

CONFIDENTIAL

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

3rd Battalion, 1st Marines

1 July — 31 July 1966

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

HEADQUARTERS
3rd Battalion, 1st Marines
1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
EPQ, San Francisco, 96602

1ST MARINES S&C NO. 465-66
COPY 6 OF 6 COPIES

UNCLASSIFIED

3/ABS/jxm
5750
1 July 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: Command Center)
Via: Commanding Officer, 1st Marines
Subj: Command Chronology; submission of
Ref: (a) Marine Corps Order 5750.2
(b) Division Order 5750.1
(c) Regimental Order 5750.1A
Encl: (1) Command Chronology, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines for Period 1 June - 30 June 1966
1. In accordance with references (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted herewith.
2. This cover letter is declassified upon being detached from enclosure (1).

E. A. Walker
E. A. WALKER

Declassified by the Director of
Marine Corps History and Museums
in accordance with the provisions
of CMO ltr Ser 009D523/232096 of
21 Feb 1979

Signature Date 7/6/97

UNCLASSIFIED

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.
DOD DIR 5200.10

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

3rd Battalion, 1st Marines

1 June - 30 June 1966

ENCLOSURE: (1)

UNCLASSIFIED

TABLE OF CONTENTS

<u>SECTION</u>	<u>PAGE</u>
I <u>ORGANIZATIONAL DATA</u>	1 - 2
II <u>PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATION</u>	
A. Summary	3
B. Significant Events	3 - 4
C. Problem Areas/New Developments	4
D. Personnel	4
E. Discipline, Law and Order	4 - 5
F. Morale, Exchange, Postal Affairs, Liberty	5
G. Chaplain's Activities	5 - 6
III <u>INTELLIGENCE</u>	
A. Summary of Enemy Activity	7
B. Recapitulation of Enemy Activity	7
C. Weather and Terrain	7
IV <u>OPERATIONS AND TRAINING</u>	
A. Operations	8 - 9
B. Training	9 - 10
C. Chronological Narrative of Significant Events	10 - 20
V <u>LOGISTICS</u>	
A. Significant Events	21
B. Supply	21
C. Transportation	21 - 22
D. Maintenance	22
E. Deadlined Combat Essential Equipment	22 - 23
F. Embarkation	23
VI <u>COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS</u>	
A. General	24
B. Equipment	24 - 25
C. Message Traffic	25
D. Personnel Status	25
E. Operations/Training	25
F. Combat Operations	25

ENCLOSURE: (1)

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

<u>SECTION</u>	<u>PAGE</u>
VII <u>FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION, NAVAL GUNFIRE</u>	
A. Artillery	26 - 27
B. Naval Gunfire	27
VIII <u>AIR SUPPORT-DEFENSE</u>	
A. Air Support	28 - 29
B. Air Defense	29
C. Problem Areas	29
IX <u>MEDICAL/DENTAL AFFAIRS</u>	
A. Patient Load	30
B. MEDCAP	30
C. Sanitation	30
D. Personnel	30
X <u>CIVIL AFFAIRS</u>	
A. General	31
B. Significant Events	31 - 32
XI <u>PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE</u>	
A. General	33

UNCLASSIFIED

SECTION I.

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

3rd Battalion, 1st Marines
FPO, San Francisco, 96602

PERIOD COVERED

1 - 30 June 1966

COMMANDING OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel James R. YOUNG (1-10 June)
Lieutenant Colonel Emerson A. WALKER (11-30 June)

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Major Herschel L. JOHNSON, JR.

STAFF ASSIGNMENTS

1stLt W. D. KING	S-1
1stLt S. H. GREGORY	S-2
Maj W. D. FILLMORE	S-3 (1-27 June)
Capt R. L. BAGGETT	S-3 (28-30 June)
Capt H. T. WINSTON	S-4
Capt C. E. MARCUM	S-5
Capt L. J. KELLY	Communication Officer
1stLt R. E. MORRIS	Air Liaison Officer
1stLt J. D. WITHERSPOON	Supply Officer
MSGT W. R. ELLIS	Motor Transport Chief
Lt(MC) C. V. DESHAZO	Medical Officer
Lt(CHC) K. LOEFTLER	Chaplain

UNIT COMMANDERS

Capt J. F. O'ROURKE	H&S Company (1-27 June)
1stLt T. B. GIBSON	H&S Company (28-30 June)
Capt S. P. CHAPIN	Company I
Capt L. H. GONZALES	Company K
Capt R. L. BAGGETT	Company L (1-27 June)
Capt J. F. O'ROURKE	Company L (28-30 June)
Capt J. J. ST. CLAIR	Company M

COMMAND POST LOCATIONS

Danang, Quang Nam Province	1-16 June 1966
Thang Binh, Quang Nam Province	16-26 June 1966
Danang, Quang Nam Province	26-30 June 1966

ENCLOSURE: (1)

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

Map references for period 1-16, 26-30 June 1966:

Vietnam, 1:50,000, AMS Series L701, Sheets 6659 II, 6659 III, 6658 I, 6658 IV

Map references for period 16-26 June 1966:

Vietnam, 1:50,000, AMS Series L701, Sheets 6657 I, 6658 II

AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

OFFICERS

USMC 33
USN 3

ENLISTED

USMC 973
USN 50

UNCLASSIFIED

SECTION II. PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATION

A. Summary. During the period covered by this report, the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines continued normal operations within the assigned tactical area of responsibility (TAOR) and, in addition, participated in Operation KANSAS. Personnel/administration functions were conducted in a normal manner except as noted in succeeding paragraphs of this section.

B. Significant Events

1. Change of Command. At 1100 on 11 June 1966, Lieutenant Colonel James R. YOUNG was relieved as Commanding Officer of 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines by Lieutenant Colonel Emerson A. WALKER at a change of command ceremony held at the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines Command Post (BT 992676). Major General Lewis J. FIELDS, Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF and Major General Wood B. KYLE, Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMF attended the ceremony.

2. Awards

a. On 2 June 1966, Sergeant Robert J. GLEASON was awarded the Bronze Star Medal by Lieutenant Colonel James R. YOUNG, Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines for heroic achievement displayed during Operation DOUBLE EAGLE, Phase I.

b. On 11 June 1966, Lieutenant Colonel James R. YOUNG was awarded the Silver Star Medal for extraordinary heroism and intrepidity displayed during Operation UTAH, and Captain Leroy H. GONZALES was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement displayed during Operation TEXAS. Both awards were presented by Major General Lewis J. FIELDS, Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF at the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines Command Post (BT 992676).

c. As part of the same awards ceremony conducted on 11 June 1966, nineteen Marines of this organization were awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received as a result of hostile action against insurgent Viet Cong forces.

