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 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF
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Enclosure: (1) 2d Battalion, 26th Marines Command Chronology

1. In accordance with references (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1Jan67 to 31Jan67

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

2d Battalion, 26th Marines, 3d Marine Division
(Rein), FMF

COMMANDER
J. M. CUMMINGS
1-31 January 1967

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Co	1-12 Jan 1967	Capt. W. A. BARRY JR.
	13-31 Jan 1967	Capt. P. C. MOTLEY
Co "B"	1-31 Jan 1967	Capt. J. R. JOY
Co "F"	1-31 Jan 1967	Capt. J. A. LINNEMANN
Co "G"	1-31 Jan 1967	Capt. S. E. OOTS
Co "H"	1-31 Jan 1967	Capt. W. E. SYKES JR.

2. LOCATION

1-19 Jan 1967: Phu Bai RVN
20-31 Jan 1967: DaNang RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	1-22 Jan 1967	Major W. S. PULLAR JR.
	23-31 Jan 1967	Major J. H. LANDERS
S-1	1-31 Jan 1967	2dLt J. L. RHODES
S-2	1-12 Jan 1967	Captain P. C. MOTLEY
	13-31 Jan 1967	2dLt W. A. BROWN
S-3	1-31 Jan 1967	Major W. E. FOGO
S-4	1-31 Jan 1967	Captain J. J. ROZMAN

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	USN
Off Enl 34 1182	Off Enl 4 51

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY~~UNCLASSIFIED~~

During the first half of January, the battalion continued its participation in Operation Chinook under the operational control of the 4th Marines.

Rain and cold weather continued to have an adverse effect on personnel. Since the companies did not utilize fixed patrol bases, but remained mobile at all times, there was little opportunity for the troops to obtain shelter. The result was numerous cases of immersion foot and respiratory conditions.

Opposition during Chinook was limited to sniper fire. The sniper fire was accurate and selective, resulting in 3 KIA'S, one of whom was an officer.

On 15 January, the battalion began moving to Phu Bai to prepare for a subsequent move to the Da Nang TAOR. The Chinook to Phu Bai move was accomplished during the period 15-17 January.

On 16 January, the move to Da Nang was initiated. The battalion moved incrementally by company until the battalion was assembled in Da Nang on 23 January 1967.

Beginning 20 January, elements of the battalion relieved the 3d Battalion, 7th Marines in the North-West Sector of the Da Nang TAOR. On the 22 January, the Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 26th Marines assumed responsibility for the area, and on the 23d all elements of 3/7 had been relieved by 2/26.

Operational control of the battalion was passed from the 3d Marine Division to the 1st Marine Division, and was in turn passed to the 9th Marine Regiment.

The move to Da Nang and assumption of the present TAOR went smoothly except for the delay experienced in receipt of the artillery liaison and forward observer teams. Temporary assignments were made from Headquarters Battery, 2/12 until regular teams arrived from the South.

Since arrival in Da Nang, the battalion has not participated in any major operations. Activities have been limited to combat patrols of squad and platoon size, and squad size ambushes.

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PART III

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KIA	-	2
WIA	-	19
DOW	-	1

Non-Battle Casualties

7

b. Rotation During Month

<u>MC OFF</u>	<u>MC ENL</u>
0	1

<u>NAVY OFF</u>	<u>NAVY ENL</u>
0	0

c. Intra-Division/Regimental Transfers

<u>MC OFF</u>	<u>MC ENL</u>
4	160

<u>NAVY OFF</u>	<u>NAVY ENL</u>
2	5

d. Medical Evacuation/Out of Country

<u>MC OFF</u>	<u>MC ENL</u>
0	6

<u>NAVY OFF</u>	<u>NAVY ENL</u>
0	0

e. Replacements Received

<u>MC OFF</u>	<u>MC ENL</u>
12	249

<u>NAVY OFF</u>	<u>NAVY ENL</u>
1	2

f. Humanitarian/Emergency Transfers

<u>MC OFF</u>	<u>MC ENL</u>
0	0

<u>NAVY OFF</u>	<u>NAVY ENL</u>
0	0

g. R & R Trips. During the month of January, 115 out of country R & R quotas were received. Fifty-seven R & R quotas to China Beach, RVN were received.

h. Administrationa. Awards

Purple Hearts - 19
Vietnamese Crosses of Gallantry - 6

b. Promotions

To Gy Sgt - 1
To Cpl - 54

c. Postal. Postal service is satisfactory. A mobile money order unit was made available for use of personnel of this battalion.

