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Encl: ✓(1) 2d Battalion, 26th Marines Command Chronology

1. In accordance with references (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.

2. Downgraded at three (3) year intervals, declassified after twelve (12) years.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DesignationCommanders

1st Battalion, 26th Marines LtCol J.M. CUMMINGS 1-10 Apr 67
 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF LtCol C.R. FIGARD 11-30 Apr 67

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Co	Capt P.C. MOTLEY	1-16 Apr 67
	Capt A.J. WALKER	17-30 Apr 67
Co E	Capt F.D. FULFORD	1-30 Apr 67
Co F	Capt G.E. FORT	1-30 Apr 67
Co G	Capt S.E. OOTS	1-30 Apr 67
Co H	Capt J.J. ROZMAN	1-30 Apr 67

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. Location

1-10 Apr 67 DaNang, RVN
 11-30 Apr 67 Phong Dien, RVN

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Maj J.H. LANDERS	1-30 Apr 67
S-1	1st Lt J.L. RHODES	1-30 Apr 67
S-2	2d Lt W.A. BROWN	1-30 Apr 67
S-3	Maj D.L. YOUNG	1-30 Apr 67
S-4	Capt L.M. BAKER	1-30 Apr 67
S-5	2d Lt B.E.C. FELLINGER	1-30 Apr 67

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC	USN	OTHER
OFF	ENL	
34	1208	None
	2 53	

(4) 60 lbs clothes

(5) Lumber and plywood to build two latrines at a school in PHU LOC village.

(6) 1000 lbs wet garbage for hog feed.

e. Most of the Civic Action by this unit was conducted during the first 10 days of the month in the DaNang TAOR. The operational commitments for the remainder of the month did not permit a Civic Action Program. At the time the unit left the DaNang area the relations between our Marines and the civilians were excellent.

CIVIL AFFAIRS/MILITARY GOVERNMENT/COMMUNITY RELATIONS**1. Civil Affairs/ Military Government/Community Relations.**

a. Mission. To conduct a civic action program that will enhance the prestige of the civil government and to conduct psychological operations to further the efforts of the government of Vietnam in re-establishing its effective control over the people.

b. During the month of April this unit was involved in the following civic action projects and operations.

(1) Monitor hog projects in four refugee hamlets 1 - 10 April.

(2) MEDCAP 1-10 April treated 1200 patients.

(3) Continued sanitation project in HOA LOC village 1-10 April

(4) Continued project in HOA PHU village to repair roof on the village rice storage building, repair floor of school and build latrines at the school.

c. Psychological Operations for April 1967

(1) 1300 newspapers distributed hand to hand

(2) 11,900 leaflets distributed hand to hand

(3) 6000 leaflets distributed along the trails during Operation Shawnee. Themes used were: The Rewards Program; Chieu Hoi appeals and safe conduct pass.

(4) Aerial Broadcast and leaflet drop over Operation Canyon area. Themes used were: The Rewards Program; Chieu Hoi appeals and safe conduct pass.

(5) Operated a Chieu Hoi reception center for 12 days during Operation Big Horn. It involved having 6 men located at the reception center for 8 hours each day. During the day Chieu Hoi appeals and music were played over a speaker system for a total of 30 hours broadcast time. Leaflets showing directions to the center had been dropped throughout the area. There were no ralliers during the time that this unit operated the center.

d. Materials distributed during April.

(1) 1200 lbs food

(2) 250 bars of soap

(3) 200 sewing kits

MEDICAL AND DENTAL SUPPORT

1. Medical and Dental Support

a. Name of Surgeon: LT P.A. EGGLESTON MC USNR

b. Medical trends: None

c. Number of battle casualties treated :

(1) None

d. Number of non-battle casualties treated :

(1) Heat casualties: 00

(2) Lacerations : 18

(3) Trauma : 32

(4) Burns : 07

(5) Admissions to BAS : 07

(6) Number of consultations to 1st Med Bn and NSA Hospitals : 44

(7) Cases of significant diseases of the Area :

(a) Malaria : 00

(b) Hookworm: 00

(c) Bacillary Dysentary: 00

(8) Cases of Venereal Disease: 07

(a) acquired out of country: 00

(b) acquired in country: 07

e. Preventive medicine and sanitation

(1) Number of inoculations : 00

(2) Other: The use of mosquito repellent is in effect. All personnel are participating in the Malaria prophylaxis program weekly and have received instructions in personal hygiene.

(3) Camp area was sprayed with Malathion by PMS

f. Civil affairs medical support rendered

- (1) Number treated : 1200
- (2) Referrals for corrective surgery : 00
- (3) Other events affecting Civilian health: A deworming treatment and vitamin therapy is automatically started on all local people seen.
- (4) Visits were made to the CAC units by Dr. Miller and there were five corpsmen assigned to give medical aid to the villagers.

g. Problem areas: None

h. Dental referrals: 22

COMMUNICATION ELECTRONICS

1. Communication platoon of this unit installed, operated and maintained communications for this unit during operations Badger, BigHorn and Shawnee.

a. Wire.

(1) Provided normal internal wire communications for the Command Post,

b. Radio.

(1) During the above mentioned operations, radio has been the primary means of communications.

(2) Radio set AN/PRC-25 continues to provide excellent communication, however the difficulty in obtaining handsets, antennas and antenna bases is slowly becoming a major problem.

c. Message Center.

(1) The entire message center section attended a one day school at the 4th Marine Regimental message center.

(2) During the month there were 9 outgoing and 47 incoming messages.

e. Maintenance and Supply.

(1) The following combat essential equipment is deadlined:

(a)	AN/PRC -10	Radio Set	2
(b)	AN/MRC-109	Radio Jeep	1
(c)	AN/TPS-21	Radar Set	2
(d)	AN/PRC-47	Radio Set	3
(e)	AN/TGC-4	Teletype	1
(f)	AN/PRC-25	Radio Set	2
(g)	AN/TCC-14	Terminal Equip.	1

f. Problem areas.

(1) Personnel shortages

(a)	2822	2
(b)	2811	1
(c)	1341	1

FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION

1. Fire support coordination

a. Artillery units providing support/reinforcing fires

- (1) Direct support: Btry B, 1st Bn, 13th Mar
- (2) General support: 1st Bn, 11th Mar (6-9 Apr)
3d Bn, 12th Mar (9-30 Apr)
1st 8" How Btry, 1st FldArtyGrp (22-30 Apr)
2d Plt (Rein) Btry D, 1st Bn, 44th Arty
(105mm & .50 Cal., U.S. Army) (9-30 Apr)

b. Naval ships providing Naval Gunfire support: None

c. Type and number of missions fired

(1) Artillery

(a) Observed - 44	(f) Prep - 0
(b) Unobserved - 1	(g) Training - 0
(c) H & I fires - 2168	(h) Defensive - 4
(d) Group fires - 0	(i) Registration - 0
(e) Neutralization - 0	

(2) Naval Gunfire: None

(3) 81mm Mortars

(a) Observed - 64	(f) Prep - 0
(b) Unobserved - 0	(g) Training - 0
(c) H & I fires - 406	(h) Defensive - 0
(d) Group fires - 0	(i) Registration - 0
(e) Neutralization - 0	

(4) 105mm Recoilless Rifle

(a) Observed - 0	
(b) Unobserved - 0	
(c) H & I fires - 244	

(5) 60mm Mortars

(a) H & I fires - 65	
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d. Ammunition expended by type and caliber

(1) Artillery

(a) 105mm	
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HE - 5272
W - 38

Illus - 27
Sole - 44

(3) 45mm

HE - 0
W - 1

Illus - 4
Sole - 0

(2) 82mm Mortars

HE (Med) - 205
W (Init Lit) - 0

Illus - 360
W - 0

(3) 10mm Recoilless Rifles

HEAT - 264

Illus - 0

(4) Naval Gunfire; None

(5) 10cm - 80

(6) .50 cal - 7850

COMBAT AIR SUPPORT**1. Combat air support**

a. Combat air support was provided by the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

(1) The following support was received:

On 4 April Company C was extracted from a two company operation by CH-46 aircraft.

On 6 April the Command Group and three rifle companies were helo lifted from Marble Mountain to three landing sites in the vicinity of BT237476, BT228472 and BT222466. Twenty four UH-34's were utilized and the lift went off smoothly after an initial weather hold which resulted in a two hour delay.

An A/O was on station along with fixed wing air cover. CAS air strikes were conducted during the insertion to prep areas directly to the north of the LZ. The air prep left six dud 500 lb bombs which were destroyed by ground units during their advance.

Normal resupply was conducted with UH-34's during the operation with good results. The evacuation of detainees by air was hampered by the large number of detainees and heavy helo commitment.

MedEvacs were conducted by all units without difficulty.

A/O's were utilized during the operation to fix friendly positions with good results. A/O's were also utilized to recon areas of advance.

Flare ships were utilized nightly in conjunction with 1st Bn, 1st Mar with some difficulty due to poor communications.

The Command Group and three rifle companies were helo extracted from BT228472 on 9 April. Sniper fire was encountered in the LZ periodically throughout the extraction. A/O was requested to locate sniper positions and one air strike with A-1's was requested to the north. Sniper fire was suppressed effectively and no more fire was received from the area during the extraction. Sniper fire was then encountered from the south. Gunships were requested to suppress fire. The gunships ran two air strikes to the south of the LZ. One air strike was conducted by A-1's and the other by F-4's. Sniper fire was still being received from the south during the last wave of the extraction.

The lift commenced at approximately 1100 and was completed at approximately 1500. Marine C-130's were standing by at DaNang for immediate loading and further transportation to Phu Bai.

At 1500 on 11 April Company F was helo lifted from the base camp area to hill 51 (vic 10549281). The lift was scheduled to commence

... 1901 however, the 2d Bn, 9th Mar was being lifted at the same time and air was over committed.

At 1630 on 21 April approximately 80 personnel of Company F were lifted from hill 51 to the base camp area with no problems being encountered.

On 23 April 2 platoons and attached engineers were helo lifted to the Operation Shawnee operating area. Due to poor weather and darkness the remainder of the battalion consisting of 1 platoon, 3 rifle companies and 2 command groups were inserted on the morning of 24 April. CH-46's and UH-34's were utilized. A/0's were utilized to recon possible LZ's and areas of advance.

During April, medevacs were conducted within the DaNang TACR and on subsequent operations without significant problems.

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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The month of April was a very active period for the Second Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines. The initial part of the month was spent in planning and preparing for Operation Canyon in the Danang area but otherwise that period was a relatively quiet one. It appeared as though the enemy was by-passing the area while concentrating their activities in other sectors.

Operation Canyon was an instructive operation for this unit. It was located in an area of high Viet Cong activity, in flat, sandy, barrier beach terrain. It involved a major helicopter lift of the battalion and challenged the battalion with the problem of evacuation of large numbers of detainees. Also required was close coordination with adjacent friendly units and with supporting arms. All of these provided instructive experience for members of the battalion.

Operation Canyon resulted in 12 enemy KIA's and 10 probable KIA's. 103 detainees were delivered to ARVN units.

Operation Canyon was further marked by the particular effectiveness of the combat air support received. Helicopter support was excellent and fixed wing support was very effective and readily available when needed.

Operation Canyon was terminated when a requirement developed for deployment of 2/26 to the Phong Dien area. The battalion was helilifted from the Canyon area to the Danang Airfield where fixed wing aircraft were waiting for a troop lift to Phu Bai. This lift and the ensuing motor march to Phong Dien was executed without problems.

The administrative and logistical elements of the command followed by truck convoy and a small administrative rear was established in the Phu Bai area. Initially this created minor problems because of a lack of supplies, equipment and facilities with the forward units. These problems were quickly corrected however.

Shortly after 2/26's arrival in the Phong Dien area, it was assigned the mission of the defense of the Fourth Marines Command Post area. Two rifle companies, Companies "F" and "H", and the Headquarters and Service Company were committed to this mission. Company "G" had remained at Phu Bai OPCON to the Third Battalion, Twenty-Sixth Marines while Company "E" was committed to other missions in support of Fourth Marines' operations.

On 11 April 1967, Lieutenant Colonel C.R. FIGARD assumed command of the battalion in relief of Lieutenant Colonel J.M. CUMMINGS.

On 12 April 1967, 2/26 commenced a two day search and destroy operation. This was conducted in the hilly jungle country to the south of the Co-Bi-Thanh valley and provided valuable experience in operating in this type terrain. Furthermore, problems of command and control were isolated and corrected and alleviated.

On 23 April 1967, 2/26 commenced its participation in a major combined operation under the control of the Fourth Marines. This involved a helilift of the entire battalion into the hilly, jungle country in the southern portion of the Fourth Marines Area of Operations. Initially, the helilift was delayed by adverse weather conditions but the entire battalion was landed early on D+1 day. Initially, the battalion

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we assisted a blocking mission which required the occupation of static positions for four days. Following that, the battalion conducted search and destroy operations along its axis of movement out of the jungle. Contact with the enemy during this period was infrequent but the operation provided additional, invaluable experience in operating in jungle terrain.

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PART III

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION1. Personnel

a. Number of replacements received: 108 USMC enlisted, 5 USMC officers, 7 USN enlisted and 1 USN officer.

b. Number of Personnel rotated: 10

c. Number of personnel lost through attrition other than rotation

- (1) WIA - 20
- (2) KIA - 4
- (3) Humanitarian /Emergency transfers - 1
- (4) Non-battle injuries - 8
- (5) Intra-division/requirement transfers - 102

d. During April, 115 out of country R & R quotas were received, and 47 in-country R & R quotas to China Beach were received.

e. Special Services. No significant events.

