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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 August 1968 to 31 August 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

4th Marine Regiment (Rein)

Col E. J. TYLER

SUBORDINATE UNITSFirst Bn, Fourth Marines
(1 - 31 August)

LtCol T. H. GALBRAITH

Second Bn, Fourth Marines
(1 - 31 August)

LtCol L. A. HAIN

Third Bn, Fourth Marines
(1 - 31 August)

LtCol F. L. BOURNE

First Bn, Ninth Marines
(1 - 7 August)

LtCol F. X. COLINGTON

Second Bn, Ninth Marines
(22 - 27 August)

LtCol F. S. KNIGHT

Third Bn, Ninth Marines
(1 - 2 August)

LtCol E. J. LAMONTAGNE

2. LOCATION. CA LU, CAM LO District, QUANG TRI Province, Republic of VIETNAM.3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

LtCol J. W. MARCH
(1 - 26 August)
LtCol T. (T) OWENS
(26 - 31 August)

S-1/Adjutant

1stLt R. J. GADY

S-2

Maj J. L. FOWLER
(1 - 6 August)
Maj J. E. ONEILL
(6 - 31 August)

S-3

Maj R. W. AUSTIN

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S-4	Maj J. P. SHEEHAN
S-5	Capt T. L. WATTS
Communication Officer	Capt A. J. FINTER (1 - 28 August) Capt J. J. WHITEHOUSE (28 - 31 August)
Air Liaison Officer	Maj G. H. BRAMAF
Chaplain	Cdr W. W. HUBBLE, CHC, USN
Medical Officer	Lt. F. T. KIRBELL Jr, MC USNR

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH (HqCo, 4th Marines)

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
16	198	2	3	219

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period the 4th Marines participated in Operation SCOTLAND II. Highlights of August activities were as follows:

- 02 August 1968 - 0650H - 4th Marines chopped 3d Bn, 9th Marines (-)
OPCON to TFH.
0835H-0850H - BGen C. W. HOFFMAN, CG TF Hotel, visited
Ca Lu.
- 03 August 1968 - 1020H-1115H - BGen C. W. HOFFMAN, CG TF Hotel, visited
Ca Lu.
1100H-1120H - MajGen R. G. DAVIS, CG 3d MarDiv, visited
Ca Lu.
- 04 August 1968 - 0950H-1015H - MajGen R. G. DAVIS, CG 3d MarDiv, visited
Ca Lu.
- 05 August 1968 - 1015H-1040H - BGen C. W. HOFFMAN, CG TF Hotel, visited
Ca Lu.

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- 07 August 1968 - 1700H - 4th Marines chopped 1st Bn, 9th Marines
OPCON to TF Hotel.
- 08 August 1968 - 0950H-1010H - MajGen R. G. DAVIS, CG 3d MarDiv, visited
Ca Lu.
- 09 August 1968 - 1100H-1115H - BGen C. W. HOFFMAN, CG TF Hotel, visited
Ca Lu.
- 10 August 1968 - 0910H-0920H - MajGen R. G. DAVIS, CG 3d MarDiv, visited
Ca Lu.
- 14 August 1968 - 1145H-1230H - MajGen R. G. DAVIS, CG 3d MarDiv, visited
Ca Lu.
- 15 August 1968 - 1110H-1115H - MajGen R. G. DAVIS, CG 3d MarDiv, visited
Ca Lu.
- 17 August 1968 - 0001H - 4th Marines chopped OPCON from TF Hotel to
3d MarDiv.
- 1110H-1120H - MajGen R. G. DAVIS, CG 3d MarDiv, visited
Ca Lu.
- 1205H-1215H - MajGen R. G. DAVIS, CG 3d MarDiv, visited
Ca Lu.
- 19 August 1968 - 1110H-1120H - MajGen R. G. DAVIS, CG 3d MarDiv, visited
Ca Lu.
- 1220H-1315H - MajGen R. G. DAVIS, CG 3d MarDiv, visited
Ca Lu.
- 21 August 1968 - 1415H-1530H - MajGen R. G. DAVIS, CG 3d MarDiv, visited
Ca Lu.
- 22 August 1968 - 1140H-1150H - MajGen R. G. DAVIS, CG 3d MarDiv, and
MajGen FONTANA, visited Ca Lu.
- 23 August 1968 - 0001H - 4th Marines chopped OPCON from 3d MarDiv to
TF Hotel.
- 24 August 1968 - 0930H-0950H - MajGen R. G. DAVIS, CG 3d MarDiv, and
BGen R. E. GARRETSON, visited Ca Lu.

