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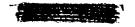
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SECTION I

A. Organization Data:

3d Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment (-) (Rein) 3d Marine Division, FMF

1. Command Post Locations:

1 April - YD 166636 2-5 April - YD 242598

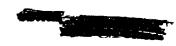
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2. Period Covered: 1-5 April 1967

3. Command and Staff:

- a. Commanding Officer LtCol W. N. VEST Executive Officer Major H. J. FIELD, Jr. Capt J. H. FLATHMAN MSgt J. CHAPMAN S.-1 S-2 S-3 Major E. J. FAIRBANKS S-4 1stLt D. A. RICHWINE Comm Officer Capt F. J. BASSO, Jr. 2ndLt J. H. HATCHELL H&S Company "1" Company Capt J. D. HARRILL "K" Company Capt J. M. MAHONEY "L" Company Capt D. J. RYAN "M" Company Capt R. D. JACKSON
- 4. Average strength for reporting period: USMC USN
 - a. Officers
 - b. Enlisted

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PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

1. Personnel:

- α_{\bullet} . Number of replacements received: None
- b. Number of personnel rotated: None
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 - (1) Transferred by Service Records:

USMC Officers - 0 USMC Enlisted - 3 USN - 0

- (2) Neath Non-battle: 0
- (3) WIA: O KIA: TO DOW: O
- (4) Humanitarian transfer: 6
- (5) Non-battle injuries: 0
- (6) Intra Div/Regt transfer: 3 USMC Enlisted
- d. BR trips: 0

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SECTION III

INTELLIGENCE

1. Enemy Situation at the Beginning of the Period:

During this reporting period of Operation PRAIRIE III, the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, areas of operation were the Cam Lo area, the Delta area of the Cua Viet River and Dong Ha Combat Base.

a. Cam Io Area:

From the area surrounding Cam Lo, north to the DMZ, there was a constant increase in enemy contacts and movement. During this period onemy units, of ostimated battalion size, were heavily armed with automatic weapons, mortars and possibly 140mm rockets.

b. Delta of the Cua Viet River:

There was an increase in enemy movement along the coastal regions and the area around the mouth of the Cua Viet River. NVA units were estimated to be of company size. Local guerrillas working in platoon size units were also active in this area.

c. Dong Ha Combat Base:

No enemy harassment encountered.

2. Enemy incidents during period:

See section IV.

3. Total Enemy Losses for Period.

- a. Casualties: 1 Detainee
- b. Individual Weapons: None
- c. Equipment: None
- 4. Significant Trends During Period: No Change

5. Enemy Situation at the End of the Period:

a. Situation remains the same as at the beginning of the period.

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SECTION IV

OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

- 1. During the period 1 April to 5 April 1967, the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines conducted one Battalion (-) size search and destroy operation.
- 2. During this period there was negative training conducted. All units were deployed or engaged in Patrols and Rough Riders.
- 3. Command and Control.
 - a, On 2 April 3/4(-) CHOP to 3d Marine Division Forward.
 - b. On 3 April, 1st Platoon, Company D, 1/4, CHOP to 3/4.
 - c. On 4 April, 3d Platoon, Company D, 1/4, CHOP to 3/4. 2nd and 3d Platoons, Company D, 1/4 and M/3/4, Co 1: 3/4 CHOP to 3/4.
 - d. On 5 /pril M/3/4 CHOP 3/4. BLT 3/4 CHOP to CTF 79 and Command less OFCON to 9th MAB. .

4. Close Combat:

3. At 0800M as Company M was departing CP for daylight patrol, spotted (3) VCS flooing into treeline. Company M pursued and apprehended (1) VCS.

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LOGISTICS

I. GENERAL:

- a. There were no major logistical problems encountered during this recording period. One battalion (~) size operation was conducted and the units in the field were resupplied via helicopters through LSA.
- b. The Company at the mouth of the Cua Viet continued to be resupplied by ICU boats. The reinforced platoon at the Cam Lo Bridge was resupplied by motor convoy.
- c. Some trouble was encountered in staging the battalion's gear for the move to Okinava. The big problem was a lack of forklifts, as many of those available were inoperative. However, excellent support from "A" Company, 3d Shore Party Battalion enabled this unit to load officiently.

II. Supply:

a. Supply support continued to be satisfactory during this period. No major problems were encountered. BA 386's were the only critically short item which affected the battalion's combat readiness.

Int. Transportation:

- a. Part shortage for the M274Al (mule) and M422Al (mite) have hampered the readiness of this units organic motor transport. Vehicles sent for 3i Echelon Maintenance have been lost to this unit for upwards of 3 months.
- b. Motor transport support from 9th Motors for tactical and "housekeeping" requirements continued to be sufficient.