2. Administration

a. Awards

- (1) Purple Hearts - 29

b. Promotions

- (1) To sergeant - 1
- (2) To corporal - 12
- (3) To Lance Corporal - 26

c. Postal Service - Available and satisfactory.

d. Exchange Facilities - Available and stocked with necessities.

e. Martial Law

	Completed	Pending
Emergency Martial	0	0
Special Martial	0	0
Normal Martial	0	0

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INTELLIGENCE

1. Summary of Enemy Situation at Beginning of the Period.

a. DaNang: The enemy seems to be avoiding any contact with friendly units. On the occasions when patrols encountered the enemy, contact was broken almost immediately.

b. Operation Canyon: Reports were received of the 70th Recon Bn and two local force companies operating in the area. Also 40-50 VC reported to be operating in each village. The 105th and 307th Bns were reported in the area, but are unconfirmed.

c. Operation BigHorn: The enemy had recently conducted company sized attacks against friendly units that were either small in size or located in isolated areas. Other units had received enemy mortar attacks and frequent probing of perimeters. Patrols occasionally received sniper fire.

d. Operation Shawnee: Company to battalion sized activity in the Regimental TAOR. Small sized company attacks on PF Out Post PK-17, also numerous threats of attacks on PF outposts. There were reports of the 800th, 802d, 804th, 806, 810th and 2 unidentified battalions in the Regimental TAOR with the 6th Regiments Headquarters believed to be in base area 114. Also numerous reports of rice caches, caves and bunkers in the area of operations.

2. Summary of Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. DaNang

(1) Weapons - 1

b. Operation Canyon

(1) KIA - 12
 (2) KIA (Prob) - 10
 (3) Detainees - 103
 (4) Weapons - 1
 (5) PW's - 4

c. Operation BigHorn

(1) KIA (Prob) - 2
 (2) Weapons - 3

d. Operation Shawnee

(1) KIA (Prob) - 1
 (2) Weapons - 2

e. Weather and Terrain

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a. DaNang

(2) The weather and terrain had no adverse effects on the operation.

b. Operation Caignon

(1) The weather had no adverse effects on the operation.

(2) The terrain had no adverse effects on the operation. The area was sandy with scrub pine up to 10 feet high, numerous water holes, paddies and dry vegetable gardens. Dikes 3 to 6 feet high with 2 to 3 feet wide paths on top crisscrossed the area.

c. Operation BigHorn

(1) Frequent thunderstorms occurred during the period which restricted use of helicopters due to reduced visibility. These storms were usually of short duration and did not adversely effect operations.

(2) The operating area was predominantly low hills separated by cultivated areas.

d. Operation Shawnee

(1) Low ground fog restricted resupply helicopters to late morning and early afternoon.

(2) The terrain consisted predominantly of mountains covered with dense jungle growth. Movement was extremely difficult due to the heat, humidity, and narrowness of the trails. Visibility was limited to the trail and few feet on either side. The jungle canopy generally provided excellent concealment from aerial observation, and the dense vegetation provided cover from small arms in most cases. Other than the mountains in the objective area, no critical terrain features were encountered.

OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

a. Operations

mission assigned: During the period 1 to 10 April the battalion assigned the following mission.

- (1) Establish and maintain a reconnaissance screen throughout assigned TAOR and OA's when assigned.
- (2) Conduct unilateral offensive operations within assigned TAOR and in OA's as directed.
- (3) Conduct unilateral and/or coordinated offensive operations in Division area of responsibility as directed.
- (4) Be prepared to conduct unilateral and/or coordinated offensive operations throughout I Corps Tactical Zone as directed.
- (5) Occupy and defend assigned TAOR.
- (6) Be prepared to deploy anywhere in RVN by the most expeditious means within indicated time from first warning order:
 - (a) One reinforced rifle company within four (4) hours.
 - (b) One reinforced battalion (minus above company) within six (6) hours.
- (7) Be prepared to counterattack against possible enemy penetration into Regimental TAOR.
- (8) Conduct coordinated U.S./GVN operations including a concentrated and sustained civic action program within TAOR in support of Revolutionary Development.
- (9) Conduct coordinated U.S./GVN psychological warfare program within TAOR.
- (10) Control and maintain routes of communication within TAOR.

During the remainder of the reporting period the battalion was under the operational control of the 4th Marine Regiment with the mission of conducting operations as directed.

b. Major operations conducted: Operation Canyon 6 to 9 April 67; Operation BigHorn 10 to 21 April 67; Operation Shawnee 22 to 30 April 67.

. Command and control

- (1) Task Organization: During the reporting period the battalion was task organized basically as follows. For changes on specific operations see Annex B, C and E.

26th Mar

LtCol FIGARD

Capt WALKE

Co D (Rein)

Capt FULFORD

Co E
 Det, H&S Co
 Det, Med Plt
 Det, Comm Plt
 FO Team, 81mm Mortar Plt
 FO Team, Btry B, 1st Bn, 13th Mar

Co F (Rein)

Capt FORT

Co F
 Det, H&S Co
 Det, Med Plt
 Det, Comm Plt
 FO Team, 81mm Mortar Plt
 FO Team, Btry B, 1st Bn, 13th Mar

Co G (Rein)

Capt DOTS

Co G
 Det, H&S Co
 Det, Med Plt
 Det, Comm Plt
 FO Team, 81mm Mortar Plt
 FO Team, Btry B, 1st Bn, 13th Mar

Co H (Rein)

Capt ROZMAN

Co H
 Det, H&S Co
 Det, Med Plt
 Det, Comm Plt
 FO Team, 81mm Mortar Plt
 FO Team, Btry B, 1st Bn, 13th Mar

Direct SupportBtry B, 1st Bn, 13th Mar

Capt LATHROP

2d Plt, Co B, 1st Tk Bn

GySgt SIMS

2d Plt, Co B, 3d AT Bn

2d Lt MONAGHAN

2d Plt (-), Co A 3d Amtrac Bn

2d Lt COUCH

During the period 1 to 10 April 67 Company D, 1st Bn, 26th Mar was
 OPCON to the battalion. The company was task organized as follows:

Co D (Rein)

Capt JOHNSON

Co D
 Det, H&S Co
 Det, Med Plt
 Det, Comm Plt
 Det, Serv Plt
 FO Team, 81mm Mortar Plt
 FO Team, Btry A, 1st Bn, 13th Mar

(2) Control: The primary means of control during the reporting period was radio backed by wire on occasions. A minimum of difficulties were encountered.

2. Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Warfare

- a. There was no use of any equipment peculiar to CBR warfare.
- b. All major items of CBR equipment are on hand.

Training

- a. The following training was conducted.

(1) One Marine Officer was sent to Okinawa for a period of 10 days to attend the Naval Justice Course. One Marine Officer was sent to the MACV/USAID/JUSPAO Advisor Orientation Course at Saigon for a period of 5 days.

(2) All Message Center personnel attended a one day school at the 11th Marines Regimental Message Center. Driver training was conducted by the Motor Transport Section of H&S Company. Familiarization of individual and crew served weapons was conducted by all companies.

4. Significant Events: Significant events pertaining to the mission as assigned during the period 1 to 10 April 67.

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1 April 67 Blue springs was committed at 1555 from Company D and returned at 1858. (Supporting document submitted with March Command Chronology)
 Ref: S-3 Journal # 46 & 55, Annex A

2 April 67 Blue springs was committed from Company D at 1732 and returned at 1820.

Ref: S-3 Journal #113 & 115, Annex A

4 April 67 At 1200 a Company F squad size patrol observed 2 VC at AT 885716. The VC fired 15 to 20 rounds of automatic fire,

the patrol returned fire and 1 VC was seen to fall.
1 WO KIA (Prob)

Ref: S-3 Journal #302, Annex A

5 April 67 Blue springs committed from Company D at 1450 and returned at 1530.

Ref: S-3 Journal #398 & 403, Annex A

6 April 67 At 1915 a Company F squad apprehended two Vietnamese males in the village of KIM LIEN during a population check. The detainees were delivered to 5th CTC.

Ref: S-3 Journal #461, Annex A

8 April 67 Blue springs was committed from Company D at 1600 and returned at 1700.

Ref: S-3 Journal #628 & 632, Annex A

9 April 67 Blue springs committed from Company D at 1650 and returned at 1747.

Ref: S-3 Journal #693 & 699, Annex A

10 April 67 At 0607 the 2d Bn, 26th Mar was relieved of the Northern DaNang TAG by the 2d Bn, 7th Mar.

Ref: S-3 Journal #759, Annex A

Significant events pertaining to the battalion during Operation Canyon

DATE EVENT

6 April 67 At 0510 the Command Group and Companies E, G and H departed the DaNang C.P. for Operation Canyon under the operational control of the 1st Marines.

Ref: 2d Bn, 26th Mar Operation Order 6-67, Annex B; Combat After Action Report, Annex C; Map: Vietnam Series E7014, Sheet 6640 I, Annex D.

At approximately 1245 the helo lift was completed and the battalion was in position to commence the search and destroy operation.

Ref: Combat After Action Report, Annex C

At 1520 at BT224476 Company G detained 1 individual about 30 years old. The detainee broke and ran and his escape

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was covered by an unknown number of VC who fired at Company G. Company G returned the fire. The VC withdrew. 1 VC KIA

Ref: Combat After Action Report, Annex C

At 1720 at BT 228473 the 81mm Mortar Platoon, which was in general support, received small arms fire from the south from an unknown number of VC. The fire was returned and a platoon from Company G was sent to assist. A security patrol from the Mortar Platoon had been ambushed by approximately 50 VC. 3 USMC KIA and 2 USMC WIA

Ref: Combat After Action Report, Annex C

At 1810 at BT222485 Company G received approximately 60 rounds of small arms fire from the northeast at a range of approximately 100 meters. The small arms fire was returned. 1 USMC WIA

Ref: Combat After Action Report, Annex C

April 67 At 1500 Company H sighted approximately 20 persons carrying rifles and 1 machine gun at BT200499. Company H pursued and fired on the individuals. Four VC were seen to fall and the remainder fled to the west. The area was not searched until the following morning when 1 body was found. 1 VC KIA and 3 VC KIA (Prob)

Ref: Combat After Action Report, Annex C

At 1515 Company G apprehended one individual at BT218499. The detainee was being escorted to the rear when he broke and ran. He was shot and killed. 1 VC KIA

Ref: Combat After Action Report, Annex C

At 1600 Company E engaged an unknown number of VC at BT 218507. About 15 rounds of small arms fire were received, the fire was returned and the VC broke contact. 1 USMC WIA

Ref: Combat After Action Report, Annex C

At 1615 Company H reported they were receiving incoming artillery from our artillery. Approximately 25 rounds were received. An immediate cease fire was called by the artillery liaison officer. Company H suffered 6 WIA as a result of the incident.

Ref: Combat After Action Report, Annex C

At 1030 Company H engaged an unknown number of VC at BT205203. During the ensuing fire fight approximately 15 VC were seen to fall. Seven VC were observed being engaged away. A search of the area at daylight revealed 6 VC WIA. No weapons were found.

Ref: Combat After Action Report, Annex C

At 2100 Company I reported receiving 3 rounds of small arms fire at BT213505. Small arms fire and M-79 rounds were returned and when the area was searched a young girl approximately 16 years of age was found with a bullet wound in the right arm and a compound fracture of the left ankle. She was treated and evacuated.

Ref: Combat After Action Report, Annex C

At 0550 Company E reported a defensive position saw an individual at BT221505, the individual was challenged and started to move away. Five rounds of 5.56mm were fired and when area was searched an old woman was found. She had been hit in the head with one round. She was treated and evacuated.

Ref: Combat After Action Report, Annex C

At 0530 Company G reported that 3 VC attempted to run through the lines at BT206502. They fired approximately 3 rounds of small arms fire. The line returned fire at a range of approximately 20 meters. A search of the area revealed 1 VC KIA and 1 VC with a bullet wound in the chest. Interrogation revealed 2 additional VC had been killed and dragged away.

Ref: Combat After Action Report, Annex C

At 0810 the Command Group received 2 rounds of sniper fire at BT213492 from an unknown location. 1 USMC WIA

Ref: Combat After Action Report, Annex C

At 1210 Company H reported one VC attempted to run through the lines, he was taken under fire and seriously wounded. He was evacuated on a resupply helicopter. 1 automatic pistol was captured.

Ref: Combat After Action Report, Annex C

At 1350 Company H received 1 round sniper fire at BT213501. The fire was returned. 1 USMC WIA

Ref: Combat After Action Report, Annex C

S E C D

At 1420 Company G received approximately 100 rounds of small arms fire at BT210495. The small arms fire was returned, M-79 and 60mm Mortar fire was delivered and an artillery fire mission was called. The VC withdrew under fire. 2 USMC WIA

Ref: Combat After Action Report, Annex C

At 1830 Company H reported a resupply helo received approximately 8 rounds of small arms fire when approaching the LZ at BT206471. The fire was returned by Company H and 1 VC was seen to run from a bunker. He was taken under fire and wounded in the leg. Another individual was seen to flee and was also taken under fire and was also wounded. Both individuals were evacuated on the resupply helo.

Ref: Combat After Action Report, Annex C

9 April 67 At approximately 0930 a message was received from the CO, 1st Marines to cease the operation and prepare for immediate movement to DaNang airfield for further movement North. During the subsequent helo extraction sniper fire was received almost continuously. Two air strikes were called and artillery fire missions were called. The sniper fire was controlled but never suppressed. 1 USMC WIA

Ref: Combat After Action Report, Annex C

Significant events pertaining to the battalion's participation in Operation BigHorn.

DATE EVENT

9 April 67 The battalion was air lifted by Marine C-130 aircraft from DaNang to Phu Bai and moved by truck convoy from Phu Bai to the Operation BigHorn operating area, arriving approximately 1100.

Ref: Combat After Action Report, Annex E and Maps: Vietnam Series L7014, Sheets 6441 I and 6442 II, Annex F

Company G chopped OPCON to the 3d Bn, 26th Mar located at Phu Bai and remained so until 21 April 67.

Ref: Combat After Action Report, Annex E

10 April 67 At 0930 Company E chopped OPCON to the 2d Bn, 9th Mar.

Ref: Combat After Action Report, Annex E

11 April 67 At 0915 Company H and H&S Company relieved Company E, 2d Bn, 9th Mar and H&S Company, 2d Bn, 9th Mar of the responsibility for the perimeter defense of the Operation BigHorn operating base.

