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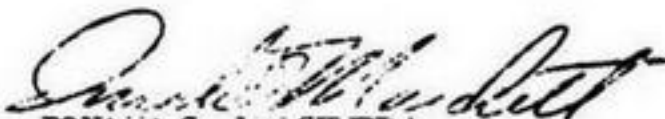
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Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A  
 (b) FMFPacO 5750.8  
 (c) CivO 5750.1A

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1. In accordance with references (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. Group IV downgrade at three year intervals with declassification after twelve years.

  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 October 1967 to 31 October 1967

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## PART I

Organizational Data1. DesignationCommander

LtCol R.C. NGEUHAM 1-31Oct

Subordinate Units

H&S Co.	Capt. F.R. MATTHEWS JR.	1-31 Oct
"I" Co.	Capt. R.R. HERS	1-31 Oct
"X" Co.	Capt J.W. ARNOLD JR.	1-31 Oct
"L" Co.	Capt. J.W. RIPLEY	1-31 Oct
"M" Co.	Capt. R.F. FINDLEY	1-31 Oct

Attached Units

1st Plt, "B" Co, 3d Tank Bn.	Lt. J. HINES	1-10 Oct
2nd Plt, "C" Btry, 1st Bn, 44th Artillery, USA	Lt. E.L. FALES	1-10 Oct
1st Plt, "C" Co, 3d Anti Tank Bn.	2nd Lt J.G. GULLEY	14-31 Oct
2nd Plt, "A" Co, 3d Tank Bn.	2nd Lt G.G. MOCK	14-31 Oct
1st Section, 2nd Plt, 1st Searchlight Btry.	Sgt. K. CREWS	14-31 Oct

2. Location:

1-10 October, Quang Tri Province, YD 994525, (West of Cam Lo) RVN.  
 11-13 October, Dong Ha Combat Base, RVN.  
 14-31 October, Quang Tri Province, YD 120072 (North of Cam Lo) RVN.

3. Staff Officers:

Executive Officer	Major C.V. LYNN JR.	2-31 Oct
S-1	1stLt. D.G. MARCELETTE	1-31 Oct
S-2	2ndLt. B.D. CREWS	1-31 Oct
S-3	Capt. R. ZENSEN	1-31 Oct
S-4	1stLt. D.F. RYAN	1-31 Oct

4. Average Monthly Strength:

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
40	1013	2	50

## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

From 1 through 10 October the battalion continued its mission within the 3d Marines T.AOR and began preparations for moving to Dong Ha. On 10 October the Battalion C/ Group was placed under the OpCon of the 9th Marines; followed on the 10th through 12th by the remainder of the battalion. On reaching Dong Ha the battalion was re-equipped and administrative work was brought up to date.

On 14 October the entire battalion moved to the C2 Bridge and assumed defense of that position. Work began immediately building fortified positions laying wire and clearing fields of fire. During the remainder of the month the battalion received incoming rounds on a number of occasions, generally of a harassing nature, inflicting minor casualties. Also during this time, the battalion twice deployed two companies as security for a supply convoy to Con Thien. On 26 October the battalion participated in a Search and Destroy Operation providing three companies for a sweep of its assigned AO. After completing its mission in that operation, the battalion was then required to send two companies to reinforce 2/4 which had made heavy contact during this time. This was the only direct enemy contact made by the battalion during the month.

The problem areas have been those typical to construction of a new defensive position, principally a lack of material for overroads on bunkers.

## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Combat Missions Assigned

a. Basic Missions. From 1 October to 9 October conduct missions in 3d Marines TAOB in accordance with Third Marines Operation Order 1-67. On 10 October chopped to OpCon of the 9th Marines and conducted missions in accordance with 9th Marines Operation Order (Kingfisher) 12-67.

b. On 14 October 1967 3d Battalion, 3d Marines displaced from Dong Ha to C2 Bridge position YD 128672 and relieved 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines in accordance with Battalion Frag Order 52-67.

c. "K" and "L" Companies conducted a sweep of both sides of MSR 561 from YD 128672 to road junction at YD 124668 to provide security for a resupply to Con Thien on 15 October. After completing this sweep the companies retraced their route and set in on likely bush sites. Reference: Battalion Frag Order 53-67.

d. India, Kilo and Mike Companies conducted a Sweep and Destroy Operation on 26 October 67 as part of a Regimental Operation. A secondary mission assigned was to seize and hold Objective D at YD 101681. Reference: Battalion Frag Order 54-67.

e. On 26 October 67 at 1600H Lima and Mike Companies and Command Group Bravo chopped to OpCon 2/4 for the purpose of reinforcing its position at YD 123655 which was in heavy enemy contact. Reference: Battalion Frag Order 55-67.

2. Significant Operations Conducted

a. On 26 October 67, India, Kilo and Mike Companies and Command Group Bravo, participated in a Regimental Operation conducting a Sweep and Destroy Mission on both sides of MSR 561 from the battalion position north to the road junction at YD 124668. As a secondary mission India and Kilo Companies seized and held Regimental Objective D at YD 101681, where a large amount of enemy ammunition and equipment was found in a bunker complex estimated to be two to three weeks old.

b. At 1600H 26 October, after returning from the Regimental Operation, the Battalion was required to send Lima and Mike Companies and Command Group Bravo to the assistance of 2/4 which was in heavy contact with the enemy in the vicinity of YD 123655. Upon leaving the battalion position, they were chopped to OpCon 2/4 and upon reaching its position, were utilized to reinforce the defensive perimeter. Minor contact and incoming rounds were received during the night and early morning of 27 October. Lima and Mike Companies and Command Group Bravo returned to 3/3 positions chopped from OpCon 2/4 and to OpCon 3/3.

