

R E T

UNCLASSIFIED

HEADQUARTERS
2nd Battalion, 26th Marines
3rd Marine Division (Rein) FMF
FPO San Francisco 96602

1/JJY/ehm
5750
3 September 1966

3d Marines
Copy 1 of 2

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, Third Marines

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) 3d MarDiv 05750.1

Encl: (1) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

J. J. Wilson
J. J. WILSON

22080/26TH MAR

CMD CHRON

27-31 AUG 1966

UNCLASSIFIED

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS
COD DIR 5200.10

~~SECRET~~

UNCLASSIFIED

HEADQUARTERS
2nd Battalion, 26th Marines
3rd Marine Division (Rein) FMF
APO San Francisco 96602

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

27 August through 31 August 1966

PART I - Organizational Data Sheet

PART II - Significant Events

PART III - Supporting Documents

UNCLASSIFIED

PART I

ORGANIZATION DATA SHEET

1. Reporting Unit. 2d Battalion, 26th Marines, 3rd Marine Division (Rein) FMF.
2. Period Covered by Report. 27-31 August 1966.
3. Date of Submission of Report. 1 September 1966.
4. Commanding Officer.
 - a. Lieutenant Colonel J. J. WILSON
5. Location of Command Post at End of Period. Coordinates (BT 951721).
6. Map. VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS Series L701, Sheet 6659 III.
7. Staff Assignments.

Executive Officer	27-31 Aug 1966, Major W. S. PULLAR, Jr.
S-1	27-31 Aug 1966, 2dLt J. B. SHAUGHNESSY
S-2	27-31 Aug 1966, Capt R. C. MADONNA
S-3	27-31 Aug 1966, Major W. E. FOGO
S-4	27-31 Aug 1966, Capt J. J. ROZMAN
8. Subordinate Unit Commanders.

H&S Co	27-31 Aug 1966, Capt P. MORIGEAU, Jr.
Co "E"	27-31 Aug 1966, Capt J. R. JOY
Co "F"	27-31 Aug 1966, Capt J. "A" LINNEMANN
Co "G"	27-31 Aug 1966, Capt A. P. SCAMBELLURI
Co "H"	27-31 Aug 1966, Capt W. E. SYKES, Jr.

ENCLOSURE (1)

SECRET

PART II

S-1 CHRONOLOGY1. Personnel.a. Monthly Strength (Average)

<u>MC Off</u>	<u>MC Enl</u>	<u>Navy Off</u>	<u>Navy Enl</u>
43	1300	3	53

b. Battle CasualtiesNon Battle Casualties

1-KIA
2-WIA

10

c. Rotation During Month.

<u>MC Off</u>	<u>MC Enl</u>	<u>Navy Off</u>	<u>Navy Enl</u>
0	0	0	0

d. Replacements Received.

<u>MC Off</u>	<u>MC Enl</u>	<u>Navy Off</u>	<u>Navy Enl</u>
0	97	0	0

e. Deactivation of Battalion Landing Team.

(1) Battalion Landing Team 2d Battalion, 26th Marines was deactivated on 27 August 1966 upon arrival in RVN.

(2) BLT 2/26 included the following attached units:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Marine Corps</u>		<u>Navy</u>	
	<u>Off.</u>	<u>Enl.</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>Enl.</u>
LSU-2, LSG	2	57	0	0
B Btry, 1/13	9	123	0	2
2d Plt. Co A, 5th Amtrac Bn	1	38	0	1
2d Plt. Co A, 5th Anti-Tank Bn	1	21	0	0
2d Plt. Co A, 5th Engr Bn	1	44	0	0
2d Plt. Co A, 5th Recon Bn	1	23	0	0
2d Plt. Co A, 5th MT Bn	1	29	0	0
2d Plt. Co A, 5th Tank Bn	1	28	0	0
C&G Plt. Co A, 5th Med Bn	0	2	0	7
Det 15th Dental Co.	0	0	1	1
Det Hq Co, RLT-26	0	9	0	0
	<u>17</u>	<u>374</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>11</u>

SECRET

SECRET

2. Staff Studies and Estimates. None.
3. Local News Papers. None.
4. Photographs. None.
5. Journal. No journal is maintained as such. A chronological record is maintained of all messages received in this command.

6. Discipline, Courts-Martial, Office Hours.

	<u>Pending</u>	<u>Completed</u>
a. Special Courts-Martial	0	0
b. Summary Courts-Martial	0	0
c. BnCmdr OH	0	0
d. Company Cmdr OH	0	0
e. There were no General Courts-Martial during the period covered by this report.		