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1525H-1540H - BGen W. C. CHIP, CG TF Hotel, visited
Ca Lu.

25 August 1968 - 1045H-1110H - MajGen R. G. DAVIS, CG 3d MarDiv, visited
Ca Lu.

1700H-1735H - BGen W. C. CHIP, CG TF Hotel, visited
Ca Lu.

26 August 1968 - 1320H-1345H - MajGen R. G. DAVIS, CG 3d MarDiv, visited
Ca Lu.

27 August 1968 - 0810H - 4th Marines chopped 2nd Bn, 9th Marines (-)
OPCON to TF Hotel.

0940H-1000H - MajGen R. G. DAVIS, CG 3d MarDiv, visited
Ca Lu.

28 August 1968 - 1020H-1040H - MajGen R. G. DAVIS, CG 3d MarDiv, visited
Ca Lu.

1455H-1505H - BGen W. C. CHIP, CG TF Hotel, visited
Ca Lu.

29 August 1968 - 0925H-0935H - MajGen R. G. DAVIS, CG 3d MarDiv, visited
Ca Lu.

31 August 1968 - 1415H-1435H - MajGen C. B. DRAKE, Deputy Commanding
General, PCV, visited Ca Lu.

PART III

A. Combat Missions assigned

(1) Operation SCOTLAND II (1 - 31 August 1968)

(a) With two battalions conducting mobile operations generally west of FSB's Cates and Shepherd and within range of artillery fires from these FSB's, maintain surveillance over enemy activities, deny him freedom of movement and destroy his forces, positions and material by fire and/or ground action. From these units provide forces to occupy and defend FSB's and Hill 950/1015 complex.

(b) Provide forces from a third battalion to defend Ca Lu and Vandegrift CB.

(c) Secure Route #9 in AO from Ca Lu north.

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(d) Maintain Sparrow Hawk.

(e) Be prepared, on order, to provide forces for operations anywhere within the division AO.

(f) Be prepared to assume OPCON of additional forces for employment in SCOTLAND II AO.

B. Significant operations conducted

(1) Operation SCOTLAND II (CANTON II 1 - 6 August 1968).

(a) Conduct heliborne and overland infantry assaults to locate, fix and destroy enemy forces in AO.

(b) Locate and destroy enemy supply caches, rocket sites and harbor sites in AO.

C. Casualties inflicted on the enemy. (Units OPCON and DS of the 4th Mar)

<u>KIA</u>			
VC	1	PW/NVA	1
NVA	71	I/C	28
		CSVC	6
		RICE	16,028

D. Casualties sustained. (Regimental Headquarters Company)

(1) There was (1) hostile casualty from fragmentation during the month of August.

(2) An increasing number of personnel were med-evaced due to malaria and fever of unknown origin.

E. New techniques employed. None

F. Command Relations

(1) As Commanding Officer, 4th Marines, the Regimental Commander exercised command over those units assigned OPCON and in support of the Regiment through normal channels.

(2) Contact with Division Headquarters and adjacent regimental command echelons was maintained through normal command/control communications channels and command/staff visits.

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G. Equipment. No new equipment was received during the month of August.

H. Logistics

(1) Supply--Primary source of supply was FLSU at Vandegrift CB.

(2) Resupply

(a) Helicopter resupply in support of SCOTLAND II was routine except for (1) emergency resupply.

(b) See Tab (1) for Helo resupply weights.

(3) Transportation

(a) G-4 Representative, 3d MarDiv furnished truck support during the month of August.

(4) Services

(a) 3d Engr Bn completed various jobs in the Regimental Headquarters area such as, building heads and laying decking for living areas. The Engrs were responsible for conducting mine detection sweeps over 10,000 meters of roads daily. Negative explosive devices were detected during the month of August.

(b) 11th Engr Bn constructed and layed matting for the regimental LZ.

(c) The following contact team was provided during August:

(1) EOD

(5) Hospitalization and Evacuation. (Regimental Headquarters Company)

(a) Medical

(1) Average daily patient visits	11
(2) Referrals to 3rd MED Bn	66
(3) Acute Diarrhea/Gastroenteritis	13
(4) Med Cap	75
(5) Immunization	175

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(b) Dental

(1) Referred to 3rd Dental Co

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I. Civic action and Psychological Warfare

(1) Civic action

(a) During August 30-60 Montagnards from LANG KAT (YD 024454) were employed for 6 days to repair the Ca Lu Memorial Chapel which they had previously constructed out of native materials. These workers were paid with captured rice and preopened canned goods.