3. Casualties. During the period of 1 - 30 June 1966, this Battalion sustained three men killed in action and twenty-five wounded in action. In addition, there were sixteen non battle casualties, of which three required evacuation.

4. Transfers. During the reporting period, this Battalion transferred a total of three officers, one staff noncommissioned officer, and thirty-six enlisted Marines to the Continental United States (CONUS) or other 1st Marine Division units without joining replacements. Not-

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

withstanding this loss, the personnel combat readiness category of the Battalion remained at C-2 throughout the period.

C. Problem Areas/New Developments

1. As a result of its recent deployment from Chu Lai to Danang, the Battalion was required to maintain its administrative headquarters at Chu Lai during the first half of the reporting period until shipping became available for its transfer to Danang. This separation of the Battalion from its administrative rear, as a matter of course, resulted in some administrative problems which were due primarily to the distance involved and the limited communication facilities between the forward and rear command posts; however, with the arrival of the administrative rear in Danang, this situation has been rectified.

2. A similar problem has developed because of the distances between the Battalion Command Post, Regimental Command Post, and Division Command Post which limits the frequency with which guard mail can be dispatched and received. As a result, the handling of some administrative reports is not as timely as might be desirable; a minimum effort is being made, however, to alleviate this situation, and progress has been noted.

3. Since the tactical deployment of the Battalion to Danang on 22 May 1966, significant disbursing problems have evolved as a result of the policy of maintaining the pay records of this Battalion at the 1st Marine Division Disbursing Office. A specific problem is as follows: personnel departing on emergency leave have been delayed as much as twenty-four hours because they did not have adequate funds readily available and were required to go to Chu Lai in order to be paid prior to departing on leave. This problem and similar problems could be alleviated if the disbursing facility servicing this unit was located within the Danang Combat Base. Accordingly, it is recommended that the pay accounts of this unit be transferred to a disbursing facility located at the Danang Combat Base.

D. Personnel. Battalion Chargeable Strength (end of period):

	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
U. S. Marine Corps	34	939
U. S. Navy	4	47

E. Discipline, Law and Order. Good discipline was maintained throughout this organization during the reporting period. Although there was a slight increase in nonjudicial punishment at both Company and Battalion level, there was a marked decrease in courts-martials proceedings as is evidenced by the following statistics:

4

ENCLOSURE: (1)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

1. Courts-MartialPending

Summary 0

Special 1

Completed

Summary 0

Special 1

2. Nonjudicial Punishment

Battalion Commander's 6

Company Commander's 13

F. Morale, Exchange, Postal Affairs, Liberty. The morale of this organization continues to be excellent. The most significant factors which have influenced morale are:

1. Participation in Operation KANSAS.
2. Continued availability of soft drinks and beer rations for Battalion personnel.
3. Weekly exchange runs by the 3rd Marine Division Exchange truck to the Battalion Command Post area as well as the establishment of scheduled runs to the new 3rd Marine Division Exchange. All Battalion personnel, consistent with tactical commitments, will be provided the opportunity to visit the new Division Exchange.
4. Mail service has continued to improve.
5. Continuing awareness and alertness by unit commanders and NCO's to the needs and problems of the individual Marine.
6. Excellent casualty medical evacuation system.

G. Chaplain's Activities1. General

<u>SERVICES</u>	<u>HOURS OF SERVICE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
Sunday	48	340
Weekday	116	952
Total	164	1292

5

ENCLOSURE: (1)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

2. In addition to the foregoing:

a. Six communion services were held during which sixty-nine men received communion.

b. Thirteen hospital calls were made and sixty-six hospital interviews were conducted.

c. A memorial service was conducted at which fifty-five Marines were in attendance.

d. The Chapel Choir continued scheduled practices.

e. One hundred and ten letters, prepared by the Chaplain, were mailed to the next of kin of Marines killed in action while members of this organization.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

SECTION III. INTELLIGENCEA. Summary of Enemy Activity

1. General. During June, the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines participated in Operation KANSAS from 16 June to 26 June 1966. During the remainder of the month, the Battalion conducted operations within its assigned tactical area of responsibility (TAOR) in the Danang Combat Base.

2. Enemy contact throughout the month, including Operation KANSAS, was light; the most significant occurrences are as listed in Section IV (Operations/Training).

B. Recapitulation of Enemy Activity

1. Contacts. A total of sixty-eight VC contacts were made during the month of June.

2. Enemy Losses

a. <u>Personnel</u>	<u>IN TAOR</u>	<u>OPERATION KANSAS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
VC KIA (Confirmed)		3	3
VC KIA (Probable)		9	9
VCC		1	1
VCS	7	11	18
VC WIA (Confirmed)	1	2	3
VC WIA (Probable)	6	1	7

b. Weapons and Equipment Destroyed or Captured

40mm M-79 Grenade Launcher	1	1
----------------------------	---	---

C. Weather and Terrain

1. Weather. Throughout June, the weather was generally clear, hot, and very humid. There were occasional afternoon and early morning showers with tropical downpours occurring on 23 and 27 June 1966. Weather did not adversely effect operations.

2. Terrain. The terrain in the Danang TAOR consists primarily of rice paddies, low sandy hills, and many small streams and waterways, none of which posed any significant problems. The terrain encountered on Operation KANSAS was much the same as that found in the Danang TAOR with the exception of one commanding hill mass and ridge line (coordinates BT 128369), the base of which was utilized as the Battalion Command Post. The terrain encountered on Operation KANSAS was easily negotiated by foot and tracked vehicles and posed no significant problems.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

SECTION IV. OPERATIONS/TRAININGA. Operations

1. During the month of June, the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines continued operations within the assigned tactical area of responsibility (TAOR) in the Danang Combat Base by conducting extensive security patrols/ambushes with a preponderance of activity being executed during the hours of darkness.

2. On 3 June, in cooperation with District Headquarters, Hoa Vang District, the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines conducted a COUNTY FAIR Operation in the Hamlets of Cam Ne (4) (grid square 9669) and Cam Ne (5) (grid square 9769). Forces participating included: Company L, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines; 591st Regional Force Company; Hoa Vang District Psychological Warfare and Interrogation Team; Hoa Thai Village Chief and Police Chief. This operation was executed utilizing Company L as a blocking force to cordon off the hamlets while the 591st Company, 59th Regional Force Regiment conducted a detailed, systematic search of the hamlets and channeled all inhabitants to a predesignated assembly area. At the assembly area, village/district officials conducted a census and presented a series of psychological orientation lectures. In addition, Medical Civic Action Program (MEDCAP) assistance was provided to the inhabitants of the hamlets by the Battalion Surgeon who treated a total of 250 individuals. At mid-day, a meal consisting of rice and soup, provided from civic action sources but prepared by local women, was fed to all inhabitants.

