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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. Declassified upon removal of enclosure.


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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 November 1967 to 30 November 1967

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Part I
Organizational Data

1. Designation

3d Battalion, 3d Marines

Commander

LtCol R. C. NEEDHAM 1-30Nov

Subordinate Units

H&S Co.	Capt F. R. MATTHEWS	1-30Nov
"I" Co.	Capt R. R. BEERS	1-30Nov
"K" Co.	Capt T. W. ARNOLD	1-30Nov
"L" Co.	Capt J. W. RIPLEY	1-11Nov
	1stLt E. N. LAWRENCE	11-18Nov
	Capt R. ZENSEN	19-30Nov
"M" Co.	Capt R. F. FINDLAY JR	1-18Nov
	1stLt J. A. CIALONE	18-30Nov

Attached Units

1st Plt, "C" Co, 3d Anti Tank Bn	2dLt J. G. GULLEY	1-22Nov
2d Plt, "A" Co, 3d Tank Bn	2dLt G. G. MOCK	1-22Nov
1st Section, 2d Plt, 1st Searchlight Btry	Sgt K. CREWS	1-22Nov

2. Location.

1-22 November, Quang Tri Province, YD 128672 (north of Cam Le) RVN
 23-30 November, Quang Tri Province, YD 146615 (Cam Le) RVN

3. Staff Officers.

Executive Officer	Major C. V. LYNN JR.	1-30Nov
S-1	1stLt D. C. MARCHETTE	1-30Nov
S-2	2dLt H. D. CREWS	1-30Nov
S-3	Capt R. ZENSEN	1-18Nov
	Major R. F. FINDLAY JR.	18-30Nov
S-4	1stLt D. F. RYAN	1-30Nov

4. Average Monthly Strength:

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
39	1036

<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
2	50

PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

From 1 through 4 November, the battalion continued in its mission to defend the C-2 Bridge position located in the 9th Marines AO. Routine activities consisted of heavy patrolling, ambushes, company size sweep and clear operations and installation of defensive wire and positions. On 5 November the battalion went to OPCON 3d Marines for participation in Phase I of Operation Lancaster. Battalion operations in this connection were confined primarily to platoon and company sized combat patrols conducted from a Battalion Patrol Base established on the second day of the operation. Although enemy ammunition and equipment were uncovered by patrols, contact with the enemy was not made. On 10 November the battalion was returned to OPCON of the 9th Marines for participation in Operation Kentucky, Phase II. On 11 November contact with an estimated NVA company was made by the battalion. The enemy was ultimately driven from their bunkers at the point of contact with the assistance of artillery and air support. Directional mines were encountered throughout the attack. Following seizure, the bunker complex was consolidated and a defensive perimeter was established, at which time NVA forces commenced harassing mortar, recoilless rifle, and small arms fire. Incoming mortars and Chicoms continued throughout the night. The following morning (12 Nov 67) the battalion returned to the C-2 Bridge position. On 14 November the battalion, minus one company, swept the areas east of MSR 561 along with 1/1 in connection with Phase III, Operation Kentucky. Negative enemy contact was made. On 17 November the battalion, less Kilo Company, which was assigned OPCON to 3/4, was back in position at the C-2 Bridge. The battalion (-) was next assigned to occupy the Cam Lo Artillery Base (C-3) and Cam Lo Bridge position (C-3A) on 22 November. On 24 November Kilo Company, with a platoon from Lima Company attached, was reassigned to OPCON of the 12th Marines. India Company was assigned to OPCON of the 11th Engineer Battalion on 27 November, leaving the battalion with Mike Company and two platoons from Lima Company on position. Daily routine at C-3 and C-3 Bridge position consisted of security patrols and ambushes to ensure security of the position and MSR 561. The battalion was also assigned the responsibility to control traffic on the MSR between C-3 and A-4. Occupation of the position also presented the occasion for close contact with civilian personnel in a heavily populated area. This resulted in the establishment of civic action and populace control programs. Liaison was established between this command and the Cam Lo District Headquarters upon arrival at the C-3 position.

The loss of two rifle companies and one platoon resulted in difficulty meeting the multi-commitments inherent to the occupation of the C-3 and C-3 Bridge position.

Although the battalion casualties incurred as a result of enemy mortar and artillery were light during this period, an unprecedented number of casualties were taken as a direct result of friendly artillery and mortar fires.

Initial difficulties at the C-3 position have been experienced in the implementation of the Dye-Marker Plan. A lack of vehicular and heavy equipment resources have hindered anticipated progress. Indications are that these resources will soon be made available, which should accelerate construction during the following month.

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Combat Missions Assigned:

a. Basic Mission. To conduct missions in assigned area of operations in accordance with 3d MarDiv Operation Order 59-67 (Kentucky).

b. On 5 November 67, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines chopped from OPCON 9th Marines to OPCON 3d Marines for duration of Operation Lancaster 1-67 (Phase I). The battalion's mission was to assault and seize Objective "C", vicinity YD 114660, establish a patrol base and conduct aggressive combat/reconnaissance patrols and ambushes, and prepare to establish a blocking force on Regimental Objective "C". Reference: 3d Marines Operation Frag Order (Lancaster) 1-67. Battalion Frag Order 56-67.

c. On 10 November, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines chopped from OPCON 3d Marines to OPCON 9th Marines, and on 11 November commenced Phase II, Operation Kentucky. The battalion's mission was to attack northwest from an attack position south of Con Thien and seize Regimental Objective "C", vicinity YD 102693, and to be prepared to defend Objective "C" for 8-36 hours. Reference: 9th Marines Frag Order #1 (Kentucky). Battalion Frag Order 57-67.

d. On 14 November the battalion (-) commenced Phase III of Operation Kentucky. The battalion's mission was to follow in trace of 1/1 and occupy Objective 1. On order secure objectives 3, 5, 7, and 9 and be prepared to conduct a tactical move to the C-2 Bridge and resume defensive positions. Reference: Frag Order #4, Operation Kentucky. Battalion Frag Order 58-67.

e. On 22 November, the battalion (-)(rein) displaced to C-3 and C-3 Bridge positions and assumed defensive position and related security missions. Reference: Battalion Frag Order 59-67.

