

HEADQUARTERS  
3d Battalion, 1st Marines  
3d Marine Amphibious Brigade  
APO San Francisco 96602

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9 May 1971

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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)  
Via: Commanding Officer, 1st Marine Regiment  
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Encl: (1) 3d Battalion, 1st Marines Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), (c), and (d), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATADESIGNATION

1. 3d Battalion, 1st Marines (1-9) May

COMMANDER

LtCol. M. A. MOORE

SUBORDINATE UNITS

(a) H&amp;S Company (1-9) May

Capt. J. R. WILLIAMS

(b) Company India (1-9) May

Capt. E. J. EASTON, Jr.

(c) Company Kilo (1-9) May

Capt. W. E. HARVEY

(d) Company Lima (1-9) May

Capt. C. T. BEST

(e) Company Mike (1-9) May

Capt. M. O. FLETCHER

2. LOCATION

(a) Quang Nam Province, RVN (1-9) May 1971

3. KEY BILLETS

(a) Executive Officer (1-9) May

Major N. H. SMITH

(b) Adjutant (1-9) May

1stLt. K. J. MCCANN

(c) S-2 (1-9) May

GySgt D. L. LOHMEIER

(d) S-3 (1-9) May

Major G. R. FRANK, Jr.

(e) S-3A (1-9) May

1stLt. J. J. LANGDON

(f) S-4 (1-9) May

Capt. J. C. SHORT, JR.

(g) S-4A (1-9) May

1stLt. W. K. JONES

(h) ALO (1-9) May

Capt. T. R. EDMUNDS

(i) FAC (1-9) May

Capt. T. R. EDMUNDS

(j) ArtyO (1-9) May

1stLt. J. E. GLANCY

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(k) CommO	(1-9) May	1stLt. M. P. RANK
(l) SupplyO	(1-9) May	1stLt. G. C. ARMISTEAD
(m) MTO	(1-9) May	1stLt. J. W. CUMMINGS
(n) S-5	(1-9) May	1stLt. E. A. HOLCOMB
(o) Battalion Chaplain	(1-9) May	ICDR M. L. EYLER
(p) Battalion Surgeon	(1-9) May	Lt. W. S. THOM

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
	<u>OFF</u> <u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u> <u>ENL</u>
H&S Company	19 327	2 53
Company India	5 182	
Company Kilo	5 185	
Company Lima	5 191	
Company Mike	6 200	
Battalion Average	40 1085	2 53

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SECTION A  
PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

1. PERSONNEL

## a. Average Monthly Strength

<u>UNIT</u>
3d Battalion, 1st Marines

<u>USMC</u>
<u>OFF</u> <u>ENL</u>
40 1085

<u>USN</u>
<u>OFF</u> <u>ENL</u>
2 53

## b. Casualties

<u>KIA</u>	<u>BATTLE</u>	<u>MIA</u>
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

<u>SERIOUS</u>	<u>NON-BATTLE</u>	<u>DEATH</u>
<u>0</u>	<u>MINOR</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	

## c. Replacements received

<u>USMC</u>
<u>OFF</u> <u>ENL</u>
0 0

<u>USN</u>
<u>OFF</u> <u>ENL</u>
0 0

## d. Rotation during month

<u>USMC</u>
<u>OFF</u> <u>ENL</u>
0 0

<u>USN</u>
<u>OFF</u> <u>ENL</u>
0 0

## e. Personnel Summary

(1) At the close of the reporting period the personnel strength was as follows: 40 Marine Corps Officers, 1085 Marine Corps Enlisted, two Navy Officers, and 53 Navy Enlisted.

(2) There were no Marine Corps Officer promotions.

(3) There were no Marine Corps Enlisted promotions.

(4) Awards recommended during the reporting period consisted of: One Bronze Star Medal, three Navy Commendation Medals, and eight Navy Achievement Medals.

(5) There were no awards delivered during the reporting period.

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NJP	4
SCM (COMPLETED)	1
SCM (PENDING)	1
SPCM (COMPLETED)	0
SPCM (PENDING)	6
GCM (COMPLETED)	0
GCM (PENDING)	1
INVESTIGATIONS (COMPLETED)	10
INVESTIGATIONS (PENDING)	0

3. CHAPLAIN SUPPORT

a. Chaplain attached: LCDR M. L. EYLER

b. Divine Services conducted by the Battalion Chaplain.

- (1) Sunday Services: (a) Number held - 2  
(b) Number attended - 45

c. Pastoral Activities:

- (1) American Red Cross messages handled - 1  
(2) Personal counseling cases - 15  
(3) Hospital Visits - 12 persons

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SECTION B  
INTELLIGENCE

A. Due to the cessation of Combat Operations by 3/1 units on 1 May 1971, there were no intelligence activities for the period 1-9 May. Indications of enemy situation, capabilities, and probable courses of action remain unchanged.

