

5 & C+0.0283 &COPY

HEADQUARTERS 3d Battalion, 3d Marines 3d Merine Division (Rein) FAF FPO San Francisco, California 96602

OCT 9 1968

Commanding Officer

Tos

Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)

Vias

(1) Commanding Officer, 3d Marine Regiment

(2) Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF (3) Commanding General, III MAF

(4) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Command Chronology for 1 September 1968 to 30 September 1968

Ref:

(a) MOO 5750.2A

b) FMFPACO 5750.8

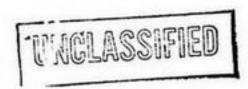
(c) DivO 5750.1B

Encl: √(1) 3d Battalion, 3d Marines Command Chronology

- 1. In a cordance with references (a), (b), and (c), Enclosure (1) is submitted:
- 2. Group IV, Downgrade at three years intervals with declassification after twelve years. Declassified upon removal of Enclosure.

HARRISON W. KIMBRELL

By direction



HEADQUARTERS
3d Battalion, 3d Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

# COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 September 1968 to 30 September 1968

# INDEX

PART	I-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-ORGANIZATIONAL DATA
PART	II	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-NARRATIVE SUMMARY
PART	ш	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS
DADM	TV	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_STEPSONTING DOCIMENTS

UNCLASSIFIED

# PART I

# ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION	COMMANDER
3d Battalion, 3d Marines	LtCol W. H. BATES 1-30Sep
SUBCEDINATE UNITS	
H&S Company	Capt W. H. MCADAM 1-16Sep Capt M. B. RILEY 17-30Sep
Company I	Capt M. G. MCTIERNAN 1-30Sep
Company K	lstLt L. C. IVERSON 1-30Sep

Capt W. B. GRAY 1-30 Sep

Capt B. J. WILLIAMSON 1-30Sep

Major H. W. KIMBRELL 1-30Sep

ATTACHE UNITS

# 2. LOCATION

Company L

Company M

1-13 Septembers Lancaster II AO Vicinity XD 9559 Map Sheet #6342 I

14-30 Septembers Lancaster II AO YD 0654 Map Sheet #6342 I

# 3. STAFF OFFICERS

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

	Major G. P. SLADE 1-15Sep
S-1	1stLt D. C. MARCHETTE 1-30Sep
8-2	1stLt W. H. DOUGLAS 1-30Sop
S-3	Maj E. E. EVANS Jr. 1-30Sep
3-4	latit G. ESCHENFEIDER 1-30 Sep
S-34	Capt K. E. JUNKINS 1-30Sep
PERSONNEL OFFICER	1stLt R. K. COULTER 14-30Sep
AIR LIAISON OFFICER	Capt W. B. CAMPBELL 1-30Sep
FORWARD AIR CONTROLLER	Capt R. J. EASLEY 1-30Sep
SUPPLY OFFICER	Lt W. J. WHITE 1-30Sep
MOTOR TRANSPORT OFFICER	It K. J. CONLON 1-30Sep



COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

BATTALION SURGEON

BATTALION CHAPLAIN

BATTALION SERGEART MAJOR

lstLt D. P. BARBIERO 1-30Sep

Lt W. P. ASHFORD 1-30 Sep

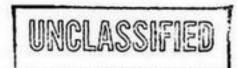
LtCmdr R. W. BEDINGFIELD 1-30Sep

SgiMaj F. E. DES JARDINS 26-30 Sep

sgtMaj N. D. kING 1-26sep



# PART II



# HARRITIVE SUMMARY

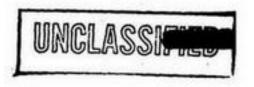
The Datualion continued search and dostroy operations from company patrol bases in North western Lancaster II AO. On 1 September patrols from Companies "N" and "M" made contact with three groups of MVA of 5 to 15 men resulting in 8 NVA XIA confirmed. On 2 September Company "K" was shelled with 334 rounds of 60mm and 80mm mortars and 19 rounds of 130mm crtillery without organities.

On 3 September Company "L" was shelled with 172 nounds of 60mm and 82mm mortars and 25 rounds of 130mm artillery. There were no casualties. Counter-t very fire resulted in 4 secondary explosions on enemy mortar positions. Immediately following the NVA prop fires, an estimated force of 2 companies assaulted Company "L". The assault was easily repulsed with 2 minor casualties to Company "L" as the assaulting force was hit with approximately 300 M-26 granades before they had an opportunity to open fire. Searches of the area revealed 11 NVA FTA confirmed and 19 weapons captured, of which three were 3 RFD type 56 Machine Guns that had not been fired.

There was only one contact from 4 September through 6 September as a tropical storm greatly restricted movement. From 7 September to 8 September the Battalian manuscreed into position for a sweep through the low ground to the Northwest in conjunction with operations by the 1st Battalian and 2nd Battalian, 3d Marines on Matter's Ridge to the North. There was no enemy contact of nowe, but several new complexes of fighting holes and bunkers were discovered in various stages of construction.

