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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
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1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.

  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

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

COMMANDER

LtCol T. J. JOHNSTON, JR.

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company

Capt R. A. FREDRICKSEN  
(1-11Feb67)  
1stLt J. K. TAYLOR  
(12-28Feb67)

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

Sub Unit #5

LtCol J. N. MCGEE

2. LOCATION

1-28 February 1967: Phu Bai, RVN (Less Service Company, Da Nang, RVN; 3d Dental Company, Da Nang, RVN; Sub Unit #2, Dong Ha, RVN; Sub Unit #5, Khe Sanh, RVN.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Maj D. L. YOUNG  
(1-21Feb67)  
LtCol C. R. FIGARD  
(22-28Feb67)

S-1/Adjutant

2ndLt J. B. SHAUGHNESSY  
(1-23Feb67)  
2ndLt W. A. MOORE  
(24-28Feb67)

Personnel Officer

2ndLt T. P. GRAHAM

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S-3/S-4

Motor Transport Officer

Supply Officer

Assistant Supply Officer

Battalion Surgeon

Battalion Chaplain

Capt W. A. BYRNE

1stLt B. D. MORIARTY

1stLt D. J. FARLEY

CWO-2 J. J. WIESE

Lt L. J. JOHNSON (USNR)

LCdr R. "K" DWYER (USNR)  
(1-2Feb67)

LCdr T. J. MCDERMOTT (USNR)  
(7-28Feb67)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
187	1872	40	89

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Headquarters Battalion continues to have elements positioned throughout the 3d Marine Division TAOR. They are as follows:

Phu Bai

Headquarters Company  
 Communications Company  
 Military Police Company  
 Sub Unit #4

Da Nang

Service Company

Dong Ha

Sub Unit #2

Khe Sanh

Sub Unit #5 (Activated 1 Feb 1967)

Strength is six officers and 136 enlisted. Progress has been made in the construction of CAP sites including the construction of bunkers, laying of wire for communications and expanding fields of fire. Concertina and sandbag shortages have limited completion of defensive positions. The integrating of PF's with Marines at the CAP sites is not yet activated since they must be organized and the village chiefs consulted concerning their participation in the activities.

All organizations appear to have the necessary personnel to accomplish their mission and this is monitored closely to replace losses as quickly as they occur. No significant personal or administrative problems were encountered during the period.

2. Commencing 26 February, the Battalion was given the responsibility of manning, on a 24 hour basis, approximately 1200 meters of defensive perimeter. This function utilizes approximately 60 men per day.

3. Good progress is the order of the day in the fully established CAC Platoons in the Phu Bai area of operations. They have obtained the full cooperation of the village chiefs and their populace in the construction and rebuilding of various facilities within their area of responsibility. They have succeeded in giving the villagers a sense of security and freedom of movement. Eleven significant contacts with Viet Cong forces were made during the month and the units involved performed efficiently and effectively. Progress within the CAP's and CAC's included:

a. Construction of 18 pre-fab bunkers at various CAP positions, which brings to 36 the number of bunkers completed to date.

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b. The joining of sufficient personnel to establish four CAP's and one CAC at Cam Lo. These personnel underwent an orientation course prior to assuming their new duties.

c. CAP A-3 was established as a double CAP on 2 February 1967.

d. The initiation of a six day cooking and baking school to provide for better meals and sanitation at each CAP site. One man from each CAP is to attend the course.

e. The procurement of shower heads for shower units at the CAP's. Fifty-five gallon barrels are on order and expected to arrive shortly to complete the installation of showers at all CAP sites.

Future plans and projects underway include:

a. A continuous orientation program for newly joined Marines for the CAC Program which has been instrumental in its success to date.

b. The establishment of a CAP in Loc Dien for which personnel are in training or on station.

c. The establishment of one CAC and four CAP's in the Cam Lo area.

Significant operations conducted during the month include:

a. A total of 306 daylight patrols and 437 night patrols/ambushes were conducted.

b. Seven blocking operations and three security operations were conducted.

c. CAC had a total of 12 personnel wounded in action, six of which were medivaced.

d. CAC killed one Viet Cong (Confirmed) during the period.

