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1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
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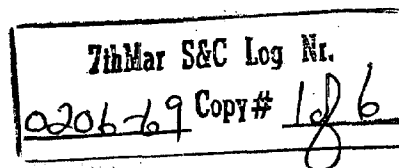
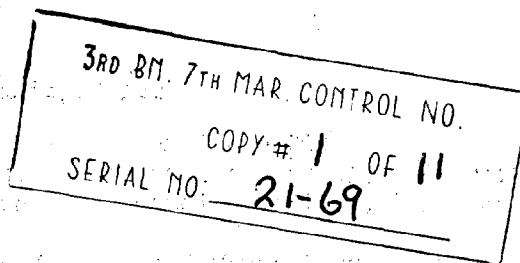
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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ORGANIZATIONAL DATADESIGNATION

3d Battalion, 7th Marines

COMMANDER

LTCOL J. O. ALLISON

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S

1stLt T. A. WILLIAMSON

"I"

CAPT P. W. MILES

"K"

CAPT F. A. FAGAN

"L"

CAPT J. K. RIDER

"M"

CAPT P. K. VAN RIPER

LOCATION

(1 April - 30 April 1969 on operation "OKLAHOMA HILLS", Quan Hieu Duc, RVN)

ATTACHED UNITS

Battery "G", 3d Bn, 11th Mar

1stLt C. A. CAMPBELL

1st Plat, Co "C", 1st Engrs

1stLt C. L. DISMORE

1st Plat, Co "A", 3d Amtrac Bn

1stLt P. J. HOUSTON

1st Plat, Co "B", 1st Tank Bn

2ndLt R. B. GOODRICH

STAFF OFFICERS

XO

MAJOR B. E. DAVIDSON

S-1 Adjutant

1stLt J. O. VAUGHN

S-2

2ndLt J. W. DRISCOLL

S-3

CAPT G. J. OBERNDORFER
(1-18 April 1969)MAJOR D. WHITTINGHAM
(19-30 April 1969)

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Supply Officer

Motor Transport Officer

Air Liaison Officer

Forward Air Control Officer

Forward Air Control Officer

Battalion Chaplain

Battalion Surgeon

Assistant Battalion Surgeon

AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH REPORT

<u>USMC</u>		<u>NAV</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
41	1126	3	47	0	0

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S-7

Supply Officer

Motor Transport Officer

Air Liaison Officer

Forward Air Control Officer

Forward Air Control Officer

Battalion Chaplain

Battalion Surgeon

Assistant Battalion Surgeon

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1stLt T. H. HARREL
(1-18 April 1969)CAPT G. J. OBERNDORFER
(19-30 April 1969)1stLt T. H. HARREL
(19-30 April 1969)

1stLt S. C. MOORE

1stLt B. L. WEBER

1stLt W. J. CHAPUT

1stLt D. L. JACKSON

1stLt R. W. ESTRUP

1stLt R. M. WILLIAMS

1stLt S. R. HODGSON

Lt S. C. SCOTT (CHC)

Lt D. L. OLSON

Lt K. W. KOLDYS

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

General: The 3d Battalion conducted operation "OKLAHOMA HILLS" from 1-30 April 1969. On 30 March 1969 the Battalion moved to vicinity of Hill 41 and on foot into AO in the eastern CHARLIE RIDGE area, and conducted reconnaissance in force operations on a wide front sweeping west in assigned AO to find, fix and destroy enemy forces, caches, installations and fortifications. In addition the Battalion established combat operating bases (COB's)/fire support bases (FSB's) in assigned AO.

Specific: On 8 April, K Co, 3/7 went OPCON to the 3d Battalion, 26th Marines and conducted sweep operations. On 25 April, K Co, 3/7 reverted OPCON to the 3d Battalion, 7th Marines.

On 29 April Command Group "A", K and M Companies, moved from CHARLIE RIDGE by Amtrac to vicinity Hill 112.

On 30 April Command Group "A", K and M Companies sweep east to Hill 10 where they went into a 48 hour period of rehabilitation.

