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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DesignationCommander

First Battalion, Third Marines
Third Marine Division, FMT

Lt Col P. A. WICKWIRE 1-31 Dec

Subordinate Units

H&S Company

Capt G. F. RECKEN 1-2 Dec
Capt A. G. WHITTELSEY 3-31 Dec

Company A

Capt J. R. SWEENEY 1-31 Dec

Company B

Capt A. G. WHITTELSEY 1-2 Dec
Capt J. C. SHIRLEY 3-31 Dec

Company C

Capt C. G. JORDAN 1-31 Dec

Company D

Capt D. E. MULLALLY JR 1-31 Dec

Attached Units

"B" Btry 1/13 (Rein)

Capt J. K. PALMER 1-31 Dec

Det C Co 3d SP Bn

SSgt M. VEGA 1-31 Dec

Det H&S Co 3d MT Bn

Sgt D. W. SUMTON 1-31 Dec

Det A Co 3d Engr Bn

Cpl D. L. BROTZGE 1-31 Dec

2. Location

1-31 December: Khe Sanh, RVN

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

Maj A. LUKEMAN 1-31 Dec

S-1

2dLt J. R. SIMKINS 1-31 Dec

S-2

2dLt W. A. SPEAR 1-31 Dec

S-3

Maj R. C. OSSENFORT 1-31 Dec

S-4

Capt G. F. RECKEN 1-31 Dec

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4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		
<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Other</u>
31	1128	3	53	None

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

This reporting period was characterized by a continuation of extensive patrolling effort in attempting to make contact with the enemy and assure early warning of his arrival in the area of operations. Enemy contact remained light, and primary emphasis was placed on improving defensive positions in the immediate vicinity of the Khe Sanh airfield. Close-in defensive positions were approximately 90% completed at the end of the reporting period. During the period of Christmas and New Year's truce, close-in defensive positions were occupied, and combat outposts improved.

Training continued to receive maximum attention, with emphasis on 81mm mortar platoon training in a general support mission. All personnel armed with the M-14 rifle received marksmanship instruction consisting of lectures and zeroing at 15 yards and 200 yards. Approximately 300 men in the battalion received instruction in demolitions and explosives, given by an attached squad from 3d Engineer Battalion.

RVN units formerly in the Khe Sanh TAOR (CIDG and LIDB) were relocated to other sectors during the month, necessitating increased emphasis on perimeter security and adjustment of areas of patrol responsibility.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Combat mission assigned: to conduct reconnaissance in force operations in the Khe Sanh TAOR to provide security for the Khe Sanh airfield complex.

2. Significant operations conducted and significant events:

a. Patrols

- (1) Squad sized - 276
- (2) Platoon sized - 11
- (3) Company sized - 7

b. Operations

- (1) Platoon - 1
- (2) Company - 2
- (3) Battalion (Rein) or (-) - 1

c. Significant Events

(1) 032150. A Company "B" patrol enroute to a designated ambush site, vicinity 833436, reacted to voices in heavy brush to their flank by firing 25 rounds, small arms. Two flashes as if from return small arms were noted by patrol members. Area searched, negative results.

(2) 041445. Commanding General, 3d Marine Division arrived in Khe Sanh TAOR.

(3) 091126. Patrol leader from Company "A" fell into punji trap, vicinity 775439, puncturing left leg and requiring med-evac from battalion TAOR. Negative enemy contact made.

(4) 100030. Company "A" reported a light at 822402. 81mm mortar fire called, excellent coverage. Light went out.

(5) 101325. Generals CHAPMAN, MURRAY, KYLE and ENGLISH visited Khe Sanh and battalion.

(6) 102220. Company "A" patrol, in defensive position for night (vicinity 813463) reported movement on perimeter. One grenade thrown by patrol. Area searched at first light. Negative results.