2. Significant Operations Conducted.

a. On 1 November 67, India Company was conducting a Search & Destroy mission west of the C-2 Bridge. During a security halt the company sent a patrol forward to recon a danger area. The squad sighted 15 NVA to their front, coordinates YD 113666, and set up an ambush.

India Company engaged an estimated enemy platoon. Artillery and 81mm missions were called. Lima Company moved out to assist India Company and made contact with the enemy, after moving thru India

Company. Fighting continued throughout the day until contact was broken. All units then returned to the C-2 Bridge position before evening.

b. On 5 November 67 the battalion (rein) left the C-2 Bridge position and proceeded southwest towards Regimental Objective "C" in the vicinity of YD 114650. On reaching Objective "C" the battalion consolidated the objective and established a patrol base/blocking force. Reconnaissance patrols and ambushes were conducted. Numerous bunker complexes, trenches and small amounts of enemy equipment were uncovered. There was negative enemy contact during this period.

c. On November 10 the battalion (rein) moved north to an attack position located at YD 113693. At 0400H, on 11 November, the battalion moved to the line of departure under cover of darkness. The attack commenced with two companies, India and Mike, in the attack and Kilo and Lima in reserve. Directional mines were encountered early during the attack and casualties were incurred by both companies. Mike Company came under heavy fire from the enemy in bunkers located at YD 101693, the general area of Regimental Objective "C". Momentum was retained and the bunker complex was neutralized. When contact had subsided, Mike Company was pulled back to defensible terrain and Regimental Objective "C" was consolidated. Enemy small arms, recoilless rifle and mortar fire were received throughout the remainder of daylight hours. Probes continued through the night accompanied by heavy incoming mortars and chlorine grenades. Enemy contact ceased prior to daylight and on order, at first light on 12 November the battalion returned to the C-2 Bridge position.

d. On 14 November the battalion (-)(rein) moved from C-2 Bridge north to a position below Con Thien and following in trace of 1/1, seized Objective 1. On order the battalion, with 1/1 to the east, seized Regimental Objectives 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10, with negative enemy contact. On seizure of Objective 10, the battalion, on order, returned to the C-2 Bridge position.

e. On 22 November the battalion displaced from C-2 Bridge position to C-3 and C-3A positions. Lima Company was the lead company with the remainder of the battalion following in trace. The movement to the new position had negative enemy contact. On reaching C-3 and C-3A the battalion established a defensive position and related missions.

3. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy.

The battalion, during the month of November, inflicted the

following casualties on the enemy: (21) NVA KIA (conf) and (37) NVA KIA (prob). The increase in enemy casualties are a result of the battalion moving into a new area of operations during October 67.

4. Casualties Sustained.

a. Name of Surgeon: Lt Walter F. DRYSDALE, USNR

b. Significant Events:

(1) On 1 Nov 67 India Company and Lima Company incurred 6 KIA's and 15 WIA's resulting from an engagement with the enemy.

(2) On 7 Nov 67 Kilo Company incurred 1 KIA and 3 WIA when attempting to retrieve U. S. mortar rounds which had been left in the area by another unit.

(3) On 11 Nov 67 Mike and India Companies ran into numerous booby-traps resulting in 14 WIA. Mike Company later that day sustained 11 WIA's as a result of an engagement with the enemy; 4 WIA's as a result of enemy mortars; and 4 WIA's as a result of friendly artillery. Lima Company also incurred 4 WIA's as a result of enemy mortar fire.

(4) On 16 Nov 67 the battalion sustained 1 KIA and 15 WIA's from 81mm mortar firing night defensive fires.

c. Number of Battle Casualties:

	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>DOW</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>NBC</u>
USMC 3/3 -	10	126	2	0	0
USN 3/3 -	1	4	0	0	0

d. Out Patient Visits: 1086

(1) Common Complaints

(a) Fever Undetermined Origin	4
(b) Laceration	6
(c) Traumatic Injuries	4
(d) Burns	5
(e) Diarrhea	11
(f) Upper Respiratory Infection	0

(g) Probable Malaria	3
(h) Positive Malaria	5
(i) Cellulitis	8
(j) Animal Bites	1
(k) Venereal Disease	9
(l) Dysentary	1

e. There were a total of 70 inoculations given during the month.

f. Medical Trends - None

g. Problem Areas - None

5. New Techniques Employed - None

6. Command Relations.

a. OPCON - 9th Marines, ADCON - 3d MarDiv

b. 050400H November, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines chopped from OPCON 9th Marines to OPCON 3d Marines

c. 100600H November, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines chopped from OPCON 3d Marines to OPCON 9th Marines.

d. 171100H November, Kilo Company chopped from OPCON 3d Battalion, 3d Marines to OPCON 3d Battalion, 4th Marines.

e. 241400H November, Kilo Company chopped from OPCON 3d Battalion, 4th Marines to OPCON 12th Marines

f. 271500H November, India Company chopped from OPCON 3d Battalion, 3d Marines to OPCON 11th Engineer Battalion.

7. Equipment - None

8. Logistics.

a. Supply

(1) Class I - The battalion presently maintains 7 days of operations on its position at Cam Lo. A daily resupply also provides mail, canned juices, canned fruit, fresh fruit, SP packs and fresh milk when available.

(2) Class II - There still remains a shortage in jungle utilities in small and x-small sizes and jungle boots, sizes 7W and 8W, which have been on order for over 90 days.

