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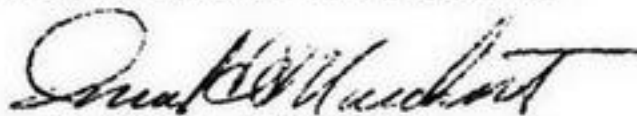
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(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
(c) DivO 5750.1A

Encl: (1) August 1968 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with reference (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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 72nd Battalion, 72nd Marines
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
 1 August 1968 to 31 August 1968

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION. COMMANDER.
 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. LtCol. W. H. BATES 1 - 31 August

Subordinate Units

H&S Company	Capt. W. H. MCADAM	1-31 August
India Company	Capt. M. G. MCTIERNAN	1-31 August
Kilo Company	1stLt. L. C. IVERSON	1-31 August
Lima Company	1stLt. I. G. NELSON	1-4 August
	Capt. W. B. GRAY	4-31 August
Mike Company	Capt. B. J. WILLIAMSON	1-9 August
	1stLt. PAYNE	9-14 August
	Capt. JUNKINS	14-25 August
	Capt. B. J. WILLIAMSON	25-31 August

ATTACHED UNITS

Company "B" (-) 3d Engineer Battalion. 1-3 August

2. Location.

1-2 August	FSB Margo, Vic. XD 903615. Companies "L", "I", and "A" Command Group.
1-4 August	FSB Joan, Vic. XD 938608. Companies "M", "K", and "B" Command Group.
4-11 August	Lancaster II AO. Cam Lo Area, Vic. of YD 092618.
12-15 August	Lancaster II AO. Camp Carroll.
15-18 August	Lancaster II AO. Cam Lo Area. Vic YD 083593.
19-31 August	Lancaster II AO. Vic. XD 953599.

3. Staff Officers.

Executive Officer	Major G. P. SLADE	1-31 August
	Major H. W. KIMBELL	25-31 August
S-1	1stLt. D. C. MARCHETTE	1-31 August
S-2	1stLt. W. H. DOUGLASS	1-31 August
S-3	Major J. A. RINDFLEISH	1-30 August
	Major E. EVANS	29-31 August
S-4	1stLt. G. ESCHENFELDER	1-31 August

4. Average Monthly Strength.

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
33	1009	2	55

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of August the 3d Battalion, 3d Marine conducted security and anti-infiltration operations in the Lancaster III AO. There were light contacts gained with the enemy during the first part of the month and several heavy contacts made during the latter part of the month.

On 2 August the Alpha Command group and Companies "L" and "I" departed Fire Base Margo and joined the Bravo Command group and Companies "K" and "M" at Fire Support Base Joan. A defensive posture was maintained at FSB Joan until 4 August when the Battalion was lifted by helicopter to the vicinity of YD 111503 in the Cam Lo area. One Company (Company "K") was given the mission of providing security for the Cam Lo Resettlement area while the Battalion (-) took up positions northwest of Cam Lo to block enemy infiltration routes and conduct search and destroy missions. During this period there were several sightings of enemy personnel and two incidents of incoming enemy mortar fire.

On 9 August Company "K" was relieved of the responsibility for the Cam Lo Resettlement area and commenced a heliborne assault landing on Hill #152 (YD 070635). The landing was made without incident or enemy contact at 1145H. Company "K" linked up with Battalion elements at approximately 1430H. On the evening of 9 August the Battalion C.P. and Companies "M" and "K" received an estimated 20 rounds of 60mm mortar fire from the vicinity of YD 064644. Eight WIA's and med evac were sustained. During the period 4 - 12 August over 280 bunkers were destroyed and numerous enemy equipment captured along with four individual and one crew served weapon.

On 12 August the Battalion returned to Camp Carroll and assumed the mission of security for Camp Carroll, Thon Son Lam, Khe Gia Bridge, Dong Ha Mountain CP and Route #9.

The Battalion (-) moved by motor march on 15 August to the vicinity of YD 083593 and operated in this area until 19 August. During this period there were four light contacts with the enemy which resulted in eight NVA KIA confirmed, six individual and one crew served weapon captured. Numerous bunkers and enemy equipment were found.

On 19 August the Battalion (-) moved to the area of the Rockpile and the following morning moved to establish Company Patrol Bases and conduct patrol operations in the vicinity of the Razorback.

Battalion elements gained contact with the enemy on ten occasions and came under heavy artillery and mortar fire during this period.

There was one incident where Battalion elements received fire from a direct fire weapon.

On 21 August Company "M" engaged an estimated enemy squad in the vicinity of XD 979589. The enemy was engaged with small arms, and automatic weapons, the enemy broke contact and Company "M" elements searched the area and found six NVA KIA along with weapons and equipment. Three friendly WIA were sustained.

On 23 August a large messing area was discovered at XD 970597. The area had space for approximately 300 personnel. A stove system with underground smokestacks had been constructed. The area appeared to be newly built. On 25 August the Bravo Command group and elements of Company "K" departed Camp Carroll and joined the Battalion.

On the evening of 26 August Company "L" began to receive artillery and approximately 45 minutes later was probed by 35 - 50 NVA. The contact was initiated by a Company "L" listening post which suffered three MIA. The enemy was engaged with artillery, small arms and automatic weapons fire. The contact resulted in 12 friendly WIA. The area was searched at first light and five NVA KIA were confirmed. Four crew served weapons and one individual weapon was captured. The bodies of the MIA's were recovered.

Between the hours of 2000H - 2100H the same evening Companies "I", "K" and the Bravo Command group received fire (five rounds) from a direct fire weapon which was believed to be firing from a cave on the Razorback. Artillery missions were called with unknown results. A friendly artillery round impacted in Company "I"'s lines during a fire mission at the enemy direct fire weapon resulting in four WIA.

On 27 August at 1915H the Battalion rear at Camp Carroll suffered three KIA and two WIA from enemy 130mm artillery. The casualties were from the 81mm mortar platoon. The same evening Companies "I", "K" and the Bravo Command group received 15 - 20 rounds of 130mm artillery which resulted in seven KIA and five WIA.

During 28 and 29 August there were three light contacts with the enemy which resulted in one NVA KIA along with captured equipment.

On the afternoon of 30 August Company "M" elements engaged approximately six NVA who were moving toward the Company "M" position, the enemy was engaged with artillery, mortars and small arms. A sweep of the area of contact disclosed two NVA KIA, one individual weapon and documents. On the evening of 30 August Company "L" in the vicinity of XD 955591 received Cn100m grenades on the position. A listening post sighted the NVA and engaged with

M-79s and small arms. At approximately the same time Company "M" received a probe from an undetermined number of NVA, they were engaged with small arms and grenades and withdrew. The areas of contact were searched at first light, nothing was found in Company "L's" area, Company "M" discovered NVA grenades, magazines and equipment. On the night of 31 August Company "M" received small arms fire on the position, a claymore mine was detonated and grenades were thrown by Company "M" elements and the fire ceased. A search of the area was made on 1 September with negative results.