(b) In the middle of August, a doctor and a corpsman from Headquarters, 4th Marines started Med Caps 3 times a week. A total of 75 cases were treated.

(c) On 21 August, Headquarters, 4th Marines made arrangements for 6 Vietnamese from BA THAN (YD 032452) to go to market in DONG HA. On 22 August they were returned to their respective villages with rice, salt and other items that they obtained.

(2) Psychological Warfare

(a) During the month of August NB Teams made 5 broadcasts from Hill 950 and 691.

J. Administration. Functioning in accordance with Division Order 5450.1.

(1) This unit is operating under split administration. (Forward and Rear). All administrative personnel received on-the-job training in the field during Operations SCOTLAND II and CAPTON II. This training consisted of all phases of administration under combat conditions.

(2) Staff Studies and estimates: None

(3) Local Newspaper: None

K. Personnel

(1) Summary. There is a critical personnel shortage in the following MOS's:

One - 1141

(2) Photographs: None

(3) Discipline, Courts-Martial and HJP:

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(a) Courts-Martial: (0)

(b) NJP: (1)

(4) Morale: PX: Postal Affairs: Liberty and R&R:

(a) Morale: Morale is considered excellent.

(b) PZ: Basic Post Exchange items are currently stocked at a PX located at Vandegrift CB.

(c) Postal: Unit #7 of the Third Marine Division Post Office is functioning to facilitate all outgoing and incoming mail in the Operation area, and provided many other services. The unit is located in Ca Lu.

(d) Liberty: None

(e) R&R: Quotas for the month were adequate and sufficient for one of every 13 Marines on the rolls. R&R continues to contribute to high morale.

(5) Chaplain Support and Religious Services: Worship services were conducted in the field for those of the Catholic and Protestant faiths.

(a) Services conducted (Protestant and Catholic)

(1) 17 Sunday services - Attendance 479

(2) 13 Weekend services - Attendance 1255

Above services included communion attendance.

(b) The Regimental Chaplain carried out pastoral and counseling ministry in the Regiment.

L. Intelligence. There has been one significant addition and one deletion to the NVA/VC order of Battle in the Fourth Marines area of operation during the month of August. These are:

(a) The 246th Regt has been temporarily fixed in the area south east of Khe Sanh as a result of documents and an NVA being captured.

(b) Higher Headquarters believes that the 66th Regt of the 304th Division has left the AO. However, a prisoner taken by B/1/4 to the north-west of Hill 950 was from the 1st Bn, 66th Regt.

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(1) Primary Intelligence interest still lies in the Fire Base Cates and Shepherd area. Collection efforts indicate moderate to heavy enemy activity in the area of Hills 715 and 505. Contact with the enemy has been moderate with the finding of large caches, bunkers and fighting hole complexes, hospital complexes, eating and living areas.

(2) No enemy unit identifications were confirmed from the captured equipment and/or material that was returned during this time frame, except as noted in paragraph L (b).

(3) During the reporting period 10 detainees from the Da Krong Valley were interrogated with negative results.

(4) Increased enemy activity in the Fire Base Shepherd, Hill 950/1015 complex area has been noted.

M. Training

(1) Training for the month of August consisted of fan firing of T/O weapons on a weekly basis, indoctrination lectures for newly arrived personnel, classes on tactical trends and training tips, and on-the-job training.

(2) Small unit, battalion and regimental sized operations conducted during the reporting period have emphasized the critical necessity for thorough training of Marines in basic combat skills. Command attention has been constant at all echelons to underscore the importance for conducting "in the field" training and improving small unit leadership whenever time and the tactical situation permit. Safety procedures for small arms and munitions received special command attention and extensive indoctrination was held to emphasize the importance of safety in the field.

N. Communications

(1) Normal communications were maintained between this command and senior and subordinate Headquarters.

(2) The command communications network received 1411 messages and transmitted 274 messages.

(3) A four (4) Channel radio relay link established on 8 July with 3d Bn, 4th Marines and continued in use.

(4) A high command radio relay link utilizing AN/TTC-129 equipment with voice and secure teletype capability was established on 13 July with Nakhon Phanom, Thailand, and continued in use.

(5) A manual retransmission capability was maintained on Hill 950, this increases the overall effectiveness of the Regimental Tactical Net.

O. Weather. During the reporting period the temperatures ranged from a low of 70 degrees to a high 100 degrees, with a average temperature of 93 degrees. The average humidity reading was 78%.

P. Fire Support

(1) 3rd Bn, 12th Marines was in Direct Support of the 4th Marines.

