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1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), (c), and (d), enclosure (1) is submitted herewith.

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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1. DESIGNATION

2d Battalion, 26th Marines	Lt Col	DRUMRIGHT	1-31 Dec
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SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company	Capt	WINKLER	1-12 Dec
	1stLt	MACASKILL	12-31 Dec
E Company	Capt	REYNAUD	1-31 Dec
F Company	1stLt	DUNCAN	1-7 Dec
	1stLt	OAKES	7-31 Dec
G Company	1stLt	WAIMEY	1-31 Dec
H Company	Capt	WRIGHT	1-31 Dec

DIRECT SUPPORT UNITS

B Btry, 1st Bn, 13th Marines	Capt	BOYER	1-31 Dec
Prov. Btry, 1st Bn, 13th Marines	1stLt	DECHER	1-31 Dec

2. LOCATION

Bn Rear	1-31 Dec	(AT942749)
Bn Command Post	1-31 Dec	(AT944921)

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major	LARSON	1-31 Dec
Adjutant	1stLt	HOLT	1-31 Dec
Personnel Officer	1stLt	RIGBY	1-26 Dec
	2ndLt	BEAGHLER	26-31 Dec

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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 continuing its defensive mission.

The Battalion Rear Command Post remained at the ROCKCRUSHER (AT942749) throughout the period. The Battalion Forward Command Post remained on Hill 724 (AT944920) overlooking HAI VAN PASS. Company H maintained its Command Post on Hill 88 (AT807017). Until 16 December, Company E colocated its Command Post with the Battalion Forward Command Post; Company F maintained its Command Post at LANG CO BRIDGE (AT886955); Company G maintained its Command Post at LIEN CHIEU ESSO DEPOT (AT937867). On 16 December, Company E relieved Company G in place; and Company G relieved Company E in place.

On the last of December elements of Company E occupying bunker positions along Route 1 over HAI VAN PASS were relieved in place by Regional Forces of RF Company Group 1/25. Joint Regional Force and Marine patrols were conducted west of Route 1 to provide security for the vital highway. The continuous small unit friendly activities throughout the Battalion's Area of Operations and the low level of enemy activity experienced during the reporting period contributed to the high level of security existing along the lines of communications. During the period, daily vehicular convoys travelling north and south over the 20.4 miles of highway in the Area of Operations while participating in the redeployment of the Third Marine Division were able to operate without enemy initiated incidents.

No significant ground contact was encountered during the reporting period although units of the Battalion observed significant movement. A listening post, Company F, sighted approximately 30 VC/NVA moving west at grid AT927871. Although an 81mm mortar mission was fired no significant signs were uncovered during the sweep.

During the reporting period two Cordon and Search Operations were conducted, one of KIM LIEN VILLAGE (AT925865) and another of several hamlets in LOC TU VILLAGE near Hill 88 (AT807017). The Cordon and Search of LOC TU VILLAGE was conducted jointly with elements of Company B, 2d Battalion, 327th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division (Amb1), Combined Action Platoon 3-2-4, and National Police representatives. Twenty-eight (28) detainees were taken, nineteen (19) by CIT as Viet Cong Suspects, and nine (9) by the National Police for lack of identification cards.

An increase in offensive operations was undertaken in the northern section of the Area of Operations known as "The Hook".

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S-1	1stLt	HOLT	1-31 Dec
S-2	2ndLt	HERZFELD	1-31 Dec
S-3	Major	BIERMAN	1-31 Dec
S-4	Capt	GORMAN	1-31 Dec
S-5	1stLt	LANKFORD	1-31 Dec

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

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Company E initially started a platoon size operation in the vicinity of grid AU 840050 on 28 November and built it into a Company size activity by 7 December. Scouts from the S-2 section conducted long range patrols in a similar area on 11 December and again on 19 December gathering intelligence information.

Incidents involving suspected enemy anti-aircraft weapon fire at grid AU800050 prompted the insertion of First Platoon, Company G on 27 December.