During the period 20 - 31 August the Battalion accounted for fifteen NVA confirmed, captured nine individual, three crew served weapons and destroyed approximately ninety bunkers.

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Combat Missions Assigned.

a. Basic Mission. 3d Marines provides security for Thon Son Lam, Khe Gio bridge, Dong Ha Mountain CP, Cam Lo Resettlement area and Route #9 and conducts anti-infiltration operations in AO. Reference: 3d Marines Operation Order 4-68. (Lancaster II)

b. Provide security for Cam Lo Resettlement, block enemy infiltration routes in assigned areas. Reference: 3d Marines Operations Order 4-68.

c. (1) Commencing D-4 conduct helilift from present position to Camp Carroll.

(2) Commencing H-5 Hours conduct motor march to assume security positions in AO.

(3) Effective H-1 Hour assume responsibility for security of TSP, Khe Gio bridge, Dong Ha Mountain CP, Camp Carroll and Route #9 in AO.

(4) Maintain Sparrowhawk and Bald Eagle forces.

(5) Conduct road sweeps from south boundary 3d Marines and 9th Marines to Cam Lo. Reference: 3d Marines Frag Order 27-68.

d. (1) Continue present mission.

(2) Conduct one (1) Company search and destroy operation in vicinity Dong Ha and Dong Kio complex effective 15600H August. Reference: 3d Marine Frag Order 30-68.

e. (1) Conduct sweep to north, establish blocking position along east-west line vicinity northern edge of AO.

(2) Be prepared to move to Route #9 by motor march to vicinity of R. Korbach on order. Reference: 3d Marine Frag Order 32-68.

f. (1) Continue Company Patrol operations from Company Patrol Bases.

(2) Be prepared to conduct search and destroy operations to the northwest on order. Reference: 3d Marine Frag Order 38-68.

2. Significant Operations Conducted.

a. During the month of August no large significant operations were conducted. Operations consisted mainly of security and anti-infiltration missions. From 4 to 12 August the Battalion (-) conducted anti-infiltration and search and destroy operations in the Cam Lo area. Very light contact was encountered during this period. Eight MIA were sustained in 9 August when Battalion elements received an estimated 20 rounds of 60mm mortar fire. Numerous

bunkers and enemy equipment were discovered during this sweep, approximately 280 bunkers were destroyed and four individual and one crew served weapon were captured.

The Battalion operated in the vicinity of the Razorback from 19-31 August. During this period approximately 90 bunkers were destroyed and nine individual and three crew served weapons were captured.

3. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy.

a. During the month of August the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines inflicted the following casualties on the enemy:

30 NVA KIA Confirmed. Seven of which were killed by artillery.

4. Casualties Sustained.

a. Name of Surgeon: Lt Walter P. ASHFORD, MC, USNR.

b. Significant Events.

1. On 1 August 1 member of Mike Co. due to FUO.
2. On 4 August 1 member of India Co. WIA due to friendly artillery.
3. On 5 August 1 member of Lima Co. NBC due to FUO.
4. On 6 August 1 member of Lima Co. WIA due to enemy mine.
5. On 9 August 1 member of India Co. NBC due to possible fracture of rib. 3 members of Mike Co. WIA due to enemy mortars.
6. On 10 August 1 member of Lima Co. NBC due to bladder infection. 5 members of Mike Co. WIA due to enemy mortars.
7. On 12 August 1 member of H&S Co. NBC due to FUO.
8. On 15 August 1 member H&S Co. NBC due to vehicle over-turning.
9. On 16 August 2 members of India Co. NBC due to heat exhaustion. 1 member of India Co. NBC due to anxiety reaction. 1 member India Co. NBC due to bee stings. 1 member of Mike Co. NBC due to heat exhaustion. 2 members Kilo Co. wounded, due to accidental discharge of frag grenade. 1 member of Kilo Co. NBC due to possible malaria. 1 member of H&S Co. NBC due to heat exhaustion. 1 member of Kilo Co. NBC due to FUO. 1 member of India Co. NBC due to injury to right knee.
10. On 18 August 3 members of India Co. WIA due to enemy mortars. 1 member of Mike Co. NBC due to FUO. 2 members of India Co. WIA due to enemy small arms fire. 1 member of India Co. WIA due to enemy mortars.
11. On 19 August 1 member of India Company DOW due to enemy small arms fire. 1 member of H&S Co. due to diarrhea. 1

member of Mike Co. NBC due to heat exhaustion. 1 member of India Co. WIA due to enemy mortars. 1 member of H&S Co. NBC due to heat exhaustion. 1 member of Lima Co. NBC due to possible appendicitis.

12. On 20 August 1 member of Mike Co. WIA due to enemy small arms fire. 1 member of Mike Co. NBC due to heat exhaustion.

13. On 21 August 11 members of Mike Co. WIA due to enemy small arms fire. 1 member of Mike Co. KIA due to enemy small arms fire. 1 member Kilo Co. DOW due to accidental discharge of frag grenade. 1 member of Lima Co. WIA due to enemy mortars.

14. On 22 August 1 member of Mike Co. NBC due to FUO. 1 member of India Co. KIA due to enemy small arms fire.

15. On 23 August 1 member of Lima Co. WIA due to enemy mortars. 1 member of Lima Co. NBC due to FUO.

16. On 24 August 1 member H&S Co. wounded due to accidentally ignited trip flare. 1 member of Lima Co. NBC due to FUO.

17. On 25 August 1 member of Kilo Co. NBC due to falling on a box.

18. On 26 August 24 members of Lima Co. WIA due to enemy mortars. 4 members H&S Co. WIA due to enemy mortars. 1 member of India Co. NBC due to cut thumb. 1 member of Lima Co. NBC due to blood poisoning. 4 members of Lima Co. KIA due to enemy small arms fire. 3 members of Lima Co. KIA due to enemy mortars.

19. On 27 August 3 members of Kilo Co. KIA due to enemy artillery. 3 members H&S Co. KIA due to enemy artillery. 1 member of Kilo Co. NBC due to sprained ankle. 1 member of Mike Co. NBC due to FUO. 6 members H&S Co. WIA due to enemy artillery. 1 member of Kilo Co. WIA due to enemy artillery.

20. On 28 August 1 member of Kilo Co. WIA due to enemy artillery. 2 members of Lima Co. NBC due to anxiety reaction. 2 members of Kilo Co. WIA due to enemy artillery. 2 members of Kilo Co. KIA due to enemy artillery. 1 member of H&S Co. KIA due to enemy artillery.

21. On 29 August 3 members of India Co. NBC due to FUO. 1 member of Mike Co. WIA due to enemy artillery. 1 member of Kilo Co. NBC due to G.C.

22. On 30 August 1 member of Kilo Co. NBC due to rat bite. 2 members H&S Co. NBC due to heat exhaustion. 1 member of Mike Co. WIA due to enemy mortars. 1 member of Mike Co. NBC due to falling on rock.

