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## SECTION I.

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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COMMANDING OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel E. A. WALKER

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Major Walter D. FILLMORE

STAFF ASSIGNMENTS

1stLt W. D. KING	S-1
1stLt S. H. GREGORY	S-2
Capt R. D. BAGGETT	S-3
Capt H. T. WINSTON	S-4
Capt C. E. MARCOM	S-5 (1 - 10 July)
1stLt C. H. FORD	S-5 (11 - 31 July)
Capt L. J. KELLY	Communications Officer
1stLt R. E. MORRIS	Air Liaison Officer
	(1 - 18 July)
1stLt G. F. GROH	Air Liaison Officer
	(19 - 31 July)
1stLt J. D. WITHERSPOON	Supply Officer
MSgt W. R. ELLIS	Motor Transport Chief
Lt(MC) C. V. DESHAZO	Medical Officer (1 - 2 July)
Lt(MC) R. D. WHEAT	Medical Officer (3 - 31 July)
Lt(CHC) K. LOEFFLER	Chaplain

UNIT COMMANDERS

1stLt T. B. GIBSON	H&S Company
Capt S. P. CHAPIN	Company I
Capt L. H. GONZALES	Company K
Capt J. F. O'ROURKE	Company L
Capt J. J. ST. CLAIR	Company M

COMMAND POST LOCATIONS

Danang, Quang Nam Province

1 - 31 July 1966

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Map references for period 1 - 31 July 1966:

Vietnam, 1:50,000, AMS Series L701, Sheets 6659 II, 6659 III, 6658 I,  
6658 IVAVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHOFFICERS

USMC	32
USN	3

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USMC	936
USN	51

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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). Personnel/administrative functions were conducted in a normal manner except as noted in succeeding paragraphs of this section.

B. Significant Events

1. Awards

a. On 23 July 1966, Silver Star Medals were awarded to Staff Sergeant Robert J. GLEASON and Hospitalman Third Class Paul M. GOLDSTIEN for extraordinary heroism and intrepidity displayed during Operation TEXAS and to Corporal Manuel SANCHEZ for extraordinary heroism and intrepidity displayed during Operation UTAH. Additionally, Major Walter D. FILIMORE and Lance Corporal Jimmie COSTON were awarded Bronze Star Medals for heroic achievement displayed during Operation UTAH. All awards were presented by Colonel B. B. MITCHELL, Commanding Officer, 1st Marines at an awards ceremony conducted at the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines Command Post (BT 071712).

b. As part of the same awards ceremony, six Marines of this organization were awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received as a result of hostile action against insurgent communist (Viet Cong) forces.

2. Casualties. During the period 1 - 31 July 1966, this Battalion sustained casualties totalling six killed in action, two died of wounds, and fifty-four wounded in action. In addition, there was one nonbattle death and twenty-two nonbattle casualties. None of the nonbattle casualties required evacuation.

3. Transfers. During the reporting period, this Battalion transferred a total of seven Marine Officers, one Navy Officer, four staff noncommissioned officers, and fifty-two enlisted Marines to other 1st Marine Division units or to the Continental United States (CONUS). At the same time and offsetting the losses indicated, the Battalion joined four officers, two staff noncommissioned officers, and seventy-five enlisted Marines so that the personnel combat readiness category of the Battalion remained at C-2 throughout the period.

C. Problem Areas/New Developments

1. This Battalion faces a critical personnel problem during the month of August. One officer (3002), eighteen staff noncommissioned officers, and 121 enlisted Marines are scheduled for rotation to

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CONUS during that period. Particularly significant is the number of staff noncommissioned officers that are being transferred. This constitutes a sizeable turnover of authorized staff noncommissioned officer strength and will require increased effort by all concerned to compensate for the loss.

2. In the June Command Chronology, it was noted that problems concerning pay were aggravated as a result of maintaining the Battalion pay records at the Chu Lai Combat Base. It is considered appropriate to note in this Command Chronology that this problem has been alleviated with the transfer of Battalion pay records to the 3rd Marine Division Disbursing Office at Danang Combat Base.

D. Personnel. Battalion chargeable strength (end of period).

	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
U. S. Marine Corps	32	957
U. S. Navy	3	50

E. Discipline, Law and Order. Good discipline was maintained throughout this organization during the reporting period although there was a slight increase in courts-martial proceedings and nonjudicial punishment at both Company and Battalion level.

1. Courts-Martial

Pending

Summary	1
Special	1

Completed

Summary	0
Special	5

2. Nonjudicial Punishment

Battalion Commander's	11
Company Commander's	15

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. Continued aggressive actions within the assigned TAOR.

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2. Excellent casualty medical evacuation system.
3. Continuing awareness and alertness by unit commanders and non-commissioned officers as to the needs and problems of the individual Marine and the immediate resolution thereof:
4. Continuation of scheduled runs to the 3rd Marine Division Exchange.
5. Excellent mail service.
6. Availability of soft drinks and beer rations for Battalion personnel.
7. A continually improving out-of-country rest and relaxation program.

G. Chaplain's Activities

1. General

<u>SERVICES</u>	<u>HOURS OF SERVICE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
Sunday	22	354
Weekday	<u>13</u>	<u>125</u>
Total	35	479

2. In addition to the foregoing:
  - a. Three communion services were held during which fourteen men received communion.
  - b. Twenty-eight hospital calls were made and seventy-two hospital interviews were conducted.
  - c. Two Lay Leader training sessions were conducted; nine Lay Leaders were in attendance.
  - d. One Bible study class was held with three Marines in attendance.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~SECTION III. INTELLIGENCEA. Summary of Enemy Activity

1. General. During July, the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines conducted operations within its assigned tactical area of responsibility (TAOR) in the Danang Combat Base.

2. Enemy contact throughout the month was moderate; the most significant being the VC mortar attack on the MAG-16 Air Facility on 23 July. Other significant occurrences are as listed in Section IV (Operations/Training).

B. Recapitulation of Enemy Activity

1. Contacts. A total of ninety-three contacts were made during the month of July.

2. Enemy Lossesa. Personnel

VC KIA (Confirmed)	11
VC KIA (Probable)	1
VC WIA (Confirmed)	1
VC WIA (Probable)	5
VC Captured	12
VC Suspects Apprehended	86

b. Weapons and Equipment Destroyed or CapturedDestroyed

TNT	10 Pounds
Five-pound Shape Charge	1
81mm Mortar Ammunition	6 Rounds
CHICOM Grenades	1
Punji Pits	28
Caves	17
Warning Devices	8

Captured

K-44 Rifles	2
.30-caliber Carbine	1
.30-caliber M-1 Rifles	2
U.S. Thompson Sub-machinegun	1

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U.S. Thompson Sub-machinegun Magazines	3
.30-caliber Ammunition	30 Rounds
.45-caliber Ammunition	25 Rounds
9mm Ammunition	20 Rounds
.30-caliber Carbine Ammunition	8 Rounds
Communication Wire	500 Feet
Claymore Detonation Wire	50 Feet
Trip Wire	1 Roll

3. Mines and Booby Traps. A total of sixty-seven mines and booby traps were encountered by this Battalion during the month of July. Of these, thirteen were detonated causing casualties, while the remaining fifty-four were detected and destroyed in place.

a. Mines

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>DETONATED</u>	<u>DETECTED AND DESTROYED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Anti-Personnel	1	4	5
Anti-Vehicular		1	1
Artillery round set as mine		1	1

b. Booby Traps

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>DETONATED</u>	<u>DETECTED AND DESTROYED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
M-26 Grenades	4	27	31
CHICOM Grenade	3	18	21
Locally Manufactured	5	3	8

c. Weather and Terrain

1. Weather. Throughout most of July, the weather was generally clear, hot, and humid except during the latter part of July when the weather was generally cloudy with occasional rain showers.

2. Terrain. The terrain in the TAOR assigned this Battalion consists primarily of rice paddies, low sandy hills and many small streams and waterways, none of which pose any significant problems.