(2) Number of missions fired: 4,657

(3) Types of Missions

(a) Observed - 991

(b) Unobserved - 2150

(c) Acquired - 1116

(4) Total number of rounds fired

(a) 105mm - 36907

(b) 155mm - 7004

(c) 4.2mm - 3168

Q. Air Support. During August the Regiment participated in SCOTLAND II and the air support was as follows:

(1) Helicopter Support

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Req</u>	<u>Troops</u>	<u>VRS</u>	<u>Med Evac</u>
HqCo	84		32	87
1/4	16	2912	4	64
2/4	23	959	6	126
3/4	40	1832	22	173
1/9	2	100	0	5
2/9	5	320	0	7

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3/12	<u>3</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	173	6214	64	462

(2) Close Air Support

(a) 376 sorties (CAS/DAS) were flown throughout 4th Marines AO. Due to bad weather during the first of this reporting period, air strikes were held to minimum. The bulk of F/W sorties during the last of the month were flown in support of 3d Bn, 4th Marines.

(b) The BDA for 1-31 August is as follows:

Bunkers destroyed - 51

Secondary fires/Explosions - 25

Mortars destroyed - 2

KBA - 26

Rockets/sited destroyed - 1

(3) TPQ-10 targets. During the period 4th Marines initiated requests for 220 TPQ-10 strikes. 92 TPQ sorties were flown and a total of 276 tons of ordnance was dropped.

R. Activation/Deactivations/Redesignators: None

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

✓ TAB A - Helicopter Resupply Weights

✓ TAB B - Order of Battle

✓ TAB C - Intelligence Estimate #4-68 dtd 29 Aug 68

✓ Tab D - Hsg 230239Z Subj: Operation Scotland II SITREP #513

✓ Tab E - Hsg 250515Z Subj: Operation Scotland II SITREP # 524

✓ Tab F - Hsg 311152Z Subj: Operation Scotland II SITREP #547

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Resupply Weights for August 1968

<u>Date</u>	<u>Weights</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Weights</u>
1 Aug 68	138,562	17 Aug 68	181,142
2 Aug 68	281,749	18 Aug 68	288,820
3 Aug 68	109,933	19 Aug 68	131,505
4 Aug 68	173,015	20 Aug 68	164,755
5 Aug 68	177,259	21 Aug 68	174,638
6 Aug 68	106,795	22 Aug 68	302,135
7 Aug 68	170,403	23 Aug 68	240,888
8 Aug 68	190,492	24 Aug 68	288,265
9 Aug 68	198,169	25 Aug 68 (Emerg)	144,161
10 Aug 68	283,776	26 Aug 68	227,066
11 Aug 68	152,780	27 Aug 68	176,220
12 Aug 68	73,551	28 Aug 68	156,566
13 Aug 68	23,356	29 Aug 68	220,364
14 Aug 68	76,422	30 Aug 68	56,633
15 Aug 68	156,166	31 Aug 68	38,386
16 Aug 68	118,120		
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		TOTAL	5,252,092

TAB (a)
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ORDER OF BATTLE OF AUGUST

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SUBORDINATE TO</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	TAB (S) SECRET
216TH	Possibly 388th Div	UNK	XD 8638 South of Khe Sanh	
83rd Eng Regt.	UNK	2400	Unlocated	
102nd	UNK	UNK	Unlocated	

An V/I Bn possible sub to the 52nd Regt of the 320th Div working West of the Rock Pile. Reported on

25 Aug.

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Headquarters, 4th Marines
 Calu, RVN
 29 August, 1968

INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE 4-68

Ref: Maps: Vietnam, AMS Series L7014, Sheet 6342 II, Sheet 6342 III, Scale: 1:50,000

1. MISSION. To seek out, fix, and destroy enemy elements in the assigned area.

2. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AREA OF OPERATIONS.

a. Weather

(1) During the last week in August, skies should be partly cloudy to cloudy with varying ceilings. Visibility will be reduced due to the rains and fog in the mountains. Rain and fog will become increasingly prevalent during the month of September due to the oncoming rainy season. Temperatures will range from the mid-90's during the day to the low 80's and high 70's during the night and early morning hours. At higher altitudes, lower night time temperatures can be expected.

(2) Periods of good visibility will allow the enemy to observe our HLZ's, FSB's and to some degree the passage of friendly troops through open areas.

(3) As long as ceilings are fairly high and good visibility is available, beneficial results can be expected from the use of aerial observers, helicopters and strike aircraft. Rain and fog will limit our use of these assets, but, concurrently, allow covered movement of friendly troops on the ground.

