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1. SUMMARY

As the period opened the Battalion continued to occupy and
improve the Regimental reserve area at CT 063102. On 3 April
the Battalion moved to a new Regimental reserve area at CT 063
027. While in reserve the Battalion continued to carry out a
limited training schedule. Emphasis was placed on planning
and tactical marches for counterattacking and blocking missions
in the event of possible enemy penetration. Outpost security
and interior guard for the reserve area was established. This
duty was rotated among the companies every twenty four (24) hours.
Able and Baker rations were served daily; showers were made avail­
able to all personnel; and motion pictures were shown nightly.
In accordance with Regimental Operation Order 4-52 and Battalion
Frag Order 2-52 dated 301600 March 1952, Company Able, reinforced,
remained attached to the Second Battalion, First Marines, occup­
ing defensive positions on the OPLR. Reconnaissance of the
Second Battalion's front line positions was made by the Battalion
Commander, Operations Officer and Company Commander of Company
Charlie in anticipation of effecting the relief of Company Able.
This relief was effected on 7 April at which time Company Charlie
became attached to the Second Battalion, First Marines, relieving
Company Able on position. Company Able reverted to parent control.
On 8 April, in accordance with Regimental Warning Order 1-52 and
Battalion Warning Order 1-52, the Battalion began aerial and
physical reconnaissance of defensive positions occupied by elements
of the First Commonwealth Division in preparation for occupying
a portion of that sector of responsibility. On 14 April the
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Battalion commenced movement by motor march from the Regimental reserve area, to effect relief of elements of the First Commonwealth Division. Relief commenced at 1000 with the Battalion assuming responsibility of the assigned sector at 1500. The Command Post was established at CT 119084.

From 14 April to 30 April the Battalion occupied and improved defensive positions from CT 094085 to CT 132096. Enemy activity was kept under constant surveillance and fire was promptly brought to bear on enemy sights.

Commencing on 22 April and throughout the remainder of the period a U.S. Army Psychological Warfare Unit conducted periodic psychological warfare broadcasts employing the Chinese language. These broadcasts were made by a loudspeaker located in the vicinity of CT 102103 beamed to the enemy lines urging the enemy to surrender.

On 23 April General H.M. Smith and Brigadier General Twining visited and inspected the Battalion's defensive positions. On 26 April Major General Seldon inspected the Battalion's defensive positions. Major General Seldon emphasized construction of bunkers with overhead cover.

During the period 1 April through 30 April the First Battalion, First Marines suffered a total of two (2) KIA, one (1) enlisted, and one (1) officer. Seventeen (17) enlisted WIA were evacuated during the period.

The Battalion transferred nine (9) officers and one hundred forty-four (144) enlisted personnel and joined ten (10) officers and one hundred eleven (111) enlisted personnel. At the close of the period, personnel strength of the Battalion was forty-one (41) officers and one thousand thirteen (1,013) enlisted.

As the period closed, the Battalion was continuing to occupy and improve defensive positions.
SUPPLEMENTARY S-4 SUMMARY

1 April through 6 April—
First Battalion, First Marines, in reserve. On 3 April, First
Battalion, First Marines, moved to a new reserve area at CT 063027.
One (1) company logistically supported by the Second Battalion,
First Marines. Class I and II supplies were received from Regiment
during this period on a daily basis. Shoes were issued to personnel
of the rotation draft in accordance with current directives. Personal
baggage was delivered to companies in reserve. Received 1,056 "O"
ration for use in the event of an emergency. Received 25,000 sand-
bags for fortification purpose, 15,000 additional sandbags were
turned over to the Second Battalion, First Marines.

7 April—Shower point joined Battalion. Service Battalion delivered
500 sets of clean clothing for exchange purposes. Received 69
complete helmets as partial fulfillment of requisition #70-52 dtd
5 March 1952. Semi-monthly allowance of expendable housekeeping
supplies was delivered to Battalion Supply.

8 April—Clothing exchange was made with Company Baker at shower
point under supervision of Battalion Supply. Received 500 mosquito
netting for bunks as partial fulfillment of requisition #78-52
dtd 6 April 1952. Received four (4) tents, squad, complete and
issued same to Battalion.

9 April—The below listed articles of government property were
received from Regimental Supply:
570 Socks, wool, pr
360 Belts, web, ea.
850 Drawers, cotton, pr
20 Buckles, belt, ea.
50 Cans, water, ea.

Underclothing was issued to cooks and messmen. Ten (10)
water cans were issued to each company. Battalion embarked
upon phase one (1) and two (2) of program to turn in cold weather
clothing and equipment. The below listed cold weather clothing
was turned over to Regiment:
379 Mittens, shell, pr
526 Mittens, inserts, pr
162 Caps, pile lined, ea.

Five hundred (500) sets of dirty clothing were returned to
Service Battalion.

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10 April-
The following articles of government property was received to accommodate the 19th Replacement Draft:
25 Tents, squad, complete, ea.
162 Cots, canvas, ea.
Flamethrowers were exchanged for new ones. The below listed articles of cold weather clothing was turned into the Regimental Supply:
395 Boots, insulated, rubber, pr

11 April-
Company Supply Sergeants recovered eighty-six (86) sleeping bags from rotated personnel. Sleeping bags were turned into Regimental Supply for credit. Service Battalion delivered 250 sets of clean clothing for exchange purposes. Clothing exchange was made with Company Charlie. Personal baggage of Baker and Charlie companies were sent to the rear for storage.

12 April through 14 April-
The below listed articles of government property were received from Regiment for use on defensive positions:
6 Machine guns, M1919A6, complete, ea.
4 Machine guns, M1919A4, complete, ea.
The below listed articles of government property were received on temporary loan from the Second Battalion, First Marines:
6 Machine guns, M1919A4, complete, ea.
4 Machine guns, M1917A1, complete, ea.
2 Machine guns, cal .50, flex, M2, complete, ea.
The below listed articles of government property were issued on temporary loan to the Third Battalion, First Marines, for use on defensive positions:
1 Mortar, 81MM, complete, ea.
1 Sight, M4, w/case, ea.
2 Post, aiming, M1, ea.
1 Light, instrument, M37, ea.
1 Light, aiming post, M41, ea.
Received from Regimental Supply:
350 Armored vests, ea.

14 April-
The Battalion moved to the new Command Post at CT 119084.

15 April-
Battalion Supply received from Regimental Supply in accordance with Division summer clothing allowance:
782 Shoes, field, pr
450 Coats, utility, ea.
540 Trousers, utility, ea.
508 Drawers, cotton, pr
450 Undershirts, cotton, ea.
75 Belts, web, ea.
275 Caps, utility, ea.
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The Battalion Supply also received:
4 Barber kits, ea.
3 Hammers, sledge, ea.
25 Axes, chopping, ea.
15 Water cans, ea.
25,000 Sandbags, ea.

16 April-
The Battalion Supply received from Regimental Supply the following article for use with Machine guns, cal .50:
1 Telescope, M49, ea.

Received the below listed articles of government property for fortification purposes:
30,000 Sandbags, ea.
50 Concertina wire, roll
500 Stakes, barbed wire, corkscrew type, ea.

17 April-
The below listed articles of government property were received from Regimental Supply:
4 Sharpners, pencil, ea.
1 Rake, garden, steel, ea.
262 Ponchos, ea.
40 Canteens, ea.
200 Forks, ea.
550 Spoons, ea.
249 Entrenching tools, ea.
100 Rags, waste, lbs
6 Shield, i/tents, ea.
15,000 Sandbags, ea.

18 April-
Breakdown on fortification gear received from Battalion S-3 and issued to Companies. Armored vests were issued to Companies.

19 April-
Battalion Supply salvaged approximately 300 rolls of barbed wire.

20 April-
The following Engineer tools were received from Regimental Supply and issued to Companies:
53 Picks, railroad, ea.
25 Picks, mattock, ea.
35 Shovel, D-handle, ea.
10 Shovel, long handle, ea.
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21 April through 22 April—
Ordered inventories to be held within each company in order to submit required Battalion Stock Status report on 30 April 1952.
Received below listed fortification gear from Regimental Supply:
20,000 Sandbags, ea.
25 Tar-paper, roll
300 Stakes, barbed wire, corkscrew type, ea.
Fortification gear was issued to the Companies.

23 April through 24 April—
Dropped 180 cots, canvas to Second Battalion, First Marines, for use in the reserve area. Received the below listed articles of government property from Regimental Supply:
48 Candles, lbs
96 Paper, toilet tissue, roll
960 Powder, insecticide, can
420 Soap, laundry, cake

25 April—
Received from Regimental Supply:
4 Launcher, grenade, energy, ea.
Delivered the below listed articles of cold weather clothing and equipment to Regimental Supply:
44 Boots, insulated, rubber, pr
30 Bags, sleeping, ea.

26 April through 27 April—
Issued lumber from Regimental Supply to build galleys. Issued fortification gear to Companies. Battalion salvage teams collected the following:
10 Nets, camouflage, ea.
13 Cans, fuel, ea.
Delivered to Regiment the below listed articles of government property thus completing phase one (1) and two (2) of program to turn in cold weather clothing and equipment:
20 Boots, insulated, pr
5 Caps, pile lined, ea.
314 Drawers, wool, grey, pr
15 Gloves, inserts, pr
2 Gloves, shell, pr
36 Mittens, shell, pr
18 Mittens, inserts, pr
83 Mufflers, ea.
39 Overcoat, parkas, ea.
15 Socks, artic, pr
16 Suspenders, pr
21 Trousers, field, O.D., pr
35 Trousers, wool, green, pr
229 Undershirts, wool, ea.
6 Vests, ea.
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28 April-
Dropped one (1) typewriter as unserviceable in accordance with letter from Typewriter Repair Unit.