From 9 Soptember through 11 September the Battalion advanced with three companies on line to the Northwest; Company "I" on the South, with Company "M" and Company "K" on line in that order to the North. The NVA resisted the advance with dug in troops, 60mm and 82mm merters and artillery fires. All units received indirect fires: Company "K" was attacked by small groups of WA from Butter's Ridge and Company "" was resisted by en cutimated Platoon (Rain) of MVL in bunkers in their zone. Company "I" received approximately 105 rounds of 60mm and 82mm mentage and had 1 KLA and 33 WIA. Company "I" suffered 3 KIA and 13 WIA from small arms fire while getting 7 NVA KI. confirmed and 1 NV. FO.L. Six weapons fore crytured and 1 M-16 lost. Company "K" roccived approximately to rounds of mortar fire without casualties. There were 2 Ki4 and 6 WLi from small arms and automatic weapons and rifle grenede fire, and 11 NVL KIL confirmed. Company "M" received 120 rounds of Orm and 82mm morters and suffered 2 KTL and 35 WIL. Company "L" received 28 rounds of morter and 12 rounds of 130mm artillary without ocsuelties.

The Battalien retired on 1: September and returned to Imp Carmell on 13 September without incident. Company "L" remained in position as security for FSB Bird which was unfor construction at their position. For 14 September through 30 September "to Battalien was assigned security in the j in rise Lagrangian for the position of the rest of the position.



contest and three incidents of incoming 82mm mortars. Missions assigned during this period were as follows: Security of Camp Carroll, the Gio Bridge, Dong Ha Mountain OP, Dong Ha Convoy and security of Route #9 in AO, 14 September through 30 September. Security of FSB Bird, 13 September through 15 September and 24 September through 30 September. FSB Pete, security of, 14 September through 15 September; Bru Village Mai Loc, security of, 15 September through 18 September.





#### PART ILL

# SEQUENTIAL LIBRING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

### COMB T MISSIONS ASSIGNAD

- 1 September 1968

  1. Continue search and destroy operations in the 3d Bettalion 40 of the Lancaster II 40.

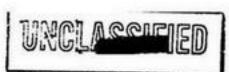
  (Rogt Frag Order 39-68)
- 7 September 1968

  1. Continue search and destroy operations to the Northwest. (Regt Freg Order 41-68)
- 12 September 1968

  1. Provide one company for establishment of FSB Bird.

  2. Conduct search and destroy operations in AO.
  - Be propered to relieve 1st Battalion, 9th Merines on order about 14 September 1968. (Regt frag Order 43-68)
- 14 Soptomber 1968 1. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines assume 1st Battalion, 9 th Marines AO.
  - 2. Provide security for Thon Son Lam, Camp Carrol? Who Gio Bridgo, Dong Ha Mountain OP, FSB Peto and Route #9 in AO. (Regt Frag Order 44-68)
- 15 September 1968 1. Provide security for Bru Resettlement area are conduct patrols west and southwest of the resettlement area.
  - Continue security of Comp Carroll, the Gio Bridge, Dong Ha Mountain OP, Route #9 in AO. Provide Sparrow Hawk force. (Regt Frag Order 47-68)
- 24 September 1968 1. Frovide security for Camp Carroll, Thon Son La Nho Gio Bridge, Dong Ha Mountain OF and Route #9 in AO.
  - 2. Conduct mino sweeps, c provide Shill . Secretity so Sharpow Hawk (Rest Free Order 49-68)

UNCLASSIFIED



## SIGHIFICANT OPERATIONS

1 September - 1030H Company "M" patrol made contest with 6-1 HVA at XD 967597. The HVA split into two groups and fled south and southwest. Organic weapons of the company were complaint.

1335H. A Company "L" patrol made contact with 3 NVA at XD9\$7597. Company organic weapons were employed and the patrol attempted to manuever to flank the NVA position, but the nature of terrain and vegotation prevented manuever. Artillery was employed to block the route of withdrawl of the IVA.

1730H A Company "L" patrol heard movement on trail behind them at XD 955605. A hasty ambush was established and initiated on 15-20 NVA. The 81mm mortans and the 60mm mortans of Company "M" were employed for fire support.

2 September - 1830H Company "K" received 334 rounds of 60mm mortars and 19 rounds of 130mm artillery at XD 947588. Counter battery fires from 81mm mortars were employed against the mortar positions, and an AO was called to direct artillery fires at artillery positions.

1915H & Company "I" ambush at XD 951599 observed 8 NVA moving south along strocm. NVA were engaged and withdraw to north. Artillery was exaployed to block probable routes of withdrawl.

2055H Company "L" was probed by an estimated squad of NVA. Hand granades were employed by troops to repulse the probe.

2125H Company "M" engaged 4 NVL at XD 966595 with small arms.

3 September - 1850H-040116H Company "L" at XD953599 received 172 rounds of 60mm mortar and 82mm mortar and 25 rounds of 130mm artillery. Counterbattery fires resulted in 2 secondary explosions from 81mm mortar fires, and 2 secondary explosions from artillery fires on NVA morter positions.

1930H Company "L" was assaulted by an estimated two comppanyer force of NVA. NVA set off trip flare warning device
and were immediately taken under five by M-26 groundes,
which broke back the assault. Artillery was employed against
evenues of approach. An emergency resupply of amunition
was received during the fight. Sporatic small arms fires
were received until OlleH.

UNCLASSIFIED

9 September



- 0500H Company "L" at XD953599 received 28 mounds 60mm mortar. Artillery was employed on suspected mortar positions.

1300H Company "I" at XD939603 encountered an estimate.
Platoon (Rein) of NVA in bunkers. Company withdrew
and called artillery on area.