23. On 31 August 1 member of Kilo Co. NBC due to FUO. 1 member of Kilo Co. NBC due to swollen right knee. 1 member of India Co. NBC due to FUO.

24. Out Patient Visits.a. Common Complaints.

1. FUO	10
2. Hand Casualties	07
3. Possible Malaria	01
4. Dental	76
5. Cellulitis	197
6. Diarrhea	12
7. Miscellaneous	1113
	1416 Total.

25. Number of Battle Casualties.

TOTALS	KIA	MIA	DOW	MIA	NBC	NBC KILLED
USMC 3/3	18	68	02	00	33	01
USN 3/3	00	01	00	00	02	00
USMC OTHERS	00	03	00	00	00	00

26. There were a total of 6% inoculations given during the month of August.

c. Medical Trends.

There were no significant trends during the month of August.

d. Problem Areas. None.5. New Techniques Employed. None.6. Command Relations.

- a. OPCON - 3d Marine Regiment.
- b. AIDCON - 3d Marine Division.

7. Equipment. None.8. Logistics.a. Supply.

(1) General. During the reporting period the Battalion operated in the Lancaster II AO. The Battalion was resupplied from Vandegrift and Dong Ha Combat Bases by helicopter.

(2) Class I. A daily resupply maintains the supply of Class I at a three to five day level.

(3) Class II. There is a critical shortage of the following items
Gas Masks.

Flak Jackets.
Compasses.
Magazines.
Binoculars.
Jungle Utilities, All sizes.
Undershirts.
Socks.

(4) Class III. No problems were encountered in keeping a adequate supply of POL on hand.

(5) Class IV. There are still shortages of air strip matting and 8 foot engineer stakes.

(6) Class V. The Battalion supply of Class V was maintained at a BA+5 DOA. There were no significant shortages noticed.

b. Motor Transport.

(1) The present status of the Battalion vehicles is as follows:

	<u>T/E</u>	<u>O/H</u>	<u>2Ech</u>	<u>3Ech</u>
M-274A2	30	30	12	2
M-151A1	20	20	0	3
M-37	4	4	0	2
MRC-109	2	2	0	0
MRC-83	2	2	0	0
M-71B	1	1	0	0

(2) A shortage of magnetos, cable leads, starter assemblies for the M274A2 and regulators for the M-151A1 still exists in the section.

c. Engineer Assistance.

In addition to normal assistance provided, a platoon of Company "B", 3d Eng. Bn. was attached to the Battalion the first three days of August and rendered assistance in clearing and constructing landing zones.

d. Ordinance.

(1) At the end of the month the Battalion maintained the following:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>T/E</u>	<u>O/H</u>	<u>OPERATIONAL</u>	<u>2ECH</u>	<u>3ECH</u>
M-14 Rifles	52	52	52	0	0
M-60 MG	35	37	34	3	0
45 Cal. Pistol	329	342	0	0	0
Shotguns	13	14	0	0	0

ITEM	T/E	O/E	OPERATIONAL	2ECH	3ECH	ON ORDER
M-79	36	33	30	3	0	
60mm Mortar	12	12	11	1	0	0
106 RR	8	8	6	2	0	0
81mm Mortar	8	8	8	0	0	0
Flamethrowers	8	6	4	2	0	2
3.5 Rockets	32	25	0	0	0	6
106 Mounts	8	8	7	0	1	0
M-16 Rifles	919	921	917	4	0	0

9. Civic Action.

a. On 5 and 6 August the Battalion Surgeon and members of the Battalion Aid Station made tours of the dispensaries at the Cam Lo Resettlement area and assisted in treating patients. The tours were made in coordination with the U. S. Army Advisors medical unit.

10. Administration.

a. An awards ceremony was held on 12 August 1968 and the below medals were presented by General Davis:

Silver Star	1
Distinguished Flying Cross	1
Bronze Star	2
Purple Heart	77
Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry	7

b. A total of 4 Special Court Martials were held during the month of August and 7 Court Martials are pending. No Battalion Commanders Office Hours were held. There were 6 Company Commanders Office Hours completed and 12 are pending.

c. Special Services provided the below during the Month of August:

- (1) Nightly motion picture films in the rear area.
- (2) Athletic recreation equipment.
- (3) Free soda and beer.

d. Post Exchange services were not available, however, sundries packages were distributed.

e. Liberty was not authorized during this period.

f. During the month 3 officers and 38 enlisted Marines rotated to CCNUS. 32 enlisted Marines were transferred within the Regiment or Division. 36 enlisted Marines were transferred as a result of medical evacuation.

11. Personnel.

a. Gains: 9 USMC OFF. 162 USMC ENL. 0 USN OFF. 7 USN ENL.

- b. Losses: 5 USMC OFF. 144 USMC ENL. 0 USN OFF. 3 USN ENL.
- c. Monthly Strength (Average)
33 USMC OFF. 1009 USMC ENL. 2 USN OFF. 55 USN ENL.
- d. Net loss/Gain:
- | | | | |
|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| MC OFF. | MC ENL. | USN OFF | USN ENL. |
| 0/4 | 0/18 | 0/0 | 0/4 |
- e. Emergency leave for the month of August: 3 USMC enlisted. Twice/trice wounded or reassigned outside RVN due to father/brother in country: 4 USMC enlisted.
- f. There were two hardship discharges applied for during the past month and 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 85 out of country R&R quotas used during this reporting period and 27 in country quotas.
- i. Morale is considered excellent to outstanding.
- j. Postal Services during the month have been good.

12. Intelligence.

During the month of August the Battalion participated in search and destroy operations in the Cam Lo, Razorback and Mutters ridge area. Contact was at a minimum and elements of the Battalion had only one large engagement with the enemy. The Battalion in the earlier part of the month took very little incoming, however the incoming increased during the latter portion of the month.

During the first few days of the month the Battalion was at FSB Margo and FSB Joan. They maintained a defensive posture while sending out patrols. They were then helilifted to the Cam Lo area to begin search and destroy operations while leaving one company at the Cam Lo District Headquarters to work with the PF's. The Battalion found many bunkers and fortified areas and captured large amounts of enemy equipment. Elements of the Battalion received incoming on one occasion. Company "M" while getting set in their night position received 15-20 rounds of 82mm mortars resulting in light casualties.

The Battalion returned to Camp Carroll for rehabilitation and then returned to the Cam Lo area to continue operations. They continued to uncover enemy bunkers and gear. There were a few light contacts however, only small enemy units were involved. The Battalion then moved to the Razorback and Mutters ridge area. In this area elements of the Battalion had one large contact and the Battalion was subjected to enemy 82mm mortars and 130mm artillery.

