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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

2d Battalion, 26th Marines	Lt Col	DRUMRIGHT	1-30 Nov
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SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company	Capt	WINKLER	1-30 Nov
E Company	1stLt	SMITH	1-19 Nov
	Capt	REYNAUD	19-30 Nov
F Company	1stLt	DUNCAN	1-30 Nov
G Company	Capt	BEST	1-14 Nov
	1stLt	LANFORD	14-18 Nov
	1stLt	WATNEY	18-30 Nov
H Company	Capt	WRIGHT	1-30 Nov

DIRECT SUPPORT UNITS

B Btry, 1st Bn, 13th Marines	Capt	BOYER	1-30 Nov
Prov. Btry, 1st Bn, 13th Marines	1stLt	HYDE	1-14 Nov
	1stLt	DECHER	14-30 Nov

2. LOCATION

Bn Rear	1-30 Nov	(AT942749)
Bn Command Post	1-30 Nov	(AT944921)

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major	LARSON	1-30 Nov
Adjutant	1stLt	HOLT	1-30 Nov
Personnel Officer	1stLt	RIGBY	1-30 Nov
S-1	1stLt	HOLT	1-30 Nov

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1stLt	ELLIS	1-17 Nov
GySgt	HUBER	17-25 Nov
2dLt	HERZFELD	25-30 Nov

S-3

Major	BILKMAN	1-30 Nov
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S-4

Capt	GORMAN	1-30 Nov
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S-5

1stLt	MACASKILL	1-18 Nov
1stLt	LANKFORD	18-30 Nov

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCOFF

39

ENL

1,267

USNOFF

3

ENL

53

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period, the 2d Battalion, 26th Marines was still established in the Area of Operations that included the areas north and south of HAI VAN PASS.

The Battalion Rear Command Post remained at the ROCKCRUSHER (AT942749) throughout the period. The Battalion Forward Command Post remained in the HAI VAN PASS (AT944921) along with the Command Post of Company E (AT945919). Company F Command Post remained at LANG CO BRIDGE (AT886955). Company G maintained its Command Post on Hill 88 (AU807017) until 26 November. On 26 November, Company H relieved Company G in place and established its Command Post at Hill 88. Company G then moved its Command Post to the LIEN CHIEU ESSO DEPOT (AT937867) where the Command Post of Company H had been located. With this switch of Company Command Post locations, Company G assumed responsibility for the Area of Operations previously occupied by Company H, and Company H assumed control and responsibility for the Area of Operations previously controlled by Company G.

Numerous small-unit activities were employed within the Area of Operations in order for the Battalion to perform its mission of providing security for the highway and railroad routes in the HAI VAN PASS area. Daily road and railway sweeps were used to detect the presence of mines and other explosive charges. In spite of the precautionary measures taken, a train was blown off the railroad tracks at grid AT835976 on 13 November. The damage done was not extensive, and no friendly personnel were hurt seriously. To prevent this from recurring, the Battalion doubled the number of personnel providing security for the railroad. Twenty-four hour surveillance and extensive railroad sweeps and patrols have kept enemy activity in the vicinity of the railroad down to a minimum. In addition to the special security measures around the Fire Support Base located at LOS BANOS (AT834998).

On 15 November, Colonel THIEN, Commanding Officer QUANG DA SPECIAL ZONE, presented awards to members of the 26th Marine Regiment at an awards ceremony held at KIM LIEN VILLAGE (AT924856).

Twice during the reporting period, elements of the Battalion moved into the northern section of the Area of Operations to the area known as "The Hook", in the vicinity of grid AU835057. Both operations were in reaction to intelligence reports of enemy activity in the area. One unit from Company G captured one Vietnamese male on 5 November at grid AU836056. Along with the detainee, a small quantity of rice, medical gear, and other personal items were found in the immediate area. On 27 November, a platoon of Company E moved into the area in preparation for a sweep and clear operation of the entire "Hook" area.

During the daylight hours, the Battalion employed numerous squad-sized combat patrols, fire-team reconnaissance patrols, and observation posts, in order to detect and destroy any enemy movement inside the Area of Operations. During the hours of darkness, the Battalion employed extensive ambushes, listening posts, and night patrols. These night tactics resulted in two significant contacts with enemy personnel. On 10 November, at 1945, a night patrol from Company G ambushed two enemy at grid AU816057. During a search of the area under illumination, a U.S. caliber .30 M1 Carbine, and NVA pith helmet, and several bags of rice and fish were found. In another incident, a listening post position of Company F ambushed and killed one enemy at grid AT837976 on 13 November.

At the end of the reporting period, the 2d Battalion, 26th Marines, was still deployed within the assigned Area of Operations continuing to perform its assigned mission.