29 April-
Received from Regimental Supply for building galleys:
- Lumber
- 15 Rolls of screening

30 April-
Obtained plans for building galleys from Regimental S-4. Submitted Monthly Stock Status Reports.
SUPPLEMENTARY COMMUNICATION SUMMARY

On the first and second day of April an advance party of the Communication platoon engaged in construction of the camp area and establishment of local and trunk communication lines to the new Regimental Reserve area located at CT 063027. The remainder of the Communication platoon engaged in normal communication duties at the present Regimental reserve area located at CT 063012. The First Battalion's advance switchboard was put in operation at CT 063027 on 2 April 1952. The First Battalion's rear switchboard secured from CT 063012 on 3 April 1952 as the remainder of the Communication platoon completed its move to the new Regimental reserve area, CT 063027. During the period 3 April through 13 April, the Communication platoon performed normal communication duties. School was conducted daily for CW operators. An advance party of the Communication platoon left the Regimental reserve area on 13 April to prepare for the establishment of land line communications prior to relieving elements of the First Commonwealth Division. On 14 April, a forward switchboard was put in operation at CT 119084. At 2000, 14 April, the remainder of the Communication platoon moved to the new location, CT 119084. During the period 14 April through 26 April, the Communication platoon was engaged in constructing and rerouting wire lines to company CP's. Three (3) wiremen were detached for duty with Company Able, two (2) wiremen were detached for duty with Company Baker and three (3) wiremen were detached for duty with Company Charlie. Dead wire was removed from the Battalion area. Slight difficulty was encountered in maintaining wire communication with the companies due to enemy activity. No difficulty was encountered in establishing or maintaining radio communication during the period.
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2. CHRONOLOGICAL NARRATIVE:

1 April - As the period opened the Battalion continued to occupy and improve the Regimental reserve area at CT 063012, and carry out missions as assigned. An advance echelon, occupied and improved a proposed Regimental reserve area located at CT 063027. The Battalion Operations Officer and Company Commanders reconnoitered routes of probable enemy penetration. In accordance with Regimental Training Order 2-52, a limited training schedule was continued so as to maintain a high state of proficiency in such subjects as technique of military instruction; technique of command; development of leadership; technique of amphibious planning; company and platoon tactics, offensive and defensive and use of supporting arms. All available training aids were utilized. Living conditions were made as comfortable as possible; Able and Baker rations were served; motion pictures were shown nightly; special Catholic services were conducted within the Battalion area. In accordance with Regimental Operation Order Number 4-52, Company Able, reinforced, remained attached to the Second Battalion, First Marines, occupying defensive positions on the OPLR. The Battalion prepared to conduct counter-attack and blocking missions within the Regimental sector in accordance with Battalion Operation Plan Number 12-52. See Appendix V.

2 April - The Battalion continued to occupy the Regimental reserve area at CT 063012. Improvements continued at the proposed Regimental reserve area at CT 063027. A helicopter site was constructed in the vicinity of this new reserve area. The second squad, first section, anti tank assault platoon, Company Weapons was attached to the Second Battalion, First Marines to reinforce Company Able, First Battalion, First Marines. The Operations Officer and Company Commanders made further reconnaissance of probable avenues of enemy approach.

3 April - The Battalion continued to improve the new reserve area located at CT 063027. In accordance with Battalion Frag Order Number 4-52, the Battalion moved by motor and foot march to the new Regimental reserve area. At 1400, the First Battalion, First Marines, secured the Command Post at CT 063012 and established a Command Post at CT 063027. Company Baker was designated as the Battalion duty company. The tours rotated among the companies of the Battalion every twenty-four (24) hours. Security outpost and interior guard of the area were maintained by the duty company throughout the period. Living conditions were made as comfortable as possible; Able and Baker rations were served; showers were made available to all personnel. Shelters were constructed for protection against possible enemy air attacks.
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4 April- The Battalion continued to occupy and improve the Regimental reserve area at CT 063027, and carry out assigned missions. Colonel Henderson, Commanding Officer of the Eleventh Marines visited the Regimental reserve area. An open air theater was constructed in the Battalion area and motion pictures were shown.

5 April- The Battalion continued to occupy and improve the Regimental reserve area at CT 063027, and carry out assigned missions. The Battalion Executive Officer and the Operations Officer made an aerial reconnaissance of the Second and Third Battalions, First Marines' defensive positions. In addition to this reconnaissance, Platoon Leaders and Platoon Sergeants of Company Charlie reconnoitered these front line positions in anticipation of occupying this sector when relief is effected for Company Able, First Battalion, First Marines. Companies Baker and Charlie conducted a tactical march over terrain to be covered in case blocking or counterattacking missions should have to be employed. See Battalion Operation Plan 12-52, Appendix V. An air raid drill was conducted to develop coordination in the movement of personnel to their air raid shelters.

6 April- The Battalion continued to occupy and improve the Regimental reserve area at CT 063027, and carry out assigned missions. The Battalion Commander visited the Third Battalion, First Marines, who were occupying positions on the MLR. In accordance with Battalion Frag Order Number 5-52 Company Charlie was attached to the Second Battalion, First Marines. Company Able reverted to parent control.

7 April- The Battalion continued to occupy and improve the Regimental reserve area at CT 063027, and carry out assigned missions. The Battalion Commander made an aerial reconnaissance of the Second and Third Battalions, First Marines' sector of responsibility. Protestant and Catholic services were conducted within the Battalion area at 1500.

8 April- The Battalion continued to occupy and improve the Regimental reserve area at CT 063027, and carry out assigned missions. The Battalion Commander and Operations Officer reconnoitered positions on the MLR occupied by elements of the First Commonwealth Division in anticipation of occupying that specific sector of responsibility. The Commanding Officer, First Marines, visited the Regimental reserve area.

9 April- The Battalion continued to occupy and improve the Regimental reserve area at CT 063027, and carry out assigned missions. The Battalion Commander made an aerial reconnaissance of defensive positions occupied by the First Commonwealth Division. The Operations
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Officer and Intelligence Officer made a physical reconnaissance of positions occupied by elements of the First Commonwealth Division in anticipation of occupying that sector of responsibility.

10 April- The Battalion continued to occupy and improve the Regimental reserve area at CT 063027, and carry out assigned missions. The Battalion Commander, Executive Officer and Operations Officer made further reconnaissance of positions occupied by elements of the First Commonwealth Division. Five (5) officers from the First Commonwealth Division visited the First Battalion, First Marines, reserve area and attended a course of instruction on the Machine Gun, caliber .50, M2, Flexible with modifications, which had previously been employed by this Battalion as a sniper weapon. Replacements of the Nineteenth (19th) Replacement Draft arrived in the Regimental reserve area.

11 April- The Battalion continued to occupy and improve the Regimental reserve area at CT 063027, and carry out assigned missions. The Battalion Commander attended a conference at the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade Headquarters. Company Commanders made a reconnaissance of positions occupied by elements of the First Commonwealth Division. The Commanding Officer, First Marines, visited the Regimental reserve area and gave an indoctrination lecture to officers of the Nineteenth (19th) Replacement Draft. The Regimental Executive Officer also visited the reserve area. Training for the First, Second and Third Provisional Companies of the Nineteenth (19th) Replacement Draft was established and training was conducted in accordance with Regimental Training Order 4-52 covering such subjects as Summary of Current Operations; Current Orders and Memorandums that apply; night scouting and patrolling; platoon in attack and defense and tank infantry tactics. A mobile galley served Able and Baker rations to personnel of this Replacement Draft.

12 April- The Battalion continued to occupy and improve the Regimental reserve area at CT 063027, and carry out assigned missions. The Battalion Commander and Company Commanders made further reconnaissance of positions occupied by elements of the First Commonwealth Division. Training was continued as scheduled for all personnel. A night problem was conducted to emphasize and familiarize replacements in the advantages and disadvantages of movement by night.

13 April- The Battalion continued to occupy and improve the Regimental reserve area at CT 063027, and carry out assigned missions. The Battalion Commander made further aerial reconnaissance of positions.
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occupied by elements of the First Commonwealth Division. Personnel of the Nineteenth (19th) Replacement Draft completed training and were further assigned to their respective units. Catholic and Protestant services were held in the Battalion area.

14 April- In accordance with Battalion Operation Order Number 13-52 and Battalion Warning Order Number 1-52, at 0800 the Battalion moved by motor march from the Regimental reserve area, CT 063027, to effect relief of elements of the First Commonwealth Division. At 1000 the First Battalion, First Marines, commenced relief of elements of the First Commonwealth Division. The Battalion assumed responsibility of its assigned sector at 1530. The Command Post was established at CT 119084 at 1130. The Battalion occupied defensive positions extending from CT 094085 to CT 132096. There were no patrols dispatched forward of the RFL during this period as efforts were directed toward improving defensive positions and establishing land line and radio communication. There was negative enemy activity for the period and all friendly supporting arms missions were negative.

15 April- The Battalion continued to occupy and improve defensive positions. The Battalion Commander inspected positions occupied by Company Able. At 0200 Company Baker received a probe of an estimated five (5) enemy in the vicinity of hill one thirty-seven (137), CT 102107 which was quickly repulsed by employment of friendly fire. Artillery missions for the period damaged two (2) enemy bunkers at CT 063124. Other supporting arms missions were negative for the period.

16 April- The Battalion continued to occupy and improve defensive positions. The Regimental Commander and the Battalion Operations Officer inspected positions occupied by Company Able. The Battalion Commander visited the sector of responsibility occupied by the Twenty Second (22nd) Royal Canadian Regiment. A U.S. Army psychological warfare unit was attached to this Battalion. At 1025 Company Baker received automatic rifle fire from CT 098117 firing on hill one thirty-seven (137); friendly artillery fire was brought to bear, and the enemy withdrew with unknown results. Machine gun fire from Company Able inflicted one (1) enemy KIA and one (1) enemy WIA at CT 112112. At 1525 Company Charlie received two (2) rounds of enemy 75MM artillery fire at CT 098094. At 1600 Company Charlie received one (1) round of enemy 75MM artillery fire at CT 098094. At 1625 Company Charlie received four (4) rounds of enemy 75MM artillery fire at CT 098094. At 1625 Company Baker received two (2) rounds of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 106105. At 2010 Company Able received three (3) rounds of enemy 60MM mortar fire at CT 117099. There were no friendly
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Casualties. At 2153 Company Baker observed five (5) enemy at CT 107108, friendly mortar fire was brought to bear upon the enemy causing the enemy to disperse to the rear. At 2153 Company Able observed five (5) enemy at CT 116101 and approximately twelve (12) enemy at CT 119099; friendly mortar fire was brought to bear upon the enemy causing the enemy to disperse to the rear. Supporting arms missions were negative for the period.

