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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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## PART I

## ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

**DECLASSIFIED**1. DesignationCommander

First Battalion, 3d Marines  
Third Marine Division (Rein), FMF

LtCol P. A. WICKWIRE 1-31 Jan 1967

Subordinate Units

H&S Company

Capt A. G. WHITTELSEY 1-31 Jan 1967

Company A

~~SWEENEY~~  
Capt J. R. ~~SWEENEY~~ 1-24 Jan 1967  
2dLt D. H. CURRY 25-31 Jan 1967

Company B

Capt J. C. SHIRLEY 1-31 Jan 1967

Company C

Capt C. G. JORDAN 1-31 Jan 1967

Company D

Capt D. E. MULLALLY JR. 1-20 Jan 1967  
2dLt C. L. HUDDLESON 21-31 Jan 1967

Attached Units

Btry B 1/13 (Rein), FMF

Capt J. K. PALMER 1-25 Jan 1967

Det H&SCo, 3d MTBn

Sgt D. W. SUTTON 1-31 Jan 1967

Det 3dEngrBn

Cpl L. B. HUNTER 1-31 Jan 1967

2. Location

1-31 Jan 1967: Khe Sanh, RVN

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

Maj A. LUKEMAN 1-23 Jan 1967  
Maj B. D. THORNBURY 24-31 Jan 1967

S-1

2dLt J. R. SIMKINS 1-31 Jan 1967

S-2

2dLt W. A. SPEAR 1-31 Jan 1967

S-3

Maj R. C. OSSENFORT 1-31 Jan 1967

S-4

Capt G. F. RECZEK 1-31 Jan 1967

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4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
31	1240

<u>USN</u>		
<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Other</u>
3	53	None

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PART II

Narrative Summary

This reporting period was characterized by intensive patrolling in order to maintain surveillance and to make contact with the enemy. Sweeps were conducted to detect and prevent enemy buildup.

Concurrently the Battalion conducted school with the M-16 rifle. A known-distance range was established at one hundred yards utilizing targets with an eight inch bulls-eye painted on a piece of cardboard 12x18 inches. Ten rounds were fired at fifteen meters to zero the weapon and ten rounds were fired at one hundred meters for familiarization firing. Seven hundred nineteen men fired the M-16 averaging seven hits per man during the Fam firing. Battery "B", First Battalion, Thirteenth Marines held a Forward Observers school for thirty NCO's of the Battalion.

The Battalion continually improved its defensive posture. The Battalion perfected its Sparrow Hawk procedures for accomplishing its mission of supporting 1/3 patrols and Force Reconnaissance Elements. A thirty-man "Sparrow Hawk" was inserted on 18 January 1967, at XD874613 to assist extraction of a Force Reconnaissance Patrol. Again on 26 January 1967, a thirty-man Sparrow Hawk was inserted to assist another Force Reconnaissance Patrol at XD674528.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Combat mission assigned:

a. Develop, maintain, and man perimeter defensive positions around Khe Sanh airstrip, and facilities.

b. Conduct extensive patrols, ambushes, and reconnaissance in force operations out to the range of 105mm howitzers positioned at Camp Khe Sanh airstrip in order to protect the camp from the possibility of 120mm mortar attack and to prevent a build up of forces that could threaten the airstrip and camp.

c. Conduct daily road sweeps and clearing operations between Khe Sanh airstrip and Khe Sanh village to insure uninterrupted road traffic along route #9 from Khe Sanh airstrip to Lang Vei.

d. Provide thirty man force on fifteen minute alert as a reaction force for long range reconnaissance operations. Reaction force to be prepared for immediate deployment by helicopter.

e. Maintain one reinforced rifle company on one hour standby to be deployed by helicopter in support of recon patrols and/or thirty man reaction force.

f. Be prepared to reinforce Lang Vei Special Forces Camp with up to one reinforced rifle company. Reinforcing unit to be transported by helicopter, motor transport, or deploy on foot as the situation dictates.