Company "L" while returning from a light contact with a few enemy were followed by a large enemy element. Company "I" left a

listening post out which was overrun by the enemy. The enemy then engaged Company "L" with recoilless rifles, mortars and automatic weapons. Company "L" employed small arms, 81mm. mortars, artillery and requested fixed wing against the enemy. The enemy broke contact after inflicting severe casualties on Company "L". The enemy continued to probe the lines throughout the night and final contact was ended in the early morning. During the time of this contact, the rest of the Battalion was receiving enemy mortar and artillery fire.

The bunkers that were found during the month were well camouflaged and were overhauled. The majority of these bunkers were fairly new and there was a large amount of equipment found in them.

In addition to the mortars and artillery used against the Battalion, the enemy used direct fire weapons in the latter part of the month.

The enemy appears to be building up in these areas, possibly for operations during the monsoons. Infiltration routes leading into these areas from the north have shown a marked increase in use during the month of August.

ENEMY WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT CAPTURED 1 - 31 AUGUST 1966

AK-47 Rifles.	8	AK-47 Magazines.	5
SKS Carbines.	9	Claymore mine (U.S.)	5
RPD-2.	1	M-16 magazines.	4
RPD typ. 56 Machine Gun.	3	Wirecutters.	3
82mm Mortar (complete)	1	Handbags.	2
M-1 Rifle (U.S.)	1	M-10 Mines.	7
LAAM. (U.S.)	2	Mortar increments.	33 cans.
M-16 Rifle. (U.S.)	3	75mm RR rounds.	20
Thompson Submachine Gun.	1	57mm RR rounds	1
M-53 Grenades. (U.S.)	2	120mm Mortar rounds.	1
M-26 Grenades. (U.S.)	2	Gun Powder.	10 cans.
Packboards. (U.S.)	5	82mm Mortar sights.	2
Gas Masks. (U.S.)	12	Cloth Gun bags.	8
Flak Jackets. (U.S.)	7	NVA Helmets.	12
Holster, cal. 45. (U.S.)	1	Aiming Stakes.	2
Bayonets. (U.S.)	2	Thompson Magazines.	3
7.62 Ammo. linked. (U.S.)	2200 rds.	NVA Packs.	25
Demo. Kits.	30	Cooking Pots.	9
ChiCom Grenades.	55	Rice.	950 lbs.
Ponchos.	19	Picks.	11
Canteens.	19	Entrenching Tools.	24

TNT	1025lbs.	Satchel Charges.	2
Z-10 Mines.	35	82mm Fuzes.	391
TM-46 Mines.	2	NVA Gas Masks.	13
M-15 AT Mines.	2	60mm Fuzes.	102 boxes.
82mm Mortar rounds.	713	RPG Cases.	3
60mm Mortar rounds.	271	RPG Boosters.	86
RPG-2 rounds.	69	Mine Bags.	9
RPG-7 rounds.	16	Medical Kits.	9
Blasting Caps.	35	Ammo. Cases.	2
Rifle Grenades. (Frag.)	15	Detonating device.	1
Rifle Grenades. (Shape Charge)	4	Drum Magazines(RPD)	6
82mm Bore Swab	2	Binoculars.(Unser)	2
Recoil Pad.(Grenade Launcher)	1	Mess Kits.	3
82mm Canisters.	3	Food.	32 cans.
AK-47 ammunition.	12,980 rds.	Cal. 30 Ammo.	325 rds.
7.62 Tracer Ammunition.	50 rds.	5.56mm Ammo.	400 rds.

13. Communications. During the month of August the Battalion operated almost continually in the field. Work continued at Camp Carroll to clean up excess wire, provide lighting to the Company areas and power for the freezers in the Battalion messhall. RT-524's were set up on the Battalion administrative net to Dong Ha and Camp Carroll to ensure reliable communications. It was noted that traffic on this net has increased substantively and a circuit log was instituted at both stations to record all transmissions and minimize repetition.

a. Training and Personnel. The communications platoon lost one wireman KIA this month. It received 10 badly needed 2531's and two (2) 2847 technicians. These men were immediately brought forward to Camp Carroll for training. Cross training between wire and radio sections continued.

b. The Battalion received six(6) new AN/PRC 25's during the month of August bringing our total up to T/E. Essential equipment down is as follows:

2	AN/PRC-25
1	AN/PRC-41
2	TA-312/PT
1	TA-1/PT

14. Weather. The weather during the month of August was Hot and humid with light rains.

Average High.	87 degrees.	Average Humidity	74%
Average Low.	80 degrees.	Precipitation	5.10 inches.

15. Fire Support. The majority of the fire support received during August was concentrated on preparatory fires, possible enemy infiltration routes, defensive fires and fires in support of patrolling units.

a. Units Providing Direct and General Support.

- (1) Btry "A" 1st Bn, 12th Marines.
- (2) Btry "B" 1st Bn, 12th Marines.
- (3) Btry "C" 1st Bn, 12th Marines.
- (4) Btry "M" 4th Bn, 12th Marines.
- (5) Btry "K", 4th Bn, 12th Marines.

b. Missions Fired.

Ammunition Expended.

(1) Artillery.

(a) Preparatory Fires.	56	1779rds.
(b) Night Defensive fires.	58	653rds.
(c) Suspected Enemy Positions.	67	2758rds.
(d) Live Missions.	96	4471rds.
(e) H&T's, Illum, Smoke, TOT's.	21	92rds.

(2) 81mm Mortars.

(a) Suspected Enemy Positions.	9	HE medium	2699
(b) Targets of Opportunity.	66	WP (new)	675
(c) Preparatory Fires.	13	Illumination	26
(d) Night Defensive Fires.	40		
(e) Countermortar.	1		

16. Air Support.

- a. During the month of August 15 flights of fixed wing aircraft ran strikes in support of the Battalion. All strikes were controlled in coordination with the ALO/FAC team.
- b. 45 AO's were requested and 30 received.
- c. 170 med evacs were completed.
- d. 3 flights of Gunships were run.
- e. 289,000 pounds of cargo were lifted and 3 troop lifts completed.
- f. 12 C&C flights were used.
- g. 2 Dragon ships were requested and one received.

17. Activities/Deactivations/Reactivations. None.

18. Training Report. Due to operational commitments no training was conducted by the Battalion. During the period 5-17 August. A Ground Surveillance Radar School (AN/PPS-6) was held at Comm. C. Hq, Bn, 1st Marine Division. The class was attended by the S-2 officer and 5 enlisted Marines.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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Enclosure (1)

JOURNAL SUMMARY AUGUST 1968

1 August 1968. At 0915H Company "K" discovered 8 fighting holes in the vicinity of XD 945612, the fighting holes were approximately one week old, a trail was found leading from the fighting holes to a water point. The area was reconned with negative results.

2 August 1968. At 1535H the Battalion (-) completed a helilift to FSB Joan and joined with the Bravo Command Group.

3 August 1968. No significant events.

4 August 1968. At 1000H the Battalion was helilifted to the vicinity of YD 111593 and will commence a search and destroy mission. Company "K" will remain at the Cam Lo Sub District Headquarters (YD 129597). A Company "K" squad will operate with each PF, RF unit. The lift was completed at 1200H.