Ref: Combat After Action Report, Annex E

At 1535 Company F relieved Company G, 2d Bn, 9th Mar.

Ref: Combat After Action Report, Annex E

12 April 67 At 1810 Company E returned OPCON to this organization. The Company suffered 1 KIA and 2 WIA while OPCON to the 2d Bn, 9th Mar.

Ref: Combat After Action Report, Annex E

13 April 67 Company E and a reinforced plt. from Company F occupied blocking positions in support of the 2d Bn, 9th Mar.

Ref: Combat After Action Report, Annex E

14 April 67 At 1110 Company E occupying a blocking position at YD523288 spotted 2 VC at YD524273. Tanks fired 3 rounds of HE. 2 VC KIA (Prob)

Ref: Combat After Action Report, Annex E

At 1430 Company F at a blocking position in the vicinity of YD552293 tripped a surprise firing device which was apparently an M-26 grenade, rigged with a pressure release firing device, and placed under a stick on the trail. Three Marines were wounded one of which died later.

Ref: Combat After Action Report, Annex E

15 April 67 At 1210 a platoon from Company F reported receiving sniper fire at YD511324 from the vicinity of YD507323. The patrol returned fire with a 10mm, M-42. A green star cluster appeared in response and an immediate cease fire was called. Friendly troops were observed 500 meters to the front.

Ref: Combat After Action Report, Annex E

At 2020 Company F reported finding 3 surprise firing devices at YD556287. One was a Mark II grenade which was tripped but the explosion was very small resulting in 1 minor USMC WIA

Ref: Combat After Action Report, Annex E

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20 April 67 At 0400 the battalion commenced a battalion (-) search and destroy operation in the vicinity of YD4825 and YD4925. Company E and 2 platoons from Company F participated.

Ref: Combat After Action Report, Annex E

21 April 67 At 1657 the Command Group returned to the C.P. and the search and destroy operation terminated. There were no significant contacts.

Ref: Combat After Action Report, Annex E

21 April 67 At 2400 Operation BigHorn was terminated.

Ref: Combat After Action Report, Annex E

Significant events pertaining to the battalion's participation in Operation Shawnee.

DATE EVENT

22 April 67 At 0001 Operation Shawnee commenced

Ref: 4th Marines Operation Plan 16-67,

13 April 67 At 1109 the first elements of the battalion were helo lifted to the operating area. A combination of a small landing site and low ceiling, which prevented the helos from flying, prevented the completion of the lift.

Ref: 4th Marines sitrep #003, Operation Shawnee

15 April 67 At 1630 a platoon of Company H located a patch of 10 punji stakes about 14 inches long sticking out of the ground on a trail in the vicinity of YD480137. Two USMC WIA resulted. The stakes were pulled and destroyed.

Ref: 4th Marines sitrep #022, Operation Shawnee

27 April 67 At 0820 Company F sighted one VC moving south on a trail in the vicinity of YD500181. The point man fired four rounds of small arms at a range of 50 meters. The VC fled north. Large blood spots were found on the trail, a pack and sandals also were found covered with blood.
1 T/1 KIA (Prob)

Ref: 4th Marines sitrep #030, Operation Shawnee

At 0900 the rear point for Company F sighted 1 NVA on the trail. The NVA fired one round of small arms and 1 grenade. During the next 15 minutes the rear point received

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6 frag grenades and returned fire with 6 M-79 rounds, 4 M-60 grenades and 100 rounds of small arms. A search of the area revealed the following: 2 wired explosive devices of 57mm recoilless rounds; 1 81mm round and 1 grenade rigged with trip wire; 4 packs filled with rice balls; 1 carbine with a scope attachment; 1 automatic chicom rifle and 7 chicom grenades. All the ordnance was destroyed with C-4. The action resulted in 3 USMC WIA.

Ref: 1st Marines sitrep #001, operation Shawnee

There were no more significant contacts.

LOGISTICS

. Logistics

a. Supply activity during the month of April centered around resupply of units in field combat operations and in replenishment of damaged or lost equipment subsequent to the operation. On 8 April the battalion commenced the move from the DaNang area to the 4th Marines Regimental TAOR. The organic supply account was displaced to Phu Bai. Certain Class II items were sent forward to the battalion area while all records and office facilities remained in the rear. Supply activities in the latter part of the month focused on the implementation of "MUMS".

b. Maintenance within the battalion was good. At the end of April only two M-274's were on second echelon deadline. Receipt of spare parts continued to be spasmodic. Most weapons and communications equipment were returned to FLSG-A for repair. Those items justified as critical for support of Operation Shawnee were quickly returned to the unit.

c. Food Service: A battalion mess was established at the battalion C.P. A-rations were delivered daily by truck convoy from DaNang. No ice was available for messing and electricity for ME-10 generators was not available until the latter part of the month. Hot meals were served daily with a light noon serving of cold drinks and snacks. MCI's were used extensively for troops in the field.

d. Transportation and roads: Transportation of troops to the 4th Marines area was accomplished by transport aircraft from DaNang to Phu Bai and by truck convoy from Phu Bai to the field. Organic supplies and equipment were transported from DaNang to Phu Bai by truck convoy. A convoy operated daily from Phu Bai to the 4th Marines area. Some difficulty was encountered at Phu Bai in the acquisition of vehicles necessary to bring battalion equipment and supplies to the field. Tactical movement of troops was by truck convoy and by helicopter. All roads in the area were controlled and maintained by the 4th Marines. One household truck was received daily for water resupply and trash collection.

e. Water in the 4th Marines C.P. area was a constant problem. The water capacity of the local water point was insufficient to meet the needs of this unit in several instances. On various occasions two to three hours were required to fill one water trailer M-107. Availability of shower water was generally not good. The battalion received constant assistance from the 4th Marines S-4 concerning this problem and the situation improved gradually.

f. Motor Transport within the battalion was improved by the establishment of all battalion vehicles into a central battalion motor pool. Vehicles were made available for comprehensive maintenance checks and repair. The battalion received a new Motor

Report Chief. At the end of April a total of six vehicles were on deadline. One M-422 A1 was on 3d echelon deadline. Two M-274A-2's were on second and three M-274A-2's were on third.

g. Embarkation within the battalion mainly concerned the displacement of equipment and personnel from DaNang to the 11th Marines TICR. Rifle companies and support sections were moved by plane and truck convoy. The rear battalion elements and equipment were transported north by three truck convoys of approximately forty trucks each. No advance warning order was issued by higher headquarters thus resulting in an entirely spontaneous movement on the part of the battalion.

h. Hospitalization and evacuation: Casualties from field operations were delivered at Regimental Aid or passed to Company A, 3d Medical Battalion as necessary. Some evacuees were treated at the Battalion Aid Station and returned to duty. Evacuation was accomplished by helicopter or truck convoy.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓ ANNEX A: EXTRACTS FROM S-3 OPERATIONAL JOURNAL
- ✓ ANNEX B: 2D BN, 26TH MARINES OPERATION ORDER 6-67 (CANYON)
- ✓ ANNEX C: COMBAT AFTER ACTION REPORT, OPERATION CANYON
- ✓ ANNEX D: MAP: VIETNAM, SERIES L7014, SHEET 66401
- ✓ ANNEX E: COMBAT AFTER ACTION REPORT, OPERATION BIGHORN
- ✓ ANNEX F: MAPS: VIETNAM, SERIES L7014, SHEETS 6441 I AND 6442 II

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A-1 Enclosure (1)

S-3 JOURNAL EXTRACTS

<u>TIME</u>	<u>JOURNAL NO.</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
011610H	46	Company D to 2/26: Blue Springs is off the deck.
011859H	55	Company D to 2/26: Blue Springs has returned to the C.P.
021735H	113	Company D to 2/26: Blue Springs has departed.
022015H	115	Company D to 2/26: Blue Springs has returned.
041229H	302	Company F to 2/26: Made contact with two VC. Observed one to fall after being hit with SAF.
051155H	398	Company D to 2/26: Blue Springs departed at 1750H.
051631H	463	Company D to 2/26: Blue Springs completed.
061205H	461	Company F to 2/26: During a population check in the village of KIM LIEN two males age '20 were apprehended with incorrect ID cards. Under questioning by PF personnel this unit took detainees to 5th CIT.
081634H	623	Company D to 2/26: Blue Springs is up.
081701H	632	Company D to 2/26: Blue Springs has returned.
091651H	632	Company D to 2/26: Blue Springs has departed.
091752H	699	Company D to 2/26: Blue Springs returned 1747.
101607H	759	2nd Battalion 7th Marines relieved 2nd Battalion 26th Marines of the northern Da Nang TACR.

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Operation Order 6-67. (Canyon)

Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam: 1:50,000, Series
 L7014, Sheets 6640 I, II, III, IV
 (b) 3d MarDiv Op O 277-66
 (c) 9th Mar Regt O 3100.2C
 (d) 1st Mar Div O P02000.2

Time Zone: Hotel

Task Organization

(All attachments effective 051200H April 1967)

2d Bn, 26th Marines (-) (Rein)

Det, H&S Co
 Det, 1st SP Bn.
 Det, 3d Engr Bn.

Lt Col. CUMMINGS

Co E (Rein)

Co E
 Det, H&S Co
 1st Sec, 81mm Mortar Plt
 Det, Comm Plt
 Det, Med Plt
 Det Scout Sec
 Det, 3d IT Team
 Det, 3d Engr Bn
 FO Team, Btry B, 13th Marines

Capt FULFORD

Co H (Rein)

Co H
 Det, H&S Co
 3d Sec, 81mm Mortar Plt
 Det, Comm Plt
 Det, Med Plt
 Det Scout Sec
 Det, 3d IT Team
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Capt ROZMAN

Battalion Reserve

Co G (Rein)
 Co G
 Det, H&S Co
 Det, Comm Plt
 Det, Med Plt
 Det, Scout Sec

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Det, 3d Engr Bn
FO Team, Btry B, 13th Marines

1. SITUATION

A. Enemy Forces. Annex A (Intelligence)B. Friendly Forces

- (1) 1st Marines (-) (Rein) and QUANG DA Special Zone Headquarters attacks at H-Hour on D-Day to seize or destroy enemy forces and equipment on barrier island southeast of HOI AN.
- (2) Naval Support Activity provides Swift Boat patrols off shore.
- (3) 1st Battalion, 11th Marines (-) (Rein) Direct Support 1st Marines. B Battery priority of fires to 2/26.
- (4) 2/4 ARVN Armored Personnel Carrier Company to be in direct support of 2/26 approximately H+5.
- (5) Heavy Section, 2d Platoon, Company C, 1st Tank Battalion to be in direct support 2/26 approximately H+4.
- (6) Air Support. Annex B (Air Support)

2. MISSION. Commencing H+1 Hour on D-Day, 2d Battalion, 26th Marines lands by helicopter in landing zone GULL, establishes blocking positions to prevent escape of enemy forces to the South and prepares to attack to capture or destroy enemy forces in Zone of Action.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. Commencing at H+1 Hour on D-Day, one company (Rein) lands by helicopter at landing Site GULL 1 and establishes a blocking position toward the North, in its Zone of Action. Upon completion of landing of this company. A second company (Rein) lands by helicopter at landing Site GULL 3 and establishes a blocking position toward the North in its Zone of Action. Fire support will be provided by 1st Battalion, 11th Marines and by close air support aircraft on station over the objective area. Battalion Reserve lands on order in Landing Site GULL 1, 2 or 3 as directed. Annex B (Concept of Operations)

b. Co E (Rein)

- (1) Commencing at H+1 Hour, D-Day, land by helicopter in landing Site GULL 1.
- (2) Secure Landing Site and establish blocking position as indicated.

(2)

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(3) Prevent egress of enemy forces to the South.

(4) Be prepared to attack to the North on order.

c. Co F (Rein)

(1) Upon completion of landing by Co E (Rein), land by helicopter in landing Site GULL 3

(2) Secure Landing Site and establish blocking position as indicated.

(3) Prevent egress of enemy forces to the South.

(4) Be prepared to attack to the North on order.

d. Battalion Reserve (Co G (Rein)) On order, land in landing Site as directed. Be prepared to assume the mission of either assault company or assume such other missions as may be directed.

e. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Contact left to right.

(2) Tentative D-Day, H-Hour. 060700H

(3) Rules of engagement apply. Annex J to Ref (b)

(4) Submit Spot Reports in accordance with reference (c)

(5) Report establishment of blocking positions and arrival at phase lines. Report position every hour on the hour when on the move.

(6) Flame within 500 meters of boundaries must be cleared with adjacent units.

(7) Estimated duration of operation, 3-5 days.

(8) Flame Section to be available on call in base camp area.

(9) Leaflet drops and aerial loudspeaker broadcasts will be run in conjunction with operation. Themes will include Chieu Hoi appeals, Safe Conduct Passes and Rewards Program. Units be prepared to receive ralliers and make immediate payment of rewards.

(10) Reference Point TANGO is 1854.

Reference Point NOVEMBER is 1549.

Reference Point PAPA is 2746.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Administration.

1. Casualty reporting--- Normal
2. Awards cards will be provided to units by the S-1.

b. Logistics

1. Helicopter resupply as requested from LSA near Hoi An.
2. Units call in helicopter resupply request to S-4, through HST Team as required.
3. Casualty evacuation to 1/1 aid station for treatment and for further evacuation.
4. Personnel weapons and equipment will be evacuated with the individual to 1/1 aid station where these items will be collected by a 2/26 supply representative.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Command

- (1) Command Group to be over objective area in Command Helicopter initially.
- (2) CP Group to land by helicopter with Battalion Reserve.

