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1. In accordance with ref (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

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PART I

Organizational Data1. DesignationCommander

3d Battalion, 3d Marines

LtCol R.C. NEEDHAM 1-30 Sept.

Subordinate Units

H&S Co.	Capt R.R. BEERS	1-7 Sept.
	Capt F.R. MATTHEWS JR.	8-30 Sept.
"I" Co.	Capt F.R. MATTHEWS JR.	1-7 Sept.
	Capt R.R. BEERS	8-30 Sept.
"K" Co.	Capt J.W. ARNOLD JR.	1-30 Sept.
"L" Co.	Capt J.W. RIPLEY	1-30 Sept.
"M" Co.	Capt R.F. FINDLEY	1-30 Sept.

Attached Units

1st Plt, "B" Co, 3d Tanks	Lt. J.E. GEORGAKLIUS	1-7 Sept.
	Lt. P. MARKIN	8-17 Sept.
	Lt. J. HINES	18-30 Sept.
2d Plt, "C" Btry, 1st Bn, 44th Arty, USA	Lt. A.C. PANURI	1-7 Sept.
	Lt. L. MOORE	8-17 Sept.
	Lt. E.L. FALES	18-30 Sept.

2. Location. 1-30 September: Quang Tri Province, XD 984545, (West of Cam Lo) RVN

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Major H.M. HARPER JR	1-21 Sept.
S-1	2dLt J.G. GILMORE	1-30 Sept.
S-2	2dLt B.D. CREWS	1-30 Sept.
S-3	Major M.H. HARRINGTON	1-7 Sept.
S-4	Capt R. ZENSEN	8-30 Sept.
	2dLt D.F. RYAN	1-30 Sept.

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
33	1051	2	46

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The Battalion continued its mission within its TAOR. A definite increase of enemy activity was noted. The significant contact was made on 7 September when a resupply convoy to Ca Lu was ambushed. The ambush followed the same pattern as in the past. The enemy hit the convoy but had a larger force set in to ambush the reaction force. Several small groups of enemy were sighted throughout the TAOR and confirmed enemy activity was observed near the defensive wire of the C.P. On three occasions the CP received incoming rounds. Two mortar attacks resulted in rounds impacting outside the perimeter but approximately 20 rounds of 102mm rockets impacted in and around the perimeter during a third attack. These are the only attacks the Battalion CP has sustained at this position in nine months.

Two problem areas have been the monsoon rains and increased malaria rate. Maximum effort is being exerted to build adequate fighting positions and living spaces. A lack of building materials hinders the construction. There were 42 confirmed cases of malaria evacuated. This is a critical drain on the Battalion manpower.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Combat Mission Assigned.

a. Basic Mission. To conduct missions in AO in accordance with 3d Marines Operation Order 1-67.

b. On 12Sep67 Command Group Bravo and four reinforced rifle companies conducted a Sweep & Destroy Operation in assigned AO. Their mission was to reopen MSR 9 from Thom Son Lam to Ca Lu. Negative contact was made with the enemy. Reference: 3d Marines Frag Order 7-67. Battalion Operation Order 8-67.

2. Significant Operations Conducted.

a. 071010H Sep67 a resupply convoy from Thom Son Lam to Ca Lu was ambushed. A command group and two rifle companies (-)(Rein) moved south on MSR 9 as a reaction force and engaged the enemy. One company (-)(Rein) from Ca Lu moved north to retrieve the damaged vehicles. Enemy contact was made and fighting went on throughout the day with artillery and air support. Companies returned to CP positions on order.

b. No other significant operations were conducted.

3. Casualties inflicted on the enemy.ENEMY CASUALTIES - SEP 1967

<u>DTG</u>	<u>KIA (o)</u>	<u>KIA (p)</u>	<u>WIA (o)</u>	<u>POW's</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
011020H		2			XD 976486
010855H	4				XD 975505
012030H		2			XD 967534
071010H	92	93			XD 992488
251410H	4				XD 965585
<u>TOTAL</u>	100 NVA	97 NVA	0	0	

4. Casualties Sustained.

a. Name of Surgeon: Dr. W.F. DRYSDALE, LT MC USNR

b. Significant Events:

(1) On 1 Sept. "M" Company sustained 1 WIA from friendly artillery.

(2) On 2 Sept. "L" Company sustained 1 WIA at Camp Carroll during an enemy artillery attack.