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- (7) 11440. A.D.C. 3d Marine Division arrived in Khe Sanh TAOR.
- (8) 121545. Battalion area visited by COMUSMACV.
- (9) 140855. Battalion rifle range officially opened by D Company range detail.
- (10) 141220. Helicopter gun ship flying cover for Company B patrol insert reported three (3) VC in vicinity 849494. Artillery fire mission called, followed by strafing run by gun ship. Company B patrol searched area. Blood trail found and followed for 300 meters. Trail ended at that point.
- (11) 141425. Company B patrol in vicinity 852495 discovered thirty (30) bamboo hooch frames (for 2-3 men hooch), and recently used fire pits. Later a B Company patrol at 858482 discovered two (2) spider holes, eleven (11) tables (class area). At 852495 the same patrol discovered forty hooch poles, thirty nine (39) fireplaces, thirteen (13) kettles and evidence of fresh grape-fruit and berries.
- (12) 161610. Generals WAIT, KYLE and distinguished guest arrived in Khe Sanh.
- (13) 181400. A.D.C. 3d Marine Division visited Khe Sanh TAOR.
- (14) 182145. A Company "A" listening post reported two (2) VC moving to their front. Small arms fired at enemy. LP received incoming carbine fire, and called for 81mm illumination. VC pursued by reaction unit. Fire fight followed. Reaction force withdrawn and 60mm mortar fired into area, followed by squad sweep. Negative results on sweep.
- (15) 201930. 1st Battalion commenced scheduled occupancy of close in defensive positions around Khe Sanh airfield.
- (16) 231007. B Bty 1/13 conducted fire mission in response to request by local CIDG element ambushed shortly before at 815371. Excellent coverage of area. Results unknown.
- (17) 240700-260700. Christmas truce in effect.
- (18) 310700. New Year's truce in effect.

- 3. Casualties inflicted on the enemy: None confirmed.
- 4. Casualties sustained: One gunshot wound, two punji stake wounds.
- 5. New techniques employed: No new techniques employed.

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6. Command Relations: Battalion was OPCON CG 3d Mar Div/CG III MAF Representative, Khe Sanh, and ADCON CG 3d Mar Div.

7. Equipment: A heavy section of M-76 "Otters" was utilized effectively in providing logistic support to areas when road conditions prohibited passage of wheeled vehicles.

8. Logistics:

a. Supply. During this period, the availability of all classes of supply improved to the extent that sufficient stocks of some previously short items (dry cell batteries and field fortification material) were maintained in the LSA and the LSU. Supply of class II remained a serious problem, due primarily to competing requirements for available transportation. The supply status of the Battalion was enhanced by two events during the month; The relief of the LSA by an FLSU unit on 6 December, and the arrival of the Battalion Supply Officer from Danang on 14 December with sufficient stocks of class II supplies to alleviate some of the Battalion's supply shortages. Of particular note was the assistance rendered this unit by the Division Forward Supply Officer and the continued assistance rendered by the FLSU at Dong Ha.

b. Maintenance. The maintenance status of the service elements of the Battalion improved during this period to the extent that six (6) 274A1 vehicles involuntarily deadlined earlier this month were removed from deadline by organic organizational maintenance capability. The primary reason for this improvement was the arrival of needed repair parts from the battalion rear at Danang. The arrival of the FLSU at Khe Sanh also enhanced the maintenance situation of the Battalion in ordnance, communications-Electronics and Motor transport, Since the FLSU includes personnel authorized to perform third echelon maintenance.

c. Food Services. The Galley continues to operate in the forward area feeding approximately 1100 men a noon meal of "B" rations, and soup in the evening for one company and a portion of H&S Company. The previous Mess Sergeant, SSgt MERLE WHITFORD, was transferred and received a letter of appreciation from the Battalion Commander in recognition of his efforts. GSgt ADAMS, who recently joined this unit, is presently the Mess Sergeant. The Galley does not have the capability to serve "A" rations every day due to non availability of sufficient electric power to operate a large reefer. However, a 100 cu ft reefer is being obtained to partially alleviate the situation. The traditional dinner of Turkey and Ham was served on Christmas Day. *the day after*

d. Cantonment and Camp Facilities Development. The facilities at Khe Sanh have expanded and now include GP tents for living spaces for the Galley personnel and Battalion Supply storage areas, an additional GP tent for Motor Transport servicing area and a storeroom for BAS. Additional facility