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SECTION IV. OPERATIONS/TRAININGA. Operations

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

2. Effective 021200H, in addition to the previously assigned TAOR, the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, as directed by 1st Marines, assumed responsibility for that portion of 1st Marines TAOR bounded by the Song Vinh Dien River on the west, the South China Sea on the east, grid line 66 on the south and the general trace of grid line 71, to include grid square 0471, 0571, 0671 on the north. Company K, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines previously occupying this sector under the operational control (OPCON) of the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines returned OPCON to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, and as directed by Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines maintained responsibility for the eastern portion of the newly assigned sector while Company M was assigned the western portion.

3. On 4 July, in cooperation with Hoa Vang District Headquarters, the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines conducted a COUNTY FAIR Operation in the Hamlet of La Bong (2) and (3) vicinity coordinates AT 970663 and AT 963078. Forces participating included: Company L, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines; 1st Platoon, Company M, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines; Detachment, Medical Platoon, H&S Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines; Elements, 4th Battalion, 51st ARVN Regiment; Psychological Warfare Team and District Officials, Hoa Vang District Headquarters. This operation was executed utilizing Company L and 1st Platoon, Company M, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines as a blocking force to cordon off the target hamlet while elements of the 4th Battalion, 51st Regiment conducted a detailed, systematic search of the hamlet 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 twenty individuals. At mid-day, a meal consisting of rice and meat, provided from civic action sources, but prepared by local women was fed to all inhabitants. This operation commenced at 060530H and terminated at 041330H.

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4. On 8 July, in cooperation with District Headquarters, Hoa Vang District, the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines conducted a COUNTY FAIR Operation within the Hamlet of Cam No (3), vicinity coordinates BT 9668. Forces participating included: Company L, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines; Detachment, Medical Platoon, H&S Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines; 59th Regional Force Company; Psychological Warfare Team and District Officials, Hoa Vang District Headquarters; Village Officials, Hoa Thai Village. This operation was executed utilizing Company L as a blocking force to cordon off the target hamlet while Regional Forces conducted a detailed search and channeled inhabitants into an established assembly area where a census was conducted and the psychological orientation and MEDCAP programs were conducted. Within this area, a messing facility was established and a meal consisting of rice, soup, and ham stock was prepared by local Vietnamese and distributed to all inhabitants. The operation commenced at 080430H, and terminated at 081530H, and resulted in the apprehension of fifteen VC suspects, all of whom were delivered to Hoa Vang District Headquarters.

5. On 14 July, in accordance with 1st Marines Frag Order 333-66, Company I (-) and 2nd Platoon, Company K reported for operational control to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines. As a result, Company M assumed responsibility for the remainder of area vacated by Company I; Company K, augmented by the 3rd Platoon, Company D, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines maintained responsibility for its assigned TAOR.

6. On 16 July, 2nd Platoon, Company K returned to operational control of parent unit, and Company I (-) was directed to terminate operations with 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines and report for OPCON to 1st Battalion, 1st Marines. At the same time, 3rd Platoon, Company D, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines was directed to report to parent unit for operational control.

7. Effective 161200H, in accordance with 1st Marines Frag Order 334-66, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines displaced Command Post from vicinity coordinates AT 992676 to vicinity coordinates BT 069744. This movement terminated the orderly exchange of Command Post locations with the 1st Marine Regiment which had commenced 9 July.

8. On 18 and 19 July, in cooperation with Hoa Vang District Headquarters, the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines conducted a COUNTY FAIR Operation in the Hamlet of Man Quan (1) (vicinity coordinates BT 035686). Forces participating included: Company M (-), 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines; 2nd Platoon, Company L, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines; 4th Platoon, Company A, 1st Amphibious Battalion; 3rd Platoon, Company C, 3rd Tank Battalion;

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1st Platoon (-), Company A, 1st Anti-Tank Battalion; Detachment, 244th Psychological Warfare Company; Elements, 4th Battalion, 51st ARVN Regiment and Village and District officials from Hoa Vang District. The operation commenced with Company M (-) reinforced with tanks and on to establishing blocking positions to the north, south, and east of target area with the 2nd Platoon, Company L and elements of the 4th Battalion, 51st ARVN Regiment occupying blocking positions on the west bank of the Song Vinh Dien River. After establishment of the cordon and at first light, remaining elements of the 51st ARVN Regiment conducted a detailed and systematic search of the target area during which inhabitants were directed to the predesignated collection area where a census, MEDCAP, and psychological orientation program were conducted. In addition, four meals were provided for local inhabitants from civic action sources. The operation commenced at 180400H and terminated 191100H. This operation was particularly successful and resulted in three VC KIA, one VCC WIA, ten VCC (women) captured, six VCS apprehended; all VCC and VCS were delivered to Hoa Vang District Headquarters. In addition, two K-44 rifles, one .30 caliber carbine, two .30 caliber M-1 rifles, three Chinese grenades, four M-26 grenades and five M-14 anti-personnel mines were captured.

9. On 23 July, MAG-16 complex and surrounding facilities (vicinity coordinates BT 062743) were taken under fire with approximately fifty rounds mortar fire from vicinity coordinates BT 053718 which is within the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines TAOR. A squad patrol (BT 054725) observed the mortar flashes at a distance of 400 meters and immediately engaged the VC position with a heavy volume of small arms fire and initiated an 81mm mortar fire mission. Simultaneously, the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines permanent observation post, located coordinates BT 068705 manned by an Artillery FO observed the flashes, immediately initiated an artillery fire mission, and reported the location of the VC mortars. For the following thirty-five minutes, artillery and mortars concentrated a heavy volume of fire on the reported VC mortar position and the routes of egress therefrom. Total rounds fired were as follows: seventy-two rounds HE, 105mm; twenty-two rounds WP, 105mm; forty rounds illumination, 105mm; eleven rounds HE, 155mm; ninety-five rounds HE, 81mm mortar, forty rounds WP, 81mm mortar. An area of 500 by 750 meters was covered with excellent target coverage. During this period, elements of Company K, Company M, and Company L together with the patrol initially detecting the mortar flashes were deployed in blocking positions to cordon the area and block routes of escape from the area. With the cease fire of both artillery and 81mm mortar and under illumination provided by a flare ship, a search of the area commenced which continued until daylight. No evidence was found of VC. The

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following day, three mortar positions were positively located at coordinates BT 054718; however, no evidence of VC casualties was found. Augmented by two platoons, Company L, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines and the strike platoon from Headquarter Company, 1st Marines, elements of 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines conducted a detailed, systematic search of the vicinity of the mortar positions to a distance of 3000 meters. On July 25th, the force assigned to the search effort was reduced to Company N, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines which remained in the area to continue the detailed search. Company M was, however, provided with dog teams and engineer mine detection support in an effort to locate the mortars. At the end of the reporting period, this search was continuing.

10. At the end of the reporting period, the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines in cooperation and coordination with the 59th Regional Force Battalion was continuing its program of aggressive patrolling and ambushing in order to ensure positive security and pacification of the Battalion TAOR.

#### B. Training

1. During the month of July, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines conducted training as prescribed in 1st Marine Bulletin 1500 of February 1966. Emphasis was placed on mine and booby trap detection, field fortifications, first and buddy aid, individual and crew served weapons training.

2. A combined rifle and pistol range has been constructed in the vicinity of the Battalion Command Post at the base of Marble Mountain and was completed 30 July. The range will be utilized as a basis for zeroing individual weapons and as a means to increase marksmanship proficiency within the Battalion and in combined action elements.

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

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- 2 At 020510H, vicinity BT 034724, one VCS walked into Company I squad ambush. The VCS was challenged twice in Vietnamese but failed to halt. The ambush shot and wounded the suspect. VCS was subsequently medical evacuated.

At 021200H, report (unrated) from U. S. Army advisor with Hoa Vang Sub-District Headquarters reported one main force VC company (-) vicinity coordinates AT 978688 to AT 985668 and one main force VC platoon vicinity coordinates AT 978788. Unit reportedly had two 60mm mortars and normal small arms. Company L assisted by RF elements conducted a combined USMC/RF search and clear operation through this area. No contact was established.