g. Be prepared to provide artillery support to Special Forces Camp Lang Vei and sub-sector forces Khe Sanh village from present positions as approved by this Headquarters.

h. Be prepared to displace on order one platoon 105mm howitzers in support of Special Forces Detachment A-101 recon operations beyond range of present battery positions.

i. Establish check point at entrances of Khe Sanh defensive perimeter in conjunction with District Police and PF as made available by District Chief to control access to airstrip and Khe Sanh Camp area.

j. Provide internal security for facilities and equipment on airstrip and in camp, less LSU area and 1st MAW Air Control and Bulk Fuel facilities.

2. Significant operations conducted and significant events: The Battalion conducted reconnaissance in force operation in the Khe Sanh TAOR to provide security for the Khe Sanh Air Field complex.

a. Patrols

(1) Squad size - 254

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(2) Platoon size 7

(3) Company size 0

**b. Operations**

(1) Platoon size 0

(2) Company size 0

(3) Battalion size 1

**c. Significant Operations conducted and significant events:**

(1) 020700 - New Years truce ended.

(2) 101615 - Co A patrol reported approximately one hundred people at XD921421 with carts, no women or children in the group. These people looked to be disorganized until patrol was spotted. Group organized and started rapid movement East on Highway #9, XD927420. Artillery fired three fire missions with excellent coverage of target-results unknown. Battery B, 1stBn, 13thMar received three MIA during the fire mission from an air burst of 105mm round.

(3) 110800 - Battalion started M-16 school, classes were given in assembly, disassembly and nomenclature followed by weapons familiarization firing.

(4) 123035 - SID picked up movement at XD831430. Illumination was fired. One man spotted. Man was physically pursued due to position of friendly troops in area. Negative results.

(5) 122100 - SID picked up movement at XD834434. Illumination fired. Negative results.

(6) 122205 - Co D requested illumination and spotted man at XD831431. Fired 5 rounds M-14 SAF. Area checked, negative results.

(7) 130835 - Co A patrol made contact with enemy force of unknown size at XD921422. Received incoming small arms fire resulting in two Marine KIA's. Patrol returned fire. Artillery mission was called. Alpha patrol was extracted by helicopter. Alpha platoon swept area, negative results.

(8) 131105 - Co C COP spotted one VN man carrying weapon at XD857407. Man spotted COP and rapidly moved into bushes. Fired one round M-14 SAF, negative results.

(9) 14075 - Co B reported what sounded like an M-26 grenade at XD843419 twenty meters from building that serves as gate house for sentry. Area searches, negative results.

(10) 141300 - Bravo North held FC school for thirty NCO's of the Battalion School consisted of lecture, demonstration and practicable application. The practical application phase was the adjustment of practice fire mission.