At 1430H Company "K" elements found a body believed to be a Marine in the vicinity of YD 088604, also found was the following equipment:

5	Packboards.	400	5.56 rounds.
10	60mm Mortar rounds.	12	Gas masks.
7	Flak Jackets.	1	Pistol Holster
2	Bayonets.		

At 1635 elements of Company "M" discovered 3 75mm RR rounds at YD 115561, the rounds were destroyed in place.

5 August 1968. At 0930H at YD 096603 Company "I" elements found the following ordnance and equipment:

1	Thompson submachine gun.	3	Magazines.
1	ChiCom grenade.	40	AK-47 rounds
2	Large pots of salt.	75	32 cal. rounds.
1	Claymore (U.S.)	2	TM-41 AT mines.
35	Stake mines.	1	Pack
4	M-16 magazines.	1	AK-47 magazine.
1	Field jacket (U.S.)	1	Rain jacket (U.S.).

Assorted womens clothing.

All equipment and ordnance was destroyed except the sub-machine gun and mines which will be forwarded to Regimental S-2.

At 1130H elements of Company "I" at YD 095610 found 8 bunkers and the following equipment and ordnance:

7	ChiCom grenades.	2	WE grenades (U.S.).
4	Gas masks.	8	Kerosene lamps.
3	Blasting caps.	1	Black TNT.
2	AK-47 magazines.	18	M-16 magazines.
12	Malaria tabs.	2	Capsules medicine.

Various U.S. supplies to include shaving gear, writing gear, C rations, clothing and one August 68 issue of Playboy magazine.

At 1450H Company "I" elements sighted 5 personnel at YD 086612, a artillery mission was fired and rounds were on target, two more fires for effect were requested, the rounds were slightly off target, adjustments were given for a final fire for effect, two rounds were long and fell into Company "I"s position, two WIAs med evac were sustained. A med evac was called and completed. The artillery battery and Regiment were informed of the incident.

6 August 1968. At 0630H elements of Company "M" found bunkers and ordnance in the vicinity of YD 082624, YD 076635, YD 077634 and YD 086629. The following ordnance was found:

5	lbs TNT.	5	82mm Mortar rounds.
1	Wirecutter.	2	Handbags.
1	DE-10 Mine.	1	RPG type rifle grenade.
1	Grenade (homemade)	500	AK-47 rounds.

All ordnance was destroyed. The bunker complex at YD 086624 had been recently used and a elaborate cooking area with a nearby bathing facilities. Approximately 40 bunkers were found. The search will continue tomorrow.

At 1450H elements of Company "I" discovered a bunker complex of approximately 35 bunkers at YD 086613. The following ordnance and equipment was captured:

168	82mm mortar rounds.	98	60mm mortar rounds,
18	ChiCom grenades.	3	DE-10 AP mines.
100	82mm mortar fuses.	100	Increments.
100	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb blocks TNT.	35	Blasting caps.
80	lbs Rice	5	NVA Packs
3	Entrenching tools.	2	Picks
1	Wirecutter		Assorted medical gear.

All ordnance was destroyed. The search of the area will continue tomorrow.

At 2000H Company "M" sighted 2 personnel at YD 077623. A artillery and mortar mission was fired with unknown results; the area will be checked at first light.

7 August 1968. At 0950H elements of Company "I" at YD 088628 discovered a bunker complex of 35 bunkers and one lookout tower, and captured the following ordnance and equipment.

32	82mm mortar rounds.	29	60mm mortar rounds.
3	Boxes, 82mm Increments.	11	Cans 82mm fuses.

6	RPG-2 rounds.	2	RPG-7 rounds.
3	Boxes, 60mm fuses.	2000	AK-47 rounds.
9	Body bags.	1	LAAW
8	RPG boosters.	12	Entrenching tools.
4	Picks.	4	Helmets
4	Canteens.	5	Gas masks.
450	lbs Rice.		Various medical supplies including newest malaria pills.

The bunkers had been used recently and apparently occupants were supplied by VC from surrounding villages.

At 0945H at YD 094603 a Marine from Company "L" stepped on a firecracker type round resulting in one WIA med evac. A bunker complex of 10 bunkers was discovered at the same coordinates, the bunkers were overheaded with bamboo construction. 10 firecracker rounds were found along with the following weapons and equipment:

3	Submachine Guns.	3	AK-47 rifles.
1	M1 rifle.	2	SKS carbines.
2	Large medical bags.	2	Ammo cans of clothing.

The bunkers were destroyed, weapons will be turned into Regimental S-2.

At 1150H Company "L" at YD 092614 found 3 bunkers, reinforced with logs and dirt. The following ordnance was discovered in the bunkers:

24	82mm mortar rounds.	30	82mm fuses.
4	Canu increments.		

All bunkers and ordnance were destroyed.

At 1600H Company "L" elements at YD 087615 found 3 NVA KIAs, the NVA were killed by artillery.

At 1630H Company "R" reported a NVA Company digging in at YD 103611 - YD 104609. The information was received from ARVN intelligence sources at Company "R" position. An artillery mission was fired, a physical search of the area will be conducted at first light.

At 2015H the 3rd Battalion received 15-20 rounds of 82mm mortar fire from the vicinity of YD 079653, a artillery mission was fired with unknown results.

8 August 1968. At 1000H elements of Company "L" at YD 095628 discovered a bunker complex of 35 bunkers. The bunkers had not been used recently and were destroyed. The following equipment was found:

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| 1 | NVA Entrenching tool. | 1 | 82mm mortar fuse. |
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At 1230H elements of Company "L" discovered a bunker complex of 29 bunkers. The bunkers were overhauled with logs and earth. The bunkers showed signs of activity within the last two days. All bunkers were destroyed. The following ordnance was discovered:

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| 4 | 60mm mortar rounds. | 3 | Claymore Mines (U.S.) |
| 2 | AT mines. | 1000 | AK-47 rounds. |
| 5 | ChiCom grenades. | 2 | M-33 grenades. |
| 2 | M-26 grenades. | 1 | Pack. |
| 2 | Penchos. | | Misc. clothing. |

At 1300H Company "I" at YD 094629 discovered 23 bunkers and the following ordnance:

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| 35 | 82mm mortar rounds. | 53 | 60mm mortar rounds. |
| 99 | 3-ns 60mm fuses. | 3 | Cans 60mm increments. |
| 25 | loose 60mm fuses. | 1 | 82mm bore swab. |
| 25 | loose 82mm fuses. | 5 | Cans 82mm increments. |
| 250 | 30 Cal. rounds. (linked) | 1 | wirecutter. |

All bunkers and ordnance were destroyed.