- 3 At 031720H, vicinity BT 045713, Company K squad patrol detonated booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire across trail. Two USMC WIA sustained; both medical evacuated.

- 4 In cooperation and coordination with Hoa Vang District Headquarters and the 4th Battalion, 51st Regional Forces Regiment, Company L, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines conducted a COUNTY FAIR operation in the Hamlet of An Trach (1), vicinity grid square AT 9666.

At 041930H, a combined USMC/RF patrol, vicinity AT 971666, observed two VC in the process of emplacing a booby trap across the trail at a distance of 300 meters from the patrol (vicinity AT 973666). The RFs opened fire on the VC immediately and the VC withdrew under fire, one to the northeast, the other to the west. The patrol pursued physically and found a blood pool near the area of first sighting. The patrol recovered one M-26 grenade and a spool of trip wire. No friendly casualties; one VC WIA (probable).

- 6 At 061225H, vicinity AT 972682, Company L platoon patrol detected and destroyed a M-26 grenade booby trapped with wire across trail and attached to VC propaganda sign.

At 061607H, vicinity BT 054693, Company M, moving into new CP, detonated three booby-trapped M-26 grenades in three separate locations within a 150 meter area. Two

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M-26 grenades were booby trapped in punji pits; the third was booby trapped to trip wire. One USMC KIA and five USMC WIA were sustained. Casualties were medical evacuated. Area was searched for further booby traps with negative results.

7. At 071100H, Company K squad patrol apprehended three VCS attempting to flee from the patrol as it entered the Hamlet of An Tra (1), vicinity BT 089693. VCS were forwarded to ITT.

At 071105H, Company M squad clearing patrol uncovered two punji pits booby trapped with Chinese hand grenades vicinity coordinates BT 053691 and BT 055693. The grenades were blown in place and the punji pits were destroyed.

At 071545, Company M squad patrol detonated a booby trap, vicinity BT 049687. The trap consisted of Chinese grenade attached to a trip wire. Three USMC WIA sustained; two medical evacuated.

8. At 080620H, Company L, in cooperation and coordination with Hoa Vang District Headquarters commenced a COUNTY FAIR operation in the Hamlet of Cam No (3), vicinity coordinates BT 9668. Operation terminated 081530H and resulted in the apprehension of fifteen VCS.

At 081530H, Company L, after receiving a report from villagers at An Trach (3), vicinity AT 962662, that fifty VC had destroyed a pontoon bridge located vicinity AT 962660, dispatched a squad to investigate. At 081930H, the squad, vicinity coordinates AT 969657, enroute to the bridge received thirty rounds small arms fire 150 meters from the vicinity of coordinates AT 968657. The squad returned twenty rounds small arms fire; VC broke contact and withdrew under fire. One USMC WIA was sustained; no confirmed VC casualties. WIA was medical evacuated. The squad confirmed report of partially sunken bridge. No further contact was made.

At 081630H, Company M patrol discovered punji pit area approximately 200 meters square at BT 039688. Area was marked with signs which read "Danger and Prohibited". Also within this area, an electrical firing device was discovered. Device was rigged with one cell from PRC-10 battery connected to blasting cap by 100 meters of communication wire. Wire and blasting cap were protected



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from moisture by plastic wrap.

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At 091240H, Company M Command Post heard and saw an explosion and observed several men (vicinity BT 051687) wearing black clothing running from area. Engineers checked area of explosion and found one grass mat with small amount of blood and large pieces of shrapnel around. Incident believed to have been VC emplacing booby trap and it exploded. One VC WIA (probable).

10

At 101115H, vicinity BT 045671, Company M platoon patrol detected and destroyed four Chinese grenades booby trapped with loose trip wire.

At 101115H, vicinity BT 048672, Company M platoon patrol discovered one Vietnamese female and one Vietnamese male hidden in brush observing Marine activity. Both VCS had ID cards but due to suspicious actions were apprehended and delivered to ITT.

At 101530H, Company K squad patrol apprehended one wounded Vietnamese male in a house. Believed to have been wounded by mortar fire; VCS had no ID card and was forwarded to ITT.

11

At 112315H, Battalion Command Post listening post vicinity AT 994674, received one incoming grenade from approximately thirty feet southeast of the position. One USMC WIA sustained and treated at BAS; returned to duty. Area searched for VC but with negative results.

12

At 121100H, vicinity BT 035733, Company I, acting on information received from Police Chief of Con Dau Hamlet, apprehended three VCS, two of which were carrying false ID papers. VCS were forwarded to ITT.

At 121210H, vicinity BT 075702, Company K two-man observation post received ten rounds small arms fire. During fire fight, both Marines were wounded and as a result were subsequently medical evacuated.

At 121350H, vicinity BT 053676, Company M squad patrol detected and destroyed six punji pits booby trapped with Chinese grenades. No friendly casualties.

At 121545H, vicinity BT 037668, Company M platoon patrol received thirty rounds small arms fire from a distance of approximately 500 meters from vicinity BT 032665, wounding one Marine. Platoon returned fifty rounds small arms

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fire; VC fire ceased and VC broke contact. Platoon continued pursuit and in doing so detected two punji pits booby trapped with Chinese grenades and two pressure type land mines. All mines and booby traps destroyed in place.

- 13 At 130510, vicinity BT 041705, Company M squad patrol apprehended two VCS attempting to avoid patrol. Both forwarded to ITT.

At 131615H, vicinity BT 091692, Company K squad patrol observed two Vietnamese attempting to launch a small boat in an attempt to escape as patrol approached area. Patrol fired three rounds small arms fire and one M-79 round. VCS returned, were apprehended and delivered to ITT.

At 131630H, vicinity AT 973691, Company L platoon patrol detected and destroyed one M-26 grenade booby trapped with loose trip wire.

- 14 At 140800H, Company I (-), together with the 2nd Platoon, Company K, chopped OPCON from 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines in accordance with 1st Marines Frag Order 333-66. Company M assumed responsibility for that area previously occupied by 2nd Platoon, Company I, vicinity grid square BT 0372 and Company L assumed responsibility for the remainder of Company I TAOR; Company K augmented by the 3rd Platoon, Company D, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines maintained responsibility for assigned TAOR, deploying 3rd Platoon, Company D in area previously occupied by 2nd Platoon, Company K.

At 141515H, vicinity AT 965689, Company L combined action patrol detonated a booby trap consisting of a Chinese grenade with pressure type fuze. Patrol searched area and fifty meters away detected another grenade which was blown in place. One USMC WIA; medical evacuated.

At 141700H, vicinity BT 079710, Company K Command Post received fifty rounds small arms fire from two positions approximately 400 meters distance from vicinity BT 081708 and BT 083707. Returned seventy-five rounds small arms fire and three rounds 60mm mortar. Dispatched squad to search areas and apprehended six VCS WIA; four medical evacuated.

- 15 At 151045H, vicinity BT 058695, Company M water resupply detail consisting of driver and two security guards on

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an M-274 received three hand grenades and twenty rounds small arms fire from three VC deployed in heavy undergrowth fifteen meters from the vehicle. Both guards were wounded; the driver killed. Security guards although wounded, returned fifteen rounds small arms fire. Upon hearing firing, Company M dispatched reinforced strike squad to site of incident. Squad pursued VC to northeast, vicinity BT 060669, at which point the VC broke contact. Massive pool of blood observed same area. One USMC KIA and two USMC WIA sustained; one VC WIA (confirmed).

At 151230H, vicinity BT 058695, Company M squad patrol detected and destroyed homemade mine emplaced in road and connected by communication wire to PRC-10 battery in claymore carrying case.

- 16 At 160910H, vicinity AT 998696, Shore party mine sweeping detail detected and destroyed a 105mm dud rigged as mine with pressure type activation device.

Effective 161200H, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines displaced Command Post from vicinity AT 989674 to vicinity BT 071712, exchanging Command Post locations with the 1st Marine Regiment.

At 161845H, in accordance with Commanding Officer, 1st Marines verbal order, Company I was directed to chop OPCON from 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines to 1st Battalion, 1st Marines. Company I reported to 1st Battalion, 1st Marines for OPCON effective 161935H. At the same time, Company I chopped OPCON of 2nd Platoon, Company K to parent unit.