(3) Class III - No problem encountered in keeping an adequate supply of POL on hand.

(4) Class IV - Due to the commitments of Dye-Marker, it was extremely difficult to obtain lumber for bunker overhead at the C-2 Bridge through supply channels. However, since our present position (Cam Lo Artillery Base) is included in Operation Dye-Marker, this problem has been eliminated.

(5) Class V - The battalion supply of Class V is adequate and a daily resupply maintains it at a minimum level of BA plus 5 days.

b. Motor Transport.

(1) The present status is considered adequate on M274A2's (Mules) for current operations but our present status on the M422A1 (Might Mites) is below normal operational level.

(a) Breakdown of M274A2 (Mules)

1. T/E QTY 30 - Operational 30

(b) Breakdown of M422A1 (Mites)

1. T/E QTY - 20
2. On hand - 18
3. 2d echelon maintenance - 2
4. 3d echelon maintenance - 0
5. Code-X - 2

(2) Ninth Motor Transport Battalion trucks are utilized for surface runs. An average of 20 tons is handled daily over a distance of 15 miles. Organic transportation is utilized for courier runs, base transportation and trash runs.

c. Engineer Assistance.

(1) 11th Engineers commenced clearing an area for the emplacement of a minefield and wire obstacle according to Operation Dye-Marker specifications to the C-3 position. Engineer support required to assist in construction of Dye-Marker bunkers has been informally requested through appropriate channels. However, a confirmation of requested support to be committed to this project has

not yet been received.

d. Maintenance Problems

(1) A shortage exists on parts for the M422A1 (Mighty Mites). Parts such as carburetors, spark plugs, tires and other items have been on order for over 90 days.

e. Ordinance

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

<u>Item</u>	<u>TE</u>	<u>Total O/H</u>	<u>Operational</u>	<u>FLSU-1 (3d Ech)</u>
M-14 Rifles	0	55	54	1
45 Pistols	325	274	274	0
Shot Guns	13	9	9	0
M-60	35	35	33	2
106RR	0	8	7	1
M-79	36	33	32	1
81mm	8	8	6	2
60mm	12	12	11	1
Flame Throwers	8	7	7	0
3.5 Rockets	32	8	8	0
M-16	917	877	873	4
106RR mounts	8	7	6	1

9. Civic Action. There was only one civic action project in the month of November by 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. A MedCap was held in two villages on 26 Nov 67 at YD 179592 with marginal response. Relocation of the battalion brings with it an obvious requirement for increased emphasis on civic action. Plans for subject operations and activities are planned and will be conducted during the following month.

10. Administration

(a) There were no awards ceremonies held during the month of November.

(b) Two Special Courts-Martial are pending. One Battalion Commander's Office Hours was completed and none are pending. There were nine Company Commander's Office Hours completed and six are pending.

(c) Special Services provided athletic sweat shirts and stationary during the month of November. Free beer and soda was provided on 12 November to the battalion.

(d) Post Exchange services were available to all companies of the battalion once during the month of November.

(e) Liberty was not authorized during this period.

(f) During the month 0 officers and 15 enlisted Marines rotated to CONUS. 0 officers and 36 enlisted were transferred within the regiment or division. 63 enlisted Marines were transferred as a result of medical evacuation.

11. Personnel

(a) Gains: 7 USMC Off; 129 USMC Enl; 0 USN Off; and 23 USN Enl

(b) Losses: 7 USMC Off; 110 USMC Enl; 0 USN Off; and 14 USN Enl

(c) Monthly Strength (average):

<u>MC OFF</u>	<u>MC ENL</u>	<u>USN OFF</u>	<u>USN ENL</u>
<u>39</u>	<u>1036</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>50</u>

(d) Net Loss/Gain:

<u>MC OFF</u>	<u>MC ENL</u>	<u>USN OFF</u>	<u>USN ENL</u>
<u>0/0</u>	<u>0/19</u>	<u>0/0</u>	<u>0/9</u>

(e) Emergency leave for the month of November: 0 USMC Officers, 2 USMC Enlisted. There were no Humanitarian Transfers during the month of November. Twice/thrice wounded or reassigned outside of RVN due to father/brother in country: 7 USMC Enlisted.

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

(g) One Administrative Discharge is pending.

(h) The R&R program continues to be a major morale factor within this command. There were 22 In-Country and 85 Out-of-Country R&R quotes used during this reporting period.

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

(j) Postal service during the month of November 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.

(k, it is noted that a critical shortage of S/MOS's exists in this battalion. As an example, the battalion has only 8 B-6 MOS 0369's as compared against the manning level authorization of 20.

12. Intelligence.

During the first part of the month of November, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines occupied positions at the C-2 Bridge. On 1 November, the 3/3 Command Post, at YD 127671, received approximately 12 rounds of 60mm mortar fire. Later in the day, India Company engaged an estimated NVA platoon. Results were 11 enemy KIA (conf), 12 NVA KIA (prob) and an assortment of enemy gear captured. During the month of November the battalion conducted platoon and company size patrols uncovering numerous fighting holes, trenches and bunkers. The battalion participated in multi-battalion operations in the 9th Marines area of operation.

Another significant enemy contact occurred on 11 November when the battalion encountered automatic weapons, small arms, sniper, 60mm mortar fire and numerous booby-traps at YD 100706. The enemy unit was estimated to be an NVA company. (After the battalion obj. active was taken, recoilless rifle and mortar rounds were recovered indicating that the mortars and recoilless rifles were withdrawn during the engagement). Enemy losses numbered 10 NVA KIA (conf).

Although the engaging unit was unidentified, the general operating area of the 7th Bn, 90th NVA Reg't is to the west and the 9th Bn, 90th NVA Reg't to the north of the C-2 Bridge. The 27th Independent Bn. has been operating to the east of MSR 561 in the 9th Marines AO.