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PART III

LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. MISSIONS/OPERATIONSa. Major Operations

The 2d Battalion, 26th Marines, participated in no major combat operations during the reporting period.

b. Command Relations

During the reporting period, the Battalion was under the operational and administrative control of the 1st Marine Division and the 26th Marine Regiment.

c. Combat Missions Assigned

Provide security for the highway and railroad routes in the Area of Operations and LOS BANOS Fire Support Base, the LIEN CHIEU ESSO DEPOT and conduct Category I operations in the populated areas as part of the accelerated Pacification Campaign.

d. Command and Control

During the reporting period, the Battalion Forward Command Post remained in the HAI VAN PASS area (AT944921). The Battalion Rear Command Post remained at the ROCKCRUSHER (AT942749). Company E maintained a Command Post also in the HAI VAN PASS area (AT886955). During the period 1-26 November, the Command Post of Company G remained on Hill 88 (AU807017), and the Command Post of Company H remained at the LIEN CHIEU ESSO GASOLINE DEPOT (AT937867). After this time, the two Companies exchanged Areas of Operations, and Command Post locations.

While lines of communication were stretched over 20 miles, no degradation of control was experienced by the Battalion during the reporting period.

e. Organic Operations

During the reporting period, the Battalion conducted 594 listening posts, 502 observation posts, 493 ambushes, and 424 patrols.

f. NBC Warfare

During the reporting period, the Battalion used no NBC devices against the enemy. No NBC devices were used by the enemy during the reporting period.

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2. INTELLIGENCE

a. Enemy Situation

- (1) During the reporting period, there was only one known enemy unit operating in the Area of Operations. This was the C-3 Company of the PHU LOC Armed Battalion with about thirty men armed with AK-47's, SKS rifles, and one 60mm mortar. An unidentified unit, possibly of platoon or company strength, was believed to be operating in the mountains in the western part of the Area of Operations.
- (2) No significant contact was made with any enemy units during the reporting period.

b. Enemy Initiated Incidents

- (1) On 13 November, the engine and one car of the daily train to HUE was blown from the tracks at grid AT835976. It appeared to have been done by a command-detonated mine. Two VC/NVA were observed moving in a south westerly direction away from the scene. No contact was made by the friendly units that swept the area after the incident.
- (2) On 14 November, Company H received 8-10 rounds of small-arms fire from the vicinity of grid AT936875.

c. Enemy Losses

- (1) Returnees - - - - - 0
- (2) Captured Equipment - - - - - 2, 1½ lb blocks of TNT w/cap
1, Cal .30 M1 Carbine

d. Enemy Trends

Enemy activity during the reporting period leaned more to the collection and caching of all types of supplies than to active combat and terrorism. To support the main units in the mountains of the NUI CHIN and VINH PHONG areas, enemy forces infiltrated the surrounding areas, and began to collect rice and other foodstuffs. Indications were that the VC/NVA were purchasing food and other types of supplies from the civilian populace in DANG DUONG and AN HAO HAMLETS, and moving these supplies to the northern coastal mountains in the vicinity of grid AU835065.

e. Weather Conditions

During the reporting period, weather conditions were unfavorable to friendly operations due to the heavy amount of rainfall in the Area of Operations.

3. SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 5 Nov At 0805, second squad, second platoon, Company G, captured one Vietnamese male at grid AU836056. The man was wearing green trousers and a black shirt, and had no identification papers. In his possession were two metal ammunition boxes. One box had a small quantity of medical supplies, and the other had a small amount of rice and salt in it. In the immediate area, there was a cave containing some sleeping racks. IIT personnel were sent to question the man to determine if he had any information of immediate tactical value. After the questioning, the man was evacuated through the intelligence channels.
- 8 Nov At 1215, a railroad sweep from first squad, third platoon, Company F, found two 1½ pound blocks of TNT at grid AT836977. The two blocks were tied together with a strip of bamboo, and were lying to the side of the railroad tracks. An electrical blasting cap was inserted between the two blocks. The squad checked the area, and found no other equipment. It did not appear that the charge had been set to detonate on the tracks. The charge was taken to the Company F Command Post, where it was turned over to S-2 personnel for evaluation.
- 10 Nov At 1945, while searching for an ambush position, a unit from Company G ambushed two enemy at grid AU816057. A search of the area revealed a U.S. caliber .30 M1 Carbine, an NVA pith helmet, and several bags of rice and fish that the enemy had dropped when they fled.
- 11 Nov At 1725, first squad, third platoon, Company G, discovered two rock shelters at grid AU824076. A search of the area revealed numerous fish nets, clothes, cooking utensils, assorted small arms ammunition, and two booby traps that were not rigged for detonation.
- 13 Nov At 0450, a fire team listening post of Company F ambushed and killed one enemy at grid AT837976. A search of the area revealed the body of a middle-aged Vietnamese male dressed in heavy green utilities. The body was taken to the Company F Command Post and later identified as that of a Regional Force soldier from RF Co 132 stationed nearby who was absent without leave.
- 13 Nov At 1030, the train running between DANANG and HUE was blown off of its tracks at grid AT835976, apparently by a command detonated mine. Two VC/NVA soldiers were observed fleeing to the west. One Marine and three Vietnamese civilian passengers were slightly injured. Company F sent units into the area to search for enemy without results.