(3) On Sept. 7 the resupply convoy to Ca Lu was ambushed and the following casualties were sustained as a result of the action:

	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>DOW</u>	<u>EVAC</u>
USMC	4	54	1	41
USN	0	5	0	4
USA	0	1	0	1
	4	60	1	46

(5) - Total Battle Casualties

(4) On 12 Sept. Bn departed on a operation. One NBC sustained (Sprained ankle).

(5) On 15 Sept. PMS made Vector Survey of our area.

(6) On 16 Sept. one H&S man WIA while firing counter-mortar fire.

(7) On 17 Sept. one WIA sustained from friendly short round.

(8) On 23 Sept. ~~BMS~~ fogged CP area only with insecticide.

(9) On 24 Sept - 25 Sept. CP received enemy rocket attack. Casualties sustained were 7 WIA and 5 NBC.

(10) On 28 Sept. a truck on Resupply Convoy to Ca Lu hit a land mine. Casualties sustained were 6 USMC WIA.

(11) During the month of September there were 42 cases of malaria confirmed at the 3/3 BAS. There were also 8 possible cases.

(12) Number of Battle Casualties for September:

	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>DOW</u>
Army	1	5	0
USMC 3/3	4	78	1
USN 3/3	0	5	0
USMC 9th MT	0	1	0
USMC 3d Tanks	0	1	0
USMC 11th Eng	0	3	0
Total	5	93	1

c. Number of Outpatient Visits: 696

(1) Common Complaints

a. Fever Undetermined Origin	31
b. Lacerations	36
c. Traumatic Injuries	51
d. Burns	10
e. Diarrhea	14
f. Insect Bites	7
g. Upper Respiratory Infections	7
h. Probable Malaria	8
i. Positive Malaria	42
j. Cellulitis	46
k. Animal Bites	5

l. Sore Throat	6
m. Venereal Disease	24
n. Heat Exhaustion	2
o. Hearing Complaints	4
p. Gastroenteritis	5
q. Dysentery	7

(2) Referrals to "D" Med 200

(3) Cases of Significant Disease

a. Malaria	42
b. FUO	31
c. Traumatic Injuries	51
d. Dysentery & Diarrhea	21
e. Cellulitis	46
f. Venereal Disease	24

(4) Medical Trends

a. Fogging (insecticide) was performed only once by PMS during the month of September, resulting in a marked increase in the fly and mosquito population and consequently in the incidence of malaria, dysentery, and secondary cellulitis from insect bites.

b. There was an increase in VD (out of country).

c. Diagnosis by microscopic examination of blood for MALARIA is in effect at the 3/3 BLS. Other routine microscopic laboratory tests are also being performed.

5. New Techniques Employed. None

6. Command Relations.

- a. OpCon - 3d Marine AdCon 3d Marine Division
- b. 07/1120H Company "L", chopped from OpCon 1st Bn, 9th Marines
- c. 07/1650H Company "A", 1/9 OpCon to 3/3 as a reaction force
- d. 13/1100H Company "A", 1/9 chopped from OpCon 3/3
- e. 17/1644H Company "L", chopped to OpCon 9th Marines as security for Rough Rider to Camp Evans.
- f. 18/1327H Company "I", chopped to OpCon 1st Bn, 9th Marines as a reaction force.
- g. 19/1715H Company "I" chopped from OpCon 1st Bn, 9th Marines
- h. 22/1030H Company "L" chopped from OpCon 9th Marines

7. Equipment. No new equipment was received by the Battalion in September.

8. Logistics.

a. Supply.

(1) Class I - there has been no difficulty in obtaining rations for the battalion. Only short 5 days rations are presently being maintained at Ca Lu, due to the heavy rains, subsequent flooding and enemy actions. At this time a helicopter resupply program is being implemented to bring that position back to a minimum of ten days supply.

(2) Class II - this month the battalion received 850 sets of jungle utilities and 1200 pair of socks. Until receipt of this shipment there existed a critical shortage in small size utility trousers. There still exists a critical shortage in all sizes of utility covers. Utility covers have been on order for over 90 days. Jungle boots are still in short supply in the following sizes: 7W, 8R, 9F, 10R, 11R, 11W, 13N and 13W.

(3) Class III - Due to the destruction of the POL dumps in Dong Ha, a shortage existed for about one week. Conservation methods were encouraged and utilized so that an adequate supply of POL is on hand.

(4) Class IV - there exists a shortage of bunker building materials: 2"x12", 4"x6", 12"x12" and 2"x4". It has not been possible to obtain any of these items.