B. Communications.

- (1) Ref (D).
- (2) Comm Plan. (to be issued separately)



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ANNEXES

- 1. INTELLIGENCE
- 2. AIR SUPPORT
- 3. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS
- 4. DISTRIBUTION

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Annex A (Intelligence) to Operation Order 6-67

Ref: (a) Map: AMS Series L7014, Sheet 6640-1
 (b) 1st Marines Operation Order 124-67
 (c) 1st Marines Summary of Enemy Situation 4-67
 (d) 1st Marines Summary of Enemy Situation 5-67
 (e) Battalion Order 3800.1 SOP for Intelligence

Time Zone: H

1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION

- a. See current 1st Marine Division INTSUMS.
- b. See Intelligence summaries, reference (c) and (d).

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

- a. Determine the location, strength, and disposition of enemy forces.
- b. Determine if the enemy will defend, withdraw or counterattack. If so, where, when, and with what force?
- c. Determine what assistance the local indigenous populace will provide us.

3. INTELLIGENCE ACQUISITION TASK

- a. Orders to subordinate and attached units.

(1) Companies E, G, and H

- (a) Commencing D-day, conduct reconnaissance as required within ZOA.
- (b) Earliest D-day attempt to capture prisoners, and expedite their return to Battalion PW collection point for interrogation.

(2) S-2 Scout Teams

- (a) Assist Company Commanders in interrogating PW for enemy information of immediate tactical value.
- (b) Process PW in accordance with reference (e).

(3) Detachments 3d ITT

- (a) Conduct thorough interrogation of PW/Detainees to answer EEI of this and higher headquarters.

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(4) Detachment 3d Engr

- (a) Provide technical intelligence information of enemy mines/booby traps encountered.
- b. Request to higher, adjacent, and supporting units
 - (1) Commanding Officer, 1st Marines (Rein)
 - (a) Requested to provide latest intelligence information about enemy, weather, and terrain.
 - (b) Requested to provide information on helicopter landing zones, to include size, location, and best approach.
 - (c) Requested to provide on call Aerial Observation aircraft in support of mission.
 - (d) Requested to provide information as obtained on the movement of additional enemy forces within or adjacent to the objective area.

4. MEASURES FOR HANDLING PERSONNEL, DOCUMENTS, AND MATERIAL

a. Immediate Processing by Capturing Unit.

- (1) As soon as the tactical situation permits, a PW tag must be completed.
 - (a) Particular emphasis must be directed to the circumstances and coordinates of capture. On circumstances, list what the PW/Detainee was doing, such as "attempting to throw a grenade", or "firing from position behind tree".
 - (b) Documents, equipment, and/or personal items should be taken from PW/Detainee and tagged with the same information as for the captive. Capturing units must ensure that these items accompany the individual to the Battalion Collection Point.

5. DOCUMENTS AND/OR EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

- a. Reference (a) is designated the standard tactical map for this operation.

6. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE. Reference (e) applies

7. REPORTS AND DISTRIBUTION

- a. Submit SPOT and MINE/BOOBY TRAP REPORTS in accordance with current instructions.

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8. MISCELLANEOUS INSTRUCTIONS. None.



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Annex B (Air) to Operation Order 6-67 (Operation Canyon)

Ref: (a) Map; Vietnam AMS Series L7014, Sheet 6640-I

Time Zone: Hotel

1. Situation

a. Enemy Forces. Annex A (Intelligence) to Operation Order 6-67

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) Landing Force consisting of 3 Companies, Companies E, G and H and a Command Group will be holo inserted from Marble Mountain to Landing Sites Gull 1, Gull 2 and Gull 3. The first wave will consist of 120 troops from Company E to be inserted in Landing Site Gull 1. The second element from Company H will land in Landing Site Gull 3. Commanding Officer, 2d Bn, 26th Mar will be airborne in the Command Helicopter and will designate the Landing Site for the third company.
- (2) 1st Marine Air Wing will provide logistical and tactical lift for all units.

2. PROCEDURES

- a. A/O will be on station during intitial phase of operation to control air and artillery. Submit requests for A/O control to this Headquarters on Battalion Tactical Net.
- b. Reconnaissance and observation requests for A/O will be submitted via S-2.
- c. Medevacs will be on call 24 hours daily. Submit Medevac requests to this Headquarters.
- d. Logistic support will be requested as required. 1st Marines will have four helicopters assigned for direct support of the Operation.
- e. Ground units should mark targets for air strikes with White Phosphorous if possible.
- f. Display panels marking friendly positions before calling in air strikes if possible.
- g. Use standard mission request forms for MedEvacs and CAS missions.

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h. Helicopter Landing Areas:

LS Gull 1	Coordinates	237476	Eastern
LS Gull 2	Coordinates	228472	Central
LS Gull 3	Coordinates	222466	Western

- i. Heliteam leaders will give helicopter-crew heliteam cards designating destination LZ.
- j. CAS aircraft will be on call throughout duration of operation.
- k. MedEvacs and resupply will be conducted on Crimson.

3. Command and Communication-Electronics

- a. Comm Plan.
- b. T/R #1 will be used to submit air requests to 1st Marines.
- c. Primary HD/TAD net: Crimson
Secondary: Ivory
- d. TAC Net Primary: Olive
Secondary: Blue


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21 April 1967
Ser: 00153-67

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division

Subj: Combat operations after action report.

Ref: (a) 1st Mar operation order 124-67
(b) 2d Bn, 26th Mar operation order 6-67
(c) Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000, Series L7014, Sheets 6640 I and II

1. Code name. Operation Canyon

2. Dates of operation. 060900H to 091500H April 1967.

3. Location. Quang Nam province, RVN.

4. Task organization.

2d Bn, 26th Mar (-) (Rein)

Det, H&S Co
Det, 3d Eng Bn.
Det, 3d SP Bn (HST)

Lt. Col. CUMMINGS

Capt. MULLIGAN

Co E (Rein)

Co E
Det, H&S Co
Det, Comm Plt
Det, Med Plt
Det, 3d Eng Bn
Det, 3d SP Bn (HST)
FO team, Btry B, 1st Bn, 13th Mar

Capt. FULFORD

Co G (Rein)

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Det, 3d Eng Bn
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FO team, Btry B, 1st Bn, 13th Mar

Capt. CUTS

Co H (Rein)

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Det, Comm Plt
Det, Med Plt
Det, 3d Eng Bn
Det, 3d SP Bn (HST)

Capt. ROZMAN

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5. Supporting forces.

a. Artillery

(1) Btry B, 1st Bn, 11th Mar provided artillery support for this unit.

(2) Artillery was used extensively during the operation.

Orientation by artillery was utilized on numerous occasions, accurate map reading being difficult due to the flat terrain. Recon by artillery fire was also extensive.

(3) Response to fire missions was excellent.

b. Air

(1) On 6 April the command group and three rifle companies were helo lifted from Marble mountain to three landing sites in the vicinity of BT237476, DT228472 and DT 222466. 24 UH-34's were utilized and the lift went off smoothly after an initial weather hold which resulted in a two hour delay.

(2) An A/0 was on station along with fixed wing air cover. CAS air strikes were conducted during the insertion to prep areas directly to the North of the LZ. The air prep left six dud 500 lb bombs which were destroyed by ground units during their advance.

(3) Normal resupply was conducted with UH-34's during the operation with good results. The evacuation of detainees by air was hampered by the large number of detainees and heavy helo commitment.

(4) MedEvacs were conducted by all units without difficulty.

(5) A/0's were utilized during the operation to fix friendly positions with good results. A/0's were also utilized to recon areas of advance.

(6) Flare ships were utilized nightly in conjunction with 1st Bn, 1st Mar requirements. Flare drops were coordinated through the 1st Bn, 1st Mar forward with some difficulty due to poor communications.

(7) The command group and three rifle companies were helo retracted from LZ DT228472 on 9 April. Sniper fire was encountered in the LZ periodically throughout the retraction. A/0 was requested to locate sniper positions and one air strike with A-4's was conducted to the North. Sniper fire was suppressed effectively and no more fire was received from the area during retraction. Sniper fire was then encountered from the South. Gunships were requested to suppress fire. The gunships ran two air strikes to the South of the LZ. One air strike was conducted by A-4's the other by F-4's. Sniper fire was still being received from the South during the last wave of the retraction.

6. Intelligence.

a. Theary situation prior to the operations

(1) Received during 1st Marines briefing:

(a) 70th MF Bn was reported in the objective area. Estimated 500 men.

(2) IntSums, agent reports and reports from Quang Da special zone.

(a) Additional reports of 70th MF Bn in AOA.

(b) Local guerrilla strength estimated at 20-30 men per village.

(c) Unconfirmed reports of the 105th and 307th MF infantry Bn's in the AOA. Strengths unknown.

b. Enemy personnel and equipment losses: KIA 12; KIA (P) 10; PW 4; Detainees 103; AP Mines 2; Chicom Grenades 4; Tunnels & Caves 1; Bunkers 1; Documents 1; WPNS 1 Auto Pistol.

c. Weather and terrain

(1) The weather had no adverse effects on the operation.

(2) The terrain had no adverse effects on the operation. There was an abundance of water in the area.

d. Enemy situation at the end of the operation.

(1) There were no new enemy units identified during the operation.

7. MISSION. 1st Marines (-) (Rein) and QDSZ headquarters attacks at H-Hour to seize or destroy enemy forces and equipment on Barrier Island southeast of HOI AN.

8. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS. Commencing at H + 1 Hour on D-Day, one company (Rein) lands by helicopter at landing site Gull 1, BT 237476, and establishes a blocking position toward the north, in its zone of action. Upon completion of landing this company a second company (rein) lands by helicopter at landing site Gull 3, BT 222466, and establishes a blocking position toward the north in its zone of action. Fire support will be provided by 1st Bn, 11th Mar and close air support aircraft on station over the objective area. Battalion Reserve lands on order in landing site Gull 1, 2 or 3 as directed.

9. EXECUTION. 1st Marines operation order 124-67 was received at 021400H D-Day, H-hour was established as 060700H Apr 67.

The Command Group and Companies E, G and H departed the Danang C.P. at approximately 060510H and arrived at Marble Mountain at approximately 060615H.

L-Hour, which had been established as H + 1, was postponed until approximately 0900 due to low ceiling over the objective area.

At approximately 0900H the helo lift of Company E commenced. Two platoons of Company E were lifted to landing site Gull #1, BT 237476. Two platoons of Company H were then lifted to landing site Gull #3, BT 222466. The remaining platoons of Company E and H respectively were then lifted in. Company G and the Command Group were lifted to landing site Gull #2, BT 228472. The lift was completed at approximately 1245H. There was no contact.

A blocking position was immediately established, the companies coming on line and linking up. Company C.P.'s were established at: Company E BT 241479; Company G and the Command Group BT 229473; Company H BT 220415.

Some difficulty was encountered in establishing an accurate position fix due to the lack of prominent terrain features.

At 1400H the CO 1st Marines arrived by helo and conferred with the CO 2d Bn, 26th Mar. At 1500H the Battalion commenced movement north.

At 061520H at BT224476 Company G had detained one individual about 30 years of age, he broke away and started to run north. His attempted escape was covered by an unknown number of VC who fired at Company G. Small arms fire was returned resulting in 1 VC KIA.

At 061630H Company G discovered a tunnel complex at BT224481. The complex was approximately 100 meters long in a hedgerow and treeline, running east and west with entrances on the north and south. The complex was destroyed with C-4.

At 061720H the 81mm Mortar Platoon which had been left in general support reported a security patrol in the vicinity of BT233462 encountered an estimated 50 VC at a range of 50 meters. An unknown number of small arms fire was received and returned. An 81mm fire mission was called and three rounds of 82mm counter fire was received at the mortar position BT 228473. A platoon from Company G and elements of the Command Group were sent to assist. The area was searched with some expended .30 caliber brass being found but no other conclusive results. The action resulted in 3 USMC KIA and 3 M-16 rifles being lost.

At 061805H at BT224486 while Company G was preparing individual positions, one Marine cut his hand on a punji stake in a well camouflaged punji pit resulting in 1 USMC WIA non evac.

Final positions for the night were established at: Command Group BT224482; Company E right flank BT236494, left flank BT224489; Company G right flank BT224489, left flank BT218484; Company H right flank BT 209477, left flank BT206473. There was no enemy contact.

At 070919H at BT197472 Company H received 4 rounds of 60mm Mortar fire from the vicinity of BT199465. An artillery fire mission was called and no further fire was received.

At 071500H at BT 202496 Company H established contact and sighted approximately 20 persons carrying rifles at BT200499. Company H pursued and fired small arms, 4 were seen to fall. The remainder fled to the west. 1 VC KIA; 3 VC KIA (Prob).

At 071830H at BT205493 Company H engaged an unknown number of VC at BT204494. During the engagement 15 VC were seen to fall, 7 of these were observed being dragged away. A search of the area at day-light revealed 6 VC KIA. 7 VC KIA (Prob).

At 071845H at BT218499 Company G was escorting a detainee to the rear when he attempted to escape, and was shot and killed.

At 071600H at BT218507 Company E received 15 rounds of small arms fire from the vicinity of BT219508. Approximately 50 rounds 5.56mm were returned; 3 USMC WIA non evac, 11 Marines shot and killed or missing.

At 071645H at BT207498 Company H received what was believed to be approximately 25 rounds 105mm artillery. An immediate cease fire was called. 6 Marines were wounded, 3 were evaced and three not evaced.

At 080530H at BT208502 3 VC attempted to run through the lines and fired 3 rounds. The line returned fire at a range of approximately 10 meters. 1 VC KIA, the others fled to the west. Further search of the area at first light revealed one VC with a bad chest wound. Interrogation of the wounded VC indicated 2 additional VC were killed and dragged a way.

At 080810H at BT215492 the Command group received 2 rounds of sniper fire from an unknown source resulting in 1 USMC WIA not evaced.

At 081000H approximately 200 rounds of 105mm artillery were fired on the area of BT215492. An immediate cease fire was called and no further fire was received.

At 081030H at BT2031, Company G received 15 rounds of small arms fire from the vicinity of BT2031. An immediate cease fire was called and no further fire was received.