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3. Discipline, Courts Martial, Office Hours

	<u>Pending</u>	<u>Completed</u>
a. General Courts-Martial	1	1
b. Special Courts-Martial	2	1
c. Summary Courts-Martial	0	0
d. Battalion Commander OH	0	4
e. Company Commander OH	0	13

4. Morale is considered to be excellent.

5. Liberty was not authorized during the reporting period.

6. Staff Studies and Estimates. None

7. Local Newspapers. None

8. No journal is maintained. A chronological record is maintained of all messages received in this command.

9. Photographs. None

10. Informational Services. There were 24 Fleet Home Town News Releases during the period.

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INTELLIGENCE (S-2)

1. Significant Events. There were no significant enemy events during the period.
2. New Developments. No new enemy developments were noted during the period.
3. Problem Areas. A shortage of interpreters continues to be a major problem. ITT representative assigned to this unit cannot speak or understand Vietnamese.
4. Weather.
 - a. Operation Chinook. The maximum high temperature recorded during the period was 76 degrees. The minimum low recorded was 53 degrees. Weather during this period had an adverse effect on operations. Patrol routes were channelized to high ground, ambush sites were changed and air operations were limited due to monsoon conditions.
 - b. DaNang Area. The maximum high temperature recorded during the period was 83 degrees. The minimum low recorded was 65 degrees. The weather had no adverse effects on operations during the period.
5. Intelligence Summary. There were 22 VC initiated incidents during Operation Chinook and 10 VC initiated incidents in the DaNang Area for a total of 32 during the period consisting of:

	CHINOOK	DANANG	INCIDENT
a.	10	6	Mining/boby traps
b.	12	2	Small Arms
c.	0	2	Incidents other than above

6. Daily Intelligence Summaries. Reference 3d Marine Division Intelligence Summaries from 01000H Jan 67 to 232400H Jan 67 and 1st Marine Division Intelligence Summaries from 200001H Jan 67 to 312400H Jan 67.

7. Special Intelligence Reports. None
8. Captive Report. 158 detainees apprehended during the period and were sent to District Headquarters or ITT/III MAF.
9. Enemy Casualties.

a. VC KIA (conf)	1	Operation Chinook
b. VC KIA (prob)	1	Operation Chinook
c. VC KIA (conf)	0	DaNang Area
d. VC KIA (prob)	0	DaNang Area

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10. Captured and/or destroyed supplies or equipment.

	CHINOOK	DANANG
a. Grenades	2	1
b. 60mm Mortar rounds	0	1
c. 81mm Mortar rounds	2	1
d. 105mm rounds	1	0
e. Mines	0	3
f. $\frac{1}{2}$ lb TNT	1	1

11. Destroyed VC Defenses/Positions.

	CHINOOK	DANANG
a. Caves	1	2
b. Bunki Pits	12	1
c. Fighting Holes	1	1

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DESI COMMUNICATION- ELECTRONIC

1. Significant events: Secured from Operation Chinook on 16 January 67 and displaced to the Da Nang TAOR.
2. New Developments: None
3. Problem Areas: Problem on last report concerning handsets H-138, has been greatly relieved by support from FLSG "A". AN/TGC-14 on last report still in repair. 2 (two) AN/TGC-14 still on order. Batteries BA-414 still on order. AN/GRC-3 still in repair.
4. Other contributions: KY-8 continues to provide good reliable communications.
5. Status of equipment:
 - a. Overall status good
 - b. Percentage of combat essential equipment available exceeds 90%.
6. Inoperative and unserviceable gear:

a. AN/PRC-87	Radio jeep	1
b. AN/IRA-39	Radio remote	2
c. AN/PRC-25	Radio set	2
d. AN/ARC-109	Radio jeep	1
e. AN/GRC-3	Reperforator	1
f. AN/TGC-14	Teletype	1
g. AN/TPS-21	Radar set	2
* h. AN/MTA-6	Radio remote	8