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- (11) 151235 - Co B patrol reported waystation/hospital complex at 768394. Complex consisted of nineteen bamboo structures, operating room, recovery room, living quarters, kitchen, ten wecker stretchers, used medical supplies were found to include drugs and injection devices, blood transfusion function kit. Twelve graves were found. Three were dug up and bodies were found. Cause of death unknown. Forty fighting holes for one and two men were found of different shapes and sizes. The area looked like it had not been lived in recently.
- (12) 160025 - Received call from ThirdMarDiv(FWD) that Camlo and Dong Ha were under attack. PunJab indicated that attack was imminent in the Khe Sanh area. Battalion placed on 100% alert. Attack did not materialize.
- (13) 181225 - Sparrow Hawk platoon was inserted at XD874613 to assist an element of Force Recon that were taken under fire by VC. Sparrow Hawk and Recon Team successfully extracted.
- (14) 191617 - Co D patrol found possible harboring site at XD859480. Site looked to be about one week old.
- (15) 201245 - Co A patrol reported that at XD926421 they found three freshly dug punji pits one foot wide, two feet long, and eighteen inches deep. Stakes were destroyed and holes marked.
- (16) 212130 - Co B patrol found sixteen fighting holes at XD763402 and remains of four hoehoes. Looked to be about three months old. Area appeared to be a lay-over site.
- (17) 261745 - One platoon of Sparrow Hawk was alerted from Alpha Company to act as reaction force for a Force recon unit that had been inserted in GS6752 and was under fire from an enemy force of unknown size. Recon reported they had two USMC KIA at this time. At 261815 the Alpha Platoon departed Khe Sanh Air Field on two CH46's. One CH46 landed in the scene of action and the first element of the Alpha Platoon was inserted. It was also reported that the CH46 was down in the zone and the other CH46 was returning to Khe Sanh Air Field at 2015 the Second Element of the Alpha Platoon was inserted in the zone of action and that two more CH46's were down. Airstrikes were called for and a flare-ship was placed on station. Contact at this time was reported as light.
- (18) 262220 - ADC 3d MarDiv arrived at Khe Sanh.
- (19) 270850 - Emergency extraction of the Recon Unit and Alpha Platoon would be attempted in GS5962, if not successful will depart to Khe Sanh Airfield and Insert Battalion (-) standing by.
- (20) 270900 - Extraction was successful, USMC KIA (1) WIA (9). No additional reaction elements were inserted.
- (21) 271010 - ADC 3d MarDiv departed.

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(22) 271250 - Gen KYLE arrived at Khe Sanh area.

(23) 271410 - Gen KYLE departed Khe Sanh.

(24) 271530 - Gen WALT arrived Khe Sanh area.

(25) 271645 - Gen WALT departed.

3. Casualties inflicted on the enemy - 15 KIA (Conf) - KBA (Prob) 15 KIA (Prob)

4. Casualties sustained: 1 KIA 9 WIA

5. New techniques employed - None

6. Command relationships: Battalion is OPCON CG 3dMarDiv/CG III MAF Representative, Khe Sanh, and ADCON CG 3dMarDiv.

7. Equipment: A section of M-76 "Otters" were attached. They were able to move in the mud with ease and were invaluable in supporting logistical effort.

#### 8. Logistics

a. Supply. The Battalion's supply situation remained the same during this period, with support continuing through the Logistic Support Unit (LSU). No significant problems were encountered concerning Class I supplies other than the fact that the Battalion went without fuel trioxane for heating MCI's for period of three to four days. Difficulties continued in obtaining adequate Class II supplies, although one shipment of clothing and boots arrived. The lack of an adequate supply of SAE 30 lube oil was encountered in Class III supplies. Adequate amounts of Class IV were on hand for the Battalion's use during this period. Due to the upcoming rotation plans, Battalion Supply, boxed operating stocks and moved them to the rear at Danang for required embarkation preparations.

b. Maintenance. Equipment maintenance, to include small arms and crew-served weapons, improved during this period primarily for reason of having adequate cleaning supplies available, particularly rifle and lube oil. Motor Transport equipment was also maintained in a more operationally ready status due to the availability of repair parts. An LTI Team from 3d Force Service Regiment inspected the Battalion's equipment and reported that equipment was in very good condition, particularly in view of conditions under which used.

c. Food service. The galley at Khe Sanh continued to serve the hot noon meal for the Battalion until 25 January when it closed to prepare equipment for rotation. MCI'S were used for all meals remaining for the rest of the month.

d. Contentment and Camp Facilities Development. No improvements in this area were made other than the movement of the Battalion Aid Station into a bunker in the III MAF Rep Khe Sanh Compound. A GP tent with limit-

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ed medical facilities remained in the CP area for combat emergency use. The hot shower unit at the waterpoint continued its operations this month from 0900-1200 and 1500-1800 daily.

e. Transportation and Roads. Although the weather was not good, there was much less rain which results in the continued trafficability of main lines of communication throughout the Khe Sanh area. Air travel was limited by periods of fog and low clouds which persisted during the month. The M-76 "Otters" were used several times for moving patrols to and from pick-up points as well as providing logistical support to combat outposts and within the Battalion Perimeter.