7. Morale, PX, Postal Affairs, Liberty, R&R.

- a. Morale is considered to be excellent.
- b. PX services were not available during the period covered by this report.
- c. Postal Affairs are satisfactory. This command is presently utilizing the Unit #3 Post Office as its serving post office.
- d. Liberty was not authorized during the reporting period.
- e. There were no R&R quotas allocated to this command during the reporting period.

SECRET

SECRET

S-2 CHRONOLOGY

1. Significant Events. There were no significant enemy events during this period in the Battalion TAOR.

2. New Developments. No new developments were noted during the period.

3. Problem Areas.

a. Shortage of interpreters hampers the units of this Battalion, particularly in the areas of civic action/ civil affairs, the CAC platoons and routine daily contacts between units in the field and civilian population. It is felt that the minimum number of interpreters required by an infantry battalion is nine (9). The ideal would be sufficient numbers to allow assignment of one (1) interpreter to each platoon and Company Commander (4 per Co.) and three (3) to the Battalion CP.

4. Weather. The maximum high temperature recorded during the period was 93 degrees. The minimum low recorded was 74 degrees. The weather had no effect on operations during the period.

5. Intelligence Summary.

a. There was a total of 37 VC initiated incidents during the period, consisting of:

- (1) 15 Mining incidents
- (2) 18 Small Arms incidents
- (3) 4 Incidents of grenades being thrown

b. There was a marked increase in VC initiated incidents during August. Total number of VC initiated incidents for the month of August was 93 compared to 79 in July. VC initiated incidents for the month of August consisted of:

- (1) 59 Mining incidents, compared to 36 during July.
- (2) 28 Small Arms incidents, compared to 32 during July.
- (3) 4 Incidents of grenades being thrown.

SECRET

SECRET

6. Daily Intelligence Summaries. Attached as appendix 1 (original only)
7. Special Intelligence Reports. None
8. Prisoner Report.
 - a. There was 1 VCC apprehended during this period.
 - b. There were 5 VCS apprehended and sent to ITT or Hieu Duc District Headquarters.
9. Enemy Casualties.
 - a. There were 2 VC killed (body count) during this period.
 - b. There were 2 VC wounded (probable) during this period.
10. Captured Supplies and Equipment. Captured weapons include (1)XM14, (1)XChicom Grenade, (12)XM79 rounds, 1300 ft of comm wire, and propaganda material.
11. Destroyed VC Defenses/Positions. There were seven (7) punji pit traps, two (2) caves, two (2) tunnels, and twelve (12) foxholes destroyed.

SECRET

SECRET

COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS CHRONOLOGY

1. Significant events on 28 August 2/26 assumed position formally held by 3/3.
2. New Developments. None
3. Problem Areas. Generator set PU-482 failed on 29 August. FLSG dead-lined generator due to lack of oil pressure. Generator presently at FLSG group A for repairs. Repairs needed: Main bearing and crankshaft. A total of 13 parts are needed to complete repairs. Only 8 of the necessary parts are on hand. Date of return of generator unknown.

Teletype equipment problem on regiment circuit being encountered. Support from regiment being provided.
4. Other contributions. None
5. Status of Communication Equipment
 - a. The overall status of communication equipment is excellent.
 - b. The percentage of combat essential equipment available exceeds 90%.
6. Inoperative and Unserviceable Gear
 - a. AN/PRC-47 RADIO
 - b. PU-482 GENERATOR
 - c. TA-312 TELEPHONE
7. Security Violations
 - a. There were no security violations through 31 August 1966.
 - b. There were 126 incoming messages and 26 outgoing messages through 31 August 1966.
8. Personnel Shortages. None
9. Operational Training Conducted. Operational on the job training is being conducted during the take over of all 3/3 positions.
10. Summary of Operations. None
11. Equipment and personnel Located in Areas Other Than the DANANG Enclave. None

(2)

SECRET

SECRETTRAINING1. AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS

NONE

2. COMBINED OPERATIONS (COMPANY OR LARGER)

NONE

3. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS

NONE

4. RIVER OPERATIONS

NONE

NUCLEAR, BIOLOGICAL, CHEMICAL, and OTHER TYPES OF SPECIAL
WARFARE1. Nuclear, Biological, Chemical and other special Types
of Warfare.

a. Use of any equipment peculiar to CBR: None

b. Training Accomplished: None

c. Status of CBR equipment on hand: All equipment is
in serviceable condition.SECRET

SECRETCOMMAND AND CONTROL

1. During the Month of August the Second Battalion, Twenty-Sixth Marines was task organized as follows with Command Posts at the following coordinates.