3. Casualties inflicted on the enemy.

(1) During the month of October, the battalion inflicted no casualties on the enemy.

4. Casualties Sustained.

a. Name of Surgeon; Lt. Walter F. DRYSDALE, MC USNR

b. Significant Events:

(1) On 15 Oct, Kill Company had three KLA's caused from the drop of a 500 pound bomb on the battalion position.

(2) On 16 Oct, Lima Company had one KLA caused by friendly artillery.

(3) On 22 Oct, Lima Company received one KLA caused by enemy mortars.

(4) On 27 Oct, Mike Company had two KLA'S one caused by enemy mortars and one by sniper fire. India Company had one DOW caused by friendly mortars. Two FO's attached to Mike Company were also killed.

## c. Number of Battle Casualties for October:

	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>DOW</u>
Army	0	0	0
USMC 3/3	7	66	1
USN 3/3	0	3	0
USMC	2	0	0
	<u>9</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>1</u>

## d. Number of Outpatient Visits: 552

## (1) Common complaints.

(a) Fever undetermined origin	50
(b) Lacerations	18
(c) Traumatic	25
(d) Burns	9
(e) Diarrhea	16
(f) Insect bites	4
(g) Upper respiratory infections	7
(h) Probable malaria	0
(i) Positive malaria	23
(j) Colic	27



(k)	Animal bites	3
(l)	Sore throat	2
(m)	Veneral disease	15
(n)	Heat casualties	5
(o)	Hearing problems	4
(p)	Gastrointestinal problems	7
(q)	Dysentery	7

e. Medical Trends:

(1) There has been a significant decrease in malaria since moving to our new battalion position at C2 Bridge. Most of the malaria cases encountered were at the former position near Thon Son Lam. Malaria smears are no longer being run at our forward area due to the lack of facilities.

f. Problem Areas: None

5. New Techniques Employed: None

6. Command Relations:

- a. OPCON - 3d Marines, JCON - 3d MARDI
- b. 101800H October, Command Group "A", 1/2 H&S Company, Irma and Mike Companies chopped from OPCON 3d Marines to OPCON 9th Marines.
- c. 111730H October, Command Group "B", 1/2 H&S Company, and India Company from OPCON 3d Marines to OPCON 9th Marines.
- d. 121725H October, K&S Company chopped from OPCON 3d Marines to OPCON 9th Marines.
- e. 261610H October, Command Group "P", Mike and Irma Companies chopped from OPCON 3/3 to OPCON 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines.
- f. 271258H October, Command Group "Q", Irma and Lima Companies from OPCON 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines to OPCON 3d Battalion, 3d Marines.

7. Equipment:

a. New equipment received by the Battalion during October included (04) Starlite Scopes, (74) Wrist Watches and (01) pair of 7X50 Binoculars.

8. Logistics:

a. Supply:

(1) Class J - The battalion presently maintains 3 to 4 days of C-rations at its position. A daily resupply also provides canned juices, fresh fruit and milk.

(2) Class II - There is a short supply in jungle utility trousers and utility covers in small and extra small sizes. A critical shortage exists in jungle boots, sizes 7D, 8K and 1W which have been on order for 90 days, lensatic compasses, on order for 120 days and in first aid packs, on order for over 150 days.

(3) Class III - During the month the battalion has had no problems in keeping an adequate supply of POL in the forward area.

(4) Class IV - Due to the commitments of Operation Dyomarker, it has been extremely difficult to obtain timber for bunker overheads through the regular supply channels. To counteract this shortage, (50) bundles of air strip matting were obtained from FLSU - 1 and used for this purpose. In addition, the following items were shipped to the battalion position;

<u>Items</u>	
Sleeves of concertina	55
Rolls of Barbed Wire	1050
Barbed Wire Stakes	4300
Sandbags	52,000

(5) Class V - At the battalion position an adequate amount of ordinance is on hand and a daily resupply is maintaining it at that level. Some difficulty was encountered in obtaining 81mm HE (Heavy) and 81mm Illumination rounds. Also a number of 81mm ammunition malfunctions occurred and it became necessary to discontinue using rounds of the following lots: Lot numbers M4-17-32, and M4-05044-A. A critical shortage on claymore mines and in trip flares.

**b. Motor Transport.**

(1) The present status is considered adequate for current operational commitments.

Breakdown of M42 A2 (Mules)

(a) 30 operational  
(b) 0 down

Break down of M42 A1 (Mighty Mites)

(a) 13 operational  
(b) 7 down - 2 Code X, and 5 NCRS (AWIG Parts)

(2) Ninth MT Battalion trucks are utilized for surface resupply runs. An average of 20 tons is hauled daily over a distance of 35 miles. Organic transportation is utilized for courier runs, base transportation and trash runs.

c. Engineer Assistance.

