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1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b) and (c) enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

2. This letter of transmittal is declassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 June to 30 June 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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Designation	Commander	Date
1st Battalion, 4th Marines	LtCol C. W. WILLCOX	1-30 June

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Company H&S	Capt H. R. MORRIS	1-9 June
Company H&S	1stLt L. C. IVERSON	10-30 June
Company A	Capt W. W. ROUSE III	1-30 June
Company B	Capt D. M. ATKINSON	1-30 June
Company C	1stLt G. H. BROUILLETTE	1-30 June
Company D	1stLt T. J. RAPPITT	1-30 June

ATTACHED UNITS

Det, Co H&S 3rd MP Bn (Scout Dogs)
 Det, Co B 3rd SP Bn (HST Teams)
 Det, Co A 3rd Engr Bn
 Det, Btry G 3/12 (FO Teams)
 Det, 3rd Mar Div, Kit Carson School (KC Scouts)

Location

Battalion CP 1-26 Fire Support Base Neville XD 824577
 Battalion CP 27-30 Vandegrift Combat Base (VCR)

Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Major J. R. GREEN	1-30 June
S-1 Adjutant	1stLt R. V. LLOYD	1-4 June
S-1 Adjutant	2ndLt M. W. MACKIE	5-30 June
Personnel Officer	1stLt K. A. MARLANNES	1-14 June
Personnel Officer	2ndLt W. T. OWEN Jr.	15-30 June
S-2/3A	Capt J. T. GREEN	1-30 June
S-3	Major C. W. CORB r.	1-30 June
S-3 ALO	1stLt R. P. BELL	1-30 June
S-3 FAC	1stLt R. P. MAKAREWICZ	1-30 June
Artillery Officer	1stLt K. A. SHELLEY Jr.	1-30 June
S-4	Capt H. R. MORRIS	1-30 June
S-4 A	2ndLt H. F. SMITH III	1-24 June
S-4 B	2ndLt M. R. HEADSPOOL	1-30 June
Comm Officer	1stLt W. A. FENNELL	1-30 June
MT Officer	2ndLt R. W. STINE	1-30 June
Supply Officer	1stLt R. A. STOTZ	1-30 June

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Chaplain
Bn Surgeon

LtCmdr L. E. ALFRED, USN
Lt W. T. MOORE, USN

1-30 June
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Average Monthly Strength

	<u>USMC</u>	
OFF	ENL	
37	-	1090

	<u>USN</u>	
OFF	ENL	
2	-	49

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. General overview of all Activities. As the month of June commenced, the battalion was participating in the 4th Marines' operation "Herkimer Mountain." The battalion continued to be employed in the northwestern corner of the Regimental AO. Specific locations of the "A" Command Group and the rifle companies, and changes as they occurred during the month, are delineated in the Sequential Listing of Significant Events portion of this chronology.

The posture of the battalion remained relatively stable throughout the month, until word was received on 20 June that FSB Neville would be closed and the battalion would be removed from the AO and assigned a new mission. This plan was to be executed in such a manner as to ensure the closing of FSB Neville and the completion of helilift of all troops by 30 June. The plan was executed without incident, and completed on the afternoon of 29 June. As the companies were helilifted from the field, they were subsequently chopped OPCON to 3/4, so that by month's end, only Company "C" remained under the operational control of the battalion while Companies "A," "B," and "D" were OPCON to 3/4.

To provide for more control over the rifle companies, the company rear areas at Quang Tri Combat Base (QTCB) were moved forward to VCB. All of the companies had completed their moves by 29 June. The S-1, Battalion Supply, and "H&S" Company will remain at QTCB.

2. Command Relations. The battalion remained under the control of the 4th Marine Regiment throughout the month. At the beginning of the month, Company "G" 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, was OPCON to the battalion. Toward the end of the month, three of the battalion's organic companies were chopped OPCON to 3/4. Details as to dates and times are contained in the Sequential Listing of Significant Events portion of this chronology.

3. Mission Assigned. The primary mission of the battalion throughout the month was to defend, and conduct operations north of FSB Neville.

4. Intelligence

a. General. During the month of June the 1st Bn, 4th Marines participated in operations against the enemy from FSB Russell, FSB Neville, LZ Catapult, and LZ Margo, employing company sweeps in the upper Com Lo River Valley, and in the Lang Ho Valley.

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Enemy activity was light and sporadic, consisting of small size units. There was also evidence of enemy movement on friendly lines at night; one enemy sapper attempted to enter friendly lines with a satchel charge strapped to his body and, after being discovered, detonated the device killing himself and wounding one Marine from Company "B". The enemy also employed harrassing fire by mortars especially when helicopters attempted to land at LZ Catapult. Several small caches and many bunkers and caves were uncovered during the month. Some enemy documents were captured and forwarded to higher headquarters.

b. Weather. The weather pattern consisted mainly of early morning fog, diminishing in late m rning and becoming overcast during the late afternoons. There were several, brief rain-storms and showers occurring in the early morning and late afternoons. Winds were usually 4-12 knots except during periods of rain fall when 35-45 knot gusts were experienced. At some of the higher elevations the use of helicopters was restricted for extended periods by fog. Temperatures ranged between 60 degrees and 90 degrees at the higher elevations, and between 75 degrees and 104 degrees at lower elevations.

c. Terrain. The terrain consists of sharply rising mountains with topographical crests ranging from 300 to 1739 meters. Vegetation ranged from abandoned rice paddies along the streams to dense underbrush and heavy jungle in the higher elevations. In addition to the Lang Ho and Cam Lo Rivers, there are numerous small feeder streams throughout the AO.

5. Operations. The battalion participated in operation "Herkimer Mountain" during the month. The operation commenced at 0001 on 9 May and is continuing. The operation has been characterized by the defense of FSB's Neville and Russell, and extensive patrolling operations throughout the AO. Light contacts with small groups of NVA soldiers were encountered as the enemy continued to refuse to commit any major size force to combat. Specific contacts including dates and units involved are set forth in the Sequential Listing of Significant Events portion of this chronology.

6. Results of Operations

- a. Enemy KIA: 12
- b. Friendly KIA: 1
- c. Friendly WIA: 28

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~~SECRET~~d. Equipment and Supplies Captured/Destroyed

(1) <u>Small Arms Ammo</u>	<u>Rounds</u>
.50 Caliber	143
AK-47	1,073
SKS	101
7.62MM MG	200
(2) <u>Mortars, Recoilless Rifle, Rocket</u>	
82MM Mortar	26
60MM Mortar	3
RPG	11
(3) <u>Weapons:</u>	
RPG Launcher	1
AK-47 Rifles	2
(4) <u>Mines, Demolitions and Explosives</u>	
CHICOM Grenades	18
NVA Claymores	2
Blasting Caps	3
Fuses	20
Primers	12
TNT	2 lbs
(5) <u>Medical Supplies</u>	
Battle Dressings	3
Surgical Masks	1
(6) <u>Miscellaneous</u>	
Packs	26
Machettes	1
"E" tools	1
Comm Wire	150 ft
NVA uniforms	2
Binoculars	1
NVA tennis shoes	1 pr
Map	1
Rice	2,000 lbs
AK-47 Magazines	9

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a. Air Support. The capability to direct fixed wing air strikes by the Forward Air Controller (FAC) existed throughout the month, but was not employed since an Airborne FAC directed all fixed wing strikes. The Air Observers (AO) were extensively utilized with outstanding results and with a much greater scope of versatility. They effectively coordinated with the FAC and/or the Company Commander in directing fixed wing air strikes. An AO was also employed in calling in artillery fire on numerous occasions. During the month the battalion had on station 65 AO's either on visual reconnaissance missions, directing artillery fire, or controlling air strikes on known or suspected enemy locations.