The operation commenced at 030500H and terminated at 031430H and resulted in two VCC being captured and seven VCS being apprehended; all of whom were delivered to Hoa Vang District Headquarters.

3. Effective 111800H June, the Battalion boundary between the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines and the 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines was altered to the effect that the area bounded by the following coordinates was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines: BT012660, BT011657, BT006656, BT003655, AT997660, and AT998763. The change was necessitated in order to include the previously divided Hamlet of Nham Tho (1) (BT650065) within the boundary of a single unit.

4. Effective 150800H June, the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines changed operational control from the Commanding Officer, 9th Marines to the Commanding Officer, 1st Marines. Concurrently, the Battalion was directed by the Commanding Officer, 1st Marines to provide one reinforced rifle company within four hours notice for deployment, as directed; to provide one reinforced rifle company to 1st Battalion, 1st Marines for participation in Operation LIBERTY; to be prepared to deploy the Battalion, as directed, on twelve hours notice; and to continue search and clear operations within the assigned sector TAOR.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

5. On 16 June, the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, as directed by 1st Marines Frag Order 304-66, provided a command group and two rifle companies to Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF for participation in Operation KANSAS and, on 17 June 1966, again as directed by 1st Marines, provided an additional rifle company to Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF for participation in the same operation.

6. On 26 June 1966, Operation KANSAS terminated and participating elements from this Battalion were returned to operational control of 1st Marines. Contacts throughout the operation were light, with no more than seven VC engaged at one time. VC losses were established as three VC KIA (confirmed), nine VC KIA (probable), two VC WIA (probable), eleven VCS, one VCC (confirmed). Confirmed VC equipment losses included one M-79 grenade launcher. Specific details concerning Operation KANSAS are as delineated in paragraph C below (Chronological Narrative of Significant Events).

7. During the period Operation KANSAS was being conducted, the 3rd Battalion (-), 1st Marines, reinforced by Company M, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines continued operations within the Battalion assigned TAOR at the Danang Combat Base in order to ensure positive security of that area.

8. Subsequent to Operation KANSAS and for the remainder of the month, operations consisted of extensive patrolling/ambushing activity within the Battalion TAOR in coordination and cooperation with the 59th Regional Force Battalion and 4th Company, 51st ARVN Regiment. This coordination provided for extensive combined patrols and for assignment of one Regional Force Company or ARVN Company in each of the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines rifle company sectors. At the end of the reporting period, the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines was deployed so as to ensure the security and pacification of its assigned TAOR.

B. Training

1. During the month of June, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines conducted training as prescribed in 1st Marines Bulletin 1500 of 17 February 1966. Emphasis was placed on mine and booby trap detection and destruction, field fortifications, first and buddy aid, individual and crew served weapons' training. In addition, special emphasis was placed on physical conditioning to ensure recent joiners were ready for combat.

2. A total of fifteen Marines attended the three-day course of instruction in land mine warfare conducted by Company B, 3rd Engineer Battalion.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

3. In addition to the foregoing, on the job training was conducted daily and detailed critiques on all phases of operations were held by subordinate unit leaders. In this manner, lessons learned were developed and discussed in an effort to profit from previous operations and to improve future operations.

C. Chronological Narrative of Significant Events

JUNE

- 1 Effective 010800H, the CO, 3/1, as directed by CO, 1st Marines, alerted Company M as BALD EAGLE Company.

At 010830H, vicinity AT987665, an engineer road clearing detail detected and destroyed a homemade mine fashioned from a tin can and fitted with a pressure type fuse.

- 3 At 030945H, Company L detected one M-26 hand grenade rigged with a trip wire and two M-16A1 AP mines with pressure type fuses. All devices were destroyed in place.

Commencing 030545H, 3/1, in coordination and cooperation with elements of the 59th RF Bn, Hoa Vang District officials, and Revolutionary Development Cadre, conducted a COUNTY FAIR operation in the Hamlets of Cam Ne (4) and Cam Ne (5) (coordinates AT970696 and AT980697). A complete census of both hamlets was taken, psychological orientation lectures were presented, and a MEDCAP administered. Results included the capture of two VCC and the apprehension of seven VCS; all of whom were forwarded to Hoa Vang District Headquarters.

- 4 At 042300H, RF elements operating with Company L received ten rounds small arms fire in CP (AT971663) from house vicinity AT969664. RF returned 100 rounds SAF which set the house afire. Numerous secondary explosions were heard.

- 5 At 051115H, Company L patrol detonated a mine while searching temple vicinity AT987687. The mine, embedded in cement on temple porch was estimated to be at least ten pounds of unknown explosive and created a crater three feet in diameter in the cement. The initial explosion also detonated one M-26 fragmentation grenade, one CS grenade, and one WP grenade carried in the grenade pouch of the Marine closest to the explosion. Three Marines at a distance of ten, twenty, and thirty yards respectfully from the explosion were wounded, and the Marine closest to the point of explosion was killed.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

JUNE

- 5 At 051920H, leading Marine, Company L patrol detonated a pressure type booby trap on trail vicinity AT980689. The Marine sustained serious leg wound and was evacuated.
- 7 At 071000H, upon verbal instruction of the CO, 9th Marines, one company (Company M) CHOP OPCON to 1/1.

Commencing 071030H, elements of the 4th Bn, 51st ARVN Regiment occupied that portion of 3/1 TAOR east of Highway #1 and effected relief of elements of the 59th RF Bn in that sector.

- 9 At 091430H, CG, 3rd Mar Div (Rein), FMF, accompanied by CO, 1st Marines and CO, 9th Marines arrived 3/1 CP for a command visit with the CO, 3/1. The CG and party departed 3/1 CP at 091500H.
- 10 At 100625H, vicinity BT003663, a patrol from Company K while returning to its Platoon Patrol Base tripped an M-26 grenade activated by a trip wire. Three friendly USMC WIAs were sustained. All were medically evacuated by helicopter.

At 102010H, Vietnamese male walked into Company I ambush vicinity BT038710, was halted, fled, and was taken under fire with fifteen rounds SAF. Individual was seen to fall. Immediate search of area discovered various toilet articles, wallet, money, and one shirt. Articles forwarded to S-2. Company I accredited with one VC WIA (probable).

- 11 At 111100H, in a change of command ceremony conducted at this CP, LtCol E. A. WALKER relieved LtCol J. R. YOUNG as Battalion Commander, 3/1. The guests at the change of command included: MajGen FIELDS, CG, 1st Mar Div, MajGen KYLE, CG, 3rd Mar Div, and Col MITCHELL, CO, 1st Marines.