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- 15 Nov At 0930, Colonel THIEN, Commanding Officer QUANG DA Special Zone, presented Vietnamese Crosses of Gallantry to members of the 26th Marine Regiment at an awards ceremony held at KIM LIEN VILLAGE (AT924856). Recipients of the medals were Colonel R.N. HEYWOOD, Commanding Officer, 26th Marines; Lieutenant Colonel W.C. DRUMRIGHT, Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 26th Marines; Lieutenant Colonel W.A. SIMPSON, Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines; Major P.L. HOGABOON, S-3 Officer, 26th Marines; Major E.O. BIERMAN, S-3 Officer, 2d Battalion, 26th Marines; and 1st Lieutenant D.M. SMITH, Commanding Officer, Company E, 2d Battalion, 26th Marines.
- 15 Nov At 1250, third squad, first platoon, Company E, found one RPG round rigged with a pressure-type firing device at grid AT902946. The round was lying in a dry stream bed, partially covered with rocks. A warning marker composed of three rocks formed in an "L" shape was located five feet away from the booby-trapped round. Engineers were sent to blow the round in place.
- 19 Nov At 0245, first squad, first platoon, Company G, spotted and ambushed three enemy at grid AU825004. The enemy were wearing black pajamas, and carrying weapons. Friendly forces received no return fire when the ambush was sprung. The squad searched the area under 81mm mortar illumination with negative results.
- 19 Nov At 0945, second squad, first platoon, Company F, found a camouflaged trail at grid AT836988. The trail was marked with a string set in a zig-zag pattern six inches off of the ground. The trail led to a small one-man lean-to structure made of grass. The area was searched, but nothing was found. The lean-to did not appear to have been used recently.
- 20 Nov At 0125, the Command Post of Company E observed one fishing vessel pull away from the coast at grid AT015957. After pulling out to sea a distance of 100 meters, the boat appeared to stop and turned its lights out. The Harbor Security personnel were notified, and a patrol boat was dispatched to check out the area. The patrol boat reported negative findings.
- 20 Nov At 1530, first squad, third platoon, Company E, discovered three bunkers at grid AT902954. The bunkers were connected by paths, and covered a trench 150 meters long. Two sets of footprints were found in the area. A young Vietnamese boy was seen in the immediate vicinity, and a fire team was sent to apprehend him. The fire team failed to catch the boy, who evaded them in the thick vegetation. A search of the area uncovered three ChiCom grenades, a bow and arrow, part of an RPG round, and one booby-trap. All the positions and the equipment were destroyed.

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- 21 Nov At 1745, a squad-sized observation post from Company H received six rounds of sniper fire from grid AT912874. One Marine was slightly injured when one round struck him in the foot. The friendly unit returned fire on the suspected area, and swept it with negative results. The wounded Marine was successfully redevaced.
- 21 Nov At 1845, second squad, third platoon, Company G, spotted and ambushed three enemy at grid AU803008. The enemy were wearing dark clothing, bush hats, and carrying packs and rifles. Due to the distance at which the ambush was sprung, the squad netted negative results when they swept the area.
- 21 Nov At 2030, a defensive road position of Company E spotted one enemy moving in a stream bed near its position at grid AT921922. The friendly unit opened fire and swept the area with negative results. In the morning, the area was searched again, and four trip flares outside of the friendly position had been disarmed. Further search revealed four small caves in the vicinity of grid AT934904. No equipment was found, but it appeared that the caves had been occupied within the week.
- 22 Nov At 1610, a fire team unit composed of Regimental snipers and personnel from Company G, uncovered a 55-gallon drum of rice at grid AU820047. The rice was covered in the drum with a plastic sheet, and buried in the ground. The rice was picked up and taken to Company G's Command Post.
- 23 Nov At 2100, first squad, second platoon, Company G, ambushed three enemy at grid AU826003. The friendly unit received ten rounds of return fire. A sweep of the area under illumination, and again in the morning revealed negative results.

4. FIRE SUPPORT

a. Battery B, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines

- (1) During the reporting period, 1,007 missions were fired.
- (2) Of the above missions, 51 were observed and 956 were unobserved.
- (3) Ammunition expenditures were as follows:
 - (a) 6,339 HE
 - (b) 87 WP
 - (c) 106 ILL

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(d) 30 SMOKE

b. Provisional Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines

(1) 155mm Howitzer

(a) During the reporting period, 297 missions were fired.

(b) Of the above missions, 6 were observed and 291 were unobserved.

(c) Ammunition expenditures were as follows: 1,503 HE

(2) 107mm Mortar

(a) During the reporting period, 32 missions were fired.