Off-set radar bombing (commonly referred to as "beacon" bombing), utilizing the SST-122KU transponder and the A-6A Intruder attack jet aircraft, provided the battalion with an all-weather tactical bombing capability. Of the nine "beacon" strikes, eight were at night and during weather conditions restrictive to all other types of direct air support.

TPO-10 bombing of selected enemy targets was used 31 times and also provided the battalion with day and night tactical bombing.

A total of 15 tons of bombs was utilized in tactical support by all types of aircraft in carrying out a variety of close air support roles.

Helicopter support was utilized for logistical, tactical and medical evacuation missions.

Over 241 tons of supplies were lifted by helicopter to positions in the field.

The entire battalion, including all supplies, ammunition, and organic weapons was helilifted from the field to VCB late in the month. The majority of the external lifts that had to be retrograded were coordinated with the 3rd Shore Party Battalion. A Helicopter Support Team (HST) was utilized on each of two positions, and added to the expeditious and orderly movement of troops and logistical cargo.

Evacuation of medical casualties totaled 117. Average time for their evacuation was 40 minutes, notwithstanding the periods of inclement weather and enemy activity which were the primary delaying factors.

b. Artillery Support. The battalion was supported primarily by Batteries "B" and "H", 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines during the month of June.

The FSCC requested 145 day time H&I's, 664 night time H&I's and 40 high volumes.

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The number of targets and rounds we received for the month of June are as follows:

<u>H&I's</u>			<u>High Volumes</u>		
105MM	610 tgts	2,212 rds	105MM	21 tgts	307 rds
155MM	13 tgts	46 rds	155MM	1 tgt	6 rds

Each Forward Observer Team shot in a minimum of 30 Night Defensive Fires during the month. The total number of missions fired, by battery, was as follows:

"G" Battery	89 missions
"H" Battery	76 missions

8. Logistics

a. Supply

(1) Class I. All Class I was drawn at VCB in support of field operations, and the Battalion Mess Hall served "A" Rations daily at VCB. Hot chow was sent to troops in the field on 10 different occasions. Approximately 140 tons of Class I was delivered to the field in support of operations.

(2) Class II. Class II supply tents were utilized at VCB to cut time in transfer of cargo from the rear to the field. Shortages in the following items were experienced during the period:

- Nozzles, Cover (Water Buffalo M107A1)
- Flak Jackets
- Magazines, Cal .45
- Coat Utility
- Socks (All Sizes)

The above items have been placed on requisition; however, not enough have been received to alleviate the situation to any perceptible degree.

(3) Class III. Class III was drawn at VCB and was adequate. The following amounts of POL were delivered to the field: MOGAS 4800 lbs; DIESEL 15,232 lbs; OUL 2928 lbs.

(4) Class IV. Class IV was drawn at VCB and was adequate. The following amounts were delivered to the field:

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Sand Bags, Filled	750
Sand Bags, Empty	12,800
Concertina	5 sleeves
Engineer Stakes	1,110

(5) Class V. Class V was drawn at VCB. Approximately 76 tons were delivered to the field.

(6) Class VI. Class IV was delivered to the troops in the field in the following quantities: Beer: 70 cases; non-alcoholic beverages: 77 cases.

(7) Class VII. Battalion Motor Transport vehicles were used for administrative and logistical runs from VCB and QTCB and was satisfactory with the milages listed below:

(4) M37B1's	1634	miles
(19) M151A1's	6520	miles
(29) M274A2's	183	miles

FLSG-B was used as the source of maintenance and was adequate.

(8) Class VIII. A forward BAS is maintained at VCB with a rear BAS at QTCB. Medical supplies were sufficient during this period.

(9) Class IX. Repair parts were received through normal supply channels.

(10) Class X. N/A

b. Support. Division Motor Transport furnished transportation for delivery of Class II supplies and personnel from QTCB to VCB as follows:

(1) Supplies: 21 6x6 loads and 5 semi-trailer loads. Most of this was lumber to construct office spaces and Mess Hall facilities.

(2) Personnel: 273

Trucks, 6x6, were also furnished for household and logistical runs at QTCB and VCB.

c. Services. Laundry facilities located in Dong Ha were adequate. Approximately 1700 sets of utilities were laundered.

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~~SECRET~~9. Communications-Electronics

a. Message Center. The Battalion Message Center was relocated at VCB during the month. The responsibility for traffic guard was switched from Division to Task Force Hotel. Classified and unclassified message traffic was picked up at 4th Marines Regimental Communications Center daily. Messages were logged, filed, and a read board prepared for the Commanding Officer. Additional copies were sent to the Adjutant for routing. Numerical codes and authentication tables were distributed as required. Improved techniques have been instituted to ensure adequate security of classified material.

b. Radio. The Radio section continued to meet its commitments of providing communications between the elements of the command. Both administrative and tactical nets were manned at QTCB and VCB on a twenty four hour basis. Substantial override on frequencies assigned for this period required continuous changes to provide effective operational communications. The AN/PRC-88 radios, used for intra-platoon and squad communications, have been very effective. Of the 100 sets employed only four receivers had malfunctions during this thirty day period.

c. Covered Circuits. The covered circuits for this period were reliable. There were 22 KY-38's and 1 AN/PRC-77 on hand in the battalion.

d. Wire. Three SB-22's were in use at VCB. One SB-22 was recently activated to handle the additional traffic created by the move of the company administrative rear echelons from QTCB to VCB. The SB-22 at QTCB remained in operation. One SB-22 was installed at FSB Neville to reduce the number of phones on "hot" line circuits. Electric wiring installed on power poles within this battalion's encampment area at VCB substantially upgraded electrical power service. A 10KW generator operating at 60 to 72 percent capacity provides power for austere lighting and refrigeration.

e. Electrical Repair. During the first 20 days of the month the Maintenance Section provided maintenance and repair support for the battalion units in the field, at VCB, and at QTCB. Between 2 June and 5 June, the repair shop was moved from QTCB to VCB. Its functions consisted of 1st echelon maintenance by operators, and 1st and 2nd echelon maintenance was performed by the Electronic Maintenance Section at FLSC-B.