On 22 November, the battalion moved to C-3 and C-3A to assume defensive positions. Listening posts, ambushes, scout-sniper teams and platoon and company size patrols resulted in negative enemy contact although reports indicated at least one NVA company in the 3/3 operational area. Intelligence reports and mining incidents revealed the presence of NVA/VC units of unknown size operating in the Cam Lo vicinity. Other intelligence sources indicate the villages of Thon Lam Vu, Thon Bao Binh and Thon Quat Xa to have active NVA/VC units.

ENEMY ORDNANCE/EQUIPMENT CAPTURED

3 gas masks
10 M-16 picks
20 lbs. rice
4 ponchos
8 E-tools
1 MG belt

1 diary
6 hammocks
5 AT mines
9 RPG's
9 Chicom grenades
1 M-26 booby-trap

8 82mm mortar rounds
4 letters
7 directional mines
1 book
10 sets of utilities
5 sets rain gear

12 mortar fuses
1300 rds 7.62
1 SKS 56 carbine
4 canteens
67 60mm mortar rounds

U. S. AMMUNITION/EQUIPMENT RECOVERED

4 cases claymore mines
4 cases M-60 MG ammo
1 case pop-ups
10 cases 5.56 ammo

20 cases 81mm mortar rounds
20 cases M-26 grenades
70 60mm mortar rounds

13. Communications

a. General. During the month of November the Communications Platoon operated both wire and radio communications in the field and rear areas. On Operation Kentucky wire was run to the rifle companies as well as maintaining the normal battalion, regimental and admin nets. On 22 November the battalion displaced to the Cam Lo Artillery Base where a communications system was already established. Switchboards were given to Lima and Kilo Companies who maintain positions outside the battalion perimeter.

b. Training. Most training that took place was on the job because of the nature of the battalion's operations during this period. A constant effort is being made to cross-train wire and radio personnel. New radio personnel are training with the rifle companies.

c. Communications Equipment Status. There was a large import of H-189 handsets for the MRC-25 this month. The following is a list of major combat essential gear that is not operationally ready:

- (1) 1 - MRC-109
- (2) 2 - MRC-83
- (3) 9 - PRC-25
- (4) 5 - TA-1
- (5) 5 - TA-312
- (6) 3 - GRA-39

d. Problem Areas. Whip and tape antennas remain in short supply. Nine AN/PRC-25's previously mentioned in last month's report have not yet been replaced. This imposes an unrealistic handicap in controlling maneuver elements during operations.

14. Weather. The weather for November was generally warm and fair, with sporadic rains increasing in frequency toward the end of the month. The average high temperature was 80 degrees with an average low of 70 degrees. The normal humidity was 80% with 11.63 inches of rain recorded. The wind was generally from the north/northwest at an average speed of 8 knots. Visibility averaged 6 miles.

15. Fire Support.

a. During the month of November the battalion participated in two operations, Lancaster and Kentucky, and moved to a new position at Cam Lo Artillery Base. No new "Night Defensive Fires" were planned for the new position because the fire plan submitted by the unit relieved was excellent.

b. Problem Areas. During daylight hours, firing clearance for certain areas of the present area of operation is required from the Cam Lo District Headquarters. At times, particularly the early morning hours, some difficulty has been experienced in contacting District Headquarters by radio, which could under pressing circumstances, at best substantially reduce reaction time.

c. Units Providing Direct and General Support.

- (1) Btry "D", 2d Bn, 12th Marines
- (2) Btry "F", 2d Bn, 12th Marines
- (3) Btry "W", 2d Bn, 12th Marines
- (4) Btry "E", 2d Bn, 12th Marines
- (5) Btry "A", 1st Bn, 12th Marines
- (6) Btry "W", 3d Bn, 12th Marines
- (7) Btry "K", 4th Bn, 12th Marines
- (8) Btry "M", 4th Bn, 12th Marines
- (9) 1st 8" Howitzer Btry, 3d MarDiv
- (10) 1st Section, 5th Plt, "A" Co, 3d Anti-Tank Bn.
- (11) 2d Plt, "M" Co, 3d Tank Bn.
- (12) 1st Plt, 1st Searchlight Btry, 12th Marines
- (13) 1st Section, 2d Plt, 1st Bn, (AWSP), 44th Arty

d. Missions Fired.

(1) Artillery

(a) Targets of Opportunity	452
(b) Precision Destruction	3
(c) Precision Registration	1
(d) Fire for Effect	60
(e) Recon by Fire	2
(f) Prep Fire	120

(g) Counter-mortar	38
(h) Practice Missions	15
(i) Night Defensive Fires	4
(j) Time on Target	16
(k) Marking Round	14
(l) Harrassing & Interdiction	4,670

(2) Mortars

(a) Targets of Opportunity	29
(b) Night Defensive Fires	32
(c) Prep Fires	83
(d) Counter Mortar	5
(e) Fire for Effect	0
(f) Reason by Fire	0
(g) Harrassing & Interdiction	100
(h) Practice Missions	83

(3) Tanks

(a) Prep Fires	12
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e. Ammunition Expended(1) Artillery

(a) 105 HE	27,784
(b) 105 WP	984
(c) 105 Illum	21
(d) 155 HE	6,058
(e) 155 WP	90
(f) 4.2 HE	270
(g) 4.2 WP	10
(h) 8" HE	61

(2) Mortars

(a) 81mm Old HE (Med)	1987
(b) 81mm New HE (Med)	7734
(c) 81mm HE (Light)	0
(d) 81mm New WP	11
(e) 81mm Old WP	244
(f) 81mm Illum	38

(3) Tanks

(a) 90mm HE	57
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16. Air Support