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improvements were made by strong backing of the BAS sickward and the Galley. In addition, each company has a GP tent for drying and storage. Electricity has been provided to BAS and the Galley. A command bunker has been constructed by a detachment of engineers and is in the process of improvement prior to being occupied. The home-made living shelters in the company and GP positions are continually being improved and have more than held their own against the elements. A Hot Shower Unit was received during the last week of December and is in operation on the north side of the airstrip.

e. Transportation. The Battalion experienced an extensive period of inclement weather during December which rendered all routes of communication impassable to organic vehicles. The only vehicles able to travel the roads were 2 1/2 ton and 5 ton trucks and bull dozers. Even these vehicles, with chains, became entrapped in the mud. As the weather cleared and the ground dried, new roads were formed by bull dozers traveling adjacent to impassable stretches. A new, fairweather road has been built around the airstrip by MCB-10. The MSR to one company's defensive positions was improved by providing drainage and culverting. Three M-76 "Otters" were provided during the month, and were invaluable in operating in the mud. Aircraft continues as the only means of transportation into and out of Khe Sanh.

f. Fiscal. No significant events or changes. Supply economy is continuously stressed as the most effective method of conservation of dollar resources.

g. Water. During this month, the resupply of water to the Battalion became a problem due to the location of the water point in an outpost area and the impassability of the roads. Bull dozers became prime movers for towing water trailers to and from the water point. When the weather cleared and the roads were still impassable, Helicopters and "Otters" were used to effect water resupply for companies. Since then the water point has been relocated to a more suitable position within Phase III positions on the north side of the airfield. A hot shower unit was subsequently added. In addition to the two water trailers presently at Khe Sanh, three more have been manifested for movement from Danang to Khe Sanh.

h. Motor Transport. The Battalion has 18 M274A1 "Tules" and ten M422A1 "Mites" assigned to Khe Sanh. A driving school was conducted for "Mite" and "Tule" drivers during the month, stressing driving under poor road conditions and preventive maintenance. Each type vehicle was covered in a three-day course of instruction with approximately 33 men attending both schools.

i. Embarkation. Plans for embarkation from Khe Sanh have been initiated with all companies and sections determining and updating their embarkation requirements. Rapid progress has been made in this area of planning.

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j. Hospitalization and Evacuation. Hospitalization and evacuation facilities both were improved. The provision of electricity to BAS and the strong backing of the sickward were significant improvements. The evacuation capability for the Battalion was vastly improved with the attachment of H-34 Helicopters which remain with the Battalion overnight. 74 men were evacuated during the month; 3 battle and 71 non-battle casualties.

9. Civic Action:

a. On 24 December 1966, a Christmas party sponsored by the Battalion, for the children of Khe Sanh, was given in support of Vietnamese Christmas celebrations. Approximately one hundred gifts were distributed.

b. On 24 December 1966, church services conducted by a Vietnamese minister was attended by a volunteer group of 21 Marines who also represented the Battalion at the childrens Christmas party.

c. A mimeograph machine was presented by the Battalion to the Tin Lanh mission in Khe Sanh, during December. ~~(See Chaplains Support, paragraph (c))~~

d. Visitation of the Vietnamese Government Clinic and the Missionary Clinic in Khe Sanh is on a continuing basis.

e. Although Med-Cap supplies remain on a limited basis, a Med Cap program has been instituted in the following villages:

- (1) Ta Cong
- (2) A Reing
- (3) Ho Xun
- (4) Lam Bui
- (5) Khe Sanh

To date this team has seen 405 men, women and children. Most treatments are for skin infections, worms, eye infections, vitamin deficiency, colds, diarrhea, etc. These conditions exist mainly through a lack of knowledge of personal hygiene. It is anticipated that the Med Cap program will be able to assist these indigenous people to achieve a more hygienic and sanitary living conditions.