f. Fiscal. No change. The Battalion continues to operate under Combat fiscal instructions.

g. Water. The water point continues to operate and support units at Khe Sanh with water and hot showers from the dam on the north side of the airfield. The waterpoint was inoperative onetime this period for approximately 12 hours due to a repair problem with the pump at the dam site. Adequate water was on hand in storage containers to provide water as required.

h. Motor Transport. The availability of organic vehicles to the Battalion remained at a high rate of operational readiness at Khe Sanh. Presently the Battalion is operating at Khe Sanh with eight M422A1 "mites" and nine M274A1 "Mules". The M-76 "Otters" augment the motor transport capability.

i. Embarkation. Preparations for embarkation went into full swing this month in anticipation of rotation out of country. An embarkation staff of Lt ALDOUS, Lt KUHLMANN, and GySgt GESUALDI commenced to plan movement of the Battalion by airlift from Khe Sanh to Danang for further transportation out of country as a BLT by surface transportation. Embarkation Headquarters was established at Danang and Lt KUHLMANN, Assistant Embarkation Officer, remained at Khe Sanh to coordinate the air movement.

j. Hospitalization and Evacuation. The Primary Battalion Aid Station Support Facility was moved into the III MAF Rep Compound at Khe Sanh. A Combat Emergency facility remained in the Battalion Command Post area. Forty-five casualties, eleven combat and thirty-four non-combat, were evacuated from Khe Sanh this month.

## 9. Civic Action.

a. Daily visitation of the Vietnamese Government Clinic and the Missionary Clinic continued.

b. The Corpsmen and Doctors at the BAS have maintained an active MED CAP visiting the Montagnard villages located between Khe Sanh Airstrip and the village of Khe Sanh. The common diseases seen were parasite infestations, chronic skin infections and various deficiency states. In one large Montagnard village, the spleen index was 58% attributed mostly to Malaria. The infant mortality is over 75% and is related to the unhygienic living conditions. MED CAP was hampered by non-availability of MED CAP supplies. The local dispensaries were visited two or three times weekly. The response increased significantly with each visit.

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10. Administration. Orderly administration remains far more taxing than that encountered in garrison status due to maintaining both a forward and rear element. Company administration is performed without the constant supervision of First Sergeants. Weather conditions prevented first sergeants from visiting the rear element to check records as regularly as desired. Message traffic is received by the forward element and all guard mail received by the rear element. Due to weather conditions mail is sometimes received fourteen or more days after forwarding date. The lack of a trained legal clerk, typewriters, and poor telephonic and radio communications are the most critical areas in administration. Courier service was utilized but has been severely handicapped by lack of air transportation due to weather conditions.

11. Personnel:

a. Number of replacements received: five USMC Officers; eleven USMC Enlisted; two USN Officers; twenty-two USN Enlisted.

b. Number of personnel rotated: one Officer and five Enlisted USMC, two Enlisted USN.

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

(1) WIA 17 USMC Enlisted

(2) KIA 1 USMC Enlisted

(3) Humanitarian/Emergency Transfers: one Emergency leave transfer.

(4) Non-hostile injuries: 4

(5) Intra-Division/Regimental Transfers: four USMC Officers, one hundred sixty-six USMC Enlisted; two Navy Officers, eight Navy Enlisted.

(6) Transferred for confinement: 0

d. R&R trips: Eighty-seven out of country, eight in country.

e. Personnel accounting continues to be satisfactory.

f. Awards: One Purple Heart and four Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

g. Promotions: Thirty-six

h. Postal: Postal service is considered unsatisfactory due to weather conditions preventing the delivery of mail to Khe Sanh with any regularity. Mail is delivered to Dong Ha on an almost daily basis; it is sorted by company and then forwarded for delivery on the first available aircraft. On occasions aircraft have been unable to deliver mail for five to six days. Battalion Mail Room moved from Dong Ha to Danang on 30 January 1967 in preparation for rotation of BLT 1/3.