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

b. On the 11th of November at 1000H, Percentage Charlie, an AO requested by the battalion, ran four airstrikes on enemy positions at coordinates YD 100706. The Marine aircraft expended 20,750 lbs. of ordnance and greatly reduced the enemy fire being placed on the battalion from this position.

c. An aerial overflight was used to familiarize the Battalion Operations Officer with the terrain during Operation Lancaster.

d. During Operation Lancaster and Kentucky the battalion was constantly supported by aerial observation aircraft from the Dong Ha and Phu Bai bases.

e. On 11 November a MedEvac helicopter crashed in the battalion landing zone at YD 101701 while evading enemy fire. The crew escaped injury and was later evacuated by other helicopters. A H-53 helicopter was sent to extract the downed aircraft. The H-53 was receiving enemy auto-matic weapons fire at the time of the extraction and was forced to release the H-34, which subsequently caught fire and burned.

f. Types and Numbers of Air Missions:

1. <u>Type</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Completed</u>
1. MedEvac	8	8 for 62 troops
2. Aerial Observation	35	30
3. Recon Overflights	1	1
4. Logistics (6,000 lbs)	3	6
5. TPQ-10 Strikes Expended 310,000 lbs ordnance	361	70
6. Air Strikes Expended 20,750 lbs ordnance	4	4

17. Activities/Deactivations/Redesignations - None

18. Training Reports. Due to operational commitments and moving to new positions it was not practicable to conduct a training program.

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JOURNAL SUMMARY

01Nov67 - The C-2 Bridge position received approximately 12 rounds of enemy 60mm mortar fire from coordinates YD 134664. Fired 81mm mortar and artillery mission, results unknown. India Company uncovered U. S. ordnance at coordinates YD 114654. Ordnance appeared to be company resupply site. Uncovered was (20) cases 81mm mortar ammunition, (4) cases M-69 ammunition, (20) cases M-26 grenades, (1) case of pop-ups, (4) cases claymores, (10) cases S/A ammunition, and (70) 60mm mortar rounds. All ordnance was blown in place except (3) cases claymores. At 1200H India Company sighted (15) NVA to their front at coordinates YD 113666. India Company set up ambush.

India Company at 1230H engaged with estimated enemy platoon. Artillery and 81mm mortar missions requested and air support was called in. Lima Company prepared to move out to assist India Company. India Company found at coordinates YD 113667, (1) gas mask, (1) diary (NVA), 2 NVA packs, (2) Hammocks and some rice. All gear was forwarded to Battalion S-2. Lima Company made contact with the enemy after moving thru India Company and reported the enemy appeared to be well dug in. India Company broke contact with the enemy at 1450H. Lima Company continued to call artillery, 81mm mortar missions and gunship missions in the area. At 1600H all elements of India Company and Lima Company returned to C-2 Bridge. Contact resulted in (6) USMC KIA, (14) USMC WIA (MedEvac), (1) USMC MIA and (18) USMC (minor). Enemy casualties (11) NVA KIA (comm), 12 NVA (prob).

02Nov67 - India Company at 1130H recovered (1) MIA at coordinates YD 116666. Sent body to Dong Ha and listed as (1) KIA. India Company uncovered at coordinates YD 117667 an assortment of enemy equipment. Enemy equipment forwarded to Regiment.

At 1350H, C-2 Bridge position received incoming 82mm mortar rounds. Approximately (53) rounds were counted, from coordinates YD 117665 and YD 139672. Artillery and 81mm mortar missions fired. results unknown.

03Nov67 - Mike Company, at 0835H, found booby-trap at coordinates YD 136674. Booby-trap was M-26 grenade with trip wire thru ring. Grenade destroyed in place.

04Nov67 - At 1235H, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at C-2, detected movement with a FPS-5 at a range of 1390 meters and 6200 mils. Fired 81mm mortar mission, results unknown. At 2030H, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines sighted 2 secondary explosions from radar controlled missions

at C-2. C-2 continued firing missions, resulting in 3 more secondary explosions.

05Nov67 - At 0600H, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines chopped OPCON from 92d Marines to OPCON 3d Marines for duration of Operation Lancaster, (Phase I). At 0545H Mike Company moved to establish a blocking position at YD 108670 to cover the exposed flank of the battalion. At 0615H, Kilo Company departed position and moved southwest to Regimental Objective "C", India Company followed in trace. Command Group Alpha and Lima Company moved from position at 0950H and proceeded to Regimental Objective "C". At 1130H, the battalion established a patrol base at YD 114671. At 2145H, India Company's ambush sighted small secondary explosion as a result of an artillery mission.

06Nov67 - Mike Company uncovered two 82mm mortar pits approximately 1 week old and two 82mm mortar rounds at coordinates YD 116672, both rounds were buried. At 1100H the battalion commenced movement to Regimental Objective "C". All elements arrived at Regimental Objective "C" at 1340H and established a defensive perimeter. At 1610H Mike Company sighted two NVA in the open at coordinates YD 100662. Fire missions were called, results unknown. Lima Company, at 1630H, found an enemy mortar pit approximately 7 days old at coordinates YD 113667. At 1655, Mike Company found (4), well camouflaged, fighting holes at coordinates YD 107658. Holes were determined to be approximately 1 to 5 hours old. Lima Company, at 1755H, found (1) Chicom grenade and were unable to determine type. Grenade forwarded thru proper channels. At coordinates YD 115657, Lima Company heard what seemed to be music from a radio. Music came from a southwest direction. Fire mission called and the music stopped.

07Nov67 - At coordinates YD 116649, Kilo Company found a downed helicopter and recovered two bodies, (1) set dog tags, M-60 machine-gun and miscellaneous other equipment. Recovered bodies and equipment returned to Dong Ha.