- 17 At 171130H, vicinity BT 032675, Company M squad patrol detected and destroyed a punji pit, booby trapped with a Chinese hand grenade.

- 18 From 180500H to 191500H, at the Hamlet of Man Quan (1), vicinity BT 035686, Company M (-) (Rein), in conjunction and cooperation with 4th Battalion, 51st ARVN Regiment participated in a COUNTY FAIR Operation. Tanks and Ontos were utilized in conjunction with blocking forces to isolate target area and prevent egress or entrance of indigenous personnel and/or VC within the target area. Results included three VC KIA, one VCC WIA, ten VCC (women) captured, six VCS apprehended, and two K-44 rifles, two .30 caliber M-1 rifles, one .30 caliber carbine captured.

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At 180830H, ARVN troops searching Man Quan (1), vicinity BT 031688, as part of COUNTY FAIR Operation, discovered five M-14 anti-personnel booby traps. Two were exploded and three disarmed; no casualties.

- 19 At 190942H, Battery A, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines, security platoon, vicinity BT 081667, received approximately 100 rounds automatic and small arms fire from an estimated seven VC, vicinity BT 081665, approximately 200 meters from the platoon. 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines notified and dispatched 1st Platoon, Company K, supported by a light section of tanks to reinforce Battery A, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines, platoon. VC, however, broke contact before Company K platoon arrived. Battery A sustained one WIA; no confirmed VC casualties.

At 191430H, vicinity BT 084674, Company K patrol received approximately seventy-five rounds small arms fire from a distance of approximately 300 meters. The patrol returned 400 rounds small arms fire. VC broke contact and withdrew under fire. Patrol pursued physically and searched area but with negative results. One USMC WIA and one Vietnamese child (female), wounded by VC fire, were medical evacuated.

- 20 At 201000H, vicinity BT 070679, Marine on Company K clearing operation stepped in punji pit. The pit was booby trapped with a hand grenade (type unknown) which exploded inflicting multi-shrapnel wounds in Marine's legs, back, and head. WIA was medical evacuated.

At 201355H, vicinity AT 962678, electrically detonated booby trap exploded on trail as Company L combined USMC/RF squad patrol passed through that vicinity. One RF sustained minor shrapnel wound. Search of the immediate area uncovered wire leading to concealed VC position. Nothing further was found; wire was retrieved.

At 201400H, vicinity AT 962678, Company B platoon patrol received ten to fifteen rounds small arms fire from the west bank of the Song Yen River at a distance of 200 meters. Patrol returned twenty-five rounds small arms fire and six rounds M-79. A patrol from 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines searched along the bank at site of contact and confirmed one VC KIA.

At 201600H, vicinity BT 075670, Company K squad patrol detected five punji pits booby trapped with M-26 grenades located in graveyard and in an area 150 by 750 meters

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square; eight VC warning devices consisting of a can (C-Ration) rigged with a washer wound with a rubber band. When the wire was tripped, the washer would unwind and strike the can making noise. Devices and pits destroyed.

- 21 At 210200H, vicinity AT 966697, Company L squad ambush engaged one VC as he attempted to cross river in small boat. VC was seen to fall in the river. One VC KIA (probable).

At 211500H, vicinity BT 075666, Company K squad sighted VC with rifle emerge from brush 300 meters from the squad and engaged same with ten rounds small arms fire. VC was seen to fall. Squad closed with and searched VC position. Blood pools were found; however, VC escaped undetected. One VC WIA (probable).

At 211430H, vicinity AT 974691, Company L squad patrol detected M-26 grenade, booby trapped with loose trip wire. Grenade was destroyed in place.

- 22 At 220830, vicinity BT 081662, Company K search and clear operation observed five VCS running from hamlet vicinity BT 081663. Fire team fired ten rounds small arms fire over the heads of VCS. VCS halted; subsequently, were apprehended and forwarded to ITT.

At 220830H, vicinity BT 081661, Company K discovered five M-26 grenades booby trapped individually with loose trip wire. The grenades were blown in place.

At 221000H, vicinity BT 080660, Company K found ten pounds TNT in cave with trip wire. The TNT, wire, and cave were destroyed.

At 221015H, vicinity BT 079661, Company K discovered a cave containing 200 feet of communication wire, one set claymore detonating wire, two sets green utilities, one khaki uniform, one poncho, and metal punji stake. The cave was destroyed; all equipment was forwarded to ITT.

At 221100H, vicinity AT 966665, Company L squad patrol discovered an M-26 grenade booby trapped to entrance of small tunnel. The grenade and tunnel were destroyed.

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At 221415H, vicinity BT 087696, a Special Forces/Montanard training unit engaged approximately ten VC; one Montanard KIA and three WIA. Company K was called for assistance and dispatched two squads and two Ontos to area. Ontos fired fourteen rounds 106mm into VC positions. Search of area revealed no evidence of VC casualties.

At 221425H, vicinity AT 978671, Company L fire team patrol received heavy volume of small arms fire from eight to ten VC from a distance of thirty meters. Point man killed. Remainder of fire team returned fire. Upon hearing firing, 1st Platoon, Company L dispatched squad to area. VC withdrew as the squad approached. Area searched but revealed no evidence of VC casualties.

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At 230830H, vicinity AT 974687, during Company L sweep, Marine tripped an M-26 booby trap. Grenade was rigged with loose trip wire. One USMC WIA sustained; not medical evacuated.

At 230835H, vicinity AT 973687, during combined Company L/RF sweep, two khaki uniforms, two pair of black pajamas, and one entrenching tool and various VC propaganda leaflets were discovered. RF apprehended two female VCs; one female later released but remaining female turned over to Marines and forwarded to ITT.

At 231215H, vicinity BT 088687, Company K squad patrol received ten rounds automatic weapons and twenty rounds small arms fire from rear by estimated five to seven VC at a distance of approximately 150 meters. VC believed to have used an M-14 automatic rifle. Squad returned three rounds M-79, 200 rounds M-60, and 100 rounds M-14 at VC. VC ceased firing and fled. Squad swept area and found traces of blood in VC position. One USMC WIA medical evacuated; one VC WIA (probable).

At 231400H, vicinity BT 0686, an M-422 proceeding south along MSR received one grenade from treeline along side road. Security guard returned fifteen rounds small arms fire and vehicle continued on. Company L Command Post observed the incident and dispatched squad to search area. Negative results on search.

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At 232005H, MAG-16 airfield, located BT 062743, was taken under fire with approximately fifty rounds 81mm mortar fire from the vicinity BT 053718. Company M squad patrol, vicinity BT 054725, observed mortar flashes approximately 400 meters from the patrol; patrol immediately engaged positions with approximately 300 rounds small arms fire and twenty rounds M-79 and initiated 81mm mortar fire mission. Patrol then established blocking positions to seal off VC route of escape. At same time, permanent Battalion Command Post, vicinity BT 068705, spotted mortar positions and immediately directed artillery fire in target area covering an area 500 meters by 1,000 meters. Observation Post directed seventy-two rounds high explosive, twenty-two rounds WP, and forty rounds of illumination; while patrol directed ninety-five rounds high explosive and twenty rounds illumination of 81mm mortar with excellent target coverage. At 232110H, ceased fire except for illumination. Illumination continued until 232115H when flare ship arrived on station and assumed illumination mission. Companies K, M and 2nd Platoon, Company L moved into area of VC mortar position to establish blocking positions in order to prevent escape of VC, and to search area for VC and mortars. No contact established. Size of search force reduced but search continued.

At 232315H, vicinity BT 055695, Marine moving into blocking position with Company K (see 232005H entry) stepped into punji pit booby trapped by a hand grenade which detonated on contact. One USMC WIA medical evacuated.

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At 241000H, vicinity BT 068683, Company I M-422, while traveling north on MSR detonated a mine which exploded after the vehicle had passed. The driver stopped and marked the position where the mine exploded. An engineer team was dispatched to the area; no additional mines were located.