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Post Exchange: Limited exchange facilities have been available through mobile exchange from Division. Articles handled have been limited to health and comfort supplies manifested aboard aircraft at Phu Bai.

## 12. Intelligence

### a. Summary of the Enemy Situation during period.

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

(2) Enemy movement patterns, if any, have not been established into and out of areas of contact.

(3) Enemy tactical intention, unit identifications, base camp locations, and strength continue to be undetermined.

### b. Enemy initiated incidents during period.

(1) 092345H - Company D COP observed one man at XD833432 moving in SW direction. Intrusion device also picked up movement.

(2) 101615H - Company A patrol observed approximately one hundred people (no women or children spotted) with carts milling around the Village XD921421. Upon realization of being observed they quickly organized and moved East on Highway 9. Artillery mission was fired.

(3) 130835H - Company A patrol received SAF from approximately six VC at XD921422 resulting in two friendly WIA. Called in artillery mission. Three enemy then spotted at XD910421. Commenced another fire mission. During extraction of patrol HUIC gunship received SAF from XD948428. No uniform identification was made.

(4) 131105H - Company C COP spotted one VN male with rifle one hundred meters North of COP. When VN spotted COP he retreated back up road. Warning shot was fired; man fled into undergrowth in NE direction. Suspect was dressed in civilian attire.

(5) 151235H - At XD768394 a way-station/hospital complex was discovered which had not been used for approximately two months. It consisted of nineteen bamboo structures; to include ward, operating room, recovery room/staffroom, living quarters, galley, forty fighting holes built for one or two men and twelve graves. Also found remains of medicines, one carbine clip, twenty wicker stretchers, and a blood transfusion kit. Approximately one hundred to one hundred fifty men could be treated while the same number would occupy and defend the position. No trails were found, therefore rivers and streams are believed to be avenues of approach and exit.

### c. Summary of Enemy Casualties, captured weapons and equipment losses during period.

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## (1) Personnel:

KIA - fifteen KIA (Prob) - <sup>fifteen</sup>~~sixteen~~ VCC -, zero VCS - zero

(2) Equipment losses: None

(3) Enemy fortifications destroyed: None

## d. Significant Trends during period.

(1) Inclement weather hindered air reconnaissance and ground observation.

(2) One daylight contact was initiated by the enemy.

(3) Enemy continued to avoid daylight detection by USMC patrols.

(4) No mines or booby-traps were encountered by patrols.

## e. Other

(1) Employment of Intrusion Devices continued throughout the month of January.

## (a) Location of SIDS

1. Company B COP

2. Company C COP

3. Company D COP

## (b) Intrusions detected

1. Company D COP picked up intrusion at XD831430. Illumination was fired, one man spotted and was pursued physically and by fire.

13. Communications

a. Wire - no major changes were made during the period. An embark net was installed and tagged in preparation for the embarking of the First Battalion, 3d Marines. New lines were installed to the relieving supporting unit of artillery. The Battalion is operating at this time with forty-six locals and trunks to 3dMarDiv(2), 3dMarDiv(Fwd) (3) and 3d Marines (1) the following units and/or attachment: are serviced by the Battalion Switchboard:

(1) 3dMarDiv/IIIMAF Rep

(2) Det 1st Force Recon Co.

(3) Det MATCU 68

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Det FLSU #1

## (5) Det Bulk-fuel Co.

b. Radio - Radio communications during the period experienced some minor trouble due to interference. This was reduced somewhat by the change of frequencies but did not eliminate the problem entirely. Interference still occurs but not to the extent of disrupting communications. It is recommended that the most favorable frequencies to use in this area be in the lower frequencies band, 30 to 40 MEG's.