(5) Class V - problems were encountered with both 81mm and 60mm mortar ammunition. Rounds have been received wet and unserviceable. Availability of point detonated types of fuzes has been limited. 60mm ammunition from Lot #MA-1-611A had 18 duds out of 30 rounds fired. Three lots of 81mm ammunition, which have since been expended, had a dud rate of sixty percent of all rounds fired. The lot numbers are OA-1-241-F1, OA-1-242 and OA-1-246.

b. Motor Transport. Eight new engines were received this month for the M422A1. This improves our situation but it is still considered critical due to lack of Mule parts and tools to properly service and maintain them.

Break down of M274 (Mules)

- (1) 9 operational
- (2) 21 down - 10 part/repairs, 8 AWTG retrofit, 3 Code X

Break down of M422A1 (Mighty Mites)

- (1) 12 operational
- (2) 8 down - 6 part/repairs, 2 Code X

9th MT Battalion trucks are utilized for surface resupply runs. Each truck averages 55 miles daily and an average of 13 tons of gear is carried per day by the trucks.

Organic transportation is concerned mainly with short security and/or courier runs to J. J. Carroll on Dong Ha. Other tasks performed are trash, water and mess hall runs within the three positions. Mules average 10 miles per day while mules average 37 miles per day.

c. Engineer Assistance.

A TD-15 bulldozer was on loan from 3d Engineers to assist our forward position in the construction of bunkers.

Two field latrines were constructed by 11th Engineer Battalion and brought out to the forward battalion area.

d. Maintenance Problems.

(1) Mules - due to a shortage of carburetors and wire cables 10 M274's are down. These parts shortages coupled with extended repair time in FLSU account for the large number of downed vehicles.

e. Ordinance.

(1) 106 Ground Mount - the battalion has six operational ground mounts and 2 Code X.

(2) Flame Throwers - four units have been in FLSU for over 120 days for repairs. Also a compressor has been in FLSU for over 90 days.

(3) 20 KW Generator - during the month the Battalion was without power for a total of approximately one week. On two occasions the generator had to be returned to the 11th Engineer Battalion in Dong Ha for repairs. A shortage of repair parts exists at this position.

9. Civil Action.

During the month of September a total of 648 civilians were employed under the self-help program by 3/3. These people were used to clear fields of fire and to clear vegetation along Route #9 east of 3/3's position. The laborers were being paid in salad oil, 1 can of oil for two persons per day. The laborers came from Cam Lo. On the 18th of September all employment of civilians was discontinued due to a transportation problem. As of 18 September the only Civil Affairs being conducted within this Battalion's TAOR is at Ca Lu which consists of medical treatment at the hospital.

10. Administration:

(a) An awards ceremony was held during the past month of September 1967 and the Commanding Officer, 3d Marine Regiment, 3d Marine Division (Rein) SMC, presented the following awards to members of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines:

2 Silver Stars
7 Bronze Stars
1 Air Medal
8 Navy Commendation Awards

2 Purple Hearts
1 Army Unit Commendation Medal
2 Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry
W/Palm
1 Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry
W/Silver Star

(b) One Special Court-Martial was completed, and one is pending. One Summary Court-Martial was completed, and none are pending. Six Battalion Commander's Office hours were completed, and none are pending. There were seven Company Commander's Office hours completed.

(c) Special Services supplied beer and soda for the battalion once during September. Athletic gear and stationary have been received in small amounts and distributed. Lack of these items in the rear contributed to the short supply in the forward area.

(d) PX services were made available to four companies in the field through the mobile exchange. A sufficient supply of basic health and comfort items and cigarettes were available. Other items were not made available. A limited supply of SP rations were available for health and comfort items.

(e) Liberty was not authorized during this period.

(f) During the month of September, 1 officer and 125 enlisted Marines rotated to CONUS. One officer and 12 enlisted were transferred within the regiment or division. Fifty-four enlisted were transferred as a result of medical evacuation.

11. Personnel.

- (a) Gains: 3 USMC Off; 115 USMC Enl; 1 USN Off; and 2 USN Enl.
- (b) Losses: 2 USMC Off; 191 USMC Enl; 1 USN Off; and 8 USN Enl.
- (c) Monthly strength (average):

<u>MC OFF</u>	<u>MC ENL</u>	<u>USN OFF</u>	<u>USN ENL</u>
33	1051	2	46

(3) Net Loss/gain:

HE GHI	HE GHI	HE GHI	HE GHI
/1	7/		6/

(e) Emergency leave for the month of September: 1 USMC Officer, 4 USMC Enlisted. Above with no Administrative Discharge. Twice/thrice wounded or hospitalized outside of RVN due to father/brother in country. 3 USMC enlisted.