At 241245H, vicinity BT 075709, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines Observation Post observed four VC moving north along beach. Observation Post notified Company K patrol; the patrol moved into the area where VC had been observed. Patrol engaged VC with fifty rounds small arms fire and six rounds M-79. Patrol conducted search of suspected VC positions finding two VC KIA between the ages of eighteen to twenty, one VC WIA, a magazine containing eight carbine rounds, and one Chinese anti-personnel mine all of which were located in a house vicinity BT 083705.

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No friendly casualties; two VC KIA, one VC WIA who was medical evacuated.

At 241430H, combined Company L/RF search and destroy operation conducted in grid squares AT 9768, 9769, 9868, and 9869. Seventeen VCS (two male and fifteen females) were apprehended by RF; in addition, the following items were found: six caves, five punji pits, two M-26 grenade booby traps, one .50 caliber round foot trap, one five-pound shape charge, thirty rounds .30 caliber, twenty rounds 9mm, one pack, and black uniform. All items retained by RFs. Caves and shape charge destroyed.

During continued search of area vicinity BT 053717 (reference 232005H), three mortar positions were found well dug in. Near one position, numerous mortar increments and four rounds 81mm mortar, apparently misfires, were discovered. Egress route was well defined and cut through the surrounding heavy underbrush. An old man at scene reported seeing six VC in pajamas and two VC in green utilities the day before the mortar attack. Rounds and increments destroyed. Artillery coverage of positions was excellent. Numerous craters of 155mm and 105mm were found within ten meters of mortar positions; also 81mm mortar craters were found around positions. Search continuing for VC mortars.

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At 250830H, vicinity BT 077705, Company K squad patrol detonated a grenade booby trap wounding one Marine seriously in legs; Marine was medical evacuated.

At 250940H, acting on information received from 1st Battalion, 11th Marines that twenty to twenty-five VC had been sighted moving northeast vicinity BT 079668, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines directed two H-34D helicopters from landing zone OSTRICH to a landing zone in Company K position. The helicopter lifted twenty-eight Marines, including the Sparrow Hawk squad to a landing zone vicinity BT 080658. While enroute, the helicopter received small arms fire resulting in one USMC WIA. The area was thoroughly searched, but no contact was established.

At 251250H, vicinity BT 058698, Company M squad patrol observed two Vietnamese males attempting to flee into brush. The patrol fired one warning shot, but VCS failed to halt. Marines engaged VCS with ten rounds small arms fire. Both VCS were apprehended; one being wounded and medical evacuated. The other VCS was forwarded to ITT.

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At 251610H, Company M located caves at BT 049713, BT 051712, BT 056713, BT 050716, and BT 054716. Caves were approximately three feet high, four feet wide and ten feet long. Opening was approximately two feet by one foot. Caves appeared to have been unused for a time although they were not run down. All located in heavy underbrush along hedgerows. Caves were blown by engineers.

- 26 At 260955H, vicinity BT 089682, Company K squad patrol received seventy rounds small arms fire from vicinity BT 094635, approximately 400 meters northeast of their position. Patrol returned 250 rounds small arms fire and one round 3.5-inch. Search of the area revealed three VC KIA. No friendly casualties sustained.

At 261215H, vicinity BT 085694, Company K squad patrol received seventy rounds small arms fire from house adjacent to trail at BT 085692, a distance of approximately 200 meters from patrol. Patrol returned 100 rounds small arms fire and five rounds 3.5-inch. VC fire ceased; search of area revealed three VC KIA; also, a quantity of .30 caliber brass and links from a .30 caliber U. S. machinegun.

- 27 At 271100H, vicinity BT 040705, Company M squad patrol, guided by a Vietnamese civilian, uncovered a cave/tunnel complex. The cave entrance consisted of a one foot by one foot wooden frame fitted with camouflage that would close after entry. The cave extended another two feet in ground and then down and east for another four feet to a chamber approximately six feet by three feet, which appeared to have been utilized as sleeping quarters. A false wall led through a similar opening to another tunnel five feet in length that led to a room ten feet by four feet by five feet high. Three air holes were present in this chamber. The entire complex was destroyed.

At 271400H, four scout sentry dogs were dispatched to Company M area to be used in thorough search of vicinity grid square BT 0372 which is area from where VC mortars were fired. (reference 232005H entry).

- 28 At 280950H, vicinity BT 065700, Company M patrol spotted VCS, vicinity BT 065700. Patrol pursued VCS west toward treeline. Immediately upon VCS entering into treeline, a large explosion was heard from that vicinity. Patrol searched area and found a body destroyed beyond recognition. One VC KIA (probable).

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At 281400H, vicinity BT 038652, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines wire security detail discovered a Chinese mine booby trapped across trail with a trip wire. Mine was destroyed in place.

At 281740H, vicinity BT 050687, Company M squad patrol moving south received three rounds small arms fire from a distance of approximately 200 meters from vicinity of BT 050687. Returned ten rounds small arms fire; fire ceased. Patrol continued forward to BT 050686 and received two rounds small arms fire from vicinity of BT 049686, a distance of approximately 100 meters. Returned thirty rounds small arms fire and one round M-79. No casualties.

At 281800H, vicinity BT 085695, Company K patrol received fifty rounds automatic fire from vicinity coordinates BT 082672, and received ten rounds small arms fire from a second VC position, vicinity BT 089665. Both positions were approximately 300 meters from the platoon. The platoon returned ten rounds small arms fire, two M-72 LAAW rounds, and three 3.5-inch WP rounds. Search of suspected VC positions revealed two VC KIA and two punji pits booby trapped with M-26 grenade with pressure type fuze, vicinity BT 082671. No friendly casualties; two VC KIA.

29 At 291830H, 1st Platoon, Company K located at BT 081696, destroyed two booby trapped M-26 grenades in a can with trip wire across trail, and a WP grenade rigged with a loose trip wire. Blew booby traps in place.

30 At 300845H, vicinity BT 081696, Company K squad patrol discovered a Chinese grenade booby trapped in old french fort. Booby trap was rigged with trip wire. Patrol blew grenade in place.

At 301305H, vicinity BT 032668, Company M squad observed four VC, one of which was armed, at BT 031666, 200 meters distant. VC attempted to flee as patrol approached. Squad opened fire with twenty rounds small arms fire and one round M-79. M-79 round struck one VC killing him. Three VC fled into tree line and two blood trails were found but disappeared along river edge. Area searched and one VCS apprehended. Patrol found one U. S. Thompson sub-machinegun, three magazines for the weapon, and twenty-five rounds ammunition and personal effects on dead VC. VCS sent to IFF; weapon and documents sent to S-2, 1st Marines. One VC KIA; two VC WIA.

At 301750H, vicinity AT 966665, Company L squad patrol apprehended two VCS, one male and one female. As patrol

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entered area, the women yelled to the man and he started running. Patrol apprehended VCS and sent both to ITT.

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At 311240H, vicinity BT 077696, Company K patrol apprehended one VCS who attempted to run when approached by patrol. VCS was male approximately thirty years of age and did not have an I.D. card. VCS was forwarded to ITT.

At 311600H, vicinity BT 056713, Company M squad patrol apprehended two VCS, males, who had been observing helicopters from treeline vicinity BT 057713. VCS attempted to evade patrol. Both VCS were forwarded to ITT.

At 312010H, vicinity BT 049676, Company M squad patrol discovered a sandbag containing nine PRC-10 batteries and one PRC-6 battery. Equipment was taken to Company Command Post.

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SECTION V. LOGISTICSA. Significant Events

1. On 9 July, the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines commenced displacement of the Battalion Command Post from previously occupied position (AT 992676) to present location (BT 069714). Displacement was completed on 16 July. No significant problems were encountered during displacement.

2. On 25 July, Mobile Construction Battalion Six commenced construction of a 500-man permanent messhall at the new Battalion Command Post site. The messhall is expected to be completed by 31 August.