1330H Company "I" Emergency med evac helicopter was taken under fire by 3 NVA near the LZ. Small arms accounted for all 3 KIA.

1500H Company "K" at XD943607 engaged in unknown size force on Mutter's Ridge with organic weapons and artillery. NV4 returned fire with small arms and 60mm mortars.

1520H Company "M" at XD941604 began to receive 30 rounds of 82mm mortar fire inside their position. Artillory was called on suspected mortar positions.

1730H Company "L" at XD953599 received 8 rounds of 130mm artillery fire. AO was directed to fire on NVA artillery positions.

1800H Company "M" began to receive 14 rounds of 82mm mortar fire inside their position. Counter battery fire by artillery was employed against suspected mortar positions and suspected FO position.

10 Soptember

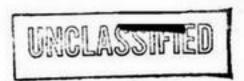
- 0300H Company "K" at XD943607 initiated contact with an unknown size NVL force. NVA fired automatic weapons and rifle greates from high ground to north. 91mm mortars were employed against NVA positions.

0730H Company "I" at XD967604 made contact with NV4 in two bunkers. Action continued until 1100H. Small arms, AV's and LALW's were employed. Bunkers were destroyed by LALW fire.

0930H Company "M" at XD944603 received a total of 35 rounds of 82mm mortar fire at 0930H and 1100H. Artillory and gun ships were employed against suspected mertar positions.

1100H Company "I" at XD935604 received 32 rounds of 92mm mortar fire. Gunships were called to bring fires against suspected mortar positions.

1615H Company "I" at XD935605 made contact with an unknown size force of NVA in bunkers. The point man was killed immediately. Efforts to recover the body continued through the night. The body was recovered at 0800H, 11Sep68. The man's weapon was missing and the body had been searched. The engagement took place at 30 meters; too close for any supporting cams, except



60mm mortars.

1650H Company "M" received 18 rounds of 82mm mortar fire.

1700H Company "I" received 10 rounds of 82mm mortar fire.

1800H Company "I" received 20 rounds of 82mm mortar fire.

1915H Company "M" received 23 rounds of 82mm mortar fire.

1700H to 1930H Artillery was employed against suspected mortar positions and suspected FD positions in an offort to suppress the 82mm mortar fires.

11 September : : -1600H Company "I' received 40 rounds of 82mm mortars.

Artillery was amployed against suspected mortar
positions.

13 September -0900H to 1830H Battalion minus Company "L" helilifted to Comp Carroll,

14 September . -0900H Company "M" bogan motor march to Thon Son Lam.

0800H Company "I" bogan a motor march to The Gio Bridge.

0800H 3d Platoon, Company "I" (Rein) helilifted to Dong Ha Mountain OP.

1200H Company "It", let Battalion, 3d Marines, began a foot march to ND 978585 from Thom Son Lam to escert artillery and engineers to establish FSB Pote.

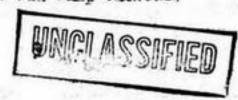
15 September -1500H Uchpany "M" at Then Son Lam began helilift to XD093513. Mai Loc. Lift was not completed.

1616H Company "M" at Thon Son Lam received 2 rounds 82mm mortar fire on the LZ.

2100H Company "I" (-) at the Gio Bridge received 22 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Artillery was employed against suspected mortar position.

230QH to 0100H Company "I" at The Gio-Gridge received.
30 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Artillery was employed against suspected mortar position.

16 September -0930E Company 'M'(-) at Thon Son Lam began motor march to Mai Loc via Comp Carroll.



# UNCLASSIFIED

18 September

- 0800H Company "K" at Comp Carroll began helilift to relieve Company "L" at FSB Bird. Relief completed at 1600H.

19 September .

-16455 to 2145H Company "L", with a light section of the tanks in direct support, searched area YD050545 in response to a reported sighting of one company of NVA without incident.

24 Soptembor

- 0830H Company "M" (Rein) conducted a foot march from Comp Corroll to Thon Son Lon

14 to 30 Sept 1: - Battalion conducted routine patrols on Route #9 in AO and near base camps.

# 3. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENDAY

a. During the month of September the 3d Battalien, 3d Marines inflicted the following casualties on the enemys

37 NVA KIA Confirmed, of white five were killed by Air Strikes/

# 4. NUMBER OF BATTLE CASUALTIES

TOTALS	KIA	WIA	DOW	MIA	HBC	MBC KILLED
TOTALS USMC 3/3 USN 3/3 USMC OTHERS	07	84	01	00	53	00
USN 3/3	00	09	00	00	02	00
USMC OTHERS	00	00	00	OO	.00	00

### 5. NEW TEXANIQUES EMPLOYED

- 2 September 1968 Company "K" moved to night position at dusk. Mortar and Articlery fired by NVA were on positions occupied before the neve. (OG 3dMarDiv mag)
- 3 September 1968 ~ Company "I" employed M-26 groundes almost exclusively against an assaulting force of 2 NVA occupations, Consequently the NVA assault was broken at have grounde range before the NVA had an apportunity to fire weapons. They were unable to consolidate and launch another assault.





a. OPCON - 3d Maxino Pogiment

ADDON = 3d Marine Division

- b. Subordinate Unita.
  - (1) 15-15 Sep 68 Company "D" CPCON let Battalion, 12th Marines (2) 14-15 Sep 68 Company "D", 1/3 OPCON 3d Battalion, 3d Marines