(f) There was one Military Discharge applied for during the past month. It is pending decision.

(g) One Administrative Discharge is pending.

(h) The R&R program continues to be a major morale factor within this command. There were 45 In-Country and 70 Out-of-Country R&R quotas utilized during this reporting period.

(i) Morale is considered to be excellent to outstanding.

(j) Postal service continues to be sporadic, with as much as two days delay between regular mail calls. Mail is considered to be one of the main factors in contributing to the excellent morale of this command. Increased service would contribute further to the morale of the members of this battalion.

12. Intelligence. The month of September brought a large increase in small unit harassment within 3/3's TAOR.

On 7Sep67, a resupply convoy enroute to Ca In along Route #9 was ambushed by an estimated two (2) NVA Companies. The ambush consisted of two separate units; the first designated to stop the convoy, and the second assigned the primary objective of ambushing the expected reactionary force, coming from the 3/3 CP. The NVA units utilized normal small arms, light and heavy machine-guns, RPG's, satchel charges, and mortars. This ambush followed a similar pattern seen in previous ambushes in this area during July and August. In this pattern, one enemy unit is assigned the objective of intercepting the convoy, while the second unit sets in, awaiting the reactionary force. Both units are well dug in, and in well-prepared positions.

Throughout September there were numerous reports of small enemy units. These units consisted of ~~from~~ three (3) to fifteen (15) NVAs. Fresh tracks, mortar positions, and probes were reported in the Ca Lu area and at Company "K" position, XD 973565. In addition to this, on 28Sep67, a mine was hit by a truck on Route #9 at XD 995480 during a re-supply run to Ca Lu.

For the first time in nine months the 3/3 CP area received 82mm mortar and 102mm rocket attacks. At 060245H the 3/3 CP received 40-60 82mm mortar rounds, and on 16Sep67 it received 30, 82mm rounds. All rounds impacted in one general area outside of the perimeter at XD 984533. No damage or injury was sustained from these attacks. On 24Sep67 20 rounds of 102mm rockets were received. The rounds impacted throughout the perimeter and minimum damage was sustained.

On the day following the rocket attack, it was discovered that the perimeter wire was cut and a claymore mine was turned around, facing the CP position.

The weather aided the small units in their movement. Visibility was poor due to fog and afternoon rains.

13. Communications.

a. General. The communications Platoon provided and maintained the necessary radio nets, wire systems and message center, both forward and rear.

b. Training. Operational training during this period consisted of on the job training for all sections which included inter-changing of operational communications personnel between military occupational specialties.

c. Communications Equipment Status. The status of communications equipment is fair. The percentage of combat essential equipment available is 75%. The following essential equipment is down:

(1)	1	AN/TGC-14A	Teletype
(2)	13	AN/PRC-25	Radio
(3)	1	AN/MRC-83	Radio Jeep
(4)	1	AN/MRC-87	Radio Jeep
(5)	1	AN/TPS-21	Ground Radar Unit

d. Problem Areas. The biggest problem area continued to be the chronic shortage of An/PRC-25 accessories and the long period of time between Code Xing an item and receiving a new one.

The increased amount of rainfall has made it necessary to PM equipment more frequently.

14. Weather. The general outlook for the month of September was predominately cloudy with scattered rain showers, however there were 3 periods of intense rain that lasted approximately 2-3 days each. The mean high for the month was 86, and the mean low was 74. A gentle wind blew generally from the southwest averaging between 5 to 10 knots.

15. Fire Support.

a. General. During the month of September 81mm mortars and artillery "Night Defensive Fires" were refired in and double checked.

b. Units Providing Direct and General Support

- (1) Btry "C", 1st Bn, 12th Marines
- (2) Btry "M", 4th Bn, 12th Marines
- (3) Btry "K", 4th Bn, 12th Marines
- (4) Btry "I", 3d Bn, 12th Marines
- (5) Btry "B" and "C", 2d Bn, 94th Artillery, USA
- (6) Btry "B" and "C", 1st Bn, 40th Artillery, USA
- (7) 2d Platoon, Btry "C", 1st Bn, (AWSP), 44th Artillery, USA
- (8) 3d Platoon, "B" Co, 3d Tank Battalion

c. Missions Fired

1. Artillery

(a) Targets of Opportunity	131
(b) Precision Destruction	0
(c) Precision Registration	3
(d) Fire for Effect	13
(e) Recon by Fire	28
(f) Prep Fire	32
(g) Counter-Mortar	21
(h) Practice Missions	10
(i) Night Defensive Fires	12
(j) Neutralization	0
(k) Direct Fire	0
(l) Time on Target	2
(m) Marking Round	0
(n) H&I's	1033