B. Supply1. General

a. As required by current directives, Battalion Supply has completed the quarterly review of average monthly recurring demands (AMRD) and has submitted a list of excess material to the 3rd Marine Division Supply Officer for disposition instructions. It is assumed that these items will be redistributed to other units within the Division.

b. A team from 3rd Marine Division Supply Office visited Battalion Supply on 3 July 1966 to review problem type items, allowance lists, and customer obligations. As a result of the visit, Battalion Supply was furnished a machine listing of outstanding obligations held by FLSG-A for review in order to determine if certain items were still required. This procedure proved most effective and several cancellations resulted from this comparison.

c. During July, this Battalion received six mine detectors, M-153. This item should materially enhance the Battalion's capability for detection and destruction of VC mines and booby traps, and thereby reduce the number of casualties sustained from such devices. These items are being distributed to the rifle companies for use on operations.

2. General Problem Areas. Certain items continue to be in short supply. Included are: Insect repellent, blank forms, components for jungle kits, liquid detergent for messhall use, concertina wire and sandbags.

3. Current Projects. In order to improve supply functioning and to economize available assets, the following projects have been initiated by the supply section and are scheduled for completion during the ensuing period:

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- a. Redistribution of excesses.
- b. Monthly customer reconciliation.
- c. Complete up-dating of all equipment custody record cards for signature by Responsible Officers.
- d. Revision of the Battalion Allowance List.

### C. Transportation

1. Organic. Organic vehicles were limited to employment within the Battalion tactical area of responsibility (TAOR) for administrative support of the Battalion. No significant problems were encountered with organic vehicles.

### 2. Support Vehicles

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

b. Logistic support was provided to the company/platoon occupying the position located in grid square BT 0372 by LVT. Support was satisfactory in all respects.

### D. Maintenance

1. Second echelon maintenance was performed expeditiously and in accordance with current directives.

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

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>ECHOLON</u>	<u>DCD</u>
PRC-6	24800	3	6203
PRC-6	7654	3	6208
PRC-6	1332	3	6203
PRC-10	3892	3	6175
PRC-10	3450	3	6193
PRC-10	9912	5	6177
PRC-10	21946	3	6205
TGC-14A	3807	3	6200

2. Motor Transport

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>ECHOLON</u>	<u>DCD</u>
M-274	228642	3	6154
M-274	236191	3	6200

3. Ordinance

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>ECHOLON</u>	<u>DCD</u>
Flamethrower (M2A1-7)	8728	3	6206
M-60	31185	3	6210

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~SECTION VI. COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

A. General. During the month of July, the Communications Platoon, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, in addition to normal operations, was primarily engaged in improving the communications and electrical power facilities within the newly established Battalion Command Post located vicinity coordinates BT 069714. Appreciable progress has been made; however, some improvement in external wire communications remains to be accomplished. Concurrently, a one-week course in Field Radio Communications was conducted in an effort to better train infantrymen in voice radio procedures and radio maintenance so as to improve radio communications and reliability between companies/platoons and patrols. This is a continuing program and classes are scheduled at frequent intervals.

B. Equipment

1. On 31 July 1966, all T/E communications equipment was on hand or on order.

2. The Battalion utilized an average of thirty-five AN/PRC-10s, fifteen AN/PRC-6s, six AN/PRC-25s, one AN/PRC-47, and one AN/PRC-41 daily during the month of July. There was an average of five AN/PRC-10s and four AN/PRC-6s deadlined daily over this same period.

3. During July, the Communications Platoon wire section installed a total of forty-five miles of wire within the Battalion tactical area of responsibility (TAOR). There were a total of nine TA-1 (telephones), two TA-312 (telephones), two EE-8 (telephones), two TS-10 (telephones), eleven TA-222 (SB-22 Line Packs) and one SB-22 (Switchboard) deadlined during July.

4. Combat Essential Equipment Deadlined as of 31 July 1966

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ECHOLON</u>
AN/PRC-10	3	3
AN/PRC-10	1	5 (Code X)
AN/PRC-6	3	3
PF-388	1	3
AN/TGC-14A	1	3

5. Wire Installed during July

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
Telephone Cable, WD-1/TT	45 Miles
Electrical Line, #14 RCMEX	900 Feet

C. Message Traffic

<u>1. Administrative</u>	<u>CLASSIFIED</u>	<u>UNCLASSIFIED</u>
Incoming	400	280
Outgoing	41	19
<u>2. Combat Operations</u>		
Incoming		423
Outgoing		217

D. Personnel Status

1. On 31 July 1966, the communications personnel assigned to this Battalion numbered one officer and ninety-one enlisted.

2. Capitulation of Personnel Changes during July

<u>MOS</u>	<u>TRANSFERRED</u>	<u>JOINED</u>
2511	2	3
2529		1
2531		11
2533		1
2539	1	
0311	1	2
2822		1
TOTAL	<u>4</u>	<u>19</u>

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E. Operations/Training

1. Training. From 4 to 8 July, a communications course was presented to train company radio operators. A total of thirteen radio operators successfully completed the course.

2. Operations. The internal wire system at the Battalion Command Post was 100% completed during July. External lines to senior, subordinate, and adjacent units is twenty-five percent completed as of 31 July 1966. The wire section is currently engaged in improving and rerouting the established wire system.

F. Combat Operations. The Communications Platoon was not deployed in support of any combat operations during the month of July.



SECTION VII. FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION

A. Artillery

1. General. During the month of July, artillery support for 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines was limited as the Battalion was not involved in any major operations; however, due to the expansion of the tactical area and the new moon phase, harassing and interdiction fires were increased to limit and impede enemy movement along suspected supply routes and avenues of approach into fixed installations.

2. Significant Events. At 232005H, an artillery forward observer (FO) from 1st Battalion, 11th Marines located in 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines observation post (coordinates BT 068705) observed mortar flashes vicinity BT 053718, which proved to be Viet Cong mortars delivering fires in the MAG-16 Air Facility. The FO immediately called a fire mission on the VC position. Battery C, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines and Battery L, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines delivered fire as follows:

105mm High Explosive Shells	72
105mm White Phosphorous	22
105mm Illumination	40
155mm High Explosive	11

A subsequent search of the area revealed that the Viet Cong mortar position was adequately covered with one 155mm round impacting within two meters, two 155mm rounds impacting within twenty meters, and two 105mm rounds impacting within eight feet of the Viet Cong position.

3. Statistical Summary

a. Number of Missions Fired in Support 161

b. Type of Missions

(1) Unobserved Missions

Harassing and Interdiction 156

(2) Observed Missions

Registrations	4
Target of Opportunity	1

c. Weapons and Ammunition Expended

	<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>ILLUM</u>	<u>HC SMOKE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
105mm Howitzer	472	22	164	28	686
155mm Howitzer	11	0	0	0	11
	<u>483</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>164</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>697</u>

B. Naval Gunfire. Naval gunfire was not utilized by 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines during the month of July. The Battalion did not participate in any major operations nor did the Battalion encounter any targets appropriate for naval gunfire within its assigned tactical area of responsibility (TAOR).

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SECTION VIII. AIR SUPPORT-DEFENSEA. Air Support

1. During the month of July, the air support requirements of 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines consisted primarily of helicopter resupply, medical evacuations, and reconnaissance missions. No close air support was requested or employed as the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines did not engage any target significant enough as to warrant a request for close air support. During this period, however, flare ships and observation aircraft were used to support operations within the Battalion tactical area of responsibility (TAOR).

2. Air Support Requesta. Helicopter(1) Resupply

Mission Requests	8
Missions Completed	6

(2) Evacuation

Mission Requests	24
Missions Completed	24

(3) Logistics Lift

Mission Requests	0
Missions Completed	0

(4) Tactical(a) Reconnaissance

Mission Requests	5
Missions Completed	5

(b) Troop Lift

Mission Requests	1
Missions Completed	1

(c) Gunships

Mission Requests	1
Missions Completed	0

(d) Helicopter Escort

Mission Requests	0
Missions Completed	0

b. Fixed Wing Logistical Air Support(1) Tactical Air Lift

Mission Requests	0
Missions Completed	0

(2) Logistical Air Lift

Mission Requests	0
Missions Completed	0

(3) Flare Ships

Mission Requests	1
Missions Completed	1

c. Fixed Wing Tactical Air Support(1) Air Strikes

Mission Requests	0
Missions Completed	0

(2) Observation

Mission Requests	1
Missions Completed	1

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

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SECTION IX. MEDICAL/DENTAL

A. Patient Load

1. During the month of July, a total of 713 patients were treated at daily sick call for an average of twenty-two patients per day.