(4) Astro data for the month of September. See Appendix 1.

b. Terrain

(1) The area under consideration is bounded on the north by E-W grid line (XD46), on the east by N-S grid line (XD91), on the south by E-W grid line (XD29), and on the west by N-S grid line (XD70).

(a) The southern part of the AO is mainly high hills covered with brush, trees, and elephant grass. Slopes are fairly rugged and difficult to traverse because of the

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heavy foliage. Running roughly E-W through the AO is the QUANG TRI river. Route 9 bisects the AO on an east-west axis passing south of the abandoned KSCB and running on into Laos. North of KSCB is the RAO QUAN river leading from the rugged mountains to the north. Terrain north of KSCB is rugged and covered with dense foliage.

(b) Cover throughout the area is good to excellent due to the heavy foliage, rocky prominences and the rough terrain.

(c) Observation throughout most of the AO will be poor to fair. The outpost on Hill 950 has fairly good observation of KSCB and the surrounding area. Canopy and jungle will make observation difficult elsewhere in the AO. Fields of fire are limited for both the enemy and friendly troops due to the nature of the vegetation and terrain.

(d) Concealment will be good to excellent throughout the AO. The nature of the terrain lends itself to good concealment for both friendly and enemy forces.

(e) Natural obstacles are the mountains, and dense foliage which covers the majority of them. Man-made obstacles may be encountered in the form of enemy built bunkers, fighting holes, abandoned KSCB bunkers, and/or surprise explosive devices.

(f) Avenues of approach into the operating area from the east and west are Route 9. From the north and south the extensive road and trails network established by the NVA are considered avenues of approach. HLZ's can be utilized depending on the area chosen. See Appendices 2 & 3.

(2) Terrain favors a defense by the enemy. His control of the area since the evacuation of KSCB has allowed him to become familiar with the terrain and to prepare defensive positions along the most likely avenues of approach. Reports of extensive enemy activity in and around KSCB is supported by recent sensor reports. Through experience in the Khe Sanh area, it has been noted the enemy favors reverse slopes for the employment of his defensive positions. Should the enemy elect not to defend, the terrain in and around the AO provides an excellent area in which the enemy can employ harassing or delaying tactics by small units.

(3) The terrain dictates that friendly operations should be primarily on ground, supported by rotary wing aircraft. Since the roads in this area have been under control of the NVA for the last two months, friendly use of them would be questionable. Movement of wheeled and tracked vehicles off a road in this area would be difficult. **SECRET**

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(4) All streams and trails are not shown on the 1:50,000 scale map. Maximum attention should be paid to land navigation.

3. ENEMY SITUATION

a. Disposition. The 246th Independent NV Regt has recently been identified as operation south of KSCB. The only information on it to date is from two captured documents and a POW taken vicinity (XD 8734). The 83rd Engr Regt is unlocated but is believed to be the unit that is doing most of the repair work on the NVA road (running E-W along grid line 23), that was interdicted by friendly troops during the Robin South Action. The 102nd NVA Regt is unlocated west of KSCB and is believed to be in Laos.

b. Composition and Strength. The strength and composition of the 246th Indep. Regt is presently unknown; however, the average NVA regiment has roughly 1,500 men. The 83rd Engr. Regt. has a strength of approximately 1,100 men. It has two battalions, the 5th and the 10th, each having roughly 500 men in each. Hq. and support elements number around 100 personnel.

c. Arms and armament. These units can be expected to have all organic weapons. The only new weapon recently attributed to them is the 82mm recoilless gun.

d. Recent contacts by friendly troops with the enemy in the vicinity of (XD 8836) substantiated the readings recently received by our sensors of troops in the area.

e. The enemy has the capability of reinforcing with up to one infantry regt with in a 24-48 hour period. Heavy caliber artillery support is possible from the CO ROC area or from the newly located gun position to the S/E of the AO in LAOS. In the past the enemy employed 122mm rockets from a variety of locations.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

a. Enumeration

(1) Defend from prepared positions with one infantry regiment, depending on point of initial entry into this area. Support from organic mortars and artillery and probable supporting artillery.

(2) Counter our movements at a time and place of his own choosing with the same capabilities listed in (1).

(3) Reinforce with up to one full strength infantry regiment, plus supporting arms.

(4) Fight a delaying action utilizing snipers, small unit ambushes and surprise explosive devices to hold up our advance while reinforcements are moved into the area of operations.