(1) Two TD-15 bulldozers from the 11th Engineers were on loan to the battalion and were used to clear fields of fire, construct revetments and ammunition bunkers.

d. Maintenance Problems.

(1) A shortage exists on parts for the M22-A1 (Mighty Mite). Parts such as carburetors, #4 spark plugs, tires and other items have been on order for over 30 days.

e. Ordnance.

(1) At the end of the month the battalion maintained the following status;

<u>Item</u>	<u>Total O/H</u>	<u>Operational</u>	<u>MSJ-1 (3d Ech)</u>
M-14 Rifles	55	55	0
.45 Pistol	276	276	0
Shotgun	10	9	1
M60 Machine Guns	35	32	3
106 RR	2	7	1
M79	14	33	1
81mm Mortars	8	7	1
60mm Mortars	12	11	1
Flame Throwers	7	6	1
3.5 Rocket Launchers	2	26	3
50 Cal. Spotter	8	7	1
M-16 Rifles	917	917	0
106 RR Mounts	7	7	0

9. Civic Action. None

10. Administration.

(a) An awards ceremony was held on 13 October 1967. The Assistant Division Commander, Brigadier General Metzger presented the following awards to members of the Third Battalion, Third Marines:

1 Bronze Star Medal  
 1 Navy Commendation Medal  
 28 Purple Hearts

b. Two Special Court-Martials are pending. One Battalion Commanders Office Hours was completed, and none are pending. There were eleven Company Commander's Office Hours completed, and four are pending.

c. Special Services provided athletic sweat shirts and stationery twice during the month of October. Stationery was distributed to the forward echelon, and the sweat shirts were stored for later issue.

d. Post Exchange services were available to all companies of the battalion while in the rear area during the period 10 to 13 October.

e. Liberty was not authorized during this period.

f. During the month, 2 officers and 138 enlisted Marines rotated to CONUS. Four officers and 17 enlisted were transferred within the regiment or division. Thirty five enlisted Marines were transferred as a result of medical evaluation.

#### 11. Personnel:

a. Gains: 15 USMC Off; 198 USMC Enl; 0 USN Off; and 0 USN Enl.

b. Losses: 11 USMC Off; 214 USMC Enl; 0 USN Off; and 3 USN Enl.

c. Monthly strength (average):

<u>MC OFF</u>	<u>MC ENL</u>	<u>USN OFF</u>	<u>USN ENL</u>
40	1013	2	50

d. Net loss/gain:

<u>MC OFF</u>	<u>MC ENL</u>	<u>USN OFF</u>	<u>USN ENL</u>
0/4	16/0	0/0	4/0

e. Emergency leave for the month of October: 1 USMC Officer, 4 USMC Enlisted. There were no Humanitarian Transfers. Twice/thrice wounded or reassigned outside of RVN due to father/brother in country: 16 USMC enlisted.

f. There were two Hardship Discharges applied for during the past month. Both are pending.

g. Three administrative Discharges are pending.

h. The R&R program continues to be a major morale factor within this command. There were 40 In-Country and 84 Out of Country R&R quotas used during this reporting period.

i. Morale is considered to be excellent to outstanding.

j. Postal service during the month of October has been excellent with 2 to 3 mail pick ups per day from the Post Office in Dong Ha. Mail is broken down by each company and delivered to the forward echelons daily.

Waterproof bags have been obtained for use in transporting mail to the forward areas during the Monsoon Season.

## 12. Intelligence.

From the first through the tenth of October the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines was mainly involved in the area between Thon Son Lam and Ca Lu. Intelligence reports indicated that the NVA, K-8 Battalion was in this area with the purpose of the interdiction of MSR #9.

On 10 October the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines assumed the defense of the Thon Son Lam perimeter and 3d Battalion, 3d Marines commenced movement to Dong Ha to prepare for movement to the C2 Bridge. On 14 October the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines moved to the C2 Bridge and established a defensive position.

Reports of this area indicate that elements of up to four battalions are now operating in the area of YD 1067. The 27th Independent Battalion (NVA) is believed to be operating in the area of YD 1667.

On two occasions the C2 Bridge perimeter has received a number of rockets believed to be coming from coordinates YD 1069. Mortar attacks have been received outside the defensive wires.

On the afternoon of 20 October an AC was fired on from grid YD 9966 by an estimated enemy company in fortified positions. The company is believed to be the C14 Anti-aircraft Company.

Company size patrols were conducted outside C2 Bridge area and numerous fighting holes, bunkers, trench lines, and tunnels were discovered. Large quantities of enemy equipment and ordnance have been uncovered. The enemy ordnance was destroyed and all equipment turned over to the Regimental S-2.

## 13. Communications.

a. General. The Communications Platoon maintained both wire and radio communications during the month of October, both forward and rear areas. The platoon gave assistance to 3/9 when this battalion displaced from 3d Marines T.AOR. An extensive preventive maintenance and repair program was accomplished in Dong Ha during turn around. The battalion displaced again to the C2 Bridge area and wire and radio communications were re-established and set in.

b. Training. An extensive training program has been initiated at Dong Ha to accommodate the influx of new communication personnel. Each Marine is taught the fundamentals of radio and wire procedure. New Marines are also being trained with TACP and the 61mm mortar platoon.

c. Communications Equipment Status. The battalion received (10) TM-312's, (1) TM-32, (12) tape antennas, and (15) whips and bases for the PRC-25. This has alleviated some of our PRC-25 accessory problems. Major combat essential items down are:

(1)	2	MRC-109's	Radio Jeep
(2)	1	MRC-83	Radio Jeep
(3)	1	MRC-87	Radio Jeep
(4)	16	PRC-25's	Radio
(5)	5	GR-19's	Local Remote for PRC-25
(6)	1	TG-14	Terminal Set

d. Problem areas. Though the battalion has received some new items for PRC-25's it still has (9) PRC-25's code X'ed and has'nt received replacements for them.