2. Mortars

(a) Target of Opportunity	36
(b) Recon by Fire	6
(c) Fire for Effect	5
(d) Prep Fires	15
(e) H&I's	1739
(f) Counter-Mortar Fire	4

3. Tanks

(a) Target of Opportunity	20
(b) H&I's	30
(c) Recon by Fire	10

4. Twin 40's

(a) Target of Opportunity	63
(b) H&I's	933

d. Ammunition Expended1. Artillery

(a) 105 HE	5063
(b) 105 WP	377
(c) 105 Illumination	23
(d) 155 HE	380
(e) 155 WP	18
(f) 175 HE	36
(g) 4.2 HE	0
(h) 4.2 WP	0

2. Mortars

(a) 81mm HE (medium)	1595
(b) 81mm HE (light)	660
(c) 81mm WP	81
(d) 81mm Illumination	101

3. Tanks

(a) 90mm HE	284
(b) 90mm WP	8

Twin 40's

(a) 40mm HE

2912

16. Air Support.

a. Air contributions to the mission of the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines during the month of September by the 1st Marine Air Wing included: movement of troops, aerial observation, recon overflights, helicopter logistical support, medical evacuation flights, and close air support. The 7th Air Force provided aerial observation.

b. During the month an increased number of TPQ-10's were requested in the area of operations. Due to the increased enemy activity more were received than in past months. On the night of 24-25 September on-call TPQ's were utilized on rocket sites which fired on the 3/3 CP. The artillery FO on the Rockpile was utilized to adjust TPQ's on the rocket sites.

c. The 1st Marine Air Wing provided close air support on 7 September in support of an ambushed resupply convoy between Thon Son Lam and the Ca Lu Outpost. Air expended 36,000 pounds of bombs and 12,000 pounds of napalm in 4 CAS missions. Target coverage was excellent.

d. Types and numbers of Air Missions:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Completed</u>
(1) Troops	5	5 for 58 troops
(2) MedEvacs	30	30 for 79 troops
(3) Aerial Observation	4	4
(4) Recon Overflight	4	2
(5) Logistics	10	10 for 19,430 pounds
(6) TPQ-10 Strikes*	838	197

*Expended 254,750 pounds ordnance

17. Activities/Deactivations/Redesignations. None

18. Training Report. During the month of September one NCO School was held. Fourteen Marines completed the six day school. It was planned to conduct 4 classes this month, however, due to operational commitments and increased enemy activity, it was not practicable to continue the school.

The companies continued conducting daily training in basic military subjects. Subjects stressed were patrolling, map and compass reading, and forward observer procedure.

Familiarization firing and zeroing of the M-16E1 was conducted by all companies

A copy of the NCO School Training ~~Schedule~~ is enclosed in Part IV.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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JOURNAL SUMMARY

01Sep67. At 010700H (1) USMC was wounded by friendly artillery. Location XD 998476. At 010840 Mike Company spotted 10-15 NVA at XD 976486. Artillery mission called with good coverage. At 011040H India Company found 2 NVA bunkers at XD 978518. At XD 975505 India Company found 4 enemy bodies killed by artillery. Also found were 2 bags of rice, jungle covers, NVA boots and utilities. At 012030H OP WYN spotted 2 NVA in a tree line at XD 967534. Artillery mission was called with good coverage.

02Sep67. At 022020H the bridge at XD 982532 spotted a light at XD 972497. Artillery mission called with good coverage.

03Sep67. At 032155H artillery FO on Rockpile spotted muzzle flashes at YD 030577. 81mm mortar mission called with unknown results.

04Sep67. At 042030H artillery FO on Rockpile spotted muzzle flashes at XD 915567. Artillery mission fired with good coverage.

05Sep67. At 051000H a recon team at XD 978437 made light enemy contact. NVA were in khaki uniforms, wearing helmets and carrying automatic weapons. Artillery mission was called with good coverage.