17 April- The Battalion continued to occupy and improve defensive positions. The Battalion Commander, Second Battalion, First Marines, visited the Battalion Command Post. At 0100, Company Baker received two (2) rounds of enemy 32MM mortar fire at CT 092106. At 1550 Company Charlie received eleven (11) rounds of enemy 76MM artillery fire at CT 099094 resulting in one (1) friendly KIA and one (1) friendly WIA. At 1645 Company Baker received five (5) rounds of enemy 76MM artillery fire at CT 106107. At 1700 Company Baker received two (2) rounds of enemy 76MM artillery fire at CT 107107. Five (5) green star cluster flares were observed along the Battalion front. Artillery missions for the period damaged one (1) enemy bunker at CT 076102. Tank firing missions destroyed one (1) enemy bunker at CT 106115, one (1) enemy bunker at CT 107118, one (1) enemy bunker at CT 104114, one (1) enemy bunker at CT 109115 and damaged one (1) enemy bunker at CT 107116. Other supporting arms missions were negative for the period.

18 April- The Battalion continued to occupy and improve defensive positions. The Regimental Executive Officer visited the Battalion Command Post. The Battalion acquired a large amount of British grenades. Instructional pamphlets were obtained from nearby Commonwealth units and personnel of this Battalion were schooled in the nomenclature, functioning and use of the various types of British grenades. Familiarization instruction was presented in the nomenclature and functioning of British Land mines, type seventy-five (75) and seventy-five "A" (76A). At 1125 Company Charlie received one (1) round of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 096093. At 1100 Company Charlie received five (5) rounds 122MM artillery fire at CT 098094, one (1) round hit an M-46 tank causing slight damage. At 1140 Company Charlie received one (1) round of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 098094. At 1200 Company Charlie received one (1) round of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 098094. At 1200 Company Charlie received one (1) round of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 099093. At 1210 Company Charlie received one (1) round of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 097093. At 1300 Company Charlie received six (6) rounds of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 099093. At 1300 Company Baker received ten (10) rounds of enemy 60MM mortar fire at CT 094106. At 1600 Company Baker received three (3) rounds of enemy 76MM artillery fire at CT 095104, CT 093105 and CT 097103.
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At 1900 Company Baker received four (4) rounds of enemy 76MM artillery fire at CT 093105 and one (1) round of enemy 76MM artillery fire at CT 096105. There were no friendly casualties. During the period twenty-four (24) white flares, four (4) amber flares and one (1) red flare were observed along the Battalion front.
Tank firing missions for the period destroyed one (1) enemy bunker at CT 107116, one (1) enemy bunker at CT 112112, one (1) enemy bunker at CT 106114, one (1) enemy shelter and one (1) enemy shelter at CT 104115 and damaged one (1) enemy bunker at CT 099119. 50 caliber machine gun missions destroyed one (1) enemy shelter at CT 104114 and one (1) enemy shelter at CT 103117. Other supporting arms missions were negative for the period.

19 April- The Battalion continued to occupy and improve defensive positions. At 0005 Company Baker observed five (5) enemy in the vicinity of CT 106106; friendly 60MM mortar fire was brought to bear with unknown results. At 0500 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 76MM artillery fire at CT 095103. At 1110 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 76MM artillery fire at CT 096102. At 2204 Company Baker received two (2) rounds of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 102109. At 2300 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 095105. At 2355 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 104102. There were no friendly casualties. During the period one (1) white flare and one (1) amber flare was observed along the Battalion front. Supporting arms missions were negative for the period.

20 April- The Battalion continued to occupy and improve defensive positions. Brigadier General Twining inspected the Battalion's defensive positions. The Regimental Executive Officer visited the Battalion Command Post. One (1) officer and one (1) enlisted man from Company Weapons, First Battalion, First Marines, were sent to Ordnance Battalion, First Marine Division for instruction in the operation and maintenance of flamethrower equipment. Four (4) enlisted men were sent to the Division NCO school. At 0100 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 104108. At 1140 Company Baker received four (4) rounds of enemy 76MM artillery fire at CT 096105. At 1150 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 125100. At 1215 Company Baker received two (2) rounds of enemy 60MM mortar fire at CT 093105. At 1230 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 60MM mortar fire at CT 096105. At 1400 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 60MM mortar fire at CT 093105. At 1445 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 60MM mortar fire at CT 106105. At 1804 Company Baker received three (3) rounds of enemy 60MM mortar fire at CT 106105. At 1904 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 60MM mortar fire at CT 093105. At 1915 Company Baker observed six (6) to ten (10) enemy in the vicinity of CT 112114; friendly mortar and artillery fire was brought to bear with unknown results. At 2120 Company Able received two (2) rounds

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of enemy 60MM mortar fire at CT 119099. There were no friendly casualties. Friendly artillery missions for the period damaged one (1) enemy bunker at CT 113107, one (1) enemy bunker at CT 115113 and one (1) enemy bunker at CT 108116. 50 caliber machine gun missions for the period destroyed one (1) enemy shelter at CT 104115. Other supporting arms missions were negative. Nineteen (19) white flares, six (6) green flares and three (3) amber flares were observed along the Battalion front.

21 April— The Battalion continued to occupy and improve defensive positions. At 1040 Company Charlie received one (1) round of enemy 120MM artillery fire at CT 098093. At 1220 Company Charlie received one (1) round of enemy 76MM artillery fire at CT 099094. At 1340 Company Charlie received one (1) round of enemy 60MM mortar fire at CT 098094. At 1240 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 60MM mortar fire at CT 095105. At 1255 Company Charlie received one (1) round of enemy 120MM mortar fire at CT 098095. At 1615 Company Charlie received one (1) round of enemy 120MM mortar fire at CT 101090 resulting in one (1) friendly WIA. At 1505 Company Charlie received one (1) round of enemy 120MM mortar fire at CT 104093. At 1613 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 60MM mortar fire at CT 107107. At 1525 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 60MM mortar fire at CT 107107. At 1530 Company Charlie received three (3) rounds of enemy 120MM mortar fire at CT 108094. At 1605 Company Charlie received two (2) rounds of enemy 76MM artillery fire at CT 099091. At 1657 Company Charlie received two (2) rounds of enemy 76MM artillery fire at CT 099094. At 1655 Company Baker received two (2) rounds of enemy 60MM mortar fire at CT 102101. At 1905 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 60MM mortar fire at CT 100996. At 2220 Company Baker received fifteen (15) rounds of enemy 60MM mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 105108. At 2305 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 120MM artillery fire at CT 132108. Artillery missions for the period damaged three (3) enemy bunkers at CT 097129, one (1) enemy trench line at CT 071125 and one (1) enemy 76MM artillery position at CT 073121. Tank firing missions for the period destroyed one (1) enemy bunker at CT 106115, one (1) enemy bunker at CT 112112 and damaged one (1) enemy bunker at CT 115111, one (1) enemy bunker at CT 114117, one (1) enemy bunker at CT 117147, one (1) enemy bunker and trench line at CT 118153 and one (1) enemy supply train route at CT 115154. 50 caliber machine gun missions for the period destroyed one (1) enemy shelter at CT 104114. Other supporting arms missions were negative for the period. Five (5) signal flares, three (3) white flares and four (4) orange flares were observed along the Battalion front.
22 April - The Battalion continued to occupy and improve defensive positions. At 1025 Brigadier General Twining visited the Battalion Command Post. The Regimental Executive Officer and the Battalion Operations Officer inspected the Battalion's defensive positions. At 1040 the Battalion Observation Post observed one (1) enemy at CT 101131; .50 caliber machine gun fire was brought to bear with unknown results. At 1135 Company Baker received three (3) rounds of enemy 75MM artillery fire at CT 102105. At 1140 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 105109. At 1325 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 105109. At 1340 Company Baker received two (2) rounds of enemy 60MM mortar fire at CT 105106. At 1420 Company Baker received enemy small arms fire at CT 106108. At 1425 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 60MM mortar fire at CT 101105. At 1700 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 60MM mortar fire at CT 109105. At 2000 Company Baker received two (2) rounds of enemy 60MM mortar fire at CT 108106. There were no friendly casualties. Friendly artillery missions for the period damaged one (1) enemy bunker at CT 092127 and one (1) enemy bunker at CT 097121. Tank firing missions for the period damaged an enemy supply dump and trench line at CT 115156, one (1) enemy trench line at CT 113157 and one (1) village at CT 112152. .50 caliber machine gun missions for the period fired on one (1) enemy in the open at CT 112131 with unknown results. Other supporting arms missions were negative for the period. During the period one (1) white flare was observed along the Battalion front.