2ND BATTALION, 26TH MARINES	950723
COMPANY E	905718
COMPANY F	953666
COMPANY G	925690
COMPANY H	950721

2. The primary means of control within the 2d Battalion, Twenty-Sixth Marines consists of wire, backed up by the Battalion radio system.

COMBAT AIR SUPPORT

1. Combat Air Support

A. Support provided by 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

2. Significant Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MISSION TYPE</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
29 AUG	MEDEVAC	1	1 EVAC
29 AUG	MEDEVAC	2	4 EVAC
30 AUG	MEDEVAC	1	1 EVAC
30 AUG	MEDEVAC	1	1 EVAC

3. No close air support missions were flown in support of this Battalion during August 1966.

SECRET

SECRETCLOSE COMBAT1. Close Combata. Operations Conducted(1) Patrols

- (a) Squad sized - 34 day, 46 night.
- (b) Platoon sized - None
- (c) Company sized - None

(2) Operations

- (a) Platoon - None
- (b) Company - None
- (c) Battalion (Rein) or (-) - None
- (d) Combined - None

b. Significant Events

27 August Blt 2/26 disembarked at DANANG and 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines proceeded to its assigned TAOR.

28 August 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines relieved 3rd Battalion 3rd Marines and became OPCON to the Third Marines at 1500.

(1) Echo Company28 August

(1) Company E conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of THON THAI LAI (AT 9271), NINH AN and THON TRUC DONG (AT 9171). One incident is noted below.

290545H Company E plt position vic (AT 895718) received 2 rds S/A fire from (AT 904709). Illum fired with one more rd being received. Contact was broken by VC with no casualties.

(2) Company F conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of PHUOC NINH (5) (AT 9167), PHUOC NINH (2) and DUYEN SON (5) (AT 9266), NUI GOC KHA (AT 9366), PHUOC NINH (1) (AT 9367), DUYEN SON (1) (AT 9466), LA CHAU (3) (AT 9567), LA CHAU (1) (AT 9468), LA CHAU (2) (AT 9467) and DUYEN SON (3) (AT 9565). Significant incidents are noted below.

291035H 2 squads from Company F moved into a blocking position from (AT 963667) to (AT 963671) in response to a request from 3/1, who had a squad in contact vic (AT 970671) with VC. Sniper fire was received from S/A and automatic weapons in vic (AT 963667). Fired returned, results unknown.

SECRET

SECRET

(2) 291130H Company F patrol received approx 6 rds of automatic wpsn sniper fire in vic LA CHAU (3) (AT 956677). Fire could not be returned due to villagers in the area.

291140H Company F land line had a mine attached to the comm wire that failed to detonate when pulled in vic (AT 951668). The mine was a home made type, approx size and shape of a baseball wrapped with a straw type rope. The mine was destroyed in place.

291700H A Company F patrol was approx 15 feet from a mine which was electrically detonated in vic (AT 956656). The patrol was unable to determine the type of mine and the source of ignition. There were no casualties.

291700H A Company F patrol found a mine constructed of a 45 cal rd in a board with a nail as a firing pin in vic (AT 929656). The mine was located on a trail and was not camouflaged. The mine was deactivated and removed.

292050H Company F position vic (AT 934665) observed 10-20 VC approach from approx 300-400 meters of the wire. Illum fired with M-79s and S/A fire directed at the VC. The VC dispersed and moved away in a SW direction. Weapons could not be determined.

(3) Company G conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of NINH AN (1) (AT 9070), AN TAN (AT 9170), TUY LOAN (2) (AT 9269), KHUONG MY (2) (AT 9169), KHUONG MY (4) (AT 9168), KHUONG MY (1) (AT 9268), KHUONG MY (3) (AT 9167), DONG BICH (2) (AT 9068) and (AT 9067). Significant incidents are noted below.

291600H Company G received a report from the USA district advisor of the possible location of 2 grenades. A patrol located 1 x M-26 grenade in a can with the pin pulled in KHUONG MY (4) (AT 912685). One VCS female was apprehended due to lack of an ID Card. The grenades were disarmed and returned.

291625H A Company G patrol located a 60mm mine and 2 M-26 mines in vic (AT 915684). The 60mm rd was placed nose down in the ground with a trip wire extending east 5 meters to a clump of bushes. A second trip wire extended west from the same bushes to a M-26 grenade with a third trip wire extending east to another M-26 grenade. The set up resembled a mine cluster. When the 60mm rd was blown the grenades detonated as secondary explosions. 2 US WIA, minor wounds.

291740H A Company G patrol apprehended one male VCS in vic (AT 928692) for lack of an ID Card. Forwarded to HIEU DUC District Hqs.

