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PART I
ORGANIZATION DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

2d Battalion, 3d Marines Lieutenant Colonel E. R. DELONG 1-12 April

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company	Capt S. R. VAUGHAN USMC	1-12 April
Company E	Capt A. E. LYON USMC	"
Company F	Capt M. SORENSEN USMC	"
Company G	Capt J. P. SHEEHAN USMC	"
Company H	Capt R. C. MADONNA USMC	"

ATTACHED UNITS

B Battery (Rein) 1st Battalion, 12th Marines	J. M. ROSS Capt 3-12 April
First Platoon (Rein), Company A, 3rd Tank Battalion	EPB O'NEIL 2ndLT 3-12 April
Third Platoon (Rein), Company B, 1st AMTRAC Battalion	D. R. RUSH 2ndLT 3-12 April
Second Platoon (Rein) Company A, 3rd Anti-Tank Battalion	F. Y. LAWLER 2ndLT 3-12 April
Third Platoon, Company B, 3rd Recon Battalion	F. J. CARRIGAN 2ndLT 3-12 April
1st Platoon (Rein), Company A, 3rd Engineer Battalion	J. T. ASPBURY JR. 2ndLT 3-12 April
Second Clearing Platoon (Rein), Company B, 3rd Medical Battalion	S. C. SMITH L/CDR 3-12 April
Logistic Support Unit (DET FORLOGCMD)	T. E. HUGHES 1stLT 3-12 April
First Platoon (Rein), Company C, 3rd Shore Party Battalion	A. G. MUELLER 2ndLT 3-12 April
First Platoon (Rein), Company C, 3rd Motor Transport Battalion	W. H. HOOVER 2ndLT 3-12 April

2. LOCATION

1-12 April: Camp Schwab Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS:

Executive Officer	Major W. O. BEARD	(1-12 Apr)
S-1	2nd Lt. B. L. HEATON	(1-12 Apr)
S-2	Capt R. N. BOGARD	(1-12 Apr)
S-3	Capt D. W. LEMON	(1-12 Apr)
S-4	Capt R. R. GREEN	(1-12 Apr)
CommO	Capt J. C. RIVERA	(1-10 Apr)
	1st Lt. J. B. DENNY	(10-12 Apr)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

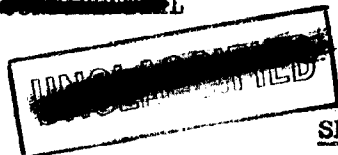
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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

Second Battalion, 3d Marines was located at Camp Schwab, Okinawa during this reporting period. The battalion continued to carry on with it's re-furbishing program and an extensive training program was conducted in preparation for assignment as a special landing force, and for subsequent duty in the Republic of Vietnam. Highlights of the battalion training included: live firing of small arms weapons; escape, evasion and survival, land mine warfare, demolitions, jungle lane and trap line training; amphibious indoctrination, and counter-guerrilla warfare. On 3 April 1967, Battalion Landing Team 2/3 was activated. Contingency plans were formulated to meet the requirements of Commander, Special Landing Force, Bravo, and preparations for embarkation were undertaken.

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- A. COMBAT MISSIONS ASSIGNED. None
- B. SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS CONDUCTED. None
- C. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY. None
- D. CASUALTIES SUSTAINED. None
- E. NEW TECHNIQUES EMPLOYED. None
- F. COMMAND RELATIONS. During the period 1-12 April 1967, 2d Battalion, 3rd Marines was under the operational control of CTG 79.2 and under administration control of the RLT-26.
- G. EQUIPMENT:
 - 1. General. All Class II equipment that was turned in for repair to FSR was returned or placed in a Code-X status. Most deficiencies were rectified by drawing replacement items from 9th MAB Layette on temporary loan, or by direct invoice of items from other 9th MAB units. Minor problem areas arose through the non-availability of component parts for some equipment not returned by FSR.
 - 2. Individual Clothing and Equipment. An in kind issue was made for clothing and equipment damaged in Vietnam. Shortages of khaki trousers and quarter length sleeve khaki shirts, previously reported, have been resolved.
 - 3. Special Equipment. Tests were completed on rainwear proposed for adoption for use in Vietnam. The length of the testing period was not considered adequate, and weather conditions were not appropriate for realistic tests. The material used in the rainwear did not prove sturdy enough for field operations. Therefore, the rainwear was not recommended for adoption.
 - 4. Communication/Electronics. The battalion communication section is still short several component parts required for the continued operation of the AN/PRC-25.
 - 5. Motor Transport. All organic vehicles were returned by FSR. No shortages exist in this area, however, one M274A1 LIWC was returned with defective worm gear. Sufficient time was not available for repair of this vehicle prior to departure from Okinawa.
 - 6. Mess. All field mess equipment is on hand, and no shortages exist in this area.



H. LOGISTICS.

1. Supply. Normal supply functions were conducted throughout this period. The Battalion was re-equipped with T/E items. Requisitions for combat essential equipment were walked through FSR to insure expeditious filling. Battalion supply, as well as company supplies prepared all Line 4 and Line 5 items for embarkation.