At 1600H elements of Company "I" found a bunker complex of 20 bunkers at YD 084637 and the following ordnance and equipment:

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| 47 | 82mm mortar rounds. | 10 | 60mm mortar rounds. |
| 17 | 75mm RR rounds. | 5 | RPG-7 rounds. |
| 1 | 82mm mortar tube. (unservicable) | | |
| 1 | Bipods, 82mm mortar. | 1 | Base plate, 82mm. |
| 2 | Sights, 82mm mortar. | 8 | ChiCom Grenades. |
| 200 | AK-47 rounds. | | |

At 1645H forward elements of Company "I" received 4 rounds of sniper fire from YD 076634, no casualties were sustained. At 1800H fixed wing was run at YD 076634, 15 bunkers were destroyed.

9 August 1968. At 0900H Company "K" was relieved by Company "E" 2nd Battalion, 3d Marines and at 1100H commenced a lift for a heliborne assault on Hill #162 (YD 070635). The helilift was completed at 1145H. No contact was made and Company "K" linked up with the Battalion at approximately 1430H.

At 1200H Company "I" elements at YD 079638 discovered a bunker complex of 11 bunkers. One NVA KIA was found, killed by artillery.

The following ordnance and equipment was captured:

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| 1 | 120mm mortar round. | 3 | 82mm mortar rounds. |
| 1 | 82mm mortar fuse. | 3 | Helmets. |
| 4 | Entrenching tools. | | |

At 1550H at YD 085635 elements of Company "L" discovered 15 bunkers overhead with logs and dirt, 4 of the bunkers had false bottoms. The following gear was found:

10	120mm mortar rounds.	1	57mm RR round.
1	RPG-2 round.	1	LAAG (U.S.)
12	Cans increments	3	Helmets.

At 1845H Company "M" at YD 068629 discovered a mortar pit and 2 bunkers. The pit and bunkers were destroyed.

At 1845H Companies "M", "K" and the Battalion command post received 15-20 rounds of estimated 60mm mortar rounds from the vicinity of YD 064644. A 81 counter mortar mission was fired with unknown results. A artillery mission fired was unsatisfactory, 23 minutes were required for the first shot. 8 WIA and seven were sustained.

10 August 1968. At 1000H Company "I" at YD 077636 discovered a bunker complex of 13 bunkers. All bunkers were destroyed.

At 1400H elements of Company "M" found 12 bunkers at YD 075627. All bunkers were destroyed.

At 1910H Company "L" reported 10-15 NVA in the open at YD 035655 the NVA were moving in a northwesternly direction. 81mm mortar and artillery missions were fired, response was very rapid with excellent coverage of target. Results were unknown.

11 August 1968. At 0605H elements of Company "K" sighted 10-15 NVA at YD 066626, a 81mm mortar and artillery mission was fired with excellent coverage of target. The area is being checked.

At 1515H a Company "M" recon patrol discovered 10 old bunkers at YD 073632. A covered water point was also found. The bunkers and water point were destroyed. The following equipment was captured:

3	Entrenching tools.	8	82mm mortar cartridges,
1	Magazine pouch.		primers and increments.
30	AK-47 rounds.	1	Metal battery.
6	Female plugs.		

All gear was destroyed.

12 August 1968. At 0900H the Battalion returned to Camp Carroll and assumed the mission of security for Camp Carroll, TSL, Khe Gio bridge, Dong Ha Mountain OP and route #9.

13 August 1968. No significant events.

14 August 1968. At 1335H Company "K" sighted 2 NVA moving into a tree line at YD 012614, a artillery and 81mm mortar mission was fired with unknown results.

15 August 1968. At 1000H Company "M" intercepted 40 civilian woodcutters at YD 045556, 15th IFT was called and civilians were told to return to Cam Lo.

At 1500H the Battalion moved by motor march to the vicinity of YD 083593.

At 1915H Company "I" observed 7-10 NVA in the open in the vicinity of YD 078600 and engaged with small arms, automatic weapons and M-79s. The Contact resulted in One NVA KIA and one crew served weapon captured.

16 August 1968. At 1200H children while playing near the Cam Lo river at YD 087594 found and turned into Battalion one M-16 rifle in good condition. The children were rewarded and the weapon was forwarded to the 3d Marine S-2. Company "I" discovered in the vicinity of YD 075595 the following:

4 NVA KIA confirmed.	200	AK-47 rounds.
2 AK-47 rifles.	20	lbs of rice.
2 ChiCom grenades.	1	First aid pack.

Assorted documents and 782 gear.

The weapons will be forwarded to Regimental S-2, the ordnance and rice destroyed.

At 1400H Company "I" discovered 2 NVA KIAs at YD 092599, the bodies were about one day old and were killed by artillery.

At 1700H Company "I" elements discovered 3 NVA KIAs at YD 092671, The NVA were killed by artillery.

At 2000H Company "I" reported 2 NVA walked into their lines at YD 094619. The NVA were taken under fire with small arms, automatic weapons fire and M-79s, a artillery mission was fired. The area will be checked at first light.

17 August 1968. At 1150H elements of Company "L" at YD 093617 discovered 2 bunkers, and a 82mm mortar pit, the bunkers were overhauled with logs and dirt. The following ordnance was found:

20 82mm mortar rounds.	3	Cans 82mm increments.
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All ordnance was destroyed.

At 1250H elements of Company "L" found 3 M-16 rifles alongside a trail at YD 097614, the rifles were unserviceable and will be forwarded to Regimental S-2

At 1445H Company "M" elements found the following ordnance at YD 104620:

3	82mm mortar rounds.	2	Arming stakes
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The stakes and rounds were destroyed.

At 1500H Company "I" elements found a bunker complex of 22 bunkers at YD 092623. The following ordnance and equipment was captured:

8000	7.62mm rounds.	3	Drum magazines.
14	Rifle grenades.	1	Shape charge.
2	DH-10 mines	89	RPG-2 rounds.
60	RPG boosters.	100	lbs TNT.
30	82mm mortar rounds.	250	Mortar fuses.
12	Boxes, Increments.	1	pr Binoculars. (unservicable)
1	Gas mask.	1	82mm bore swab.
2	Ponchos.		Assorted documents and clothing.
1	Entrenching tool.		

The clothing and documents will be forwarded to Regimental S-2, all ordnance was destroyed.

18 August 1968. At 0825H elements of Company "I" came in contact with what appeared to be one NVA at YD 094619. The NVA fired small arms and wounded one Marine. A base of fire was layed down and the area was searched with negative results. One friendly WIA med evac was sustained.

At 1330H Company "L" received approximately 5 60mm mortar rounds from the vicinity of YD 095637, a artillery mission was fired with unknown results.

At 1445H Company "I" discovered an estimated NVA platoon in the vicinity of YD 088632, artillery missions and fixed wing were used with unknown results. Upon completion of artillery and fixed wing missions Company "M" elements moved toward the position and encountered a unknown sized NVA element in bunkers. Company "M" moved through the bunker area employing small arms, and automatic weapons fire. The Contact resulted in 3 NVA KIA's confirmed and 3 individual weapons captured.