14. Weather. The general outlook for the month of October was mostly clear and bright with only scattered rain showers, however there was one period of intense rain which lasted 3 days. The mean high for the month was 86 and the mean low was 72. A gentle wind blew generally from the south averaging 5 to 7 knots.

15. Fire Support.

a. General. During the month of October the battalion moved to a new position and fired in new "Night Defensive Fires". Communications have improved since changing to a frequency which only the FO Teams and firing batteries operate.

b. Problem areas. Since occupying the new position the battalion has noticed a marked decrease in clearance of missions. The battalion also has problems in getting a second battery to fire when its direct support battery is already firing. The battalion's grids for H&I's have been limited and this reduces the Battalion's effective utilization of intelligence gained by daily patrols.

c. Units Providing Direct and General Support.

(1)	Btry "C", 1st Bn, 12th Marines
(2)	Btry "M", 4th Bn, 12th Marines
(3)	Btry "A", 4th Bn, 12th Marines
(4)	Btry "E", 3rd Bn, 12th Marines
(5)	Btry "B" and "C", 2nd Bn, 94th Artillery, USA
(6)	Btry "B", 1st Bn, (AWSP), 44th Artillery, USA
(7)	2nd Platoon, Btry "C", 1st Bn, (AWSP), 44th Artillery, USA
(8)	3rd Platoon, "B" Co., 3rd Tank Battalion
(9)	Btry "F", 2nd Bn, 12th Marines
(10)	Btry "E", 2nd Bn, 12th Marines

- (11) Btry "D", 2nd Bn, 12th Marines
- (12) Btry "E", 1st Bn, 12th Marines
- (13) Btry "F", 3rd Bn, 12th Marines
- (14) Btry "G", 4th Bn, 13th Marines
- (15) 1st Platoon, 8" Howitzers
- (16) 1st Platoon, "C" Company, 3d Anti Tank Bn.
- (17) 2nd Platoon, "M" Company, 3rd Tank Bn.

d. Missions Fired:

(1) Artillery

(a)	Targets of Opportunity	321
(b)	Precision Destruction	1
(c)	Precision Registration	1
(d)	Fire for Effect	78
(e)	Reason by Fire	5
(f)	Prep Fire	71
(g)	Counter Mortar	21
(h)	Practice Missions	8
(i)	Night Defensive Fires	16
(j)	Neutralization	0
(k)	Locust Fire	0
(l)	Time on target	12
(m)	Marking Round	8
(n)	H&I's	58/0

(2) Mortars

(a)	Targets of Opportunity	100
(b)	Night Defensive Fires	50
(c)	Prep Fire	25
(d)	Counter Mortar	5
(e)	Fire for Effect	6
(f)	Reason by Fire	0
(g)	H&I's	1260

(3) Tanks

(a)	Targets of Opportunity	0
(b)	H&I'S	10
(c)	Reason by Fire	0

d. Ammunition Expended.

(1) ARTILLERY

(a)	105 HE	16,577
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(b)	100 WP	636
(c)	100 Illumination	62
(d)	100 HE	3,303
(e)	100 WP	85
(f)	175 HE	0
(g)	4.2 HE	310
(h)	4.2 WP	18
(i)	81 HE	54

(2) Mortars

(a)	81mm HE (Heavy)	2
(b)	81mm HE (Medium)	5,000
(c)	81mm HE (Light)	2
(d)	81mm WP	250
(e)	81mm Illumination	101

(3) Tanks

(a)	90mm HE	42
(b)	90mm WP	0

16. Air Support:

a. First Marine Aircraft Wing contributions to the mission of the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines during the month of October included: movement of troops, close and direct air support, aerial observation, recon overflights, aerial resupply, medical evacuation and TPQ-10 missions. The 7th Air Force provided aerial observation and B-52 strikes.

b. During the first few days of the month the Cu Lu Outpost was resupplied primarily by helicopter due to the enemy situation.

c. On 15 October at 09:58 the battalion received one 500 pound bomb inside the perimeter. Subsequent investigation revealed that the bomb came from a Marine A-6 Intruder on a TPQ strike. The target area was 1200 meters to the west of the impact area which was at coordinates YD 425667. Most of the bombs were on target. A broken fin assembly was blamed for the misplaced bomb. This incident caused (3) KIA's, (1) ACW, and (6) WIA's.

d. Aerial overflights were used to familiarize the battalion officers to the new TAO surrounding the C2 Bridge.

e. On 19 October Black Ace 1-1 and 1-2 were utilized to destroy two suspected OP sites. Total ordnance expended was 12,500 pounds of napalm and 250 pound bombs. One hundred rounds of 20mm cannon



were also expended. The two sites were destroyed along with five fighting holes and two bunkers in the vicinity of coordinates YD 112674.

f. On 21 October an O2 site at YD 122674 was destroyed by 1st MAW aircraft. Total ordnance expenditure was 6,500 pounds of napalm and 250 pound bombs.

g. Types and numbers of Air Missions:

	<u>Type</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Completed</u>
(1)	Troops	3	3 for 34 troops
(2)	MedEvacs	33	33 for 79 troops
(3)	Aerial Observation	19	14
(4)	Beacon Overflights	2	2
(5)	Logistics	8	8 for 12,500 pounds
(6)	F4U-19 Strikes *	880	225

\* Expended 285,900 pounds of ordnance.