At 081310H at BT 189497 one VC attempted to run through the lines. The VC was taken under fire and seriously wounded. 1 automatic pistol was captured.

At 081350H at BT 213501 Company G received 1 round sniper fire resulting in 1 USMC WIA.

At 081420H at BT 210495 Company G received approximately 100 rounds small arms fire from an unknown number of VC at approximately 100 meters. Fire was returned and a 60mm mortar mission and an artillery fire mission was called. The initial contact resulted in 2 USMC WIA.

At 081725H at BT 206471 Company H was being resupplied by helo, the helo landed and received approximately 8 rounds small arms fire. Fire was returned, 1 VC ran from a bunker and was wounded in the leg, another individual attempted to flee and was wounded in the arm. PW's evaced.

Positions for the night were established at: Command Group BT 235478; Company E BT 240479; Company G BT 235478; Company H BT 216464.

A sweep of TAN AN (1) and (2), BT 236461 and 248464 was planned for 09 Apr 67. The sweep was started at first light and ceased about 0930H when a message was received from CO 1st Marines to prepare for immediate movement to Danang.

A helo lift was started at approximately 1100H and completed approximately 1500H.

During the retraction by helo sporadic sniper fire was received almost continuously. Artillery fire missions were called and two air strikes. The sniper fire was controlled but never completely halted. 1 USMC WIA not evaced.

The lift was completed at approximately 1500H ending the battalions participation in Operation Canyon.

10. RESULTS

a Friendly Losses

(1) Casualties: 3 KIA
17 WIA

(2) Equipment: 3 M-16 Rifles

b Enemy Losses

(1) Casualties: 12 KIA
10 KIA (Prob)
4 PW's
103 Detainees

(2) Equipment/Material: 2 AP Mines; 4 Chicom Grenades; 1 tunnel/eave; 1 Bunker; 1 Document; 1 Auto Pistol.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.

a. Supply. All resupply for operation Canyon was effected by helicopter from the LSA. HST teams were located with each company and with the command group. Resupply request came in from companies over the HST net to the S-4, who in turn passed them to the LSA for fill. Coordinates of landing zones and time of resupply were submitted later.

Troops initially carried a basic allowance of ammunition, four MCI's and two canteens of water. Water was readily available and usable with water purification tablets. With this combat load a resupply was not necessary until the second day of the operation.

b. Maintenance. None

c. Casualties, evacuation and hospitalization - Casualties were treated initially by corpsman in the field and immediately evacuated to the LSA. From the LSA casualties were further evacuated to NSA medical facility.

d. Transportation. Transportation initially to the air facility was by truck convoy. All subsequent transportation was by helicopter.

e. Communication

(1) Terrain. Barrier Island is flat and sandy with little undergrowth, trees 15 to 20 feet high throughout the island.

(2) Equipment. PRC-47, PRC-25.

(3) Radio was the sole means of communication for the operation.

(4) The HF (PRC-47) was to be used as primary on the T&R Net with FM (PRC-25) as a secondary. Communication on HF frequency could not be established therefore FM was used on T&R Net. FM communication was good to poor.

(5) FM frequencies 40.00 to 46.00 began fading about 1600 and continued to depreciate until 0500. An RC-292 was employed during the period with some improvement in communications. FM frequencies above 50.00 were generally good.

(6) Maximum distance required to communicate was approximately 10 miles.

f. Medical evaluation. No medical problems were encountered.

12. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT AND TECHNIQUES: None

13. COMMANDERS ANALYSIS: Operation Canyon once again proved the capability of the Marine Infantry Battalion to land in the enemy's backyard and operate so long as supporting arms fires are available. The provision of a loadmaster by the helicopter unit proved invaluable both in the initial loading at Marble Mountain and in the extraction from the OK.

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The requirement to detain all males between 15 and 50 and evac them by helicopter proved to be a great burden on the line companies and the helicopter squadrons.

The nature of contacts in this operation consisted of small units and snipers. The length of front assigned this Battalion left only one platoon as Battalion Reserve and stretched the units on line so thin that some VC were able to sneak through.

14. RECOMMENDATIONS

- a. That the area be swept again.
- b. That at least a full battalion be employed if stretched from the river to the beach.
- c. That civil affairs/CIT be assigned to process detainees when the problem is of the magnitude encountered in Operation Canyon. This unit should include MP personnel for security.

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From: Commanding Officer
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1. In accordance with reference (a), Enclosure (1) is submitted.

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2/26 Marines

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 October through 31 October 1966

PART I - Organizational Data Sheet

PART II - Significant Events

PART III - Supporting Documents (S-3 Journal Extracts)

Added: JTR 23 A - Open Action SITREP 1-38 (74) 2-37-1967

Enclosure (1)

PART I

ORGANIZATION DATA SHEET

1. Reporting Unit. 2d Battalion, 26th Marines, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF.
2. Period Covered by Report. 1-31 October 1966.
3. Date of Submission of Report. 1 November 1966.
4. Commanding Officer. LtCol J. M. CUMMINGS.
5. Location of Command Post at End of Period.
Coordinates ZD 117012
6. Map. VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS Series I701, Sheets 6559 I, 6550 II and 6659 IV.
7. Staff Assignments.

Executive Officer	1-31 Oct 1966	Major W. S. PULLAR, JR.
S-1	1-31 Oct 1966	2dLt J. B. SHAUGHNESSY
S-2	1-31 Oct 1966	Captain A. B. CROSBY
S-3	1-31 Oct 1966	Major W. E. FOGO
S-4	1-31 Oct 1966	Captain J. J. ROZMAN

8. Subordinate Unit Commanders.

H&S Co	1-31 Oct 1966	Capt. P. MORIGEAU, JR.
Co "E"	1-31 Oct 1966	Capt. J. R. JOY
Co "F"	1-31 Oct 1966	Capt. J. A. LINNEMANN
Co "G"	1-31 Oct 1966	Capt. A. P. SGAMBELLURI
Co "H"	1-31 Oct 1966	Capt. W. E. SYKES, JR.

ENCLOSURE (1)

PART II

S-1 CHRONOLOGY1. Personnel.

a. <u>Monthly Strength (Average)</u>	<u>MC OFF</u> 32	<u>MC ENL</u> 950	<u>NAVY OFF</u> 4	<u>NAVY ENL</u> 53
b. <u>Battle Casualties</u>	KIA - 1		<u>Non Battle Casualties</u> 1	
	WIA - 26			
	DOW - 1			
c. <u>Rotation During Month.</u>	<u>MC OFF</u> 0	<u>MC ENL</u> 93	<u>NAVY OFF</u> 0	<u>NAVY ENL</u> 0
d. <u>Intra-Division/Regimental Transfers.</u>	<u>MC OFF</u> 5	<u>MC ENL</u> 147	<u>NAVY OFF</u> 0	<u>NAVY ENL</u> 6
e. <u>Medical Evacuation/Out of Country.</u>	<u>MC OFF</u> 0	<u>MC ENL</u> 25	<u>NAVY OFF</u> 0	<u>NAVY ENL</u> 0
f. <u>Replacements Received.</u>	<u>MC OFF</u> 1	<u>MC ENL</u> 165	<u>NAVY OFF</u> 1	<u>NAVY ENL</u> 12

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 the command.6. Discipline, Courts-Martial, Office Hours.

	<u>Pending</u>	<u>Completed</u>
a. Special Courts-Martial	2	1
b. Summary Courts-Martial	0	0
c. Bn Cmdr OH	1	3
d. Company Cmdr OH	1	13
e. There were no General Courts-Martial during the period covered by this report		

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S-1 CHRONOLOGY (Cont'd)

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

- a. Morale is considered to be excellent.
- b. A PX Mobile Van was available on a weekly basis during the first ten days of this report. The 3d Marine Division Main Exchange was available during the remainder of the reporting period.
- c. Postal Affairs are satisfactory.
- d. Liberty was not authorized during the reporting period.
- e. Four (4) R&R quotas were allocated to this command during the reporting period.

ENCLOSURE (1)

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.
4. WEATHER. The maximum high temperature recorded during the period was 85 degrees. The minimum low recorded was 73 degrees. The weather had no effect on operations during the period.
5. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
 - a. There was a total of 27 V.C. initiated incidents during the period, consisting of:
 - (1). 16 Mining incidents.
 - (2). 10 Small arms incidents.
 - (3). 1 Incidents of grenades being thrown.
 - b. There is a marked decrease in V.C. incidents compared with September, (27-Oct/42 Sep), but an increase in mine/boby trap incidents (16-Oct/11-Sep).
6. DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARIES. Reference 3rd Marines Intelligence Summaries from 0100H - 102400H October 1966 and 3rd Marine Division Intelligence Summaries from 102400H - 312400H October 1966.
7. SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE REPORTS!. None
8. PRISONER REPORT.
 - a. There were 0 V.C.C. apprehended during this period.
 - b. There were 3 V.C.S. apprehended and sent to ITT or District Headquarters'.
9. ENEMY CASUALTIES. The following casualties were sustained by the enemy.

V.C. KIA (conf)	1	V.C. WIA (conf)	0
V.C. KIA (prob)	7	V.C. WIA (prob)	1
10. CAPTURED SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT. 60 feet of comm. wire, 1-boat, 1-french rifle, 9-barrels of rice, 1-PRC 10 Battery, 1-box 30CAL. ammo, 1-box 50CAL. ammo, 10-9MM rounds.
11. DESTROYED V.C. DEFENSES/POSITIONS. There were two (2) road blocks, four (4) punji pit traps', four (4) caves and sixteen (16) fighting holes destroyed during period.

ENCLOSURE (1)

INTELLIGENCE (COMMAND GROUP "B") :

1. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS. There were no significant events during the period.
2. NEW DEVELOPMENTS. No new enemy developments were noted during the period.
3. PROBLEM AREAS. a. A shortage of interpreters hampered the unit's of Provisional Battalion during daily contact's with the civilian population. This shortage of interpreter's was a major problem with the S-2 section, who had daily contact's with Hoa Bao District Agent's.
b. There was a major problem in co-ordination and liaison between the unit's operating in the TAOR and the Hoa Loc District Headquarter's. This was due to the location of the District Headquarter's in Da Nang, quite far from the TAOR and faulty land-line communications.
4. WEATHER. The maximum high temperature recorded during the period was 84 degree's. The minimum low recorded was 73 degree's. The weather had no effect on operation's during the period.
5. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
 - a. There was a total of 14 V.C. initiated incident's during the period, consisting of:
 - (1). 8 Mining incident's.
 - (2). 3 Small arm's incident's.
 - (3). 3 Incident's of grenade's being thrown.
 - b. There was a noted decrease in V.C. initiated incident's compared with September taking into consideration the shorter period which this report cover's.
6. DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARIES. Reference 3rd Marine's Intelligence Summaries from 020001H - 082400H October 1966.
7. SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE REPORT'S. None
8. PRISONER REPORT.
 - a. There were no V.C.C. apprehended during this period.
 - b. There were 6 V.C.S. apprehended and sent to ITT or District Headquarter's.
9. ENEMY CASUALTIE'S. The following casualties* were sustained by the enemy:
V.C. KIA (conf) 0. V.C. WIA (conf) 0.
V.C. KIA (conf) 0. V.C. WIA (conf) 0.

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10. CAPTURED SUPPLIE'S AND EQUIPMENT. None

11. DESTROYED V.C. DEFENSE'S/POSITION'S. There were twenty-one (21) punji pit trap's, three(3) cave's and fourteen (14) fighting hole's destroyed during period.

ENCLOSURE (1)

COMMUNICATION - ELECTRONICS CHRONOLOGY

1. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS. On 11 October command post commenced moving from Da Nang enclave to Phu Bai enclave.

19 Oct. to 28 Oct command group "A" on operation Bacon

29 Oct Operation Pawnee III commenced.

2. NEW DEVELOPMENTS. None

3. PROBLEM AREAS. Generator set PU-482 mentioned on last report still deadlined awaiting parts. Replacement PU-482 which is on loan has been repaired twice by contact teams from FLSU. Electrolyte for BB-451's has been on order for four months.

4. OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS. None

5. STATUS OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT

A. Overall status of communication equipment is good.

B. The percentage of combat essential equipment available exceeds 90 %.

6. INOPERATIVE AND UNSERVICEABLE GEAR

A. PU-181	GENERATOR	2
B. PE-197	GENERATOR	1
C. PU-442	GENERATOR	2
D. PU-482	GENERATOR	1
E. PU-239	GENERATOR	1

7. SECURITY VIOLATIONS

A. No security violations through 31 October 1966.

B. There were 96 incoming messages and 7 outgoing messages through 31 October 1966

8. PERSONNEL SHORTAGES

A. 2531	5
B. 2533	3

9. OPERATIONAL TRAINING CONDUCTED. Wire section on the job training installing wire system in base camps and supporting operations. Radio section maintaining 24 hour watches utilizing all types of equipment. TACP combined with radio section.

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Radio school in procedure, shackle and authentication held for 10 personnel from line companies. Message center conducting normal message center duties. 2 men attended a one week school on engine generator maintenance. Cross training being conducted where possible. Technicians conducted on the job training.

10. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS. During period 1 to 19 October furnished communication support to Alfa command group operating in our assigned TAOR in Da Nang enclave; and furnished communication support to the Bravo command group operating in 1/3 assigned TAOR. Commencing 11 October BN displaced to Phu Bai enclave. Established base camp at same. 19 to 28 October furnished communication support during operation Bacon. 29 October commenced operation Paynes III.

11. EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL LOCATED IN AREAS OTHER THAN PHU BAI ENCLAVE.

5 radiomen, 1 message centerman, 2 PRC-25 and 1 MRC-37 still in Da Nang enclave.

Below listed equipment with "F" CO. involved on roughriders.