(b) Of the above missions, 3 were observed and 29 were unobserved.

(c) Ammunition expenditures were as follows: 132 HE

c. A Detachment, Battery W, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines

(1) During the reporting period, 466 missions were fired.

(2) Of the above missions, 13 were observed and 453 were unobserved.

(3) Ammunition expenditures were as follows:

(a) 1919 HE

(b) 27 WL

(c) 17 ILL

d. 81mm Mortar Platoon

(1) During the reporting period, 248 missions were fired.

(2) Of the above missions, 35 were observed and 213 were unobserved.

(3) Ammunition expenditures were as follows:

(a) 1059 HE

(b) 332 WL

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(c) 93 ILL

e. Shore Fire Control Party

No ships fired in support of the Battalion during the reporting period.

f. General Support

(1) During the reporting period, Battery C, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines, fired 2 observed missions in support of the Battalion.

(2) Ammunition expenditures were as follows:

(a) 24 HE

(b) 0 WP

(c) 0 ILL

g. Significant Events

During the reporting period, two platoon-size operations were conducted in the area within the Area of Operations known as "The Hook". Firing preparatory fires for these operations were Battery B, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines; Provisional Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines; and Battery C, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines. These preparatory fires were shot on the primary landing zone and the alternate landing zones.

5. AIR SUPPORTa. General Operation

Due to unfavorable weather conditions in the Battalion Area of Operations, air support was at a very low level during the reporting period. The two major events scheduled during the reporting period were both cancelled due to low ceiling. Two helicopter logistical missions were flown in support of troops in the field.

b. Medical Evacuation

(1) Emergency----- 1

(2) Priority----- 3

(3) Routine----- 1

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- (4) The time for the one emergency medevac request during the reporting period was 20 minutes from the time of request until the time of completion.

c. Close Air Support

- (1) Two beacon strikes were utilized during the reporting period in reaction to intelligence reports. Two flights of A-6 aircraft dropped a total of 22,500 pounds of iron bombs. An airstrike utilizing an aerial observer aircraft used one flight of F-4 aircraft to drop 7000 pounds of iron bombs and napalm.

6. PERSONNEL

a. Combat Losses

	USMC		USN	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
WIA	0	3	0	0
KIA	0	0	0	0
MIA	0	0	0	0

b. Non-Combat Losses

	USMC		USN	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Killed	0	1	0	0
Injured	0	8	0	0

c. WIA's Returned to Duty

OFF ---- 0
ENL ---- 2

d. R&R Trips

130

e. Personnel Rotated (LCs)

100

f. Replacements Received

OFF ---- 11
ENL ---- 275

7. ADMINISTRATION

a. 1-30 November

During the reporting period, all Company and Battalion administrative offices were located at the Battalion rear area in the vicinity of the Rockcrusher (AT942749).

b. Awards

Bronze Star Medal ----- 1
 Purple Heart Medal ----- 5
 Navy Achievement Medal ----- 2
 Army Commendation Medal ----- 1

c. Promotions

First Sergeant ----- 2
 Sergeant ----- 2
 Corporal ----- 15
 Lance Corporal ----- 59
 Private First Class ----- 25

8. LOGISTICS

a. Supply/Resupply

During the reporting period, all Company supply/resupply was accomplished by truck. Vehicles for resupply missions were given to each Company for one-half a day on a rotating three-day cycle. Although not the most desirable method of resupply, no major problems were encountered.

b. Food and Water

During the reporting period, three messhalls were in operation, one each at HAI VAN PASS, the ROCKCRUSHER and the LIEN CHIEU ESSO GASOLINE DEPOT. All messhalls served two hot meals per day, and one hot meal daily was trucked to units not having access to messhalls. Supplementary rations of MCI's "B" rations, and fruit juices were supplied to units not having access to messhall facilities.

c. Maintenance

During the reporting period, 1st and 2nd echelon maintenance was completed on equipment/vehicles by personnel of the Battalion. 3rd and 4th echelon maintenance during the reporting period was done by the 1st Force Service Regiment and Force Logistics Command.

d. Significant Events

- (1) Improvement of the road to Hill 358.
- (2) Improved drainage was accomplished in the DAI LA PASS Cantonment.
- (3) Water lines were installed in the Battalion Aid Station.

9. NEW TECHNIQUES.

No new techniques were developed during the reporting period.

10. TRAINING

- a. From 4-30 November, four Rifle Platoons received instruction under the Battalion's "Weekly Training Platoon Program".
- b. This Program included the first day as a day of rehabilitation. The Platoon received clean clothes, showers, a medical examination, haircuts, and a PX call. The training week began with an inventory examination to measure the student's knowledge, and ended with a final examination to determine his progress. During the week's training, 8½ hours of classes were presented on tactics and 5 hours were given to practical application. Techniques of fire and defensive firing were taught using fire commands and the "quick-kill" method. Patrolling and ambush tactics were taught. An application period followed which stressed the lessons learned. The platoon was inspected, and all unserviceable equipment was surveyed prior to its return to its parent unit.
- c. Technical training was conducted at the platoon level in the 81mm Mortar Platoon, 106mm Recoilless Rifle Platoon, Communications Platoon and Service Platoon.