23 April - The Battalion continued to occupy and improve defensive positions. General H.M. Smith, Brigadier General Twining, the Battalion Commander and Battalion Operations Officer inspected the Battalion's defensive positions. At 0920 Company Baker received automatic weapons fire at CT 105100 from CT 101115. At 0930 Company Baker received two (2) rounds of enemy 60MM mortar fire at CT 093108 and one (1) round of enemy 60MM mortar fire at CT 093105 inflicting one (1) friendly WIA. At 1155 Company Baker received two (2) rounds of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 093106. At 1210 Company Charlie received two (2) rounds of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 099098. At 1212 Company Charlie received one (1) round of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 099093. From 1220 to 1240 Company Charlie received fifteen (15) rounds of enemy 122MM artillery fire in the vicinity of CT 098099. From 1241 to 1300 Company Charlie received six (6) rounds of enemy 122MM artillery fire in the vicinity of CT 098090. From 1301 to 1325 Company Charlie received eight (8) rounds of enemy 122MM
artillery fire in the vicinity of CT 097089. At 1340 Company Charlie received six (6) rounds of enemy 122MM artillery fire in the vicinity of CT 096098. At 1350 Company Charlie received two (2) rounds of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 098093 and four (4) rounds of enemy 122MM artillery fire in the vicinity of CT 099098. At 1400 Company Charlie received one (1) round of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 098099. At 1405 Company Charlie received two (2) rounds of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 098090. At 1415 Company Charlie received two (2) rounds of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 099099 and two (2) rounds of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 096099. At 1427 Company Charlie received one (1) round of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 100099. At 1437 Company Charlie received two (2) rounds of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 100099. At 1555 Company Charlie received one (1) round of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 105096, and three (3) rounds of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 104097. At 1605 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 107095 and one (1) round of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 110096. At 1610 Company Weapons received two (2) rounds of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 109099. At 1655 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 76MM artillery fire at CT 103102. At 1655 Company Charlie received two (2) rounds of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 099099. At 1700 Company Charlie received two (2) rounds of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 098097. At 1720 Company Baker received small arms fire at CT 104108 from the vicinity of CT 101115 and CT 105115. Friendly .50 caliber machine gun returned fire with unknown results. From 1710 to 1800 Company Charlie received three (3) rounds of enemy 122MM artillery fire in the vicinity of CT 099099. At 1855 Company Baker received two (2) rounds of enemy 57MM AT fire at CT 104108. At 1900 Company Baker received three (3) rounds of enemy 76MM artillery fire at CT 108107, inflicting one (1) friendly WIA. At 1905 Company Baker observed three (3) enemy in the vicinity of CT 099131. At 1930 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 32MM mortar fire at CT 107106. Artillery missions for the period destroyed four (4) enemy bunkers at CT 109144, one (1) enemy shelter at CT 104115, one (1) enemy village at CT 105109, one (1) enemy bunker at CT 121101, one (1) enemy bunker at CT 118106, one enemy bunker at CT 117111 and damaged one (1) enemy bunker and trench line at CT 114158 and one (1) enemy bunker and trench line at CT 115104. An air strike mission from 1055 to 1120 destroyed one (1) possible enemy 76MM artillery position at CT 074139 and one (1) possible enemy 76MM artillery position at CT 073137. .50 caliber machine gun missions for the period fired on an estimated seventeen (17) enemy in the vicinity of CT 104121 inflicting one (1) possible enemy KIA. Other supporting arms missions were negative for the period.
24 April - The Battalion continued to occupy and improve defensive positions. At 0900 Brigadier General Twining inspected the Battalion's defensive positions. Re-adjustment of the Battalion's defensive positions commenced in accordance with Battalion FOB Order 8-52. At 1145 Company Baker suffered one (1) friendly KIA and one (1) friendly WIA due to the detonation of an anti-personnel mine, M2A1, at CT 089104. At 1430 Company Able received two (2) rounds of enemy 82mm mortar fire at CT 117097. At 1440 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 82mm mortar fire at CT 117097. At 1445 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 82mm mortar fire at CT 117097. At 1500 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 82mm mortar fire at CT 117097. At 1505 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 82mm mortar fire at CT 117097. At 1510 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 75mm artillery fire at CT 117097. At 1520 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 75mm artillery fire at CT 117097. At 1522 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 75mm artillery fire at CT 117097, resulting in two (2) friendly WIA. At 1524 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 75mm artillery fire at CT 118095. At 1527 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 75mm artillery fire at CT 114096. At 1530 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 75mm artillery fire at CT 118097. At 1535 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 75mm artillery fire at CT 114097. At 1540 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 82mm mortar fire at CT 102102 resulting in one (1) friendly WIA. At 1530 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 75mm artillery fire at CT 117097. At 1540 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 75mm artillery fire at CT 117097. At 1545 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 82mm mortar fire at CT 102102 resulting in two (2) friendly WIA. At 1547 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 75mm artillery fire at CT 113097. At 1552 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 75mm artillery fire at CT 115098. At 1555 Company Able received small arms fire of unknown origin at CT 153109 resulting in one (1) friendly WIA. At 1700 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 75mm artillery fire at CT 112099. At 1800 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 82mm mortar fire at CT 113098. At 1813 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 82mm mortar fire at CT 115099. At 1834 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 82mm mortar fire at CT 111099. At 2227 Company Baker received three (3) rounds of enemy 82mm mortar fire at CT 100103. At 2248 Company Baker received two (2) rounds of enemy 82mm mortar fire at CT 100103. Tank firing missions for the period destroyed one (1) enemy bunker at CT 095115, destroyed one (1) enemy bunker at CT 105119, damaged one (1) enemy cave at CT 105124, damaged one (1) enemy cave at CT 106119, damaged one (1) enemy trench line and bunker at CT 114156 and damaged enemy trench lines at each of the following positions: CT 113162, CT 115112, CT 113114 and CT 105123. Other supporting arms missions were negative for the period.
25 April - The Battalion continued to occupy and improve defensive positions. At 0200 Company Baker received six (6) rounds of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 100103. At 0230 Company Charlie suffered one (1) friendly WIA at CT 105097 due to the detonation of a M-46 trip flare. At 1700 Company Baker received three (3) rounds of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 097103. At 1915 Company Charlie received one (1) round of enemy 120MM mortar fire at CT 102095 resulting in one (1) friendly WIA. At 1925 Company Charlie received three (3) rounds of enemy 120MM mortar fire at CT 102095 resulting in one (1) friendly WIA. At 1930 Company Weapons received one (1) round of enemy 120MM mortar fire at CT 104099. At 1845 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 098102, three (3) rounds of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 097098 and one (1) round of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 098101. At 1855 Company Charlie received four (4) rounds of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 102096. Tank firing missions for the period damaged one (1) enemy bunker and trench line at CT 087107, damaged one (1) enemy trench line at CT 102122, damaged one (1) enemy trench line and possible enemy mortar position at CT 105116, damaged and destroyed one (1) enemy bunker at CT 074108, damaged and destroyed one (1) enemy bunker at CT 073120, damaged one (1) enemy observation post at CT 068114 and damaged one (1) enemy bunker and trench line at CT 076111. Other supporting arms missions were negative for the period.

26 April - The Battalion continued to occupy and improve defensive positions. Major General Seldon, Commanding General of the First Marine Division, inspected the Battalion's defensive positions. At 0600 Company Baker received three (3) rounds of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 109101. At 0800 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 107103. There were no friendly casualties. An air strike from 1030 to 1100 destroyed one (1) enemy 76MM artillery position at CT 098131, destroyed one (1) enemy 82MM mortar position at CT 094126 and bombed and strafed enemy occupied ridge lines in the vicinity of Hill 185. Tank firing missions for the period destroyed one (1) enemy trench line at CT 056109, damaged two (2) enemy bunkers at CT 067115, damaged one (1) enemy trench line at CT 073114 and damaged one (1) enemy bunker at each of the following positions: CT 059119, CT 063111 and CT 061112. Other supporting arms missions were negative for the period.

27 April - The Battalion continued to occupy and improve defensive positions. The Regimental Executive Officer visited the Battalion Command Post. The Battalion Operations Officer inspected the Battalion's defensive positions. At 1150 Company Baker observed five (5) enemy at CT 088123, friendly artillery fire was brought...
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28 April - The Battalion continued to occupy and improve defensive positions. At 1000 Company Baker observed one (1) enemy at CT 078125; friendly mortar fire was brought to bear with unknown results. At 1825 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 098102, friendly tank returned fire with unknown results. At 1845 Company Baker observed one (1) enemy sniper at CT 105108; friendly tank fire was brought to bear inflicting one (1) enemy KIA. There were no friendly casualties. Other supporting arms missions were negative for the period.

29 April - The Battalion continued to occupy and improve defensive positions. At 1000 Company Baker observed one (1) enemy at CT 078125; friendly mortar fire was brought to bear with unknown results. At 1120 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 120MM mortar fire at CT 12095. At 1825 Company Baker received two (2) rounds of enemy 60MM mortar fire at CT 110102. There were no friendly casualties. Tank firing missions for the period destroyed one (1) enemy bunker at CT 103121, destroyed one (1) enemy bunker at CT 105120 and damaged one (1) enemy bunker at CT 103122 and damaged one (1) enemy trench line at CT 116112. Other supporting arms missions were negative for the period. At 1930 a squad sized ambush from Company Able departed from friendly lines, CT 12095 and proceeded to CT 127097 arriving at their destination at 2000. The ambush returned to friendly lines at 2400 with negative enemy contact. At 2000 a squad sized ambush from Company Baker departed from friendly lines, CT 103099 and proceeded to CT 103099 arriving at their destination at 2035. The ambush returned to friendly lines at 0030 30 April with negative enemy contact. At 2000 a squad sized ambush from Company Charlie departed from friendly lines, CT 102097 and proceeded to CT 096098 arriving at their destination at 2020. The ambush returned to friendly lines at 0115 30 April with negative enemy contact.
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30 April—As the period closed the Battalion continued to occupy and improve defensive positions. At 1050 Company Baker observed one (1) enemy at CT 086118; friendly artillery fire was brought to bear with unknown results. At 1200 the Battalion Observation Post observed one (1) enemy at CT 072125 and at 1610 the Battalion Observation Post observed one (1) enemy at CT 101131. All supporting arms missions were negative for the period.

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CO 1st Marines: 0120101
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CO 1st Marines: 0398351
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CO 1st Marines: 1017001
CO 1st Marines: 1022001
CO 1st Marines: 1518511
CO 1st Marines: 1526601
CO 1st Marines: 1723201
CO 1st Marines: 2116511
CO 1st Marines: 2417001
CO 1st Marines: 3015101

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CO 2d Bn 1st Marines: 1009001
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TO ALL UNITS
DE 1ST HMR 0120101

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TO ALL UNITS
DE 1ST HMR 0120101

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DE 1ST HMR 0608351

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TO ALL UNITS
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DE 1ST HMR 0821851

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DE 1ST MAR 150750I

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TO ALL UNITS
DE 1ST MAR 1723201

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DE 1ST MAR 211615I

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TO ALL UNITS DE 1ST MAR 301510I

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FROM CO CMA 2D BN CMA 1ST MAR
TO ALL UNITS 2/1 CMA CHARLIE CO 1/1 CMA WPNS CO 1/1
INFO 1ST MAR CMA 1/1

THIS IS MY FRAG ORDER 1009001 APRIL 1952 X AT 1108001 APRIL 1952 CMA 81MM MORT PLT CMA WPNS CO CMA 1ST BN CMA 1ST MAR CMA REVERT PARENT CONTROL X X

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL QUILIGI

F. J. HARTE
Major, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve
Executive Officer

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Major USMC
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- "A", "B", "C", "H&S", "WPNS" ............. 7-52
- "A", "B", "C", "H&S", "WPNS" ............. 8-52

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FROM CO 1ST BN CMA 1ST MARINES