13 PRC-25
1 RC-292
2 PRC-10
4 CE-11
10 TA-1/PT
1 SB-22
4 H-44
1 TS-10

Enclosure (1)

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. Four Marines were sent to Okinawa for NCO Leadership School. One Marine was sent to Okinawa for Small Arms Weapons Repair School. Motor Vehicle Operators School (M422A1) and (M27A1) was conducted at Motor Transport section, H&S Company. Seventeen Marines were qualified to driv the M422A1 and eleven to drive the M27A1. Eight Marines received instructions in Helicopter Support Team Operators. Familiarization firing of individual and crew served weapons was conducted by all Companies. Squad level classes were conducted by all Companies with emphasis on patrolling, rules of engagement and lessons learned.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

1. Amphibious Operations. None
2. Combined Operations. None
3. Psychological Operations. None

NUCLEAR, BIOLOGICAL, CHEMICAL AND OTHER SPECIAL TYPES OF WARFARE.

1. Use of any equipment peculiar to NBC: None
2. Training accomplished: None
3. Status of NBC equipment on hand: All major items of equipment are on hand.

COMMAND AND CONTROL

1. The troop list as of 31 October is as follows.

	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
2d Battalion 26th Marines	32	967	4	51
H&S Company	16	276	4	51
Company "E"	4	172		
Company "F"	4	173		
Company "G"	4	173		
Company "H"	4	173		

2. Command Post Locations:

2d Battalion 26th Marines	ZD116016
H&S Co	ZD116016
Co "E"	AU806017
Co "F"	OPCON 1st MARDIV
Co "G"	ZD125018
Co "H"	ZD056027

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3. The primary means of control within the 2d Battalion 26th marines was through wire, backed up by radio.

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COMBAT AIR SUPPORT1. COMBAT AIR SUPPORT.

a. Support provided by 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

2. SIGNIFICANT EVENT'S.

a. The following MED EVACS were conducted during the month of September.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SORTIE'S</u>	<u>REMARK'S</u>
1 Oct.	1	2 US WIA
3 Oct.	1	3 US WIA
4 Oct.	1	1 US WIA, 2 ARVN WIA
4 Oct.	1	1 US WIA
4 Oct.	1	1 ARVN WIA
5 Oct.	1	4 US WIA
6 Oct.	1	1 CIV WIA
7 Oct.	1	1 CIV WIA
7 Oct.	1	1 US WIA
26 Oct.	1	2 US WIA
27 Oct.	1	1 US KIA, 1 US WIA

b. Close Air Support.

1. 31 Oct.	4	6 KEMA (prob, 90% coverage)
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ENCLOSURE (1)

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PART III

JOURNAL OF OPERATIONAL EVENTS PERTAINING TO 2d BATTALION 26th MARINES
(EXTRACTS)1 September 1966

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
0945	Company G patrol member tripped a M-26 grenade mine in vic AT 904705. One US WIA required med evac. Spot report to Crowd 3.
1000	Company H patrol tripped chi-com type mine in vic (AT 956677). Two US WIA required med evac. Spot report to Crowd 3.
1030	Company H patrol discovered in a house vic (AT 964668), VC posters. A tunnel was also found leading from house. The house & tunnel were destroyed.
1045	Company H patrol located & destroyed three punji pits vic (AT 955677). Spot report to Crowd 3.
1130	H&S CP security in vic 956725 two men approach perimeter wire, one carried a wooden box the other a rifle, a third man in general vic. Men taken under S/A fire & fled to woods. Spot report to Crowd 3.
1137	Company H patrol located & destroyed three punji pits vic (AT 955677). Spot report to Crowd 3.
1200	Company G patrol located 60mm mortar rd rigged as a mine vic (AT 932678). Destroyed in place. Spot report to Crowd 3.
1207	Company G patrol located 3 60mm rds under a pile of rocks vic (AT 928678), destroyed in place. Spot report to Crowd 3.

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0445	Company G ambush patrol observed approx 15 VC in vic (AT 912683), VC taken under S/A fire. Spot report to Crowd 3.
0715	CAC 33 found a VC flag 250 meters from their position, also propaganda leaflets vic (AT 946683).
0945	Company G security member on TUY LOAN bridge purchased a bottle of soda from young VN girl, vic (AT 943707). The bottle contained small pieces of glass. Spot report to Crowd 3.
1540	Company G patrol found a VC flag and apprehended one VC in vic (AT 909691). Spot report to Crowd 3.
1715	Company F patrol received information from VN women that dam in vic (AT 954653) was being used by VC to cross river. Spot report to Crowd 3.
1755	Company G activated trip wire across trail in vic (AT 918678) 2 US WIA. Spot report to Crowd 3.
2043	Company E FO sighted suspected VC on hill top vic (AT 883712) Arty mission fired. Spot report to Crowd 3.


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0701 G Co patrol located and destroyed one man lean-to and cave vic (AT 909699). Spot report to Crowd 3.
 0835 CAC 31 captured one VC female and one rifle & 3rds of ammo vic (AT 908692). Spot report to Crowd 3.
 0955 H&S Co wire team detonated M-26 grenade on comm wire vic (AT 943675). Spot report to Crowd 3.
 1455 F Co patrol located two flat surface rocks & rubber tire shoes in vic (AT 923664). Spot report to Crowd 3.
 1455 E Co patrol located & destroyed cave vic (AT 889712).
 Spot report to Crowd 3.
 1530 E Co patrol located & destroyed in place 81mm mortor rd buried in ground vic (AT 925709). Spot report to Crowd 3.
 1700 H&S Co wire team in mite & trailer blown up by suspected elect det 105 rd buried vic (AT 938688). Spot report to Crowd 3.
 2050 G Co patrol observed boat under bridge vic (AT 946707).
 Spot report to Crowd 3.
 2357 E Co patrol received 6-8 rds S/A fire vic (AT 903716).
 Spot report to Crowd 3.

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0745 H Co patrol apprehended 2 VCS vic (AT 951684). Spot report to Crowd 3.
 0900 H Co report 7 boats moveing rapidly across river vic (AT 964692). Spot report to Crowd 3.
 0919 H Co located & destroyed cave vic (AT 957685). Spot report to Crowd 3.
 0920 H Co found paper hidden in rice jug. Hand written & turned over to S-2.
 1030 H Co located two 55 gal drums of gas & dumped same vic (AT 960686).
 1259 E Co spotted 7 VC vic (AT 887717). Fire mission by Arty being called. Spot report to Crowd 3.
 1425 E Co spotted 1 VC vic (AT 927710) moveing towards adj Co. Info passed to adj Co.
 1450 F Co patrol located & destroyed cave vic (AT 928669).
 Spot report to Crowd 3.
 1615 F Co patrol apprehended VCS vic (AT 934666). Spot report to Crowd 3.
 2000 CAC 31 hit by estimated Plt of VC vic (AT 951691) & (AT 945696). Spot report to Crowd 3.
 2030 E Co received 7-8 rds sniper fire from vic (AT 943663).
 2055 Bn CP probed by approx 5-10 VC vic (AT 952723). Spot report to Crowd 3.
 2100 CAC 31 spotted 30 VC vic (AT 950690). A/W fire encountered.
 Spot report to Crowd 3.

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0910 E Co patrol received A/R fire vic (AT 895712). Spot report to Crowd 3.

1030 F Co patrol apprehended 3 VCS vic (AT 931654). Spot report to Crowd 3.

1200 F Co patrol located pamphlets, 7.62 casings and charger guide vic AT 932675. Spot report to Crowd 3.

1425 G Co patrol located and destroy 20mm dud vic (AT 903-693). Spot report to Crowd 3.

1830 MFA2 reports 6x6 fired on while carrying personnel, no casualties. Spot report to Crowd 3.

1855 CAC 33 Pfc Victor Ruelas Jr. received wound in right foot, result of accidental discharge by PF. Spot report to Crowd 3.

2210 G Co reports two wounded ARVN troop brought to CP (AT 977699). Spot report to Crowd 3.

6 September 1966

1255 GP2 reported finding mines & equipment for home made mines in pagoda vic (AT 887699). Spot report to C-3

1300 F Co, a 10 year old VN boy reported an M-26 grenade was buried in road vic (AT 953663). Spot report to C-3.

2100 F Co reported 3 incoming rds of S/A fire vic (AT 953667) Spot report to C-3.

7 September

2000 PFs located mine along road vic (AT 943675). Spot report to C-3.

8 September

1200 E Co reported defencive wire cut in vic (AT 905718). Spot report to C-3.

1230 FP2 located & destroyed booby traped gate vic (AT 959677). Spot report to C-3.

1400 H Co patrol lcated & destroyed punji pit vic (AT 954606). Spot report to C-3.

1400 2/26 wire team located 81mm mortor rd attached to wire vic (AT 967732). Spot report to C-3.

1410 F Co patrol located & destroyed chi-com grenade vic (AT 955680). Spot report to C-3.

1440 G Co patrol located & destroyed 105 or 106 dud vic (AT 923697). Spot report to C-3.

1445 F Co patrol located & destroyed punji pit vic (AT 955678). Spot report to C-3.

1448 H Co reported one KIA & one WIA vic (AT 954682). Spot report to C-3.

1500 F Co patrol located & destroyed punji pit vic (AT 957674). Spot report to C-3.

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1515 2/26 Wire team repairing LL discovered LL cut over house vic (AT 946663). Spot report to C-3.
 1810 F Co patrol located & destroyed punji pit vic (AT 960692). Spot report to C-3.
 1815 Regt Sniper Team reported 4 VC near pagoda vic (AT 883716). Spot report to C-3.
 2120 F Co Patrol received S/A fire vic (AT 953666). Spot Report to C-3.
 2126 G Co patrol received approx 15 rds S/A fire from vic (AT 915687). Spot report to C-3.

9 September

0130 F Co received S/A fire vic (AT 953666). Spot report to C-3.
 0300 F Co patrol ambushed 3 VC vic (AT 956662). Spot report to C-3.
 1146 E Co patrol located & destroyed new cave. Spot report to C-3.
 1235 F Co patrol received sniper fire from vic (AT 946635). Spot report to C-3.
 2020 CAC 32 received 15-20 rds S/A fire. Spot report to C-3.
 2200 G Co reported 15-20 VC vic (AT 923704). Spot to C-3.
 2345 CAC 33 patrol was hit with grenade & sniper fire vic (AT 942679). Spot report to C-3.
 2357 G Co reported Tipsy 21 picked up VC movement vic (AT 920703). Spot report to C-3.

10 September

1105 G Co Patrol located & destroyed 106mm rd vic (AT 917706). Spot report to C-3.
 2109 F Co reported hill 22A received approx 50 rds A/W fire from vic (AT 918689). Spot report to C-3.
 2130 G Co AN/TIP-21 picked up movement including metallic object vic (AT 916700). Spot report to C-3.
 2155 F Co received 3 rds incoming HE from vic (AT 9164). Spot report to C-3.
 2200 T-33 reported 20 rds sniper fire from vic (AT 943680). Spot report to C-3.
 2330 F Co reported 5 rds mortar fire, 90mm tank fire returned. Spot report to C-3.

11 September

0025 F Co patrol ambushed 5 VC vic (AT 948669). Spot report to C-3.
 1030 Mule turned over vic (AT 952719). Spot report to C-3.
 1330 CAC 33 received 10 rds A/R fire from vic (AT 945673). Spot report to C-3.
 2040 E Co patrol received 12 rds rifle fire. Spot report to C-3.
 2100 E Co received approx 20 rds S/A fire from vic (AT 918716). Spot report to C-3.
 2105 E Co observed 5 VC vic (AT 907709). Spot report to C-3.
 2330 F Co reported 11 rds sniper fire on hill 22 vic (AT 953667). Spot report to C-3.

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2145 CAC 31 reported approx 60 VC vic (AT 947698). Spot report to C-3.
2300 CAC 31 spotted boat carrying 4 people vic (AT 944698). Spot report to C-3.

13 September

0604 F Co patrol encountered approx 6 VC vic (AT 951663). Spot report to C-3.
0806 E Co reported a accidental discharge. Sport report to C-3.
0920 G Co patrol triped wire attached to M-26 grenade vic (AT 915682). Spot report to C-3.
1030 F Co patrol reported one man fell into punji pit vic (AT 958657). Spot report to C-3.
1150 CAC 31 made report concerning eval. of 105 HE rds vic (AT 953694). Spot report to C-3.
1315 G Co bridge defense reported sniper fire vic (AT 945705). Spot report to C-3.
1530 F Co patrol received 3 rds sniper fire vic (AT 947633). Spot report to C-3.
1800 G Co called 105mm fire mission on suspected VC mine field vic (AT 915680 to 915676). Spot report to C-3.

14 September

1050 F Co patrol located & destroyed M-26 grenade W/trip wire vic (AT 935670). Spot report to C-3.
1130 F Co reported one VC surrendered vic (AT 952671). Spot report to C-3.
1400 F Co Apprehended VCS with bag of medicines vic (AT 934663). Spot report to C-3.
2050 G Co received approx 15 rds S/A fire from vic (AT 926687). Spot report to C-3.
2110 G Co fired LAAM at sniper position vic (AT 930683). Spot report to C-3.
2245 F Co Bridge Security received approx 300 rds S/A fire vic (AT 946699).
2300 G Co requested 81mm mortar mission vic (AT 912685). Spot report to C-3.

15 September

1213 G Co patrol reported point man triped wire & detonated M-26 vic (AT 908704). Spot report to C-3.
1540 E Co patrol located & destroyed cave vic (AT 908709). Spot report to C-3.
2055 G Co received 1 incoming grenade vic (AT 925692). Spot report to C-3.


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2030 F Co patrol reported an electrically detonated mine vic (AT 951647). Spot report to C-3.

17 September

0030 E Co reported (1) grenade thrown into tactical wire vic (AT 905718). Spot report to C-3.
0940 A0 noted excess river traffic in vic (AT 917707). Spot report to C-3.
0940 G Co reported A0 Aircraft received 10-15 rds S/A fire vic (AT 908683). Spot report to C-3.