11. CIVIC ACTION/PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

During the reporting period, a total of twelve Medcaps were run, an average of three per week. At each of these Medcaps, the doctors and corpsmen treated an average of 75-80 people. The Civil Affairs Officer spent the reporting period working with local village and hamlet chiefs in order to learn of their needs and gather what intelligence information was available.

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12. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Radio

During the reporting period, the Radio Section provided communications personnel and equipment for two Battalion Command Posts (Forward and Rear), and supervisory personnel and equipment for the Rifle Companies and the 81mm Mortar Platoon.

- (1) The aforementioned communications covered eleven stations operating on seven nets.
- (2) On 12 November, the Radio Section activated HF equipment on the Division Tactical Air Request Net.
- (3) A Tactical Air Control Party was provided for the Battalion with Forward Air Controllers attached to each Rifle Company.
- (4) The 3rd Edition, 2d Battalion, 26th Marines, Communications Operating Instructions (COI) was published on 10 November 1969.

b. Wire

- (1) The Wire section maintained internal wire communications for the Battalion Command Posts (Forward and Rear). A total of thirty-four internal lines, and two external lines were maintained at the switching central in the Battalion Rear Command Post, while a total of eight internal and two external lines were maintained at the Battalion Forward Command Post. Additionally, a guard switchboard was maintained for the ROCKRAUSE security, with ten lines to the perimeter bunkers.
- (2) Hotlines were maintained between the 2d Battalion, 26th Marines COC and the 26th Marine Regiment COC; between the 2d Battalion, 26th Marines FSCC and the 26th Marine Regiment FSCC, with the aid of a Radio Relay section from the 26th Marine Regiment. An additional hotline was maintained between the Battalion Executive Officer and the Headquarters Commandant.
- (3) On 20 November, wire lines were laid in for Company F's bunkers inside their Area of Operations. Much radio equipment was released as a result of this installation. A total of three miles of wire was laid and eleven phones were installed.
- (4) A telephone line was installed from the Battalion Switching Central to the Battalion Supply.

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c. Message Center

- (1) 26th Marines continued to guard for the Battalion. The Message Center made courier runs three times daily to the 26th Marines to pick up and deliver messages.
- (2) The Message Center was, on 22 November, tasked with the responsibility of providing Message Center service for the Battalion Rear Radio Central.

d. Radio Relay

During the reporting period, a radio relay shot was maintained by the 26th Marine Regiment between its COC and the 2d Battalion, 26th Marines COC. Four channels were provided: Two hotlines and two common users.

e. Maintenance/Supply

- (1) The Maintenance Section provided a technician with equipment for the Forward Command Post as of 5 November to conduct on-site repair and to provide technical assistance.
- (2) The Maintenance Section installed lighting in the Company G and Company H areas, the S-2/S-3 offices, and the barbershop.
- (3) The amount of communications equipment on deadline steadily increased due to the inability of the Direct Exchange Program to handle the input.
- (4) Supply continued to function in accordance with current directives. Emphasis was placed on reducing on-hand stocks to a 30-day level. Communications Supply was designated as an issue point by the Battalion S-4.

13. MEDICAL/DENTAL

- a. Battalion Aid Station administration was handled by the administrative section at the Battalion Rear Command Post. All sick call was handled by the Medical Officer and six Hospital Corpsmen, utilizing the facilities available.

b. Personnel

- (1) Currently, there are two Medical Officers assigned to the 2d Battalion, 26th Marines.

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(2) Corpsmen were assigned as follows:

- 1 Corpsman, Chief Petty Officer
- 8 Each Rifle Company
- 3 Sanitation
- 4 Administration
- 4 Health Records
- 6 Sick Call
- 4 Supply

c. Casualties/Injuries Treated

WIA	03
KIA	00
Combat Casualties Total	03

Non-Combat Injuries	09
Non-Combat Deaths	01
Routine Sick Call	604

d. Dental

Dental patients were treated at 1st Dental Company, 11th Motor Battalion, and the 26th Marine Regiment.

- e. During the reporting period, the Battalion Aid Station built a Shock and Resuscitation area, along with an eight-to-ten bed ward. In addition to this, a medical bunker was started.

14. RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIESa. Personnel

- (1) Chaplain assigned: Lieutenant A.L. FIORINO, CHC, USMC
- (2) Chaplain's Assistant: Lance Corporal J.A. SWIDENSKI, USMC

b. Services Conducted

<u>Type</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Sunday Worship - Protestant	5	75
Sunday Mass - Catholic	13	178
Weekday Worship - Protestant	16	88
Weekday Mass - Catholic	30	145
Communion - Catholic	27	

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c. Facilities

- (1) Command Post Messhalls were used for Divine Services.
- (2) Tents and field facilities were used in each Company Command Post.
- (3) Bunkers were used for simple prayer services.
- (4) Hospital visitation was conducted at the 1st Medical Battalion.

d. Significant Events

- (1) Visitation of the troops was conducted daily as scheduled.
- (2) Bunkers along Highway 1 were given prayer and Communion Services. Donuts and books were also distributed in the bunkers.
- (3) Assistance was given in six Red Cross cases.
- (4) Four serious marital-relation problems were given counsel.
- (5) Eight letters were written to families of men in the Battalion.
- (6) Hospital visitation was conducted at the 1st Medical Battalion.

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1100		1	011100H	SptRpt: F-2 while digging fox holes at AT836988 found 21 rounds of M-60 MG ammunition. Ammunition was destroyed.	FSR
0355		2	032355H	SptRpt: F-3 suspected enemy movement at AT886956. Sent out patrol to check area but results proved to be negative.	FSR
1130		3	041130H	SptRpt: Echo Kilo force detained two females at AT905937 which appeared to be woodcutters. ITT personnel confirmed them to be woodcutters so the females were released.	FSR
1700		4	041700H	SptRpt: While on patrol in the Vicinity of AT926922 man slipped from rock. Man was emergency medevacked with suspected back injury.	FSR
0805		5	050805H	SptRpt: G-2-2 at AW836056 was moving to check out a cave. One individual was discovered off to the side of the trail dressed in green trousers with a black shirt. He was a male, young but undetermined age. He had no ID but was carrying \$25 vietnamese piasters and two metal ammo boxes. Boxes contained assorted medical gear, salt and rice. He also was carrying a camouflaged bag containing 2 civilian shirts and a pair of trousers. Man turned over to ITT personnel.	FSR
0630		6	051630H	SptRpt: F-2 while on patrol found signs of two man enemy resting places.	

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				Resting places were at AT828987, 827986, 826985. Area was H&I that	
				PM.	FSR
1430		7	060830H	SptRpt: G-3-2 while in permanent position at AT832040, had one man bitten	
				by a bee. The man showed allergic reactions, and an Emergency medevac	
				was called in.	FSR
1225		8	061225H	SptRpt: G-1-1 while on patrol vic AT847002 had one man come down with	
				severe chest pains. As chest pains increased corpsmen was called	
				and an emergency medevacked was called.	FSR
1855		9	061855H	SptRpt: F Scout Sniper team at AT887946 observed two individuals at AT886947	
				Called in 81mm Mortar mission but it was too dark to see results.	
				Could not tell if they were carrying weapons.	FSR
2045		10	062045H	SptRpt: F-2 at AT836988 has suspected enemy movement and received incoming	
				rocks. Reacted with M-26 grenades. One marine was wounded by	
				fragmentation but was only minor. Negative medevac and man classified	
				as a non battle casualty. Are checked with negative results.	FSR
1620		11	071620H	SptRpt: While on patrol FMB (scout sniper team) discovered a small natural	
				cave with a dirt floor. Cave 3'x12'x10' and the two entrances were	
				2'x3' in size. Appeared to have been occupied within the last 72hrs.	FSR

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1215		12	081215H	SptRpt: F-3-1 while on railroad sweep found 2 1/2 blocks of TNT tied together with bamboo. An electrical blasting cap was between the blocks. There was no firing device and no warning markings. Charge did not appear to have been set to blow the tracks. Checked area with N/results. FSR	
1105		13	082105H	SptRpt: F-3 at AT937916 spotted light flashing at AT935914. Light appeared to be searching. Reacted with 50 cal and 106mm behive rounds. RF's checked area with negative results. FSR	
0730		14	090730H	SptRpt: F-2-1 while returning from ambush swept area vic AT836984 and found medical pills wrapped in plastic. Pills were unidentifiable because of wetness, also pills were wrapped with chieu hoi leaflets. Along with pills were coffee, matches, and tissue paper in a paper bag. Material turned in to F CP. FSR	
1400		15	091400H	SptRpt: F-2 while on patrol found 12" of wire and two size "D" vietnamese batteries. Batteries had Eagle Brand Number 700 and were in fair condition. No explosives were found in the area. FSR	
0830		16	101330H	SptRpt: E-1-1-1 while in road position AT912932, one man was cleaning 45 cal pistol. Pistol accidentally discharged hitting another marine in the upper thigh and both legs. Man was priority medevacked. FSR	