Mike Company, at 1240H, found a bunker complex of approximately ten bunkers, eight of which had overhead cover. All bunkers were destroyed. Two trails leading out from the bunkers were discovered. One heading northwest from YD 104664 to YD 102667 and one heading southwest from YD 012667 to YD 103665. Each trail had numerous fighting holes on each side. Mike Company, at 1300H, sighted (1) NVA in the open at coordinates YD 100663. Artillery mission called, results (1) NVA KIA (prob).

Kilo Company, at 1345H, while picking up 81mm mortar ammunition, at coordinates YD 111679, had one mortar round explode inflicting friendly casualties (1) KIA and (3) WIA's. Investigation followed

thru proper channels. All injured personnel MedEvaced.

Mike Company, at 1140H, found one letter with Vietnamese writing on it, also found were NVA footprints approximately two days old. Letter forwarded thru proper channels.

08Nov67 - Lima Company, at coordinates YD 117658, uncovered a base camp consisting of (25) fighting holes approximately two weeks old. Enemy equipment uncovered in vicinity consisted of (2) boxes 7.62 ammunition, (3) boxes 82mm mortar fuses. Area was searched, no sign of recent use. Destroyed fighting holes and buried equipment. There were no other significant events.

09Nov67 - At 1100H the battalion started moving to Regimental Objective "F", at coordinates YD 115685, YD 108678, YD 119679, IAW Operation Lancaster. At 1130H, Mike Company uncovered numerous fighting holes at YD 109669. Found also were (2) 82mm mortar rounds which were destroyed in place. The battalion completed the move to Objective "F" and established a battalion patrol base.

10Nov67 - At 0600H chopped from OPCON 3d Marines to OPCON 9th Marines and continued mission in accordance with Operation Kentucky, Frag Order #2. A resupply by truck was completed.

11Nov67 - At 0750H, Mike and India Companies, while advancing on Objective "C", ran into numerous booby traps at YD 098701 sustaining (8) USMC WIA (MedEvac) and (6) USMC WIA (minor). Mike Company, at 0835H, recieved one burst of automatic weapons fire and sniper fire from coordinates YD 098713. Artillery mission called with results unknown. At 0900H, Mike Company pinpointed enemy sniper bunker at coordinates YD 102702. Fired LAWS on bunker from northwest direction, results (1) NVA KIA (conf). Mike Company, at 0905H, reported (2) enemy 60mm mortars located at coordinates YD 100706, enemy was dug in. Air strikes and artillery called in after which Mike Company engaged the enemy in a firefight. Mike Company sustained (5) USMC WIA's (Med-Evac) and the enemy casualties were (10) NVA KIA (conf). During the process of MedEvacs, at 1045H, a helicopter was downed when it's tail rotor hit a tree at coordinates YD 101701. Crew members were put aboard MedEvac helicopter and returned to Dong Ha.

At 1320H, at coordinates YD 099703, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines received small arms fire from the north at 0100 degrees. Artillery and 60mm mortar missions called in, results unknown.

India Company found, at 1335H, enemy positions with heavily reinforced overheads and cooking hole vents at coordinates YD 100702. Uncovered were (1) carbine, (50) 60mm mortar rounds, (2) Chicom grenades, (2) RPG rounds, (1) directional mine and an assortment of enemy and U. S. 782 gear. Bunkers destroyed and all 782 gear forwarded to Regi-

At 1630H, at coordinates YD 098701, Mike Company found (4) NVA living bunkers connected by trenches, also uncovered assorted NVA equipment. Bunkers destroyed and equipment forwarded to Regiment.

At 1650H, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines received (7) 82mm mortar rounds from coordinates YD 100725. Artillery and 81mm mortar missions fired with results unknown. The battalion consolidated Regimental Objective "C" at 1700H and established a defensive perimeter for the night. At 1740H received (20) 82mm mortar rounds and small arms fire from coordinates YD 100725. Fire missions called with unknown results.

Mike Company, at 1740H uncovered (80) 82mm mortar rounds at coordinates YD 101703, all rounds destroyed in place. At 1942H, a short round from artillery impacted in the perimeter. The battalion sustained (4) USMC WIA (minor). A check fire was called on artillery. At 2345H, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines received (15) Chicom grenades fired from some type of catapult device approximately 75 meters outside of the perimeter. Fired M-79 with unknown results.

12Nov67 - Mike Company, at 0001H, received (1) 60mm mortar round from 5800 mls, 1500 meters range. Artillery fire called in on area with results unknown. The battalion received (7) more 60mm mortar rounds from grid YD 101715, at 0110H. Artillery and mortar missions fired, results unknown. At 0130H, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines received (12) 82mm mortar rounds from coordinates YD 100721. Artillery and 81mm mortar missions fired, results unknown. The battalion, at 0700H, commenced movement back to C-2 Bridge position. The move to C-2 Bridge was completed at 1100H. At 2030, the Mike Company LP at C-2 Bridge sighted 2 NVA, vicinity coordinates YD 131676. Listening Post pulled back to lines, fired 81mm mortar mission with unknown results.

13Nov67 - No significant events

14Nov67 - At 0600H the battalion (-) commenced Phase III of Operation Kentucky. At 1015H, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines (-) followed in trace of 1st Battalion, 1st Marines and at 1121H, the battalion arrived at Objective #1 with negative enemy contact. The battalion consolidated Objective #1 and established a defensive posture. Kilo Company, at 1630H, uncovered at coordinates YD 147693 (3) 82mm mortar rounds and a small amount of enemy rations and mess utensils. All ordnance and equipment was buried.

15Nov67 - At 1100H lead elements moved to Regimental Objective #3 and completed movement at 1345H, consolidated Objective #3 and conducted patrols and ambushes in accordance with Operation Kentucky.