SECRET

(4) Company H responding to a request received from 3/1 established a blocking force from (AT 963690) to (AT 968698) with two plts. The request was in response to 3/1 being in contact with VC in vic (AT 970671). Significant incidents are noted below.

290945H A sniper fired 12 rds from vic (AT 953698) at Company H position in vic (AT 958698). The fire was returned.

291225H A sniper appeared in vic (AT 968692) and fired 1 rd, LVTH returned 3 rds 50 cal. and Co H fired 6 rds of S/A. Sniper was silenced.

291300H Company H patrol located an earthen jar buried in the ground vic (AT 967693). The jar was blown with demo and search revealed that it contained 12 x M-79 rds. 1 hard core uniform jacket, 1/4 mile of comm wire, a diary, log book and propaganda material. The M-79 rds were destroyed and the other material retained for evaluation.

(5) CAC 31, 32, 33 and 34 conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of DUONG LAM (2) (AT 9569), (AT 9469), AP HOA KHUONG (AT 9372), AP PHUOC THUAN (AT 9373), (AT 9273), (AT 9272), LA CHAU (1) (AT 9468), LA CHAU (2) (AT 9467), and (AT 9075). There were no contacts or significant incidents.

(6) 291640H H&S Co security post vic (AT 929722) sighted six men walking across a rice paddy and then disappear into a tree line. The security post received 1 rd S/A fire from vic (AT 925722) where men had entered tree line. Fire was returned with 16 rds S/A fire. VC casualties unknown.

(7) The battalion utilized three scout-sniper teams, one each with Companies E, F, and G.

29 August

(1) Company E conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of GIAO TRI (2) (AT 8970), BINH THA (AT 8871) and grid squares (AT 8870), (AT 8971), (AT 9073), (AT 9171). Significant incidents are noted below.

301400H A patrol from Company E apprehended a female VCS who was on a raft in vic (AT 907710). She did not have an ID Card and was forwarded to Co CP for interrogation.

301630H Company E patrol member detonated a rock fall type grenade in vic (AT 889709). The rock was tied to the pin and set on a stick. The stick had a trip wire attached to it and when tripped the rock fell releasing the pin. 1 US WIA required med evac. When med evac was attempted the helo received approx 20 rds of S/A fire from vic (AT 885710). Fire was returned by a gunship

SECRET

with rkte and MG. An estimated 5-10 VC were involved in the firing. Results unknown with med evac completed.

(2) Company F conducted search and clear operations in LA CHAU (2) (AT 9467), LA CHAU (3) (AT 9567), LA CHAU (5) (AT 9666), DUYEN SON (3) (AT 9565), DUYEN SON (5) (AT 9266), PHUOC NINH (2) (AT 9167) and grid squares (AT 9166), (AT 9266) and (AT 9267). Significant incidents are noted below.

300900H Company F CP received approx 6 rds of sniper fire from vic LA CHAU (5) (AT 964665). 1 rd hit position with others passing overhead. No casualties.

301030H Company F patrol at the junction of a trail and stream in vic (AT 953651) found a grenade of the CHI-COM type under the water. the grenade was blown in place resulting in a small secondary explosion.

301700H Company F OP vic (AT 922676) observed houses burning in DONG BICH (1) (AT 896681). The village is not inhabited.

301930H Company F CP vic (AT 934663) was taken under fire by 2 snipers with automatic weapons from vic (AT 942661). S/A fire & 6 M-79 rds returned, sniper ceased fire. Results unknown.

302220H 5-6 VC approached Company F position vic (AT 953-666). The VC were challenged and then fired on by M-79s. One VC was heard to cry out. Results - 1 VC WIA (prob).

(3) Company G conducted search and clear operations in (AT 8970). (AT 8969), NINH AN (1) (AT 9070), AN THON (2) (AT 9069), KHUONG MY (2) (AT 9169), grid squares (AT 8967), (AT 9068), (AT 9168), (AT 9269), (AT 9268), (AT 9369) and (AT 9368). Significant incidents are noted below.

300315H Company G security for TUY LOAN BRIDGE vic (AT 945708) observed 5 VC approx 100 meters from the bridge approaching from NW direction. VC were taken under fire with grenades S/A fire and lrd 3.5 WP. A search of the area was negative.

301150H A Company G patrol located a 60mm projectile head lying next to a hollow bamboo stake with holes in it. The stake was located vic (AT 931695), in the brush off of the trail and approx 1½' long. There were two trip wires in the area not camouflaged. The round was destroyed in place.

302103H Company G patrol located vic (AT 922678) and 1st Plt Company G located in vic (AT 929682) received automatic wpn sniper fire from vic (AT 925680) simultaneously. Both units returned fire, results unknown.