* Deadlined because of BA-414 Batteries not in stock.
7. Security violations:
 - a. None
 - b. There were 77 incoming and 13 outgoing messages through 31 Jan 67.
8. Personnel Shortages:

a. 2822	1
b. 5931	1
c. 2539	1
d. 2531	7
9. Operational training conducted: Maintained communications while on Operation Chinook, also maintained communications in a rear command post. Provided communications at both forward and rear command posts during move to Da Nang in addition to providing communications for rough riders. Less training conducted on a continuing basis.
10. Summary of operations: Maintained communications while on Operation Chinook. Displaced by echelon to Da Nang TAOR and established communications with rear command post in Phu Bai TAOR. Assumed position assigned in Da Nang TAOR and installed communications to support the command.
11. Equipment and personnel located in areas other than Da Nang TAOR:
None.

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TRAINING

1. Objective. To maintain and improve the high state of combat efficiency of the Battalion, training was conducted on a formal school and individual basis.

2. Highlights. The Battalion's allowance of M-16 Rifles and ammunition was received and training was started. One enlisted Marine was sent to Okinawa to attend field radio operator's school for a period of 30 days. One Air Officer was sent to Japan to acquire flight time. Motor vehicle operators school was conducted at Motor Transport Section, H&S Company. Familiarization firing of individual and crew served weapons was conducted by all companies.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

1. Amphibious Operations. None

2. Combined Operations. None

3. Psychological Operations. During the majority of the reporting period all psychological operations were planned, conducted and reported by Headquarters, 4th Marines. No psychological operations were conducted by this unit.

NUCLEAR, BIOLOGICAL, CHEMICAL AND OTHER SPECIAL TYPES OF WARFARE

1. Use of equipment peculiar to CBR: None

2. Training accomplished: None

3. Status of CBR equipment on hand: All major items of equipment are on hand.

COMMAND AND CONTROL

The troop list as of 31 January 1967 is as follows:

	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
2d Battalion, 26th Marines	40	1168	3	50
H S Company	17	306	3	50
Company E	6	213		
Company F	6	217		
Company G	6	215		
Company H	5	217		

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2 Command Post Locations.

2d Battalion, 26th Marines	AT 939784
Company E	AT 904718
Company F	AT 939784
Company G	AT 937867
Company H	AT 898821

3. The primary means of control within the 2d Battalion, 26th Marines was radio.

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- (1) Operations
 - (a) Platoon - ONE
 - (b) Company - None
 - (c) Battalion - One
 - (d) Combined - None

b. Significant Events

1 January

All units maintained defensive positions and conducted search and destroy operations and night ambushes in operation Chinook. Significant incidents are noted below.

010245H A 6 x 6 truck hit a mine at Regimental C.P. Seven Marines from 2/26 H and E Companies were injured. None were reported serious.

011401H Company E flank security hit unknown type explosive device. One USMC WIA in right hand.

2 January

All units maintained defensive positions and conducted search and destroy operations and night ambushes in operation Chinook. Significant incidents are noted below.

021938H Ambush of Company H at YD 566306 observed 2 VC approaching from the rear. Ambush opened fire; one VC KIA. Other was wounded but ran away. No weapons were captured.

022030H Company H patrol located one woman and one child that had been wounded. The woman had two wounds, one behind the left knee and one behind right calf. The child had a foot wound. All wounds were frag. Both have been cared for by corpsman. Area will be checked again at first light.

022345H Woman that was reported wounded at 022030H died.

3 January

All units maintained defensive positions and conducted search and destroy operations and night ambushes in operation Chinook. There were no significant events.

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4 January

All units maintained defensive positions and conducted search and destroy operations and night ambushes in operation Chinook. There were no significant events.

5 January

All units maintained defensive positions and conducted search and destroy operations and night ambushes in operation Chinook. There were no significant events.

6 January

All units maintained defensive positions and conducted search and destroy operations and night ambushes in operation Chinook. One significant event reported below.