16Nov67 At 0740H, the battalion (-) commenced move to Regimental Objective #5. Kilo Company, at 1245H, uncovered a Chicom grenade connected to a tree at coordinates YD 157656. There were no trip wires attached to the grenade. At 1430H, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines found one NVA letter dated 11Nov67, at coordinates YD 158643. Letter forwarded thru channels to Regiment. The battalion (-) consolidated Regimental Objective #5 and lead elements moved to Objective #8. Objective #8 was consolidated at 1700H in accordance with Operation Kentucky, Frag Order #4. At 1930H, the battalion (-) received (7) rounds of 81mm mortar fire from C-2 position while firing in night defensive fires. Check fire called and the battalion (-) sustained (1) KIA, (14) WIA (MedEvac) and (10) WIA (minor).

17Nov67 - The battalion (-) commenced moving from Regimental Objective #10 at 0500H in accordance with Frag Order #4. At 1245H, the battalion (-) returned to the C-2 Bridge position and assumed a defensive posture. Kilo Company was assigned OPCON to 3/4. At 1445H, an AO sighted a large number of NVA in the open. Artillery and mortar missions were fired resulting in (1) bunker destroyed and (5) NVA KIA (prob).

18Nov67 - No significant events

19Nov67 - No significant events

20Nov67 - At 2010H, Lima Company received a short round from friendly artillery resulting in (1) WIA (MedEvac) and (5) WIA (minor). A check fire was called on all artillery missions.

21Nov67 - No significant events

22Nov67 - At 0645H, leading elements of the battalion commenced movement to C-3 and C-3 Bridge areas. Movement and change of positions went uneventful. The battalion assumed control of C-3 and C-3A positions at 1100H. Kilo Company remained at the C-2 position to OPCON 3/4 until movement to Gio Linh.

23Nov67 - No significant events

24Nov67 - No significant events

25Nov67 - At 0700H, Mike Company's north road sweep uncovered two mines at coordinates YD 134624. One mine was forwarded to Regiment and the other was destroyed. At 0940H, a truck detonated a third box-type mine at YD 134624. The mine was identified by mine sweep team and there were no casualties sustained. No other significant events.

26Nov67 - No significant events

27Nov67 - At 0840H, India Company's south MSR sweep team, while moving on MSR #9, had a mine detonate on their flank. The sweep team sustained five casualties, one of which was MedEvaced. The mine was located at coordinates YD 150587 and it was determined to be a command detonated mine. At 1200H, India Company chopped OPCON to 11th Engineer Battalion and departed position for Long Ha.

28Nov67 - No significant events

29Nov67 - No significant events

30Nov67 - No significant events

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Time Zone: H

Task Organization

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TAB-A

1. Situation.

- a. Enemy Forces. See current INTSUMS
- b. Friendly Forces. No change
- c. Attachments and Detachments.
 - (1) No change

2. Mission. Battalion (-)(Rein) conduct a Sweep & Destroy Operation in accordance with 3d Marines Frag Order 1-67 (Lancaster). Seize and hold Regimental Objective "C", after seizure of objective establish a patrol base and conduct aggressive combat/reconnaissance patrols and ambushes.

3. Execution.

a. Concept of Operation.

(1) Battalion (-)(Rein) move, on order, southwest toward Regimental Objective "C". On reaching objective conduct a ground assault to seize, occupy and defend objective. Establish a patrol base and conduct aggressive combat/reconnaissance patrols and ambushes. Prepare to establish a blocking position on Objective "C".

(2) One company establish a blocking position at YD 110670 and protect the battalion's exposed flank. On order, conduct a tactical movement to Objective "C" and defend assigned sector.

(3) One company will seize Objective "C" at such time as the blocking force is in position. A second company will follow in trace.

(4) One company and a command group will depart position on order and move southwest to Objective "C" in trace of leading companies.

b. On order Kilo and India Companies will depart position and move southwest to Regimental Objective "C".

c. Lima Company and command group will depart position on order and move southwest to Objective "C" in trace of the leading elements.

d. Mike Company, on order, establish a blocking position and be prepared on order to occupy assigned portion of objective.

e. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) D-Day - 5 Nov 67
- (2) H-Hour - 0600H
- (3) Reference Points - Airlines 0966
- (4) Position reports as needed or every half hour. SitReps every hour on the half hour.

4. Administration and Logistics

- a. Each individual will carry BA, gas mask, intrenching tool, and six meals.
- b. Flak jackets and helmets will be worn.
- c. S-4 be prepared to resupply by air or truck on order.

5. Command and Communications

- a. Command group will move with Lima Company
- b. The battalion TAC net will be guarded at 0500H on D-Day.



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Time Zone: H

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TAB-B

1. Situation.

a. Enemy Forces. See current INTSUMS

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 1/9 will be defending Con Thien

(2) 1/1 and 1/3 will be east of Con Thien ~~seizing objectives north~~
of trace and then limited attacks to the west.

(3) 2/9 will be south of Con Thien in Regimental Reserve.

c. Attachments and Detachments

(1) HST Team

2. Mission. The battalion will attack northwest from attack position south of Con Thien and ~~seize~~ Regimental Objective "C". Prepare to defend Objective "C" for 8-36 hours.

3. Execution.

a. Concept of Operation.

(1) Two companies will move north from attack position. The companies will seize and hold Objective "C". Establish a defensive perimeter and conduct patrols and ambushes.

(2) Two companies and a command group will follow in trace to Objective "C".

(3) All units consolidate and prepare to defend Objective "C" for 8-36 hours.

b. Mike and India Companies, on order, will move from attack positions north and seize Objective "C". On reaching Objective "C" consolidate and defend position with patrols and ambushes.

c. Kilo and Lima Companies and the command group will follow in trace of lead companies and move to Objective "C". Consolidate and defend position with patrols and ambushes.

d. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) D-Day - 11Nov67

(2) H-Hour - 0600H

(3) Take every precaution to deny enemy opportunity to isolate units.