At 111300H, the Bn Chaplain from 2/9 with his assistant were returning from Hill 22 (AT921675) to their vehicle (AT959658) when they received approximately twenty rounds SAF from vicinity AT957658, wounding the Chaplain's assistant. A Company L fire team from the Hamlet of An Trach (AT968664) immediately responded and rendered assistance by engaging the VC with twenty rounds SAF. The VC withdrew under fire. One friendly casualty (2/9 Chaplain's assistant) was sustained. The WIA was medical evacuated; no confirmed VC casualties.

At 111615H, Company K patrol found homemade booby trap vicinity BT012689. Booby trap was found under matting, and it was suspected that device may be wired to matting. Booby trap blown

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

JUNE

UNCLASSIFIED

- 11 in place with two M-79 rounds.

Effective 111800H, Battalion boundary between 3/1 and 2/9 changed so that area bounded by following coordinates is now assigned to 3/1: BT012660, BT011657, BT006656, BT003655, AT997660, and AT998763.

- 13 At 131330H, vicinity BT047734, a combined patrol from Company I observed five small boats departing that area. Three boats, upon observing the patrol, returned; the other two boats with two men in each boat continued out into the river where they split with one boat heading north, and the other heading south-east. The patrol received six rounds automatic fire from the boat heading southeast. The PF platoon commander with the patrol confirmed both boats as VC. The boats were engaged at a range of approximately 300 meters with fifty rounds SAF and three M-79 rounds and were pursued by fire until beyond range. Patrol members observed one man in each boat react as if hit by SAF during the firing. No friendly casualties; two VC WIA (probable). Adjacent units were advised as to direction and possible destination of boats.

- 14 At 140500H, vicinity AT969698, Company L patrol detected three CHICOM mines attached to common trip wire. Detailed search of the area revealed no additional booby traps. The mines were destroyed in place.

- 15 At 150001H, as directed by CO, 1st Marines verbal order, 3/1 was placed on twelve hour alert.

At 151230H, Company I reported approximately twelve rounds 81mm impacting vicinity of Ba Tung (2) (BT039696) and several rounds impacting west of the Song Vinh Dien River in 3/1 TAOR approximately 150 meters from Company I positions. Through liaison with ARVN units in 1/1 TAOR, it was established that the 1st Bn, 51st ARVN Regiment had fired the mission.

At 151430H, 3/1 was alerted by verbal order CO, 1st Marines to be prepared to provide a company (-) for immediate deployment and, at 151515H, Company L was alerted for possible deployment.

At 152400H, 3/1 received CG, 3rd Mar Div Order 403-66 and CO, 1st Marines Order 33-3 which placed 3/1 on six hour alert.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

JUNE

UNCLASSIFIED

- 16 At 160400H, Company K departed Battalion CP in execution of ROUGH RIDER mission assigned by verbal order CO, 1st Marines. Company K returned 3/1 CP after execution of assigned mission at 161345H.

At 161005H, Company L reported two artillery rounds impacting in vicinity Company L CP (AT978677); rounds impacted five minutes apart. Both rounds impacted in same vicinity and 100 yards from friendly troops. There were no casualties or destruction to civilian property. 1st Marines FSCC was informed and shell report submitted.

Chronological Narrative of Significant Events of 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines (Operation KANSAS)

- 16 At 161630H, on order CO, 1st Marines, 3/1 assembled vicinity AT992676 and commenced movement by motorized convoy south on Highway #1. The convoy was divided into two serials: The first serial consisted of Company K and Command Group Alpha, 3/1. The second consisted of Company I (-), 3rd Platoon, Company L, and a provisional 155mm Howitzer Platoon, Headquarters Btry, 4/12.

At 161900H, 3rd Platoon, Company L, together with the provisional 155mm Howitzer Platoon was detached from the second serial vicinity Trung Binh (BT176418) to establish firing positions that vicinity.

At 161915H, the first serial arrived vicinity BT233315 followed by second serial at 161930H. After effecting liaison with 4/11, 3/1 established CP at BT236315 and deployed Company K and Company I (-) in perimeter vicinity BT235315 to BT236316.

- 17 At 170630H, Company I (-), as directed by CO, 11th Marines, displaced to Thanh Binh, joined 3rd Platoon, Company L, and the 155mm Howitzer Platoon and established security positions that vicinity.

At 171430H, in accordance with verbal order of the CO, 1st Mar Div, 3/1 reported for OPCON to CO, 5th Marines.

At 171630H, CO, 3/1, in company with CO, 4/11, commenced recon of projected positions to be co-occupied by Btry K, 4/12, and 3/1, vicinity BT 135365; returning 171915H.

13

ENCLOSURE: (1)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

JUNE

- 17 At 171800H, Company M, enroute to Logistic Support Area (LSA), Tam Ky, from Danang Combat Base, closed with 3/1 CP, remained briefly that vicinity, and, at 171815H, continued to Tam Ky. Company M was committed to Operation KANSAS to reinforce 3/1.

At 171900H, Company I patrol apprehended two male Vietnamese with improper ID vicinity BT 153384 and forwarded same to ARVN unit located at District Capitol, Thang Binh for interrogation.

At 171930H, security patrol apprehended two Vietnamese males carrying wounded Vietnamese male to ARVN position vicinity BT174416. Indications are that wounded male had sustained wounds as a result of artillery within last twenty-four hours. Litter bearers cleared by ARVN; wounded male confirmed VC and was evacuated for further medical attention and interrogation.

- 18 At 180830H, in compliance with CO, 5th Marines verbal order, 3/1 (-) including Company K and Company M, commenced movement by truck from occupied positions to Thanh Binh (BT150383), joining Company I that vicinity 181230H. The Battalion then continued to area previously reconnoitered and designated to be co-occupied by 3/1 and Btry K, 4/12, vicinity BT135365.

At 181415H, 3/1 closed vicinity BT135365; Bn CP established vicinity BT 133364; units established in perimeter as follows: Company I from BT 132363 to BT 129365 to BT 132367, CP at BT 133365; Company K from BT132367 to BT133372 to BT136371 to BT135366, CP at BT134370; Company M from BT135366 to BT134363 to BT133362, CP at BT134364.

At 181900H, lead elements provisional 155mm Howitzer Platoon, Headquarters Btry, 4/12, together with security platoon from Company M, closed 3/1 CP and commenced establishment of gun positions.

While establishing positions, at 181913H, rear wheel of truck pulling 155mm Howitzer made contact with mine vicinity BT 132367. Light damage sustained to wheel, tail gate, and gun trail; one minor casualty, non evacuated. Search uncovered no other mines; however, engineer team was requested to clear area.