On 27 December, Brigadier General Robertson, Assistant Division Commander, visited Fire Support Base LOS BANOS (AU832998) and the Battalion Command Post, and had visual reconnaissance of the entire TAOR.

The extensive use of small unit reconnaissance patrols and observation posts during the day and listening post and ambushes at night contributed to the reduction of enemy movement in the Area of Operations during the reporting period.

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

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PART III

LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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1. 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, LOS BANOS Fire Support Base, the LIEN HIEU 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 (AT944920). The Battalion Rear Command Post remained at the ROCKCRUSHER (AT942749). Company H maintained a Command Post on Hill 88 (AU807017). During the period 1-16 December, the Command Post of Company G remained at LIEN CHIEU ESSO GASOLINE DEPOT (AT937867), the Command Post of Company E remained at HAI VAN PASS area (AT886955), and the Command Post of Company F remained at LANG CO BRIDGE (AT885955). On 16 December, Company E assumed Area of Operations and Command Post of Company F, Company F assumed Area of Operations and Command Post of Company G, and Company G assumed the Area of Operations and Command Post of Company E. The introduction of secure radio equipment on 12 December down to and including Company level facilitated greater operational security of command and control.

e. Organic Operations

During the reporting period, the Battalion conducted 568 listening posts, 573 observation posts, 405 ambushes and 355 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.

2. INTELLIGENCEa. Enemy Situation

- (1) During the reporting period, two known enemy units were operating in the Area of Operations. These were the C-3 Company, Phu Loc Armed Battalion, Main Force Viet Cong, and the C-31 Independent NVA Company. The personnel of these units were armed with AK-47 and SKS rifles.
- (2) No significant contact was made with any enemy units in the reporting period. However, several caves were discovered, containing small amounts of ammunition and quantities of rice and clothing.

b. Enemy Initiated Incidents

- (1) On 11 December 1969, a Foxtrot Company activity received one CHICOM grenade at the vicinity of AT 935978. Small arms fire was returned.
- (2) On 19 December 1969, a Hotel Company activity received approximately 12 rounds of AK-47 small arms fire at the vicinity of AU 823995.
- (3) On 24 December 1969, Foxtrot Company (Training Platoon) received one round of small arms fire.
- (4) On 27 December 1969, B1/13 found wire cut around perimeter.

c. Enemy Losses

- (1) Returnees: -----0

(2) Captured Equipment:

- a. 800 .30 cal. rounds
- 103 AK-47 rounds
- 100 Linked 7.62 mm rounds
- 4 B.A.R. Magazines (full)
- 2 Magazines .30 cal. or 9mm.
- 4 AK-47 Magazines
- 1 M-1 Carbine Magazines (28 rounds)
- 4 M-16 Magazines
- 1 SKS Rifle
- 1/2 Lb. C-3 Explosive
- 1/8 Lb. C-4 Explosive
- 1 B-386 Battery
- 1 U.S. Field Protective Mask

d. Enemy Trends

Enemy activity during this period was at a very low level. There are increasing signs of logistical movement in the northeastern portion of the Area of Operations, extending the length of the peninsula. Many of the caves inspected had been used within a few days previous, indicating the increased enemy movement.

e. Weather Conditions

Weather conditions favored tactical operations with light precipitation, a mean wind velocity of 5 knots, and a mean visibility of 5 miles.