061230H Company F patrol received one round small arms fire from YD 495364. Fire was returned with negative results.

7 January

All units maintained defensive positions and conducted search and destroy operations and night ambushes in operation Chinook. Significant incidents are noted below.

071200H Company F found a cave at YD 504343 with camouflaged entrance. Entrance approximately $1\frac{1}{2}'$ x $1\frac{1}{2}'$. Cave approximately 10 meters deep. Cave searched with negative results and then destroyed.

071345H While clearing village at YD 509339 Company F patrol found one house with two old women, one of whom was an invalid. Invalid was placed on a stretcher for evacuation and she apparently died shortly thereafter. Body and other woman enroute to collection point.

071715H Company E and F conducted a sweep along the river on both sides from YD 505335 to YD 519348. Their mission was to clear the area of civilian population. A total of 152 civilians were gathered up and taken to the collection point.

8 January

All units maintained defensive positions and conducted search and destroy operations and night ambushes in operation Chinook. One significant incident noted below.

080235H At approximately 0235H 3 incoming rounds of undetermined type exploded approximately 200 meters from this C.P. As far as could be determined by sound the rounds came from Apprx., 270 degrees bearing from this C.P. Later investigation indicated rounds were naval gunfire.

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2 January

All units maintained defensive positions and conducted search and destroy operations and night ambushes in operation Chinook. One significant incident noted below.

091110H Company E received S/A fire from village at YD 506329. Returned S/A fire and requested artillery mission. Reported about 5 weapons. 1 USMC KIA 1 USMC WIA.

091115H Company E patrol received sniper fire in a NW direction from YD 508327. Estimated range 4-500 meters. At least 5 muzzle blasts 3 of which were believed to be automatic. S/A fire, M-79 rds, 60mm fire, and arty mission called. Sniper fire ceased.

091230H Company E patrol found one punji pit booby trapped with a chicom grenade. Also found numerous freshly dug fighting holes around village at YD 506329. Engineers destroyed booby trapped punji pit.

10 January

All units maintained defensive positions and conducted search and destroy operations and night ambushes in operation Chinook. One significant incident noted below

100915H Company E patrol received 8-12 rounds S/A fire from YD 503323, resulting in 1 USMC WIA. Returned M-14, M-60 and M-79 fire. Artillery fire mission called. Swept area with negative results.

11 January

All units maintained defensive positions and conducted search and destroy operations and night ambushes in Operation Chinook. Significant incidents noted below.

111010H Company H detonated land mine on trail at ZD 508327. Mine left a hole 1 foot deep and 2 feet in diameter. Estimated content 1 pound of TNT.

111130H Company H received sniper fire from approximately 3 men with automatic wpons from YD 498318. No casualties.

111645H Company H received 15 rds S/A automatic fire at YD 505324 from approximately 3-500 meters.

111645H Company H discovered a grenade inside glass jar, rigged with trip wire across trail at YD 504324. Also discovered poorly camouflaged, booby trapped punji pit at same coordinates.

111745 Company H FO adjusting friendly fire, had 1 rd. fall in perimeter at YD 504324. One minor WIA.

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121020H Company H received 13 to 20 rds S/A fire from YD 499317. Fire was returned with 81mm and artillery mission was called.

121155H Company H discovered booby trapped 105 rd on trail at YD 504325. Booby trap destroyed in place.

121230H Company F apprehended 4 individuals (3 female - 1 male) at YD 505337. Delivered to District Headquarters.

121400H Company F found booby trapped gate at YD 51141. Device was disarmed and delivered to Engineers for examination.

13 January

131230H Company F patrol spotted 6 men in black pajamas and white hats moving in a South Westerly direction at YD 493319. Unable to determine if they were carrying weapons. Men spotted through binoculars from YD 503321. Fire mission called.

131440H Company H patrol spotted 2 VCS at YD 507329 moving into village. VCS spotted from YD 515317. No action taken.

131505H Company H patrol observed 1 figure on skyline 150 meters to front at YD 497319. Opened fire and continued patrol. When patrol reached position where figure had been spotted they received 15 rds A/W fire. Fire was returned and area searched. Patrol found and destroyed one fighting hole. Received 1 USMC KIA.