At 182120H, Company K LP heard movement to the front of the position; notified Company K CP and waited five minutes at which time LP saw one VC closing on his position from a distance of about fifteen feet. LP fired three rounds SAF killing

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

JUNE

- 18 VC. Search revealed that VC was male and approximately thirty years of age; he carried no ID or other papers.
- 19 At 190755H, Marine from Company I detonated mine vicinity BT 130365. Two serious casualties sustained. Both evacuated by helicopter. One subsequently died of wounds. Casing found later confirmed the mine to be M-16A1.
- At 190900H, three individual M-79 rounds were found emplaced with projectile pointed upward to detonate when stepped on, vicinity BT129365, BT130364, and BT129369. M-79 rounds were destroyed in place.
- At 190905H, mine sweeping detail arrived 3/1 CP equipped with M-153 mine sweeper and commenced clearance gun positions to be occupied by Btry K, 4/12.
- At 191405H, Company I squad search and destroy patrol apprehended one Vietnamese male of military age without ID. Suspect was extremely evasive and was forwarded to ITT for further interrogation.
- At 191645H, Company I search and destroy patrol located 105mm dud in road vicinity BT126357. Dud was blown in place.
- At 192320H, Company K patrol, vicinity BT131372, received twenty rounds SAF from an estimated four VC. Patrol returned fifteen rounds SAF, three rounds M-79 and was supported by two hand illumination. VC withdrew under fire, and patrol searched area finding fresh blood trails and drag marks indicating two bodies had been dragged away. Company K credited with two VC KIA (probable). No friendly casualties sustained.
- 20 At 201020H, CG, III MAF, accompanied by III MAF G-3, visited 3/1 CP and departed 201040H.
- At 201050H, CG, 1st Mar Div accompanied by CO, 5th Marines, Division G-3, and Division G-5, visited 3/1 CP; departed 201120H.
- At 201215H, Company I platoon (rein) patrol observed one VCS running from the patrol vicinity BT125369. Patrol fired ten rounds SAF at suspect. Searched immediate area and apprehended suspect. At 201230H, during search, five sacks of rice and individual protective shelters were discovered (BT126369). In

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

JUNE

- 20 one cave, an additional VCS was found. Both VCS were forwarded to 1st Mar Div ITT; rice confiscated.

At 201245H, Company M platoon (rein) patrol apprehended one VCS vicinity BT125357. VCS had no ID, evaded questioning, and was forwarded to 1st Mar Div ITT.

At 201545H, Company A (-), 1st AT Bn, arrived 3/1 CP and reported for OPCON. Subsequently, the company (-) was deployed throughout the Battalion perimeter.

At 201730H, Company I squad patrol on search and destroy operation apprehended two VCS with improper ID. VCS were interrogated by S-2 and forwarded to ITT.

- 21 At 211150H, Company I squad patrol discovered mine vicinity BT123363. Although type of mine was not ascertained, it was believed to be pressure type as a three forked prong was visible above ground. Mine was destroyed in place.

At 211230H, Company I squad patrol found CHICOM grenade rigged with trip wire vicinity BT129366. Grenade was blown in place.

At 211355H, Company I squad patrol approaching hut near river, vicinity BT 115364, received fifteen rounds SAF from an estimated four VC. Patrol returned twenty to twenty-five rounds SAF and two M-79 rounds. One VC seen to fall. VC broke contact and withdrew under fire. One VC WIA (probable); no friendly casualties sustained.

- 22 At 220945H, Company I squad found one M-79 round with projectile pointing upwards on trail vicinity BT129365. M-79 round was disarmed and destroyed in place.

At 221005H, Company I fire team security patrol (BT129365) found booby trapped 7.62mm round inserted into fuse lighter tied to brush with vine connected to pull pin. Device was disarmed and destroyed.

At 221130H, ADC, 1st Mar Div, accompanied by CO, 5th Marines, visited 3/1 CP; departed 221140H.

At 221207H, Company I squad patrol found cave in trench line vicinity BT123363. Dimensions were as follows: four feet by four feet by nine feet. M-26 hand grenade thrown into cave entrance followed by detailed search. One document found which was forwarded to higher headquarters. Cave destroyed.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

JUNE

22 At 221245H, Company I squad patrol found cave measuring four feet by four feet by fifteen feet vicinity BT117355. M-26 hand grenade was thrown into each end of cave following which cave was searched. Hot rice prepared for approximately four people was found. Cave was destroyed.

23 At 230845H, CO, 3/1 departed CP for Command Conference, 1st Mar Div CP; returned 231200H.

At 231745H, Company I squad patrol apprehended one VCS vicinity BT123367. Suspect attempted to escape through window of house as Marine entered the house. Suspect had no ID and was approximately fifty years of age. At 231835H, the patrol apprehended another suspect vicinity BT 121363. Suspect was attempting to hide from the patrol in a hay stack. Suspect had no ID, was approximately forty years of age. Both were apprehended in area known to be controlled by VC, and in that area where Company I patrol had been engaged on 211310H. Suspects were interrogated by S-2 and forwarded to ITT as VC suspects.

24 At 241015H, in compliance with CO, 5th Marines verbal order, Company K commenced departure from 3/1 CP by helicopter to LZ OSTRICH (BFO67714); last elements departing 241045H. Company K CHOP OPCON to 1/1 upon becoming airborne.

At 241030H, helicopters extracting Company K were taken under fire with five rounds SAF from vicinity Quy Xuan (1) Hamlet (BT143368). Company M squad was immediately dispatched to search area suspected as being source of fire. The squad apprehended two VCS without ID, nineteen and twenty years of age, vicinity BT143368. At 241300H, one suspect, after attempting to escape twice, on third attempt succeeded in breaking from fire team escort. Fire team leader fired three warning shots, but VCS failed to halt. Fire team leader, shooting to wound VCS in legs, struck suspect in back, killing him. Other VCS forwarded to ITT. Search also revealed brass and M-1 clip in vicinity of apprehension.

25 At 251310H, Company I patrol sighted four VC crossing river vicinity BT116367. Patrol engaged VC with fifteen rounds SAF, killing one VC. Remaining VC withdrew under fire. Further search revealed nothing.

At 251855H, Company M perimeter positions observed four VC carrying what appeared to be rifles, vicinity BT144567, moving in southerly direction. VC were attempting to conceal them-

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

JUNE

25 solves in dense brush as OE spotter plane flew overhead. Ontos on the perimeter engaged VC with twenty rounds .50-caliber. One VC appeared to be shot and fire team was dispatched to investigate. While conducting search, fire team received two rounds carbine fire from vicinity BT 142358 and observed two VC fleeing to vicinity BT143355 followed by two other VC. Ontos, observing same, engaged with four rounds .50-caliber and two rounds 106mm HEPT, accounting for two VC KIA (probable). Fire team immediately searched this area, finding massive blood pools and one M-79 grenade launcher. Further attempts to follow trails were unsuccessful. No friendly casualties sustained.