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1945		17	101945H	SptRpt: G-3-2-1 while checking out ambush site spotted two enemy carrying weapons at AU816057 moving E to W. Took under fire with M-16 and M-79. G set up blocking force and swept area finding 1 helmet, 1 poncho, and 10 lbs of fish.	FSR
1725		18	111725H	SptRpt: G-3-1 while checking out area found 2 rock shelters 6'x7'x5' and 5'x4'x3' at AU824076. The shelters had thatched roofs and a search of the shelters and surrounding area proved positive with the following captured gear: 1 aluminum pot, with cooked greens, 5 fishing lines, 2 knives, 1 fish net, 1 pair of sandals, 1 oil lamp, two big baskets, 1 pair of blue civilian trousers, 1 pair of torn black pajamas, 1 USMC rubber air mattress, 1 khaki shirt, shirt had torch insignia on left breast pocket, 1 bottle of IKZ, 1 bottle from USS SANCTUARY, bottle contained yellow pills, 1 fishing pole, 1 hammock, 6 notebook pages with vietnamese and English writing two small pieces of C-4, 13 pottery bowls, 2 pots, and 2 metal spoons. A check of area in the morning resulted in finding a navy blanket, 12 M-16 magazines w/ammo, 6 clips M-16 ammo, 2 E-tool covers, 30 .45 cal rounds, 1 flack jacket, 11 helmets with liners, 5 canteens.	

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				1 canteen belt, 1 rain suit, 1 pair boots, 1 pair sunglasses,	
				2 IV in canisters, 1-55 gal drum, 1 12volt battery, 1 gas mask,	
				3 canteen cups, 2 booby traps (toe popper type) complete but was	
				not set as a booby-trap.	FSR
0800		19	120800H	SptRpt: F-007 (Sniper Team) while on patrol found a small cave dimensions	
				10'x6'x3' at AT880938. Approximate use was 1 to 2 weeks. Vegetation	
				had been placed on floor for sleeping purposes.	FSR
1410		20	121410H	SptRpt: F-2 patrol apprehended one vietnamese wearing green utilities and	
				carrying no ID. AT835993. Checked with Army advisor and found	
				the vietnamese had been UA from regional forces. Man was turned over	
				to local RF headquarters.	
1430		21	121430H	SptRpt: F-3-3 while searching area found human intestines and a man	
				floating in water at AT844956. Regional forces removed them	
				and buried them,	FSR
0450		22	130450H	SptRpt: Enemy wearing heavy green utilities, black web belt and resoled	
				boots walked into a ambush put out by F-3-1, AT837976. Marines	
				blew claymore an through 2 M-26's. Results 1 VC KIA.	FSR
1030		23	131030H	SptRpt: At AT918868 a local vietnamese boy showed H-1 where a claymore	

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				and an anti-tank mine was hidden. The boy was paid 400 piasters	
				out of the VIP fund.	FSR
1030		24	131030H	SptRpt: At AT835976 train was blown off of track by a command detonated mine.	
				Fox Sighted two possible suspects in mountains west of incident	
				and called in fire mission to cut off possible VC in the area.	
				Communications wire was found leading to the explosion area. Area	
				of fire mission was checked with negative results.	FSR
830		25	131930H	SptRpt: While moving north on tracks VIC AT840963 F-3-3 received 2 rounds	
				of small arms sniper fire. Returned fire and swept area in morning	
				with negative results.	FSR
1030		26	141030H	SptRpt: H-1-1 while in road position at AT935876 received 10 rounds of	
				small arms sniper fire. Patrol was sent out and swept area with	
				negative results.	FSR
1100		27	141100H	SptRpt: At AT911874 vietnamese boy showed H-1-1 where 2 M-26's and a	
				claymore mine were hidden. Negative SFD's and boy was paid 200 P's.	FSR
				for claymore and 200 P's for M-26's.	FSR
1930		28	141930H	SptRpt: F-2-3 at AT838970 was setting in IP. Man heard movement and moving	
				off track picked up rifle by barrel. rifle accidentally discharged	

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				creasing Marines right index finger. Man was medevaced.	FSR
0915		29	150915H	SptRpt: While on Patrol H-1-1 was approached by a vietnamese boy tellin	
				them there was a LAAM (M-72) at AT920871. Boy took H-1-1 to	
				location and boy was paid 600 P's from VIP fund.	FSR
1250		30	151250H	SptRpt: While on patrol E-1-3 found one RPG with surprise firing device,	
				pressure type at AT902946. Warning marking was 3 rocks in	
				'L' shape and put in plain sight. Engineers blew RPG in place.	FSR
0750		31	160750H	SptRpt: F-3-1 while on railroad sweep at AT837925 found electrical wire and	
				six battery cells from a BA386. Gear was very old and had been there	
				for some time. Checked surrounding area with negative results.	FSR
0930		32	170930H	SptRpt: At AT926843 a jeep from B Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines	
				containing 1 man from 2/26 Marines was traveling 5 to 10 miles per	
				hour when it spun out of control and spun into the bridges span.	
				One man from B Battery and 1 man from 2/26 Marines was slightly	
				injured. They were taken to FIC BAS by vehicle for medical	
				treatment. The vehicle was towed to B Batteries position for repair.	FSR
1430		33	171430H	SptRpt: At AT833986 while checking lines found 200 meters of very old comm-	
				unications wire. Followed wire and found 3 freshly dug holes	