06Sep67. At 060025H mortar rounds landed just south of our perimeter. An estimated 40-60 rounds were fired (grid square) XD 9750. At 061156H the squad guarding the bridge at XD 982532 reported seeing 3 enemy at XD 993516. At 061300H an S-2 team was dispatched to check out craters. The team determined rounds were 82mm and came from azimuth of 3600 mils. At 061745H a patrol from Kilo Company found fresh foot prints at XD 978552. Trail led in a northerly direction.

07Sep67. At 070910H OP SUE spotted 3 NVA at XD 993525. They reported enemy was wearing green uniforms. The NVA seemed to be observing our position. At 071010H a resupply run from our position to Ca Lu was ambushed at XD 992488. The convoy consisted of 9 vehicles. A command group with two platoons from India Company and a 60mm mortar section moved out towards the ambush site. At 071045H some of the vehicles in the convoy reached Ca Lu with three casualties. At XD 980513 India found 60 fighting holes about 1 day old. Mortar rounds, fuzes and C-rations were also found. It was determined that this was the mortar site from which Bn CP got mortared on 6Sep67. At 071115H India Company started receiving small arms fire from grid square XD 9750. At 071130H Lima Company arrived from Camp Carroll and moved toward the ambushed convoy. At 071258H contact was made with the ambushed convoy. Fighting continued for 4-5 hours. The resistance was moderate throughout this time. At 071650H 1 company from 1st Bn, 9th Marines came under OPCON 3/3. This company was sent to XD 980520 an established a rear guard while all units returned to Conviction CP on order.

08Sep67. No significant events.

09Sep67. At 091200H 45 men, 57 women and 70 children from Khe Xong village arrived at our position for resettlement to Cam Lo. At 091615H 10 trucks arrived to transport villagers to Cam Lo.

10Sep67. At 100945H villagers from New Arong began moving from their village for resettlement. 31 men, 24 women and 29 children were taken to Cam Lo.

11Sep67. At 111345H a patrol from Mike Company reported seeing 3 possible NVA at XD 999468. Artillery mission was fired with good coverage.

12 Sep67. At 120500H LAW OP-Order 8-67 commenced operation to open MRR from Thon Son Lam to Ca Lu. At 120500H Mike Company moved out toward objective 5. At 120600H Alpha Company 1st Bn, 9th Marines moved toward XD 9750 to secure high ground. India Company moved out at 120630H. Lima Company and Command Group departed 120655H. At 121245H India Company found (1) AK-47 and (1) 60mm mortar tube, at XD 994490. Mike Company sent out a patrol to check the villages which were evacuated on the 8th and 9th. With Route #9 secure the resupply departed our position at 121200H. The resupply arrived and departed Ca Lu without incident. All units on the operation returned to their respective CP's by 121630H.

13Sep67. At 130820H a patrol from Kilo Company found a trail at XD 967583. Appeared to be made by 3-4 men. At 131100H Alpha Company 1st Bn, 9th Marines were chopped OPCON 3/3. At 13131540H the resupply convoy to Ca Lu received 1 sniper round from XD 990499. On return trip 2 Marines were wounded by shrapnel from unknown source. Artillery missions and H&I's were called and fired.

14Sep67. At 142040H Kilo Company reported receiving 5 rounds of artillery landing at XD 979573. Determined to be friendly. At 142135H Kilo Company reported hearing noises about 40 meters from their position. Fired M-79 and threw grenades. Results unknown. At 142145H OP EVE received two rounds of small arms. Fired 81mm concentration. Results unknown.

15Sep67. No significant events.

16Sep67. At 162300H Conviction CP received about 30 rounds of mortars. The rounds impacted south of the perimeter. Counter-mortar fired. Results unknown.

17Sep67. At 170905H a patrol from Mike Company found some NVA equipment and food at XD 993480. The gear included 1 Chinese assault MG, AK-47 magazines, primers for demo and items of clothing. At 171530H Lima Company departed our position and came under OPCON 9th Marines at 171644H.

18Sep67. At 181307H India Company departed our position and came under OPCON 1st Bn, 9th Marines at 181327H.

19Sep67. At 191700H a patrol from Mike Company found 5 NVA bodies which were killed by artillery and small arms. Bodies were about 10 days old. At 191715H India Company came under OPCON of 3/3.