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3. SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1 Dec Elements of Company E occupying bunker positions along Route QL1 over HAI VAN PASS were relieved in place by Regional Forces of RF Company Group I/25.
- 2 Dec At 1350, a fire team observation post, Second Platoon, Company F, at grid AT 837975, received one incoming small arms round from AT836975. One man was injured in the right leg and was medevaced. A sweep of the area produced negative results.
- 4 Dec At 1600, First Squad, Second Platoon, Company H, while on a routine security patrol, observed 3 VC at grid AU835023 carrying weapons. The unit opened fire and swept the area of the sighting. They found several grass hootches and a small tunnel system.
- 5 Dec At 1140, First Squad, Second Platoon, Company H, while on a combat patrol, received incoming friendly artillery fire at grid AU829034. Two Marines were killed and two others were seriously wounded. An investigation was initiated.
- 5 Dec At 0930, Second Squad, Third Platoon, Company E, during a sweep of the portion of the AO designated as "the Hook" revealed a cave with 4 rooms, 8 ft. x 12 ft., with each having a false bottom. One M-1 carbine, one SKS carbine and one magazine for the carbine were found in further search of the cave area.
- 8 Dec At 0940, First Squad, Second Platoon, Company E, discovered a cave at grid AU832038. It was approximately 25 feet long, 15 feet wide and 10 feet high. Further search of the area uncovered bamboo sleeping racks, 1 M-16 magazine, a water bag and other items indicating a possible command post location.
- 9 Dec At 1715, Second Squad, First Platoon, Company H, while on a combat patrol, saw an Army Huey Helicopter receive AK-47 fire from grid AU825047. A fire mission was called after the gunship departed. A sweep of the area revealed fresh footprints at the suspected enemy position.
- 11 Dec At 1330, an S-2 patrol, inserted in the area of "the Hook" found a cave complex at AU834058. The cave appeared to have accommodated 20 people. The cave was later destroyed.
- 15 Dec At 2000, Third Squad, Third Platoon, Company H, while on night ambush, spotted one VC/NVA at grid AU816049. The unit reacted with 2 M-26 fragmentation grenades and in the morning found one drag mark and one discarded M-26 grenade.

- 15 Dec At 2030, First Squad, Third Platoon, Company H, sprang an ambush at grid AU823990 on an undetermined number of VC/NVA. A sweep of the area revealed footprints and dragmarks.
- 19 Dec At 1245, Second Fireteam, First Squad, First Platoon, Company H, while checking fighting holes and possible bunkers at grid AT827998, received 12 rounds small arms fire from grid AT823995. The unit checked the area with negative results.
- 19 Dec At 1950, Combined Action Platoon 3-2-4 sprang an ambush at grid AU803010 killing one NVA armed with a 9mm pistol. Four other personnel were estimated by the unit to have escaped to the northeast. Second Squad, Second Platoon, Company H, aided CAP 3-2-4 in sweeping a hamlet at grid AU804017 for wounded individuals from the ambush. The sweep had negative results.
- 20 Dec At 2350, a listening post, Company F, sighted approximately 30 VC/NVA moving west at grid AT927871. The enemy were carrying M-1 carbines and packs. An 81mm mortar fire mission was called in. The listening post then reported that the movement changed north to grid AT918868. A sweep of the area the next day revealed blood trails at the above grid.
- 23 Dec At 2030, First Squad, First Platoon, Company H, while moving to their ambush site, spotted two VC/NVA moving at grid AU833000. The unit fired on the suspected enemy and immediately received fire from grid AU835004. The Hotel unit moved back to their original point and saw additional movement at grid AU835001.
- 27 Dec At 1245, Third Squad, Third Platoon, Company H, while on patrol found parts of an F-4 jet aircraft at grid AU809049. Numbers on the fuselage and parts of the engine were recorded in an effort to trace the origin of the craft.
- 28 Dec At 1300, First Platoon, Company G, during a platoon sweep of grid AU205048, found 2 M-72 LAAWs, 800 rounds of .30 cal, 4 full BAR magazines, 100 rounds of 9mm ammunition around a marked well. The unit destroyed the cache in place.
- 29 Dec At 1930, Second Squad, Second Platoon, Company G, while on a combined patrol with a platoon of RF's from RF Company 106, was alerted that an aerial observer had spotted a wreckage of a CH-46 at grid AT916914. It was last reported flying through Hai Van Pass on the night of 28 December. Due to darkness, thick, steep terrain and heavy fog, efforts to reach the craft that evening were unsuccessful.