(3) 15-18 Sep 68 Company "L" OPCON 1st Battalion, 3d Marines

(4) 18-22 Sep 68 Company "H" OPCON 3d Rocon Battalion

(5) 18-24 Sop 68 Company "K" CPCON lat Battalion, 3d Marines

(6) 24-30 Sep 68 Company "K" OPBON 2d Battalion. 3d Marines

# 7, EQUIPMENT.

As of 30 September only 73% of the combat essential equipment was combat operational. (OPSEAN Report of 30 September 1968)

# 8. LCGISTEGS

# a. Supply

# (1) Closs II

(a) The Battalien has a critical chartege of the following items, and has a 81.6% supply category. (CFSPAF report dtd 30Sep68)

ITEM	SHOURT A		
(a) Helmots (b) Flack Jackots	305		
(c) Compases	131		
(d) Binoculars (d) Jungio Utilities	12 <b>3</b> 9		
(f) Undorshirts (g) TA-1/FT Tolephone	1239 63		
(h) RØ 292 Antonna	8		

# (2) Glass V

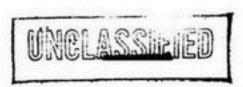
(a) There was a shortage of flechette rounds for the M-79.
(b) The utilization of HE (light) M-525 fixe fore Sirm. Mortar

is not very stable.

# (3) Rosupply

(c) There was no resupply of the Battalion in the field during the tropical storm from 4-6 September. Buring the remainder of the period the Battalian was in the field it was resupplied entirely by helicopters.

UNGLASSIFIED



# b. Evacuation and hospitalization

(1) There was an increase in fever of unknown origin,
(2) All emergency medical evacuations were made by helicopter with the longest time from initial request to evacuation being one hour and 32 minutes, Delay was due to no escort aircraft on station.

# c. Transportation.

- (1) The Battalions total mileage on organic transportation was 7,500 miles. Whon available 22 ton 6by6 and helicopters carried resupply and troops on troop movements; however, the majority of troop movements were by foot.
- (2) The availability of M-151Al is only 75% for the Battalion due to shortego of regulators, while eveilability of M-274A2 is 75.7% due to shortages of magnetoes and starter assumbling.

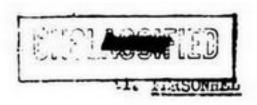
### d. Service

- (1) A platoon of Company "B", 3d Engineer Battalion rendered assistance in all orginoering tasks, but heavy equipment was unobtainable.
- (2) HST 3d Shore Party Battalian provided helicopter guidance at all LZ's.
- (3) FLSU Brave contact team was propert at Camp Carroll on 16 September. This confirmed that only 5 of 8 106's and 4 of 8 flomes of the battalion were combat operational.
- 9. CIVIC ATION Not applicable

### 10. ADMINISTRATION

- a. An awards ceremony was hold on 19 September 1969 at Camp Carroll. The below evering wors proceed by Colonel R. L. MEHABL JR., Comman'ing
  - 2 Bronzo Star Modelle
  - 1 Navy Commondation Model
  - 13 Purple Heart Meduls
  - 5 Victnamese Cross of Gallantry Medals
- b. A total of 6 Court-Martials were held during September: 3 General Courts-Martial, and 3 Special Courts-Martial. Five Courts-Martial are pending. Seven Battalien Commander's Office Hours were completed. There were 5 company commander's Office Hours completed.
  - c. Liberty was not authorized during this period.





e. Gains: 7 USMC OFF: 187 USMC ENL: 0 USN OFF: 0 USN ENL:

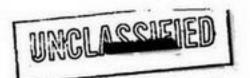
t. Locaces: 5 USMC OFF: 123 USMC ENL:
0 USN OFF: 8 USN ENL:

c. The RAR program continues to be a major moral factor within this command. There were 80 out of country RAR quotas and 21 in-country quotas used during the month.