18 September

0445 F Co reported ANTPS-21 detected flutterings comming from hut vic (AT 931664). Spot report to C-3.
1220 G Co located 155 howitzer rd vic (AT 908680). Spot report to C-3.
1530 G Co blew 155 rd in place, spot report to C-3.

19 September

0945 F Co patrol received S/A fire from vic (AT 955677). Spot report to C-3.
1230 G Co patrol apprehended 2 VCS (AT 925678). Spot report to C-3.
1530 F Co patrol received S/A fire vic (AT 956678). Spot report to C-3.
1655 F Co patrol received S/A fire vic (AT 956678). Spot report to C-3.
2015 F Co, final spot report to C-3.
2215 CAC 33 FF informed of VC killed in LA CHAU (3). Spot report to C-3.

20 September

0810 G Co patrol with mine sweep team steped on mine vic (AT 941665). Spot report to C-3.
1507 Lt Thuoc reported info on VC Regt in area. Spot report to C-3.
1600 F Co patrol located punji pit vic (AT 957655). Spot report to C-3.
1810 F Co patrol detonated mine vic (AT 952649). Spot report to C-3.

21 September

0325 F Co TIPSY-21 picked up estimated Plt size unit vic (AT 925667). Spot report to C-3.

22 September

1130 G Co patrol located and destroyed booby trap vic (AT 918685). Spot report to C-3.
2210 G Co reported 2 VC vic (AT 923691). Spot report to C-3.

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1930 M-35 truck received automatic S/A fire from vic (AT 950718).
Spot report to C-3.

24 September

0520 E Co patrol spotted approx 25 boats in vic (AT 922708). Spot report to C-3.
0830 Follow up spot report to C-3, on E Co ambush.
0900 H Co bridge security apprehended 4 VCS. Spot report to C-3.
1430 F Co patrol located scare crow, dressed in blood stained utilities. Spot report to C-3.
2030 H&S Co, Post #24 received 7-10 rds S/A fire. Spot report to C-3.

26 September

0925 F Co patrol member stepped into punji-pit. Spot report to Crowd 3.
1355 G Co patrol received S/A fire from sniper. Spot report to Crowd 3.
1400 G Co patrol located and destroyed two tunnels. Spot report to Crowd 3.
1430 H Co guard at steel bridge apprehended VCS. Spot report to Crowd 3.
2049 H Co security at steel bridge reported incoming grenades and S/A fire. Spot report to Crowd 3.

27 September

0650 G Co patrol reported one USMC WIA. Spot report to Crowd 3.

28 September

1700 F Co Patrol found punji-pits and blew them in place. Spot report to Crowd 3.
1830 F Co reports a truck ambushed on Route #5. Spot report to Crowd 3.

29 September

0210 E Co patrol received two incoming grenades. Spot report to Crowd 3.
0645 H Co reported 2 VC in boat on river. Spot report to Crowd 3.
0745 F Co reported finding 100 pounds of rice. Spot report to Crowd 3.
1646 F Co platoon received S/A fire while returning from sweep. Spot report to Crowd 3.

30 September

1231 G Co patrol found 12 drums of rice. Spot report to Crowd 3.
1630 3d M.T. driver reports sniper fire. Spot report to Crowd 3.
2100 CAC 31 had dead ARVN soldier delivered to C.P. by villagers. Spot report to Crowd 3.



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28 October

- (1). E and H CO'S conducted search and destroy operations and night ambushes in Operation Bacon. There were no contacts during this reported period.
- (2). Operation Bacon secured as of 281200H.
- (3). G CO. CHOP OPCON 2/4 now OPCON 2/26 281200H.

29 October

- (1) Operations Pawnee III commenced at 290800H. Units commenced movement to assigned areas south of THU LOC and established defensive position and conducted local security. There were no significant incidents.

30 October

- (1) All units conducted local security and maintained defensive positions. There were no significant incidents.

31 October

- (1) All units maintained local security and conducted operations and patrols in Pawnee III area. There is one significant incident noted below.

311250H A/O observed 10 to 15 VC at (AU826040). A/O called in air strike. A/O reports 6 enemy KIA (Prob).

c. Command Group "B" Significant Events1 October

- (1) Commanding Group Bravo with Company H assumed OPCON of 1/3 sector as Prov. Bn. 3d Marines. There were no contacts or significant incidents.

2 October

- (1) Company H conducted search and clear operations. There were no contacts or significant events.

3 October

- (1) CO. H conducted search and clear operation's. There were no contact's of significant's.

4 October

- (1). H CO. conducted search and clear operation's North of grid line [REDACTED] to the Song Ca De between grid line 88

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and 92, along Prov. Route #1 from Thon Phuac Dong (AT8776) to Deo Ong Gom (AT8977). H CO. conducted search and clear operations commencing at 0900 with a helicopter lift into the village of Hoa Loc (AT8883). CAC unit's provided blocking force's on the North side of the village and on the South side of the Song Ca De. Significant incident's are noted below.

Ø4Ø935H H CO. search and clear element detonated mine believed to be Chi Com grenade (AT878833) resulting in 1 USMC WIA: WIA MED EVAC.

Ø41145H H CO. sweep element discovered 17 freshly constructed punji pit's (AT881831) to (AT882832); pit's blown with C-4.

Ø4151ØH H CO. sweep element detonated M-26 grenade mine (AT894830) resulting in two ARVN WIA and one USN WIA; WIA; MED EVAC.

5 October

(1). H CO. conducted search and clear operation's. There were no contacts or significant's incident's.

6 October

(1). H CO. conducted search and clear operation's North of grid line 81 to the Song Ca De between grid line 87 and 92, along Prov. Route #1 from Thon Phuoc Dong (AT8776) to Deo Ong Gom (AT8977). Significant incident's are noted below.

Ø61433H H CO. patrol located 60MM mortar round with trip wire (AT879765); blown in place with C-4.

Ø61435H H CO. patrol located 60MM mortar round (AT879768) blown in place with C-4.

Ø6161ØH H CO. patrol located 60MM mortar round at (AT87577Ø); blown in place with M-26 grenade resulting in secondary explosion.

Ø6154ØH H CO. patrol located a 60MM mortar round (AT-875775); blown in place with C-4.

Ø6174ØH H CO. patrol found a cave (AT887779); cave destroyed with C-4.

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7 October

(1). H CO. conducted search and clear operation's North of grid line 81 to the Song Ca De between grid line's 87 and 92, along Prov. Route #1 from Thon Phuoc Dong (AT8776) to Deo Ong (AT8977). One significant incident is noted below:

Ø7Ø93ØH H CO. patrol discovered cave (AT9147Ø9); blown with C-4.

8 October

(1). Command Group "B" chopped Prov. BN now OPCON 2/26.

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

- (a) Squad sized- Day68/Night 114
- (b) Platoon sized- 31
- (c) Company sized- 5

2. Operations

- (a) Platoon- None
- (b) Company- None
- (c) Battalion- 2
- (d) Combined- None

b. Significant Events1 October

(1) Company F conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas north of Hill mass (AT9165) west of the SONG YEN and south of grid line 68. One significant incident noted below:

010906H Company F reported that attached Eng Sweep Team found mined road block (AT936634). Three mines and road block destroyed by Sweep Team.

(2) Company G conducted search and cleared operations in the semi-cleared areas north of grid line 68 to the SONG TUY LOAN, west of Rout #5 to the vic of DONG BICH (1) (8968). Significant incidents are noted below:

010730H Company G patrol found one mine (AT913687), during search of area a second mine was set off resulting in 2 USMC WIA. Mine blown in place.

(3) 010900H Company H Chooped OPCON 1/3 (rear), OPCON now Provisional Battalion 1/3 sector.

2 October

(1) Company F conducted search and clear operations in semi-cleared area northeast on Hill mass (AT9165), west on the SONG YEN and south of grid line 68. There were no contacts. Significant incident noted below:

020230H Company F patrol found a road block (AT941643), with 3 mines. Mines blown in place by 7th Engineers sweep team causing secondary explosion; Road block removed.

(2) Company G conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared area north of grid line 68 to the SONG TUY LOAN west of Route 5 to the vic of DONG BICH (1) (AT9868). One significant incident noted below:

021245H Company G patrol discovered 2 mines (AT912688). Mines blown in place.

3 October

(1) Company F conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared area along the MSR north to grid line 68, east of grid line 91 to the SONG YEN. Between Route#1 and the SONG YEN from DONG PHU (1) (AT9463) north to LA CHAU (3) (AT9567). One significant incident noted below:

031335H Company F patrol found a punji pit (AT952645), blown in place resulting in secondary explosion.

(2) Company G conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared area north of grid line 68 to the SONG TUY LOAN west of Route 5 to the vic of DONG BICH (1) (AT9868). Significant incidents noted below:

030950H Company G patrol found 2 old punji pits, while bypassing the pits patrol set off mine resulting in 3 USMC WIA MED EVAC.

030310H Company G patrol found a cave (AT914695), searched cave with neg results; destroyed with C-4.

4 October

(1) Company F conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas along the MSR north to grid line 68, east of grid line 91 to the SONG YEN. Provided a blocking force at the vicinity of LA CHAU (3) (AT9567) for ARVN sweep in connection with village relocation operations along the south side of SONG TUY LOAN from grid line 95 east to SONG YEN and south on both sides of the SONG YEN to grid line 68. Significant incidents are noted below.

040825H Company F blocking force (AT959676) received incoming 60mm mortar fire from ARVN sweep force vicinity LA Bong (3) (AT964677) resulting in 2 ARVN WIA and 1 USMC WIA. Marine from blocking force stepped into punji pit (AT959676) resulting in 1 USMC WIA, WIA personnel was Med Evac.

041215H Company F blocking force discovered cave and 2 by 13 foot boat (AT957678). Destroyed both with C-4.

041250H Company F sweep element detonated 81mm mine suspended from tree (AT954682) resulting in 1 USMC WIA. WIA med evac later DOW.

5 October

(1) Company F conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas along the MSR north to grid line 68, east of grid line 90 to the SONG YEN. A blocking force was provided in the vicinity of LA CHAU (3) (AT9567) in connection with operation HOA TUYEN 155. The blocking plt. was withdrawn at the request of the province chief 051000H. Significant incidents are noted below:

050830H Company F patrol discovered a mine of unknown type (AT934663). Mine deactivated and will be forwarded to S-2 3d Marines.

(2) Company G conducted search and clear operations in semi-cleared areas north of grid line 68 to the SONG TUY LOAN west of Route 5 to the vicinity of DONG BICH (1) (AT9868). Two significant incidents are noted below:

050930H Company G patrol located a grass covered hole in the trail containing a CHI COM grenade (AT908619) with trip wire, blown in place with C-4.

052020H Company G patrol received approximately 50 rounds S/A fire shortly after departing CP (AT931682) resulting in 4 USMC WIA. Patrol returned S/A fire; WIA med evac.

6 October

(1) Company F conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas along the MSR from grid line 64 to grid line 68, east of grid line 90 to the SONG YEN. One significant incident is noted below.

060751H Company F reported that sweep team from A Co. 7th engr found "C" ration can filled with C-4; mine blew in place.

(2) Company G conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas north of grid line 68 to the SONG TUY LOAN west of Route 5 to the vicinity of DONG BICH (1) (AT8968). One significant incident is noted below.

061200H Company G patrol (AT899677) observed 3 VC (AT899675). Patrol fired S/A resulting in 1 VC KIA (conf). Weapons and documents forwarded to Regt S-2.

7 October

(1) Company E conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas north of grid line 68 to the SONG TUY LOAN west of Route 5 to the vicinity of DONG BICH (2) (AT 9068). Significant incidents are noted below.

070800H Company E patrol (AT 890706) apprehended 2 VCS (AT 905718). VCS sent to ITT.

070940H Company E patrol discovered a cave (AT902709). Blown with C-4.

7 October

(2) Company G conduct search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas north of grid line 68 to the SONG TUY LOAN west of Route 5 to the vicinity of DONG BICH (2) (AT 9068). Significant events are noted below.

071040H Company G (AT 896705) had an accidental discharge, resulting in one VN KIA, MED EVAC. Investigation has been initiated.

071115H Company G patrol discovered box-type mine (AT 901706). Blown with C-4.

071340H Company G patrol member tripped 81mm motar mine resulting in one USMC WIA MED EVAC. Area searched with negative results.

072040H Company G patrol (AT 925694) received S/A and grenade from (AT 925694). S/A fire returned. Area searched with negative results.

8 October

(1) Company G conducted search and clear operations in the semi-cleared areas north of grid line 68 to the SONG TUY LOAN west of Route 5 to the vicinity of DONG BICH (2) (AT 9068). One significant event is noted below.

080900H Company G patrol located a locked shed (AT 925701), search of area produced batteries, ammo, rice, and literature. Shed destroyed with C-4, resulting in secondary explosion; literature forwarded to G-2.

(2) Bravo Command Group Chop Prov. Bn. 3rd Marines. Now OPCON 2/26.

9 October

(1). 1st platoon E CO. plus FAC and FO provided security for Roughrider alone Route #1 from Da Nang to Phu Bai.

10 October

(1). 1st platoon E CO. plus FAC and FO provided security for Roughrider alone Route #1 from Da Nang to Phu Bai.

11 October

(1). F CO. & H&S (rear) CHOP OPCON 2/26 now OPCON 3rd Marines (rear).

(2). H CO. CHOP OPCON 2/26, OPCON now 2/4.

(3). 2/26 (-) deployed to Phu Bai.

(4). 1st platoon E CO. plus FAC and FO provided security for Roughrider along route #1 from Da Nang to Phu Bai.

(5). 2nd Bn 26th Marines chopped from 3rd Marines to 3rd MAR DIV 110900H

12 October

(1). One plt. from E CO. plus FAC & FO, provided security from Da Nang to Phu Bai.

13 October

(1). F CO. plus FAC & FO provided security for Roughrider from Da Nang to Phu Bai

14 October

(1). F CO. plus FAC & FO provided security for Roughrider from Da Nang to Phu Bai.