19 August 1968. At 0800H Company "I" researched the area of the contact at YD 094619 and discovered the following:

26	RPG-2 rounds.	15	60mm Mortar rounds.
3	Cans, increments.	300	7.62mm rounds.
18	RPG boosters.	15	lbs TNT.

3 Drum Magazines.

DR-10 AP mine.

Misc. clothing, ponchos and helmets.

The clothing will be forwarded to Regimental S-2, all other items were destroyed.

19 August 1968. No significant events.

20 August 1968. At 1300H Company "M" elements in coordination with a recon element swept the area in the vicinity of XD 977588 and discovered fresh fighting holes, 20 pounds of uncooked rice and one poncho. The sweep was discontinued due to darkness.

21 August 1968. At 1500H Company "M" at XD 979589 made contact with a estimated NVA squad. Company "M" returned fire with small arms and automatic weapons. 3 friendly WIA's were sustained. 6 NVA KIA's were confirmed. A search of the area disclosed the following:

1 AK-47 rifle.
Fresh Rice.

3 ChiCom grenades.
2 Stoves.

22 August 1968. At 1245H elements of Company "I" made contact with 4-5 NVA at XD 971594, Company "I" elements pulled back and fired artillery missions. At 1545H a search of the area disclosed one claymore mine which was destroyed.

At 1800H Company "L" elements at XD 969599 discovered a bunker complex consisting of 6 bunkers. The bunkers were freshly constructed. 3-5 NVA were taken under fire as they were returning to the bunkers resulting in one NVA KIA confirmed. The area was searched and the following equipment found:

2 NVA Packs.

1 pr Binoculars.

The equipment was forwarded to Regimental S-2.

23 August 1968. At 0415H Company "L" at XD 970597 heard movement and engaged with small arms. A search at first light disclosed the following:

2 SKS Carbines.

1 NVA Helmet.

At 0715H Company "L" elements at XD 970597 discovered 17 bunkers, 17 fighting holes, 2 weapon positions and the following ordnance:

6 ChiCom grenades

3 RPG-2 rounds.

120 7.62mm rounds.

8 Packs

4 Entrenching tools.

2 Picks.

40 lbs of Rice.

32 Cans of food.

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| 4 | Medical Kits. | 5 | Gas masks. |
| 6 | Ponchos. | 3 | Mess kits. |
| 2 | Sets utilities. | | |

At 0825H Company "L" elements while searching area at XD 970597 discovered the following items:

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| 1 | SKS carbine. | 350 | lbs TNT. |
| 1 | Helmet | 2 | ChiCom Grenades. |
| 1 | Medical kit. | 3 | Ponchos. |
| 1 | RPG sight. | 4 | Packs. |
| 1 | Recoil pad for grenade launcher. | | |

All equipment and ordnance was destroyed except the SKS and RPG sight which was forwarded to Regimental S-2.

At 1730H elements of Company "L" in the vicinity of XD 970597 discovered a messing area with space for approximately 300 personnel. A reinforced bunker and a stove system with underground smoke stacks was also found. The position appeared to be not more than 3 days old. The bunker, stove system and messing area was destroyed.

24 August 1968. At 0930H elements of Company "L" discovered 35 bunkers and 55 fighting holes in the vicinity of XD 970596. The bunkers were constructed within the last four days. All bunkers were destroyed. The following weapons and equipment were captured:

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| 3 | SKS Carbines. | 1500 | 7.62mm rounds. |
| 54 | 82mm mortar rounds. | | |

The weapons will be turned into Regimental S-2, all other equipment was destroyed.

At 1130H Company "L" elements in the vicinity of XD 970599 discovered a bunker complex of 20 bunkers and 15 fighting holes. The bunkers were searched and the following gear found:

- 200 lbs of Rice.
- 2 pieces of map. (Quang Tri, Con Dien and My Loc areas).

The bunkers were destroyed. The maps will be forwarded to Regimental S-2. Bloodstains were found in the same area and believed to be from enemy involved in contact with Company "L" on 22 August 1968.

25 August 1968. At 0800H Company "K" found the following ordnance at XD 973594:

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| 7 | ChiCom grenades. | 4 | RPG-2 rounds. |
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The ordnance was destroyed.

At 1100H elements of Company "L" while checking a bunker complex at XD 970596 discovered two NVA bodies in graves.

At 1310H a squad from Company "M" engaged 4 NVA with small arms,

the NVA returned fire with small arms and automatic weapons fire, one NVA was observed to fall and the NVA moved behind a hill. M-79's were fired at the fleeing enemy. A artillery mission was called with unknown results.

At 1835H Camp Carroll received one round of estimated 85mm artillery. The round impacted in the vicinity of YD 063548. The artillery was received from an azimuth of 340 degrees.

26 August 1968. At 1300H elements of Company "L" while moving through a previously searched bunker complex at XD 971600 made contact with an estimated 12 NVA. Company "L" engaged with small arms and then withdrew, artillery and fixed wing missions were run. A search revealed NVA still in the area and more artillery missions were called.

At 1715H Company "L" began receiving incoming artillery fire and at 1930H was attacked by approximately 35-50 NVA. Contact was initiated by a Company "L" listening post. The enemy was engaged with small arms, automatic weapons fire and artillery. The contact resulted in 12 friendly WIA's and three MIA's. The area will be searched at first light.

Between 2000H and 2100H Company "I" at XD 948583 received 5 rounds from a direct fire weapon. The weapon was believed to be firing from a cave on the Razorback. Artillery missions were fired with unknown results.

At 2050H Company "I" received one friendly artillery round while a mission was being fired at a enemy direct fire weapon. 3 WIA med evacs and one WIA non med evac were sustained.

27 August 1968. A search of the area of contact of 261930H revealed 5 NVA KIA's and signs of bodies having been dragged away. The following weapons and equipment were captured:

2	RED light Machine Guns.	1	SKS
1	RPG with sight.	20	ChiCom grenades.
3	RPG propellant canisters.		

The bodies of the friendly MIA's were recovered.

At 1915H Camp Carroll received 10-12 rounds of 130mm artillery. The incoming resulted in 3 KIA and 2 WIA's from the 81mm mortar platoon.

At 1945H Companies "J", "K", and the Bravo Command group received 15-20 rounds of 130mm Artillery fire. Artillery missions were fired on suspected enemy artillery positions. 7 KIA and 5 WIA were sustained.

28 August 1968. At 1330H Company "L" at XD 971600 reported its point elements had made contact with one NVA. The NVA had been previously wounded and unable to travel any distance. A search of the valley floor showed negative activity. There were blood trails and bandages found along the trail. 2 RPG-7 rounds were captured and one NVA KIA was confirmed.

At 1350H elements of Company "K" discovered 6 NVA shelters on stilts and one bunker at XD 947572. There were also animal pens. The houses and bunker were destroyed.

29 August 1968. At 1400H elements of Company "K" at XD 945567 heard suspected enemy movement. A complex of 10-15 bunkers was found. A artillery mission was fired and the area will be checked out at a later time.