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(5) Break into small units and conduct harrasing type operations against our forces.

b. Analysis and Discussion

(1) Defend. The enemy has had control of this area since the evacuation of KSCB, utilizing it as an infiltration and supply source route. It may provide a future base area, from which to launch attacks toward FSB Cates and Sheppard and Vandegrift Combat Base and Ca Lu area. He will have prepared extensive defensive positions and can be expected to defend.

(2) Counter-attack. If the enemy elects to defend he will also counter attack to protect his caches, lines of communication, etc.

(3) Reinforce. Reinforcing capabilities will depend on the relocation of enemy forces after our initial entry into the area.

(4) Delay. This capability could be utilized along with capability (3), especially if the enemy is determined to hold what he has and remain in the area.

(5) Conduct guerrilla type operations. This capability could be utilized in conjunction with any of the other four. The terrain is suited for this type of action.

5. CONCLUSIONS

a. Probable course of action. The enemy will likely use capability (4), with limited yet swift offensive actions where the terrain and situations permits. However, a stand and fight decision cannot be discounted.

b. The enemy's primary vulnerability is to our air and artillery support. If he decides to defend and has well-constructed and dug-in bunkers this could partially nullify our air and artillery forces. Our air could be further hindered if the weather turns bad and the ceilings drop.

APPENDIX 1: ASTRO DATA

APPENDIX 2: NVA ROADS AND TRAILS OVERLAY

APPENDIX 3: HLZ'S

APPENDIX 4: ORDER OF BATTLE OVERLAY

APPENDIX 5: SENSORS (RECENT ACTIVITY)

APPENDIX 6: KNOWN ENEMY POSITIONS

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ASTRO DATA

SEPTEMBER 1968

<u>DATE</u>	<u>BMNT</u>	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SR</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>ECT</u>	<u>EMT</u>	<u>LI%</u>
1	0557	0622	0643	1903	1924	1949	62%
2	0557	0622	0643	1903	1924	1949	72%
3	0557	0622	0643	1902	1923	1948	82%
4	0557	0622	0643	1902	1923	1948	90%
5	0557	0622	0643	1901	1922	1947	96%
6	0557	0622	0643	1900	1921	1946	99%
7	0557	0622	0643	1859	1920	1946	100%
8	0557	0622	0643	1858	1919	1945	99%
9	0557	0622	0643	1858	1919	1944	95%
10	0558	0622	0643	1857	1918	1943	90%
11	0558	0622	0643	1856	1917	1942	84%
12	0558	0622	0643	1855	1916	1942	76%
13	0558	0622	0643	1855	1916	1941	67%
14	0558	0622	0643	1854	1915	1940	58%
15	0558	0622	0643	1853	1914	1939	49%
16	0557	0622	0643	1853	1914	1938	39%
17	0557	0622	0643	1852	1913	1937	30%
18	0557	0622	0643	1852	1913	1936	21%
19	0557	0621	0641	1851	1912	1936	14%
20	0557	0621	0642	1851	1912	1935	7%
21	0557	0621	0642	1850	1911	1935	3%
22	0557	0621	0642	1850	1910	1934	0%
23	0557	0621	0642	1849	1910	1933	0%
24	0557	0621	0642	1849	1909	1933	3%
25	0557	0621	0642	1848	1908	1932	8%
26	0556	0621	0642	1847	1908	1932	16%
27	0556	0621	0642	1847	1907	1931	25%
28	0556	0621	0642	1846	1907	1930	36%
29	0556	0621	0642	1846	1906	1930	45%
30	0556	0621	0642	1845	1906	1930	59%

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~~FM FOURTH MARINES~~
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OPERATION SCOTLAND RE SITE P NR 2-6, 221801H 222400N 105 58

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1/4 CONTINUED TO OPERATE FROM VANDEGRIFT CB, CA LU AND THON SON LAM, AND PROVIDE SECURITY FOR C.B. EFFORTS AT CA LU COB. 2/4 CONTINUED TO OPERATE FROM HILL 950/1015 FB CATES AND HILL 832, WHILE CONDUCTING LIMITED OPERATIONS IN AO. 3/4 CONTINUED TO OPERATE FROM FB SHEPHERD, CONTINUED ENGR EFFORTS AT FB SHEPHERD, AND CONDUCTING LIMITED OPERATIONS IN AO. 1/9 () CHOPPED TO 4TH MARINE AT 2000. 1/4, 2/4, 3/4 AND 2/9 CONTINUED NIGHTTIME ACTIVITIES IN AO. OPSSUM: AA07, CC02, C04, C01, C06, CC2,

HAS BEEN DELETED

3. CONTACTS NONE
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 - a. 1430H SQD PATROL 1/3/4 HEARD A DOG BARKING AND BABY CRYING AT (XD 997344) COMING FROM A CAVE. OBSERVED AN NVA HELMET

23 0230Z AUG

1/2/3 ul

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AND A BED IN OPENING OF THE CAVE. OBSERVED FROM A DISTANCE AND CONTINUED ON MISSION. WILL INVESTIGATE TOMORROW.