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				12 inches in diameter. The trails in area were recently used.	
				Checked area further with negative results and H&I's were plotted for that night.	FS R
1630		34	171630H	SptRpt: At AU807009 a two man patrol of the railroad was being conducted. One man had an accidental discharge of his .45 cal pistol and struck the other man in the upper torso. Results of the action was one Marine KIA NDC.	FSR
0245		35	190245H	SptRpt: G1-1 sprung an ambush on 3 enemy AU825004. Enemy were carrying small arms and wearing black pajamas Negative return fire was received. An 81mm illumination mission was called in and fired small arms and M-79 HE at enemy. Area was swept with negative results. Sweep of area in morning was also negative.	FSR
0945		36	190945H	SptRpt: F-1-2 while on patrol found a trail marker made of string laying in a zig-zag pattern. Following trail found one lean-to at AT836988. Searched area with negative results.	FSR
1245		37	191245H	SptRpt: F-1-2 while on patrol AT834987 found 100 rounds of .30 Cal carbine ammunition in charger clips and 30 rounds of .30 Cal linked ammunition. Ammunition was in good condition.	FSR

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1315		38	201315H	SptRpt: G-1 platoon patrol base at AT824000 received one M-79 round and a burst of small arms from the train security guards. Incident was reported to ARVN Commanding Officer at Hai Van Pass.	FSR
1530		39	201530H	SptRpt: F-3-1 while on patrol AT902954 found 3 bunkers connecting trails with a trench line 150 meters long. One boy approximately 14 years old was spotted in the area but was unable to be apprehended. Search of the area proved findings of 3 Chicom grenades, 1 SFD, part of an RPG round, 1 bow & arrow, 11 old punji sticks. Articles were destroyed at F's CP.	FSR
1745		40	211745H	SptRpt: While in observation post a squad from H-2 recieved 6 rounds of small arms sniper fire. H-2 OP AT919871 said rounds were coming from AT922874 so returned fire with small arms then called in medevac for one emergency case. Medevac was completed then area was searched finding several small tunnels AT923874. Ambushes were set in area following night.	FSR
1845		41	211845H	SptRpt: G-3-2 at AU805004 ambushed 3 enemy carrying packs and rifles. The enemy were moving from West toward railroad tracks. After enemy was taken under fire they fled to north. Small arms and	

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				M-79 were fired at enemy. Area was searched with negative results.	FSR
2030		42	212030H	SptRpt: E company IP at AT937904 spotted one enemy at AT935903. Took enemy under fire with small arms and called in 60mm mortar mission. While checking area found 4 caves vicAT934904 which had been used within the last week. Checked area near and caves with negative results.	FSR
1610		43	221610H	SptRpt: F-1-1 while on patrol found 1 55-gallon drum of rice at AT820047. Rice was buried and covered with a plastic sheet. Rice was turned over to S-5 for further placement.	FSR
2030		44	222030H	SptRpt: F-3-3 while in IP spotted one person at AT838965. Fired small arms and M-79 and person fled to the south. Checked area with a fire team and scout dog with negative results.	FSR
2100		45	232100H	SptRpt: G-2-1 while in IP had 3 enemy around their position at AT826003. Fired small arms and called 60mm mortar mission then received 10 rounds hostile small arms fire in return. Checked area with negative results. Negative casualties were taken.	FSR
0230		46	240230H	SptRpt: H company command post received one round of 60mm mortar HE at AT937866. One minor casualty was taken without medevac. Area was taken under search where round may have come from with negative results.	FSR

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2015		47	242015H	SptRpt: E-1-1-1 while in ambush site fired small arms at movement at AT919928. Checked area with negative results.	FSR
1330		48	271330H	SptRpt: G company, bunker 1 road position AT939865 spotted 3 enemy moving across the high ground. G pursued enemy firing small arms and M-79. Could not observe if they were carrying weapons because of the heavy terrain. Called in 81mm mission and then checked area with negative results.	FSR
1830		49	281830H	SptRpt: H-2-2 while in OP observed two vietnamese dressed in civilian clothing at AU816006. When apprehending vietnamese they fled into tree line. The area was checked with negative results.	FSR
0940		50	290940H	SptRpt: G-2-2 observed two enemy at AT920884 moving south east. One had a full pack. Pursued enemy with negative results and set in ambush that night with negative results.	FSR
1050		51	301050H	SptRpt: E-2-2 while on patrol observed one sampan in marsh vic AU82504. Destroyed sampan with small arms and M-79 and checked area with negative results.	FSR
1545		52	301545H	SptRpt: E-2-1 observed sampan touch shore vic AU819079. Called artillery mission and observed secondary fire. Searched area with negative	

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