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COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS

1. Radio:

a. The Battalion continued operating the following radio nets:

Area Defense - (FM)
Div (FWD) Command (Covered circuit on request only) - (FM)
Battalion TAC # 2 - (FM)

- b. Supporting Arms:
 - (1) TACP maintained (1) FM and (1) UNF net to fulfill their requirements.
 - (2) HST provided their own FM net while supporting the battalion (-) operations.
 - (3) Artillery attachments provided two FM nets to satisfy their requirements.
 - (4) CAC # 2 operating under our operational control was supplied by the battalion with (1) AN/PRC-25 radio w/accessories, and entered the battalion TAC # 2.
- c. In addition, a logistics net was established between the battalion S-4 Dong Ha Ramp and the USS Princeton, to facilitate embarkation.

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e. 27 Field Telephones were invoiced to 1st Battalion, 4th Marines to help satisfy their requirements which occurred upon our relief.

3. Radio Relay:

a. No requirement existed for the employment of radio relay equipment during the first days of April. However, 4th Marine Regiment has provided this Battalion with (2) AN/TRC - 27 and three radio relay personnel for our use during our deployment.

4. Power:

. a. The 3d Engineer Battalion continued to provide this Headquarters with 24 hour power during the First part of April.

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FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION

1. Significant Events:

a. From 1 April to 2 April, the operation north of Cam Lo was continued and terminated.

b. From 1 to 3 April, India Battery, 3/12 and Mortar Battery, 1/12 arrived in Dong Ha from Khe Sanh and Ba Long for embarkation with BLT 3/4.

2. Artillery Batteries in Support:

Llpha	LVTH - 6	105mm	Direct Support	
Bravo	1/40	105mm	General Support	
Alpha	2/94	175mm	General Support,	
Bravo	2/94	175mm	General Support,	Reinforcing
Kilo	4/12	155mm	General Support	
Foxtrot	1/ 1 2	1.05mm	General Support	

3. Naval Gunfire Ships:

None

/. Missions Fired and Rounds Expended:

- a. Missions Fired:
 - 1. Observed: None
 - 2. Unobserved: None
- b. H&I Rounds Fired: 40
- c. Type and number of Rounds Fired:

HE - 40

WP, Ill, Other - 0

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AIR SUPPORT DEFENSE

1. Helicopters conducted resupply and med-evac missions for the Battalion on L and 2 April. The aerial observer aircraft were used for recon/navigation and convey recore. Ground FAC monitored Fixed Wing air strikes which were controlled by the Aerial Observer. Fixed wing were on station for the convey.

2. Statistics:

- a. Troop Lifts: 0
- b. Resupply: 6 Sortiesc. Med-Evac: 1 Sortie
- d. Fixed Wing: 14 Sorties
- o. Arial Observer Flights: 7 Sorties

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PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AND LESSONS LEARNED

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MEDICAL AFFAIRS

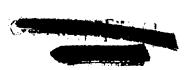
- 1. There were no major problems encountered during this reporting period.
- 2. Members of BAS were in the field as part of the CP group which returned on 2 April.
- 3. Casualties were minimal and there were no major problems in modical resupply.
- A. Personnel on the sicklist being treated at the BAS Ward were either discharged to full duty or transferred to permanent medical facilities.
- 5. 3d Battalion, 4th Marines BAS at Dong Ha was secured and Medical personal temperated on 5 April 1967.

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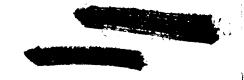
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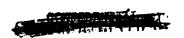
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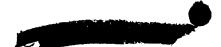
ORGANIZATION DATA

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1.	Designation:	Commander				
	3d Battalion, 4th Morines	ItCol W. N. VEST				
		STAFF OFFICERS				
	Executive Officer	5-12 April 1967 1 13-30 April 1967 1	koj H. J. FIELD, Jr. Koj E. J. FAIRBANKS			
	S-1	5-30 April 1967 2	and It R. L. THOMPSON			
	S-2	5-18 April 1967 1 19-30 April 1967 C	Asgt J. CHAPMAN Capt C. G. HOILMAN			
	S-3	13-16 April 1967 (17-23 April 1967 (Maj E. J. FAIRBANKS Capt E. J. CROWELL Capt J. M. MAHONEY Maj J. M. LILLA			
	S-4		lstIt D. A. RICHWINE Capt E. O. IERCY			
	Coma Officer	5-30 April 1967	Capt F. J. BASSO, Jr.			
		SUBORDINATE UNITS				
	H&S Co	5-11 April 1967 12-30 April 1967	2ndLt J. H. HATCHELL Capt R. K. YOUNG			
	nIn Co	5-11 April 1967 12-30 April 1967	Capt D. J. HARRILL Capt H. H. HAWKINS			
	"K" Go	5-16 April 1967 17-30 April 1967	Capt J. M. MAHOMEY Capt J. E. FLATHMAN			
	"J." Co	5-30 April 1967	Capt D. J. RYAN			
	^п Мп Со	5-30 April 1967	Capt R. D. JACKSON			
2.	location:					
	a. 5-11 April 1967 enro	a. 5-11 April 1967 enroute from RVN to Okinawa.				
	b. 11-30 April 1967 Camp	. 11-30 April 1967 Camp Schwab, Okinawa.				