17. Activities/Deactivations/Redesignations. None

18. Training Report. Due to operational commitments it was not practicable to conduct a training program.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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JOURNAL SUMMARY

01 Oct 67. At 11845H a Marine from "L" Company on OP Wyn had an accidental discharge with his pistol. An investigation was held. The Marine was Med Evaced.

02 Oct 67. At 021015H a patrol from "E" Company found a tunnel at YD 001566. The tunnel was 3' in diameter, 6' in circumference and started 7' below ground and went back 5' into a small room like area. The tunnel is approximately 7 days old. A search was conducted with negative results. At 021500H 10-15 rounds of unknown caliber impacted at XD 998552. A crater analysis team went out at 02:500H and determined that it was either rocket or artillery. They were received from 0300 miles.

03 Oct 67. No significant events.

04 Oct 67. No significant events.

05 Oct 67. At 051100H a convoy departed for Ca Lu and arrived without incident at 051215H. Convoy departed Ca Lu at 051420H and returned to Thon Son Lam without incident.

06 Oct 67. At 061400H an AD spotted 4 to 5 men (NVA) crossing a stream at coordinates YD 001567. They were wearing uniforms and were camouflaged. AD fired rockets with unknown results. A "E" Company patrol checked the area with negative results.

07 Oct 67. At 072230H "K" Company observed a large air burst over Mutters Ridge at 0500 miles and at the same time "L" Company observed an air burst at 0520 miles. Companies continued to observe area.

08 Oct 67. At 081400H "I" Company patrol found (2) 82mm mortar rounds, (2) propellants charges, and (1) mortar fuse at coordinates XD 978514. All items forwarded to regiment. At 082000H OP Nan observed lights at XD 977547 and at the same time "I" Company heard movement outside the wire. "I" Company fired small arms and 60mm mortar mission in vicinity of movement with results unknown. OP Nan reported lights that could not be seen by our lines. OP Nan directed an 81mm mortar mission with excellent target coverage. At 082120H OP Nan again observed lights at XD 998554 moving north. An 81mm mortar and artillery mission was called. Excellent coverage of the target, results unknown.

09 Oct 67. No significant events.

10 Oct 67. At 101300H convoy departed from Thon Son Lam to Dong Ha, with Command Group, 1/2 H&S Company, Lima and Mike Company. At 101600H

chopped from OPCON 3d Marines and to OPCON 9th Marines. At 101930H all units arrived Dong Ha.

11 Oct 67. At 111430H India,  $\frac{1}{2}$  H&S Company and Command Group Bravo departed Thon Son Lam for Dong Ha. At 111730H units chopped from OPCON 3d Marines and to OPCON 9th Marines. All units arrived Dong Ha at 111845H.

12 Oct 67. Kilo Company departed Thon Son Lam for Dong Ha at 111400H. Kilo Company chopped from OPCON 3d Marines to OPCON 9th Marines at 121725H. Company arrived Dong Ha at 121910H.

13 Oct 67. No significant events.

14 Oct 67. Kilo Company sent one platoon at 140830H with convoy to Gio Linh as security. At 141140H Battalion (-) departed Dong Ha to C2 Bridge position. At 141300H Mike Company and Command Group disembarked at C2 position and moved northeast around C2 to C2 Bridge YD 128672. At 141330H Lima, India, and Kilo Companies disembarked and moved north to C2 Bridge. At 141535H Battalion (-) arrived C2 Bridge position. No enemy contact was made. At 141740H all elements of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines at C2 Bridge. At 141750H the Battalion received approximately 10 rounds of rockets from the west. No casualties sustained.

15 Oct 67. At 150545H one 500 pound bomb was dropped on the west side of battalion position in the Kilo Company area. The bomb resulted in (03) KIA's and (07) MIA's. At 051345H Battalion CP received (09) rounds incoming of unknown caliber from 1800 mils, 2500 meters range. An artillery mission was fired, results unknown. Lima Company reported a column of troops to the southwest of their position at 151950H. They were approximately 2500 mils, and 2200 meters range. Artillery mission was called, results unknown. At 152330H Lima Company heard movement to the southwest of their position and at 152330H Kilo Company heard movement to the west of its position. M-79 and M-16's were fired with results unknown.

16 Oct 67. At 160800H Battalion CP received (05) rounds from the south, determined to be friendly artillery. At 160826H Battalion CP received (15) rounds of mortar fire from approximately 4600 mils. artillery and 81mm mortar missions fired, results unknown. At 16161520H Mike Company found (4) bodies at YD 124673. Bodies were five days old and had no clothing or ID. Mike Company reported at 161420H they found (70) Chi Coms, (40) 60mm mortar rounds, (01) RPG-7 and various enemy equipment at coordinates YD 123674. All ordinance blown.

