.S. made field phones, 02 base sockets for 60MM mortar, 03 8" by 18" cases of artillery fire direction equipment, 01 night lighting device, 20 graves. Results 20 NVA KIA, equipment sent to S-2.

13 Apr 69

0900H Kilo 3/7 continuing to search found 01 82MM round, 01 ChiCom galvanometer, 02 barrel wadches for artillery piece of recoilless rifle, 04 122MM rockets, 01 head set, miscellaneous spare parts for radios, 02 AK-47 magazines, 01 BAR magazine, 01 SKS rifle, 01 document indicating 571st was there and had 05 arty pieces and a strength of 1397 men. All equipment and documents were sent to S-2. 1000H Kilo 3/7 spotted 01 NVA in green utilities approaching from south, taken under fire. Results 01 NVA KIA. 1000H Kilo 3/7 continuing to search area found 06 containers 05 AK-47 magazines, 02 ChiCom grenades, 04 metal bowls, 03 carburetors, 01 hammer, 40 electrical detonating devices, electrical wire, 05 battery boxes and cables, 02 122MM rockets, 01 field glasses, 01 rocket wrench, 05 thermometers, 01 claymore, 01 45 magazine, 02 light machinegun cylinders, 02 poncho's, 01 NVA helmet, 05 E-tools, 02 flash lights, 04 metal bowls, 03 flash, 02 bottles of oil, 02 knives, approximately 500 rounds AK-47 ammo, 02 time fuses with blasting caps, 1/2 lb of composition B, packs and various types of maps and documents, 30 sets of utilities, seen on right side under collar of utilities was 5 VANG, F-13, F-89, F-18, F-35, F-103, F-69, F-49, I-30, hammocks and 3 82MM rounds, 02 French rifles and 01 AK-47 rifle. Weapons, documents and equipment turned over to S-2.

14 Apr 69

1300H Lima company found NVA base camp with 30 hootches. Also found 24 graves which were camouflaged. Results 24 NVA KIA.

15 Apr 69

0930H Kilo 3/7 spotted 03 enemy dressed in green uniforms with packs and weapons. Kilo opened fire and engaged the enemy. Enemy broke contact and fled. Results 02 URG KIA. 1300H Kilo 3/7 searched hootches and found 02 false bottoms in bunker. Found 02 12.7MM machineguns, 02 spare barrels and 01 tripod with box of ammo containing 05 rounds.

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Returned same to S-2. 1300H Lima-2 while advancing to his ground received small arms and machinegun fire. Returned fire with small arms and M-79's. Results 03 USMC KIA, 02 NVA KIA. 1430H Kilo 3/7 continuing to search area found 002 ChiCom machineguns with bipods (caliber unknown) Sent to S-2. 1500H Kilo 3/7 while searching area found 01 12.7MM machinegun. Gun had bolt and gas piston missing. Sent to S-2.

26 Apr 69

1000H Lima-2 received sniper fire from enemy base camp area. Moved forward and suppressed enemy with fire. Results 04 USMC KIA and 05 NVA KIA. 1100H Lima-company patrol after making a map of enemy base camp complex counted a total of 89 hootches, including messhalls and hospital. 1130H Kilo 3/7 point man when crossing stream spotted 03 enemy dressed in khaki utilities. Enemy was taken under fire. Results 01 USMC KIA and 02 NVA KIA.

17 Apr 69

1345H Kilo company patrol proceeded to previously found NVA base camp. Set up security fire team on ridge. Fire team came under enemy small arms fire. Developed enemy's position. Results 01 USMC KIA, 05 NVA KIA.

18 Apr 69

0630H Kilo company Marine was moving from one position to another when he came under enemy fire. Returned fire with small arms and called arty and mortar mission on enemy position. Results 01 USMC KIA and 01 USMC KIA. 1500H Lima-2 while searching hootch complex found several thousand dollars worth of surgical equipment. Senior company made comment equipment could be used in almost any major operation. Equipment moved to rear for further evaluation. 1700H Lima-2 while searching hootch complex found medical document indicating names, type of wounds treated, dates of admittance and discharge. Documents indicate a Regimental size field hospital at this location. Returned documents to S-2.