S E C R E T

(4) Company H remained the Regimental Reserve Company and established local patrols and security in assigned sector.

(5) CAC 31, 32, 33 and 34 conducted search and clear operations in (AT 9469), (AT 9569), (AT 9174), (AT 9172), (AT 9272), (AT 9468), (AT 9467), (AT 9076) and (AT 9075).

(6) The battalion utilized three scout-sniper teams, one each with Companies E, F, and G.

31 August

(1) Company E conducted search and clear operation in the semi-cleared areas of (AT 8871), (AT 8971), (AT 8870), (AT 8970), (AT 9071), THON TRUC DONG (AT 9171), THON NINH AN (AT 9270). There were no contacts or significant incidents.

(2) Company F conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of PHUOC NING (3) (AT 9567), (AT 9566), (AT 9466), (AT 9366), (AT 9365), (AT 9265) and DUYEN SON (5) (AT 9 266). Significant incidents are noted below.

310015H Company F Plt position vic (AT 953666) had approx 6-8 snipers firing from all sides into the position. Approx 40 rds were received. Plt returned fire with M-79s & S/A. Tank fired 30 cal using search light. Two VC were observed to fall during firing. Results 2 VC WIA (prob).

311330H Company F patrol found one 81mm round tied with barbed wire to a stake in vic (AT 953662). The round was blown in place as it could not be determined if it was rigged as a mine.

311400H Company F patrol received 6 rds of sniper fire in vic (AT 95652). One man was observed to run into an abandoned building. Patrol pursued and a search revealed a tunnel. The tunnel was smoked and a M-26 grenade used. A search was negative.

311420H Company F patrol found in vic (AT 945672), along the trail which goes around the pagoda and LA CHAU (2) fresh digging of defensive positions. The positions were approx 1 day old facing in the direction of Hill 22. There were 12 one man fighting holes 2 ft deep, 2 ft wide and circular. The holes were camouflaged with woven bamboo and freshly cut vegetation. The holes were left uncovered by the patrol.

(3) Company G conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas of (AT 9170), AN NHON (2) (AT 9069), KHUONG MY (2) (AT 9169), TUY LOAN (2) (AT 9269), (AT 9369), (AT 9068), KHUONG MY (4) (AT 9168), KHUONG MY (1) (AT 9268), PHUOC NINH (4) (AT 9368), PHUOC NINH (6) (AT 9067) and KHUONG MY (3) (AT 9167). Significant incidents are noted below.

SECRET

310430H Company G patrol found a mine at the intersection of 2 dikes in vic (AT 918677). The mine was a can approx size of a #10 can wrapped in grass containing some sort of explosive filler with a pressure release type firing device. The mine had 2 trip wires attached leading off n and s, both camouflaged by grass. The mine was destroyed in place.

311450H Company G patrol located 3 mines in vic (AT 920691), (AT 920690). One mine was on side of trail dug into hillside. Trip lever fuze. Second mine was also in side of hill and was a Chi-Com grenade with it rigged as the first. Third mine was in a camouflaged hole approx 16 in x 12 in and 9 in deep. Trip wire was steel cable, fuse was string, with grenades (2) in hole. All mines blown in place.

312015H Company G position, as security on TUY LOAN Bridge vic (AT 945707) received approx 20 rds automatic wpns fire from vic (AT 945704). No Casualties.

312141H Company G security at (AT 943707) TUY LOAN BRIDGE, received 4 rds S/A fire from vic (AT 945705). Illum fired and S/A fire returned at VC position. Results unknown.

(4) Company H conducted a search and clear operation in the vic (AT 9573). One incident is noted below.

311230H Company H patrol located a cave in vic (AT 952737). The entrance was approx 2½ ft round and 4-5 ft deep. The entrance was camouflaged with bamboo stakes and comm wire. Near the cave was found a piece of paper with possibly Chinese or Japanese writing on it. The paper was retained for evaluation with the cave destroyed.

(5) GAC 31, 32, 33 and 34 conducted search and clear operations in DUONG LAM (1) (AT 9469), DUONG LAM (2) (AT 9569), (AT 9173), (AT 9172), (AT 9468), (AT 9074), and (AT 9174). There were no contacts or significant incidents.

(6) The battalion utilized three scout-sniper teams, one each with Companies E, F, and G.