14 January

140920H Company H patrol found 10 punji pits at YD 495324. Pits were 2'x2'x2' with 8-10 stakes per pit. Stakes were 1' long. None of the pits were booby trapped. Pits were well camouflaged with natural camouflage and off to side of trail. Pits were destroyed.

141435H Company H patrol found a claymore mine at YD 504323. Mine was blown in place.

15 January

All units maintained defensive positions and conducted search and destroy operations and night ambushes in operation Chinook. No significant events.

16 January

160820H The Command Group arrived at Phu Bai and chopped OPOON to the 3d MarDiv.

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On 17 and 18 January the battalion remained at Phu Bai resting and preparing personnel and equipment for movement to Da Nang.

On 19 January 1967 the battalion command group with Company H arrived in Da Nang and along with Company F, which arrived two days prior, chopped OPCON to the 1st MarDiv. Companies E and G remained at Phu Bai.

200200H Jan 67 Companies E and G, along with the remainder of the 3d MarDiv CP area, received an undetermined number of 81mm mortar rounds resulting in 1 USMC WIA from Company E and 5 USMC WIA from Company G.

On 21 and 23 January Companies E and G, respectively, proceeded to Da Nang.

220800 Jan 67 The 2d battalion, 26th Marines, relieved the 3d Battalion 7th Marines of responsibility of the assigned sector of the Da Nang TAOR.

22 January

All units maintained defensive positions and conducted patrols and ambushes in assigned TAOR. There were no significant events.

23 January

All units maintained defensive positions and conducted patrols and ambushes in assigned TAOR. There were no significant events.

24 January

All units maintained defensive positions and conducted patrols and ambushes in assigned TAOR. There were no significant events.

25 January

All units maintained defensive positions and conducted patrols and ambushes in assigned TAOR. Significant incidents noted below.

250954H Company G patrol found 60mm rd connected to trip wire. Mine was 2 ft. off trail covered with rocks. Blown in place.

252012H Company H at 252012H spotted 3 VC 200 meters west of their position at 892816. Patrol opened fire, fire was not returned, and area searched with neg contact.

26 January

All units maintained defensive positions and conducted patrols and ambushes in assigned TAOR. Significant incidents noted below.

260920H Company G patrol found a one pound block of TNT triggered to old radio battery. TNT was well camouflaged. Blown in place.

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261525H Company G patrol came across stream at AT 925874 where a water buffalo charged point man. Man shot water buffalo in head from 5 feet.

261445H Company H patrol spotted 3 V.C. moving south to north at AT 890823. Patrol fired on 3 VC who fled North.

27 January

All units maintained defensive positions and conducted patrols and ambushes in assigned TAOR. Significant incidents noted below.

270910H Company G patrol received 6 rd S/A fire at AT 945872. Unable to find sniper.

272045H Company H patrol spotted 2 VC approaching rear of another patrol at AT 913813. Patrol opened fire with no fire being returned. Searched area with neg results.

28 January

All units maintained defensive positions and conducted patrols and ambushes in assigned TAOR. Significant incidents noted below.

280835H At AT 874828 a tank ran over an AP mine. No damage to tank or to any friendly troops.

281230H Company H patrol found two bunker-like caves at AT 860855. One cave showed signs of recent activity and when blown with C-4 had a secondary explosion.

281347H Med Evac called for member of Company G with heat exhaustion at AT 940901.

281211H At AT 857855 a member of Company H patrol stepped in a punji pit causing wound in left knee. Wound was treated by corpsman and punji pit destroyed. 1 USMC WIA.

282158H Company G patrol heard an explosion which sounded like it came from road. Will check out road at first light.

29 January

All units maintained defensive positions and conducted patrols and ambushes in assigned TAOR. Significant incidents noted below.

290715H Reference incident at AT 282158H. Two bridges blown at AT 936906 and AT 936903

291300H A member of Company E patrol passed out from heat near CAC32 position at AT 930716. Individual Med Evacuated.