19 Apr 69

1000H Lima-3 while moving into cordons of a NVA base camp area came under enemy sniper fire. Returned fire with small arms and machinegun fire. Swept through area with negative results. Results 01 USMC KIA. 1230H Kilo 3/7 while searching area found 01 82MM mortar tube, base plate and tripod with cut side, 11 boxes of 7.62 ammo, 04 RPG rounds, 05-75MM recoilless rifle warheads, 53 82MM mortar rounds. 01 75MM recoilless round, 15 cans of 82MM fuses and increments, 05 complete uniforms, misc documents. Equipment sent forward to be turned over to S-2. 1430H Kilo 3/7 second platoon while moving along trail received approx 15 rounds of sniper fire. Returned fire with small arms and called arty mission. Results 01 USMC KIA. 1430H Kilo 3/7 third platoon found 07 new 75MM recoilless rounds and 24 82MM mortar rounds with fuses.

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1630H Kilo 3/7 second platoon moving west through main IVA base camp came under fire from machine guns and small arms. Returned fire with small arms and machineguns. Results 01 USMC KIA and 02 USMC WIA.

21 Apr 69

1430H Kilo 3/7 third platoon moving down trail spotted 06 enemy in green utilities with weapons. Opened fire with weapons. Opened fire with small arms and machinegun. Results 01 USMC WIA, 03 IVA KIA.

22 Apr 69

1145H Kilo-1 while on patrol spotted 01 IVA wearing blue trousers and khaki shirt. Opened fire with small arms. Results 01 IVA KIA.

23 Apr 69

1145H Lima-1 patrol found IVA/VC harbor site. Security spotted 02 IVA on trail. Opened fire with negative results. Search of area revealed 01 M-1 carbine, 02 cases of AK rounds (totaled 1000 rounds.) 12 60MM mortar rounds. 1300H Kilo 3/7 searching area found the following cache: 01 82MM mortar base plate minus bipods, 01 60MM mortar minus base plate, 01 machinegun, 01 BAR, 01 light anti-aircraft machinegun, 01 K-44 sniper rifle with scope, 01 USMC, 03 SKS's incomplete, 29 RPG rounds, 03 B-40 rounds, 06 82MM mortar rounds, 09 60MM mortar rounds, 01 chemical detector kit, assorted comm gear with a ChiCom 292 set, 04 set binoculars, 02 82MM sights, ChiCom grenade factory with all the equipment, 500 assorted S/A ammo, 08 bundles of uniforms, hammocks and civilian clothes, many documents, and personal papers. Weapons, equipment and documents sent to S-2. 1515H Kilo 3/7 while continuing search of IVA complex found 01 RPD machinegun, map case containing large hand drawn map with elaborate detail. Equipment and documents sent to S-2.

24 Apr 69

1300H Kilo company found small IVA base camp with caves and natural rock bunkers also 23 82MM mortar rounds. Blew bunkers and 82MM rounds. 1500H Lima-2 while searching complex observed 01 IVA. Opened fire with small arms. Results 01 IVA KIA. 1500H Lima-2 while searching bunker found 01 PRC-25, 01 PRC-10, 01 ChiCom radio, 02 14"x6"x3" wood boxes with electrical parts, 02 voltage meters, 01 whip base for PRC-10, 01 tape base for PRC-25, 03 12"x3"x3" plastic boxes containing radio and hand set parts, also 50 wires, 01 H-33, 01 H-138, 02 land line hand sets, 01 head set, and 01 RPG round. All equipment sent to rear for evaluation.

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0900H Kilo 3/7 chopped back to 7th Marines. 0939H India-2 while searching area found pamphlet on tactics, 01 radio procedure book, 01 lesson book, 01 workers party book, numerous documents, 45 gas masks filters, assorted NVA clothing, size 702 gear, 02 ChiComs, 03 RPG rounds. ChiComs and RPG rounds were blown in place. Equipment sent to rear S-2.

26 Apr 69

1345H India-3 while searching area Marine tripped 82MM mortar booby trap. Results 02 USMC KIA, 05 USMC WIA. 1445H India-1 while blowing up bunker complex received small arms and M-79 fire. Returned fire and called arty mission. Results 05 USMC WIAE. 1750H India company received probes on their lines also small arms fire and ChiCom grenades. Returned fire with small arms and grenades. Results 01 USMC WIAE.

27 Apr 69

1700H Kilo company while conducting combat patrols in area, found numerous foot prints, hootches and bunkers which were used for sleeping. Negative results.

