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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 DATA1. DESIGNATION

Headquarters Battalion
3d Marine Division (Rein), FPF

COMMANDER

Col. J. R. STOCKMAN
(1-17May67)

Col. J. P. LAMIGAN
(18-31May67)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company

Capt J. K. TAYLOR

Service Company

Capt E. L. FOX

Communications Company

Maj P. C. WALKER
(1-26May67)

Capt W. A. BARRY, Jr.
(27-31May67)

Military Police Company

Maj J. H. OLDS

3d Dental Company

Capt L. H. CORDONIER (USN)

Sub Unit #4

LtCol S. A. BRUNNEMEYER

Sub Unit #5

LtCol J. H. REEDER
(1-7May67)

Capt H. C. LUCKLEY
(8-31May67)

2. LOCATION

1-31 May 1967: Phu Bai, Republic of Viet Nam (less Sub Unit #5, Khe Sanh, RVN).

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Maj H. L. WEICH

S-1/Adjutant

2ndLt W. A. MOORE

S-3/S-4 Officer

Capt W. A. BYRNE

Motor Transport Officer

1stLt B. D. MURPHY

Supply Officer

Capt D. J. FARLEY

Surgeon

Lt L. J. JOHNSON (USNR)

Chaplain

ICmdr T. J. MCERMOTT (USNR)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| USMC | | USN | |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> |
| 192 | 2063 | 40 | 113 |

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Headquarters Battalion continued to have elements positioned throughout the 3d Marine Division TACR during the period. Location of elements are as follows:

| | |
|-----------------|--|
| <u>Phu Bai</u> | Headquarters Company Communications Company Military Police Company Service Company Sub Unit #4 3d Dental Company |
| <u>Khe Sanh</u> | Sub Unit #5 |

In addition to the above an average of 110 personnel are TAD to the Ninth Marine Regiment who have operational control of the Dong Ha Combat Base. Approximately 30 personnel from Military Police Company support the operation of the 3d MAF Brig located at Danang.

2. Unit Activities/Events

a. Colonel J. P. LAMBERT, USMC assumed command of Headquarters Battalion on 18 May 1967. Colonel J. R. STOCKMAN, USMC the old Commanding Officer was detached to the 3d Marine Regiment on 17 May 1967.

b. Military Police Company provided a fifteen man security detail for Lieutenant General MAIT, Commanding General, III MAF on his visit to HUE on 26 May 1967.

c. A new messhall was opened in Cantonment #4 on 7 May 1967 for service to Sergeants and below. A new enlisted club was opened on 8 May 1967, utilizing one wing of the new messhall. A concerted effort was made to provide bunkers near all living and working spaces. The project was initiated on 19 May and completed on 23 May. Improvement of the Headquarters Battalion section of the Phu Bai perimeter initiated on 1 April continues with good progress. A damage control team was established to provide for immediate assistance in rescuing personnel, fighting fires and restoring vital services disabled as a result of hostile or non hostile action. The publishing of a Fire Bill and Damage Control Order, the placement of fire barrels and the activation of a battalion fire truck were accomplished in support of the damage control procedures. An oil fired incinerator was constructed and placed in operation for the burning of waste paper. Mess equipment damaged at Khe Sanh by enemy mortar fire was replenished during the period. Work continues on placing shelving in the Battalion Supply Warehouse. Movement of Battalion Motor Transport into its butler building is being delayed awaiting the final fill and grading of the area around the building. The division disbursing officer moved its entire operation into a newly acquired butler building which should provide for better disbursing services. Construction of the new division command post building commenced and the road building and landscaping adjacent to the building is progressing rapidly.

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d. The battalion received the following promotion quotas for the remainder of the fourth quarter FY67.

235 to Corporal
190 to Lance Corporal

The above quotas were allocated to all battalion units based on the number of personnel determined to be eligible and recommended for promotion. As high as the quotas were, they were not sufficient to meet the needs of the battalion.

e. The number of personnel joined in the battalion continues to exceed authorized manning level. A manning level was approved for the CACs which are under the administrative control of Sub Units #4 and #5. Personnel with more than six months in a Division Command Post billet are being rotated to field units with replacement personnel being taken from these same units. Two CACs have remained critical during the period. They are 0849 and 2533, both of which remain over fifty percent below authorized manning level. This has been reported to Division Headquarters on weekly Personnel Status Report.

f. Administrative problems have been at a minimum during the period. Certain blank forms and envelopes continue to be in short supply. The situation has shown improvement in recent weeks.

g. Disciplinary action taken by this battalion during the period has included one general court martial, six special court martials and eighteen office hours.

h. Combined Action Company progress during the period included the activation of CAP-P6 in the Cam Lo District. Three classes of CAC personnel completed orientation courses preparing them for duty in the field. Personnel assets on hand are sufficient to meet all commitments for the 22 CAPs presently activated. It is anticipated that three additional CAPs will be activated in the Cam Lo District shortly. The Commanding General has yet to authorize these activations at this time. A total of 503 day light patrols and 539 night patrols/ambushes were conducted during the period. These operations resulted in nine VC kills (confirmed), 50 VC kills (probable), four VC captured, six weapons, two mines, six grenades, five magazines and assorted TNT/Satchel charges captured. Six PsyOps movie festivals were held and six CAPs participated in Operation Golden Ploce.

i. The battalion civic action projects presently in operation include MEDCAP assistance, the repair of public buildings and the market place for the village of Loc An. Progress has been slowed by lack of materials which are being supplied by USAID. All planned projects to date should be completed by the 15th of June. The attitude of the people is more receptive and friendly as progress is being made.

j. The battalion suffered the following casualties during the reporting period.