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30 Dec At 0800, Second Squad, Second Platoon, Company G, found the helicopter wreckage containing seven bodies, all dead as a result of the crash. The craft was found in an upside down position. At 1710, First Squad, Second Platoon, Company G, was helilifted with a recovery team to the site. The craft was identified as being from HMM 364, MAG-16. Top secret documents present in the wreckage were recovered.

31 Dec At 0630, elements of First Platoon and Second Platoon, Company G, together with First Platoon, Company H, CAP and Army units, held a cordon and search operation of several hamlets of Loc Tu Village near Hill 88. A total of 28 South Vietnamese civilians were detained by National Police and CIT. National Police held 9 civilians with no identification, and another 19 civilians, suspected VC, were held by CIT.

4. FIRE SUPPORT

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

- (1) During the reporting period, 1,353 missions were fired.
- (2) Of the above missions, 73 were observed, 1,280 were unobserved.
- (3) Ammunition expenditures were as follows:
 - (a) 9,412 HE
 - (b) 101 WP
 - (c) 233 ILL

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

- (1) 155mm Howitzer
 - (a) During the reporting period, 240 missions were fired.
 - (b) Of the above missions, 7 were observed and 233 were unobserved.
 - (c) Ammunition expenditures were as follows: 1,456 HE
- (2) 107mm Mortar
 - (a) During the reporting period, 19 missions were fired.
 - (b) Of the above missions, 4 were observed and 15 were unobserved.
 - (c) Ammunition expenditures were as follows: 83 HE and 48 ILL

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

- (1) During the reporting period, 651 missions were fired.
- (2) Of the above missions 7 were observed and 644 were unobserved.
- (3) Ammunition expenditures were as follows:
 - (a) 3,102 HE
 - (b) 13 WP
 - (c) 100 ILL

d. 81mm Mortar Platoon

- (1) During the reporting period, 264 missions were fired.
- (2) Of the above missions, 36 were observed and 228 were unobserved.
- (3) Ammunition expenditures were as follows:
 - (a) 1,505 HE
 - (b) 368 WP
 - (c) 195 ILL

e. Shore Fire Control Party

- (1) Ships that fired in support of 2d Battalion, 26th Marines during the reporting period are listed below:
 - (a) USS THEODORE E. CHANDLER
- (2) During the reporting period 2 missions were fired. Both missions were unobserved.
- (3) Ammunition expenditures were as follows:
 - (a) 6 HE

5. AIR SUPPORT

- a. Units providing air support for 2d Battalion, 26th Marines were many squadrons of the 3d Marine Air Wing.

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b. Missions

- (1) Resupply and transport
 - (a) Number of Missions - 13
 - (b) Troops transported - 120
 - (c) Weight of Cargo - 13,700 lbs
- (2) Close air support. Total missions confirmed - 33, completed - 11. Major reason for cancellation was weather.
 - (a) Type and number of missions
 - (1) A-6 Beacon - 5
 - (2) F-4, A-4 CAS - 6
 - (b) Type and weight of ordnance
 - (1) Bombs - 95,000 lbs.
 - (2) Napalm - 3,000 lbs.
- (3) TPQ's
 - (a) Number of missions - 5
 - (b) Weight of ordnance (bombs) - 15,500 lbs.
- (4) Flare Support
 - (a) Number of missions - 5
 - (b) Flares dropped - 150
- (5) Observation/VR
 - (a) Number of missions - 5
 - (b) Number of observers - 20
- (6) Medevacs

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(a) Emergency Total number - 17

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Night</u>
Number	11	6
Mean time	38 min	47 min
Longest time	49 min	49 min
Shortest time	33 min	43 min

(b) Priority - total number - 9

(c) Routine - total number - 4

c. Significant Events

Total ordnance dropped in AO was 113,500 pounds. Targets were located primarily in the "Hook" and Phu Gia Mountain regions. Significant bomb damage assessment was 6 caves destroyed, 4 major landslides, 500 sq meters of treeline destroyed, 3 secondary fires/explosions, and numerous interdiction points.