10. ADMINISTRATION: Orderly administration under conditions of a split administrative rear echelon (which processes incoming and outgoing personnel, R&R personnel, claims, and performs normal company administration) and a forward element performing legal, reporting, casualty, and mail services (including teletype and attendant administrative traffic) is far more

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taxing than that encountered in a garrison status. Company administration is performed without the constant supervision of first sergeants, who divide their time between forward and rear echelons. Shortages of administrative personnel have been partially alleviated by joinings, but remain a problem. The lack of a trained legal clerk and lack of telephone communications between forward and rear echelons are the most critical areas in administration. Courier service was established but has been handicapped by weather conditions.

11. Personnel:

a. Number of replacements received: 2 Marine Officers, 104 Marine Enlisted, 0 Navy Officers, 9 Navy Enlisted.

b. Number of personnel rotated: 21 Marine Enlisted.

c. Number of personnel lost through attrition other than rotation:

(1) WIA: 2 Marine Enlisted.

(2) KIA: 0

(3) Humanitarian/Emergency Transfers: 1 Marine Enlisted.

(4) Non-battle injuries: 2 Marine Enlisted.

Med Evac transferred: 5 Marine Enlisted.

(5) Intra-Division/Regimental Transfers: 2 Marine Officers, 45 Marine Enlisted, and 1 Navy Enlisted.

(6) Transferred for confinement: 0

d. R&R trips: 102

e. Personnel accounting continues to be satisfactory.

f. Awards: 3 Purple Hearts.

g. Promotions: 1 Capt to Maj USMC; ~~1 Lt(jg) to Lt USMC~~, 1 GySgt to 1stSgt; 7 PFC's to LCpl and 4 LCpl's to Cpl USMC Meritorious Combat Promotions, 4 Pvt's to PFC, 24 LCpl's to Cpl, 5 Cpl's to Sgt and 1 MM to MM3.

h. Postal: Postal service continues to be satisfactory. Weather prevents aircraft from delivering mail daily. Mail is sorted by company at Dong Ha, with resultant minimum handling at Khe Sanh.

i. Post Exchange: Limited exchange facilities have been available through mobile exchange from Division. Resupply has been severely restricted by difficulty in getting supplies manifested aboard aircraft at Phu Bai.

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12. Intelligence:

a. Summary of Enemy Situation during Period.

(1) There was no increase in enemy activity during the reporting period.

(2) Enemy recon/combatt teams of 2-4 men continued to harrass fixed positions but avoided contact with USMC recon/combatt patrols. See paragraph (b).

(3) Enemy tactical intentions, unit identification, base camp locations, and strength continued to be un-determined.

b. Enemy Initiated Incidents during period.

(1) 032150H-- Company "B" patrol 350 meters from Company CP, moving NE, heard noise to right flank of patrol. One Marine brought area under fire; 2 flashes were observed; 1 hand illumination grenade thrown; area searched; Negative results. Marine Patrol suffered one WIA.

(2) 141040H -- Company "B" patrol being inserted by helicopter at XD 849494, spotted three VC at XD 834485. Direction of movement not known.

(3) 170050H -- Company "A" listening post observed one VC in front of their position. No SAR was exchanged. One grenade thrown by LP when VC moved away from position.

c. Summary of Enemy Casualties, Captured Weapons and Equipment losses during period.

(1) Personnel.

KIA-O	VCC - 0
WIA - 0	VCS - 0

(2) Equipment losses: None

(3) Enemy fortifications destroyed: None

d. Significant trends during period.

(1) Inclement weather restricted air reconnaissance and reduced ground observation considerably during reporting period.