7 Officers wounded in Action
5 Enlisted Killed in Action
90 Enlisted wounded in Action

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k. The Third Dental Company has dental clinics at thirteen locations throughout the 3d Marine Division TACR. The Commanding General has approved the construction of a new clinic in the 3d Marine Division Command Post area and construction is scheduled to begin in June 1967. The company is active in the Civic Action Program which includes rendering emergency dental treatment to 37 villages in RVN. Total Vietnamese patients treated during the period was 2304.

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> |
|------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Leadership | 1 | 70 |
| Sanitation and Hygiene | 2 | 50 |
| First Aid | 9 | 198(includes 79 PF's) |
| Compass | 1 | 22 |
| Radio Procedures | 3 | 129(includes 20 PF's) |
| Mines and Booby Traps | 1 | 56 |
| Physical Training | 14 | 115 |
| Code of Conduct | 5 | 188(includes 19 PF's) |
| MOS Training | 1 | 106 |
| Refresher Orientation | 6 | 35 |
| Interior Guard | 10 | 30 |
| Military Courtesy | 3 | 144 |

b. Unit Tactical Training

| <u>Subject</u> | <u>Hours</u> | <u>Attendance</u> |
|------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Reactionary Alert Drill | 3 | 720 |
| Plan and preparation of patrols | 5 | 149(includes 22 PF's) |
| Briefing and debriefing of patrols | 4 | 179(includes 55 PF's) |
| Combat Formations | 4 | 192(includes 79 PF's) |

c. Technical Training

| <u>Subject</u> | <u>Hours</u> | <u>Attendance</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Radio Troubleshooting | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 144(includes 8 PF's) |

d. Weapons Training

| <u>Subject</u> | <u>Hours</u> | <u>Attendance</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Weapon Safety | 8 | 304(includes 170 PF's) |
| Weapon Training(General) | 6 | 84 |

e. Weapons Firing

| <u>Weapon</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Number Fired</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Pistol, .45Cal FAM Fire | Dong Ha | 25 |

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f. School Attended

| <u>School</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Attendance</u> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Civic Action Orientation course | Danang | 10 |
| MACV Advisor Orientation course | Saigon | 1 |
| Vietnamese Language School | Danang | 2 |

5. Special Operations. None.

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

7. Equipment. None.

8. Logistics. None.

9. Community Relations. The 3d Dental Company's Civil Affairs program including the rendering of emergency dental treatment in the following villages in RVN, during this period:

HOA VANG DISTRICT

| | | |
|------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Phu Hoa | Ha Khe | 1stMedBn |
| Phuoc Thung | Giang Dong | Quang Chau |
| Danang Catholic School | Qunag Tri | Bo Mug #1 |
| Negia | Sao Nam Sch | Vam Tho |
| Hoa Vinh | Cam Du | Vien Lien |
| Nam-O | Hoa Xhanh | St. Joseph's Orphanes |
| Tuan Duong | Hai Tang | Kim Lien |
| Thoung Whatale | Nam Tho I | Tip Cu |
| Cia Ie | Hoi Kim Long | Hue Dispensary |
| Junk Fleet | Phu Xvan Xien | Thoy Luong |
| Thu Duong I & II | Ao Thuat | |
| Ap Chieu | Vinh Hien | |

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|------------------------------|------|
| Examinations | 2304 |
| Extractions | 1612 |
| Root Residual Removal | 536 |
| Oral Hygiene Instruction | 779 |
| Scaling | 80 |
| Temporary Filling | 6 |
| Post Operative Treatment | 10 |
| Abcess Incision and Drainage | 6 |
| Tumors Excision | 3 |
| Cleft Lip | 2 |
| Cleft Palate | 4 |
| Fractured Mandible | 1 |
| Debridement | 1 |
| Miscellaneous | 12 |
| Total | 5365 |

Total Vietnamese patients-2304
Toothbrushes distributed-1027

10. Communications. A total of 45,922 messages were processed by the Communications Center at this location and approximately 2100 by Communications Company, Communications Center personnel at Dong Ha Combat Base in support of Operation HICKORY for a grand total of 48,022 messages. This total is an increase of 13,051 from the total reported last month. Approximately 2500 of the increase were service messages attributed to the switching of DCS Na Tang to DCS Danang.

11. Activation/Deactivations/Redesignations. None.