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During the month, radio repairmen were dispatched to FSB Neville and LZ Catapult to conduct on-the-spot maintenance and repair of radio equipment. This method of repairing equipment at the companies' positions in the field eliminated costly "down time," thus increasing the units' effectiveness.

f. Equipment Repaired. The total combat essential equipment deadlined and taken off deadline was as follows:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>To D/L</u>	<u>Off D/L</u>
RT-505	21	17
SB-22	2	2
PRC-88	7	6
PRC-47	1	1

10. Personnel and Administration

a. Losses and Gains.

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EML</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EML</u>
Losses	1	108	0	19
Battle	(0)	(18)	(0)	(0)
Non-Battle	(1)	(24)	(0)	(13)
Administration	(0)	(66)	(0)	(6)
Gains	4	34	0	3

b. Awards. During the reporting period 1 Silver Star, 3 Bronze Stars, 54 Purple Hearts, and 14 Vietnamese Crosses of Gallantry were presented. The following type awards were forwarded recommending approval:

Silver Star	1
Bronze Star	6
Navy Commendation	15
Navy Achievement	11
Purple Heart	28

c. Discipline. The number of disciplinary cases acted upon or pending action are as follows:

Courts-Martial/Admin Discharges/Investigations

Art 32	1 Pending
GCM	1 Pending
Special Courts-Martial	5 Pending
Special Courts-Martial	2 Completed
Summary Courts-Martial	1 Pending
Summary Courts-Martial	3 Completed

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Admin Discharges	5 Recommended
Admin Discharges	1 Completed

Non-Judicial Punishments

Battalion Commander	8
Company Commander	14

d. R&R. The battalion utilized the following out of country R&R quotas for the month of June:

Bangkok	17	Manila	2
Hawaii	18	Singapore	5
Hong Kong	12	Okinawa	3
Kuala Lumpur	3	Sydney	15
Taipei	9		

e. Promotions. During the month the following promotions were affected.

<u>To</u>	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Meritorious</u>
PFC	6	0
LCpl	152	22
Cpl	84	3
Sgt	13	1

f. Religious Activities

(1) Twenty Protestant services were conducted for the battalion during the month of June. The total attendance was 517. The number receiving Holy Communion was 306.

(2) Four Protestant services were conducted by the Chaplain for other units. The total attendance was 41. The number receiving Holy Communion was 32.

(3) Six Catholic Masses were conducted by the Regimental Chaplain for the battalion. The total attendance was 127.

(4) Twenty men were visited aboard the hospital ships and nine were visited at 3rd Medical Battalion.

11. Training

a. General Military Subjects and MOS training for the month of June for Squad, Platoon, and Company size units was moderate, due to the organic elements of the battalion being dispersed in static positions on Fire Support Bases. As an example,

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due to the recent increased enemy activity, two companies were required to search and clear a large geographic area in the Northwestern I Corps area.

b. All replacements received comprehensive indoctrination briefings in accordance with the battalion SOP for Replacement training. Each replacement fired his T/O weapon for familiarization.

c. Unit Training

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
FAM Firing of Organic Weapons	1½	34
Map and Compass Reading	7	21
First Aid and Hygiene	1½	65
Artillery FO Procedures	3	32
Tactics	2	13
Operations Care and Cleaning of .50 Caliber Machinegun	6	8
Ambush Tactics and Techniques	12	82
The use of the Night Observation Device	2	4
AN/PRC-88	1	100
Telephone and Switchboard Procedures	1	22
AN/PRC-25 Maintenance and Operations	2	30
Preventive Maintenance and Records	1	35
Wire Safety	1	35
Pole Line Construction(Power)	2	22
SL-4, SL-1-2, SL-3	1	35
Safe Driving	1½	35
Preventive Maintenance	1½	19
M-274A2 Vehicle Instruction	1½	19

d. There was no Officer and Staff Noncommissioned Officer training conducted.

e. Nuclear, Biological and Chemical warfare training was negligible during the month of June due to the tactical situation.

12. Psychological Warfare. All psychological warfare operations were conducted by a higher echelon.

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a. The total number of visits to the Battalion Aid Station during the month of June was 1554.

b. Prevalent medical entities encountered were:

Gonorrhoea	6	Rat Bites	11
Diarrhea	244	FUO	40
Malaria	6	Dermatological	
URI	44	Conditions	425
NP Disorders	18	Heat Casualties	36
Hepatitis	2	MSU	0

c. All suspected and confirmed cases of Venereal Disease were given an STS in accordance with the Manual of Medical Department, U. S. Navy. The results were entered in the individual health records as required.

d. A total of 157 patients were referred to 3rd Medical Battalion. Of those referred, the following were consults:

ENT	18	Internal Medicine	33
Urology	3	Dermatology	17
Surgery	37	Orthopedics	33
NP	16		

e. The following referrals were made to installations indicated:

NSA Danang	0
USS SANCTUARY	7
USS REPOSE	15

f. Total patients referred to Dental for treatment: 102

g. Weekly malarial prophylaxis was continued with the use of Chloroquine-Primaquine tablets in the battalion rear area. Daily malarial prophylaxis was administered by the use of Dapsone in conjunction with the weekly use of Chloroquine-Primaquine in battalion forward areas. Personnel from all areas in the rear were mustered daily and given Dapsone.

f. Sanitation Inspections were held daily and weekly in accordance with Division Order P6000.4. The Battalion areas at VCB and QTCB were considered highly satisfactory.

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g. Two Battalion Aid Stations were maintained during the month of June; a forward BAS consisting of a Battalion Surgeon and twelve Hospital Corpsmen located at VCB, and a secondary BAS located at QTGB, consisting of eight Hospital Corpsmen. All injuries and Malaria encounters were treated by company corpsmen, and when required, individuals were transferred for further treatment. No serious delays were encountered in re-supply or evacuation during this period.

h. Lectures were given regularly at both Battalion Aid Stations.

i. With the cooperation of Battalion Rear Dental Units and Headquarters Battalion Dental Unit, a total of 102 patients were referred. All arrivals into the battalion were screened. Those presenting a Class III or IV dental profile were referred for immediate dental treatment.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Combat operations

- 01 June At 1130H Company "D," while patrolling in the vicinity of XD 827584, spotted two NVA moving along a ridge. The company fired 81MM and 60MM mortars and directed an AO into the area. The AO (in an OV-10A) fired rockets into the suspected enemy position. The company sent Marines into the area to search it out with negative results.
- 02 June At 0545H Companies "A" and "B" continued their sweeps to the west. Four Marines from Company "A" were wounded (two medevac) as they returned from a night OP/LP. CHICOM grenades were thrown at them in the vicinity of XD 880586 at 0545H. Contact with the enemy was immediately lost. The area was searched at day break with negative results, except for a claymore mine found, wired for command detonation. It was blown in place. At 1240H a platoon from Company "C" while patrolling in the vicinity of XD 831617, came upon three to four NVA in the process of setting up an ambush. The patrol assaulted the position killing one NVA. One Marine was killed and five were wounded. One Chinese type Claymore mine was captured.

