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1. Code Name: HICKORY II
2. Dates of Operation: 14 July - 16 July 1967.
3. Locations: Quang Tri Province (Camp J. J. CARROLL)
4. Task Organization:

1st Bn, 9th Marines

LtCol R. J. SCHENING

H&S Company (Rein)

2dLt RAMIREZ

H&S Company
InfM "D" Btry 2/12

Company "A"

Capt RYAN

FO Tm, "D" Btry 2/12
Det, H&SCo
FAC Tm.
FO Tm. 81mm
Det, Med Plt
Det, Comm Plt

Company "B" (Rein)

Capt WELLS

Company "B"
FO, Tm. "D" Btry 2/12
Det, H&SCo
FO Tm. 81mm
Det, Med Plt.

2. Dates of Operation: 14 July - 16 July 1967.

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Capt. HARTZELL

FO Tm. "D" Btry 2/12
 Det, H&S Co.
 FO Tm, 81mm
 Det, Med Plt.
 Det, Comm Plt.

Company "D" (Rein)

Capt SHAFER

FO Tm, "D" Btry 2/12
 Det, H&S Co
 FO Tm. 81mm
 Det, Med Plt.
 Det, Comm Plt.

5. Supporting Forces.

a. Artillery. There was very little artillery fired during this short operation due to the fact that 1st Battalion, 9th Marines was the resident battalion at Camp CARROLL, and was responsible for the security of that Camp. The 1st Battalion, 9th Marines had only limited participation in Operation HICKORY II. There were no fire missions on the first two days of the Operation. On the final day of the operation, 16 July there were two fire missions - both being called in on lights in the area. 105mm howitzers fired both of these missions expending 12 WP's and 36 HE rounds. The lights were extinguished.

The number of H&I's fired during this period are as follows: 105mm 193 rounds; 155mm - 52 rounds; 4.2" mortar - 92 rounds.

b. Air. No air was employed by the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines during Operation Hickory II.

c. Armor. Armor was utilized solely for defensive purposes in the defense of Camp CARROLL. This armor included Company "B" (-), 3d Tank Battalion, one Battery of M-42 twin 40's from "G" Battery 1/44 USA, and 1st platoon of ONTOS, Company "A", of 3d Anti-Tank Battalion.

6. Intelligence. During the period of the operation, 1/9, as the resident defense battalion of Camp CARROLL, made no contact with the enemy. However, small units of Viet Cong were reported operating in the D-5 area around GS 0951.

Weather. A southwesterly flow of winds continued throughout the three days of the operation. Generally unlimited ceiling and unrestricted visibility prevailed. The high was 95 and the low 81, the visibility was about 17 miles.

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7. Mission. To occupy and defend Camp J. J. CARROLL and the assigned area of operation to include the defense of D-5, Ba Long Valley and the Khe Gia Bridge.

8. Concept of Operation. Camp CARROLL was defended by Company "A" (-), Company "C", and "H&S" Company plus the command group. One platoon from Company "A", maintained defense of Khe Gia Bridge. Company "D" was preparing to assume defense of the Ba Long area.

9. Execution. Operation HICKORY II for the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines was marked by negative enemy contact of any type. The Operation began at 0901 on 14 July 1967. At this time all commitments as stated in the mission were fulfilled with the exception of the relief of the D-5 sector, and relief of Ba Long Valley.

On 15 July 1967 at 1000, Company "B", relieved Company "I", 3/4 in the D-5 Sector.

On 16 July 1967 there was no enemy contact. Operation HICKORY II terminated at 1600 on the 16th of July and Operation KINGFISHER began.

10. a. Casualties Sustained - None

b. Casualties Inflicted - None

c. Captured Materials - None

11. Administrative:

a. Supply. Nothing significant.

b. Maintenance. Nothing significant.

c. Treatment of Casualties, Evacuation and Hospitalization. Not applicable.

d. Transportation. Motor transport convoys and individual vehicles were used to make all resupply runs during this period. All tactical moves were made on foot.

e. Communications. Nothing significant.

f. Medical Evacuation. No persons were medically evacuated during this period.

12. Special Equipment and Techniques. None.

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13. Commander's analysis.
 - a. None
 - b. No civic action was undertaken during this period.
 - c. No psy-ops were conducted.

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