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1. Designation/Location. This report covers the period from 1 November 1966 to 1 January 1967. On 1 November 1966, BLT 2/4 was located at Phu Bai, Thua Thein Province, RVN. BLT 2/4 consisted of "H" Btry, 3/12; 2d Plt, Co D, 3d Tanks; 1st Plt, Co A, 1st Amtracs; Detachment Co "B", FLSG; 2d Plt, Co A, 3d Mt Bn; 1st Plt, Co A, 3d Anti-tank Bn; 1st Plt, Co A, 3d Recon; 2d Plt, Co B, 3d Engr Bn; Det 1st Plt, Co B, 3d Med Bn.

BLT 2/4's mission was to provide security for the Phu Bai Vital Area and to patrol and maintain certain assigned areas within the MAOR. On 3 Nov 1966, BLT 2/4 was relieved of this mission by 1st Bn, 4th Mar. From 3-5 Nov 1966, BLT 2/4 prepared to embark for rotation to Okinawa.

On 5 November 1966, BLT 2/4 units boarded the following ships:

USS Valley Forge (LPH-8)

2d Bn, 4th Mar (-)

USS Henrico (APA-45)

Company E, 2d Bn, 4th Mar

USS Washtenaw County (LST-1166)

Det Co B, FLSG
Det 1st Plt, Co B, 3d Med Bn
1st Plt, Co A, 3d Recon
"H" Btry, 3d Bn, 12th Mar
2d Plt, Co C, 3d Tank Bn
2d Plt, Co A, 3d MT Bn

USS Gunston Hall (LSD-5)

1st Plt, Co A, 1st Amtrac Bn
1st Plt, Co B, 3d Anti-tank Bn

On 6 November 1966, USS Valley Forge departed RVN for Okinawa and arrived 8 November 1966. The USS Washtenaw County, USS Henrico, and USS Gunston Hall departed Danang, RVN on 6 November 1966 and arrived at Okinawa on 10 November 1966. On 11 November 1966, all BLT 2/4 personnel and equipment had been off-loaded and was located at Camp Hansen or Camp Schwab.

Upon arrival at Okinawa all BLT 2/4 attachments were CHOPPED to their appropriate units. On 15 December 1966, BLT 2/4 was reformed

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
2d Battalion, 4th Marines
1 November 1966 - 1 January 1967

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and on 30 December 1966 the BLT embarked in shipping for ALEX on Kin Blue Beach, Okinawa on 1 January 1967. On 1 January 1967, BLT 2/4 departed for Danang, RVN embarked in the following ships:

USS Point Defiance (LSD-31)

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"H" Btry, 3d Bn, 12th Mar
1st Plt, Co B, 3d At Bn
1st Plt, Co B, 3d Engr Bn
2d Plt, Co C, 3d Tank Bn
3d Plt, Co G, 2d Bn, 4th Mar
1st Plt, Co A, 1st Amtrac Bn

USS Union (AKA-106)

Det Co B, FLSG, 3d Serv Bn
2d Plt, Co B, 3d MT Bn
Supply Platoon, H&S Co, 2/4

USS Bexar County (APA-237)

H&S Co (-), 2d Bn, 4th Mar
Co E (Rein), 2d Bn, 4th Mar
Co F (Rein), 2d Bn, 4th Mar
Co H (Rein), 2d Bn, 4th Mar
Co G (-)(Rein), 2d Bn, 4th Mar
Det 1st Plt, Co B, 3d Med Bn
1st Plt, Co A, 3d Recon Bn