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- 03 June At 1100H Company "C" while conducting a patrol in the vicinity of XD 825610, found 14 "A" frame bunkers and an assortment of small arms ammunition and miscellaneous gear, including cooking pots, sneakers, ponchos, communication wire, sandals and engineer hand tools. All gear was destroyed.
- 05 June At 0820H Company "D" found two RPG's in the vicinity of XD 805584. They were destroyed.
- 06 June At 2055H Company "D" while sweeping west found and destroyed 10 82MM mortar rounds and miscellaneous gear. Just prior to this find Company "D" discovered a living bunker containing several miscellaneous items of gear.
- 07 June At 0850H Company "D" found 15 82MM mortar rounds in the vicinity of XD 774573. They were destroyed. During the evening a Recon Team in the DMZ was in heavy contact. Two helicopters were shot down and the battalion was directed to deploy a unit to aid in the extraction of the Recon Team. This changed plans for 08 June considerably. Company "B" being the closest unit, was directed to move toward the DMZ at first light.
- 08 June At 0715H 2nd platoon, Company "C" 1st Battalion, Ninth Marines became OPCON to the battalion. Their mission was to assist Company "B" in their effort in the DMZ, and at 0930H they were helilifted into LZ Beaver (XD 862648).
- 09 June A platoon from Company "B" departed at first light into the DMZ, with the remainder of the unit moving to LZ Beaver. At 1030H the Alpha Command Group received a boundary change increasing the battalion's AO to the northwest to include the "Belmont Tones" Recon Team at XD 905674. The battalion also received an order to send a platoon to aid in the extraction of this team. At 1122H Company "B" (-), at LZ Beaver, received small arms fire as a helicopter was bringing in supplies. A "Huey" gunship delivered fire on the suspected enemy firing position. At 1306H Company "A," located at FSB Neville, found two blocks of TNT and one C-100M grenade while holding police call along the lines. They were very old and were destroyed.

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- 10 June At 1640H Company " " attempted to evacuate the Recon Team and the "Sparrow Hawk" (2nd platoon, Company "C", 1/9) from LZ Beaver, but the helilift was aborted when a CH-46 took .50 caliber machinegun fire from the area. The CH-46 went down in the DMZ. The crew was picked up immediately by another helicopter. After an air strike, helicopters returned and the team "Fighting Mad" was extracted at 2010H from LZ Beaver. The team "American Beauty" remained at hill 695 from where they were to be extracted.
- 11 June At 0015H helicopters arrived in the AO to lift Recon Team "American Beauty" from hill 695. The lift was completed at 0045H. At 0915H an extraction of the remaining Sparrow Hawk and Recon Reaction Force from LZ Beaver was attempted; however, the first helicopter into the LZ took .50 Caliber fire and the lift was terminated. At this time Company "B," along with the other personnel, commenced their move by foot from LZ Beaver to LZ Catapult.
- 12 June At 1605H the lift of the Recon Reaction Force and Company "C" 1st Battalion, 9th Marines commenced from LZ Catapult. The lift was completed at 1710H.
- 15 June At 2215H a Company "A" OP at XD 775597 received CHICOMS which resulted in four Marines WIA.
- 16 June At 0055H medical evacuation by helicopter of four wounded Marines from Company "A" was completed.
- 17 June At 1310H Company "B," at LZ Catapult, received 8-10 rounds of 82MM mortar fire from the vicinity of hill 695 (XD 849648). There were no casualties as all incoming impacted outside of the company position. They returned 81MM mortar fire and called an artillery mission on the suspected enemy position.
- 20 June At 2150H an ambush from Company "B" was involved in an incident in which a Marine received multiple fragment wounds from an explosive device. The wounded Marine claimed that the grenade was thrown by an NVA. The Company Commander suspected an accidental detonation, since no other members of the ambush party who were located nearby heard any movement. The Marine was an emergency medevac, and his evacuation by helicopter was completed at 2345H.

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21 June At 0705H Company "B" dispatched a patrol to the area of contact on the previous night. They found an NVA body blown in half. He evidently had been a sapper with explosives strapped to him. Upon encountering the ambush sight it is assumed that he detonated the explosives strapped to him. A pair of binoculars and an AK-47 were also found. Additionally, the NVA soldier was in possession of a map which outlined a plan for an attack on LZ Catapult. The map was forwarded to the 4th Marine Regiment.

At 1100H in the vicinity of XD 783642, a platoon from Company "A" discovered a cave complex. The total number was about 20, two of which were about 400-500 meters deep. The rest were about 10-25 meters deep. There was no indication of recent use; however, the caves contained some rice, cooking pots, baskets and about 700 rounds of assorted small arms ammunition, which were destroyed.

22 June At 1407H a platoon patrol from Company "C" found a fresh trail that had been used by an estimated 15 to 20 NVA. They altered their route and tracked them for three hours without contact.

At 1615H a platoon patrol from Company "B" made contact with a small group of NVA. Two CTCCHs and small arms fire was received and the NVA fled. There were no casualties on either side. While setting in for the night and clearing fields of fire, a Marine tripped a booby-trapped grenade and was wounded. He was evacuated by helicopter about one hour after the incident. The patrol also found a claymore mine, blasting caps, TNT, an AK-47 magazine full of rounds, some chow and eating utensils. All of the items were destroyed.

At 1900H a platoon patrol from Company "B" received six 82MM mortar rounds in the vicinity of XD 827645. There were no friendly casualties. Artillery and mortar fire was returned on the suspected enemy position at XD 837645 with unknown results.

At 1915H Company "A," while patrolling with two platoons in the vicinity of XD 783642, spotted nine NVA moving toward them. In an attempt to get into an ambush position, a squad was spotted and fired upon by the NVA, who then fled. Two squads assaulted through the area with negative contact. Two ambushes were set in for the night and the area was to be searched at first light the following day.

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- 24 June At 0800H Company "A," while searching out the area of the previous night's contact, found a small cave at XD 787637 containing 400 rounds of AK-47 ammo and a packet of salt. Cave and gear were destroyed. In the same general area at 0700H, a patrol from the company had found and destroyed a cave containing two U. S. flak jackets, 1 NVA helmet, and food cans with Chinese markings.
- At 0945H a helicopter on a resupply mission at LZ Catapult received small arms fire from the vicinity of XD 833627. The helicopter returned .50 caliber machinegun fire and Company "B" returned 81MM mortar fire into the suspected enemy position.
- 25 June At 1045H, 20 to 25 82MM mortar rounds were fired at Company "B" as a resupply helicopter approached their LZ. Counter-battery fire was delivered with artillery and mortars, with unknown results. A fixed wing strike was requested. There were no casualties. The company received 10 more 82MM mortar rounds and small arms fire at 1330. Two of the mortar rounds impacted inside the company perimeter, wounding three Marines.
- 26 June At 1005H a patrol from Company "C" found and destroyed one CHICOM grenade, one RPG round, one 60MM mortar round, one NVA helmet, and two canteens. All gear was located in a bunker in the vicinity of XD 842583.
- At 1140H Company "B" received 10 rounds of 82MM mortars as a helicopter attempted to land at LZ Catapult. All rounds impacted outside the perimeter resulting in negative casualties or damage.