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A. On 1 May 1971, Companies I, K, and M were transported from their respective AO's to Camp 14 to begin preparation for the Battalion's redeployment. Operational control of Company L was transferred from 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines back to 3d Battalion, 1st Marines on 1 May 1971 and Company L returned to Camp 14 for standdown. Company K manned positions along the Battalion and Regimental ridgelines until 7 May.

B. AIR SUPPORT

FIXED WING

Due to the fact that 3d Battalion, 1st Marines began standdown 1 May, there was negative fixed wing support during the reporting period.

ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT

On 1 May, Rotary Wing Aircraft lifted a total of eight platoons (350 men) from Companies I, K, L, and M to Camp 14 to prepare for redeployment.

C. ARTILLERY

For the period 1 May to 9 May 1971, Battery "C"(Rein), 1st Battalion, 11th Marines commenced standdown activities corresponding with 3d Battalion, 1st Marines. Battery "C"(Rein), continued to provide support to the TAOR with two towed 155mm Howitzers until 7 May 1971.

The Artillery Liaison Section commenced standdown on 1 May 1971 with the closing of the Fire Support Coordination Center.

All Forward Observer teams returned to Battery "C" when the companies of 3d Battalion, 1st Marines stood down on 1 May 1971.

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TRAINING

1. All Battalion Training for the period 1 May to 9 May 1971, was terminated in order to prepare for redeployment to Camp Pendleton, California.

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LOGISTICS1. ENGINEER ASSISTANCE AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION

a. During the period, preparations were made for engineer dismantlement of the cantonment. All sandbags on non-essential buildings and bunkers were removed and destroyed, home-made and expedient furniture was given to the S-5 for distribution, or destroyed. Water pipes and electrical wiring were left intact.

2. SUPPLY

a. Although the Battalion officially stood down on 1 May, Company K remained operational until 7 May for security functions and required continued supply support. Routine resupply items were stocked and staged, and the final resupply delivery was made on 4 May. Supply assistance was received from 2d Battalion, 1st Marines.

3. MAINTENANCE

a. The only tactical equipment repair orders submitted were for limited technical inspections to assign material codes for excess property not authorized at Camp Pendleton. 570 individual items were processed in anticipation of redistribution instructions.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS/CIVIC ACTIONS

1. PUBLIC WORKS. Nothing to report.
2. WELFARE. Nothing to report.
3. EDUCATION. Nothing to report.
4. HEALTH. Nothing to report.
5. AGRICULTURE. Nothing to report.
6. PSYOPS. Nothing to report.
7. SOCIAL. Nothing to report.

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SECTION G  
MEDICAL/DENTAL AFFAIRSA. PERSONNEL

1. On 9 May 1971, the total strength was one Medical Officer, one Chaplain, and 53 corpsmen. During this period there were no personnel transferred to other commands for duty and/or separation.

B. PATIENT LOAD

1. For this period 215 patients were seen at the Battalion Aid Station for an average of 22 patients per day.

2. There were two diagnosed cases with V.D., five with diarrhea, two with Fever of Unknown Origin, one with skin disorder.

C. MEDCAP/DENTCAP

1. There were no MedCaps and DentCaps held during the period 1-9 May.

D. SANITATION

1. Weekly sanitation inspections were continued throughout the Battalion and outlying areas during the period 1-9 May. The Battalion and outlying areas were found to be in overall satisfactory condition.

E. IMMUNIZATIONS

1. 50

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Due to redeployment and transfers, the platoon strength dwindled to one Officer and 70 enlisted Marines. However, virtually all of these are again under the direct cognizance of the Communications Officer, as the liaison teams and company and platoon radiomen have returned from the units to which they had been attached.

B. EQUIPMENT

All equipment which had been evacuated to FLC/FSR has been recovered.

C. OPERATIONS/TRAINING

The platoon continued skeletal support of the battalion which was confined to minimal landline communications, courier message service to and from III MAB and logistical support of the Battalion's perimeter defense force.

Formal training has been postponed in deference to the requirements and preparation for redeployment.

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- 01 May 1971 - 0330H. First Platoon Alpha, Company Kilo at AT880817. While set in ambush First Platoon Alpha, Company Kilo heard movement several times during the night, starting at 2200H. At 0330H, movement was heard 50 meters north of ambush site. Unit opened up with small arms and M-26 frags. Negative return fire received. Patrol swept area at first light and found drag marks.
- 01 May 1971 - 1200H. Third Battalion, First Marines commenced standdown from combat operations.
- 02-09 May 1971 - 0001H. Negative Contact.

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