2. Period Covered by Report. 1 November 1966 to 1 January 1967.

3. Name/Rank of Commanding Officer, Staff and Principal Subordinate T/O Billet Assignments.

Commanding Officer		LtCol A. E. BENCH
Executive Officer	(1Nov-14Dec66)	Maj E. R. SAVOY
	(15Dec-31Dec66)	Maj W. FIELD
S-1	(1-24Nov66)	2d Lt E. S. LEWANDOWSKI
	(25Nov-31Dec66)	2d Lt J. R. PIPPIN
S-2	(1Nov-14Dec66)	2d Lt S. C. LAIDIG
	(15-31Dec66)	Capt C. D. CUNY
S-3	(1Nov-14Dec66)	Capt W. H. LEONARD
	(15-31Dec66)	Maj E. R. SAVOY
S-4		Capt D. T. WINTER
Supply Officer		2d Lt W. C. VINING
Communications Officer	(1Nov-7Dec66)	1st Lt T. L. STROHECKER
	(8-31Dec66)	Capt K. N. ZIKE
Motor Transport Officer		2d Lt C. T. HANSEN
Civil Affairs Officer	(1Nov-13Dec66)	2d Lt S. C. LAIDIG
	(14-31Dec66)	Capt C. D. CUNY

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Legal Officer
Medical Officer
Chaplain

1st Lt G. E. GYLLENHOFF
Lt P. D. CALDWELL
LtCdr E. B. DAVIS

Company Commanders:

H&S Co
Co E
Co F

(1-24Nov66)
(25Nov-31Dec66)

Co G
Co H

(1-24Nov66)
(25Nov-31Dec66)

Capt T. R. BETZ
Capt D. W. SCHRAMER
Capt B. D. MOON
Capt J. E. [unclear]
Capt J. G. [unclear]
Capt N. P. [unclear]
Capt W. E. [unclear]

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SECRETSECTION IIPERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION1. Personnel

a. Officer strength on rolls during the period averaged 85% of the T/O. Only one officer was non-effective during most of the period due to emergency leave. The enlisted strength averaged 78% with a percentage of 6.5% being non-effective. The strength of the command increased in the latter part of the period due to personnel joined from other commands to compose the Battalion Landing Team.

b. Within the Battalion a critical shortage in one officer MOS (6707) and one enlisted MOS (34 enl 0341) still exists.

c. The following personnel were joined during the period:

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Officers	30	0
Enlisted	652	23

The above personnel were spread equally within the Battalion and the BLT.

d. The following number of transfers were effected during the period covered:

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Officers	19	0
Enlisted	446	31

e. Battle and Non-Battle Casualties: None

f. Discipline, Law and Order. This area of administration was considered satisfactory with 28 non-judicial punishments awarded; 4 Courts-Martial, and 1 Investigation completed during the period.

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INTELLIGENCE

1. During the reporting period intelligence functions continued at a satisfactory level.
2. Enemy Casualties for the months of November and December. None
 - a. Total KIA since 7 May 1965: 914
3. Captured and Destroyed Equipment During the months of November and December. None
 - a. Total Weapons Captured since 7 May 1965: 230

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SECRETSECTION IVOPERATIONS

1. Training. From 12 November 1966 through 27 December 1966, the Battalion and attachments conducted an extensive training program. Emphasis was placed on small unit leadership with all basic subjects being instructed to make the individual a better combat Marine. In addition to this training, Squad, Platoon, and Company Tactics were taught and both day and night FEXs were conducted. All hands also received specialized training in Guerrilla Warfare, Helicopter Rapelling, Jungle Lane and Trap Line, Demolitions and Land Mine Warfare. Each Marine FAM fired his individual weapon. All Marines armed with the M-79 fired that weapon. All crew-served weapons conducted FIREXs. Swimming instruction for non-swimmers was conducted. Each work day a minimum of 30 minutes of Physical Conditioning was performed.

2. Schools. The following schools were attended by personnel from 2/4:

<u>School</u>	<u>Number of Personnel</u>
NCO	45
HST	39
Generator Operators Course	3
Comm Waterproofing School	6
Supporting Arms	60
Vietnamese Language	6
Embarkation	3 Officers
Field Radio Operators	16

Officer/Staff and NCO schools were held during the latter part of the training cycle.