c. Radio relay communications for the entire period consisted of the two MRC-62 radio relay circuits to 3dMarDiv and 3dMarDiv(Fwd) Operating in support of the Battalion and other units at Khe Sanh. Circuits provided are: Teletype - Common user and Single user to 3dMarDiv, FLSU #1, 3dMarDiv(Fwd) and MATCU 68. Equipment outages have been minor and of short duration.

d. Message Center: A covered circuit was provided for the period covered to 3dMarDiv. Equipment outages caused a minor back-log of traffic but caused no significant delay in delivery after equipment was repaired. There was a slight increase in message traffic over last period. Outgoing messages totaled 412 and incoming 557.

e. Maintenance and Supply: No serious supply problems were encountered during the period. Equipment in for repair has either been repaired or returned to this unit for higher echelon repair from the period 15 to 20 January 1967. All non-essential equipment has been returned to the rear to be prepared for embark.

f. Problems encountered: No major problems other than weather.

14. Weather. During January the weather continued to be extremely bad. From the 1st of the month until the 17th rain was typical of the monsoon season. Heavy showers followed with light rain. Temperatures ranged in the 50's during the night to the 60's during the day with high winds from the north or northeast. During this month there was heavy fog in the Khe Sanh area up to the 28th of January. The weather created a significant problem in logistic support, as this area is entirely dependent upon fixed wing aircraft for resupply.

15. Fire Support.a. Significant events.

(1) 6 January 1967; two 105 howitzers displaced to Lang Vei in support of Special Forces Camp.

(2) 10 January 1967: B-1-13 fired mission for B-1-3 at grid 927420. Nature of target was estimated 100 VC moving down Highway 9.

(3) 13 January 1967: Two 105 howitzers displaced to Lang Vei in support of Special Forces Camp.

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(4) 21 January 1967: Two 105 howitzers from India Battery 3-12 arrived Kho Sanh. One 105mm howitzer from B-1-13 displaced to Danang.

(5) 24 January 1967: Three 105mm howitzers from I-3-12 arrived Kho Sanh. One 105mm howitzer from B-1-13 displaced to Danang.

(6) 26 January 1967: One 105mm howitzer and FDC from I-3-12 arrived. At 1630 I-3-12 assumed net control and took over complete artillery support of 1/3. FSCC was alerted at 1930 to stand by for reaction force to extract Recon unit from 671529. Initial operation order received at 2200. At 2230 two 175mm Guns (SP) were displaced from 2d Battalion, 94th Artillery, USA, from Camp J.J. Carroll to vicinity of GS 9854 to provide support for reaction force. Plans were also made to attach two 107mm mortars to the Battalion reaction force to reinforce the fires of the 81mm mortars.

(7) 27 January 1967: Final operation order given at 0500. Alert cancelled at 1000.

b. Artillery units providing support/reinforcing fires.

(1) Battery B, 1stBn, 13thMar(Rein); Battery I, 3dBn, 12thMar(Rein).

(a) Six 105mm howitzers

(b) Two 155mm howitzers

(c) Two 107mm mortars (4.2)

c. Naval Ships providing Naval Gunfire Support: None

d. Type and number of missions fired.

(1) Artillery

(a) Observed missions - twenty

(b) Unobserved Missions - twelve

(c) Harrassing & Interdiction - six-hundred one

(d) Training/Practice Missions - eight

(e) Registration

(f) Prep fires - five

(2) Naval Gunfire - None

(3) 81mm Mortars

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- (a) Harrassing & Iterdiction fires - three-hundred thirty
  - (b) Observed missions - nine
  - (c) Unobserved missions - two
  - (d) Training/Practice missions - seven
  - (e) Registration missions - eleven
  - (4) 60mm Mortars - None
  - (5) 106mm Recoilless Rifle - none
- c. Ammunition expended by type and caliber

## (1) Artillery

## (a) 105mm Howitzer

- 1. HE - seventeen-hundred fifty
- 2. WP - ten
- 3. ILL - seventy-eight
- 4. Smk - five