TO "E" CMA "C" CMA "MPNS" CMA "H&I" PAREN REINF PAREN

INFO CO 1ST MARINES

REF OPN 0 9 DASH 52

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MISSIONS CLN REFER TO BN OPN 0 11 DASH 52 X

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL PAPURCA:

/s/ R. "C" Rosacker
R. "C" ROSACKER

Major, U. S. Marine Corps
Executive Officer

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/s/ Leo V. Gross
LEO V. GROSS
Major USMC
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FROM CO 1ST BN CMA 1ST MARINES

TO CO CHARLIE COMPANY

INFO CO 1ST MARINE REGIMENT CMA CO 2/1 AND CO CMA "A" COMPANY CMA 1/1

REIN OPN PLAN 12 DASH 52 CMA FRAG ORDER 2914001 MARCH 52 CMA 2/1

THIS IS MY FRAG ORDER 5 DASH 52 X TASK ORGANIZATION CLN CHARLIE COMPANY PAREN REINF PAREN FO TEAM 3/11 X 071000 APRIL 52 ABOVE UNIT WILL BE DETACHED FROM 1/1 FOR OPERATIONAL PURPOSES AND ATTACHED TO 2/1 X

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL PAPURGA:

/s/ Leo V. Gross
LEO V. GROSS
Major, U. S. Marine Corps
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/s/ S. N. McLeod
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FROM CO 1ST BN CHA 1ST MARINES
TO "A" CHA "B" CHA "VP " CHA "H&G" PARENT REINF PARENT

INFO CO 1ST MARINES
REF CPK PLAN 12 DASH 52
MAPS KOREA CLN 1 CLN 25 CHA 000

THIS IS MY FRAG ORDER 6 DASH 52 X ABLE COMPANY UPON REVERTING TO PARENT CONTROL WILL ASSUME MISSION OF CHARLIE COMPANY AS SHOWN IN ANNEX ABLE CHA CPK PLAN 12 DASH 52 X

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL PAPURCA:

/s/ Leo V. Gross
LEO V. GROSS
Major, U. S. Marine Corps
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/s/ S. N. MC Leod
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FROM CO 1/1
TO "A" "B" "C" "H&S" "WPNS"

THIS IS MY FRAG ORDER 7 DASH 52 X 81 MM MORTAR PLT CMA WPNS COMPANY CMA 1/1 TO REVERT TO PARENT CONTROL AT 110000 APRIL 52 AND TO ASSUME MISSIONS AS STATED IN OPN PLAN 12 DASH 52 X

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL PAPURCA:

/s/ Leo V. Gross
LEO V. GROSS
Major, U. S. Marine Corps
Executive Officer

S. H. HC LEOD
Major USMC

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FROM 1st BN, 1st Marines
1st MAR DIV (Reinf) F&M
In the Field
2000 Apr 11 1952

TO "A" CO "B" CO "C" CO "H&S" CO "WP&S"

THIS IS MY FRAG ORDER A DASH 52 X COMPANIES WITHDRAW FROM OPLR
DURING NIGHT OF 24-25 APRIL X COMMENCING 25 APRIL PRESENT OPLR
POSITIONS WILL NOT BE MANNED PERMANENTLY X ALL SUPPLIES CMA AMMUNITION
CMA MOVABLE FIELD FORTIFICATION MATERIALS WILL BE SALVAGED X
PREPARE TO CONDUCT NIGHT PATROLS AND TO MAINTAIN NIGHT COMBAT
OUTPOSTS IN FRONT OF MLR X COMPANIES REPORT COMPLETION OF WITHDRAWAL
FROM OPLR THIS HEADQUARTERS X

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL PAPURCA:

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LEO V. GROSS
Major, U. S. Marine Corps
Executive Officer

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TO ALL COMPANY CO'S 1/1
REF SITUATION OVERLAY

THIS IS MY WARNING ORDER. DASH 52 X ABLE COMPANY PARENT REINF
PARENT TO OCCUPY CMA DEFEND AND IMPROVE SECTOR OF MLR FROM CT
094085 TO CT 102100 AND MAN OUTPOSTS AT CT 126098 CMA CT 131097
AND CT 129093 X BAKER COMPANY PARENT REINF PARENT TO OCCUPY CMA
DEFEND AND IMPROVE SECTOR OF MLR FROM CT 102100 TO CT 107103
AND MAN OUTPOSTS AT CT 092105 AND AT CT 090106 X CHARLIE COMPANY
PARENT REINF PARENT TO OCCUPY CMA DEFEND AND IMPROVE SECTOR OF
MLR FROM CT 107103 TO CT 132098 AND MAN OUTPOST AT CT 089101 X
WEAPONS COMPANY PARENT MINUS PARENT TO SUPPORT MISSIONS OF BATTALION
X BATTALION CP AT CT 119032 X ADDITIONAL DETAILS LATER X

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL PAPURCA:

/s/ Leo V. Gross
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Major, U. S. Marine Corps
Executive Officer

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APENDIX III to Historical Diary for the month of April 1952

Situation overlays for the period are as follows:

Situation overlay................. 1-2 April 1952
Situation overlay................. 3-13 April 1952
Situation overlay............... 14-28, 30 April 1952
Situation overlay............... 29 April 1952

Overlay of friendly line after adjustment
Overlay of friendly line after adjustment
Supporting arms overlay
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APPENDIX IV to Historical Diary for the month of April 1952

I Summary of enemy activity for the period
II Chronological summary of daily enemy activity
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

1. SUMMARY

During the period 1 April through 13 April, this Battalion occupied and improved its reserve area at CT 063027. While in reserve, one (1) Company remained detached to the Second Battalion, First Marines, and occupied defensive positions on the OPLR in that sector of responsibility.

On 14 April, this Battalion effected relief of elements of the First Commonwealth Division and occupied and improved defensive positions running from CT 094085 to CT 132096 inclusive, for the remainder of the period.

The enemy, to the direct front of this Battalion's zone of action was identified as the 562nd and 564th Regiments of the 188th CCF Division. The enemy, during the period from 15 April to 30 April, occupied high ground from CT 105123, running generally southwest to CT 075103. Enemy offensive action was limited to light and sporadic small arms and machine gun sniper fire from nearby positions, and from light to heavy mortar and artillery fire.

From 18 April through 22 April, the enemy employed a total of seventy-two (72) flares of various types and colors. It is assumed that the flares were to have a psychological and harassing effect that would unnerve friendly troops. To a certain degree, this proved successful.

During the period 14 April through 30 April, the Battalion's organizational weapons caused the following enemy casualties: three (3) KIA and one (1) WIA.

During the period 14 April through 30 April, the following enemy mortar and artillery fire was received in this Battalion's sector: one hundred nineteen (119) rounds of 122mm artillery; eighty-two (82) rounds of 76mm artillery; two (2) rounds of 57mm Anti-Tank; eighteen (18) rounds of 120mm mortar; seventy-six (76) rounds of 82mm mortar and thirty-nine (39) rounds of 60mm mortar.

2. CHRONOLOGICAL NARRATIVE

1-14 April- Negative enemy activity.

15 April- At 0200 Company Baker observed an estimated five (5) enemy in the vicinity of CT 102107. At 0255 Company Baker observed four (4) to five (5) small lights approximately 1800 meters to their right front.

16 April- At 1035 Company Baker received sporadic enemy automatic weapons fire at CT 102107 from the vicinity of CT 098117. At 1420 Company Able inflicted one (1) enemy KIA and one (1) enemy WIA at CT 112112 by MG caliber .50, M-2, Flexible, with modification, located at CT 119098.
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16 April (Cont’d) - At 1450 Company Charlie received two (2) rounds of enemy 76MM artillery fire at CT 098095 and two (2) rounds of enemy 76MM artillery fire at CT 099094. At 1600 Company Charlie received one (1) round of enemy 76MM artillery fire at CT 099094. At 1625 Company Baker received two (2) rounds of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 106105. At 2010 Company Able received three (3) rounds of enemy 60MM mortar fire at CT 117099. At 2135 Company Baker observed five (5) enemy in the vicinity of CT 103108; friendly mortar fire was called and enemy dispersed to the rear with unknown results. At 2153 Company Able observed five (5) enemy in the vicinity of CT 116101 and approximately twelve (12) enemy in the vicinity of CT 119099; friendly mortar fire was called and enemy dispersed to the rear with unknown results. At 2200 Company Able observed light flashes in the vicinity of CT 113114.

17 April - At 0103 Company Baker received two (2) rounds of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 096105. At 1550 Company Charlie received eleven (11) rounds of enemy 76MM artillery fire in the vicinity of CT 099094. At 1645 Company Baker received five (5) rounds of enemy 76MM artillery fire in the vicinity of CT 106107. At 1730 Company Baker received two (2) rounds of enemy 76MM artillery fire at CT 107107. At 2125 Company Baker observed one (1) enemy green star cluster flare in the vicinity of CT 109105.

18 April - At 0025 Company Baker observed one (1) enemy blue flare in the vicinity of CT 102107. At 0025 the Battalion security outpost observed one (1) enemy blue flare in the vicinity of CT 117082. At 1110 Company Charlie received one (1) round of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 097090. At 1235 Company Charlie received one (1) round of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 098093. At 1240 Company Charlie received five (5) rounds of enemy 122MM artillery fire in the vicinity of CT 098094. At 1250 Company Charlie received three (3) rounds of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 099095. At 1400 Company Charlie received six (6) rounds of enemy 122MM artillery fire in the vicinity of CT 099093. At 1450 Company Baker received ten (10) rounds of enemy 60MM mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 094106. At 1645 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 76MM artillery fire at each of the following locations: CT 093104, CT 093105 and CT 097103. At 1930 Company Baker received four (4) rounds of enemy 76MM artillery fire at CT 093105 and one (1) round of enemy 76MM artillery fire at CT 096103. At 2110 Company Baker observed two (2) white flares in the vicinity of CT 093105. At 2125 Company Baker observed one (1) white flare in the vicinity of CT 093103. At 2137 Company Baker observed one (1) white flare at each of the following CT's: 098093, and 111106. At 2200 Company Baker observed one (1) red flare and four (4) white flares at CT 093105. At 2205 Company Baker observed four (4) amber flares in the vicinity of CT 093105. At 2210 Company Baker observed three (3)
18 April (Cont'd) - white flares at CT 093105. At 2215 Company Baker observed one (1) white flare in the vicinity of CT 103115. At 2220 Company Baker observed one (1) white flare at CT 103115. At 2250 Company Baker detected enemy bugle calls in the vicinity of CT 088108. At 2300 Company Baker observed two (2) white flares at CT 098104. At 2320 Company Baker observed one (1) white flare at CT 093115. At 2335 Company Baker observed possible enemy flash lights in the vicinity of CT 098117. At 2358 Company Baker observed two (2) white flares in the vicinity of CT 093114. At 2348 Company Baker observed one (1) white flare in the vicinity of CT 093111.