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301945H CAC 15 ambush heard sounds in treeline, opened fire on suspected 3 VC at AT 907824. No fire returned. Area checked with neg results.

31 January

All units maintained defensive positions and conducted search and ambushes in assigned TAOR. Significant incidents noted below.

311025H The night before at AT 915710 a three man VC political team was seen handing out propaganda leaflets. Village Chief brought 3 pamphlets to Echo CP and Village Chief was asked to turn in all leaflets he can recover.

311645H Company H patrol point man triggered a trip wire along a cow path. Explosion magnitude of M-26, but wounds appeared to be buck shot in both legs. Area searched with neg results. 1 USMC WIA.

312025H Company F patrol observed a boat at AT 918836 crossing river to a known VC fording area. Patrol opened fire with neg results. Boat disappeared from sight.

312245H Company G patrol point man spotted VC crossing road at AT 943912. Patrol opened fire with neg results.

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FIRE SUPPORT AND FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION

1. Significant Events.

a. 26Jan67 Liaison Section of Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines established in support of 2d Battalion, 26th Marines.

b. 27Jan67 Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines assumed direct support of operations in the 2d Battalion, 26th Marines TAOR.

2. Artillery Units Providing Support/Reinforcing Fires

a. Direct Support: Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines
(Six 105mm Howitzers)

b. General Support: Det, Hq Btry, 3d Bn, 12th Mar
Btry "C", 1st Bn, 13th Mar
Btry "B", 1st Bn, 12th Mar
Prov., Btry 155
Det, 107mm Mortar Btry
Sect, Btry "D", 1st Bn, 44th Arty
1st 8" HowBtry, 1st Fld Arty Grp
(one 8" SP, Two 155mm How, One 155mm Gun SP)

3. Naval Ships Providing Naval Gunfire Support . None4. Type and Number of Missions Fired.

a. Artillery

(1) Observed Missions: None	(5) Neutralization Fires: None
(2) Unobserved Missions: None	(6) Prep Fires: None
(3) H&I Fires: 118	(7) Training Fires: None
(4) Group Fires: None	(8) Defensive Fires: None

b. Naval Gunfire: None

c. 81,, Mortars:

(1) Observed Missions: 42	(5) Neutralization Fires: None
(2) Unobserved Missions: 53	(6) Prep Fires: None
(3) H&I Fires: 229	(7) Training Missions: None
(4) Group Fires: None	(8) Defensive Fires: None

d. 106mm Recoilless Rifle

(1) Observed Missions: None
(2) Unobserved Missions: None
(3) H&I Fires: 25

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5. Ammunition Expended By Type and Caliber.

a. Artillery

(1) HE	345	ILL	02
(2) WP	25	HC	0

b. 81mm Mortars

(1) HE (Med)	598	(3) ILL	208
(2) HE (Light)	0	(4) WP	88

c. 106mm Recoilless Rifle

(1) HEPT	296
(2) HEAT	12

d. Naval Gunfire

None

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COMBAT AIR SUPPORT

1. The Battalion had no CAS strikes or TPQ-10's during the Month of January.
2. No troop lifts were conducted, no AO's requested.
3. During the last eight days of the month Helo resupply missions for two OP's were conducted on an every other day basis. Helo support was excellent and no problems were observed. Two Helo reconnaissance flights of the TAOR were conducted.
4. MED EVACS during the month of January were as follows:

OPERATION CHINNOK

14Jan67 1 USMC Non-battle casualty

DA NANG TAOR

28Jan67	1 Scout Dog	Broken nose
28Jan67	1 USMC	Heat Casualty
29Jan67	1 USMC	Heat Casualty

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LOGISTICS

1. Supply: During the month of January 67 the critical shortages of rifles and individual equipment have been largely eliminated due to fills on outstanding requisitions. Critical shortages however exist in 2d echelon repair parts for the truck, utility, M 274 A2. The supply posture on end items remained good.

2. Re-Supply:

a. During the first part of the month, this battalion was engaged in Operation Chinook and was resupplied through a logistic support activity.

b. During the latter part of the month, the battalion manned positions in a TAOR outside of Da Nang. Resupply was conducted by truck from a battalion supply point which in turn was replenished by truck transportation from facilities of FLSG "A".