17 Oct 67. At 170015H the Battalion CP received two rounds of mortar

fire from vicinity of YD 105673. Both rounds impacted outside the perimeter. An artillery mission was called with excellent target coverage and two secondary explosions were observed. At 171440H a MedEvac helicopter spotted 50 or more fighting holes and personnel at YD 158698. Called an artillery mission with unknown results.

18 Oct 67. At 180815H the battalion received (52) rounds of 82mm mortar from 4800 miles 2500 meters range. All rounds landed outside the perimeter. Artillery mission called with results unknown. Kilo Company, at 181402H found at coordinates YD 119668 numerous fighting holes and a cave. At YD 119665 Kilo Company found a large tunnel.

19 Oct 67. No significant events.

20 Oct 67. At 211200H an M was fired on by an estimated company entrenched in bunkers at coordinates YD 099668. Artillery mission called with results unknown.

21 Oct 67. At 211200H India Company found equipment at coordinates YD 121668. Equipment found was (2) Chi Coms, (20) 82mm mortars, (20) 82mm fuses, (2) anteenas, (2) picks, (8) E Tools, (1) pack, (1) sandbag of 5.56mm rounds,  $\frac{1}{2}$  full, (1) magazine, and (2) AT mines. It was estimated to be a two platoon base camp about one week old.

22 Oct 67. At 220145H the battalion perimeter received (40) mortar rounds from coordinates YD 05665, YD 09661, and YD 095655. Artillery and mortars called in with excellent coverage of target. Results unknown.

23 Oct 67. At 231105H India Company found trench line in a hedgerow approximately 30'x15'x20' with a reinforced bunker at coordinates YD 116685. Searched area with negative results. At 231300H Lima Company found (1) enemy KIA about 1 to 2 weeks old at coordinates YD 127671 wearing green utilities, sneakers and web belt, nothing else was found. At 231330H at coordinates YD 124672 Indias patrol found (7) 60mm mortar rounds, (1) pith helmet, (1) shirt, (1) pack and (1) poncho. Gear appears to have been discarded. Patrol also found (1) RPG-2 at coordinates YD 123662 at 231600H.

24 Oct 67. No significant events.

25 Oct 67. No significant events.

26 Oct 67. At 260630H Kilo Company began operation along MSR towards Con Thien. At 260703H Command Group Bravo, India and Mike Company left position in ~~trace~~ of Kilo Company. At 260850H India Company found 5 bunkers. Search revealed (1) gas mask, (50) rounds 7.62mm and (1) small pack. Bunkers were destroyed. At 261507H India Company

found enemy equipment at coordinates YD 101681. Equipment found was (139) 60mm mortar rounds, (4) DH 10 mines, (10) blocks explosive, (92) Chi Coms, (330) 7.62mm rounds, (32) BFG-7's, (6) RPG-7's, (14) propellant charges, and (32) 82mm Mortar rounds. All items were blown in place. All units returned to Battalion OP at 261500H. At 261610H Command Group Bravo, Lima and Mike Companies went to OPCON 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines.

27 Oct 67. At 270430H the Battalion received one round inside the perimeter. The round came from the southeast and resulted in one friendly KIA. Determined to be friendly artillery. Mike and Lima Companies and Command Group Bravo chopped from OPCON 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines and return to perimeter at 271258H.

28 Oct 67. No significant events.

29 Oct 67. At 291610H Kilo Company observed a secondary explosion at coordinates YD 133682 while firing artillery mission. No other significant events.

30 Oct 67. At 301005H Mike Company found (15) bunkers, (5) shelters connected by trench network at coordinates YD 119679. Also found was NV's gear cooking utensils, canned rations (used), (2) ponchos, (1) ammo poncho, (1) gas mask, (2) canteens and (1) US flak jacket. At 301950H Lima Company sighted (4) NV's at coordinates YD 121667. 81mm mortar and 106 RR missions fired with unknown results.

31 Oct 67. No significant events.

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Frag Order 52-67

Ref: (a) Map: Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS Series L7014, Sheets 6342I and 6442IV.

1. Situation.

a. Enemy Forces. See current INTSUMS

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) 2/4 will be in the vicinity of YD 118653 and moving south.
- (2) 3/4 will have one company at C2 Bridge and 2 companies and a Command Group at C2.
- (3) 1/9 at Con Thien

c. Attachments.

Company "I"

- (a) One FO Team, Btry "C", 1/12
- (b) One section of 81's

Company "M"

- (a) One FO Team, Btry "C", 1/12
- (b) One FAC/TACP Team
- (c) One section of 81's

Company "L"

- (a) One FO Team, Btry "C", 1/12
- (b) One FAC/TACP Team
- (c) Two sections of 81's
- (d) Three sections of 106's

2. Mission. Relieve 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at the C2 and C2 Bridge areas.

3. Execution.

a. Concept of Operation.

(1) The Bn (-) will move by truck to an area south of C2 (COB) and disembark.

(2) Two companies will move in trace of each other to the east of C2 (COB) and make a tactical move to the C2 Bridge.