28 Apr 69

0930H Kilo-3 patrol found fresh grave containing one NVA dressed in green utilities. Results 01 NVA KIA. 1330H India-1 spotted approximately 04 NVA. Opened fire with small arms and M-79's. Results 02 NVA KIA. 1620H Kilo-2 conducting a search and destroy mission in previously discovered NVA base camp destroyed 25 bunkers and living hootches. BLT 3/26 G.I. displaced to HEB Rattlesnake.

29 Apr 69

1500H Line-1 conducting search and destroy mission in NVA base camp previously discovered; destroyed 38 bunkers.

30 Apr 69

0800H all letter companies searching and destroying known enemy base camps. Engineers blowing bunkers and hootches.

1 May 69

1350H Mike-2 while digging in defensive position found 01 wooden box containing 06 RPG rounds. Rounds were water proofed with Russian markings plus 05 .50 cal rounds in metal containers.

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1430H Lina-5 while being hoist-lifted to rear had helicopter crash lifting out of LZ. Helo hit a stump with landing gear resulting in crash. Results 02 USMC KIA and 05 USMC WIA. Helicopter was completely destroyed by fire. Troop lift of Lina company was completed.

3 May 69

1800H BLT 3/26 chopped from 7th Marines to CTG 79.5. Rifle companies and BLT G.P. embarked aboard ARG Beave shipping.

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a. Personnel and equipment losses both friendly and enemy

(1) <u>FRIENDLY</u>	<u>ENEMY</u>
16 KIA	VC/NVA KIA 140
48 MIA	POW's 0
02 NBC KIA	DETAINEES 0
125 NBC	CHINA HOI's 0

(2) EQUIPMENT

No friendly equipment lost during this operation. Enemy equipment captured and destroyed as follows:

INC	(54)	1,000 lbs of assorted food
CSUC	(19)	Numerous NVA uniforms
122 Rocket Launchers	(4)	Plotting boards with equipment
122 Rockets	(9)	Cooking gear
140 Rockets	(1)	Cold weather clothing
82mm rounds	(90)	Artillery sights (7)
60mm rounds	(12)	Periscopes (4)
75mm recoilless rounds	(8)	Small arms ammo (6000) rds
RPG's	(34)	
B-40's	(5)	
Numerous amounts of medical supplies and surgical equipment		
Numerous amounts of communication equipment		
Numerous amounts of enemy NBC gear		
Everything with significant intelligence value was transported to the rear, otherwise was destroyed.		

15. ADMINISTRATION

a. Supply The only means of resupply possible during operation "Oklahoma Hills" was by helicopter. The BLT operated using the existing LSA located at Hill 55, Camp Muir. The LSA provided class I, III, IV and V resupply. Class II items were provided by the BLT.

b. Maintenance First and second echelon maintenance was performed by organic units. Limited third echelon maintenance was performed by attached LSC personnel.

c. Treatment of Casualties and Evaluation and Hospitalization

The medical department was capable of treating most medical and some surgical problems. Some minor medical problems were treated at both 3/11 BAS and 7th Regimental Aid Station. Still, capabilities were limited since there was no running water, nor availability of diagnostic tests. Daily runs were made to Red Red Bn and NSA Hospital for consultation which proved very beneficial in medical treatment. Seriously wounded or ill medevacs were evacuated to DaNang for immediate and capable treatment.

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d. Transportation

Helicopter support was provided by HAG-16 consisting of OH-46's and OH-53's.

e. Communications

(1) Cable. During the period of 31 March through 3 May 1969 inclusive, the communication platoon furnished the necessary communications to support the Battalion Landing Team in operation "Oklahoma Hills". Although tree top antennas were employed to the extent possible, maximum communications in the mountainous jungle terrain was a continuous problem. Frequency interference was experienced from time to time and appropriate reports submitted. The number of stations operating on the Air Support Net caused a problem. It was suggested some units switch to the secondary frequency. The 7th Marines communication electronics officer said it was not feasible and refused the request.

(2) Radio. All functional and tactical radio nets were guarded at the BLT C.P. The rear C.P. monitored the BLT TAC #1 Net. The four man radio team dispatched to RC BA NA on 28 March 1969 to establish a relay site for the BLT TAC and Logistics Support Net maintained their site throughout the entire operation.

(3) Message Center. The 7th Marine Regiment maintained the communications and crypto guard, with courier delivery and pick-up provided by BLT 3/26 message center. Courier service between the BLT C.P. and the rear C.P. was established and usually occurred every two or three days, depending on helicopter availability.