3. Transportation:

a. On 19 Jan 67, this battalion commenced a move from the Phu Bai TAOR to the Da Nang TAOR. With the exception of one rifle company and advance party which was airlifted via C-130's, the battalion personnel and equipment were moved by truck convoy. All equipment, class II supplies and encampment/garrison property were moved. Limited amounts of other classes of supplies were moved. The entire move was accomplished by three motor vehicle convoys on 19, 21, 23 Jan 67, utilizing about 132 trucks, 6x6, and 71 trailers, cargo, M 105.

b. A daily requirement of six trucks, 6x6, were provided this battalion to fill its resupply requirements while operating in the Phu Bai TAOR. Six trucks was the minimum essential requirement for adequate resupply.

4. Embarkation: Embarkation data was required for the move from Phu Bai to Da Nang. The battalion's requirement that all companies and sections maintain continual current embarkation data enabled the total embarkation requirement to be computed in a minimum of time.

5. Maintenance:

2d echelon maintenance continued to be good in all areas except for the truck, utility, M 274 A2. Although these vehicles did not receive excessive use, lack of spare parts seriously hampered maintenance efforts.

6. Hospitalization and Evacuation:

a. Many foot casualties resulted from the adverse weather during Operation Chinook. The treatment of these patients in the Battalion Aid Station and retention of them in the battalion wards obviated their evacuation and insured their early return to duty.

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7. Messing: During the move from Phu Bai to Da Nang, mess facilities for company messes were attached to each of the companies to insure a minimum of delay from the movement to the commencement of serving hot meals at company positions removed from the battalion command post. This echeloning of mess equipment and personnel, also enabled the battalion to continue serving hot meals for the maximum period in the rear echelons.

8. Cantonements: Nothing significant.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS/MILITARY GOVERNMENT/
COMMUNITY RELATIONS

1. Civil Affairs..

a. Significant Events. During the period the Battalion participated in Operation Chinook no Civil Affairs/Civic Action was conducted due to operational commitments. Since the Battalion arrived at DaNang 15 MED CAP patrols have been conducted resulting in the treatment of 46 men, 93 women and 243 children.

b. Materials Distributed.

(1) 5 rolls of barbed wire to the village of HOA LAC for a self help project in self defense.

(2) A program was started in the village HOA LAC to give the villagers approximately 100 lbs of garbage daily for pig feed.

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- A. Name of Surgeon: LT. J. P. MILLER MC USN
- B. Significant Events: Nothing of significance to report.
- C. Medical Trends: Nothing to report
- D. Number of Battle Casualties: 11
 - (1) 10 were shrapnel type wounds
 - (2) 1 was a laceration received while taking cover.
- E. Number of Non-Battle Patients Treated: 866
 - (1) Admissions to BAS: 69
 - (2) Emergency Treatment:
 - (a) Heat Casualties: 00
 - (b) Lacerations: 21
 - (c) Trauma: 67
 - (d) Burns: 09
 - (3) Number of Consultations to 3rdMedBn and NSA Hospitals: 10
 - (4) Cases of significant Diseases of the Area:
 - (a) Malaria: 00
 - (b) Hookworm: 00
 - (c) Bacillary Dysentary: 00
 - (5) Cases of Venereal Disease: 02
 - (a) Acquired Out of Country: 02
 - (b) Acquired in Country: 00
- F. Preventive Medicine and Sanitation:
 - (1) Number of Innoculations: 2653
 - (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.

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(a) Since arriving in our new camp area many sanitary improvements have been recommended. Preventive Medicine Section from the 1st Medical Battalion made an informal inspection of the camp area on 26 JAN 67. New "Honey Bucket" type heads have been ordered. Wire rat traps have been placed in several areas through out the camp for rodent control.

G. Civil Affairs Medical Support Rendered:

(1) There hasn't been any support rendered by the Battalion Aid Station. The Battalion Surgeon has made visits to all the CAC units in the TAG and the USOM Hospital in Da Nang. The CAC units make their outpatient reports to the S-1. We are responsible for supplying the units, and CAC 32 was the only unit that requested supplies for the month of January and they were delivered the 28th. Supplies for CAC are procured from Civic Affairs Supply at FLSG.

