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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), MAF

COMMANDER

Col T. J. JOHNSTON, Jr.
(1-13Mar67)

LtCol C. R. FIGARD
(14-31Mar67)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company

1stLt J. K. TAYLOR

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. M. MCGEE
(1-12Mar67)

LtCol J. H. REMDER
(13-31Mar67)

2. LOCATION

1-31 March 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

LtCol C. R. FIGARD
(1-13Mar67)

S-1/Adjutant

2ndLt W. A. MOORE

Personnel Officer

2ndLt T. P. GRAHAM

S-3/S-4

Capt W. A. BYRNE

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Motor Transport

1stLt B. D. MORIARTY

Supply Officer

1stLt D. J. FARLEY

Assistant Supply Officer

CWO-2 J. J. WIESE

Surgeon

Lt L. J. JOHNSON (USNR)

Chaplain

LCmdr T. J. McDERMOTT (USNR)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	USN
<u>OFF</u> <u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u> <u>ENL</u>
181 1917	63 74

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Headquarters Battalion continued to have elements position throughout the 3d Marine Division TAOR during the period. They are as follows:

Phu Bai	Headquarters Company Communications Company Military Police Company Sub Unit #4
Da Nang	Service Company 3d Dental Company
Dong Ha	Sub Unit #2
Khe Sanh	Sub Unit #5

2. Unit activities/Events:

a. Two change of command ceremonies were conducted. On 16 March, Colonel T. J. JOHNSON was relieved as Battalion Commander by Lieutenant Colonel C. R. FIGARD, U. S. Marine Corps. On 18 March, Major General Wood B. KYLE was relieved as Commanding General, 3d Marine Division by Major General Bruno A. HOCHMUTH.

b. Efforts are being made to renovate the messhall to include rescreening the exterior, painting the interior and landscaping the grounds to include laying sod. Roads in Cantonment #1 were improved and oiled. The Battalion Supply Section occupied a newly constructed warehouse, thereby eliminating the storage problem experienced by this Battalion since its move to Phu Bai. The construction of the new post exchange building is nearing completion and the exchange is expected to move to its new quarters during April.

c. Weekly meetings between the Battalion Commander, his Staff Section Heads and Company Commanders has revealed no significant problems or problem areas. All Division units and sections were briefed on the move of all company grade officers and all enlisted personnel from Cantonments #1 and #3 to Cantonment #4. Field grade officers will continue to be billeted in Cantonment #1. Service Company, Division Legal, Division Disbursing, Division Clubs and Division Postal were alerted to move from Da Nang to Phu Bai during early April. Working spaces have been set aside in Cantonment #1 for these sections.

c. The Battalion is presently 736 personnel in excess of its authorized enlisted manning level. The majority of these personnel are assigned to the Combined Action Companies, Sub Units #4 and #5. No significant personnel problems have been encountered during this period.

d. The Battalion conducted a meritorious promotion board during the period. Five personnel were meritoriously promoted to Corporal and five personnel to Lance Corporal. The Commanding General promoted one Corporal to meritorious Sergeant

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c. One Awards Ceremony was conducted during the period for presentation of one Bronze Star, three Air Medals and seven Purple Hearts.

f. The Battalion retained its responsibility for manning 1200 meters of the Phu Bai base perimeter during the hours of darkness, utilizing 61 personnel per night. Personnel from all Division sections and companies provide personnel for this function. During daylight hours, the Battalion mans five observation posts for surveillance of 1200 meters of the base perimeter.

g. The Combined Action Companies continued to progress in that they are improving their CAP sites, initiating self help projects within their villages and fulfilling operations commitments. Over 1000 daylight patrols and night patrols/ambushes were conducted during the period. Six PSYOPS movie festivals were conducted. The Cam Lo District Headquarters CAC was activated on 6 March. Two classes completed their one week orientation course during the period and they are on duty with their respective CAP's. Food storage cabinets were provided for each CAP. Plans call for installing showers at each CAP site and they are presently under construction. A request for tropical huts for present and anticipated CAP's has been submitted to the Division Engineers. Various CAP sites were inspected by Major General HOCHMUTH and Major General FALDBORNE. The training conducted by CAC personnel for Popular Forces components included weapons training, patrolling, immediate action drills, hand and arm signals and the preparation of defensive positions.

h. The Battalion suffered the following casualties during the reporting period:

1 enlisted suicide.

1 officer wounded in action.

26 enlisted wounded in action.

i. The 3d Dental Company Clinic was disestablished on 27 March in preparation for its shift from Da Nang to Phu Bai in early April. A Clinic was established at Khe Sanh on 9 March consisting of one dental officer and one dental technician.

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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

(a) Individual

<u>Subjects</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Sanitation and Hygiene	3	112
First Aid	1	12
Map Reading	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	166
Spot Reports	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	144
Preparation of Overlays	3	57
Field Fortifications	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	7
Radio Procedures	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	123
Arm and Hand Signals	4	95
Vietnamese Language	10 $\frac{1}{4}$	150
Leadership	1	5
Physical Conditioning	10	205
Supply Procedures	4	72
Code of Conduct	2	85
Riot Control	1	21
Interior Guard	4	60
MOB Training	1	86
Mines and Booby Traps	3	99
Administration Procedures	4	72
Cooks Training	4	72
Career Advisory	2	56
Range Determination	1	17
Troop Orientation	8	15
Refresher Orientation	1	22

(b) Unit Tactical Training

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Immediate Action Drills	11	99
Patrols Plans and Preparation	3	18
Conduct of Ambushes	5	92

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(c) Weapons Training

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
M-14	1½	60
M-16	32	220
M-79	2	48
M-60	2	48
Rifle and Hand Grenades	1½	53
Shotguns and Riotguns	2	44
Law	1	19
Claymore Mines	1	4
Pistol, .45 Cal	1½	39

(d) Schools Attended

<u>School</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
NCO Leadership	Okinawa	1
MUMS Training	Okinawa	3
Vietnamese Language	Okinawa	1
Vietnamese Language	III MAF	3
Embarkation	Okinawa	2
Fixed Plant Teletype Training	P.I.	2
Generator Contact	EngrBn	29

5. Special Operations. None.

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

7. Equipment. The Battalion experienced generator failure which was caused by overloading the existing circuits. This has been remedied by dividing the circuits and running each circuit with a separate 100 KW generator. Additionally, a continuous electrical survey is being conducted to ensure that wiring is not overloaded in the living quarters and working spaces.

8. Logistics. None.

9. Community Relations. The 3d Dental Company's Dental Civil Affairs program included the rendering of emergency dental treatment in the following villages in Viet Nam.

TRUNG PHUOC
SAO NAM SCHOOL
LO GIANG I
HOA PHAT SCHOOL
SAO HAI SCHOOL
NAM THU II
NANG
HOA THANG
LINH THAI
HOT AN

PHUOC NGHIA
MIEU DONG
DA NANG MISSIONARY
BINH KHE CAM SCHOOL
BIN THAI
GIANG DONG
USAID Hosp
NHAT LE SCHOOL
CAM DAU
QUANT TRI

CON DAU
HIEN DUC
1stMedBn Fld Hosp
TRUNG TIEN
HOA KANH Hosp
HOA VINH
DUC KY
TRUNG HUA
AN HAI
KEH SANH

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10. Communications

a. A total of 40,971 messages were processed by the Communications Center during the month of March for a daily average of 1366 messages. This total represents an increase of 9,994 messages over the total reported for the month of February.

b. The installation of the AN/MTC-1 was completed during March, replacing the SB-86 switchboards as the primary telephone switching facility.

11. Activations/Deactivations/Redesignations. None.