At 251900H, aerial observer on station over 3/1 CP observed five VC running into hamlet vicinity BT124376 and directed twelve rounds artillery into that area accounting for two VC KIA (probable). The remaining three VC were seen fleeing from the hamlet. AO requested 3/1 assume mission. Company I artillery forward observer immediately called seven rounds on VC. As VC entered treeline (BT125378), fire for effect impacted that area, accounting for three additional VC KIA (probable).

At 252330H, Company M fire team OP (BT127370) observed movement approximately fifty meters to its front. OP threw one grenade and two rounds 81mm illumination fired in support. Nothing sighted. Immediately after illumination, Company I OP observed movement vicinity BT128369 and fired two rounds SAF. Area was searched at first light with negative results.

26 At 261330H, in accordance with CO, 5th Marines verbal order, convoy consisting of Btry K, Company A (-), 1st AT Bn, and reinforced security platoon from Company M departed 3/1 CP. Convoy directed to proceed to Chu Lai Combat Base and from there by LST to Danang Combat Base.

At 261345H, in accordance with CO, 5th Marines verbal order, 3/1 (-) commenced helicopter lift to return to 3/1 CP at Danang Combat Base. Last elements departed 261530H, arriving 3/1 CP 261545H.

At 261535H, 3/1 CHOP OPCON from 5th Marines to 1st Marines.

Chronological Narrative of Significant Events of 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines (Rear) (16 - 26 June 1966)

20 At 201905H, Company M, 3/3, CP, vicinity coordinates BT035699,

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

JUNE

- 20 received two rounds 61mm mortar fire. One Marine slightly wounded in left hand, was treated and returned to duty.
- 21 At 212045H, a patrol from Company L, vicinity coordinates AT969697, apprehended one VCS as a curfew violator near his house. House was searched and one .30-caliber round was found hidden in the kitchen. VCS was forwarded to ITT for further investigation.
- 22 At 220330H, the CP security for 2nd Platoon, Company L, had an explosion in foxhole, believed to be a hand grenade, vicinity coordinates AT977698, resulting in two USMC KIA.
- At 221030H, a patrol from Company L on a wire recovery detail exploded a booby trapped grenade vicinity coordinates AT 977698. One USMC WIA sustained (medical evacuated).
- At 222050H, 2nd Platoon, Company L, located in Hamlet of An Trach, vicinity coordinates AT972662, received a heavy volume of SAF from a distance of 300 meters. Enemy apparently continued to move from one firing position to another around the hamlet. The platoon returned approximately 500 rounds SAF. Sporadic VC fire continued until 222200H. One USMC WIA; no confirmed VC casualties.

Chronological Narrative of Significant Events of 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines (Continued)

- 26 At 262015H, Company L outpost (AT977687) received approximately fifty rounds automatic weapons fire at a distance of 250 meters from vicinity AT977695. Sixty rounds SAF, four rounds of 60mm mortars, and four rounds 3.5-inch WP were returned. Outpost observed one VC run directly through white phosphorous explosion and heard another VC scream. No friendly casualties; one VC KIA (probable) and one VC WIA (probable).
- 27 At 271300H, Company M, 3/3, was returned to OPCON of parent unit.
- At 272220H, 2nd Platoon, Company L, located vicinity AT972662, received approximately 100 rounds SAF from two VC positions 250 meters from their lines (AT970665 to AT972664). The platoon returned 130 rounds SAF and the VC broke contact. Search uncovered a large blood spot indicating at least one VC WIA (probable). No friendly casualties.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

JUNE

28 At 280745H, an engineer road clearing detail discovered a booby trap vicinity AT988662. The device resembled a beer can and had a large metal plate as a pressure plate on top of it. It was estimated to contain one to two pounds of explosive. Device was destroyed in place. No casualties.

At 281315H, the last elements of 3/1 participating in Operation KANSAS returned to the CP after having acted as convoy security for Btry K, 4/12, from the operational area to Chu Lai Combat Base.

From 282000H to 282030H, 1st Platoon, Company L, located vicinity AT972663, received forty rounds SAF. Simultaneously, their outpost vicinity AT962660 received twenty rounds SAF from seven to nine VC approximately 300 to 400 meters from their lines (AT972666 and AT963663). Under artillery illumination, the platoon and outpost returned forty rounds SAF and one round 106mm HEPT. At 282015H, the VC broadcasted to the inhabitants of this village over a loudspeaker warning the women and children to stay down and take cover. All firing and speakers were suppressed by fire. Search of the area disclosed no evidence of confirmed VC casualties. No friendly casualties.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

SECTION V. LOGISTICSA. Significant Events

1. During this period, the Battalion administrative rear, which had remained in the Chu Lai Combat Base after the Battalion deployed to the Danang Combat Base, completed the movement of remaining supplies, equipment and personnel to the Danang Combat Base.

2. From 16 June to 26 June, a command group and three rifle companies of the Battalion were committed to Operation KANSAS.

B. Supply1. General

a. With the deployment of 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines to the Danang Combat Base, the supply section was divided into a forward group and rear group. While the forward group set up the new supply area in 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines Command Post in the Danang Combat Base, the rear group was responsible for the movement of the supplies and equipment of the Battalion to the new area, which it completed with minimum difficulty.

b. With the move from Chu Lai Combat Base, the direct support activity changed from Fleet Stock Account A-2 to Fleet Stock Account C-2. Obligations for requirements submitted to FSA A-2 are still considered to be valid requirements and equipment from FSA A-2 is to be shipped to this unit as it becomes available.

2. Operations KANSAS. On Operation KANSAS, the attached Shore Party unit was responsible for ordering the Battalion's supply requirement for those Battalion elements participating, including Class I, Class II, Class IV, and Class V items. The operation was well supported, and all requirements were filled satisfactorily.

3. General Problem Areas. Items in short supply at this time include many blank forms especially those required for shipping WIA and KIA personal effects, and certain Class II, Type II items such as insect repellent, liquid detergent, foot powder, and other miscellaneous items. Some items of individual clothing also are in short supply. Jungle clothing is currently in short supply.

C. Transportation

1. Organic. Organic vehicles were not committed to combat operations during the period covered with the exception of one M-422 which was utilized on Operation KANSAS. Organic vehicles

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

were, however, utilized within the Battalion TAOR for administrative support.

2. Support Vehicles

a. Support from motor transport units was satisfactory. All commitments were promptly met.

b. Helicopter support, when utilized, was adequate.

c. Logistics support was provided to the Company I position (grid square BT 0372) by LVT and was satisfactory.

D. Maintenance

1. Second echelon maintenance was performed expeditiously.

2. Third echelon maintenance was performed expeditiously; no problems were encountered.

E. Deadlined Combat Essential Equipment. The following is a listing of deadlined combat essential equipment at the end of the reporting period.