6. PERSONNEL

a. Combat Losses

	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
WIA	0	1	0	0
KIA	0	0	0	0
MIA	0	0	0	0

b. Non-Combat Losses

	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
Killed	0	3	0	0
Injured	2	22	0	2

c. WIA's returned to duty

OFF - 0
ENL - 0

d. R&R Trips - 98

e. Personnel Rotates (PCS)

205

f. Replacements Received - total 38

OFF - 5
ENL - 33

7. ADMINISTRATION

a. Personnel Accounting

During the reporting period, all Company and Battalion Administrative Offices were located at the Battalion rear area in the vicinity of the Rockcrusher (AT947749)

b. Awards

Bronze Star Award	2
Navy Commendation	2
Strike/Flight Medal	1
Purple Heart	22
Certificate of Commendation	3

c. Promotions

1stLt	1
1stSgt	1
Sgt	5
Cpl	3
LCpl	56
PFC	10

8. LOGISTICS

a. Supply/Resupply

During the period 1 December to 31 December 1969 all company supply/resupply, with the exception of deployed platoons, was accomplished by truck. Deployed platoons were resupplied by helicopter or Husky. However, each time helicopter support was requested, helicopters failed to arrive at the pick up point at scheduled times. Helicopters were usually 2 to 5 hours late, causing the loss of man hours and the delaying of needed supplies to deployed platoons.

b. Food/Water

During the period 1-31 December 1969, three messhalls were in operation. One each at Hai Van Pass, Dai La Pass and the Esso Plant. All messhalls serve two hot meals daily and one hot meal is trucked to units not having access to messhalls.

Supplementary rations of MCI's, "B" Rations, fruit juices are supplied to units not having access to messhalls. Although some improvement has been noted, water delivery continues to be a problem at Hai Van Pass. The 2000 gallons of water delivered is considered insufficient for the needs of this cantonment.

c. Maintenance

During the period 1-31 December 1969, all first/second echelon maintenance was completed by personnel of this command. Third/~~fourth~~ echelon maintenance on equipment/vehicles was done by 1st FSR and FLC. No major maintenance problems were encountered during this reporting period. However, the turn-around time for vehicles at FSR/FLC is considered excessive.

d. Camp Facilities Development

During the reporting period no significant camp facilities developments were undertaken. Initial plans were begun for a new Combat Operations Center at Forward Battalion Command Post at Hai Van Pass.

9. NEW TECHNIQUES

No new techniques were developed during the reporting period.

10. TRAINING

- a. Five rifle Platoons received instruction under the Battalion's "Rifle Platoon Training Program" during the reporting period.
- b. The beginning of each training cycle for the platoon is partial rehabilitation, including medical examination, showers, clean clothes, and a PX call. A total of 22 instructors, E-7 and above, gave the training Platoon 47 1/2 hrs. of classroom instruction and practical application. The introduction of two (2) hour information program during this reporting period covering current events, the Service Record Book, and Casualty Assistance Program, improved the training syllabus. An additional two (2) hours' instruction on the proper employment of the M-60 Machine gun and qualification course was added.
- c. Technical training was conducted at the platoon level in the 81mm Mortar Platoon, 106mm Recoilless Rifle Platoon, Communications Platoon and Service Platoon.

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11. CIVIC ACTION/PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

During the reporting period, a total of twelve Medcaps were run, an average of three per week. A total of 587 people were treated, seven adults and two children of which were later evacuated. Loc Hai Village was given 300 lbs. of lumber in order to rebuild their village Headquarters Office. During the Christmas Season, a generator was put at their disposal for their Christmas Pageant.

12. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Radio

From 1 December to present the Radio Section provided communications personnel and equipment for two (2) Battalion Command Post (Forward and Rear). Communications personnel and equipment were provided for the Rifle Companies and the 81mm Mortar Platoon.

b. Wire

- (1) The Wire Section maintained internal wire communications for the Battalion Command Post (Forward and Rear).
- (2) A telephone was installed from 2d Battalion, 26th Marines to "A" Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Marines.
- (3) A request was placed with 1st Marine Division for two (2) dial lines; one line to terminate at the Battalion switching Central, and the other to terminate at the CO/XO office.
- (4) Radio/Telephone Communication between Regiment and 1st Marine Division are supplemented with Radio Relay located at the Battalion Forward Command Post. Division personnel man a Trac-27 Radio Relay and Regiment maintained an AN/GRA 10 Radio Relay.

c. Message Center

26th Marines continued to guard for this Battalion. Message Center maintained three (3) courier runs daily to 26th Marines.

d. Supply/Maintenance

- (1) The Maintenance Section maintained normal operations throughout the period.
- (2) Supply continued to function in accordance with current directives.

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e. Significant Events.

- (1) A contact team, consisting of two (2) technicians, a radio man, and wireman was organized. This contact team was tasked with weekly contacts with all Infantry Companies, the Forward Command Post, and the 81mm Mortar Platoon to assist in maintenance of communications equipment, and to help resolve problems encountered by the units in the field, to improve their communications capability.
- (2) On 10 December, 1969, the 1st Marine Division Inspection held a courtesy inspection of the Communications Section. The results showed the Communications Section to have proper equipment maintenance and was commended for the best showing in 26th Marine Regiment.
- (3) The NESTOR system was activated on the Battalion tactical net on 11 December 1969.
- (4) The Fourth Edition of the 2d Battalion, 26th Marines Communication Operating Instructions was published on 14 December 1969.
- (5) On 25 December 1969, the Tactical Air Control Party placed in operation an AN/MRC-124 Radio Vehicle.

13. MEDICAL/DENTAL

a. Medical

- (1) Medical Aid Station administration was handled by the administrative section at the Battalion Rear Command Post at the ROCKCRUSHER (AT942749) along with a Forward Aid Station at HAI VAN PASS (AT944920) during the reporting period.

- (a) Sick Call at the Rear Command Post was handled by one Medical Officer and six Hospital Corpsmen
- (b) Sick Call at the Forward Command Post was handled by one Medical Officer and three Hospital Corpsmen.

(2) Personnel

- (a) Two Medical Officers are assigned to the 2d Battalion, 26th Marines.

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(b) Corpsmen were assigned as follows:

1 Corpsman, Chief Petty Officer
 8 Each Rifle Company
 2 81mm Mortar Platoon
 1 TAD to MARS 26th Marines
 3 Administration
 3 Sick Call
 3 Medical Records
 2 Supply

(3) Casualties/Injuries Treated

WIA 01
 KIA 02
 Combat Casualties Total 03

Non-Combat Injuries 18
 Non-Combat Deaths 01
 Routine Sick Call 600

b. Dental

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

c. During the reporting period, the medical bunker was completed and equipped with stretchers, I.V. solutions, and other essential first aid equipment.

14. RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

(a) Personnel

(1) Chaplain assigned: Lieutenant Alfred L. FIORINO CHC USNR

(2) Chaplain's assistant: Corporal John E. MALONEY

(b) Services Conducted

<u>Type</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
<u>Protestant</u>		
Sunday Worship		
Weekday Worship		
<u>Catholic</u>		
Sunday & Holy Day Masses	19	432
Weekday Masses	41	216
Communion Prayer Services	14	174

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c. Facilities

- (1) Chapel in Rear Command Post
- (2) NCO Club in Forward Command Post
- (3) Tents, field equipment in other Company Command Posts.
- (4) Bunkers were used for Prayer and Communion Services.