2. Significant events not related to combat operations.

- 01 June The month commenced with the battalion located in north-western Quang Tri Province. Company "C" 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines was OPCON to the battalion and located at FSB Russell. Company "A" was conducting a sweep from FSB Russell to the west to eventually relieve Company "D," which was located at FSB Neville, along with the "A" Command Group. Company "B" was conducting a sweep to the west to occupy their position of a week ago, hill 304, at XD 858614. Company "C" was continuing their defense of LZ Catapult and conducting patrolling in that area with platoon and squad size units.

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- 03 June At 1205H Col. COVAIN, CO, 4th Marine Regiment, visited the battalion.
At 1600H LtGen STELLWELL, CG, XXIV Corps, U.S. Army, visited the battalion.
- 05 June At 1100H Company "C" was chopped back to 2/4.
- 06 June At 0346H a "100% alert" message was received from the 4th Marine Regiment. Word originated from 3rd Marine Division and Task Force Hotel. All companies were informed immediately.
At 0412H a C-2 report was received from the S-2, 4th Marine Regiment, indicating that the enemy would conduct an all-out offensive commencing on 6 or 7 June.
At 1015H a boundary change was effected changing the battalion's eastern boundary from a point at XD 870582. From this point, the boundary changed to run northwest to the intersection of the 8659 grid lines, then north up the 86 line to the DMZ.
- 07 June At 0730H VCB received 107MM rocket fire resulting in two Marines from the battalion receiving minor wounds.
At 1000H the battalion's western boundary was moved to the west to include approximately 35 additional 1,000 meter grid squares. This had been requested two weeks previous, to enable units operating in the Lang Ho Valley to control the high ground to the west of the valley.
At 1315H an additional boundary change was effected adding approximately eight 1,000 meter grid squares to the southwestern corner of the battalion AO.
- 08 June At 2200H a boundary change was received from the 4th Marine Regiment increasing the battalion's AO to the North, from the southern border of the DMZ to the Demarcation Line at the Ben Hai River. Four additional 1,000 meter grid squares were also added in the northeast corner of the former AO, just south of the DMZ. At the same time a frag order was received directing the battalion to send a platoon from Company "B" into the DMZ (XD 847665) to recover a recon insert KIA.
- 09 June Resupply, which had been a continuous problem, reached an all time low. The LSA at VC dispatched every load except one to the wrong location, resulting in two companies not getting needed supplies and two others being overloaded with items they had not requested. These errors in each instance seriously disrupted tactical plans.

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- 10 June At 1500H Col. COGGIN, CO 4th Marines, and the Regimental S-3 visited the battalion headquarters at FSB Neville. They were briefed by the Battalion Commander.
- 11 June Effective at 1400H the battalion's boundary was changed back to the boundary in effect before the movement of Company "B" to the DMZ, with the exception that it continued north along the NS 86 grid line to the Ben Hai River, inside the DMZ.
- 12 June At 1515H the Battalion Commander departed for the battalion rear areas to carry out administrative responsibilities. At 1915H, 2nd Platoon, Company "C" 1st Battalion, 9th Marines was chopped back to 1/9.
- 14 June At 1714H the battalion received the word that the 9th Marines had been designated the RLT to be withdrawn from Vietnam.
- 15 June New Communications Operating Instruction (COI) became effective at 0600H. (See Supporting Documents). At 1245H word was received from the 4th Marine Regiment that ARCLIGHTS were scheduled along the southern edge of the DMZ. Company "B" was informed of the scheduled B52 strikes, and made plans to operate to the south and west of the area.
- 18 June At 1045H word was received from the 4th Marine Regiment that the battalion's western boundary would be **changed** effective 2400H. The change increased the southwestern portion of the battalion AO by approximately ten 1,000 meter grid squares. At 1600H an additional boundary change was received deleting approximately four 1,000 meter grid squares from the southeastern corner of the battalion's AO. This change was also to be effective at 2400H and was to remain in effect until 232400H, June.
- 19 June Word was received from the battalion CO at 1900H that the companies would start being helilifted out of the AO on 23 June. Order of move was established and included "C" Battery, 3/12 (located at FSB Neville) which was to be lifted prior to the lift of Company "C". The plan included the closing of FSB Neville, and redeployment of the battalion into another area which had not yet been determined.
- 20 June At 0900H word was received from the battalion CO that the battalion would be employed in the defense of VCB.

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Helilift of Company "D" was scheduled for 21 June followed by Company "A", Company "B", "G" Battery, and Company "C" on successive days, commencing on 22 June.

- 21 June At 0830H the helilift of Company "D" from Alpine to VCB commenced. The lift was completed at 1035H. At 1330, the company was chopped OPCON to 3/4.
- 24 June At 1030H Major General W. K. JONES, CG 3rd Marine Division paid a visit to the battalion CP at FSB Neville, and was briefed by the S-3. The General departed at 1045H. At 1015H the CO of Company "B" at LZ Catapult observed an unidentified high performance aircraft flying through the gun target line during a live artillery mission. The plane appeared to be of the F-100 series, but had no U. S. markings. It was flying at 1,500 to 2,000 feet on an easterly course, then veered off sharply to the north and was not seen again. Incident was reported to the 4th Marine Regiment in a spot report.
- 25 June At 0940H the Battalion Commander returned to the battalion headquarters at FSB Neville.
At 1030H Col. COGGIN, CO 4th Marines, visited the battalion headquarters at FSB Neville and was briefed by the Battalion Commander.
At 1530H LtGen STILLMEYER, CG XXIV Corps, U.S. ARMY, visited the battalion headquarters and was briefed by the Battalion Commander.
- 26 June The helilift of Company "A" to VCB commenced at 0815H, and was completed at 0925H.
- 27 June Helilift of Company "B" to VCB from LZ Catapult commenced at 0800H. Lift was completed at 0940H without incident. The helilift of the "A" Command Group commenced at 0945H, and was completed at 1020H. Battalion CP reestablished at VCB effective 1015H. The 4th Marine Regiment was so notified.
- 28 June Company "A" was chopped OPCON to 3/4 effective at 0600H.
- 29 June Company "C" closed FSB Neville and was helilifted to VCB. The lift was completed at 1620H.
- 30 June At 0930H, Company "B" was chopped OPCON to 3/4.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓ 1. S-2, S-3, Journal; 1 June through 30 June 1969 *Filed Sep*
- ✓ 2. 4th Marine Regiment Preivity Code
- ✓ 3. C. O. I. Effective 090800H May 1969
- ✓ 4. C. O. I. Effective 150600H June 1969
- ✓ 5. BnO 1510.7A (Standard Operating Procedure for Training)
6. Maps Vietnam 6342 I, 6342 II, 6342 III, 6342 IV (Previously submitted).

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NUMBERS

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 CODE 10 B A S I C D R U N K.

