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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division
Via: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines

Subj: Combat After Action Report

Ref: (a) DivO 3100.1
(b) 1stBn, 9th Mar Operation Order 4-69

1. Code Name. Cameron Falls CAMERON FALLS
2. Dates of Operation. 3-10 May 1969
3. Location: Middle Da Nang River Valley Area
4. Task Organization:

1st Battalion, 9th Marines	LtCol. T.J. CULKIN	CULKIN
	3-10 May 1969	

H&S Company	1stLt. T.B. JOHNSON	JOHNSON
	3-10 May 1969	

Company A (Rein)	Capt. W.L. FOX	
Company A	3-8 May 1969	
FO tm, E Btry 2/12	1stLt. E.J. CONNELLY III	CONNELLY
Det, H&S Company	9-10 May 1969	
FO tm		
FO tm, 81mm		
Det, Med Plt		
Det, Comm Plt		
Det, 1st Plt, Co C, 3d Ingr Bn.		

Company B (Rein)	Capt. K.T. JUNKINS JR.	JUNKINS
Company B	3-10 May 1969	

FO tm, F Btry 2/12		
Det, H&S Company		
FO tm		
FO tm, 81mm		
Det, Med Plt		
Det, Comm Plt		
Det, 1st Plt, Co C, 3d Ingr Bn.		

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Company C (Main)
Company C
FO tm, D Btry 2/12
Det, H&S Company
F G tm
FO tm, 81mm
Det, Med Plt
Det, Comm Plt
Det, 1st Plt, Co C, 3d Engr Bn.

Capt. J. KELLY
3-10 May 1969

KELLY

Company D (Main)
Company D
FO tm, D Btry 2/12
Det, H&S Company
F G tm
FO tm, 81mm
Det, Med Plt
Det, Comm Plt
Det, 1st Plt, Co C, 3d Engr Bn.

Capt. I.F. CHAPMAN III
3-10 May 1969

CHAPMAN

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5. Supporting Ops.a. Artillery.

- (1) General: During Operation Cameron Falls, few active fire missions were fired. Those missions fired were primarily suspected enemy positions. More than 3000 rounds of HE were expended on H&I's, TOT's and active fire missions.
- (2) Significant Events: There were no significant events during this operation.

b. Air.

- (1) Helicopter Support: Overall helicopter support received by 1stBn, 9th Marines during Operation Cameron Falls was adequate. General troop transportation, resupply and medical evacuation were provided as requested, although not within the time frame required by the battalion. It should be noted that U.S. Army helicopters provided timely assistance in a few strategic instances.

During Cameron Falls the following major troop lifts were made by 1stBn, 9th Marines:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Units Lifted</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>A/C Utilized</u>	
3 May	MCS, Co C, Co D, Co B, and Co D	VGB	FSB GAUCHO LZ TARAWA	10CH-46, 2UH-1H 10CH-46, 2UH-1H	VGB TO FSB GAUCHO VGB TO LZ TARAWA
8 May	Co B	FSB RAZOR	LZ TARAWA	8CH-46, 2UH-1H	FSB RAZOR TO LZ TARAWA
10 May	MCS, Co C, Co A, Co D, Co B	FSB GAUCHO LZ TARAWA	FSB ERSKINE FSB ERSKINE	8CH-46, 2UH-1H 8CH-46, 2UH-1H	FSB GAUCHO TO FSB ERSKINE LZ TARAWA TO FSB ERSKINE

- (2) Fixed Wing Air Support: During the period covered by Operation Cameron Falls the following fixed wing support was utilized by 1stBn, 9th Marines:

<u>Date</u>	<u>F105</u>	<u>Grid</u>	<u>BDA</u>	<u>A/C Support</u>
4 May	3	YD 1224	UK-Suspected Enemy Positions	F//
10 May	4	YD 138108	Several Bunkers Destroyed	F//

- (3) AO Support: The following AO support was utilized by 1stBn, 9th Marines. During operation Cameron Falls:

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<u>Date</u>	<u>FLTS</u>	<u>TCS-IFS</u>	<u>Work accomplished</u>
3 May	3	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	VR for troop lift
4 May	2	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Ben air on possible enemy position
5 May	2	2	VR for D/1/9
6 May	1	2	VR for D/1/9
7 May	1	1	VR for E/1/9
8 May	2	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	VR for troop lift
10 May	4	6	Ben air in support of assault

6. INTELLIGENCE.

a. Estimated enemy strength, location and disposition in the objective areas prior to the operation:

(1) Base area 101

- (a) 6th Bn, 812th Regt
- (b) Elements K-10 Bn
- (c) Elements K-32 Bn

(2) Quang-Tri Laos Border area

- (a) Elements K-8 Bn
- (b) Elements K-10 Bn
- (c) Elements 814th Bn

(3) Base Area 611

- (a) Ho Military Region Tri Tien Hue (HT ITTH)
- (b) 675th Artillery Regt
- (c) 4th Engineer/559th Transportation Group
- (d) Elements Bin Tran 42

- (1) 55th Transportation Bn
- (2) 3d Bn
- (3) 11th Comm Liaison Bn

- (e) 9th AV Regt
- (f) 6th AV Regt

(4) Sources of information: 9th Air Ord 4-69

b. Between 3-10 May 1969 there was no significant contact with the enemy. FCB G-UCHO was secured from the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines and reconnaissance in force conducted in the area. No intelligence was developed.

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- (1) On 7 May 1969, 8 Montagnards were apprehended at YD 099235 as they approached that position. These people were interrogated by personnel from the 15th ITT and evacuated to the rear for further interrogation and resettlement. These people spoke very little Vietnamese and no information of immediate tactical value was extracted from them.
 - (2) Due to the lack of contact no positive identification or location of units were made.
 - c. Weather: The daily temperature averaged 97° - 104° with occasional afternoon or evening showers.
 - d. CA/Psyops were not employed by this battalion during the period covered by this report.
7. Mission: On 3 May helilift to and relieve 3/3 elements on FSB Gaucho- TARAWA and initiate RIF overland to FSB RAZOR to secure FSB and provide terminal guidance for the 7 May landing of 2/9. On 3 May provide forces to relieve one company of 3/3 securing FSB McClintock.
 8. Concept of Operations: Relieve 3/3 in place with (1) company at FSB MCCLINTOCK and (1) company at FSB GAUCHO-TAWARA on 3 May.
 9. Execution:
 - 03 May There were no significant events on this day.
 - 04 May At 0540H Company B received 5 rounds of small arms from YD 098230 and returned fire with unknown results. At 0910H Company D received a short burst of automatic weapons fire on the rear of its tactical column at YD 096216 and returned fire with unknown results.
 - 05 May At 1230H Company B found numerous old fighting holes and 5 men-constructed observation posts along a trail that stretches from YD 097232 to YD 096219. At 1955H Company B saw one NVA in green utilities at YD 108330 and took him under fire with 60mm mortars with unknown results.
 - 06 May At 1800 Company A at YD 044299 received 12 rounds of 82mm mortar fire from the YD 0030 grid and fired counter battery with 81 mm mortars and artillery.
 - 07 May At 2100 H Company A heard talking and a transistor radio at YD 045301, and at 2130H a figure was seen at YD 044303. Company A called 60mm and 81 mm mortar missions on the figure with unknown results.
 - 08 May At 1000H Company B found a dud RPG at YD 100228 and blew it in place.
 - 09-10 May there were no significant events on these days.
 10. Results: (1) RPG round was captured and destroyed.
 11. Administrative Matters.
 - a. Supply: Unit distribution was employed. Initial combat loads were normal with food and were for 3 days.

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- b. Maintenance: First and second echelon maintenance only were effected.
- c. Treatment of Casualties/Medical Report: During the period of 3-10 May the BMS in the field received one fever of unknown origin case and a MI.
- d. Transportation: Troop and supply transportation were accomplished by helicopter.
- e. Communications: During this operation no sizeable communications problems were encountered.
Radio contact from FSB GAUCHO to VCB was excellent. Contact with battalion rear elements at Quang Tri were maintained by utilizing a relay station at VCB.
12. Special Techniques and Equipment: None.
13. Commander's Analysis: None
14. Recommendations: None.

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