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- (2) Enemy initiated contacts decreased during the month of December.
- (3) Enemy continued to avoid daylight detection by USMC patrols.
- (4) No mines or boobytraps were encountered by patrols.

e. Other.

(1) Employment of Intrusion Detectors continued throughout the month of December.

(a) Location of SIDS.

- 1 Company "A", Combat Outpost
- 2 Company "B", Combat Outpost
- 3 Company "C", Combat Outpost

(b) Intrusions detected.

1 Company "C", COP reported detecting an intrusion at XD 855406 on 31 Dec 66 at 2055 hours. Illumination fired; Negative sighting.

13. Communications:

a. Wire. During the period no major changes to the Battalion's wire system were made. Phase III Tactical wiring was completed. The Battalion is operating at this time with 46 loops, and trunks to 3dMarDiv(2), 3dMarDiv Fwd(2) and 3d Marines(1). The following units and/or attachments are serviced by the Battalion switchboard:

- (1) SOP 3dMarDiv/III MAF RCP
- (2) DET 1st Force Recon Co
- (3) DET MATCU 68
- (4) Battery B, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines
- (5) DET FLSU #1
- (6) DET Bulk Fuel Co

b. Radio. Radio communications, during the period, remained normal in type and operation. 8 Additional AN/PRC-25's and the AN/GRM-55 were received during the month. Some difficulty with the radio circuit to the Battalion rear, Danang, was experienced. A change in frequency and provisions for operating the net CW have been made. Mobile HF equipment failure continues to be a minor problem.

c. Radio Relay. During the entire period two AN/MRC-62 radio relay circuits to 3dMarDiv and 3dMarDiv Fwd were operating in support of the Battalion and other units at Khe Sanh. These circuits are providing teletype, common user and single user service to 3dMarDiv, FLSU #1, 3d MarDiv Fwd and MATCU 68. Equipment outages have been minimum and of short duration.

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d. Message Center. The message center continued to provide a covered teletype circuit to 3dMarDiv. The message center experienced no significant equipment outages during the period. A total of 394 outgoing and 380 incoming messages were handled during the month.

e. Maintenance and Supply. No serious supply problems were encountered during the period. Dry cell battery and field telephone cable resupply was timely and adequate throughout the period. Maintenance support from the FLSU was good, hampered only by weather induced transportation problems. The Preventive Maintenance programs started in November were continued. All shop and maintenance records were brought forward from the rear.

f. Problems Encountered. Confusion resulting from inadequate message handling instruction caused some problems in delivery of message traffic to SOP 3dMarDiv on a timely basis. This problem resolved by a memo from 3dMarDiv CEO to the Division Staff.

14. Weather: During December the weather continued cold and overcast, with frequent rain and wind. The weather created a significant problem in logistics, as the area is entirely dependent upon air for resupply.

15. Fire Support:

a. Significant Events

(1) 12Dec66 -- Visual Recon/Arty Spot Mission conducted by Battery Commander in USAF OLE #564182 (2 hours).

(2) 14Dec66 -- Mission fired for B-1-3, resulted in two probable KIA.

(3) 18Dec66 -- Fired continuous illumination (81mm Mortars and 107mm Mortar) in support of A-1-3. Enemy probe of Company position.

(4) 27Dec66 -- Defensive targets fired in for Special Forces/CIDG camp at Lang Vai, RVN.

(5) 28Dec66 -- Defensive targets fired in for District Chief of Huong Hoa District, Khe Sanh, RVN.

(6) 1-30 Dec 66 -- During the month, 27 targets were cleared and coordinated for 2d Battalion, 94th Artillery, USA, 175 Guns (SP).

b. Artillery Units Providing Support/Reinforcing Fires

(1) "B" Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines (Rein)

(a) 6 105mm Howitzers

(b) 2 155mm Howitzers

(c) 2 107mm Mortars (4.2")

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c. Naval Ships Providing Naval Gunfire Support.

None

d. Type and Number of Missions Fired.