NORTH WINTER
 SOUTH SUMMER
 EAST SPRING
 WEST FALL
 YESTERDAY FOREPLAY
 TODAY ORGASM
 TOMMOROW SLEEP
UNIT CODE
 DIVISION WHALE
 REGIMENT SHARK
 BATTALION BARRACUDA

RANK STRUCTURE

RANK CODE
 GENERAL PENNY
 COLONEL NICKLE
 REGCOLONEL DIME
 MAJOR QUARTER
 CAPTAIN DOLLAR
 LIEUTENANT BILL
 SNCO'S CASH
 OFFICER CHECK
 ENLISTED CHANGE
 NAVY CREDIT

COMPANY SALMON
 PLATOON BASS
 SQUAD PERCH
 FIRE TEAM GUPPY
CASUALTIES CODE
 MEDEVAC SCHLITZ
 EMERGENCY MEDEVAC PABST
 PRIORITY MEDEVAC BEDWEISER
 ROUTINE MEDEVAC MILLERS
 NON-MEDEVAC FAISTAFF
 K&S COORS

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<u>ACTIVITIES</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>MACHINE/VEHICLES</u>	<u>CODE</u>
RECON	SPY	AO	DOCTOR
RECON INSERT	NEWS	RADIO	PRESCRIPTION
TROOP LIFT	CHARTER	HELICOPTER	BED
CONVOY	BUS	GUN SHIP	ENEMY
AMOR	STADIUM	JEEP	CRUTCH
OPERATION	HAME	JETS	PILLS
CP	BENCH	ONTOS	NURSE
OP/LP	FANS	TANKS	BOTTLES
ATTACK	WHISTLE	<u>TERRAIN FEATURES</u>	<u>CODE</u>
AMBUSH	CLIP	BASE POSITION	DIAMOND
REINFORCE	COAL	LZ	MOUND
MINUS	SHORT	OBJECTIVE	TRIPLE
SWEEP & CLEAR	RUN	RIDGE	FENCE
DEFEND	TACKLE	STREAM/RIVER	STRIKE
SECURITY	LINE	WATER POINT	PITCHER
COMBAT	REDDOG	VALLEY	BOX
PATROL	REFEREE	ROAD	WALK
PATROL DEBRIEF	PENALTY	RAVINE	STEAL
SEARCH	CHICKEN	MOUNTAINS	STANDS
DESTROY	WIN	HILLTOP	FLY
DISPLACE	HAWK	<u>MISC. SUPPORT BILLETS</u>	
FRAG ORDER	OWL	S-1	FOOT
ROAD SWEEP	PUNT	S-3	HEAD
DETAINEEES	BLUEBIRD	S-4	TOE
FRIENDLY UNIT	TIGER	2/4	KNEE
POW	PIGEON	1/4	HIP
KIT CARGON SCOUT	CHELOT		

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MISC SUPPORT BILLETS CONT.

WEAPONS CONT.

DOCTOR ANKLE
 HST ELBOW
 CORPSMAN EAR
 SCOUT DOG TEAM NOSE
 FO LEG
 FAC ARM

ARTY PIECES FATHER
 81MM MORTAR BROTHER
 60MM MORTAR SISTER
 LAAN LADY
 .50CAL MG UNCLE
 M-16 FRIEND

FRIENDLY POSITIONS

M-26/33 BABY
 M-79 SIDEKICK
 M-60 BUDDY

FSB CATES HELENA
 QUANG TRI AUSTIN
 FSB SHEPPARD DALLAS
 VAND GRIFT CB OGDEN
 FSB FULLER MIAMI
 FSB NEVILLE BOISE
 GIO BRIDGE BROOKLYN
 KHE SANH OAKLAND
 DONG HA DETRIOT
 CA LU ALBANY
 LAOS RICHMAND
 DINZ ATLANTA
 CAM LO DOVER
 ELLIOT CB TOPEKA
 HILL 691 DENVER
 SIGNAL HILL CHEYENNE
 HILL 950 RENO
 DA NUNG PITTSBURG

S-2 SECTION
 S-2 SCOUT HAWK
 S-2 SECTION NEST
 POW EGG
 DETAINEE SWAN
 INTERPRET R DUCK
 SNIPER EAGLE
 MAFS GOOSE
ENGINEERS
 ENGINEERS FARM
 BLASTING CAPS FORK
 C-4 HAY
 TIE CORD TWINE
 DEF CORD TRACTOR
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MISC. SUPPLY

AMMO

TOOLS

ARTY

ENGINE

BATTERY

STARTER

CHOW

ENERGY

HEAT:

FLAME

EQUIPMENT

SID DEVISE

STOOL

PPS-6

DRINK

SWITCH BOARD

DICE

STAR LIGHT SCOPE

BAR

TELESCOPE

GLASS

VC SCOPE

COASTER

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ALPHABETICAL LISTING

<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESIGNATION</u>
ALBANY	CALU	CHARGE	ENLISTED
ANKLE	DOCTOR	CHECK	OFFICER
ARM	FAC	CHEER	SEARCH
ATLANTA	DMZ	CHEYENNE	SIGNAL HILL
AUSTIN	QUANG TRI	CLIP	AMBUSH
BABY	M-26/33	COASTER	VC SCOPE
BAR	STARLIGHT SCOPE	COORS	K/I
BARRACUDA	BATTALION	COUSIN	106
BASS	PLATOON	CREDIT	NAVY
BED	HELICOPTER	CRUTCH	JEFF
BENCH	CP	DALLAS	FSB SHEPPARD
BILL	LIEUTENANT	DENVER	HILL 691
BOISE	FSB NEVILLE	DETROIT	DONG HA
BOTTLES	TANK	DIAMOND	BASE POSITION
BOX	VALLEY	DICE	SWITCHBOARD
BROOKLYN	KHE GIO BRIDGE	DIME	1FCOLONEL
BROTHER	81MM MORTAR	DOCTOR	LO
BUDDY	M-60	DOLLAR	CAPTAIN
BUDWEISER	PRIORITY MEDEVAC	DOVER	CAM LO
BUS	CONVOY	DRINK	PPS-6
CASH	SNCO'S	DUCK	INTERPRETER
CHARTER	TROOP LIFT	EAGLE	SNIPER

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<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESIGNATION</u>
EAB	CORPSMAN	RAY	C -4
EJBCW	HST	HEAD	S-3
EMENA	GUN SHIP	HELEIA	FSB CLATES
ENERGY	CHOW	HIP	1/4
ENGINE	ARTY RES.	KNEE	2/4
FALL	WEST	LADY	LAW
FAISTAFF	NON-MEDEVAC	LEG	FO
FLAK	OP/CP	LINE	SECURITY
FARM	ENGINEERS	MIAMI	FSB FULLER
FATHER	ARTY PIECES	MILLERS	ROUTINE MEDEVAC
FINGER	RIDGE	MOUND	IZ
FLAME	HEAT	NEST	S-2 SECTION
FLY	HULLTOP	NEWS	RECON DEBRIEF
FOOT	S-4	NICKLE	COLONEL
FORK	BLASTING CAPE	NOSE	SCOUT DCA TEAM
FORPLAY	YESTERDAY	NURSE	ON MOS
FRIEND	M-16	OAKVND	KHE SANH
GAME	OPERATION	OCELOT	KHE CARSON SCOUT
GLASS	TELESCOPE	ODDIN	VANDEGRUFT CB
GOAL	REINFORCE	ORGASM	TODAY
GOOSE	MAPS	OWL	FRAG ORDER
GUPPY	FIRE TEAM	PABST	EMERGENCY MEDEVAC
HAWK	S-2SCOUT	PENALTY	PATROL DEBRIEF