19 April - At 0005 Company Baker observed five (5) enemy in the vicinity of CT 108105; friendly mortar fire was called and enemy dispersed to the rear with unknown results. At 0005 Company Baker observed one (1) amber flare in the vicinity of CT 076115. At 0550 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 76MM artillery fire in the vicinity of CT 095105. At 2110 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 76MM artillery fire at CT 098102. At 2224 Company Baker received two (2) rounds of enemy 82MM mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 108109. At 2305 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 093105. At 2355 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 104102.

20 April - At 0015 Company Baker observed one (1) enemy white flare in the vicinity of CT 096107. At 0150 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 82MM mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 104108. At 1140 Company Baker received four (4) rounds of enemy 76MM artillery fire in the vicinity of CT 093105. At 1156 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 125100. At 1245 Company Baker received two (2) rounds of enemy 60MM mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 092104 from the vicinity of CT 093114. At 1250 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 60MM mortar fire at CT 093105, round was a dud. At 1450 Company Baker received three (3) rounds of enemy 60MM mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 105105. At 1304 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 60MM mortar fire at CT 093105. At 1945 Company Baker observed approximately six (6) to ten (10) enemy in the vicinity of CT 112114. At 2000 Company Baker observed two (2) green flares in the vicinity of CT 089090. At 2002 Company Baker observed three (3) amber and three (3) green flares in the vicinity of CT 081094. At 2035 Company Baker observed one (1) white and one (1) green flare in the vicinity of CT 106109. At 2105 Company Baker observed one (1) white parachute flare in the vicinity of CT 102109. At 2115 Company Baker observed one (1) or two (2) blinking lights in the vicinity of CT 098117. At 2120 Company Able received two (2) rounds of enemy 60MM mortar fire at CT 119099. At 12055 Company Baker observed two (2) white parachute flares in the vicinity of CT 103114. At 2250 Company Baker observed nine (9) enemy white flares in the vicinity of CT 103114. At 2320 Company Baker observed five (5) enemy white flares in the vicinity of CT 103114, each were approximately three (3)
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20 April (Cont'd) - minutes apart. At 2355 Company Baker observed a small light in the vicinity of CT 101109, believed to be a lighted cigarette.

21 April - At 0220 Company Baker observed a light in the vicinity of CT 093115. At 0225 Company Baker observed the same light in the vicinity of CT 093115, light moved back and forth for approximately five (5) minutes and then disappeared. At 0232 Company Baker observed six (6) lights in a skirmish line at CT 093115. At 0235 Company Baker observed six (6) lights at CT 093115; lights then disappeared. At 0245 Company Baker observed three (3) white flares at CT 091115. At 0253 Company Baker observed two (2) enemy orange flares in the vicinity of CT 091115. At 0300 Company Baker observed six (6) lights in the vicinity of CT 093115. At 0345 Company Baker observed four (4) lights in the vicinity of CT 093115, lights burned for approximately five (5) minutes. At 1040 Company Charlie received one (1) round of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 098093. At 1220 Company Charlie received one (1) round of enemy 76MM artillery fire at CT 099094. At 1240 Company Baker observed one (1) round of enemy 60MM mortar fire at CT 095105. At 1240 Company Charlie received four (4) rounds of enemy 120MM mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 098094. At 1255 Company Charlie received one (1) round of enemy 120MM mortar fire at CT 098093. At 1315 Company Charlie received one (1) round of enemy 120MM mortar fire at CT 101090. At 1320 Company Charlie received two (2) rounds of enemy 120MM mortar fire at CT 092090. At 1505 Company Charlie received one (1) round of enemy 120MM mortar fire at CT 104093. At 1505 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 60MM mortar fire at CT 107107. At 1513 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 60MM mortar fire at CT 107107. At 1520 Company Charlie received three (3) rounds of enemy 120MM mortar fire at CT 102094. At 1605 Company Charlie received two (2) rounds of enemy 76MM artillery fire at CT 099091. At 1637 Company Charlie received two (2) rounds of enemy 76MM artillery fire at CT 099094. At 1855 Company Baker received two (2) rounds of enemy 60MM mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 102101. At 1905 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 104103. At 1907 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 103098. At 2135 Company Baker observed five (5) enemy orange flares in the vicinity of CT 105116, each was approximately three (3) minutes apart. At 2200 Company Baker received fifteen (15) rounds of enemy 82MM mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 103108 coming from the vicinity of CT 099129. At 2305 Company Baker observed one (1) round of enemy 122MM artillery fire in the vicinity of CT 102108.

22 April - At 0850 the Battalion Observation Post observed one (1) enemy digging a foxhole in the vicinity of CT 101131, friendly fire caused the enemy to disperse. At 1135 Company Baker received three (3) rounds of enemy 75MM artillery fire at CT 102103. At 1140 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 82MM mortar fire at
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22 April (Cont'd)- CT 102122. At 1325 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 103109. At 1340 Company Baker received two (2) rounds of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 105108, coming from CT 105108. At 1420 Company Baker received enemy small arms fire at CT 106108, coming from the vicinity of CT 107115. At 1425 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 60MM mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 101105. At 1700 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 109105. At 2000 Company Baker received two (2) rounds of enemy 60MM mortar fire at CT 108105. At 2035 Company Charlie observed an explosion from an unknown origin at CT 090101. At 2130 Company Charlie observed four (4) or five (5) explosions from unknown origin at CT 091102.

23 April- At 0920 Company Baker received automatic weapons fire at CT 103108 coming from CT 101115. At 0930 Company Baker received two (2) rounds of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 093108 and one (1) round at CT 093105. At 1155 Company Baker received two (2) rounds of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 093108. At 1210 Company Charlie received two (2) rounds of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 099089. At 1212 Company Charlie received one (1) round of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 098093. From 1220 to 1240 Company Charlie received fifteen (15) rounds of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 098090. From 1241 to 1300 Company Charlie received six (6) rounds of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 098090. From 1301 to 1325 Company Charlie received nine (9) rounds of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 097089. At 1340 Company Charlie received six (6) rounds of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 096088. At 1350 Company Charlie received two (2) rounds of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 098090 and four (4) rounds of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 099089. At 1400 Company Charlie received one (1) round of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 098090. At 1405 Company Charlie received two (2) rounds of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 098090. At 1415 Company Charlie received two (2) rounds of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 100088 and two (2) rounds of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 098090. At 1427 Company Charlie received one (1) round of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 100089. At 1437 Company Charlie received two (2) rounds of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 100089. At 1455 Company Charlie received one (1) round of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 103096 and three (3) rounds of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 104097. At 1505 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 107095 and one (1) round of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 110096. At 1610 Company Weapons received two (2) rounds of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 106089. At 1655 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 76MM artillery fire at CT 103102. At 1655 Company Charlie received two (2) rounds of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 098097. At 1700 Company Charlie received two (2) rounds of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 098097. At 1705 Company Charlie received one (1) round of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 098097. At 1720 Company Baker received ten (10) rounds of enemy 76MM artillery fire at CT 103102. At 1720 Company Baker received small arms.

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23 April (Cont'd) - Fire at CT 104108, coming from the vicinity of CT 101115 and CT 105115. From 1710 to 1800 Company Charlie received thirty-one (31) rounds of enemy 122MM artillery fire at CT 099099. At 1855 Company Baker received two (2) rounds of enemy 57MM Anti-Tank fire at CT 104108. At 1900 Company Baker received three (3) rounds of enemy 75MM artillery fire at CT 107107. At 1905 Company Baker observed three (3) enemy in the vicinity of CT 099131. At 1930 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 107106. At 1930 Company Baker observed enemy Anti-Aircraft fire on friendly plane; anti-aircraft fire was believed to be coming from the vicinity of CT 103124. Throughout the period, Company Baker observed seventeen (17) enemy in the vicinity of CT 104121, friendly fire inflicted one (1) enemy KIA.

24 April - At 1430 Company Able received two (2) rounds of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 117097. At 1440 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 117097. At 1446 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 117097. At 1455 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 117091. At 1500 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 114097 and one (1) round of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 106107. At 1510 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 75MM artillery fire at CT 116090. At 1520 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 75MM artillery fire at CT 117097. At 1522 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 75MM artillery fire at CT 116095. At 1524 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 75MM artillery fire at CT 116095. At 1527 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 75MM artillery fire at CT 114096. At 1530 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 75MM artillery fire at CT 114097. At 1533 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 75MM artillery fire at CT 114097. At 1540 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 75MM artillery fire at CT 114097. At 1545 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 102102. At 1600 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 117097. At 1640 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 75MM artillery fire at CT 114096. At 1645 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 102102. At 1647 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 75MM artillery fire at CT 113097. At 1652 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 75MM artillery fire at CT 113098. At 1700 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 75MM artillery fire at CT 112099. At 1806 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 113098. At 1813 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 113097. At 1834 Company Able received one (1) round of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 111099. At 2040 Company Baker observed light flares at CT 107109. At 2227 Company Baker received five (5) rounds of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 100103. At 2248 Company Baker received two (2) rounds of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 100103.
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25 April- At 0025 Company Baker observed eight (8) light flares in the vicinity of CT 095108. At 0200 Company Baker received six (6) rounds of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 100103. At 1750 Company Baker received three (3) rounds of enemy 82MM mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 097103. At 1815 Company Charlie received one (1) round of enemy 120MM mortar fire at CT 102094. At 1822 Company Charlie received three (3) rounds of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 100103. At 1850 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 120MM mortar fire at CT 102095. At 1825 Company Weapons received one (1) round of enemy 120MM mortar fire at CT 098102. At 1850 Company Baker received three (3) rounds of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 097098 and one (1) round of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 108101. At 1855 Company Charlie received four (4) rounds of enemy 120MM artillery fire at CT 102096.