(1) Artillery

Observed Missions - 36

Unobserved Missions - 27

Harrassing and Interdiction Fires - 527

Group Fires - 37

Training/practice missions -18

Registration missions - 11

Prep Fires - 6

Box-in Fires - 31

(2) Naval Gunfire

None

(3) 81mm Mortars

Harrassing and Interdiction Fires -334

Observed missions -18

Unobserved missions - 5

Practice/training missions - 21

Registration missions - 3

Box-in Fires - 4

(4) 60mm Mortar

Harrassing and Interdiction Fires - 3

Observed Missions - none

Unobserved Missions - none

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(5) 105mm Recoilless Rifles

NONE

e. Ammunition expended by Type and Caliber

(1) Artillery

105mm Howitzer

HE - 1707

WP - 110

Ill. - 7

Sak - none

155mm Howitzer

HE - 92

WP - 29

Ill. - none

107mm Mortars (4.2")

HE - 126

Ill. - 10

81mm Mortars

HE (light) - 579

HE (medium) - 1158

WP - 179

Ill - 299

(2) Naval Gunfire

NONE

16. Air Support.

a. Aviation Units Providing Support.

HMM - 163

VMO - 2

HMM - 164

b. Significant Events.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Type of Mission</u>	<u>Coordinates</u>
4 Dec	Resupply	879442
4 Dec	Resupply	"A", "B", "C" Co.s
4 Dec	Admin	848418
5 Dec	Resupply	836429

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Type of Mission</u>	<u>Coordinates</u>
5 Dec	Resupply	"A", "B", "C" Co.s
5 Dec	Med evac	Dong Ha
9 Dec	Resupply	836429
9 Dec	Med evac	BAS
9 Dec	Resupply	"A", "B", "C" Co.s
9 Dec	Troop extraction	814395
9 Dec	Admin	830415
9 Dec	Resupply	"C", "A" Co.s
9 Dec	Resupply	836429
9 Dec	Admin	830415
9 Dec	Resupply	846418
9 Dec	Resupply	832435
9 Dec	Recon	850440
9 Dec	Admin	857406
9 Dec	Admin	832435
10 Dec	Resupply	879442
10 Dec	Med evac	879442
10 Dec	Resupply	"A", "B", "C" Co.s
10 Dec	Admin	832416
10 Dec	Resupply	835430
10 Dec	Resupply	857407
10 Dec	Recon	TAOR
10 Dec	Resupply	A, B, C, H&S, D
11 Dec	Admin	832435
11 Dec	Resupply	"A", "B", "C"
11 Dec	Admin	Dong Ha
11 Dec	Recon	830430
11 Dec	Recon	TAOR
11 Dec	Recon	820450
11 Dec	Admin	832435
11 Dec	Resupply	"A" "B"
11 Dec	Resupply	835430
12 Dec	Troop insert	758438
12 Dec	Resupply	"A" "B" "C"
12 Dec	Resupply	835430
12 Dec	Troop exchange	879-442
13 Dec	Resupply	"A" "B" "C"
13 Dec	Resupply	835430
13 Dec	Recon	910400
13 Dec	Admin	879442
13 Dec	Recon	820450
13 Dec	Recon	TAOR
13 Dec	Troop exchange	879442
13 Dec	Resupply	"A" "B" "C"
13 Dec	Admin	832435
13 Dec	Admin	Dong Ha
13 Dec	Admin	"A" "B" "C"
13 Dec	Resupply	832435