SECRETSECTION VLOGISTICS

1. Normal logistics functions continued until 27 December 1966 when the BLT started embarkation procedures. Embarkation was completed on 30 December 1966 with no major problems encountered. The following are problem areas which could hamper the efficient operation of the BLT.

a. Shortages.

Water Distribution Unit	1
Water Purification Unit	1
Radio Set AN/PRC-25	7
Radio Set AN/MRC-83	1
Truck, Dump M-51	1
Truck, Cargo M-35	1

SECRETSECTION VICOMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

1. Significant Events. The Battalion conducted an Amphibious Landing Exercise on Okinawa during the last week in December.

2. New Developments. The KY-8 covered wave circuit was activated and checked out while on Okinawa. It is intended for operational use in Vietnam.

3. Problem Areas. We are presently short seven (7) AN/PRC-25a and thirty (30) TA-1/PT Telephone sets. These items are necessary to fulfill our operational commitments in Vietnam.

4. Deadline Report

(1) AN/PRC-25
 (1) AN/MRC-83 (Vehicle Portion)
 (1) AN/MRC-87 (Vehicle Portion)
 (1) TH-5
 (1) PU-239
 (1) PU-482

5. Number of Security Violations. We have not received official word, but majority would be voice/radio procedure.

6. Amount of Message Traffic Sent and Received

Messages sent: 89
 Messages received: 593

7. Personnel Status. No problems.

8. Summary of Operational Training

Technician Training	300 Hrs
Classes	20 Hrs
Radio Section Training	300 Hrs
Application	200 Hrs
Classes	40 Hrs
Message Center Training	672 Hrs
Application	672 Hrs
Classes	50 Hrs
Wire Section Training	672 Hrs
Application	50 Hrs
Classes	40 Hrs

9. Summary of Operations Participated in, with Problems Encountered. During December the Battalion participated in a Landing Exercise in

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Okinawa. No problems were encountered.

10. Directory Listing. None

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SECTION VII

FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION, NAVAL GUNFIRE

1. From 1-5 November 1966, artillery support was furnished by "G" Btry, 12th Marines.

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1. Air support was furnished during the transition period when 2/4 was relieved of the responsibility for the Phu Bai TAOR. On 3 November Company E made a helicopter lift. On 5 November, air coverage was provided for the Rough Rider Convoy from Phu Bai to Danang, also elements of 2/4 were helilifted from Phu Bai to the USS Valley Forge.
2. While on Okinawa, helicopter support was furnished by HMM-161. This consisted of Helicopter Rapelling Training, reconnaissance and resupply.

SECRETSECTION IXMEDICAL AND DENTAL

1. Significant Events. On 5 November 1966, all medical personnel attached (2 Medical Corps Officers and 48 Enlisted) received orders to report to CG, 9th MAB for duty. On 8 November 1966, these personnel were assigned again to this Battalion for duty. While on Okinawa this Battalion furnished medical personnel to work and stand watches at the Base Dispensary, Camp Hansen.

Personnel strength at the end of the reporting period is 2 Medical Corps Officers and 50 enlisted personnel. The T/O for this Battalion is 2 Medical Corps Officers and 53 enlisted personnel.

2. New Developments. None

3. Problem Areas. None

4. Average Daily Number of Patients Seen. 24

5. Total Number of Patients Seen. 1722

6. Number of Referrals. 55

7. Routine Medical Complaints

a. Diarrhea	17
b. URI	197
c. Dermatitis	278
d. Venereal Disease	114
e. Minor Sprains	40

8. Significant Diseases of the Area. None

9. Number of Emergencies Evacuated & Operations

10. Innoculations and Prophylactics Administered. 12,800

11. Dental Referrals. 530

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SECTION X

CIVIL AFFAIRS

1. There were no Civil Affairs events during this reporting period. Classes were conducted by all units with emphasis placed on Customs and Traditions of the Vietnamese people.

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PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED, LESSONS LEARNED

1. There were no unusual problems encountered, or lessons learned during this reporting period.

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