# 12. INTELLIGENCE

There were several small contacts with the enemy during the month of September including one large contact with a two company size Wi units on 3 September. Elements of the battalion received heavy incoming while in the field from Come attribute more seed second with the contract to the contract of the contract o made contact with 3 NVA in the vicinity of XD955595 resulting in 1 NVA KLA confirmed. At 011730H 3dPlt 1/3/3 around movement in the vicinity of YD961599 and get up a hasty amough. The Plt initiated contact with M-26's, SAF, and M-79 granades with an estimated 15 NV. The Plt called in a mortar mission on the enemy and contact was broken resulting in 7 NV . KIA confirmed. Lt 021830H Y/3/3 received approximately 334 rounds of 60mm morter from vicinity of MO940613 and 19 rounds of 130rm artillory from an unknown location. At 022035H L/3/3 vicinity of XD954599 amonived a light probe from the morth by an estimated small force armed with \$2-47 rifles. After contact was broken, the area was checked at limit light and several items of enemy goar and ordinance were captured. Between 051950H and 040116H L/3/3 vicinity of M054599 received 172 rounds of 60mm morter and 82rm norter fired from the vibinity of 1094301. Immediately afterwards they received 25 rounds of 150 to artillery from the direction of 0400 MILS, followed by an estimated NVL two company size assault which was repulsed with The army continued to pour in sporedic grenedes and SAF at 0322X4 SAF until 040116H when core it was taken. The even was checked at first light roverling 9 NV1 and co. 10 10 10, 4 CSWC, and assorted documents identifying the 7th Co, 2014. 10 10 10 Div. At 990500H L/3/3 received 28 rounds of Chia MEDETAC Chopper for 1/3/3 . a vei light MG fire from 3 MVA vicinity of XD937602. The enemy west end to by SaF and Huny Gunchips resulting in 3 NV: KIL confirmed. The area was marched resulting in 1 RPD IMG type 56, 1 4K-47, and 1 SKS captured plus numerious individual goar, and ordnance. At 091500H K/3/3 made contact with an unknown number of NVA vicinity of XD942607 resulting in 11 NVA KIL confirmed. At 091520H M/3/3 received approximately 44 rounds of 82mm mortar fire from an unknown location. At 091730H L/3/3 Yoccived 8 rounds of 130mm artillery from an unknown location. it 100730H I/3/3 made contact with an unknown number of NVL in two bunkers, vicinity of X0937601 and XD937604 resulting in 4 NVL KI confirmed plus 1 CSNC and 2 INC, At 101100H 1/3/3 captured 1 NVA POW vicinity of X D93860: At 100930H M/3/3 received 30-35 rounds of 82mm morter from vicinity of XD927610. it 101650H M/3/3 received approximately 41 rounds of 82mm mon : from vicinity of XD940610. At 101 00H 1/3/3, vicinity of XD937637, received 10 rounds of 82m morter from an all solons location and later received

UNCLASSIFIED



4 rounds of suspected 130mm artillery from an unknown location. At 111600H 1/3/3 received 45 rounds of 82mm mortar from the vicinity of XD940605 and XD937605. At 141835H 1/3/3 received 3-4 rounds of 82mm mortar from the vicinity of YD 035636 and at 152100H received 22 rounds from the vicinity of YD031580 and at 152300H received another 30 rounds from the vicinity of YD030583. At 160910H 1/5/3 vicinity of XD955399 found two NVA XTA approximately two weeks old resulting in 1 IWC, 1 CSW2 and various other items of enemy equipment and ordinance which they had with them. At 161915F 40 observed approximately 90 NVA vicinity of YD124552 and celled in an air strike with unknown results. At 221000H 1/3/3 vicinity of XD947605 found 1 Soviet Flame Thrower, LPO-50 (Men Pack), complete with fuel tenks and accessories. The Flame Thrower had been abandoned about 100 meters from Kile's position and appeared to have been lying on the ground about 2-3 weeks before being discovered.

Again as during the month of August, the Battalian discovered and destroyed many bunkers and fortified areas in our AO, which were mostly newly constructed or under construction, indicating the enemy's desire to build up and occupy positions in the 3d Marines AO before the nonsoons arrive and hamper their routes of infiltration into this area from the north. At the close of the month the enemy still appeared to be building up their forces in these areas for possible operations against friendly forces during the monsoons. Also there has been an apparent increase in their use of 82mm mortars and heavy artillery from the IMZ against the friendly forces operating in this area.

Listed below are the unit identifications as discovered from captured documents and/or the FOW and a list of the total enemy weapons and equipment captured by the battalion during the month of Soptember. In addition to the POW, there were 13 detainess picked up during the month which were all released as innocent civilians after being turned over to the 3d Marines ITT for disposition.

#### UNIT IDENTIFICATIONS

1. 7th Co, 2dBn, 48th Regt., 320th Div

2. Poss 5thCo, 5thBn, 52ml Regt

3. Poss 6th Co, 5th Bn, 52nd Regt., 20-7Div(20-7Div Poss AK. for 320th Div)

4. Song Dirh Unit - AKA for 52nd Regt

5. I6, Z5, Song Dinh - AK; for 6th Co. 5th Bn. 52nd Pogt

6. 13884 IS - 1stCo, 5thBn, 52nd Rogt, 320th Div





# EMARY WEARCHS AND EQUIPMENT CAPTURED 1 to 30 SEPTEMBER 1968

AK-47 Rifles		14	AK-47 Magazines	26
SKS Carbines		5	Loather Bolts, NVA ( 2 Officer)	
RPD LMG (Typ 56)		5	RPD Drum Meganifica	3
RPG-2 Launchers		2	RPG-2 Rds	6
Soviet Flame Thrower	LPO-50)			
(Man Pack)		1	82mm Rds	20
Fuel Tanks for "	**	3	Chicon Gronados	20
Explosive Charges	19	2	M26 grenados	2
Batteries for	**	2	7.62mm Short Ammo, Rds	300
Strikers for	11	3	U. S. Water Cans	. 6
NVA Helmet		6	Corm wire, meters	140
NVA Gas Mask		1	Sanda a pair	2
Centeen, NVA		1	Rice, The	50
"E" Tool, NVA		7	Poncho, WA	2
Salt, bag		2.	Saife	1
Medical Carrying Pouch	1		First Aid Kit, U.S.	1
w/assorted med suppli		1	Battale Dressing Kit	1
Opium, pouches		3	NVA Uniforms (Bloody)	2
Ammo Case		1	Boots, NVA, pair	7
Packs, NVA		1.1	Homemade AP Mine	1
Documents, assorted				

# 13. COMMUNICATIONS

a. The continuing difficulty is the overcrowded radio nets, due to sharing of all VHF frequencies with Army units.