2. Maintenance. The following items, by category, were turned in to FSR for maintenance:

General Supply.....	4
Ordnance.....	10
Motor Transport.....	4
Comm/Elec.....	1

3. Food Services. A battalion mess was in operation at Camp Schwab throughout this stay on Okinawa. Troops involved in field operations were subsisted on Meals, Combat Individual.

4. Camp Facilities. The battalion continued to make use of the permanent barracks and office buildings in the Camp Schwab area. All normal garrison facilities were available to the personnel of this battalion.

5. Transportation. With the return of the battalion's vehicles, transportation problems were lessened. Additional transportation requirements continued to be processed through RLT-26. The non-availability of transportation, at times, hampered field training and supply functions of this command.

6. Fiscal:

- a. No local civilians are presently employed.
- b. All budget reports are current.

7. Motor Transport. The Motor Transport Section has all organic vehicles on hand, and with the exception of one M274A1 previously mentioned, all are operational.

8. Embarkation. All loading plans and preparations for back-loading were completed during this reporting period. Two separate staging areas, one at Camp Hansen and one at Camp Schwab, were assigned. Staging of mount out blocks commenced on 10 April 1967. The BLT's vehicles were staged at White Beach on 12 April 1967.

9. Hospitalization and Evacuation

a. Name of Surgeons. J. M. SEVENTKO, LT MC USN
R. A. NIVALA, LT MC USNR

b. Significant events. None

c. Medical trends. No significant number of infectious diseases.

d. Number of battle casualties treated. None

e. Number of non-battle casualties treated. (421)

- (1) Admissions to BAS (0)
- (2) Emergency treatment (2) (lacerations)
- (3) Number of referrals to Medical Battalion (33)
- (4) Cases of significant diseases of the area (0)
- (5) Cases of VD (17 acquired in Okinawa)

f. Preventive Medicine and Sanitation:

a. Number of inoculations (495)

b. VD lectures given to all hands

g. Civil Affairs Medical Support Rendered. None

h. Hospitalization and Evacuations:

a. Number of battle casualties: WIA (0) KIA (0)

b. Number of non-battle casualties: (0)

10. Movement. Movement to embarkation areas was conducted by organic vehicles and motor transport services requested through RLT-26.

I. CIVIC ACTION. None

J. ADMINISTRATION

- 1. Personnel Accounting. A shortage of consumable supplies still exists.
- 2. Awards. Two Bronze Stars, 2 Navy Commendation Medals, 33 Purple Hearts.
- 3. Promotions. None
- 4. Postal. Satisfactory
- 5. Pay. No problem areas
- 6. Post Exchange. The battalion is being serviced by the Camp Schwab Post Exchange.
- 7. Legal and Discipline. One company and one battalion NJP.

K. PERSONNEL

- 1. Number of personnel received. 13 USMC officers, 435 USMC enlisted, 2 USN officers.
- 2. Number of personnel rotated. None
- 3. Intra Division/Regiment Transfers

a. Division Transfers. None

b. Regiment Transfers. One MC-OFF, 113 MC ENL.

4. R&R Trips. None

5. Religious Services. From 1 April 1967 to 12 April 1967, the battalion was located in Okinawa. During this time the Battalion Chaplain was responsible for the entire Camp Schwab area. On 1 April 1967 a service was held at the Camp Schwab Chapel. A week day schedule was conducted as follows: Wednesday night, film series, Sunday night religious film. Again on 12 April, a service was held in the Camp Schwab Chapel. Catholic services were conducted during this time by Chaplain KEATING of 9th MAB.

L. INTELLIGENCE. None

M. COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS:

1. Radio. During the period covered, it was of utmost importance to acquire the necessary accessory items for radio equipment. Upon embarkation, the following specific PRC-25 shortages were noted:

29 Whip antenna bases

5 Short antennas

7 1 H38 Handsets

The battalion was embarked with all major-end radio items up to T/O.

2. Message Center. Communications and crypto guard remained with RLT-26. Messenger was still utilized as the primary means of communications. All teletype and associated crypto gear was operationally tested by battalion technicians. On 5 April, a security inspection of the Message Center and Crypto Center was conducted by a Naval Security Group Team. On 9 April, Naval Security Group provided instruction in off-line crypto procedures to members of the battalion crypto board. On 10 April, the Battalion Commo was relieved and transfer reports were made on all RPS and ComTac Publications held by the Crypto Center.

3. Radio Relay. There was a pre-embarkation inspection of all radio relay gear. All equipment was found to be in good working order.

4. Maintenance. All electronic items were given operators maintenance. All electronic gear needing repair was turned into 3rd FSR Electronic Maintenance. The majority of the electronic items were returned and checked for operational capabilities.

5. Wire. All equipment was given a pre-embarkation inspection and properly tac-marked.

N. ACTIVATIONS/DEACTIVATIONS/REDESIGNATIONS. On 3 April 1967, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines was activated as Battalion Landing Team 2/3.