2. Twenty patients were admitted at the Battalion Aid Station (BAS) during the month with an average daily census of four in-patients.

B. Medical Civic Action Program (MEDCAP). A three-man MEDCAP team was sent to Regimental Command Post (AT 992676) to conduct MEDCAP operations in that vicinity. In addition, company corpsmen continued to conduct sick call in hamlets within their company areas of responsibility as field operations permitted. Elements of BAS participated in three combined USMC/RF/ARVN County Fair operations. During the month, a total of 5,949 Vietnamese civilians were treated under the MEDCAP program.

C. Sanitation. Sanitation was a major problem upon moving into the new Command Post. Both the messhall and the heads and urinals required extensive repairs and refurbishing. The situation was rectified and, at present, both the messhall and heads are in a good sanitary conditions.

D. Personnel. On 1 July, there were two Medical Officers and forty-nine hospital corpsmen aboard for duty. Five corpsmen were transferred out of the Battalion during the month and six corpsmen reported aboard for duty. Total personnel on board at close of month: two Medical Officers and fifty hospital corpsmen. One hospital corpsman is on the sick list, leaving forty-nine hospital corpsmen present for duty. Daily sick call for an average of twenty-two patients per day.

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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. Activities were conducted throughout the entire Battalion tactical area of responsibility (TAOR) and included the villages Hoa Chou (BT 0068), Hoa Thai (AT 9869), Hoa Da (BT 0369) and portions of Hoa Phuoc (BT 0166) and Hoi Loi (AT 9765).

B. Significant Events

1. Medical and Dental. During July, MEDCAP teams treated a total of 5,949 Vietnamese villagers, eighteen of those treated were dental patients.

2. Self-Help. On 2 and 3 July, the Battalion provided two trucks to haul sand and fill to the site of the foot bridge being built by the villagers of Hoa Thai Village (AT 9869).

3. USAID. USAID supplies distributed by 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines included seventy-five bags of cement. Twenty-five were distributed to the village school at Hoa Chou (AT 0068) which was used to repair the roof and interior walls, twenty-five bags were distributed to the hamlet of Dong Son (3) to build blocks for the hamlet school, and twenty-five bags were given to the village of Hoa Chou to build two foot bridges in Dong Son (2). In addition to the cement, fifty sheets of tin roofing were distributed to Hoa Chou Village for the An Trach (BT 9666) hamlet dispensary.

4. County Fair Operations

a. On 4 July, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines held a County Fair operation in La Bong (2) and (3), vicinity AT 963677 and AT 968668. During the conduct of the operation, the MEDCAP team treated twenty villagers. In addition, 150 pounds of rice and one case of meat product were utilized to prepare the noon meal which was fed to the inhabitants of the hamlets.

b. On 8 July, a County Fair operation was held at Cam Ne (3), vicinity AT 967684. The MEDCAP team treated 210 villagers. 375 pounds of rice and three cases of meat product were used to prepare one meal for 275 inhabitants.

c. On 18 July, a County Fair operation was conducted in Man Quan (1), vicinity BT 035686. During the two-day operation, MEDCAP treated 318 villagers. A total of 600 pounds of rice, eight cases of meat product, and 100 gallons of soup were utilized to prepare four meals for the inhabitants.

SECTION XI. PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE ACTIVITIES

A. General. Psychological warfare operations conducted during the month of July were developed in conjunction with and complemented the civic action program within the Battalion tactical area of responsibility (TAOR).

B. Significant Events

1. On 4 July, Psychological Warfare Team, Hoa Vang District, supported a County Fair operation within the hamlets of La Bong (2) and La Bong (3), vicinity coordinates AT 963677 and AT 968668. The target area contained relatively few inhabitants and the operation terminated within five hours of its commencement. This, as a matter of course, precluded any extensive psychological orientation program.

2. On 8 July, a County Fair operation was conducted in the hamlet of Cam Ne (3), vicinity coordinates AT 967684. The Psychological Warfare Team, Hoa Vang District, presented a series of indoctrination lectures on the mission of U. S. troops in Vietnam, the hopelessness of the VC terror campaign, and the necessity of civilian cooperation with local Government officials in order to eradicate Viet Cong terrorists. The presentation was well received.

3. On 11 July, 242,000 leaflets were dropped throughout the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines TAOR. These leaflets explained that Marines are in the villages to help the Vietnamese people, that the Marines seek the cooperation of the Vietnamese, that the Vietnamese benefit when they comply with existing regulations including the following: to obey the curfew and not to run from the Marines; not to harbor Viet Cong in their villages because, in so doing, they jeopardize their lives and personal property. In addition to the aforementioned leaflet drop, other leaflets were distributed to the civilian populace offering rewards for information leading to Viet Cong mines and booby traps.

4. On 18 July, a detachment of 244th Psychological Warfare Company, supported the County Fair operation conducted in the hamlet of Man Quan (1), vicinity coordinates BT 035686. At the commencement of the operation, a brief speech was broadcast to the inhabitants explaining the nature of the USMC/ARVN operations in Vietnam, emphasizing that once the Viet Cong are defeated, the Marines will leave and civilian control will return to Vietnam. Civilian cooperation was asked in the efforts to expel the Viet Cong. In addition, a one-half hour Walt Disney film was shown (it was very well received), followed by a half hour news film and a two hour feature entitled "Help of Tomorrow", a story of a Viet Cong defector. The response to both films was indifferent. The program in total, however, was effective and should serve as a substantial basis for future operations.

5. On 23 July, 300,000 leaflets were distributed throughout the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines TAOR. Leaflets' themes sought to gain the cooperation of the Vietnamese inhabitants of the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines TAOR, and emphasized that the inhabitants jeopardize life and property should they run from Marines or harbor Viet Cong in their homes. The leaflets also published the rewards available for captured Viet Cong weapons and/or information on mines and booby traps.

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FRAG ORDER 25-66 (COUNTY FAIR #2)

Ref: (a) 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines Frag Order 23-66  
 (b) BLT 3/1 Operation Order 324-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization

3rd Bn, 1st Mar

LtCol WALKER

Company L (Rein)

Capt OROURKE

Co L

3rd Sec, 81mm Mortar Plt

FO Tm, Btry C, 1st Bn, 11th Mar

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. See current INTBORG.

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) District Headquarters of Hoa Vang District provides interrogator teams, psychological warfare teams, and civilian officials to conduct census and registration of inhabitants of hamlets in which County Fair is conducted.
- (2) 1st Battalion, 51st Regiment provides forces for the control of inhabitants of hamlets during the conduct of the County Fair; conducts systematic and detailed search of the designated hamlets for VC personnel, facilities, and equipment; provides protection for Government of Vietnam officials and required security for apprehended VCS and VCC.
- (3) 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines provide one rifle platoon with mission of establishing blocking positions on west bank of Song Yen river.

2. MISSION. 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, conducts a County Fair operation in the Hamlets of La Bong (2) and La Bong (3) (coordinates AT 963677 and AT 968668).