On 30 April Command Group "B" was helo-lifted from CHARLIE RIDGE to Hill 10. Companies I and L remained on CHARLIE RIDGE in newly assigned AO's.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Topics

a. Mission Assigned. Conducted operation "OKLAHOMA HILLS" as assigned by the Commanding Officer, 7th Marines.

b. Administration. Administrative support was satisfactory.

c. Personnel. The Battalions category of readiness was C-1 for personnel. The total end of month strength was 42 Marine Officers, 1134 Marine Enlisted, 3 Naval Officers, 49 Naval Enlisted. Total 1228.

(1) Casualties Sustained. (1-30 April 1969). (Non-Operational)

<u>U. S.</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>KNBC</u>	<u>NBC(E)</u>
H&S CO	0	0	0	0
I Co	0	0	0	0
K Co	0	0	0	2
L Co	0	0	0	0
M Co	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	0	0	3	3

(2) Casualties Sustained. (1-30 April 1969).

<u>U. S.</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>WIAWE</u>	<u>NBC</u>
H&S Co	1	2	0	28
I Co	3	17	0	23
K Co	4	15	1	21
L Co	0	3	0	48
M Co	<u>1</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11</u>
TOTAL	9	51	1	131

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d. Enemy Situation

(1) During the month of April, the 3d Battalion, 7th Marines took part in an extended operation into the approaches to the base areas of the 31st and 111st NVA Infantry Regiments as well as the 368th Artillery (rocket) Regiment and the H-3 main force unit.

Within this battalion's area of operation contact with the enemy was light consisting primarily of chance encounters with two or three individuals on trails and harassing fire from small groups of enemy in the vicinity of base camps and harbor sites. This limited contact confirmed information obtained from documents and prisoners of war to the effect that the units in the area had vacated their base areas and dispersed into small groups to avoid contact with advancing Free World Forces.

In the course of the operation this battalion located several company and platoon sized base areas and harbor sites. Information was also obtained on infiltration routes and firing sites used for rocket and recoilless rifle attacks on Hill 10 in the past. In addition a POW taken by Kilo Company early in the operation is still undergoing technical interrogation concerning his special knowledge in the field of communications.

(2) Enemy Weapons, Equipment and Supplies Destroyed/CapturedWeapons

<u>Weapon</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
3 SKS	Unknown

Equipment and Supplies - 02 140mm rocket launchers, 07 60mm mortar rounds, 05 chi coms, 02 cases of 7.62mm ammo, 01 stamp collection, 03 books on Moscow, 01 field kitchen, and assorted 782 gear, uniforms, medical supplies, and documents.

(3) Enemy

(a) VC/NVA KIA in TAOR	44
(b) VC/NVA KIA by 3/7	44
(c) VC/NVA KIA by Arty	3
(d) VC/NVA KBA	0
(e) VC/NVA KIA by CAP and RVN	0
(f) Detainees	2 (02 POW)
(g) Chieu Hoi	0
(h) Refugees Evacuated	0

(4) Weather

(a) General weather conditions in the area during the month of April continued to be favorable for military operations and logistical support. Rainfall for the month was considerably less than had been anticipated.

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(b) Statistics

(a) Maximum temperature:	92
(b) Minimum temperature:	65
(c) Mean temperature:	75
(d) Average humidity:	75%
(e) Rainfall:	.57 inches

(c) Terrain

During the month of April the 3d Battalion, 7th Marines conducted an extensive operation into the Charlie Ridge (including western reaches of Charlie Ridge), Worth Ridge and Mortar Valley area. The terrain is grassy and seven foot elephant grass was found in places.

In the western reaches of Charlie Ridge to Hill 1235 (vicinity ZC200620) the hills became very steep and terrain rugged. Single canopy was found along with scattered bamboo. The valleys are steep and very rocky making movement difficult.

e. Organization and Operations

(1) The 3d Battalion, 7th Marines remained under the operational and administrative control of the 7th Marines during operation "OKLAHOMA HILLS".

(2) Significant Operations Conducted. Continued on operation "OKLAHOMA HILLS" during the entire month of April 1969.

(3) Artillery Support. Artillery support during phases I and II of operation "OKLAHOMA HILLS" was given by elements of 3/11. G Battery, 3/11 located on Hill 65 and then on hill 52 gave priority to fire missions from 3/7. K and L Batteries were in general support. Additional support was received from 2nd Plt, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery. Additional support was also received from Naval Gun Fire.