15 October

(1). F CO. plus FAC & FO provided security for Roughrider from Da Nang to Phu Bai.

16 October

(1). All units conducted local security. There was no contact in this reported period.

17 October

(1). F CO. plus FAC & FO provided security for Roughrider from Da Nang to Phu Bai.

18 October

(1). F CO. plus FAC & FO provided security for Roughrider from Da Nang to Phu Bai.

19 October

(1). H CO. CHOP OPCON 2/4 now 191200H OPCON 2/26.

(2). G CO. CHOP OPCON 2/26 now 191200H OPCON 2/4.

(3) H, E, Co. and command group "A" commence operations Bacon 191200H.

20 October

(1). One plt. from E CO. conducted Roughrider security patrol along Route #1.

21 October

(1). H CO. conducted search and destroy operations in semi-cleared areas along and south of Route #1, east to grid line 02 and south to grid line 99. One significant incident is noted below:

211520H H CO. patrol found two freshly constructed caves (YD009010). Blown same.

(2). H&S CO. (rear) CHOP OPCON 3rd Marines (rear) now OPCON 2/26.

(3). F CO. CHOP 3rd Marines (rear) now OPCON 1st MAR DIV.

22 October

(1). E and H CO's conducted search and destroy operations and night ambushes in Operation Bacon. There were no contacts during this reported period.

23 October

(1). E and H CO's conducted search and destroy operations and night ambushes in Operation Bacon. There were no contacts during this reported period.

24 October

(1). E and H CO's conducted search and destroy operations and night ambushes in Operation Bacon. There were no contacts during this reported period.

(2). One platoon from E CO. conducted Roughrider security patrols along Route #1.

25 October

(1). E and H CO's conducted search and destroy operations and night ambushes in Operation Bacon. There were no contacts during this reported period.

26 October

(1). E and H CO's conducted search and destroy operation and night ambushes in Operation Bacon. Significant incidents are noted below:

261215H E CO. patrol member detonated an unknown explosive device in YD935018 resulting in two USMC WIA's, MED EVAC.

261415H E CO. patrol located suspected V.C. camp compound in vic. YD943018.

262100H E CO. patrol observed six VCS moving at YD927024. Patrol did not fire because of distance.

27 October

(1). E and H CO's conducted search and destroy operations and night ambushes in operation Bacon. Significant incidents are noted below:

270937H H CO. patrol observed 3 V.C. in vic. ZC005996, V.C. hastily retreated covering retreat with S/A fire. Fire returned by friendly patrol, with neg. results.

271400H E CO. O.P. received 5 rounds of S/A fire from V.C. YD931023.

271500H H CO. patrol received S/A fire and approximately fifteen grenades from approximately 10 V.C. Fire returned, V.C. broke contact. One USMC KIA, one USMC WIA, and one V.C. KIA (prob).

271800H H CO. patrol stated one V.C. possibly carrying rifle in vic. of ZC997995. V.C. ran down trail and disappeared in underbrush. Patrol found medicene a V.N. documents at spot where V.C. was seen.

FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION

1. SIGNIFICANT EVENT'S. An extensive H&I program was fired during the month of October. As a result of change of C.P. location's very few fire mission's were called.
 - a. Supporting Arms'.
 1. Bravo, 1/12 was in direct support of the Battalion throughout the period.
 2. One ARVN platoon provided fire mission on 31 October.
 3. Ontos - used for H&I's.
 4. Tank's - used for H&I's.
 - b. Naval Gunfire
 1. Fired on 6 target's (H&I's) 30 October.
 - c. Type and number of missions fired.
 1. Observed - 11
 2. Unobserved - 0
 - d. Type and number of rounds expended.
 1. Direct Support

HE	1556
WP	60
SMOKE	8
<u>ILLUM.</u>	<u>22</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>1646</u>
 2. Naval Gun Fire.
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LOGISTICS

1. Movement. During the month of October this Battalion was required to move to Phu Bai. The move was accomplished by moving three Rifle Companies and H&S Company (-) and organic vehicles via air in one morning with the supplies and other equipment via truck on Rough Riders. Three Rough Riders of forty trucks each were required to move the equipment. One Rifle Company, the major portion of the Supply, Motor Transport, and the Mess Sections, and representatives of each of the other sections and Rifle Companies remained for security of the Battalion area, and for the loading and security of the equipment for which each section was responsible. The Battalion Embarkation Officer had the responsibility of loading the trucks in accordance with pre-assigned priorities. In each case the trucks had to be loaded over night to meet the scheduled departure time. Only a limited amount of all classes of supplies were moved via Rough Rider, the remaining dump levels being returned to FLSG "A". The movement was conducted with no difficulties.
2. Supply. a. Because of the movement mentioned above, several major items of equipment had to be left in FLSG "A" while awaiting repair parts. The Supply Officer returned to Da Nang about two weeks after the initial move in an attempt to recover these items. He met with limited success because the equipment requiring repair was still awaiting parts. It appears continued periodic visits by Supply personnel will be required until all equipment is recovered.

b. Operation Bacon was conducted during the month of October. Due to its proximity to the Phu Bai complex and due to continual movement of the tactical units, resupply was controlled from the Phu Bai complex. The maneuvering element sent its requirements via radio, stating the location of the pick-up point and time resupply was desired. Resupply was by truck due to the lack of acceptable landing sites.
3. Food Services. Alpha rations were served in the mess hall at Phu Bai for the evening meal on the day the field ranges arrived via Rough Rider. This was made possible by insuring that most of the cooks arrived with the mess equipment, the advance party consisted of several cooks who made initial preparations, and "B" rations were shipped via Rough Rider.
4. Maintenance. a. Maintenance efforts for motor transport were facilitated by deadlining all vehicles administratively except for the minimum essential for tactical operations and administrative runs.

b. Upon arrival at Phu Bai and prior to operation Bacon, all communications equipment and weapons were thoroughly inspected for required maintenance.
5. Camp Facilities Development. On or about 26 October 1966, a shower unit was installed in the 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines containment area after three persons were trained in the operation of same by Maintenance Co., Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division.
6. Motor Transport. See Maintenance.

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7. Hospitalization and Evacuation. Twenty-five Med Evacs by helicopter were conducted during the month of October, 1966.

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MEDICAL AND DENTAL SUPPORT (surg)

A. Name of Surgeon: LT. T. I. STEINMAN MC USNR

B. Significant Events: Immersion Foot 15

C. Medical Trends: Nothing to report

D. Number of Battle Casualties: 05

(1) 4 were shrapnel type wounds.

(2) 1 was pungi stick.

E. Number of Non-Battle Patients Treated: 488

(1) Admissions to BAS: 18

(2) Emergency Treatment:

(a) Heat Casualties: 01

(b) Lacerations: 13

(c) Trauma: 10

(d) Burns: 03

(3) Number of Consultations to 3rdMedBn and NSA Hospitals: 14

(4) Cases of significant Diseases of the Area:

(a) Malaria: 00

(b) Hookworm: 01

(c) Bacillary Dysentery: 00

(5) Cases of Venereal Disease: 3

(a) Acquired Out of Country: 00

(b) Acquired in Country: 03

F. Preventive Medicine and Sanitation:

(1) Number of Inoculations: 36

(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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G. Civil Affairs Medical Support Rendered:

(1) Number Treated: 3411

(2) Referrals for Corrective Surgery: 00

(3) Other events affecting Civilian Health: A deworming treatment and vitamin therapy is automatically started on all local people seen.

(4) Since the Battalion has moved to a new area we do not have any CAC units assigned. Dr. STEINMAN made visits to two of the units in the area on 19 OCT 66.

H. Problem Areas: Due to the limited spaces assigned we are unable to perform as a properly functioning BAS. Only one tent assigned to handle office spaces, supplies, Sick call and Ward.

I. Dental Referrals: 55

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CIVIL AFFAIRS/MILITARY GOVERNMENT/COMMUNITY
RELATIONS

1. CIVIL AFFAIRS/MILITARY GOVERNMENT/COMMUNITY RELATIONS.

- A. SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES. There were no significant activities during the period due to the relocation of the Battalion from the Da Nang TAOR to the Phu Bai TAOR on 10 October 1966. Liaison with the Civil Affairs Officer from 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines and District advisors was made to insure that projects that were currently initiated were continued. Civic action material were also turned over to be used for pending projects in the area.
- B. MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED. During the first ten days of the period the following materials were distributed:
 - (1). Self help kits (2 wood working kits) were delivered to Hieu Duc District headquarters for distribution to the refugee hamlet at Aon Tan.
 - (2). One box of soap was delivered to Hieu Duc District Headquarters for distribution.
 - (3). One box of soap was delivered to the CAC units for use in the MEDCAP program.
- C. SPECIFIC CIVIC ACTION PROJECT'S. None
- D. APPARENT RESULTS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS PROGRAM. There was a noticed increase in friendly relations between the populace and Marines. There was also a noted increase in the interest displayed by local villager's to participate in self help projects.

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CHAPLAIN SUPPORT (CHAPLAIN)

1. Chaplain Support

- a. Name of Chaplain: Hebert W. Bolles
- b. Number of Services: 51
- c. Number of personnel receiving counselling 32
- d. Significant Activities: 38 hospital calls; spent night with CAC 32; visits to areas of work of CAC; supplies of clothing, soap, balls to MACV (Major Allen) where refugees were evacuated from Bo Ban 1 and 2, La Chou 3 and brought to District Headquarters.
- e. Facilities: Areas adequate for service and transportation readily available.

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Enclosure (1)

PART III
2d BATTALION S-3 JOURNAL EXTRACTS

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
<u>1 October 1966</u>	
0855	Company G reported mine incident: 2 WIA spot report to Crowd-3.
0920	Bravo Command Group departed. OPCON 1/3 sector.
0925	Company F reports road block. spot report to Crowd-3.
<u>2 October 1966</u>	
0740	Company F found road block. Spot report to Crowd-3.
1108	Company G found 2 mines. Spot report to Crowd-3.
<u>3 October 1966</u>	
1205	Company G found mines. Spot report to Crowd-3.
1350	Company F found punji pit (AT952645). Spot report to Crowd-3.
1415	Company G found cave and blew same. Spot report to Crowd-3.
<u>4 October 1966</u>	
1010	Company F received 60mm mortar fire. Spot report to Crowd-3.
1350	Company F one WIA from 81mm mine. Spot report to Crowd-3.
1615	Company F found cave and boat. Spot report to Crowd-3.
<u>5 October 1966</u>	
1037	Company G found CHICOM grenade. Spot report to Crowd-3.
1126	Company F found mine at Hill 41. Spot report to Crowd-3.
2125	Company G patrol ambushed 4 WIA. Spot report to Crowd-3.
<u>6 October 1966</u>	
0835	Java Man Alpha found mine and blew same(AT942643). Spot report to Crowd-3.
1315	Company G reported 1 VC KIA, captured weapon. Spot report to Crowd-3.

ENCLOSURE (1)

TIME EVENT7 October 1966

0820 EA-2 Holding 2 V.C.S. at river. No ID cards'. Spot report to Crowd-3
1147 E company frnd, and blew cave, spot report to Crowd-3
1350 Golf patrol found mine, spot report to Crowd-3.
1417 Golf Company had accidental discharge, spot report to Crowd-3.
1445 Golf report mine. 1USMC WIA, spot report to Crowd-3.
2045 GA-3 fired upon returned fire, spot to Crowd-3.

8 October 1966

1015 Gp-1 found locked shed, spot report to Crowd-3.

9 October 1966

0700 One plt. E Co. departed as security force.

10 October 1966

0657 One plt E Co. departed as security force.

11 October 1966

0600 2/26 (-) departed for Phu Bai.
0800 F & H&S CO. now OPCON 3rd Marines, H CO now OPCON 2/4.

12 October

0719 1st plt. E CO. departed.

19 October

1200 H CO. now OPCON 2/26, G CO now OPCON 2/4.

20 October

0800 One plt. E CO. departed as security force.
1200 Units depart on Operation Bacon.

21 October

1610 MP-1 found cave's destroyed same spot report to Shove-3.

24 October

0713 1 plt. E CO. departed as security force.

25 October

1215 Mine detonated 2 WIA's spot report to Shove-3.

ENCLOSURE (1)

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
1500	EP 1 found VC camp. Spot report to Shove 3.
2150	EA 1 sighted six VC. Spot report to Shove 3.
<u>27 October</u>	
1115	H Company spotted 3 men. Spot report to Shove 3.
1430	E Company OP received 5 rounds s/a fire. Spot report to Shove 3.
1457	HP 1 made contact. 1 KIA, 1 WIA. Spot report to Shove 3.
1937	H Company saw man carrying rifle. Spot report to Shove 3.

28 October

1200	Operation Bacon secured.
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29 October

0757	Units commenced movement to Pawnee III area.
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31 October

1330	AO called air strike. 6 enemy KIA (PROB). Spot report to Shove 3.
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COMMAND GROUP BRAVO JOURNAL EXTRACTS

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
<u>1 October</u>	
0800	Assumed op con 1/3 sector
<u>4 October</u>	
0950	Company H patrol detonated mine. 1 US WIA. Spot report to Crowd 3.
1214	Company H patrol discovered 17 punji-pits. Blew with C-4. Spot report to Crowd 3.
1513	Company H patrol detonated mine. 2 ARVN and 1 US WIA. Spot report to Crowd 3.
<u>6 October</u>	
1511	1 60mm mortar round (AT 879765). Spot report to Crowd 3.
1512	1 60mm mortar round (AT 879768). Spot report to Crowd 3.
1600	1 60mm mortar round (AT 875773). Spot report to Crowd 3.
1643	1 60mm mortar round (AT 875770). Spot report to Crowd 3.
1815	HP 2 found cave. Spot report to Crowd 3.

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7 October

0945 Found cave (AT 914709). Spot report to Crowd 3.

8 October

1500 Departing for 2/26 sector.