(4) Wire/Radio Relay. No radio relay was employed. Normal internal wire lines were established in the rear C.P. with two trunk lines to the 7th Marine Regiment and one hot line from 7th Marine COG to BLT 3/26 rear COG. The 4.2" battery installed a switchboard at C.P. Rattlesnake for internal communications. In addition sound power telephones, TA-1's were installed as hot lines between out posts.

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F. Medical Supply Usage Data

FSN	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT OF ISSUE	QUANTITY USED	
			FROM IOL	FROM LSA
6505-111-1200	Calamine Lotion	BT		100
6505-926-9053	Dapsone (500)	BT		40
6505-757-5043	Chloroquine Phosphate	BT		10
6505-074-4702	Lorotil (500)	BT		10
6505-656-1612	Pen V-K 400,000/u (100)	BT		14
6505-299-8615	Ringer Lactate 1,000 cc	BT		51
6505-558-1289	Coluacil (100) tabs	BK		2
6505-236-7302	Tetracycline tabs	BT		7
6505-150-1990	Zinc Oxide Oint.	TU		29
6505-770-8543	Ampicillin Caps (100)	BT		11
6505-259-6625	Bactirucin	TU		49
6505-153-0818	Tetramine Oint	TU		20
6505-576-8820	Sulfacetamide Oint Sol	BT		5
6505-890-1429	Ornade Caps (250)	BT		2
6505-299-8279	Gamma Benzene Oint	TU		10
6505-299-8183	Benzalkonium Chloride	BT		120
6505-100-9905	Aspirin (100)	BT		11
6505-116-8350	Benadryl Caps (100)	BT		11
6505-116-1750	Phisohex (gal)	GAL		1
6505-890-2013	Hycostratin Cream	TU		21
6505-680-2787	Antivexol	EA		25
6505-153-8379	Bagecol	BT		3
6505-905-7110	Synalar Oint	TU		37
6505-153-8490	Hydrogen Peroxide (pt)	BT		4
6505-926-2241	Tinactin Sol	BT		4
6505-962-4376	Vicine Opth. Sol	BT		6
6505-129-5518	Morphine (Soyrettes) (pg)	PG		25
6505-664-5582	Neclizine Tabs (100)	BT		5
6505-890-1761	Flamda 25000	BT		21
6505-664-4014	Desenex Oint	TU		30
6505-754-2828	Salt Tabs (1000)	BT		20
6505-890-1554	Pt Powder	ON		54
6505-734-4976	Comedren Cream	TU		10
6505-782-8510	Darvon GPD 65 (500)	BT		2
6505-853-4792	Grisofulvin (500)	BT		1/2
6505-890-1983	Epinephrine Inj- 1cc	SYRLETTS		35
6505-662-9790	Polyunga (500)	1 1/2 BT		1 1/2
6505-538-6470	Predisone	100 TABS		100

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FBN	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT OF ISSUE	QUANTITY USED	
			FROM IOL	FROM LSA
6505-662-9790	Polymyxin	BT		1 1/2
6505-530-6470	Erythromycin	BT		4
6505-299-9678	Prodisono	TABS		100
6505-753-4615	Kapectate	GAL		1
6505-153-8651	Asotified Tabs (100)	BT		4
6505-754-0001	Sodium Chloride 1,000cc	BT		2
6505-890-2015	Aerosporin OTIC	BT		2
6505-432-3030	Belladonna(500)	BT		1
6505-064-8765	Robitussin	BT		14
6505-687-7901	Zactrin (1000)	BT		1
6505-230-1960	Furacin Oint	BR		1
6505-059-9017	Librium Caps (100ea)	CAPS		90
6505-115-0000	Collidon	BT		2
6505-764-3300	Parafon Forte (100)	BT		3
6505-656-4355	Compazine Spansule (250)	BT		2
6505-867-8735	Darvon Cpd 32's	BT		1/2
6505-128-5705	Merthiolate (pt)	PT		1
6510-203-5000	3" Tape	RLS		32
6510-200-2400	4" Ace Wraps	EA		24
6510-200-2200	3" Ace Wraps	EA		60
6510-200-5000	Kling Gunze	EA		36
6510-597-7469	Band-aids (100)	BX		14
6510-200-3160	Compressed Gunze 3"x6yds	PKG		10
6510-201-1755	Compressed Gunze 2"x6yds	PKG		50
6510-201-2734	Cravats	EA		24
6510-559-3221	9m Battle Dressings (24's)	BX		19
6510-203-8448	2"x2" Gunze (200)	PKG		15
6510-525-0162	4"x4" Gunze (200)	PKG		4
6515-660-0011	Surgical blades #10	PKG		7
6515-660-0010	Surgical blades #11	PKG		6
6515-089-7743	Cutters Sets (LV)	EA		50
6515-364-4800	Iris Scissors	PN		2
6515-660-0046	Airway	EA		10
6515-383-0565	Tourniquets	EA		20
6515-363-8400	Scissors, 8" Heavy	PR		6
6515-303-8250	Cotton tip applicators	PKG		6
6515-993-3290	Thermometers	EA		14
6530-89-90260	Snaps on Bottles	EA		1,440
6530-784-7510	Nylon Litters	EA		50
6545-957-7650	Surgical Sets	EA		4
0101-806-6000	Field Med Books	EA		24
7920-772-5935	Scrub Brush	EA		2