20Sep67. At 201916H Mike Company reported that two bridges at XD992443 had been destroyed by the enemy. The bypasses at these locations are not passable

21Sep67. At 210045H Kilo Company received 2 rounds 1000 meters from their perimeter. Rounds of unknown size. Came from northerly direction. No friendly artillery being fired at this time. At 210145H Mike Company reported moving lights at XD 998493. Artillery mission called and lights were extinguished. At 211449H 10 men, 2 women and 1 child arrived at this CP on way to Cam Lo. 1 man, 2 women and 1 child continued to Cam Lo. The other men returned to Tin Row a village near Ca Lu. They were questioned and no intelligence information was gained. At 212145H Mike Company reported lights at XD 998442 and YD 041447. A twin 40 mission was called. Lights were extinguished

22Sep67. At 220830H a patrol from Mike Company reported hearing small arms and 50 caliber fire in grid square 9644. Artillery mission called. At 221025H Lima Company arrived at our position and chopped OPCON from 9th Marines. At 221245H a patrol from Mike Company found a M-26 booby trap. The patrol set the booby trap off with a grappling hook.

23Sep67. At 232130H Mike Company reported enemy movement by their wire. At 232145H Mike's LP reported unknown ~~size~~ enemy unit to his front. The LP's withdrew to IP and 81mm mortars fired defensive fires. While the LP was withdrawing enemy threw object but it did not detonate.

24Sep67. At 241832H a recon team received 6-8 rounds incoming mortars from XD 975488. They withdrew to our perimeter at 241922H. At 241922H Conviction CP received approximately 9 rounds of 102mm rockets. Rounds came from XD 9662 grid square. There was a possibility of a gas attack but discovered E-8 launcher was hit by fragments and exploded.

25Sep67. Between 250210H and 250238H Conviction CP received about 12 rounds of 102mm rockets. At 250330H north gate observed movement outside their position.. 81mm mortar defensive fires were called and results unknown. At 251400H a patrol checking defensive wire found wire out and a claymore mine turned around. A can of Chinese pork was also found. At 251756H OP RAE sighted 8 NVA at XD 965585. 81mm mission called and claimed 4 enemy KIA confirmed. At 252315H Mike Company heard an explosion followed by moaning. 81mm mission fired with unknown results.

26Sep67. At 261515H a patrol from Mike Company found 2-3 fresh NVA boot tracks leading in a northerly direction. Tracks disappeared in high brush. H&I's were plotted for the area.

27Sep67. No significant events.

28Sep67. At 281300H the resupply convoy departed for Ca Lu. At 281311H a truck hit a mine at XD 998476. The vehicle was unloaded and the convoy continued to Ca Lu. The convoy returned to our CP at 281630H. At 281600H a wrecker arrived and at 281630H departed with two Twin 40's, a Marine squad and 2 jeeps to pick up the damaged truck. This was completed at 281715H. At 282300H Lima Company at our CP heard definite metallic sounds and movement outside our perimeter. A 60mm mission was fired with good coverage.

29Sep67. No significant events.

30Sep67. At 300140H Lima Company reported hearing noises in their defensive area. Action was taken with small arms and grenades with negative results. At 301000H at XD 970597 a patrol from Kilo Company spotted 7-9 NVA moving in a northerly direction. An 81mm mission was fired with good coverage of target. At 301410H a patrol from India Company found a round of unknown caliber at XD 921525. The position was marked for future disposal.

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Operation Order 8-67

Ref: (a) Map: Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS Series L 7014 Sheets I,II.

Time zone: H

Task Organization:

1. No change except A/1/9 will be under the operation control of 3d Bn, 3d Mar.

Situation.

a. Enemy Forces: See current INTSUMS.

b. Friendly Forces: No change.

- (1) Recon Units. Location TBA prior to D-Day.

- (a) 1-1
- (b) 3-2
- (c) 6-1
- (d) 2D2

- (2) 1st Bn, 12th Marines.

c. Attachments.

- (1) "I" Company

- (a) One FO Team, "C" Btry 1-12
- (b) One FO Team, 81 mm mortars

- (2) "L" Company

- (a) One FO Team, "C" Btry 1-12
- (b) One FO Team, 81 mm mortars

(3) "M" Company

- (a) One FO Team, "C" Btry 1-12
- (b) One FO Team, 81 mm mortars

(4) "A" Company 1/9

- (a) One FO Team, "D" Btry 2-12

(5) Command Group

- (a) One section tanks "B" Company, 3d Tanks
- (b) One section dusters, "C" Btry, 1st -44th
- (c) One section, 81mm mortars
- (d) Two E-8 launcher teams
- (e) One 1-4 team
- (f) One 2-4 team

2. Mission: The 3rd Bn, 3rd Mar. (-) will sweep Route 9 between 3d Bn, 3d Mar. CP and to clear the road for vehicular traffic.

