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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
FPO, San Francisco 96602

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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 C. R. FIGARD  
(1-10Apr67)

Col J. R. STOCKMAN  
(14-30Apr67)

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  
(1-25Apr67)  
(Deactivated 25Apr67)

Sub Unit #4

Maj H. S. DENNIS  
(1-12Apr67)  
LtCol S. A. BRUNNEMEYER  
(13-30Apr67)

Sub Unit #5

LtCol J. H. REEDER

2. LOCATION

1-30 April 1967: Phu Bai, Republic of Viet Nam (Less Sub Unit #5,  
Khe Sanh, RVN).

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Maj H. L. WELCH  
(1-10Apr67) (14-30Apr67)

S-1/Adjutant

2ndLt W. A. MOORE

Personnel Officer

2ndLt T. P. GRAHAM  
(1-20Apr67)

S-3/S-4 Officer

Capt W. A. BYRNE

Motor Transport Officer

1stLt B. D. MORIARTY

Supply Officer

1stLt D. J. FARLEY

Assistant Supply Officer

CWO-3 J. J. WIESE

Surgeon

Lt L. J. JOHNSON (USNR)

Chaplain

LCmdr T. J. MCDERMOTT (USNR)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
<u>OFF ENL</u>	<u>OFF ENL</u>
188 2010	40 102

## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Headquarters Battalion continued to have elements positioned throughout the 3d Marine Division TAOR during the period. Two elements moved from Da Nang, RVN to Phu Bai, RVN while Sub Unit #2 was reduced to zero strength on 25 April 1967. Location of elements are as follows:

Phu Bai	Headquarters Company Communications Company Military Police Company Service Company Sub Unit #4 3d Dental Company
Khe Sanh	Sub Unit #5

## 2. Unit Activities/Events

a. Colonel J. R. STOCKMAN, USMC, assumed command of Headquarters Battalion on 14 April 1967. Lieutenant Colonel C. R. FIGARD, USMC, the old Commanding Officer, was detached on 10 April 1967.

b. On 2 April, Cantonment #4 was opened for occupancy and all company grade officers were moved into the area as well as all the enlisted personnel from Headquarters and Service Companies. As buildings were vacated in Cantonment #1, field grade officer living quarters were established and new office spaces were made available for elements moving from Da Nang to Phu Bai on or about 5 April. Work on opening Messhall #4, building bunkers, improving roads and repairing structures continued through the entire month. Work on the Butler building allocated Headquarters Battalion as a supply warehouse continued with the building of shelves and racks to properly store supplies. Another Butler building was allocated to the Battalion and when it is made available, the Motor Transport Section will occupy it.

c. On the 23rd of April the new Post Exchange building was dedicated. It is anticipated that the Enlisted Club will occupy one wing of Messhall #4, beginning on or about 15 May 1967.

d. The Battalion continues to be in excess of manning level. This has stagnated promotion in the grades of Lance Corporal and Corporal to a great extent. Additional promotion quotas have been requested from the Division G-1. The transfer of personnel with six months of duty in the Division Command Post is expected to commence about the first of May in accordance with the Commanding General's new policy on this matter.

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- e. Sub Unit #2 was reduced to zero strength effective 25 April. The Combined Action Company located at Cam Lo was placed under the administrative and operational control of Sub Unit #4. The remaining personnel were reassigned to other Division units or reassigned within Headquarters Battalion.
- f. No significant administrative problems were encountered during the month. The Commandant of the Marine Corps was requested to provide an allowance of publications and directives for each Sub Unit to permit them to be self-sufficient and to operate independently.
- g. The Battalion Commander continued to hold weekly meetings with Staff Section Heads and Company Commanders. These meetings have proved to be informative and will be continued.
- h. Two reaction companies using Battalion personnel were activated during the period. Personnel have been briefed as to their function and responsibilities. Practice alerts have been conducted with good results. A security platoon was assigned to the Headquarters Battalion defense perimeter on the Phu Bai TACR on a permanent duty basis. Bunkers on the defensive line and barrier wire are continually being improved by the security platoon. One enemy contact was made when the perimeter received one enemy fragmentation grenade resulting in one WIA on 28 April 1967.
- i. Significant Combined Action Company operations and progress continue. A total of 402 day light patrols and 491 night patrols/ambushes were conducted during the period. The operations resulted in 13 Viet Cong killed (Confirmed), 18 Viet Cong killed (Probable), one Viet Cong captured and seven weapons captured. Six PsyOps Movie Festivals were held and the CAP's participated in two blocking operations. Personnel and equipment for the establishment of one CAP was prepared and transported to the Cam Lo District. The CAP is to be established in Cua Valley under the operational control of the 3d Marines. M-16 rifles were issued to all CAC personnel. Six M-60 machineguns have been issued with 16 more on order for future distribution. Future plans call for the establishment of five more CAP's in the Cam Lo District and the establishment of an NCO Orientation Class for NCO's assigned to the Combined Action Program.
- j. The Battalion suffered the following casualties during the reporting period:
- 4 officers wounded in action
  - 47 enlisted wounded in action
- k. The 3d Dental Company Clinic completed its move from Da Nang to Phu Bai and resumed operations on 24 April 1967.

## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel. Critical MOS's within the Battalion are 0849 and 2533. These shortages hamper the operational capabilities of the Air Naval Gunfire Platoon and Radio Platoon which are presently operating at 42% and 52% of T/O respectively.
2. Administration. No significant administrative problems have occurred during the period. Manuals and directives were requisitioned from Headquarters Marine Corps for the Headquarters Battalion Sub Units.
3. Intelligence. None.
4. Training

a. Individual

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Sanitation and Hygiene	2½	152
First Aid	4½	183
Map Reading	8	275
Compass	4	147
Radio Procedures	11	145
Mines and Booby Traps	2	98
Range Determination	3	101
Combat Intelligence	3	69
Viet Cong Organization	3	80
Vietnamese Language	8	5
Leadership	8	72
Physical Conditioning	6	212
Code of Conduct	2	69
MOS Training	1	90
Handling of POW's	2	59
Troop Orientation	4	74
Refresher Orientation	5	186

b. Weapons

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
M-14	3	1
M-16	1	3
M-79	4	6
M-60	4	64
Claymore Mine	2	2
Viet Cong Weapons	1½	67
Pistol Cal. .45	2	59
Shotgun and Riotgun	2	58

c. Weapon Firing

<u>Weapon</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Number Fired</u>
M-14	Dong Da	125
M-60	Dong Da	4
M-16	Dong Da	39
Pistol Cal. .45	Dong Da	2
M-26	Dong Da	38

d. Schools Attended

<u>School</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
MACV Advisor Orientation	Saigon	2
Motion Picture Operator	III MAF	6
Embarkation	Okinawa	2
Vietnamese Language	III MAF	1
Vietnamese Language	Okinawa	3
Basic Ammo Technician	Okinawa	1
MUMS	Okinawa	5
NCO Leadership	Okinawa	1
Mine Warfare	Phu Bai	10
Personal Response	Div CP	1

5. Special Operations. None.

6. Command Relations. Command relationship with higher headquarters and adjacent units remains excellent.

7. Equipment. No significant equipment problems have been encountered during the period.

8. Logistics. None.

9. Community Relations. The 3d Dental Company's Civil Affairs Program included the rendering of emergency dental treatment in the following locations:

Hoa Vang District	Xuam Thiev
Hoa Khanh	Da Nang Missionary
Hoa Guan	ARVN Dependent Housing
Trung Phuoc	USAID Hospital
An Hai	Hoa Khanh Hospital
Phoc Trung	Hoa Vang
Phu Hoa	Sao Mai School
Red Beach	Nam O
Hoa Cinh	1st Medical Battalion
Nhat Le School	Hoa Goung
Hoa Tien	Nam Hoa District
Khe Sanh	Quang Tri
Pollon Coffee Plantation	Junk Fleet

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10. Communications. A total of 34971 messages were processed by the Communications Center during the month of April for a daily average of 1166 messages. This total represents a decrease of 6000 messages from the total reported for the month of March.

11. Activations/Deactivations/Resignations. Sub Unit #2, which administered 3d Marine Division (Forward) at Dong Ha, was reduced to zero strength effective 25 April 1967.