(4) Air Support

(a) Number of fixed wing missions flown: 25
 (b) Number of Aerial Observer or Reconnaissance missions flown: 150: Total number of hours: 150 hours.

(c) Helicopter missions flown were as follows:

1. Medical Evacuations: 75

a. USMC: 125

b. ARVN: 6

(2) 3d Battalion, 7th Marines received and treated 100
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c. CIVILIAN: 0

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2 Logisticala Cargo: 208 tonsb Troops: 11003 Firefly: 04 Unit Commander: 30

(d) Number of Flareship missions flown: 1

1 Total number of hours: 1 hour 40 mins

(e) Number of Spooky missions flown: 0

1 Total number of hours: 0

(f) KBA (Confirmed): 0

f. Formal Training

(1) Orientation. All newly joined personnel received a three day intensive Orientation and Indoctrination Course which included instruction in care, maintenance, safe handling, familiarization and firing of the M-16 rifle, both on the day and night firing ranges, and instruction in the detection, types, employment of enemy and friendly mines, and booby traps.

(2) Personnel of the battalion, in the numbers indicated, attended the following schools:

(a) Kit Carson Scout Orientation Crs (1st Mar Div)	1
(b) Basic Organic Sup Acct School (WLC)	1
(c) III MAF Viet Language Crs (III MAF)	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	3

(3) No other formal schooling was conducted on the battalion level due to operation "OKLAHOMA HILLS".

g. Logistics, Equipment and Supply(1) Logistics

(a) One Engineer Assistance request has been submitted this month.

(b) The generator was replaced twice this month.

(c) The Battalion Laundry Unit is inoperable.

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(a) The overall supply situation remains good. However, there still remains a shortage of 2nd Echelon spare parts for Motor Transport and Communication items.

(b) 1-10 April 1969. The Battalion Armory was painted. Awnings were put up on the Battalion Supply Office and Battalion Armory.

(c) 11-20 April 1969. The outside was leveled off by the warehouse and the boxes painted and lined up. The hut next to the supply office was torn down.

(d) 21-30 April 1969. An inventory and reconciliation was conducted.

(3) Motor Transportation. The Motor Transport status remains satisfactory.

(4) Messhall. The Messhall status remains satisfactory.

h. Civil Affairs/Civic Action

(1) Material Distributed

(a) 100 School Kits at Cam Toai Trong

(b) 2 Sheets of tin and ten hkh at Cam Toai Tay

(c) 200 bars of soap distributed on Medcap

(2) Serious Incidents - Negative

(3) Medcap. This month the Medcap unit of this Battalion treated 455 Vietnamese.

(4) Projects. This month we have completed a pig project and road safety signs and will have more projects in the future.

i. Psychological Operations

(1) During the month of April the total amounts of leaflets distributed by this Battalion are as follows: 30,000 Chieu Hoi, 75 Ban Tin Newspapers, 65 Weapons and Rocket Rewards, 105 Tu Do Newspapers, 130 Health and Sanitation.

(2) This Battalion used the HE Team from Division Two times on 1 and 29 April.

(3) The Psychological Operations Campaign of this Battalion was geared primarily to the Chieu Hoi leaflets and posters.

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j. Communications

- (1) Communications for the month of April were satisfactory.
- (2) A three day communications school was held just prior to the Battalion leaving on operation "OKLAHOMA HILLS".
- (3) Radio Relay power problems were overcome for a large part of the month by the use of a power converter.
- (4) Communications during operation "OKLAHOMA HILLS" were adequate.

k. Medical

- (1) General. The overall health of the Marines in the battalion continues to be excellent. There have been no major outbreaks of illness.
- (2) Evacuations. Casualty evacuations continue to be satisfactory.
- (3) Supply. Medical supplies are adequate.
- (4) Malaria Cases. 0
- (5) Fever Unknown Origin. 10
- (6) V. D. Cases. 15
 4 Cases contracted in-country.
 11 Cases contracted on M.R.
- (7) Sanitation. The sanitation of the Battalion continues to improve.

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PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. There are no supporting documents for the month of April 1969. An After Action Report for operation "OKLAHOMA HILLS" will be appended to the May 1969 Command Chronology.

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