1. Communications

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>ECHELON</u>	<u>DCD</u>
PRC-6	1905	3	6173
PRC-6	19160	3	6173
PRC-6	1332	2	6175
PRC-6	5188	2	6175
PRC-6	7943	2	6175
PRC-10	3892	3	6173
PRC-10	10500	3	6165
PRC-10	20155	3	6164
PRC-10	953	3	6152
PRC-10	9485	3	6175
PRC-10	8765	3	6175
PRC-10	10035	3	6175

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

PRC-10	9912	3	6177
MRC-87	202252	3	6152
TCC-14 (TH-5)	018X	3	6173

2. Motor Transport

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>ECHELON</u>	<u>DCD</u>
M-422A1	309425	3	6176
M-422A1	306856	2	6179
M-274	228642	3	6154
M-274	228655	3	6179
M-274	228563	3	6179
M-274	236226	2	6180
M-274	236222	2	6180

F. Embarkation. The Battalion rear was administratively embarked on the USS SUMMIT COUNTY (LST-1146) on 17 June 1966 at Chu Lai Combat Base and off-loaded on 18 June 1966 at the Danang Combat Base. All equipment and supplies were cleared from the Danang beach area by 1400, 27 June 1966. As indicated, a period of ten days elapsed between off-load and clearing the staging area completely. This length of time was due to the non-availability of necessary transportation caused by tactical commitments of available motor transport resources.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~SECTION VI. COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

A. General. During June, the Communications Platoon, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines was engaged in improving the established communications facilities within the Battalion Command Post at Danang; and, in addition, participated in Operation KANSAS. The platoon also dismantled and brought forward from the Chu Lai Command Post those communications-electronics facilities/equipment that were utilized by the Battalion administrative rear. Presently, the Communications Platoon is improving the electrical power lines within the Command Post by installing new power cable and poles. Concurrently, the wire section is continuing to improve existing wire communications facilities to senior, adjacent, and subordinate units.

B. Equipment

1. On 30 June 1966, all communications equipment authorized by the Table of Equipment was on hand or on order.

2. The Battalion utilized an average of thirty-two AN/PRC-10s, twelve AN/PRC-6s, and six AN/PRC-25s daily during the month of June. There was an average of four AN/PRC-6s and six AN/PRC-10s deadlined daily during this same period. There were three AN/PRC-25s, two AN/PRC-47s, one AN/MRC-87, and one AN/PRC-41 deadlined during June.

3. During June, the wire section laid a total of forty-two miles of wire within the Battalion's TAOR; additionally, they utilized seven miles of wire on Operation KANSAS. There were eight TA-222s (SB-22 line packs), nine telephones TA-1, nine telephones TS-10s, and seven telephones TA-312/EE-8 deadlined during June.

4. Equipment Deadlined as of 30 June 1966

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ECHELON</u>
AN/PRC-10	7	3rd
AN/PRC-10	1	2nd
AN/PRC-6	4	3rd
AN/PRC-6	1	2nd
TH-5 (TCC-14)	1	3rd
AN/MRC-87	1	3rd
ID-292	1	5th
H-138	1	2nd

5. Wire Installed during June

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
Telephone Cable, WD-1/TT	42 miles
	ENCLOSURE: (1)

24

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Electrical Line #10 2,000 feet
 Electrical Line #14, ROMEX 600 feet

C. Message Traffic

<u>1. Administrative</u>	<u>Classified</u>	<u>Unclassified</u>
Incoming	320	268
Outgoing	5	4
<u>2. Combat Operations</u>		
Incoming	0	319
Outgoing	0	539

D. Personnel Status

1. On 30 June 1966, the communications personnel assigned to this Battalion numbered one officer and seventy-seven enlisted.

2. Capitulation of Personnel Changes during June

<u>MOS</u>	<u>TRANSFERRED</u>	<u>JOINED</u>	<u>HOSPITALIZED</u>	<u>RETURNED TO DUTY</u>
2511		1		
2529	1			
2531	7			
2533	4			
0311		1		
2847		1		
TOTAL	12	3	0	0

E. Operation/Training

1. Training. From 8 to 12 June 1966, a communications course was presented in order to train company radio operators. A total of eleven radio operators successfully completed the course.

2. Operations. The internal wire system at the Chu Lai Command Post was torn down and the wire system at present Command Post was ninety-five percent completed during June. A radio relay shot to the 1st Marines was established and has been functioning very well since 15 June. The wire section is presently engaged in improving and rerouting the established wire system.

F. Combat Operations. The Communications Platoon participated in Operation KANSAS from 16 June to 26 June 1966. During the operation, cross-training for radio operators and message center men was accomplished when these Marines were utilized in laying field wire and operating an SB-22 switchboard.

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~SECTION VII. FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION, NAVAL GUNFIREA. Artillery

1. General. During June, the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, was involved in one operation--Operation KANSAS--during which extensive use was made of artillery fire support.

2. Significant Events

a. During Operation KANSAS (16 - 26 June 1966), artillery was utilized in an offensive role to support reconnaissance elements deployed on forward observation outposts. Coupled with this effort, the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines made effective use of available artillery support through both observed and harassing and interdiction fires. A total of 1,400 rounds were fired on H&I missions based on intelligence received from District Headquarters, together with other sources and were employed to interdict known or suspected enemy assembly areas, entrenchments, and lines of communications. Reports from indigenous inhabitants of the target areas substantiated the fact that these fires proved effective and thoroughly disrupted and disorganized the enemy units.

b. In addition to the H&I fires requested by 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, five observed missions were fired. The most significant of these engaged a total of five armed VC in the open. This mission was initiated by an aerial observer who, when he could no longer remain on station due to a fuel limitation, passed the mission to the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines. The mission was continued by the Company I artillery forward observer and accounted for five VC KIA (probable).

c. Within the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines TAOR at Danang, considerable use was made of illumination fires. A total of 248 rounds were expended, 168 rounds of which were used in support of a platoon patrol base located in the hamlet of An Trach, vicinity grid square AT 9666.

3. Statistical Summarya. Number of Missions Fired in Support.

89

b. Types of Missions(1) Unobserved Missions

Harassing and Interdiction
TOT

70
1

26

ENCLOSURE: (1)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~(2) Observed Missions

Targets of Opportunity	3
Illumination	12
Registrations	3

c. Weapons and Ammunition Expended

	<u>HE</u>	<u>ILLUM</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
105mm Howitzer	0	248	0	248
155mm Howitzer	926	150	400	1476
	<u>926</u>	<u>398</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>1724</u>

B. Naval Gunfire. On 18 June, during operation KANSAS, a coordinated Naval Gunfire/Artillery TOT mission was fired, vicinity BT 125325, in support of 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines against a suspected Viet Cong build-up which totaled a reported 800 Viet Cong.