3. Execution:

a. Concept of Operation. 3rd Bn. 3rd Mar. will move out with two companies abreast and sweep south toward Ca Lu. A third company will secure the high ground vicinity of check point 6 and maintain control of the road between check point 5-7. A fourth company will secure objective 5 to maintain surveillance of the road and establish a blocking force. Artillery fires will be called on suspected enemy positions and armored vehicles will recon areas by fire prior to moving through dense underbrush. All units will return to their positions on order.

b. "A" Co. 1/9 will relieve OP WYN, OP SUE, and South Bridge at 1300H on D-1. On D - Day "A" Co. (-) will move out at H-Hour and secure the high ground in the vicinity of XD 973506 and XD 985512 located vicinity check point 6. "A" Co. will maintain control of the road from check point 5 to 7. "A" Co. will return to 3/3 CP on order.

c. "I" Co. will move out on order on the East side of Route 9 and sweep South seizing objectives 2 and 4 on order. "I" Co. will return to 3/3 CP on order.

d. "L" Co. will move out on order on the West side of Route 9 and include Route 9 in its zone of action, seizing objective 1 and 3 on order. "L" Co. will return to 3/3 CP on order.

e. "M" Co. will move out on order and secure objective 5 maintaining surveillance of the road and establishing a blocking force. "M" Co. will return to Ca Lu on order.

f. "K" Co. will provide one rein plt. on D-Day to assist in the defense of this CP.

g. H&S Co. will coordinate the defense of the CP and maintain the defensive perimeter.

h. A light section of tanks and dusters will move along the road for support and recon by fire.

i. A section of 81's will move with the Command Group and will be prepared to mark their positions with smoke.

j. An AO will be requested along with fixed wing. All units be prepared to mark their positions with smoke.

k. Artillery support will fire H&I'S preparation fires and planned on call fires.

1. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) D-Day - 12 Sept. 1967
- (2) H-Hour - 0600H
- (3) Reference Point is States 0050.
- (4) All unit leaders must be alert for any heat casualties.
- (5) Caution must be exercised as booby traps and mines are likely to be encountered.

4. Administration and Logistics.

a. A basic allowance of ammunition will be carried by all individuals in addition to 1 meal, three full canteens and an entrenching tool.

b. Flack jackets and helmets will be worn and gas masks carried.

c. S-4 be prepared to resupply the Bn with ammunition, water, and food. S-4 provide Med Evac. transportation as required.

5. Command and Communications.

a. The Command Group will move along Route 9.

b. Sit. Rpts. will be made every hour on the $\frac{1}{2}$ hour.

c. Position reports will be made every hour on the hour and when requested.

D. Communications. No change



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NCO School

<u>TIME</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>AREA</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
1st Day			
0800-0830	Intro to NCO School	Chapel	SSgt Blocker
0830-0930	First Aid	"	1-6 Rep.
0930-1030	Patrols	"	GySgt Madden
1030-1130	Types of Patrols	"	Sgt Molnar
1130-1330	Preparing for Patrols	"	Sgt Molnar
1400-1500	Patrol Tips	"	Sgt Molnar
1500-1600	Amphibious	"	Lt Masciangalo
1800-1900	Conduct of Patrols	"	GySgt Madden
2nd Day			
0900-1000	First Aid	"	1-6 Rep.
1000-1500	Map Reading	"	SSgt Blocker
1500-1630	Comm.	"	Comm. Rep.
1800-1900	Tank Comm.	"	Tank Rep.
3rd Day			
0830-0900	First Aid	"	1-6 Rep.
0900-1030	Comm. Application	"	Comm. Rep.
1030-1145	Initial Fire Request	"	Arty Rep.
1230-1430	Art Support	"	1-4 Rep.
1430-1530	Field Protective Mask	"	Flames Rep.
1530-1600	Critique for Patrol Order	"	Sgt Molnar
4th Day			
0800-1300	81 FO Class	"	81 Rep.
1300-1700	Demolitions	"	GySgt Bailey
5th Day			
0830-1500	Arty FO	"	Arty Rep.
1500-1600	Intelligence Reporting	"	S-2 Rep.
1800-1900	POW & Captured Equipment Handling	"	S-2 Rep.
6th Day			
0800-1400	Patrol		
1400-1600	Critique	Chapel	Lt Masciangalo

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