## (b) 155mm Howitzer

- 1. HE - thirteen
- 2. WP - None
- 3. ILL - two

## (c) 107mm Mortars (4.2")

- 1. HE - None
- 2. ILL - four

## (d) 81mm Mortars

- 1. HE (Light) - one-hundred seventy-eight
- 2. HE (MED) - three-hundred twenty-six
- 3. WP - four
- 4. ILL - twenty-four

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(2) Naval Gunfire - none

16. Air Support

MAG - 11  
 MAG - 12  
 MAG - 13  
 MAG - 16  
 VMGR - 152  
 VMGR - 352  
 7th U.S. Air Force

b. Signifioant Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TYPE OF MISSION</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>
2 Jan	Recon	730520
2 Jan	Admin	Dong Ha
3 Jan	Troop Lif	812462
3 Jan	Recon	740410
3 Jan	Recon	860470
3 Jan	Extraction	817447
4 Jan	Extraction	749439
6 Jan	Admin	Dong Ha
6 Jan	Admin	Dong Ha
8 Jan	Med Evac	876415
9 Jan	Recon	778408
9 Jan	Extraction	765418
9 Jan	Extraction	796427
10 Jan	Admin	Phu Bai
10 Jan	Cas	920400
10 Jan	Med Evac	Dong Ha
10 Jan	Resupply	916416
11 Jan	Med Evac	790497
11 Jan	Med Evac	873429
*12 Jan	Recon	740510
*12 Jan	Insertion	740510
12 Jan	Admin	830431
13 Jan	Med Evac	820401
13 Jan	Recon	820410
13 Jan	Recon	780390
13 Jan	Troop Lift	872433
13 Jan	Med Evac	872433
13 Jan	Admin	942422
13 Jan	Photo Recon	T/ OR
13 Jan	Resupply	877442
13 Jan	Extraction	920421
13 Jan	Cas	948428
14 Jan	Extraction	829415
14 Jan	Cas	925412
14 Jan	Insertion	788406

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>TYPE MISSION</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>
14 Jan	Insertion	915413
14 Jan	Med Evac	919421
***14 Jan	Med Evac	808309
14 Jan	Med Evac	Dong Ha
14 Jan	Admin	847382
*15 Jan	Extraction	751504
15 Jan	Insertion	931414
15 Jan	Resupply	882454
15 Jan	Med Evac	882454
16 Jan	Med Evac	877442
16 Jan	Resupply	882454
16 Jan	Admin	Dong Ha
16 Jan	Admin	Dong Ha
16 Jan	Admin	846382
16 Jan	Med Evac	949427
16 Jan	Recon	913418
17 Jan	Resupply	764383
17 Jan	Insertion	803409
17 Jan	Insertion	828428
*17 Jan	Insertion	874610
18 Jan	Insertion	889425
*18 Jan	Cas	872611
*18 Jan	Med Evac	872611
18 Jan	Insertion	872611
*18 Jan	Extraction	972611
18 Jan	Extraction	872611
18 Jan	Extraction	931414
18 Jan	Recon	TACR
*19 Jan	Extraction	922419
19 Jan	Recon	920410
19 Jan	Extraction	753378
19 Jan	Insertion	920420
19 Jan	Resupply	877443
19 Jan	Admin	Dong Ha
19 Jan	Extraction	915414
20 Jan	Med Evac	873409
20 Jan	Med Evac	851494
20 Jan	Recon	960350
21 Jan	Resupply	803409
21 Jan	Admin	Dong Ha
21 Jan	Recon	960350
21 Jan	Extraction	775405
21 Jan	Insertion	795397
22 Jan	Insertion	754367
22 Jan	Recon	870576
24 Jan	Resupply	869447
*24 Jan	Insertion	956361
*24 Jan	Cas	956361
24 Jan	Troop Lift	956361