(3) One company and the Command Group will move into the C2 (COB) position.

b. Company "M" will be the lead company and execute the move to the east of C2 and move on to the C2 Bridge.

c. Company "I" will follow in trace of Company "M" and execute the move to the east of C2 and move on to the C2 Bridge.

d. Company "L" will accompany the Command Group.

e. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) D-Day - 14Oct67

(2) H-Hour - 0900H

(3) Reference Points - Trees YD 1461, Birds YD 1864 and Colors YD 1067.

(4) The embark location will be the road next to the Bn S-4. The order of movement will be Company "M", Company "I", Command Group and Company "L".

(5) The dismount point will be the vicinity of Hill #52 (YD 134633).

(6) Unit commanders are cautioned to maintain flank security and dispersion as a passive measure against enemy supporting arms.

(7) Maximum use of prep fires, recon fires and on calls will be utilized.

4. Administration and Logistics.

a. Companies will submit a list of MedEvac numbers to the S-1 prior to departure.

b. S-4 will provide the following:

- (1) necessary transportation
- (2) early chow on D-Day

d. Each individual will carry a BA, gas mask, intrenching tool and three meals.


d. The helmet and flak jackets will be worn.



5. Command and Communications.

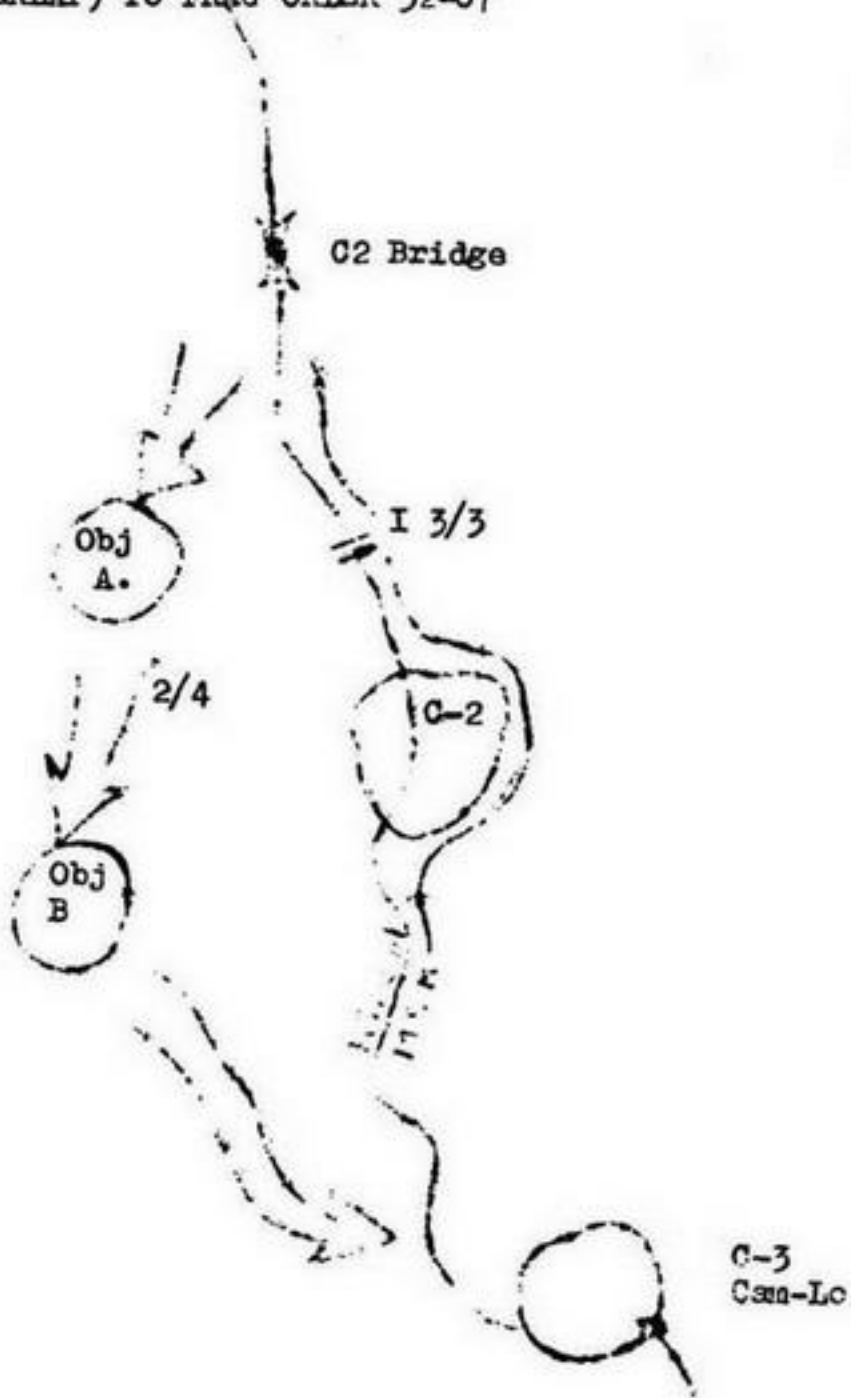
- a. The Command Group will move with Company "L".
- b. The Bn. T.C net will be guarded at 0700 on D-Day.
- c. SitReps will be made every hour on the half hour. Position reports will be submitted as needed or at least every half hour.