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- a. GDs and 10,000 pound combat traps did not produce the desired results in clearing the TSB and LZs. Mini-dozers were utilized very effectively.
- b. Jungle penetrators were used for evacuation of med-evacs and other personnel going to the rear.
- c. Air - Ground marking system SOP use of pyrotechnic smoke, air panels, strobe lights and beacons were used in ground controlled air strikes.
- d. In order to pinpoint unit locations, rescotations were taken from illumination rounds fired at specific grids with excellent results.

17. COMBATERS ANALYSIS

- a. The mission assigned to BLT 3/26 in operation "Oklahoma Hills" was to conduct reconnaissance in force operations and to find, fix and destroy the enemy, his materials and fortifications. It became very evident early in the operation that the enemy chose to withdraw from the area of operation and left only small size units to fight a delaying action in base camps when and if they were discovered by units of the BLT. Many of the enemy killed by the BLT were believed to be transients separated from their units moving into or out of the A.O.
- b. The operation was highly successful in respect to the numerous base camps that were discovered and destroyed. During the conduct of the operation the enemy was denied the use of the Charlie Ridge - Happy Valley complexes for storing ammunition and resupplies and the staging of his forces in preparation for future operations. He was also denied launching areas for his rockets against populated areas and military installations. During the tenure of the operation, three (3) large hospitals were discovered and evidence extracted from documents found within the hospitals confirmed the IVA were utilizing these structures to treat victims of malaria. The largest weapons and material caches found were those that were uncovered in 141st regimental C.P.; five 12.7 machineguns, B-40 rockets, two 82MM mortars were just a few of numerous other CSW as well as large amounts of assorted ammunition that were captured.
- c. The terrain throughout the Charlie Ridge complex was very difficult to move through and almost impossible to maneuver units in. The best routes to travel were those that had been established by the enemy and are located on the tops of the ridges as well as those that lead down in the draws, where the base camps were located.

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d. Helicopter availability for resupply and med-evacs was satisfactory. Helicopter availability for pre-planned troop movements was completely unsatisfactory, thus limiting the capability of the BLT to react to unsuspected enemy movement in order to establish blocking forces to prevent his escape.

e. FSB Rattlesnake was constructed within five days after the operation commenced. The fire base encompassed the hill 749 complex and contained within the perimeter "C" Btry 1/13, "I" Btry 1/13 NLT 3/26 organic 81mm mortar platoon. The LZ could accept up to and including OH-53 helicopters. The size of the perimeter dictated one rifle company and a provisional platoon composed of personnel from attached units of the BLT. Constant patrols and OP's were maintained throughout day light hours and killer teams were employed in hours of darkness.

f. Fire support provided by the supporting arms located at the FSB was readily available and on call. H&I fires were conducted each night and adequately covered the A.O. with expected results. Preparation fires for the companies preparing to move out in the attack did not produce the desired results. This was a constant problem as in many instances unit commanders could not pinpoint their positions under the canopy and down in the heavy undergrowth. Aerial observation was employed for this purpose. Many adjustments of fire were made by sounds alone and this of course is undesirable. Once the fires were adjusted on target the results of destruction were as expected. The lesson learned in that when operating in the canopy a unit cannot expect immediate on call fire to be delivered on target, due to the unit commanders inability to pinpoint his unit or the target area.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

a. It is highly recommended that closer coordination between infantry unit commanders and wing staffs that provide helicopter for troop movement be effected. Realizing the limited number of helicopters available each day it is felt by this commander that better liaison and prior planning could improve the utilization of available helicopters and therefore provide better response time for the infantry units to react to the enemy's deployment of his forces.

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