26 April- At 0600 Company Baker received three (3) rounds of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 109101. At 1115 the Battalion Observation Post observed one (1) enemy in the vicinity of CT 086119, friendly mortar fire was called and the enemy dispersed. At 2000 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 107103.

27 April- At 0615 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 76MM artillery fire at CT 103102 and one (1) round of enemy 76MM artillery fire at CT 097102. At 1150 Company Baker observed five (5) enemy in a trench in the vicinity of CT 088123, friendly artillery fire was called and the enemy dispersed with unknown results.

28 April- At 1825 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 82MM mortar fire at CT 098102. At 1830 Company Baker received enemy automatic weapons fire at CT 104102, coming from CT 097115. At 1845 Company Baker observed one (1) enemy sniper at CT 106108, friendly fire was called and inflicted one (1) enemy KIA.

29 April- At 1000 Company Baker observed one (1) enemy in trench in the vicinity of CT 078125, friendly mortar fire was called and enemy withdrew with unknown results. At 1120 Company Baker received one (1) round of enemy 120MM mortar fire at CT 112095. At 1835 Company Baker received two (2) rounds of enemy 60MM mortar fire at CT 110102, coming from the vicinity of CT 112115. At 2145 Company Baker detected an explosion in the vicinity of CT 109108, believed to be an enemy grenade. At 2155 Company Baker observed three (3) enemy white flares in the vicinity of CT 107107. At 2200 Company Baker observed three (3) enemy white flares in the vicinity of CT 107107. At 2205 Company Baker observed one (1) enemy white flare and detected enemy automatic weapons fire in the vicinity of CT 107107.

30 April- At 1050 the Battalion Observation Post observed one (1) enemy in trench in the vicinity of CT 086118, friendly artillery fired and enemy withdrew with unknown results. At 1200 the Battalion
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30 April (Cont'd) - observation post observed one (1) enemy in the vicinity of CT 072125. At 1610 The Battalion observation post observed one (1) enemy in the vicinity of CT 101131, possible enemy observation post. At 2300 Company Baker observed one (1) enemy white flare in the vicinity of CT 095130. At 2310 Company Baker observed a light blinking at CT 122098. At 2310 Company Charlie observed twelve (12) enemy white flares in the vicinity of CT 080110. At 2335 Company Baker observed a circle of light in the vicinity of CT 105113. At 2350 Company Baker observed a series of six (6) white flares in the vicinity of CT 122122.
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APPENDIX V to Historical Diary for the month of April 1952

Operation Plan........................12-52
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Psychological Warfare Summary...........16-30 April 1952
Ambush Summary.........................29 April 1952
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OPERATION PLAN

Map: Korea 1:50,000
Sheets #6527 I, 6527 IV, 6528 II

Task Organization: See Appendices to Annex Able.

1. a. See current PIR's; Opn 10-52 and 11-52
   b. First Marines continues to improve and defend position on the OPLR and line JAMESTOWN. Second Battalion (Reinf) plus "A" Company (Reinf) with First section, assault platoon, Weapons Company. Second Battalion (Reinf) on left; Third Battalion (Reinf) on right. Fifth Marines on left flank of Regiment and First Commonwealth Division on right flank. Third Battalion, Eleventh Marines in direct support.

2. a. This Battalion will be prepared to counterattack or block enemy penetrations on order or to assume the mission of either of the two (2) Battalions of the Regiment.
   b. For boundaries, zones of action, routes of march, schemes of maneuver and directions of possible penetrations, see Appendices to Annex Able.

3. a. Able Company be prepared to execute the missions of any company, as shown in Appendices 1,2,3,4 of Annex Able.
   b. Baker Company be prepared to execute the missions of any company, as shown in Appendices 1,2,3,4 of Annex Able.
   c. Charlie Company be prepared to execute the missions of any company, as shown in Appendices 1,2,3,4 of Annex Able.
   d. Weapons Company be prepared to support Battalion in any of its assigned missions as directed.
   x. (1) All detached units will remain under control of Second Battalion, First Marines until directed to revert to parent control.
      (2) This plan becomes effective on order.

4. a. Troops will carry one (1) day's supply of C rations.
   b. Troops will carry full canteens of water.
   c. Troops will carry a basic load of ammunition.
5. a. (1) Communication procedure normal, no radio silence.
   (2) For special communication equipment, see Communication Officer.

   b. (1) Battalion C.P. will remain at present location.
   (2) Companies report location of C.P.'s.

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL PAPURCA:

/s/ R. "C" Rosacker
R. "C" ROSACKER
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Executive Officer

ANNEXES

ABLE Operation Overlay

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LEO V. GROSS
Major USMC
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OPERATION ORDER

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Maps: Korea 1:25,000
Sheets #6527 I NE, 6527 I NW, 6528 II SE, 6528 II SW

Task Organization: Annex Easy

1. a. Elements of the 562nd and 564th Regiments of the 188th CCF Division are to our immediate front. Even though the enemy will probably continue his defensive mission, the SAMI CH'ON river valley offers a probable route for a mass attack. The enemy in this sector is reported as not being too active; however, they did conduct an unsuccessful company size attack on the morning of 26 March, in the vicinity of CT 105108. See Annex Baker, for Enemy Disposition Overlay and Annex Charlie, for Mine Overlay.

b. First Marines (Reinf) continues to defend sector of LINE JAMESTOWN with right limiting point at CT 135092, left limiting point at CT 056064 and to maintain an OPLR from CT 048066 to CT 090108. Third Battalion, First Marines on left of Regimental sector. Second Battalion, First Marines in Regimental Reserve. Fourth Battalion, Eleventh Marines; First 4.6" Rocket Battery; Charlie Company, First Tank Battalion; Baker Company, First Engineer Battalion in general support.

2. a. First Battalion, First Marines will relieve the Royal Canadian Rifle Regiment and the Princess Patricia Light Infantry Regiment and will occupy, defend and improve its sector of the Regimental front.

b. Relief of lines to commence at 140800 April 1952 and to be completed by 142400 April 1952.

c. For movement schedule and routes see Annex Dog.

d. For boundaries see Annex Able.

3. a. "A" Co (Reinf) will move by motor march from Regimental Reserve area as shown in Annex Dog. They will occupy, defend and improve positions on the MLR and will maintain outposts at CT 125098, CT 131097 and CT 129093 as shown in Annex Able.

b. "B" Co (Reinf) will move by motor march from Regimental Reserve area as shown in Annex Dog. They will occupy, defend and improve positions on the MLR and maintain outposts at CT 092106 and CT 090106 as shown in Annex Able.
c. "C" Co (Reinf) will move by motor march from Regimental Reserve area as shown in Annex Dog. They will occupy, defend and improve positions on the MLR and will maintain an outpost at CT 089101 as shown in Annex Able.

d. Weapons Co (-) will move by motor march from Regimental Reserve area as shown in Annex Dog. Motor movement with organic vehicles to commence at 140800 April 1952. They will support the missions of the Battalion from positions at CT 106094.

e. H&S Co (Reinf) will move by motor march to Battalion C.P. (CT 119082) beginning at 140800 April 1952. Organic vehicles to be used.

4. a. Troops will carry a full canteen of water.

b. Troops will carry one (1) day's supply of C rations.

c. (1) Troops will carry basic load of ammunition for all weapons.

(2) "B" and "C" Companies will maintain two (2) units of fire for all weapons on outposts.

(3) Companies will maintain one (1) unit of fire for all weapons in position on MLR and one (1) additional unit of fire in company ammunition dumps.

d. Battalion Aid Station at Battalion C.P.
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5. a. (1) Radio silence will be maintained during relief except in case of emergency.
   (2) Maximum use will be made of existing wire lines.
   (3) Communication procedure normal.

b. (1) Battalion C.P. at CT 119082.
   (2) Companies report location of C.P. upon establishment.

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL PAPURCA:

/s/ Leo V. Gross
LEO V. GROSS
Major, U. S. Marine Corps
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ANNEXES:

ABLE  Operation Overlay
BAKER  Enemy Disposition Overlay
CHARLIE Mine Overlay
DOG    Motor movement
EASY   Administrative

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**ANNEX DOG TO:**

**OPERATION ORDER**

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* Indicates available trucks

** Indicates organic vehicle shuttle

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**BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL PAPURCA:**

/s/ Leo V. Gross
LEO V. GROSS
Major, U.S. Marine Corps
Executive Officer

/s/ S. N. McLeod
S. N. MC LEOD
Major USMC S-3
OPERATION ORDER

ANNEX EASY TO:

NUMBER...13-52)

ADMINISTRATIVE

Task Organization:

1st Bn, 1st Marines (Reinf)
H&S Co
TACP
Arty Liaison Team, 3rd Bn, 11th Mar
Det. S-2, H&S Co, 1stMar
Det. Wire Team, H&S Co, 1stMar

LtCol Papurca

"A" Co (Reinf)
1st section Assault platoon
1st section HMG platoon
Arty F.O. Team, 3rd Bn, 11th Mar
F.O. Team, 81MM Mortar platoon
Section 75MM Recoilless Rifle

Lt Grubbs

"B" Co (Reinf)
2nd section HMG platoon
2nd section Assault platoon
F.O. Team, 4.2" Mortar Co
Arty F.O. Team, 3rd Bn, 11th Mar
F.O. Team, 81MM Mortar platoon

Capt Joelyn

"C" Co (Reinf)
3rd section Assault platoon
3rd section HMG platoon
Arty F.O. Team, 3rd Bn, 11th Mar
F.O. Team, 81MM Mortar platoon

capt swiger

d. Weapons Co (-)

Capt Scranton

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL PAPURCA:

/s/ Leo V. Gross
LEO V. CROSS
Major, U. S. Marine Corps
Executive Officer

O-F-F-I-C-I-A-L:

/s/ S. N. McLeod
S. N. MC LEOD
Major USMC

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1st Battalion, 1st Marines
1st Marine Division, FMF
c/o FPO, San Francisco, Calif.

6 May 1952

PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE SUMMARY

On 16 April, a unit of the EUSAK, Psychological Warfare Section was attached to the First Battalion, First Marines. This unit through a series of Chinese language broadcasts endeavored to foster discontentment among the Chinese forces and to encourage their surrender. To assist in this purpose, the Battalion Operation and Intelligence Officers chose a suitable position for these broadcasts at CT 104108. All broadcasts were coordinated closely with other Battalion activities to insure that the broadcasts were current and timely.