SECRETFIRE SUPPORT AND FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION CHRONOLOGY

1. Significant Events. Extensive H&I program fired during the period covered by report.

- a. Artillery providing direct support
 - "B" Battery 1st Bn 12th Marines
 - "B" Battery 1st Bn 13th Marines
- b. Artillery providing General Support - Reinforcing
 - 1st 8 inch Btry.
 - 1st 155 Gun Btry.
 - Kilo Btry. 4th Bn. 12 Marines
- c. Ships providing Naval gunfire. N/A
- d. Types and numbers of mission fired

(1) Artillery

- | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| (a) Observed 6 | (f) Prep fires 0 |
| (b) Unobserved 0 | (g) Registration 1 |
| (c) Groups of fire 17 | (h) Training 0 |
| (d) H and I fires 151 | (i) Total 175 |
| (e) Neutralization 0 | |

(2) Naval gunfire missions fired. N/A(3) 81 MM Mortars

- | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| (a) Observed 26 | (f) Prep fires 0 |
| (b) Unobserved 0 | (g) Registration 4 |
| (c) Groups of fire 0 | (h) Training 0 |
| (d) H and I fired 24 | (i) Total 54 |
| (e) Neutralization 0 | |

e. Ammunition expended by type and caliber

(1) Direct support artillery

HE 464
 WP 180
 HC 0
 Illum 12

(2) General support

155 40
 8 inch 40
 4.2 20

SECRET

SECRET(3) Naval gunfire support. N/A(4) 81mm

HE (Medium)	78
Illum	88
WP	9

(5) Tanks. 0(6) Ontos

HEAT 16

SECRETLOGISTICS (S-4)

- A. Supply. No significant events.
- B. Maintenance. No problems encountered.
- C. Food Services. Mess facilities within base camp area and forward positions established with satisfactory results. Support and supply sources adequate.
- D. Cantonment and Camp Facilities Development. Approximately fifty (50) general purpose tents received by this Battalion on exchange with 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines have a serviceability rating of Code "X".
Requests for pre-fab bunkers submitted by 3rd Battalion Third Marines remain in effect upon request through Third Marines to Division Engineers. Approximately 138 bunkers are required.
- D. Transportation and Roads. a. No problem areas to date.
b. Request for construction of new roads between coordinates AT 922724 and AT 905719 submitted by 3rd Battalion, Third Marines for easier accessibility for resupply to a forward unit remains in effect and is in the hands of the Third Marine Division Engineer Officer.
- F. Fiscal. No problems encountered.
- G. Water. Sufficient supply.
- H. Motor Transport. No problems encountered.
- I. Embarkation. Debarkation of BLT-26 at Red Beach on 27-28 August 1966 conducted with no problem. Support of 3rd Marine Division Embarkation was satisfactory.
- J. Hospitalization and Evacuation. Support is excellent.

SECRET

SECRETMEDICAL AND DENTAL SUPPORT (Surg)

- A. Name of Surgeon: LT Leo J. DAVIS MC USNR
- B. Significant Events: Nothing of significance to report.
- C. Medical Trends: Nothing to report.
- D. Number of Battle Casualties: 02
 - (1) Both were shrapnel type wounds.
- E. Number of Non-Battle Patients Treated: 102
 - (1) Admissions to BAS: 00
 - (2) Emergency Treatment:
 - (a) Heat Casualties: 01
 - (b) Lacerations: 04
 - (c) Trauma: 00
 - (d) Burns: 00
 - (3) Number of Referrals to 3d Med Bn and NSA Hospitals: 12
 - (4) Cases of significant Diseases of the Area:
 - (a) Malaria: 00
 - (b) Hookworm: 00
 - (c) Bacillary Dysentery: 00
 - (5) Cases of Venereal Disease: 06
 - (a) Acquired Out of Country: 05
 - (b) Acquired in Country: 01
- F. Preventive Medicine and Sanitation:
 - (1) Number of Innoculations: 01
 - (2) Other: The use of mosquito repellent is in effect. All personnel are participating in the malaria prophylaxis program weekly, on Sundays, and have received instructions in Personal Hygiene.

SECRET

S E C R E TG. Civil Affairs Medical Support Rendered:

(1) Number Treated: 736

(2) Referrals for Corrective Surgery: 00

(3) Other Events Affecting Civilian Health: A deworming treatment is automatically started on all local people seen.

(4) Schooling Conducted: The village health workers at CAC 33 are being trained by our corpsman. The nurses (06) at the Tu Loan Hospital are under direct supervision of our corpsman assigned to that area.

H. Problem Areas: Nothing to report.

I. Dental Referrals: 02

S E C R E T

SECRET

CHAPLAIN SUPPORT (CHAPLAIN)

1. Chaplain Support

- a. Name of Chaplain: Hebert W. Bolles
- b. Number of Services: None
- c. Number of personnel receiving counseling: 6
- d. Significant activities: 3 Hospital calls
- e. Facilities: CP areas most adequate; transportation readily available.