d. Significant Events

- (1) Visitation of troops was conducted 25 out of 31 days.
- (2) Gifts were distributed to men in bunkers personally.
- (3) Assistance was provided in three Red Cross cases.
- (4) There was correspondence to parents of 14 men of 2d Bn.
- (5) Three hospital visitations were made at 1st Med. Bn.
- (6) Two Catholic Divine Services were held in the Hamlet Church.
- (7) At LANG CO Hamlet 470 bags of candy were given to children.
- (8) Over 1200 Christmas packages were distributed to the men in the Battalion. Source: USO China Beach & Benefactors.
- (9) Two Memorial Services were held for 4 deceased Marines of the Battalion.
- (10) Chaplain recieved Orders to report to III MAF, Danang.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

✓ Tab A Second Battalion Twenty Sixth Marines Unit Journal

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TAB-A

2d Battalion, 26th Marines, FIM
JOURNAL, Dec 1969

JNL#	DTG	IN	OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES & INCIDENTS	ACTION
1	010420H	0420	0430	Spt Weather Report, Daily	F/S/T
2	011050H	1050	1059	SptRpt: E-2-1 while on patrol AU824057 found 2 containers sealed and covered with dirt. There used to be rice in the containers. Also found 1 body in grave, 500 P's and ID Card. Found 1 bomb with attached wires. Body was a male short and skinny.	F/S/H
3	011600H	1300	1400	Radio Msg: Assume Sparrow Hawk and Bald Eagle at 1600 1 Rec.	F/S/T
4	011300H	1320	1400	SptRpt: E-2 while digging fighting hole AU 827054 found a chicom fragmentation grenade attached to a block of C-4 by a 1 1/2 ft fuse. Another block of C-4 was under the grenade. Explosives were all wrapped in a brown plastic and buried 3" below the ground. Explosive was marked with sticks forming a tee-pee sign. Negative STD attached.	F/S/H
5	011430H	1430	1445	SptRpt: At AU802008 one civilian male child 10 to 12 years old tripped an STD believed to be a M-26. Boy received wounds to body and head. Boy was medevacked to hospital ship.	F/S/H
6	011935H	1935	2000	SptRpt: E-1P observed light vic AU824048 on river. Fired 3.5 rocket launcher and knowcked out light. Searched area and river	

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01	020133H	0135	0200	Weather Rpt: Daily	F/S/T
02	021300H	1300	1330	SptRpt: E-2-1 while on patrol spotted smoke coming from jungle AU 833067. Called artillery but smoke ceased before artv landed. Checked area with negative results.	F/S/H
03	021350H	1350	1400	SptRpt: F-2 while in a fire team CP received one sniper small arms round from AT836975. Team moved from AT837975 to enemy pos and swept area. One priority medevac was called in for marine with wound in right leg.	F/S/H
04	021440H	1440	1500	SptRpt: H-2-1 while on patrol found 3 holes 4x6x3 ft vic AT825994. Dug in and around holes with negative results.	F/S/H
05	021700H	1700	***	RadioMsg: From Reg request clearance for Lunga Point 04-08 Dec.	F/S/
06	021710H	1710	***	RadioMsg: From Reg Hazey, Kennel and Ox Shoe recon inserts complete.	F/S/T

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0/1	040145 H	0145		Daily Weather Report.	F/S
0/2	031710 H	0830		Spt Rpt. E 2-3 FD. Cave VIC 829056, 4x4x5 Long.	F/S/H
0/3	031750 H	0845		Spt Rpt. E 2-3 FD. Cave at 828057 4x6 containg c-rat's, one BA-386 cooking pot firewood fresh cocoa haad been used by 4-6 persone in last 12hr's	F/S/H
0/4	040800H	0830		Spt. Rpt. E 2-3 obs smoke at 830057 fired 60 MM	F/S/H
0/5	041140H	1140		radio msg insertion off lunga point cnx	F/S
0/6	041200H	1210		Spt. Rpt. H&S/W 932888 USMC slipped on rock med completed	F/S/H
0/7	041200H	1200		Radio msg recon insert of coffee time compleye	F/S/T
0/8	040830	1530		Spt. rpt. H 3-2 FD trench at 819996 swept area with neg res	F/S/H
0/9	041530H	1745		radio msg recon salute	F/S
10	041800H			E2 E3 6hr sit rep	F/S/H
11	041600H	1830		Spt. Rpt. H2-1 obs 3en at 835024 fired S/A swept area neg res	F/S/H
12	041935H	1935		Radio msg recon bravo report	F/S/H
13	041910H	1950		Spt rpt E3 at 839055 fd SFD blow in place	F/S/H
14	042400H	0000		E CO sit rep 041800H to 042400H Dec. 69	F/S/H