On 22 April, between the hours of 1800 and 2000, four (4), seven (7) minute broadcasts were made. Again on April 25, the unit broadcasted four (4), five (5) minute lectures to the enemy between the hours of 1800 to 2000. These broadcasts were concerned with fostering discontentment and surrender of enemy personnel. Detailed instructions were given to the enemy on how to surrender. Special emphasis was placed on the fair treatment, good food, adequate shelter, clothing and medical assistance to prisoners of war. From a new position at CT 102103, on 29 and 30 April another series of four (4), five (5) minute lectures were given between the hours of 1830 to 1900. The theme of these talks were concerned with the disadvantages of life under Communist rule.

Due to inclement weather, nearly impassable terrain and several readjustments of friendly lines, full utilization of the Psychological Warfare Unit was not possible. Effectiveness of the broadcasts in this area is as yet undetermined.
NIGHT AMBUSH SUMMARY

29 April- The First Battalion, First Marines, dispatched ambushes forward of the MLR. These ambushes were of squad size and were located at likely avenues of enemy approach, five hundred (500) to one thousand (1,000) meters in front of each company sector. The ambushes departed from friendly lines under the cover of darkness, proceeded to destination and established an ambush with the mission of capturing or destroying the enemy, thence return to friendly lines. The ambush results were negative. (See overlay for routes of ambushes.)
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APPENDIX VI to Historical Diary for the month of April 1952

Medical and Dental Summary.............1-30 April

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MEDICAL SUMMARY

During the period a number of measures were employed to prevent disease carried by insects and rodents. DDT was sprayed twice weekly throughout the entire Battalion area. Insect repellant was available for distribution to personnel. Mosquito netting was distributed to personnel; however, there were not sufficient mosquito nets for all personnel. Warfarin poison was employed to rid the area of rodents. Chloroquine tablets were passed out to personnel weekly to prevent malaria.

A shower unit was established in the Battalion area. The shower unit was furnished with clean clothing for issue to personnel. Showers were available daily from 0900 to 1600.

Heads and urinals were inspected daily by the Medical Officer. Lime was placed in the areas where urinals are located. The heads were burned out twice weekly; trash pits were burned daily.

Mess gear, stoves and other messine facilities were inspected daily by the Medical Officer. Cooking utensils and stoves were cleaned after each meal. Soapy and clear boiling water was used to clean mess gear.

Periodic inspections were made of front line living conditions by the Medical Officer. Weekly foot inspections were conducted by Company Corpsmen. Even though the findings from the inspection proved that the feet of members of this Battalion were in excellent condition, foot powder was issued as a precautionary measure.

Replacement personnel were instructed in field sanitation, personal hygiene and the application of First Aid. Classes were conducted daily for a five (5) day period with personnel participating in the First Aid demonstrations.

Personnel requiring dental treatment were sent to the Regimental Dental Dispensary. Forty-one (41) marines received dental treatment during the month of April.

During the period sixteen (16) battle casualties were evacuated and twenty-eight (28) battle casualties were treated at the Battalion Aid Station. Helicopters were utilized to evacuate five (5) personnel. Seventeen (17) members of this Battalion were evacuated due to contracting various diseases. Six (6) personnel were evacuated due to venereal disease.

During the period the physical condition of the Battalion as a whole was excellent.
APPENDIX IX to Historical Diary for the month of April 1952

Special Report; Night Firing Exercise
SPECIAL REPORT

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps
Via: (1) Commanding Officer, First Marines
     (2) Commanding General, First Marine Division
     (3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Night firing course, report of

Encl: (1) Sketch of night firing course
     (2) Diagram of bobber targets
     (5) Range regulations for night firing exercise

A night firing course consists of a problem in which the individual rifleman is trained to recognize for himself a valid target and to cooperate with his fire team and squad in the disposal of the target. The target in this case represents an enemy soldier approaching his position under cover of darkness. The rifleman is trained not to fire unless he can recognize the shape of the silhouette. A by-product of this course is that it diminishes the Marine's dependence upon grenades because he becomes conscious of his ability to destroy the enemy by waiting until the enemy presents a rifle target. Firing the course results in increased confidence of the rifleman in his ability to fire accurately at night. Experience has shown that a 40% average of hits on the target is not unusual.

The arrangement used in the problem places dependence upon the fire team and the squad. Rarely is there an opportunity to refer to a higher echelon of authority than the squad leader. The squad becomes cognizant of the need for designating fields of fire before nightfall.

The accompanying sketch (Enclosure (1) ) suggests an ideal night firing situation for training in Korea. A natural defensive setup was selected on the nose of a descending ridgeline. The usual two man foxholes were constructed. Because of the added safety precautions necessary for such a course, the foxholes were placed closer together than normal. In this way the problem of control was lessened for the NCO in charge of the range. The defensive position should command a satisfactory avenue of approach rising from a fairly level valley or ravine floor. This permits a fanning out of the squad's zone of fire.

A position in defilade should be selected at the base of the nose into which a bunker can be built for the target pulling crew. A firing range clear of large rocks should be selected to minimize the possibility of ricochets.
Another factor to be considered, beside the course itself, is the handling of the unit firing the course, which can easily be of company size. It was found that a natural amphitheater to the rear of the firing line presented an ideal location for the company. It was possible to give a short lecture and description of the course prior to the running of the problem and while waiting for the proper amount of darkness. The position also concealed the problem itself from those waiting to participate in it. White tape was used to mark paths to the company area and from there to the foxholes. The path led behind the foxholes and down to each firing position. A position dug behind the bank above and to the center of the firing line served as an observation platform for the range NCO and company officers. The observation platform also contained a phone watch and demolitions crew, whose duties will be explained later.

Another path led down from the side of the firing line opposite the company assembly area around the location of the targets and past the far side of the target area. A target pulling crew stationed in the control bunker checked and passed all targets after a squad finished its firing. The crew informed the squad of its results as soon as the squad reached the area on the far side of the targets. An informed squad is an essential element in conducting a successful problem. The squad then proceeded to the base of the ravine into the main valley. At this junction a range guard notified the range NCO, via phone, that the firing zone was cleared and the next squad could proceed.

A third phone was maintained in the control bunker. The crew handled three (3) targets apiece. The range NCO phoned the watch in the control bunker, telling him which targets he wanted raised or lowered. Targets were numbered to facilitate control.

The details of the targets themselves are shown in (Enclosure (2)). The necessary equipment includes an "Easy" type silhouette target, an empty .30 caliber machine gun ammunition box, a short piece of 2 X 4 lumber to fit into the ammunition box, a short piece of 1 X 4 lumber to attach the target to the ammunition box, and a length of communications wire with which to raise and lower the target. By cutting a slot in the lower part of the silhouette target, it may be changed whenever convenient. The slot is cut large enough to allow the handle of the ammunition box to be pushed through. Two (2) small sticks tied to the far end of the communications wire facilitate raising and lowering the targets. A notched stick placed in the ground in front of the target puller assisted him in keeping the target in either the up or down position, depending upon which of the two (2) small sticks are placed behind the slot.

Each target puller also controlled a noise making device consisting of a tin can filled with rocks. Some targets were also fitted with rock-filled cans. The purpose of these noise-marking devices was to teach the rifleman to fire only at targets rather than waste his ammunition with indiscriminate firing at noises.
The two (2) types of targets used are shown in the diagram. The second type becomes necessary if the puller is at right angles to the broad face of the silhouette as seen from the firing line. On dark nights it became necessary to paste sheets of white bond paper on the gray cardboard of the "Easy" type targets. The white paper did not distract from the realism of the problem to any appreciable extent.

A series of demolitions charges were buried beyond the area of the targets to create additional realism. Two (2) electrically-controlled charges were exploded per squad. The demolitions board and crew were situated near the range NCO for control purposes. On clear moonlit nights the targets became too obvious unless additional handicaps were used. Pyrotechnic and smoke grenades thrown or fired from the control bunker or observation platform proved satisfactory. The amount of natural illumination was the determining factor.

Two (2) rounds of ammunition were issued to each rifleman and six (6) rounds to each Browning automatic rifleman. This was found to be plentiful. Instead of gathering unexpended ammunition at the conclusion of the problem, as stated in the safety regulations, the range NCO, on command of the range officer, ordered the troops to fire all remaining rounds before leaving their foxholes. In other particulars the safety regulations of (Enclosure (3) ) were followed and proved to be practical. The problem itself was completed in approximately ten (10) minutes. It was planned to set up a section of Light machine guns and have them fire the same course. The problem could easily be adapted to such a situation.

The opinion of the officers and men who participated in the problem indicated that the troops learned to be cool under confusing circumstances and to fire only at defined targets. The troops learned to conserve their ammunition and to work together within their fire team and squad.

/s/ J. H. Papurca
J. H. PAPURCA

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9 April 1952

RANGE REGULATIONS FOR NIGHT FIRING EXERCISE

1. All units not actually engaged in firing will remain in the designated area to the left rear of the firing line until called for.

2. No one will cross the white marking tape on the left flank of the firing line at any time.

3. The squad leader will keep all ammunition in his possession until his squad has been placed in position on the firing line.

4. When on the firing line, all weapons will be locked until the command, "Commence Firing" is given by the range NCO.

5. The squad on line will observe the white markers limiting the squad's zone of fire.

6. At the conclusion of the problem the squad leader will collect all remaining rounds. The squad leader and fire team leaders will check all weapons to see that the chambers are empty. Magazine will be removed and bolts closed on the BAR's. The squad leader will be held directly responsible to see that such action is carried out prior to leaving the firing line.

7. All remaining ammunition will be turned over to the Range NCO.

8. Upon order of the range NCO, the squad on line will move down to the target area, using the trail beginning at the right flank of the firing line.

9. After inspecting the targets, the squad will proceed down the ravine to the position of the Range Guard, at the entrance to the valley. They will inform him of their presence before continuing on to camp.

10. The Range Guard will notify the range NCO that the area has been cleared. Firing of the next relay will not be permitted until this has been done.

/s/ S. N. McLeod
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ENCLOSURE (3)

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