4. The Battalion underwent a Commanding General's inspection on 6 February with generally good marks in all areas inspected with the exception of Battalion Motor Transport. A reinspection was conducted later in the month with good results and the attainment of a satisfactory mark. Staff Sections of the Division were reminded, in writing, as to their responsibility for good first echelon maintenance by all drivers, the lack of which contributed to the problem areas found by the inspection. With the execution of new maintenance procedures, the motor transport section should continue to show improvement in reliability and availability.

5. No significant disciplinary problems have materialized during the month.

6. Entertainment for personnel in the Phu Bai/Dong Ha/Khe Sanh areas is extremely limited but appreciated when available. The clubs are under competent management and are well patronized by all ranks.

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7. Exchange Services have been adequate in that necessary items are almost always available when required.

8. Mail service has been generally satisfactory as has the postal money order service. Mail is generally received within five to seven days after it has been mailed in CONUS.

## 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	1	41
First Aid	3	91
Operations Against Guerrillas	2	75
Map Reading	6	130
Combat Intelligence	1	31
Troop Leading Procedures	1	45
Spot Reports	2	33
Preparation of Overlays	1	71
Field Fortifications	2	70
Briefing of RD POM	1	59
Leadership	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	176
Physical Conditioning	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	168
Radio Procedures	3	8
Supply Procedures	4	47
Code of Conduct	2	14
Riot Control	2	40
Troop Orientation	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	70
Refresher Orientation	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	26

b. Unit Tactical Training

<u>Subjects</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Combat Formations and Signals	5	127
Scouting and Patrolling	8	103
Immediate Action Drills	9	188
Conduct of Ambushes	7	144
Squad Tactics	3	73

c. Weapons Training

<u>Subjects</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Grenade Launcher, M-79	1	42
Pistol, Cal .45	2	43
Machinegun, M-60	10	45

d. Weapons Firing

<u>Weapon</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Number Fired</u>
Rifle, M-14	Dong Da	190
Pistol, Cal .45	Dong Da	52
Machinegun, M-60	Dong Da	65

e. Schools Attended

<u>School</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
NUMMS Training	Okinawa	6
NCO Leadership	Okinawa	1
Vietnamese Language	Okinawa	1
Vietnamese Language	III MAF	2
Embarkation	Okinawa	1
Crypto/Comm Security	Yokosuka	1

5. Special Operations. None.

6. Command Relations. Considered to be excellent at all echelons within this Command.

7. Equipment. Adverse weather conditions continue to contribute to difficult maintenance problems. Vehicle parts such as brake linings have a relatively short life span and require frequent replacement and adjustment. With the improvement of the weather, maintenance problems are expected to diminish to a large extent.

8. Logistics. None.

9. Community Relations. Battalion Aid Station treated the following indigenous personnel ailments during this period:

Stomach Ache	333
Headache	513
Diarrhea	115
Upper Respiratory Infection	457
Fever	50
Venereal Disease	1
Injuries	360
Dental Conditions	24
Diseases of the Skin	304
Other	467
<u>TOTAL:</u>	2624

10. Communications

a. The radio relay link between Phu Bai and PK-17 as reported in last month's Chronology has been expanded to provide four channels of communication to the 4th Marines in the Chinook area. This is in addition to four channels of communication provided by AN/MRC-62 equipment between the 3d Marine Division and the 4th Marines.

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b. The encrypted voice circuit reported in last month's Chronology has been relocated at 1st ARVN Division Command Post for use by the Marine Liaison Officer to that unit.

c. The Communications Center processed a total of 30,977 messages for the month of February. This total averages out to the handling and processing of more than 1100 messages per day. This is approaching the maximum capacity of the present facility.

11. Activations/Deactivations/Redesignations

a. On 1 February, 3d CIT was reassigned to the 1st Marine Division and on 2 February, 3d ITT was reassigned to the 1st Marine Division. Both reassignments were authorized by Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific message 310631Z of January 1967.

b. On 1 February, Sub Unit #5 was activated in the Khe Sanh area by the authority of 3d Marine Division letter 7/WMM/wle over 1300 of 22 January 1967.