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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

13 April through 12 May 1967

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PART I

ORGANIZATION DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

Battalion Landing Team 2/3 Lt. Colonel E. R. DELONG 13 Apr-12 May 67

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company	Capt S. R. VAUGHAN	13 Apr-12 May 67
Company E	Capt A. E. LYON	13 Apr-3 May 67
	1st Lt. J. F. ADINOLFI	3 May-12 May 67
Company F	Capt M. SORENSEN	13 Apr-9 May 67
	1st Lt. R. D. KEOHLER	9 May-12 May 67
Company G	Capt J. P. SHEEHAN	13 Apr-12 May 67
Company H	Capt R. C. MADONNA	13 Apr-12 May 67

ATTACHED UNITS

B Battery (Rein) 1st Battalion, 12th Marines	J. M. ROSS Capt 13Apr-5May 67 G. B. FILE Capt 5May-12May 67
First Platoon (Rein), Company A, 3rd Tank Battalion	EPB O'NEIL 2ndLt 13Apr-12May6
Third Platoon (Rein), Company B, 1st Amphib. Battal	D. R. RUSH 2ndLt 13Apr-12May6
Second Platoon (Rein), Company A, 3d Anti-Tank Battalion	F. Y. LAWLER 2ndLt 13Apr-12May6
Third Platoon, Company B, 3rd Recon Battalion	F. J. CARRIGAN 2ndLt 13Apr-12May6
Second Clearing Platoon (Rein), Company B, 3rd Medical Battalion	S. C. SMITH L/CDR 13Apr-12May6
Logistic Support Unit (DET FORLOGCMD)	T. E. HUGHES 1stLt 13Apr-12May6
First Platoon (Rein), Company C, 3rd Shore Party Battalion	A. G. MUELLER 2ndLt 13Apr-12May6
First Platoon (Rein), Company C, 3rd Motor Transport Battalion	W. H. HOOVER 2ndLt 13Apr-12May6
First Platoon (Rein), Company A, 3d Engineer Battalion	J. R. ASHBURY 2ndLt 13Apr-12May6

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2. LOCATION:

- 13 Apr - 22 Apr 67: Afloat with ARG shipping; Exercise Hilltop VII, Okinawa
- 22 Apr - 26 Apr 67: Operation Beacon Star Phase I - RVN
- 26 Apr - 12 May 67: Operation Beacon Star Phase II - RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS:

Executive Officer	Major W. O. BEARD	13 Apr - 12 May 67
S-1	2ndLt B. L. HEATON	13 Apr - 12 May 67
S-2	Capt R. N. BOGARD	13 Apr - 12 May 67
S-3	Capt D. W. LEMON	13 Apr - 12 May 67
S-4	Capt R. R. GREEN	13 Apr - 12 May 67
CommO	1stLt J. B. DENNY	13 Apr - 12 May 67

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
58	1482	8	78

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Battalion Landing Team 2/3 loaded aboard assigned ARG shipping 13-14 April and got underway to an assigned operating area in the vicinity of Kin Beach, Okinawa. On 15 April 1967, a rehearsal for Exercise Hilltop VII was conducted in order to test the soundness of the BLT landing plan. Exercise Hilltop VII, a combined helicopterborne and waterborne assault exercise, was begun on 16 April. The exercise was secured prematurely on 17 April, and the BLT backloaded administratively in order to hasten the movement of the task group to its newly assigned operating area off the coast of Viet Nam.

Operation Beacon Star, Phase I, began on 22 April and was conducted in Quang Tri and Hua Thien Provinces, Republic of Viet Nam. This phase of the operation was a search and destroy type, lasting five days, and is discussed in detail in Part IV of this chronology. Phase II of Operation Beacon Star began 27 April 1967 and was conducted in Quang Tri Province, Republic of Viet Nam. This phase of the operation was begun in response to orders received from CTG 79.5 to redeploy the battalion (-) to a new AO in the vicinity of KHE SANH. This phase of the operation is also discussed in detail in Part IV of this chronology. On 10 May 1967, the battalion (-) commenced backloading to ARG shipping, which continued for the next two days, until Operation Beacon Star ended on 12 May 1967.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

A. PERSONNEL

1. <u>LOSSES</u>	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Battle	5	132	0	13
Non-battle	0	0	0	0
Administrative	2	6	0	0

2. REPLACEMENTS. None

B. ADMINISTRATION

1. PERSONNEL ACCOUNTING. A shortage of consumable supplies still exists.
 2. AWARDS. None
 3. PROMOTIONS. None
 4. LEGAL and DISCIPLINE. 3 SCM held; 3 violations Article 86, 1 violation Article 91, 1 violation Article 92, and 1 violation Article 134. There were two Battalion NJP's.
 5. POSTAL SERVICES. Satisfactory
 6. PAY. No problem areas
 7. POST EXCHANGE. The BLT was serviced by the ship store of USS Princeton, USS Ogden, and USS Monticello.
 8. RELIGIOUS SERVICES. The BLT Chaplain conducted a total of nine Protestant Devine Services. Catholic Mass and confessions were conducted by Father HARRINGTON, Chaplain, USS Princeton and Father ROMANO, Chaplain, 3/3. Other religious activities included nightly bible study when possible.
 9. R & R TRIPS. None
 10. CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES. None
- C. INTELLIGENCE. See Part IV

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D. TRAINING. All companies of the Battalion and attachments of the BLT conducted shipboard training in conjunction with training schedules which were formulated prior to embarkation. This training encompassed two hours of GMS/MOS training each day and one hour of physical fitness training. In addition, familiarization firing of individual and crew-served weapons was conducted at sea prior to Operation Beacon Star.

E. COMMAND AND CONTROL

1. 131500Z April 1967. BLT 2/3 CHOPPED OPCON to CTG 79.5.
2. 261200H April 1967. Bn. 2/3 (-) (Rein) CHOPPED OPCON to CO, 3rd Marines.
3. 271400H April 1967. "B" Btry, 1/12 CHOPPED OPCON to CO, 12th Marines.
4. 290700H April 1967. Company F, 2/3 CHOPPED OPCON to CO, 3/3.
5. 011835H May 1967. First Platoon, Company E, 2/9 CHOPPED OPCON to CO, 2/3.
6. 030800H May 1967. Company F, 2/3 CHOPPED OPCON to CO, 2/3.
7. 110800H May 1967. First Platoon, Company E, 2/9 CHOPPED OPCON to CO, 3/3.
8. 111410H May 1967. Companies E and F, 2/3 CHOPPED OPCON to CG, 3rd Mar Div.
9. 121420H May 1967. Bn 2/3 (-) (Rein) and "B" Btry, 1/12 CHOPPED OPCON to CG, 3rd Mar Div.
10. 121800H May 1967. Bn 2/3 (-) (Rein) and "B" Btry 1/12 CHOPPED OPCON to CTG 79.5.

F. CLOSE COMBAT. See Part IV

G. FIRE SUPPORT. See Part IV

H. LOGISTICS. See Part IV

I. COMBAT CLOSE AIR-SUPPORT. See Part IV

J. CIVIC ACTION. None

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