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Type of Mission</u>	<u>Coordinates</u>
13 Dec	Recon	TAOR
14 Dec	Troop insert	843484
14 Dec	Resupply	"A" "B" "C"
14 Dec	CAS	859493
14 Dec	Resupply	"A" "B" "C"
14 Dec	Resupply	835430
15 Dec	Resupply	"A" "B" "C"
15 Dec	Troop extract	758438
15 Dec	Resupply	879442
15 Dec	Med evac	879442
15 Dec	Med evac	Dong Ha
16 Dec	Resupply	"A" "B" "C"
16 Dec	Troop insert	915415
16 Dec	Med evac	Dong Ha
16 Dec	Med evac	890400
16 Dec	Admin	915415
16 Dec	Troop extract	843484
16 Dec	Resupply	915415
16 Dec	Resupply	879430
17 Dec	Resupply	"A" "B" "C"
17 Dec	Admin	915415
17 Dec	Troop insert	843484
17 Dec	Recon	820460
17 Dec	Troop extract	843484
17 Dec	Med evac	890390
17 Dec	Troop extract	890390
17 Dec	Recon	TAOR
18 Dec	Troop Lift	920420
18 Dec	Admin	920420
18 Dec	Recon	820450
18 Dec	Med evac	822450
18 Dec	Admin	926414
18 Dec	Med evac	926414
18 Dec	Troop exchange	879442
18 Dec	Admin	920420
19 Dec	Resupply	832435
19 Dec	Troop extract	916417
19 Dec	Admin	060530
20 Dec	Resupply	"C" "B"
20 Dec	Troop extract	823450
20 Dec	Admin	Dong Ha
21 Dec	Med evac	879442
22 Dec	Resupply	879442
23 Dec	Med evac	797360
23 Dec	Med evac	Quang Tri
31 Dec	Med evac	867413
31 Dec	Resupply & Troop exoh	879441
31 Dec	Med evac	Quang Tri

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Type of Mission</u>	<u>Coordinates</u>
31 Dec	Med evac	Lang Vei
31 Dec	Admin & Recon	850620

<u>c. Type Mission</u>	<u>Total</u>
CAS	1
Resupply	37
Admin	21
Troop movements	16
Med evac	16
Recon	<u>13</u>

Total Missions 104

d. Helicopter support was available 18 days during the month.

17. Activations/deactivations/redesignations: none18. Medical Support:

a. Surgeons:

(1) Lt H. A. ACKLEY, MC, USNR, Battalion Surgeon

(2) Lt T. L. FOLKERTH, MC, USN, Asst. Battalion Surgeon

b. Significant Events:

(1) A Preventive Medicine team was established by CG 3dMarDiv/III MAF Rep Khe Sanh.

(2) The Battalion Aid Station and ward was relocated to a permanent structure in the vicinity of the old Special Forces Camp. A secondary BAS is being maintained in the vicinity of the 1/3 CP.

(3) The Battalion Aid Station is giving medical support to seven component units in the Khe Sanh area.

c. Medical Trends:

(1) Five men bitten by rats.

(2) Five men with a provision diagnosis of Malaria.

(3) Due to the cold weather and lack of citrus fruits, ascorbic acid tablets have been extensively used in infection cases to promote rapid healing.

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(4) A vigorous program of foot care has significantly decreased foot problems.

- d. Number of Battle Casualties treated at BAS: 3
- e. Number of Non-battle Casualties treated at BAS: 314

(1) Emergency treatment:

- (a) Lacerations - 13
- (b) Foreign Body in Eye. - 6
- (c) Fractures - 6
- (d) Scorpion Bites - 3

(2) Patients admitted to BAS ward: 41

- (a) Prevalent admission diagnosis: Skin infections - Gastroenteritis

- (b) Total number of patient days: 176

(3) Number of Medical Evacuations: 95

(4) Venereal Disease:

(a) Types:

- 1 N. Gonorrhea - 3
- 2 Chancroid - 1

(b) Locations:

- 1 Taipai - 3
- 2 Danang (Red Beach area) - 1

f. Preventive Medicine and Sanitation:

(1) The 1/3 Galley was relocated and placed in a hard back tent. The area is well palletted, lessening to some degree the problem of mud. Mess tables have been made and a GP tent placed over many of them. Adequate facilities for washing and cleaning mess gear have been established.

(2) A Preventive Medicine team has been established and will be utilized in the Khe Sanh area for both Military and Civilian population.

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