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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
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(2) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific  
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1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.

  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

Headquarters Battalion,  
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF

LtCol T. J. JOHNSTON, JR.

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company

Capt R. A. FREDRICKSEN

Service Company

Capt E. L. FOX

Communications Company

Maj P. C. WALKER

Military Police Company

Maj J. H. OLDS

3d Dental Company

Capt L. H. CORDONIER (USN)

Sub Unit #2

Capt R. L. STEWART

Sub Unit #4

Maj H. S. DENNIS

2. LOCATION

1 - 31 January 1967: Phu Bai, RVN (Less Service Company, Da Nang, RVN; 3d Dental Company, Da Nang, RVN; Sub Unit #2, Dong Ha, RVN.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Maj D. L. YOUNG

S-1/Adjutant

2ndLt J. B. SHAUGHNESSY

Assistant Adjutant

2ndLt T. P. GRAHAM

S-3/S-4

Capt W. A. BYRNE

Motor Transport

WO-1 J. W. BURKE  
(1-20 Jan 1967)  
1stLt B. D. MORIARTY  
(21-31 Jan 1967)

Supply Officer

1stLt D. J. FARLEY

Assistant Supply Officer

WO-2 J. J. WIESE

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Surgeon

Lt L. J. JOHNSON (USNR)

Chaplain

Cmdr M. D. SEIDERS  
(1-11 Jan 1967)  
LCmdr R. K. DWYER  
(12-31 Jan 1967)

## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During January 1967, Headquarters Battalion had elements in Phu Bai, Da Nang, Dong Ha, and Khe Sanh. The composition of these elements did not change significantly from those that existed the month before. The Photographic Section and the Reproduction Section, however, were moved from the Da Nang area to the Phu Bai area during the week of 23-30 January.
2. The month of January, however, was marked by the planning phases of the activation of Sub Unit #5. This Sub Unit is to be activated on 1 February 1967. This unit, to be composed of six officers, 128 marine enlisted, and three Navy enlisted, will be organized to support the Senior Officer Present, 3d Marine Division/III Marine Amphibious Force Representative, Khe Sanh. It will be composed of headquarters and service elements, a Security Platoon, and three Combined Action Platoons.
3. Combat missions for the month of January remained identical to those during the month of December. Combined Action Companies "A" and "H" remained under the operational control of the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines. A platoon of Headquarters Battalion, also under the operational control of the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines, manned a portion of the Phu Bai Vital Area defense perimeter.
4. No major operations were conducted during the month of January. The Combined Action Units, however, conducted 282 daylight patrols and 292 night patrols/ambushes. The Combined Action Units made nine contacts.
5. Combined Action Units killed seven Viet Cong confirmed.
6. During the early morning hours of 20 January 1967, Headquarters Battalion elements received approximately 20 rounds of enemy incoming mortar fire. Thirteen members of the Battalion were wounded in this action.
7. Training for the Combined Action Program continued with 69 personnel trained during the month of January. Primarily, the graduates of these training programs are to be assigned to the Combined Action Platoons to be activated in the Khe Sanh area although a small number were assigned as replacements in the existent Combined Action Platoons.
8. During the month of January, Headquarters Battalion's MEDCAP treated 4125 Vietnamese in the Huong Tuy and the Phu Loc Districts. Third Dental Company's Dental Civilian Affairs Program treated 3324 patients throughout the 3d Marine Division's areas of responsibility. At the end of January, Headquarters Battalion was employing 31 local national civilians.

## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel. None.
2. Administration. None.
3. Intelligence. None.
4. Training

a. Individual

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Sanitation and Hygiene	3½	158
First Aid	3	120
Mine Warfare	3	194
Viet Cong Organization and Operations against Guerrillas	2	163
Map Reading	5	148
Conduct of Ambushes	3½	219
Scouting and Patrolling	3½	235
Leadership	3	116
Physical Conditioning	16	228
Use of Compass	1	22
Voice Radio Procedure	4	52
Code of Conduct	3	53
Troop Orientation	2½	157
Refresher Orientation	4	140

b. Unit Tactical Training

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Map Reading	1	75
Conduct of Ambushes	2	75
Scouting and Patrolling	1½	154
Immediate Action Drills	4½	72
Combat Formation and Signals	3	72

c. Technical Training

<u>Subjects</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Motor Transport Vehicle Maintenance	2	52
Military Police Functions	2½	38
Communications Equipment	47	103

d. Schools Attended

<u>School</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
MACV/USAID/JUSPAO Advisors Orientation Course	Saigon	2
NCO Leadership	Okinawa	1
Vietnamese Language	Okinawa	1
Vietnamese Language	III MAF	1

e. Weapons Firing

<u>Weapon</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Number Fired</u>
MG, Cal. 50	Dong Ha	13
Rifle, M-14	Hoa Cam	46
LMG, M60	Hoa Cam	46
Pistol Cal. 45	Hoa Cam	46
MG Cal. 50	Hoa Cam	25

5. Special Operations. None.6. Command Relations. None.7. Equipment. None.

8. Logistics. The present lack of an adequate quantity of vehicles available for assignment to the Combined Action Company creates an undesirable situation where a CAC Commander cannot inspect the CAC Platoons as frequently as is considered necessary for adequate supervision.

9. Community Relations

a. The 3d Dental Company's Dental Civil Affairs Program included the rendering of emergency dental treatment in the following villages in RVN:

BIC BAC	HOA AN
HOA NINH	NAM O
LONG VEI	KHE SANH
LOC BANG	TRUNG PLUOC
XUAM DIEM	HOA THAD LE-AN DONG-BE
LAN TUT	PHUOC NGHIA
NAM-O ISLAND	CHAV SON
NGHI NAM	NAI HIEN HONG
THAN SON	TRUONG TIEU HOC

plus the following places in the Da Nang and Phu Bai areas:

TRUNG TIEN HOC CUON SCHOOL	USAID HOSPITAL
HOA PHAT PRIMARY SCHOOL	BINH KHUE CAM PRIMARY SCHOOL
HOA KANH HOSPITAL	HO PHAT PRIMARY SCHOOL
AN-HAI SCHOOL	NHAT'LE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
PHUOC THAN REFUGEE CAMP AND SCHOOL	HONG HOA DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS
	CATHOLIC ORPHANAGE, HUE

b. Treatment rendered during the month of January 1967 was as follows:

Examinations	1705
Temporary Fillings	3
Root Residual Removal	279
Extractions	1211
Debridement	3
Scaling	23
Fracture, Maxillary, Reduced	1
Oral Hygiene Instruction	3
Post Operative Treatment	6
Miscellaneous Treatment	90
Total Procedures:	3324

10. Communications

a. One AN/MRC-62 Radio Relay Van and a team consisting of two operators and one technician from the Khe Sanh area were attached to BLT 1/3 for rotation support.

b. A radio relay link was established from Phu Bai to the PK-17 area utilizing the AN/TRC-27B radio relay equipment. This shot will provide four channels of communication to PK-17 and four channels to the Hue area for the 3d Marine Division Command Post.

c. The capability of an encrypted voiced circuit utilizing the RT-524 and KY-8 equipment was established between the 3d Marine Division COC and the COMUSMACV compound in Hue.

d. The Communications Center processed a total of 31,443 messages for the month of January, which is the largest quantity of message traffic that this communications center has ever processed. This total averages out to the handling and processing of more than 1,000 messages per day.

11. Activations/Deactivations/Redesignations. None.