H. Problem areas: Nothing to report.

I. Dental Referrals: 91

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CHAPLAIN SUPPORT

1. Chaplain Support.

a. Name of Chaplain: Hebert W. Bolles

b. Number of Services and Type:

14	Protestant Divine Services -	Attendance	243
14	Holy Communion (Episcopal) -	Attendance	71
1	Memorial Service -	Attendance	42

c. Number of personnel receiving counseling: 29

d. Significant activities: 8 calls and or visits with the wounded or hospitalized.

e. Facilities: CP Chapel availability most welcome; transportation readily available.

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PART IV

OPERATIONAL JOURNAL EXTRACTS

011020H Report of 4X6 truck hitting mine at Regimental C.P. Seven USMC WIA, none serious

011410H Co F reported patrol tripped unknown type of explosive device. One USMC WIA

021945H Co H ambush killed a VC at YD 546306

022145H Co H found a woman and a female child that had been wounded, Wounds treated by corpsman.

022345H Woman with wounds in report 022145H died.

061230H Co F reported receiving one round S/A fire at YD 495364.

071210H Co F found camouflaged cave at YD 504343.

071220H Co F found two women one of whom died while being evacuated.

071735H Co's E and F conducting sweep took 152 civilians to collection point.

080410H Bn C.P. received 3 rounds of an undetermined caliber.

091110H Co E received S/A fire from village at YD 506329.

091115H Co E received fire from YD 508327

091230H Co E patrol found booby trapped punji pit and freshly dug fighting holes at YD 506329.

100915H Co E patrol received sniper fire from YD 503323 resulting in one USMC WIA.

111010H Co H patrol detonated mine.

111130H Co H received sniper fire from YD 498318.

111645H Co H received fire from YD 505432.

111645H Co H found grenade in a glass jar and punji pit booby trapped at YD 504324.

111745H Co H had an artillery round fall in perimeter at YD 504324, one USMC WIA.

121020H Co H received S/A fire from YD 499317.

121155H Co H found booby trapped 105mm round at YD 504325.

121230H Co F apprehended 4 individuals (3 female, 1 male) at YD 505337.

131220H Co F spotted 4 men at YD 493319. Fire mission called.

131440H Co H spotted 2 VC at YD 507329.

131505H Co H observed 1 figure at YD 497319, fired at same.

131920H Co H found 10 punji pits at YD 497319.

131935H Co H found claymore mine at YD 504323.

132020H 2d Battalion, 26th Marines secured from Operation Chinook and chopped OPCON to 3d MarDiv.

132800H 2d Battalion, 26th Marines assumed OPCON of assigned DA NANG TAOR.

132012H Co H spotted 3 VC AT 892816

132020H Co G patrol found a one pound block of TNT.

131625H Co G patrol crossed stream at AT 925874 and killed a charging waterbuffalo.

1414 H Co H spotted 3 VC at AT 890823.

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270910H Co G patrol received sniper fire from AT 955872.
 272045H Co H patrol spotted 2 VC at rear of another patrol AT 913813.
 280835H A tank ran over an AP mine at AT 874828.
 281230H Co H patrol found two caves at AT 860855.
 281347H One USMC MEDDEVACED from Co G, heat exhaustion.
 281211H Co H patrol member stepped in punji pit.
 282158H Co G patrol heard an explosion from road.
 290715H Reference incident at 282158H. Two bridges blown on highway #1.
 291210H Time to fix bridge AT 930716, approx. two hours.
 291300H Co E patrol member MEDDEVACED for heat exhaustion.
 301945H CAC 15 ambush heard sounds in treeline, opened fire on same at AT 907824.
 311025H Co H reports Village Chief reports VC political team passing out propaganda.
 311645H Co H patrol point man received wounds from possible M-26 grenade after triggering a trip wire.
 312024H Co F patrol spotted boat crossing river to a known VC fording area at AT 918836.
 312245H Co G patrol point man spotted 3 VC at AT 943912.

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