- B. 2220H G/2/9 OPCCN TO FOURTH MARINES
 - C. 1830H AO RAN 7 FLIGHTS F/W IN GRID (XD 8735). DESTROYED 11 BUNKERS AND 2 STRUCTURES. 1 NVA CONFIRMED.
5. PLANS: 1/4 WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE FROM VANDEGRIFT CB, CA LU AND THON SON LAM AND PROVIDE SECURITY FOR C.B. EFFORTS AT CA LU COB AND PREPARED FOR DISPLACEMENT OF 3/4 AO ON 23 AUG. 2/4 WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE FROM HILL 950/1015 FB CATES AND HILL 832 WHILE CONDUCTING LIMITED OPERATIONS IN AO. 3/4 WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE FROM FB SHEPHERD AND CONTINUE ENGR EFFORTS AT FB SHPHERD, WHILE CONDUCTING LIMITED OPERATIONS IN AO. 2/9 WILL PREPARE ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR CB VANDEGRIFT CA LU AND THON SON LAM, 1/4 2/4 3/4 AND 2/9 WILL CONTINUE NIGHTIME ACTIVITIES IN AO. PLANSUM: F32, J04, CC32, AA06, C01.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

	USMC	USA
RR. 337 KIA	337	25
1744 WIA (MED)	1646	123
329 WIA (MINOR)	259	34
MIA	0	0

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KIA	2562	240713
POW	57	
DET	167	129
IWC	776	
CSWC	205	

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EN. 0523 NVA
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4. C. The 2 MIA referenced
in above (c) were not
reported to this command
initially. Date they
became MIA was 22 Aug 69.

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TO JASK FORCE HOTEL
AS THIRD MANTIV
BY

Im: Third Mar Div, COC
To: XXIV Corp (COC) 250733
Info: III MAF, COC

CONFIDENTIAL 3D MARINE DIVISION
OPERATION SCOTLAND SITREP 250733H 251233Z 73 63
1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE EXCEPT E/2/4 AT (XD 99772) 2/4 AT (XD 8764)

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1/4 CONTINUED OPERATION SOUTH OF HILL 549. 2/4 CONTINUED TO OPERATE FROM HILL 950/1015 FB GATES AND HILL 332, WHILE CONDUCTING LIMITED OPERATIONS IN AO. 3/4 CONTINUE TO OPERATE FROM FB SHEPHERD, CONDUCTED LIMITED OPERATION IN DA KRONG AND VIC HILL 537. 2/9(-) CONTINUED TO OPERATE FROM VANDEGRIFT CB CA LU AND PROVIDED SECURITY FOR C.5. EFFORTS AT CA LU COB. 1/4, 2/4, 3/4, AND 2/9(-) ESTABLISHED DAYTIME ACTIVITIES IN AO.

3. CONTACTS: NONE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. 2927H 2D FLT K/3/4 AT (XD 995372) CALLED IN PREP FIRE ON GRID (XD 001360). A HIGH ANGLE BATTERY, ZONE AND SHIFT BY 3505 5200. P-COC 1/2/3

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G BATTERY 3/12. MISSION SHOULD HAVE BEEN 1100 METERS FROM (XD 997371). (1) RD HIT IN MIDDLE OF SQ, RESULTING IN 5 WIA (MED) PATROL BROUGHT CASUALTIES TO K/3/4 POS. WILL RETURN TO AREA FOR CRATER ANALYSIS. INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY
B. 3 MIA'S FROM L/3/4 WALKED IN TO FB SHEPHERD. BEING DEBRIEFED BY BB.6 DELETE 3 MIA

5. PLANS: 1/4 WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE SOUTH OF HILL 549. 2/4 WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE FROM HILL 950/1015 FB GATES AND HILL 332, WHILE CONDUCTING LIMITED OPERATIONS IN AO. 3/4 WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE FROM FB SHEPHERD, WHILE CONDUCTING LIMITED OPERATIONS IN DA KRONG AND VIC HILL 537. 2/9() WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE FROM VANDEGRIFT CB AND CA LU. 1/4, 2/4, 3/4, AND 2/4() WILL CONTINUE DAYTIME ACTIVITIES IN AO.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