SECRET

SECRETCIVIL AFFAIRS/CIVIC ACTION1. Civil Affairs, Military Government, Community Relations, Results of Med Cap Progress, Supplies Distributed, Projects Completed and in Progress.a. Significant Activities.

(1) The refugee hamlet at An Tan is about 70% completed. There are approximately sixty-three (63) families currently living in the hamlet. When completed the hamlet will house 600 people.

(2) The dispensary being built at CAC 31 is about 80% completed.

(3) Work being done on the school at CAC 34 has been temporarily suspended pending additional funds from District Headquarters.

(4) The Battalion Surgeon has established a schedule for weekly visits to each of the dispensaries located in the Battalion TAOR to assist corpsmen administering the MED CAP program.

(5) A threshing machine was loaned to CAC 32 to be used by the people of Hoa Phu (922724) during the rice harvest season.

b. Materials Distributed.

(1) 20 bags of cement, 6 gallons of paint and one (1) truck load of empty 105 ammo boxes were distributed.

c. Special Civic Action Projects.

(1) The Battalion Surgeon is currently making plans for personal hygiene classes in the villages throughout the Battalion's TAOR.

d. Apparent results of Civil Affairs Program.

(1) Due to our recent arrival in this TAOR it is difficult to assess the results of the Civil Affairs Program now being conducted, however, from all reports received from personnel who have been in the area it is evident that the attitude of the people towards the Marines is improving.

SECRET

SECRETJOURNAL OF OPERATIONAL EVENTS PERTAINING TO 2D BATTALION 26TH MARINES
(EXTRACTS)28 August 1966TIMEEVENT

1500 2d Bn 26th Mar assumed command from 3d Bn 3d Mar.

29 August 1966

0540 3d Plt Co. E. received fire. Requested illumination. Spot report to Crowd-3.

0600 3d Plt Co. E. Negative results. Spot report to Crowd-3.

0950 Co. E. Plt received sniper fire. 12 rds from vicinity (AT 968692). Spot report to Crowd-3.

1045 Circumference has contact with V.C. on East side of river (AT 968698) request assistance. Two squads Co. F. dispatched. Spot report to Crowd-3.

1230 Co. H. reports sniper fired one rd. Fire returned; 3 rds .50 cal. by LVTH, 6 rds by S/A. No further fire from sniper. Spot Report to Crowd-3.

1355 Co. F. Patrol received fire from unseen sniper vicinity (AT 96667). Did not return fire because of VN in area. Spot report to Crowd-3.

1445 Co. H. reports found earthen jar vicinity (AT 968693) containing 12 M-79 rds; destroyed, also propaganda leaflets, jacket and 7 rds 7.62 ammo. Spot report to Crowd-3.

1520 Land Mine from Arlington Mills to Co. F. C.P. bo. F. booby trapped by home made mine. Mine about size and shape of baseball, wrapped with straw type rope. Device failed to activate when comm wire pulled. Destroyed in place. Spot report to Crowd-3.

1535 Report from HIEU DUC Liaison that 3/3 left M-26 Handgrenados in cans with pins pulled. Name of village unknown. Squad from Co. G. to investigate with Capt WALKER.

1655 Post #26 H&S Co. Security fired upon. Returned fire, negative results. Spot report to Crowd-3.

1700 Co. G. Patrol discovered 60mm mortar round. Destroyed in place. Two secondary explosions approx. 15m from device. Two minor WIA. Spot report to Crowd-3.

1830 Co. G. Patrol picked up one VCS, male, no ID card. Escorted to HIEU DUC Headquarters. Spot report to Crowd-3.

1858 Co. F. patrol found electrically detonation mine. Destroyed in place. Spot report to Crowd-3.

1930 Co. F. patrol located mine constructed of .45 cal. rd. Disarmed mine. Spot report to Crowd-3.

1930 Co. F. Patrol while on patrol was 15 ft. from a mine which was electrically detonated. Unable to discover source of detonation or type of mine. No casualties. Spot report to crowd-3.

2035 Co. F. hill 41 approached by 10 - 20 V.C., to within 300-400m from wire. 81mm illumination lit directly overhead. 2 m-79 rds and 80 rds S/A fired. V.C. dispersed. Spot report to Crowd-3.