14. WEATHER. In comparison to August, September's weather was coolen, especially at night. Self continued at the level it achieved in the latter part of August, although the wind calmed considerably.

Lverage High - 68 degrees

Lverege Low - 71 degrees

Average Humidity - 68%

# 15. FIRE SUPFORT

- a. Units Providing Direct and General Support
  - (1) Battery "A" 1st Battalion, 12th Marines
  - (2) Battory "B" 1st Battalion, 12th Marines
  - (3) Battory "C" 1st Battalion, 12th Marines
  - (4) Bettery "W" 1st Bettalion, 12th Merines
  - (5) Battery "K" 4th Battalion, 12th Marines (6) Battery "M" 4th Battalion, 12th Marines





# b. Missions Fired

(1)	Artillery	Ammunition Expended		
	(a) Preparatory fires 23 (b) Night Defensive Fires 30 (c) Suspected Enemy Position (d) Live Missions 43	117	105mm 3419 155mm 1842 4.2mm 541	

### c. 91mm Mortars

(a) Preparatory fires	HE 2606
(a) Preparatory fires (b) Targets of opportunity	WF 306
(c) Counter Mortar Fire (d) Suspected Enemy Position	711 502
(d) Suspected Enemy Positio	ns
(e) Night Defensive Fire	

(f) Illumination

# 16. AIR SUPTORT

a. During the month of September, 10 flights of fixed wing sircraft ran strikes in support of the Battellion. All strikes were controlled in coordination with the ALO/FAC toom.

b. 20 A0's were requested and 18 received.

c. 93 med evacs were completed.

d. 5 flights of Cunships were run fer a total of 5 hours.

e. 67,750 pounds of cargo were lifted and 6 troop lifts completed.

f. 7 C&C flights were used.

g. Flare ships logged 30 hours on station.

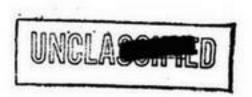
h. 4 Dragon Ships for a total of 9 hours. Expended 45,000 rounds.

i. 4 emergency resupply total 6,000 pounts.

17. ACTIVITIES/DEACTIVATIONS/REACTIVATIONS. N/A



attendate.



#### JOURNAL SUMMARY SMATSHER 1966

Olo600H The area XD 965604 was searched by oloments of Company "h" with negative results.

Ollo30H In the area of XD967597 elements of Company "M" made contact with 6 or 7 NVA. The NVA split into two groups, proofleding South, the other Southwest. One NVA was believed wounded.

Oll355H In the area of XD 955605 elements of Company "L" made contact with 3 NV4. Resulting in one NVA KIA.

Oll400H In the area of XD 949599 elements of Company "I" discovered 4 bunkers. There was no evidence of recent use. The bunkers were destroyed.

Oll730H In the area of XB 961599 the 3d Flateen of Company "L" heard movement and set up a heaty ambush. The plateen initiated contact with M-26 frag grenades, smell arms fire and M-79's. It was estimated 15 NVA, called in mortary mission and contact was broken. 7 NVA KIA

O21530H In the area of XD955599 elements of Company "L", while digging a mortar pit, found 20 82mm mortar rounds. The rounds were destroyed.

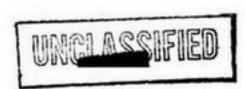
O21830H From the vicinity of XD940513 Company "N" received 334 rounds of 60mm mortar fixeds and 19 rounds of 130 ms artilibry rounds from an unknown location. Called artillery on suspected mortar position and the mortar fire ceased. Checked the area at first light with negative results.

O21915H In the area of XD951599 Gospany "I" unbushed 8 NVA traveling South down the river. The ambush was initiated with small arms fire and the NVA retreated up the river with unknown results.

0220352 In the area of XD954599 Company "L" received a light probe from the enemy estimated to be 1 or 2 NVA armed with AK-47's. Threw frag grenades and small arms fire was returned. Contact was then broken. The area was checked at first light and found medical carrying pouch with writing, 1 pack, 3 RFG-2 rounds, 3 RFG-2 becaters, 1 Centeen, 2 pair sandals, 1 bag beiled rice, surgical dressing with 6 packages of opium.

022125H In the eres of XD966595 the listening post of Company "A" engaged 4 NVA with small arms fire and gronades. Search of the area with negative results.

O31850H To 040116H In the area of ND954599 started to received 172 rounds of 60mm mortar and 82mm mortar. The 82mm mortar was fired from the vicinity of ND953615, the 60mm mortars were fired from 9 different locations. Immediately after receiving 25 rounds of 130mm artillary from the direction of 400 mills. Followed by an assault of 2 NVL company size. The assault was repulsed with small arms and grangles. From 032230H to 040116H received sporadic small arms fire. 81mm mortar and artillary fired on enomy 82mm mortar position resulting in 2 secondary explosions on 82mm mortar and 2 on 60mm mortar. The flore ship on station and Spooky were employed to the wost



with unknown results. Checked area at first light and found ascerted documents identifying the 7th Co., 2dBn, 48th Regt, 320th Division. 9 NVA's KIA, 3 SKS, 3 RFD, 7 AK-47's and RFG launcher. Documents and weapons will be forwarded to 3d Harines S-2.