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3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations

- (1) 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, in coordination and cooperation with Government of Vietnam Officials, will conduct County Fair on 4 July 1966.
- (2) 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, will accomplish its mission by employing one rifle company (-) (reinforced), in such a manner as to preclude the undetected egress or entrance of indigenous personnel within the hamlets wherein the County Fair is being conducted.

b. Company L

- (1) Isolate and prevent egress and entrance of indigenous personnel within the Hamlets of La Bong (2) and La Bong (3) (coordinates AT 963677 and AT968668), prior to and during the conduct of County Fair.
- (2) Coordinate and cooperate with local Government of Vietnam officials, as required, in order to accomplish assigned mission.
- (3) Coordinate and control the administering of messing facilities and MEDCAP program.
- (4) Establish shelters for the inhabitants of target hamlets during the conduct of County Fair, as required.

c. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) D-Day. 4 July 1966.
- (2) H-Hour. 0600.
- (3) See reference (a) for rules of engagement pertinent to County Fair operations.
- (4) All USMC personnel are to be cautioned to exercise care in dealing with unarmed civilians in light of pacification atmosphere of this type of operation.
- (5) Required liaison will be effected by 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, the District Headquarters, and Commanding Officer, 59th RF Battalion, prior to conduct of County Fair.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Logistics

- (1) Each man will carry three MCI and one box of trioxane fuel.
- (2) Two canteens of water plus a bottle of water purification tablets will be carried by each individual.
- (3) A unit of fire will be carried by each individual.

b. Administration. Reports will be in accordance with reference (b).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

- a. Company Commander, Company L, has operational control of all USMC tactical elements.
- b. Government of Vietnam officials have operational control of all Vietnamese forces.
- c. Radio communications will be in accordance with 3rd Marine Division CCI and Battalion Order P02000.1G.

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FRAG ORDER 27-66 (COUNTY FAIR 1-4)

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(b) HLT 3/1 Operation Order 324-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization

3rd Bn, 1st Mar

LtCol WALKER

Company L (Rein)

Capt OBOURKE

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3rd Sec, 81mm Mortar Plt  
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1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. See current INTSMS.

b. Friendly Forces

(1) District Headquarters of Hoa Vang District provides inter-  
gater teams, psychological warfare teams, and civilian of-  
ficials to conduct census and registration of inhabitants of  
hamlet in which County Fair is conducted.

(2) 592 Company, 59th Regional Forces Battalion, provides forces  
for the control of inhabitants during the conduct of the  
County Fair; conducts systematic and detailed search of the  
designated hamlet for VC personnel, facilities, and equip-  
ment; provides protection for Government of Vietnam officials  
and required security for apprehended VCS and VCC.

2. MISSION. 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, conducts a County Fair operation  
in the hamlet of Cam Ne (3), coordinates AF 967683.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations

(1) 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines in coordination and cooperation

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with Government of Vietnam Officials, will conduct County Fair on 8 July 1966.

- (2) 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines will accomplish its mission by employing one rifle company (\*) (reinforced), in such a manner as to preclude the undetected egress or entrance of indigenous personnel within the hamlets wherein the County Fair is being conducted.

b. Company I.

- (1) Isolate and prevent egress and entrance of indigenous personnel within the Hamlet Cam Ne (3) (coordinates AT 967683), prior to and during the conduct of County Fair.
- (2) Coordinate and cooperate with local Government of Vietnam officials, as required, in order to accomplish assigned mission.
- (3) Coordinate and control the administering of messing facilities and MEDCAP program.
- (4) Establish shelters for the inhabitants of target hamlet during the conduct of County Fair, as required.

c. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) D-Day. 8 July 1966.
- (2) H-Hour. 0530
- (3) See reference (a) for rules of engagement pertinent to County Fair operations.
- (4) All USMC personnel are to be cautioned to exercise care in dealing with unarmed civilians in light of pacification atmosphere of this type of operation.
- (5) Required liaison will be effected by 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, the District Headquarters, and Commanding Officer, 59th RF Battalion prior to conduct of County Fair.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Logistics

- (1) Each man will carry three MCI and one box of trioxane fuel.
- (2) Two canteens of water plus a bottle of water purification tablets will be carried by each individual.
- (3) A unit of fire will be carried by each individual.

b. Administration. Reports will be in accordance with reference (b).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

- a. Company Commander, Company L, has operational control of all USMC tactical elements.
- b. Government of Vietnam officials have operational control of all Vietnamese forces.
- c. Radio communications will be in accordance with 3rd Marine Division COM and Battalion Order F02000.IG.

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 (b) BLT 3/1 Operation Order 324-66  
 (c) 3rd Marine Division Order PO2000.1G

Task Organization

3rd Bn, 1st Mar

LtCol WALKER

Company M (-)

Capt ST. CLAIR

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4th Sec, 81mm Mortar Plt

FO Tm, Btry C, 1st Bn, 11th Mar

2nd Plt (Rein), Company L

2ndLt EAGAN

1. SITUATION

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a. Enemy Forces. See current INTSIMS.

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) District Headquarters of Hoa Vang District provides interrogation teams, psychological warfare teams, and civilian officials to conduct census and registration of inhabitants of hamlet in which County Fair is conducted.
- (2) 4th Battalion, 51st ARVN Regiment provides forces for the control of inhabitants during the conduct of the County Fair; conducts systematic and detailed search of the designated hamlet for VC personnel, facilities, and equipment; provides protection for Government of Vietnam officials and required security for apprehended VCS and VCC.
- (3) 4th Platoon, Company A, 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion provides five AmTracs to transport elements of 4th Battalion, 51st ARVN Regiment from splash point (vicinity BT 033684) to objective area (BT 034684) following which AmTracs will be used to support 2nd Platoon, Company L in establishing designated blocking positions from BT 031680 to BT 034693.

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- (4) 3rd Platoon (-), Company C, 3rd Tank Battalion provides heavy section in support of Company M to isolate and prevent egress or entrance of indigenous personnel and/or VC within the hamlet of Man Quan (1).
- (5) 1st Platoon, Company A (-), 1st Anti-Tank Battalion provides light section in support of Company M to isolate and prevent egress or entrance of indigenous personnel and/or VC within the hamlet of Man Quan (1).
- (6) Detachment, 24th Psychological Warfare Company provides psychological warfare program consisting of propaganda films, newsreels, leaflets, and newspapers.

2. MISSION. 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines conducts a County Fair Operation in the Hamlet of Man Quan (1) (coordinates BT 035686).

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations

- (1) 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, in connection and cooperation with Government of Vietnam officials, will conduct County Fair on 18 - 19 July 1966.
- (2) 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines will accomplish its mission by employing one rifle company (-) (reinforced) and one rifle platoon (reinforced) in such a manner as to preclude the undetected egress or entrance of indigenous personnel within the hamlet wherein the County Fair is being conducted.

b. Company F (-)

- (1) Isolate and prevent egress and entrance of indigenous personnel within the Hamlet of Man Quan (1) (coordinates BT 035686), prior to and during conduct of County Fair.
- (2) Coordinate and cooperate with local Government of Vietnam officials, as required, in order to accomplish assigned mission.
- (3) Coordinate and control the administering of messing facilities and MEDCAP programs.
- (4) Establish shelters for the inhabitants of target hamlet during the conduct of County Fair, as required.

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c. 2nd Platoon, Company L

- (1) Establish blocking position on west bank of Vinh Dien River from coordinates BT 032682 north to coordinates BT 033694. Prevent egress of inhabitants from Man Quan (1). Stop all water traffic attempting to traverse that section of river where blocking force is established.
- (2) Deliver all persons apprehended in area to collection point to be established in Man Quan (1).
- (3) Coordinate and control the embarkation and movement of personnel by LVT from west bank of Vinh Dien River to objective area (coordinates BT 034684).

d. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) D-Day. 18 July 1966.
- (2) H-Hour. 0500H.
- (3) See reference (a) for rules of engagement pertinent to County Fair operations.
- (4) All USMC personnel are to be cautioned to exercise care in dealing with unarmed civilians in light of pacification atmosphere of this type of operation.
- (5) Required liaison will be effected by 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, the District Headquarters, and Commanding Officer, 4th Battalion, 51st ARVN Regiment prior to conduct of County Fair.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICSa. Logistics. Commanding Officers will ensure that each man carries the following:

- (1) A unit of heat and sufficient rations for two days.
- (2) Two canteens of water plus a bottle of water purification tablets.

b. Administration. Reports will be in accordance with reference (b).5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

## a. Government of Vietnam officials exercise operational control of all Vietnamese forces.

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- b. Radio communications will be in accordance with reference (c).
- c. 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines Command Post will be established at coordinates BT 070673 unless otherwise designated.

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