APPENDIX 2

SECRET

SECRET30 August 1966

- 0345 Co. G. Reports observing V.C. 100m from TUY LOAN bridge. Fired on V.C. Will check results in daylight. Spot report to Crowd-3.
- 1045 Co. F. Patrol found grenade in river (AT 953651). Destroyed in place. Spot report to Crowd-3.
- 1055 Co. F. C.P. received approx. 6 rds of S/A fire from LA CHOU (5). One rd hit tent. Negative casualties. Spot report to Crowd-3.
- 1216 Co. G. Patrol found 60mm mortar projectel head. Destroyed in place. Spot report to Crowd-3.
- 1539 Co. E. reports one VCS, female, captured on river. VCS taken to HIEU DUC Headquarters. Spot report to Crowd-3.
- 1645 Co. E. Patrol reports one WIA by grenade attached to rock, which pulled him when disturbed. Med Evac requested. Spot report to Crowd-3.
- 1715 Co. F. reports village of DONG BICH burning. Spot report to Crowd-3.
- 1915 Co. F. reports receiving fire from two snipers with automatic weapons. Returned fire. No further contact. Spot report to Crowd-3.
- 2130 Co. G. reports sniper fire received. Fire returned. Results undetermined. Spot report to Crowd-3.
- 2315 Co. F. reports 5-6 V.C. approached gate. Fired one M-79 rd. One possible V.C. WIA.

31 August 1966

- 0125 Co. F. Plt position Vicinity (AT 953666) had approx. 6-8 snipers firing from all sides into their position, approx 40 rds were received. Plt returned fire with M-79 & S/A, tank fired, 30 cal. using search light. Spot report to Crowd-3.
- 0440 Co. G. found a mine at intersection of two dikes in vic (AT 918677). The mine was a can approx size of a #10 can wrapped in grass containing some sort of explosive with a pressure release firing device. The mine had two trip wires attached. Destroyed in place. Spot report to Crowd-3.
- 1250 Co. H. located cave in vic (AT 952737). Spot report to Crowd-3.
- 1330 Co. F. Patrol found one 81mm dud tied with barbed wire to stake (AT 953662) destroyed in place. Spot report to Crowd-3.
- 1411 Co. F. patrol taken under sniper fire (AT 953652), 6 rds fired, saw one man fleeing into abandoned building. Hold search of building and area and located tunnel where man was lost soon. One smoke & one frag grenade was thrown into tunnel with no results. Tunnel thought to be family bomb shelter and was not blown. Spot report to Crowd-3.
- 1420 Co. F. patrol found defensive positions approx one day old (AT 945672) facing in direction of hill 22. 12 one man fighting holes discovered, camouflaged with woven bamboo and freshly cut vegetation. Camouflage was removed

SECRET

S E C R E T

PART III

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Appendix 2 - Journal of Operational Events

Appendix 3 - S-4 Journal

Appendix 4 - Co 2/26 Message, DTG not shown, "Assumption of Command & Opnl Control"

S E C R E T

SECRET

& thrown about the area. Spot report to Crowd-3.
1450 Co. G. Patrol found three body bags (AT 920692)
and (AT 920691). Spot report to Crowd-3.
2020 Co. G. 1st Plt received 20 rds of rifle fire from new
bridge (AT 945707) from vic (945704). Spot report to
Crowd-3.
2225 Bridge security received four rds of small arms fire
from vic (AT 945705). Spot report to Crowd-3.

APPENDIX 2

SECRET

SECRETS-4 JOURNAL

<u>IN</u>	<u>TIME</u> <u>OUT</u>	<u>SERIAL</u> <u>NUMBER</u>	<u>INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS</u>
<u>27 August 1966</u>			
0910		1	Received fifteen trucks for movement of troops and supplies from beach area to Battalion CP.
<u>28 August 1966</u>			
0800		2	Received fifteen trucks for movement of troops and supplies from beach area to Battalion CP.
<u>29 August 1966</u>			
0630		3	Received four trucks for normal resupply.
0900		4	Money Echo requested 3 M274
0920		5	Money Four approved request for pick-up at Motor Transport.
1225		6	Money Echo requested chief Corpsman return this CP for morphine earliest convenience.
<u>30 August 1966</u>			
0645		7	Received four trucks for normal resupply
<u>31 August 1966</u>			
0640		8	Received six trucks for normal resupply.
1105		9	Money Four informed Money Echo that it is imperative boot and utility six be reported by 1300 this date.
0605		10	Transportation for "H" Company 20 minutes late.
0610		11	Commenced movement of Co. "H" to area around Hill 22.

Appendix 3
SECRET

SECRET

IMMEDIATE

FM: CO 2ND BN 26MAR

TO: CO 3RD MAR

S E C R E T

SUBJ: ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND AND OPERATIONAL CONTROL

REF: A. CG 3RD MARDIV MSG 270303Z AUG 66

B. CG 3RD MARDIV MSG 281310Z AUG 66

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE A. AND B. I DO HEREBY ASSUME
COMMAND AND OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF ASSIGNED TAOR AS OF 281500H
AUG 66

GP-4

APPENDIX 4

SECRET