041230 In the area of MD055601 Company "L" observed 1 MVL who appeared to be a Corpomen. The enemy was taken under fire with grenades and small arms fire, also N-79's. Searched the area and found 1 centson, 2 AK-47 rounds. The cents as and rounds were destroyed. The 1st day of the tropical storm.

O51000H In the area of D948599 Company "I" found 1-82mm mortar position. Size approximately 5 feet in diameter and 34 feet in depth with attached ammunition bunker and another bunker 4'x6'x4', not recently used in the vicinity of XD 948599. The position was destroyed. The 2d day of the tropical storm.

C61300H In the eres of AD955599 Company "L" captured 1 AK-47, AK-47 ammunition, 1 penche and NVA plateen commanders note book. The weapons and notebook to Division G-2. The 3d day of the tropical storm and the last day of heavy rain.

CTLECOM In the area of ND 959602 elements of Company "N" found a NVA trail showing recent signs of use with fighting holes adjacent to the tril and NVA bunkers. The bunkers are known to have been constructed at since 28Aug68, using 8 unserviceble water cans with Tac markings of 2/9. The water cans were used as everhead covering, also I NVA helmet was found along the trail.

Council In the area of 20952504 elements of Company "K" found 1 RPG -2 rounds, and 100 meters of communication wire. Both were buried.

681336H In the area of AD 952604 elements of Company "K" found 25 from fighting holes (20 completed and 5 incomplete). The holes were filled in.

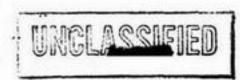
O81530H In the cree of 3D 9:3500 elements of Company "I" found 2 K-47's, 3 AK-47 magazines, 1 officer's buckle, 1 drum of machine gum ammunition, in the clothing was 2 plastic planing orde, the 7 of clubs and 7 diamonds. All goar except the weapons and playing orde were destroyed.

C81615H Elements of Company "Ni" found fighting holes that appeared to have been dug very recently, also the following equipment was found: 2 1K-47 magnaines, 1 Chi Com granada, 3 blocks of TMT, 1 RFG booster, 1 pick, 1 shovel, and 1 bush hat. (Viotnemeso type)

O81830H In the erec of D948598/D948595, clements of Company "I" engaged.

0905005 From the area of XD935624, Company "L" received 28, 60mm mortar rounds. Artillary mis ion was called and the firing escaped.

C91330E Bloments of Company "I" began to receive small arms and automatic weapons fire from an estimated plateon of NVA at 20942693. The fire was returned with small arms and called in gunships and artillary. t 1330. c



Med-Evac chopper received light machine gun fire from 3 NVA near the LZ. Engaged the enemy with M-79, small arms fire, automatic weapons, artillery and also, gunships were called. The result's were 2 Marine KIA, 10 Marine WIA and 3 NVA KIA also captured 1 light machine gun RPD 56. 1 SKS, 1 AK-47 1 gas mask, 1 drum AK-47 ammunition, 4 chi coms and 1 helmet.

091500H In the area of XD 943607 elements of Company "K" engaged the enemy with small arms, M-79, M-60, frag grenades, comm mortars, 81mm mortar and artillery. Company "K" received small arms fire, rifle grenades, 60m mortar and automatic weapons fire. Company "K" suffered 2 Marine KIA's and 4 Marine WIA's. The NVA suffered 11 KIA's.

O91520H When Company "M" started to dig in for the night they received rounds believed to be 82mm mortar also small arms fire. Artillery was called in on the mortar positions. Company "M" received 2 Marine KIA's and 34 Marine WIA's.

091730H Company "L" received 8 rounds of 130 Artillery. Counter battery was called with unknown results.

100300H In the area of XD943507 the listening post of Company "K" initiated contact with unknown number of NVA. The NVA returned small arms fire, automatic weapons and rifle grenades. Artillery and 81mm mortar was called with unknown results. Company "K" suffered 2 Marine WIA's.

100730H In the area of XD937607/XD937604 elements of Company "I" made contact with unknown number of NVA in 2 bunkers. (The contact resulted in 4 NVA KIA's and 1 SIS, 1 light machine gun, 1 AK-47 and AK-47 ammunition were captured. The ammunition was destroyed and the weapons forwarded to S-2.

100930H Company "M" received 30-35 rounds of 82mm morter fire. The first volley after resupply. The second during a med evac. 2 Marines WIA's.

101100H From the area of XD 933607 Company "I" received 32 rounds of 82mm mortar. Called air strike and gunships and the mortar fire ceased.

101100H In the area of 10937604 elements of Company "I" maptured 1 NVA hiding in a forhole. The POW was forwarded to G-2, 3d Marine Division for interrogation. His name was Pfc NGUYEN VAN THAWH, 6th Platoon, Company Hq., 2d Battalion, 1st Division (Rein).

101330H In the area of XD946608 elements of Company "K" found 5 fighting holes and 4 bunkers 4'x3'x2' overheaded with logs and dirt. The bunkers contained 5 "E"Tools, 3 helmets, 1 battle dressing kit, 2 AK-47 magazines with rounds, 1 bloody NVA bandage, 1 leather belt, 1 ammunition case, 1 bloody NVA uniform, 2 chicom grenades and a small amount of rice. The area was deserted.

101800H In the area of XD937604 Company "I" received 20-82mm morter rounds. Gunships were on station. They fired on the enemy positions with unknown results. Company "I" suffered 1 Marine KIA and 9 Marine WIA's.