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ANNEX A (OPERATION OVERLAY) TO FRAG ORDER 52-67

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Frag Order 53-67

Ref: (a) Map: Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS Series L7014, Sheets 6342I and 6442IV.

1. Situation.

a. Enemy Forces. See current INTSUNS.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 1/9 will have elements along MSR 561 at grid YD 124688.

c. Attachments.

(1) Company "K"

- (a) One FO Team, Btry "C", 1/12
- (b) One P.C./E.C.P. Team

(2) Company "L"

- (a) One FO Team, Btry "C", 1/12
- (b) One P.C./E.C.P. Team

2. Mission. Companies will sweep north from YD 123674 to road junction at YD 124688 and provide security for convoy resupply of Con Thien.

3. Execution.

a. Concept of Operation.

(1) Two companies will sweep to the north along MSR 561. One company on the east and one company on the west of the MSR.

(2) Upon sweeping to road junction both companies will retrace and set in on likely ambush sites.

b. Company Lima will sweep to the east of the MSR.

c. Company Kilo will sweep to the west of the MSR.

d. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) D-Day - 15Oct67
- (2) H-Hour - 0600H
- (3) Reference Points - Logs 1269
- (4) Unit commanders are instructed to carry air panels to mark positions.

4. Administration and Logistics.

a. Each individual will carry a B., gas mask, intrenching tool and two meals.


b. Helmets and flak jackets will be worn.

5. Command and Communications.

a. SitReps every hour on the half hour.

b. Position reports will be submitted as needed or every half hour.

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Frag Order 54-67

Ref: (a) Map: Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS Series L7014, Sheets 6342I and 6442IV.

1. Situation.

a. Enemy Forces. See current INTSUMS.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) Two companies of 1/9 will secure Regimental Objective C vicinity of YD 104683.

(2) 2/4 will be on Regimental Objective E in vicinity of YD 0672.

a. Attachments.

(1) Company "I"

- (a) Two scout dog teams
- (b) One FO Team, Btry "C", 1/12
- (c) One FLC/TLCP Team
- (d) One FO Team, 81mm mortar platoon

(2) Company "K"

- (a) One FO Team, Btry "C", 1/12
- (b) One FLC/TLCP Team
- (c) One FO Team, 81mm mortar platoon

(3) Company "M"

- (a) One FO Team, Btry "C", 1/12
- (b) One FLC/TLCP Team
- (c) One FO Team, 81mm mortar platoon

2. Mission. Conduct Sweep and Destroy Operation in assigned AO, seize and hold Regimental Objective D at YD 104681.

3. Execution.a. Concept of Operation.

(1) Two companies will move from positions, north to the east/west road and on order will seize Objective D from the east.

(2) One company will move from this position north up the east side of MSR 561 and set in as a reaction force.

b. Company "I" will move up the west side of MSR 561, attack and seize Objective D at YD 101681.

c. Company "K" will move up the east side of MSR 561 and follow in trace of Company "I" on seizure of Objective D.

d. Company "M" will move north along the east side of the MSR 561 and establish a defensive position in vicinity of YD 127637. Company "M" be prepared to move on order as reaction force.

e. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) D-Day - 26Oct67
- (2) H-Hour - 0630H
- (3) Reference Points - Colors 1068
- (4) "I" and "K" Companies will move out parallel on each side of MSR 561. "M" Company will follow in trace.
- (5) Frag Orders will be issued on Objective D for move to C2 Bridge position.

4. Administration and Logistics.

a. Each individual will carry B., gas mask, intrenching tool and one meal.

b. Flak jackets and helmet will be worn.

5. Command and Communications.

a. Command Group "B" will be attached with India Company.

b. SitReps required every hour on the half hour.

c. Position reports submitted as needed or every half hour.

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Frag Order 55-67

Ref: (a) Map; Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS Series L7014, Sheets 6342I and 6442IV.

1. Situation.

a. Enemy Forces.

(1) Second Battalion, 4th Marines currently in contact with enemy forces of unknown size.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 2/4 currently located at YD 123655.

c. Attachments.

(1) Company "L"

- (a) One FO Team, Btry "C", 1/12
- (b) One FAC/TLCP Team
- (c) One FO Team, 81mm mortar platoon

(2) Company "M"

- (a) One FO Team, Btry "C", 1/12
- (b) One FAC/TLCP Team
- (c) One FO Team, 81mm mortar platoon

(3) Command Group "B"

- (a) One FO Team, Btry "C", 1/12
- (b) One FAC/TLCP Team

2. Mission. Proceed directly to 2/4's location and reinforce that unit.

3. Execution.

a. Concept of Operation.

(1) Two companies and a Command Group move by direct route to 2/4's location.

b. Company "L" will be the lead company.

c. Company "M" will follow in trace of "L" Company.

d. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) D-Day - 26Oct67

(2) H-Hour - 1600H

(3) Contact Commanding Officer of 2/4 upon reaching their position.

4. Administration and Logistics.

a. Flak jackets and helmets will be worn.

b. Each individual will have BA, gas mask, intranching tool and one meal.

5. Command and Communications.

a. Command Group Bravo will move with Company "L".

b. Upon leaving C2 Bridge position chop from OPCON 3/3 to OPCON 2/4.

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