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>TYPE MISSION</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>
*24 Jan	Extraction	956361
25 Jan	Resupply	798411
25 Jan	Extraction	748412
25 Jan	Resupply	873429
25 Jan	Resupply	869449
26 Jan	Insertion	770446
26 Jan	Recon	670520
26 Jan	Med Evac	387449
*26 Jan	Insertion	765487
*26 Jan	Insertion	672528
*26 Jan	Helic Escort	672528
26 Jan	Recon	700370
26 Jan	Resupply	887451
26 Jan	Admin	795390
**26 Jan	Cas	672529
27 Jan	Med Evac	753486
27 Jan	Cas	672529
28 Jan	Recon	710490
28 Jan	Recon	670540
28 Jan	Troop Lift	869449
28 Jan	Resupply	920420
28 Jan	Recon	670540

\*-- Mission for 3d Force Recon

\*\*-- At approximately 1800 on 26 Jan. two UH-1B's, two H-34's, and two H-46's were launched in support of Force Recon. During the night and until 0945 on 27 Jan. approximately 140 sorties were flown in support of the operation, dropping approximately 500,000 lbs. of bombs, and firing approximately 70,000 rounds of 20 M.M., 50 cal., and 7.62 M.M.

\*\*\*-- Mission for Special Forces

<u>TYPE MISSION</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Photo Recon	1
Helic Escort	2
Troop Lift	4
Med Evac	17
Resupply	13
Troop Extraction	16
Troop Insertion	16
Administrative	13
Recon	18
Cas	135
	<u>235</u>

# 17. Activation/Deactivation/Redesignation

- 1/3. a. 31 January 1967 - 1st Battalion, 3d Marines redesignated BMT -

## b. Task Organization BLT - 1/3

- (1) 1stBn 3dMar
- (2) Det. HqCo, 3dMar (radio relay)
- (3) Det. Postal Sec.
- (4) Det. Photo Sec.
- (5) Det. Disbursing Sec.
- (6) 105mm How Btry, 12thMar
- (7) 107mm Mortar Btry, 12thMar
- (8) Plt(Rein) 1stAmTrac
- (9) Plt(Rein) 3dTKBn
- (10) Plt(Rein) 3dLungBn
- (11) Plt(Rein) 3dReconBn
- (12) Clearing Plt(Rein) 3dModBn
- (13) Logistic Support Unit
- (14) Det. 3dSFBn
- (15) Trk Plt(Rein) 3dMTBn
- (16) Det. Radio relay, HqBn, 3dMarDiv.

18. Medical Support

## a. Surgeons

- (1) Lt. T.L. FOLKERTH, MC, USNR, Battalion Surgeon
- (2) Lt. N.J. STEPHANOU, MC, USNR, Asst. Battalion Surgeon

## b. Significant Events:

(1) During month of January the BAS completed moving to the Khe Sanh Camp where the physical facilities were better.

(2) The Battalion Aid Station is providing medical support to seven units at Khe Sanh.

## c. Medical Trends

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- (1) Five men were evacuated because of rat bites.
- (2) One man was evacuated because of snake bite, (Bamboo Viper)
- (3) Immersion foot remains almost non-existent. One case treated. This is due to a vigorous foot care program by the Battalion.
- d. Number of Battalion casualties: nineteen
- e. Number of non-battle casualties treated at BAS: two-hundred seventy-five

(1) Emergency Treatment

- (a) Lacerations - twenty-eight
- (b) Sprains - nine
- (c) Heat Stroke - one
- (d) Foreign Body in eye - three
- (e) Rat Bites - five

(2) Patients Admitted to BAS ward; fifty-two

(a) Prevalent Admission diagnosis; Skin infection, Gastroneuritis, and Pains in chest, back, legs.

(b) Total number of patients days: one-hundred forty-eight

(3) Venereal Disease

(a) Types

- 1 Gonorrhea - five
- 2 Chancroids - four

(b) Location

- 1 Red Beach Area (Danang) - two
- 2 Taipei, Formosa - three
- 3 Golden Palace, Calif. - one
- 4 7th EngBn Village (Danang) - one
- 5 Bangkok - one
- 6 Singapore - one

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

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