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PENNY	GENERAL	STEAL	RAVINE
PERCH	SQUAD	STOOL	SID DEVICE
PIDGEON	DISPLACE	STRAW	TNT
PILLS	JETS	STRIKE	STREAM/RIVER
PITTSBURG	DA NANG	SUTHER	SOUTH
PRESCRIPTION	RADIO	SWAN	DETAINEE
PUNT	ROAD SWEEP	TACKLE	DEFEND
QUINER	MAJOR	TIGER	FRIENDLY UNIT
REDDOG	COMBAT	TOE	S -4
REFEREE	PATROL	TOOLS	AMMO
RICHMOND	LAOS	TOPEKA	ELLIOTT CB
RUN	SWEEP & CLEAR	TRACTOR	NET CORD
SALMON	COMPANY	TRIPLE	OBJECTIVE
SCHLITZ	MEDEVAC	TWINE	TIME CORD
SHARK	REGIMENT	UNCLE	.50 CAL MG
SHORT	MINUS	WALK	ROAD
SIDEKICK	M-79	WHALE	DIVISION
SISTER	COMM MORTAR	WHISTLE	ATTACK
SLEEP	TOMORROW	WIN	DESTROY
SPRING	EAST	WINTER	NORTH
SPY	RECON		
STADIUM	TAOR		
STANDS	MOUNTAINS		
STAIRER	BATTERY		

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TRAINING SUBJECTS

The following subjects are considered appropriate for Company Commanders' Quarterly Training Program. Instruction will be given by unit leaders indicated.

1. Fire Team Leaders.

- a. General Military Subjects
- b. Safety Precautions
- c. Weapons Care and Cleaning

2. Squad Leaders

- a. Hand and Rifle Grenades
- b. Field Sanitation, Personal Hygiene and First Aid
- c. Field Fortifications and Camouflage
- d. Patrol Leaders Orders
- e. Operation Order
- f. Combat Formations and Hand and Arm Signals
- g. Claymore: laying, arming, disarming and removal of mines for local security of Squad.
- h. The Marine Rifle Squad (Tactics)
- i. Map Reading and use of Compass

3. Company Commanders/Platoon Commanders/Platoon Sergeant/Platoon Guide

- a. Code of Conduct
- b. Operations against Guerrilla Forces
- c. Enemy Tactics
- d. Lessons Learned
- e. Tactical Trends and Training Tips
- f. Spot Reports
- g. Using Demolitions to Reduce Fortifications
- h. Med-evac Request
- i. Explosive Device Report
- j. Serious Incident Report
- k. Scouting and Patrolling
- l. Characteristics and limitations of all crew served weapons organic to Rifle Company.

4. Leadership.

- a. Traits
- b. Principles
- c. Objectives of Military Leadership

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be constantly aware of the training deficiencies within their command, and exercise maximum initiative and originality toward the continual improvement of the state of the individual and unit training required to accomplish the combat mission assigned.

5. PLANNING

a. GENERAL. An effective training program requires planning and preparation at every level. Minimum planning procedures considered necessary for an effective training program are included in this section.

b. DETERMINATION OF REQUIREMENTS. The initial planning steps begin with the commander's determination of requirements. This is derived by analysis of training subjects required by higher headquarters, this directive, and those items considered most essential by the commander to improve his units readiness to accomplish assigned combat missions.

c. TRAINING PLAN. Based on the determination of training requirements, companies will publish by the 20th of the month preceding the quarter, a quarterly training plan listing the training to be accomplished during the quarter. Only a realistic number of subjects should be included with emphasis on those subjects which will contribute most to the operational mission. Technical subjects, determined appropriate by unit commanders to improve organizational capabilities, will be included.

d. TRAINING SCHEDULES. Subordinate units will publish such training schedules as may be directed by the Battalion Commander.

6. TYPE OF TRAINING

a. INDIVIDUAL TRAINING. Each enlisted member of this Battalion will be trained in general military subjects as required by FMFPacO P1500.3 except those subjects not required for personal service in the Republic of Vietnam.

b. WEAPONS TRAINING. Annual requalification has been suspended for personnel serving in the Republic of Vietnam. However, live fire training at known distance targets will be conducted at every opportunity to increase proficiency in the use of individual and crew served weapons, with emphasis placed on principles of sight adjustment and zeroing of weapons. All Marines will be given adequate instruction to include as a minimum, assembly, disassembly, safety features, proper cleaning procedures, stoppages and common malfunctions and live firing of any weapon that is assigned for use.

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 1st Battalion, 4th Marines
 3rd Marine Division (Rein) MAF
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BATTALION ORDER 1510.7A

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Distribution List

Subj: Standard Operating Procedure for Training

Ref: (a) DivO P3000.1 SOP for Operations and Training
 (b) DivO 1510.3 In Country Training Troop Indoctrination Program
 (c) DivO 1540.2 Land Mine, Booby Trap, and Demolition Training

Encl: (1) Training Subjects
 (2) List of WestPac Schools available
 (3) Training References
 (4) Format for Monthly Training Report

1. PURPOSE. To provide instructions for the conduct of training within the Battalion, and reporting of training accomplished each month.

2. CANCELLATION. Battalion Order 1510.7

3. BACKGROUND. The primary mission of the Battalion is to conduct combat operations against the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army units in the Republic of Vietnam. All Battalion functions must be subordinated to this primary mission. Success in combat is the primary objective of all training conducted within the Battalion. The initial training objective is to train each Marine in general military subjects and work for maximum effectiveness in combat. The execution of a practical, realistic, and properly oriented training program will complement our combat mission, reduce casualties and lessen supply and administrative problems within the Battalion.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. Company Commanders are responsible for the individual and unit training within their units in accordance with the provisions of references (a) through (c) and this SOP.

b. It is intended that Company Commanders be given wide latitude in the conduct of training; however, they are encouraged to

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SAFETY PRECAUTIONS IN HANDLING OF INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS WILL BE GIVEN PROMINENT AND THOROUGH COVERAGE.

c. MISCELLANEOUS. Certain other individual training will be conducted having specific application to personnel serving in the Republic of Vietnam to include the following:

(1) In country training troop indoctrination (COATIP) to be presented in a series of troop indoctrination lectures, discussions and firing exercises. This program is to be conducted in accordance with DivO 1510.3_.

(2) Indoctrination of personnel rotating to COMUS concerning interviews with news media. Instructions should stress accuracy, avoidance of exaggeration and heresay, and ensure each Marine knows why he has been in the Republic of Vietnam and the adverse effects of frivolous comments. Instruction should not seek in any way to preclude a Marine from speaking about his unclassified experiences.