3. Average Monthly Strength: USMC USN
a. Officers: 42 2
b. Enlisted: 1125 47

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period 5-11 April 1967, the Battalion was enroute from RVN to Okinawa. The period 11-30 April 1967 the Battalion conducted rehabilitation and training on Okinawa.

1. Training:

The Battalion conducted training at each unit level within the Battalion with emphasis placed on unit tactics and field work. Each Company within the Battalion attended Counter Guerrilla Warfare School, Demolition/Landmine Warefare School, Jungle Lane Trapline and one (1) Company received Submarine Raid training. In addition, 109 NCO's attended NCO School, 1 NCO Basic Ammo Tech School, 5 Officers and 5 Enlisted attended Embarkation School, 4 Basic Infantry Weapons Repair School, 14 Vietnamese Language School, 56 Field Wire School and 38 Field Radio School.

The Battalion continued rehabilitation of equipment.

2. Personnel:

- a. Number of replacements received: 14 Officers 282 Enlisted 1 Enlisted USN.
- b. Number of personnel rotated. O Officers O Enlisted.
- c. Personnel accounting continues to remain satisfactory.
- d. Promotions: 1 Corporal 6 Lence Corporals.
- e. Postal: Postal Service continues to remain satisfactory.

3. Command Relations:

a. 3d Battalion, 4th Marines opeon to CTG 79.2. Command less opeon RLH-26.

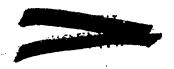
4. Logistics:

a. General:

(1) No major logistical problems were encountered during this reporting period. The move of the Battalion from the Republic of Vietnam to Okinawa was effected smoothly, largely due to the tremendous support received from "A" Company, Third Shore Party Battalion and 9th Motor Transport Battalion in transporting and staging equipment and supplies.

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- (2) Movement was made from the Dong Ha leading ramp to alloted shipping via ICM and ICU boats.
- (3) On Okinawa the movement of troops and supplies from White Beach to Camp Schwab was effected smoothly.

b. Supply.

(1) Overall supply support on Okinawa has been excellent. Third and Fourth Echelon maintenance support has been particularly praise worthy. Critical items at the present time are limited to 782 gear and handsets for the AM/FRC-25 radio. Current shortages of combat essential equipment include 1 mite, 2 mules, 2 106 recoiless rifles, and 5 M60 machine guns.

c. Transportation:

- (1) Upon arrival on Okinawa motor transport support was outstanding. The Bettalion encountered some trouble in cleaning the organic motor transport vehicles before sending them to 3rd FSR because of inadequate steam cleaning equipment.
- (2) Maintenance support on the 3rd and 4th ochelon level has been satisfactory. However, a lack of parts still hompers second echolon maintenance efforts on the Battalion's organic motor vehicles.
- (3) One problem encountered has been a lack of small vehicles needed to meet training requirements and to make necessary visitation trips to the brig and to the hospital. Truck support for hauling cargo and supplies has been sufficient.

5. Intelligence:

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a. The Battalion intelligence Officer received frequent and timely. briefings on the enemy situation in RVN from G-2, 9th MAB.

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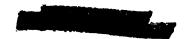
PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Sequence of Events:

- a. On 5 April 1967, BLT 3/4 boarded ships for movement to Okinswa. Chop from Third Marine Division to CTF 79 and Command less open to 9th MAB.
- b. On 11 April 1967, BLT 3/4 arrived White Beach, Okinawa and debarked for Camp Schwab, Okinawa. BLT 3/4 dissolved. Chop to CTG 79.2 Command less open to RIT-26.
- c. On 20 and 21 April 1967, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade conducted an Administration and Material Inspection of the Battalion.
 - d. On 24 and 25 April 1967, the Battalion was issued the M-16 Rifle.

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PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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