UNCLASCIFIED

111.000H Company "I" located at XD 943602/XD937605 and XD942606 received 40 82mm mortar rounds. Called artillery mission on suspected area. Results unknown

12Sep68 No significant ovents.

131800H The Battalion returned from the field.

140800H Company "L" to OPCON 1stBn, 12th Marinos.

141200H Company "D" 1st Bettalion, 3d Merines to OPCON 3d Battalion, 3d Merines.

141710H Elements of Company "I" received 3 or 4 unknown type of rounds. The rounds were adjusted from the base of the hill up. Artillery was called, coverage of the target was excellent.

151300H Company "L" chop to OPCON 1stBn, 3d Marines

151300H Company "D" chop to OPCON 1stBn, 3d Marines

151610H Company "M" received 2 82mm mortar rounds at Thon Son Jem - LZ. Resulting in 1 Marine WIL.

152100H Elements of Company "I" received 22 rounds of 82mm morter and all the rounds landed outside of the porimeter.

152300H Company "I" received 30 rounds of 82mm morter rounds. All the rounds landed outside the perimeter. Artillery was called with unknown results.

160910H In the area of XD955599 elements of Company "L" found 2 NVA bodies, 1 AK-47, 1 RPG 2-launcher with 2 rounds, 7 chi come, 4-.45 Cal. magazines and assorted gear. The weapons were turned into S-2.

161100H Elements of Company "K" while on road sweep from Camp Carroll to Mai Loc found 1 old anti-personnel mine at YD065537. Also a anti-tank mine located at YD084520. Both mines were blown in place.

161100H At checkpoint #69 elements of company "I" received from a civilian boy, age 12, various items of milt my supplies he had found. All class V were destroyed. I LANW, 1 M-26 grounde, 1 bandage, and 2 batteries.

161915H In the area of YD115495 Company "K" reported 1 large and 1 small secondary explosion as a result of an air strike.

162300H At the Khe Gio Bridge clements of Company "I" received 30 rounds of 82mm mortar. Artillery fired on YD 030583 with unknown results.

17Sep68 No significant events.



180900H 3d Flatoon "B" Company, 3d Engineer Battalion under OPCON 3d Battalion, 3d Marines.

180900H Section of light tanks, "B" Company, 3d Tank Battalion under OFCON 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Assigned to Company "M".

181000H Two scout snipers from 3d Marines under OPCON 3d Battalion, 3d Marines

181000H Company "K" to OPCON 1st Battalion, 3d Marines.

181500H Company "M" to OPCON to 3d Recon Battelion.

IMCLASSIFIED

191645H To 2145H Company "L" with a light section of tanks in direct support searched the area YD 050545 in response to a reported sighting of 1 company of NVA. With negative results.

2020 70H Elements of Company "I" heard what was believed to be 2 or 3 people 50 moters outside their lines. Fired M-79's will check at first light.

211750H Elements of Company "L" while on patrol heard rounds being fired from a vehicle heading toward Camp Carroll. The rounds were fired by unknown Army personnel.

221000H Company "M" returned to OPCON of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines.

221000H In the area of XD 947635 elements of Company "K" found 1 Soviet flame thrower LFO-50, 3 fuel tanks (full), and 2 explosive charges. The serial number of the flame thrower was F-436 made in 1964. The gun is in good condition. Electrically operated and contained 2 batteries, bipods and 3 strikers. The approximate weight of the entire weapon is 50# to include hose, nozzlo and canvas back pack. The explosives were strapped to the tank. They are 10 inches long and 2 inches in dismeter. The weapon estimated to have been abandoned 2-3 weeks ago.

231100H Elements of Company "M" departed to assist the U. S. Army 1/144 to search for missing personnel and found 1 AK-50 light machine gun.

232200H In the area of YD 064540 Fighting Mad Yankee while on line watch, hoard movement near holes 2,3 and 4 at 232240H. A trip flare was set off with negative observation of movement. Illumination consisting of 4.2mm mortar and 81mm mortar were used. The 3d platoen company "L" was alerted and rallied at the LZ and then filtered into position in section "F" and part of Section "E". 60mm mortars were employed and the area was also covered by M-79 fire. At approximately 240145 another trip flare was set of and Snub Nose Yankee and 3d Flatoon Company "L" saw definate movement. Additional Illumination was called and the area was saturated with small arms fire, M-79 and 60mm mortar fire. The area was checked at 1st light with negative results.

241500H Company "K" to OFCON 2d Battelion, 3d Marines on order.





252235H Elements of Company "I" he ard movement on their limes, fired small axus and 4.2 mm mortars. Checked the area at first light with negative results.

261400H Elements of Company "I" located at The Gic bridge saw one person who appeared to be digging. The person was Vietnamese and was wearing what locked like a helmet. After an artillery mission the area was searched with negative results.

262200H Elements of Company "I" heard movement on their lines which set off a trip flare. Fired M79's and 20 rounds of 60mm mortar Illumination and artillery. The area was checked at first light with negative results.

271745H Elements of Company "I" moved 50 civilians from Cemp Cerroll across road to check point #6. The civilians had 200 cans of MCI, 100 sand bags and enginner stakes, confiscated all U. S. material.

28Sep68: No significant events.

290700H Elements of Company "E" found 1 AK 47 by listening post. The weapon was rusty but in firing order. The weapon was in the brush.

30Sep68: No significant events.