(3) Additional indoctrination training deemed appropriate by commanders regarding relations with local populace, customs and traditions of the Vietnamese, and the importance of Civil Affairs/Civic Action programs. The nature of the enemy and "Code of Conduct", emphasizing escape and evasion as required by MCO PL510.2_ should also be stressed.

(4) Technical training will be conducted to fulfill requirements listed in the MOS Manual for each rank and specialty. For the purpose of this order technical training is defined as MOS training either of the formal lecture/demonstration type, or the informal "on the job" type conducted in order to enhance the efficiency of the shop or section and to maintain the full qualification of the individual Marine within his billet MOS. Technical training as required by this order augments formal schools and correspondence courses. Units will conduct a minimum of four hours of formal technical training monthly for each organic MOS. This requirement is reduced to two hours per month for units conducting combat operations.

d. LEADERSHIP TRAINING. Appropriate subjects for leadership training are contained in enclosure (1). Commanders will ensure that the leadership training program reflects the comprehensive demands placed on our Noncommissioned Officers.

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7. PHYSICAL READINESS TESTS. The PRT has been suspended in the Republic of Vietnam. However, commanding officers will conduct physical conditioning programs to maintain adequate physical readiness of personnel to perform all duties in the field. FMFPacO P1500.3 applies.

8. TRAINING INSPECTIONS

a. Training inspections will be conducted periodically as well as being a part of the Commanding General's inspections.

b. Staff sections will conduct necessary inspections to assist in maintaining combat efficiency within their sections.

c. The Battalion Commander has established and will continue to maintain an appropriate inspection system to ensure adequacy and efficiency of subordinate unit training.

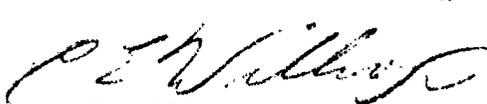
9. RECORDS AND REPORTS. Companies will prepare quarterly training plans as specified in paragraph five of this order. Two copies will be submitted to reach this headquarters prior to the first day of the quarter. Subordinate units will maintain individual training records and MOS training records depicting each individual Marine's qualification to perform the duties of his MOS. The Battalion Commander waives this requirement during the time that the battalion is engaged in combat operations. It will become effective upon the ceasing of hostilities.

10. SUPPORT. Support of the training program will be provided by the battalion S-3 section. References and various training aids are available and can be secured on a temporary loan basis upon request.

11. ACTION.

a. All Company Commanders will ensure that a complete training program is established and maintained under the guide lines set forth in this directive. Programs must be flexible in order that they may be adjusted in accordance with tactical commitments. Training is to be continuous and emphasized at the small unit leader and individual level.

b. Companies will prepare a Monthly Training Report using the format indicated in enclosure (4). The "Training Accomplished Report" will reach this headquarters no later than the 24th of each month.


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LIST OF WEST PAC SCHOOLS

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Vietnamese Language	4 wks	Okinawa
Vietnamese Language	4 wks	Danang
Basic Inf Wpns Repair	3 wks	Okinawa
Basic Ammo Technician	2 wks	Okinawa
Embarkation	4 wks	Okinawa
Motion Picture Operator	5 days	Yokosuka
Cryptographic/Communications	5 days	Yokosuka
Registered Publications Custodian	5 days	Yokosuka
SCUBA Training	4 wks	Subic Bay
COMUSMACV Advisor	7 days	Saigon
NCO Leadership School	3 wks	Okinawa
Recondo	3 wks	Nha Trang, RVN
Military Justice School	2 wks	Okinawa
Career Advisory	6 days	Okinawa
Basic Airborne	25 days	Okinawa
Basic Supply Accounting	6 days	Danang
Motion Picture Operator	1 day	Danang
Registered Publications School	5 days	Danang
Jump Master Course	6 days	Okinawa
Fixed Plant Teletype Equipment Repair	30 days	San Miguel P.I.
Nuclear Safety Officer Course	5 days	Yokosuka
AO Seat Ejection/pressurization School	1 day	Okinawa
Special Weapons Training Course	5-13 days	Okinawa
Ground Surveillance Radar School	14 days	Danang
AN/5&6	5 days	Dong Ha
Cable Splicing Course	18 days	Long Binh
Psyops Orient and Training Course	3 days	Danang

1. INFORMATION. Information concerning quota assignments, convening dates, and administrative instructions received from higher headquarters, will be promulgated by separate correspondence.

2. ORGANIZATION SCHOOLS. A formal division-level schools program has been suspended during the division's operations in Vietnam; however, special training courses coordinated at the division level, will be conducted periodically. As an example, a "Staff Non-commissioned Officer Leadership Course" is currently being conducted. The details of this course are set forth in Division Order 1510.4.

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REFERENCES

1. MCO 5100.8 (Safety Precautions)
2. FMFM 6-5 (Marine Rifle Squad)
3. FM 23-30 (Hand and Rifle Grenades)
4. LPM, Chap 7, See I, III, IV (First Aid)
5. DivO 8020.2 (Handling Hand Grenades)
6. FM 21-26 (Map Reading)
7. FMFM 8-2 (Operational Guerrilla Forces)
8. Lessons Learned
9. Tactical Trends and Training Tips
10. FMFM 6-5, Chap I, Sec III (Leadership)
11. Platoon Leaders Personal Response Notebook
12. U.S. Army Handbook for Vietnam
13. Pocket Guide to Vietnam
14. Handbook for U.S. Forces in Vietnam
15. ICCI 5370.1
16. MCO 1510.2 (Code of Conduct)
17. DivO 7000.3 (MPC's, Plasters)
18. DivO 1220.4 (MPC, Plasters)
19. DivO 5101.1 (Accidental Discharges)
20. DivO 5510.1 (Personal Photography)
21. DivO 3435.1 (Mines and Boobytraps)
22. DivO 8370.1 (Carrying and Possession of Weapons)
23. DivO 8370.2 (Privately Owned Weapons)
24. CG msg 140752 Oct 66 (Wearing of Helmets)
25. ICCM 1710. (China Beach R&R)
26. DivO 1740.2 (Assistance Red Cross)
27. DivO 1710.2 (R&R Admin instructions and information)
28. DivO 1746.9 (Ration Cards)
29. DivO 1050.3 (Emergency Leave)
30. DivO 5150.1 (Savings Deposit Program)
31. DivO 4066.1 (Mail Order Program)
32. ICCI 11101.1 (Respecting Vietnamese Graves)
33. DivO 6710.3 (Narcotics, Stimulants, and Depressives, use of)
34. DivO 5370.2 (War Crimes and Atrocities)
35. CG 3rd Mar Div Ltr 5/RS/djd/ 3000, 3 Mar 67 (Rules of Engagement)

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From: Commanding Officer Company _____
 To: Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 4th Marines (Attn: S-3)
 Subj: Training accomplished during the month of _____
 Ref: (a) Battalion Order 1510.7_

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted:

SUBJECT

HOURS

NO. PERS ATTENDED

 Signature