(4) Insure maximum use of supporting arms.

(5) Position reports as needed or every half hour. SitReps every hour on the half hour.

(6) All roads are known to be mined and will be avoided by foot troops.

4. Administration and Logistics

a. Each individual will carry normal arms, gas mask, intrenching tool, BA and six meals.

b. Flak jackets and helmets will be worn

5. Command and Communications

a. The command group will move in trace of India Company.

b. The battalion TAG net will be guarded at 0300H on R-Day.


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1. Situation.

- a. Enemy Forces. See current INTSUMS
- b. Friendly Forces.

(1) On 2 Day, 1st Bn, 1st Marines will be the lead element to the battalion front and on the left flank the remainder of the operation.

TAB-C

(2) 3d Bn, 4th Marines maintain elements at the C-2 Bridge and C-2 area.

c. Attachments and Detachments.

(1) HST Team

2. Mission. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines conduct operations in assigned AO in accordance with 9th Marines Operation Frag Order #4.

3. Execution.

a. Concept of Operation.

(1) The battalion move from present position with three companies to assembly area, vicinity YD 125688.

(2) A battalion perimeter will be established in the assembly area and make preparations to consolidate Objective #1 after it is secured by 1st Battalion, 1st Marines and they move to Objective #2.

(3) The move to the assembly area will be one company at a time.

b. Lima Company will be the lead company and select suitable ground for a battalion (-) perimeter. Provide guides for following companies and command group. Defend 10-2 o'clock with the north being 12 o'clock.

c. Kilo Company move out on order and defend the perimeter from 2-6 o'clock.

d. India Company move out on order and defend the perimeter from 6-10 o'clock.

e. Coordinating Instructions

(1) D-Day - 14Nov67

(2) H-Hour - 0730H

(3) Reference Points - 1st Day, States 1670; 2d Day Bears 1567.

(4) Demolitions will be carried and used for the destruction of bunkers.

(5) On call fires have been planned, use whenever possible. 81mm mortars will support from C-2 Bridge position.

(6) Air panels and smoke will be carried by all units and displayed at all times. Smoke will be used when required.

4. Administration and Logistics

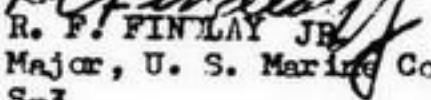
a. Each individual will carry BA, gas mask, intrenching tool, normal arms, six meals and three full canteens.

5. Command and Communications

- a. Command Group Alpha will move with Kilo Company.
- b. Command Group Bravo will move with India Company.
- c. Position reports as needed or every half hour.

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1. Situation.

a. Enemy Forces. Enemy artillery and mortars always imminent,
ground contact remote.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 9th Marines AO remains the same. Operation Kentucky
continues.

TRB-D

(2) Two companies 3/4 located at C-3 and one company located at C-2 area.

(3) 1/1 assumed control of Con Thien

(4) Foxtrot, 2/12 provides direct support for this movement.

(5) 3/4's mortars provide direct support for that portion of our movement south of C-2 position.

c. Attachments and Detachments

(1) Kilo Company 3/3 remains to OTCON 3/4 at C-2 position.

2. Mission. At H-Hour displace, Bn (-)(Rein) to C-3 and C-3 Bridge positions and assume a defensive position and related security missions.

3. Execution.

a. Concept of Operation

(1) Battalion (-)(Rein) will move from C-2 Bridge position to C-3 and C-3 Bridge position and assume a defensive position.

(2) One company and Command Group "A" will follow in trace of lead company and assume defense of C-3 area.

(3) One company will move south to C-3 Bridge position and assume defense of that position.

(4) One company and one 81mm mortar section will remain in position at C-2 Bridge until relieved by 3/4, at which time one company (rein) will move to C-3 and assume defense of the C-3 area. At this time, the 81mm mortar section will join Kilo Company at the C-2 position.

b. Lima Company (Rein) is designated as the lead company for the battalion. Flank security will be established as far as C-2 area and then redeploy south to C-3 Bridge position. Report to battalion when the company assumes control of that position. Constitute reaction platoon on arrival.

c. India Company (Rein) follow in trace of the lead company on order. On reaching C-3 meet guides as prearranged and assume defensive positions.

d. Mike Company (Rein) remain at the C-2 Bridge position until relieved by 3/4, at which time transport by trucks to C-3 position and assume defensive positions.

e. 106's will be mule mounted and move out in column, spread out, on order. Move in trace of Lima Company. One section displace to C-3 Bridge position on order for attachment to Lima Company. Platoon (-) occupy defensive position at C-3 position.

f. 81's (-) move in trace of Command Group Alpha, on foot, less personnel assigned cover initial movement will move to C-2 position for attachment to Kilo Company on order and one squad to the C-3A position for attachment to Lima Company. The remainder of the Platoon will establish positions at C-3 position.

g. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) D-Day - 22Nov67
- (2) H-Hour - 0700H
- (3) Reference Points - Animals 1465, Fish 1562
- (4) All units be prepared, on order to assume security commitments at C-3 and C-3 Bridge, to include road security and sentinal posts.
- (5) Formation for march will be staggered column with each march unit responsible for its own security.
- (6) The following check points have been established:

CP #1 - C-2 position; CP #2 - Hill 52;
CP #3 - C-3 position; CP #4 - C-3 Bridge

4. Administration and Logistics

- a. Turn in all excess gear by 0900H on 21Nov67
- b. Stage fighting hole covers and engineer tools
- c. Inventory all ammo in position insuring all personnel have BA. All extra ammo will be centralized.

5. Command and Communications

- a. Command Group Alpha will move in trace of Lima Company
- b. The battalion TAC net will be guarded at 0600H.

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