	USMC	USA
R. KIA	339	25
WIA (MED)	1647	123
WIA (MINOR)	261	34
MIA	0	0
EN. 05-61 NVA KIA 2562		
+ VC KIA	0	

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To: XXIV Corps, TOC
Info: III MAF, COC
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SCOTLAND II SITREP 251, 311201H 311800H AUG68

1. LOCATIONS
4TH MARINES (CBAG) XD 863463

B. 9TH MARINES:
A/1738988537 A/1/9 XD 938537
E/8682988 58813731583 C/1/9 XD 928529

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: UNITS CONTINUE TO CONDUCT COMBAT OPERATIONS *opns IAW mans assigned.*

3. CONTACTS:
A. AFTER 10 FLIGHTS OF FIXED WING PREP ON OBJECTIVE AND 8" ARTILLERY PREP BETWEEN FLIGHTS AT 311430H, F/2/9 LOCATED AT XD 895527 COMMENCED MOVEMENT TO OBJECTIVE IN THE VICINITY XD 895588. AT 311450H F/2/9 BEGAN RECEIVING

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SMALL ARMS FROM VIC XD 894536. UNIT CONTINUE ADVANCE UNDER 81MM AND 60MM AND 105MM PREP FIRES. AT 311545H, F/2/9 CONTINUED ADVANCE AFTER MORE AIR STRIKES IN 2ND LINE OF BUNKERS AT XD 893547. THE UNIT FOUND 1 DEAD NVA (KILLED ON 30 AUGUST). THE UNIT CONTINUED ADVANCE COVERED BY ARTILLERY AND MORTAR FIRE TO CONSOLIDATE THE OBJECTIVE.

B. At 311615H

~~311615H~~, F/2/9, VIC 893547 LEAD ELEMENTS MADE CONTACT NEAR TOP OF HILL. TOOK AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM FRONT AND LEFT FLANK. A.G. REPORTS 10-15 NVA GOING UP REVERSE SLOPE OF HILL FROM WEST TO REINFORCE ENEMY. (ENEMY ALSO RECEIVED 6 ROUNDS OF COMM. ~~CALL~~ CALLED I ARTILLERY AND COULDN MORTAR FX

E. 1ST PLATOON ADVANCED TO HIGH GROUND TO CONSOLIDATE POSITION. ADD 3 FRIENDLY WIA/EVAC.
(1 NVA/71010).

A. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. FOURTH MARINES:
C19 AT 311400H, RECON TEAM "GRASSHOPPER", VII XD 823444, SPOTTED 3 TO 6 NVA MOVING WEST AT XD 924444. RECON TEAM SPOTTED AND IDENTIFIED. TEAM CONTINUED MISSION (SEE BG REL OPERAT)

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11 FROM 310735H TO 231120H, 12 FLIGHTS OF FIXED
WINGS 12 AA-4'S FROM MAG 13 AND 014 A 4'S FROM MAG 12, CONTROLLED
BY DIVISION A.O.2 S EXPENDED 53,000LBS OF HIGH EXPLOSIVE
14,000LBS OF NAPALM, (AND 10 ARO
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7D FOD 2.75" FFAR R
ON ESTIMATED NVA PLATOON DUG IN AT VICINITY XO 89539. BDA
WAS 3 BUNKERS DESTROYED AND 8 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS BELIEVED
TO BE SMALL ARMS OR MORTAR CASSES.

2 311120H TO 311400H, SIX 4'S FROM MAR 12

2 F-4'S FROM MAG 13, 1 A-1H USAF F100'S CONTROLLED BY DIV A0
EXPENDED 12,000LBS OF HIGH EXPLOSIVE AND
8,000LBS OF NAPALM ON XO 89539 IN PREPARATION FOR NINTH
MARINES OPERATIONS IN THIS AREA.

5. PLANS: UNITS CONTINUE TO CONDUCT COMBAT OPERATIONS
IAW MISSIONS ASSIGNED.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES.

7. FRIENDLY

NE	366	NVA/KIA (C)	2594
MIAD	(EVAC)	1841	VC/KIA (C)
MIAN	221	DET	3437
WIA	(TOTAL)	3108	POW

FR	USMC	USA
KIA	341	25
WIA (e)	1694	123
WIA (M)	262	34
MIA	0	0

EN KIA 2595
POW 57
DET 175
IWC 777
CSWC 205

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