Also at 1300H Company "M"s point made contact with 6 NVA at XD 964596. The point man engaged with small arms and the NVA fled into the brush. The area was reconned by fire with M-79's. Brief contact was made several times as the NVA fled. One friendly WIA was sustained. The following equipment was captured:

35	82mm mortar rounds.	6	NVA packs.
2	Chicom Grenades.	2	AK-47 magazines.

At 2100H Company "K" listening post sighted one NVA approximately 25 meters from their position, the LP engaged with grenades, M-79's and small arms. The area will be checked at first light.

30 August 1968. At 1415H elements of Company "M" engaged approximately 6 NVA with small arms at XD 963604. The NVA moved toward Company "M"s lines and were engaged by small arms fire, artillery and 81mm mortar missions. A search of the area disclosed the following:

2	NVA KIA confirmed.	1	AK-47
1	Compass (Chinese)		Assorted documents.

At 1725H further search of the area of contact at XD 963604 revealed the following:

2	Chicom grenades.	1	Diary.
2	AK-47 magazines.		

At 2030H Company "L" at XD 955591 began receiving chicom grenades on the position. A listening post sighted the NVA and engaged with small arms. At approximately the same time Company "M" received a probe from a undetermined number of NVA. Company "M" elements engaged with grenades and small arms. The area will be searched at first light.

31 August 1968. At 1000H the areas of last night's contacts were searched. The results of the Company "L" search was negative. Company "M" found the following ordnance and equipment:

6	ChiCom grenades.	4	AK-47 magazines.
2	RPG-7 warheads.	1	AK-47 bayonet.
1	Ammunition pouch	2	RPG boosters, (hit by fragments and had exploded).

At 2305H Company "M" received small arms fire on its position, artillery missions were called. M-26 grenades and a claymore mine were utilized. The area was checked at first light with negative results.

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Battalion Frag Order 15-68

Time Zone H

Reference: (a) 3d Marine Frag Order 30-68
(b) Map 1:50,000 AMS Sheet 6342 I

1. Situation.

a. Enemy Forces. Indications persist of a buildup for an enemy attack. Reports have been received by 3d Marines of mortar harassment along route #9 from the vicinity of the high ground to the north in the 3d Marine A.O.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 1/3 continues search and destroy operations in assigned A.O. moving generally west to east.

(2) 2/3 provides blocking force in vicinity of hill #100 (YD 067606) and hill #124 (YD 075613) for 1/3's move east. Also provides Cam Lo Resettlement security.

(3) Artillery - No Change.

(4) Air - No Change.

2. Mission.

Conduct a one Company search and destroy mission in vicinity of Dong Ha and Dong Kio Mountain complex commencing 150600H August 1968.

3. Execution.

a. Concept of Operations. See Operations Overlay.

b. Company "I". ~~Continue assigned mission.~~

c. Company "K". Continue assigned mission. Support by fire movement of Company "L" against Objectives USMC. Be prepared to reinforce Company "L" on order.

d. Company "L". At 150700H August 1968 move from vicinity of Khe Gio bridge along axis Gold to secure Objective S. On order move along axis green to Objectives "M" and "C". At Objectives "S", "M", and "C" conduct search and destroy operations of elements, fortifications, and supplies found in area of operations.

e. Company "M". Continue assigned mission.

f. 106's. Continue assigned mission.

g. 81's. Continue assigned mission.

h. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Maximum use will be made of supporting arms.

(2) Position reports of all elements of Company "L" will

be submitted hourly on the half hour.

- (3) Hand held riot control agents are authorized.
- (4) Situation reports will be submitted as required.
- (5) Direct liaison between Company "K" and Company "L" is authorized.
- (6) Civilian personnel (Indigenous) are not permitted west of check point #69. Indigenous personnel west of check point #69 will be thoroughly checked out and reported immediately to the Battalion.

4. Administration and Logistics.

- a. No Change.

5. Command and Signal.

- a. Battalion C.P. will be located at Camp Carroll.

✓ Annex "A" Operation Overlay.

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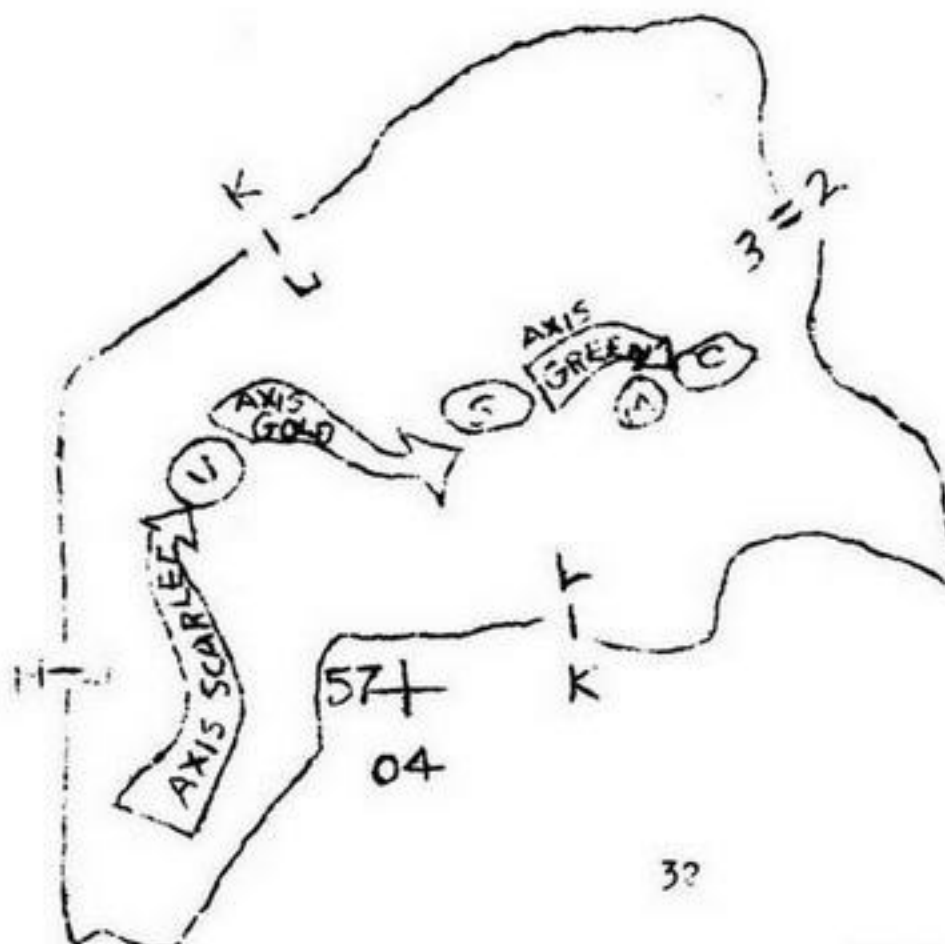
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