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DECLASSIFIED
CONFIDENTIALSECTION VIII. AIR SUPPORT-DEFENSEA. Air Support

1. During June, the air support requirements of the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines consisted primarily of those in support of the Battalion during Operation KANSAS and were limited to helicopter lifts for retraction of the Battalion (-) from the operational area and for normal resupply, medical and VCS/VCC evacuations, and motor convoy escort. The support was excellent in all respects.

2. Aside from Operation KANSAS, air support requirements for the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines were exiguous, consisting principally of medical evacuations and local administrative functions.

3. No close air support missions were requested by the Battalion.

4. Air Support Requestsa. Helicopter(1) Resupply

Mission Requests	22
------------------	----

Missions Completed	22
--------------------	----

(2) Evacuation

Mission Requests	14
------------------	----

Missions Completed	14
--------------------	----

(3) Logistics Lift

Mission Requests	2
------------------	---

Missions Completed	2
--------------------	---

(4) Tactical(a) Reconnaissance

Mission Requests	0
------------------	---

Missions Completed	0
--------------------	---

DECLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~(b) Troop Lift

Mission Requests 2

Missions Completed 2

(c) Gunships

Mission Requests 4

Missions Completed 4

b. Fixed Wing Transport(1) Tactical Air Request Lift

Mission Requests 1

Missions Completed 1

c. Tactical Air Support(1) Air Strikes

Mission Requests 0

Missions Completed 0

(2) Helicopter Escort

Mission Requests 1

Missions Completed 1

B. Air Defense. The air defense measures employed by this Battalion were passive. No organic weapons were employed for active air defense.

C. Problem Areas. During Operation KANSAS, communications continued to be a problem. The helicopters arriving in landing zones utilized a frequency other than that assigned. It is recommended that greater emphasis be placed on communications when briefing pilots for their missions.

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

SECTION IX. MEDICAL/DENTALA. Patient Load

1. During June, a total of 312 patients were seen at daily sick call for an average of eleven patients per day. This relatively light sick call was, in all probability, brought about by the deployment of several companies to other areas.

2. Eighteen patients were admitted at the BAS during the month with an average daily census of three in-patients.

3. From 16 - 26 June, the BAS provided medical support for Operation KANSAS. Total wounded treated during this operation was five.

B. MEDICAL CIVIC ACTION PROGRAM (MEDCAP)

1. Daily sick calls were held at the MEDCAP tent by BAS corpsmen. Company corpsmen held sick call in the villages within the company area of responsibility as permitted by field operations. A total of 3,915 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

C. Sanitation

1. Daily sprayings of the toilet facilities has practically eliminated the problem of flies. New toilet facilities are currently being built, and new screening is being affixed to the galley facilities.

D. Personnel

1. On 1 June, there were two medical officers and fifty-two hospital corpsmen on board for duty. Three corpsmen were transferred from this Battalion and no replacements were received. One medical officer reported aboard as replacement for the present Battalion Surgeon who is scheduled for transfer during July. Total personnel on board at close of month: Three medical officers and forty-nine hospital corpsmen. One hospital corpsmen is on the sick list and two are on emergency leave, leaving forty-six corpsmen present for duty.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

SECTION X. CIVIL AFFAIRS

A. General. The civic action program utilized resources from Medical Civic Action Program (MEDCAP), United States Aid for Internal Development (USAID), and various self-help projects. Civil affairs activities were conducted throughout the villages of Hoa Chou (centered grid square BT 0068), Hoa Thai (centered grid square AT 9869), Hoa Da (centered grid square BT 0369), portions of Hoa Phuoc (centered grid square BT 0166), and portions of Hoa Loi (centered grid square AT 9765). Special emphasis was focused on the MEDCAP program.

B. Significant Events

1. Medical/Dental. During June, MEDCAP teams treated a total of 3,915 villagers, which included fourteen dental patients.

2. Self-Help

a. 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines provided nine bags of lime paint to the villagers of Hoa Chou (centered grid square BT 0068) which was used to refinish the interior and exterior of the village school house.

b. 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines arranged for eighty sections of iron culvert to be utilized as an irrigation drain under the MSR vicinity AT 973673. The Battalion was assisted by personnel from the 3rd Engineer Battalion who assembled the sections of pipe and blasted the ditch across the road. Vietnamese labor finished preparation, positioned the pipe, and covered and tamped the ditch. The project was completed in three days.

3. USAID. USAID supplies distributed by the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines included twenty-five bags of cement which were provided to Hoa Chou Village (centered grid square BT 0068) for construction of a foot bridge. In addition, several boxes of clothes were made available to the Hamlet Chief of An Trach (1) (AT 9666) for distribution to the people of the hamlet.

4. County Fairs. On 3 June, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines held a County Fair operation in Cam Ne (4) and (5) (AT 9769). During the conduct of the operation, the MEDCAP team treated over 250 people. Four hundred pounds of rice, four cases of ham stock, and ten cases of soup base were utilized to prepare an adequate meal for the 400 inhabitants of the hamlets.

5. Visits

a. On 12 June, Miss Beverly DEEPE, a news reporter, visited An Trach (1) (AT 9666). The purpose of the visit was to interview the Revolutionary Development Cadre Leader concerning pacification efforts in the area.

UNCLASSIFIED
ENCLOSURE: (1)

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

b. On 22 June, Lieutenant General WALT, Commanding General, III MAF, visited Yen Ne (3) Hamlet (AT 9867) as part of a III MAF civil affairs tour. The General conferred with the pacification team in that area, taking a particular interest in the various self-help projects in progress at that hamlet.

c. On 26 June, Mr. Charles MANN, of USAID, visited Cam Nam Hamlet (BT 0170), discussed possible self-help projects, and observed those projects under construction.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~SECTION XI. PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE ACTIVITIES

A. General. Psychological operations during the month of June were developed in conjunction with the civic action program within the Battalion TAOR. The operations were high lighted by support of the joint Regional Forces/USMC County Fair Operation conducted on 3 June in hamlets of Can Ne (4) and (5), vicinity grid square AT 9669 and AT 9769. This was a one day operation conducted in conjunction with Hoa Vang District Headquarters. During the County Fair, a series of psychological orientation lectures, consisting primarily of an explanation of the mission of ARVN and Marine forces together with detailed comments by political leaders from Hoa Vang District, were presented. The presentation was well received and should provide a substantial base on which to build future efforts to create and maintain confidence in the Government of Vietnam and the Marines now operating in that area.

ENCLOSURE: (1)
UNCLASSIFIED