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0/1	050225H	0225		RADIO MSG, WEATHER REPORT	F/S
0/2	050600H	0600		RADIO MSG, E CO, 6 HR SIT REP	F/S/H
0/3	042300H	0800		SPT REP CAP 324 VIC AU 800014 APPREHENDED TWO DET	F/S/H
0/4	051150H	1400		SPT REP H1-1 VIC AU 849006 RECD 18 RDS S/A RES NEG	F/S/H
0/5	051150H	FU		SPT REP H1-1 VIC AU 849006 HAD ONE USMC NECE	F/S/H
0/6	051200H	1200		RADIO MSG E CO 6 HR SIT REP	F/S/H
0/7	051140H	1215		SPT REP H1-2 RECD 3 RDS FR ARTY FIRE VIC AU 832021 RES " USMC KIA & 2	
				USMC WIAE	F/S/H
0/8	051300H	1305		SPT REP E CO VIC AT 944922 E-8 DISPENSER WENT OFF IN ARMO BUNKER	
				SETTING BUNKER ON FIRE, TWO MARINES TRIED TO PUT FIRE OUT	
				RES IN TWO USMC NECE	F/S/H
0/9	050930H	1435		SPT REP E2-3 VIC AU 837056 ID TUNNEL CONTAINING TWO IWC. RES TWO IWC	F/S/H

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01	060001H	0600	0600	SitRpt: SitRpt #7 060001H to 060600H	F/S
02	060315H	0315		Radio Msg: Weather Report 06 Dec 69	F/S/T
03	061200H	1200	1200	SitRpt: SitRpt #8 060600H to 061200H	F/S/H
04	061200H	1215	1300	SptRpt: F-33 while on patrol spotted one vietnamese AT895945. Vn ran when spotting point man. Checked area Negative results.	F/S/H
05	061230H	1235	1305	SptRpt: F-3-3 found 7 possible harbor sites AT898945. 4-8 men. checked area with negative results.	F/S/H
06	061300H	1430	1510	SptRpt: F observed 3 boats vic 845995. sent FT to check area. Found two vn males with no ID. Turned over to ARMY.	F/S/H
07	061750H	1750	1830	SptRpt: E-2 CP AU844057 received 3 rounds of 60mm mortar fire from vic AU832042. Returned fire with 60mm and called Arty. Sweep of area proved negative results.	F/S/H
08	061805H	1950		Bravo Rpt: Radio Msg 061950H	
09	062020H	2020		Radio Msg: Intell #2	F/S/
10	062255H	2245		Radio Msg: Intell #3 061847H	F/S
11	062325H	2325		Radio Msg: Intell #4 062325H	F/S
12	062400H		1215	Radio Msg: Sit Rpt: 061800-2400 Dec 69	F/S/H

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0/1	111235H	1235		Spt. rpt. U.S. Army hul fired 100-60 rds vic 8302 & 8303 called Phu Loc	S/F/H
0/2	111300H			Intel Report	S/F/H
0/3	111300H	1720		S 2 scouts fd cave complex, looked to have been used within last PM.	
				Bridge builders blew caves. further neg res	F/S/H
0/4	111530H	1745		H 3-1-2 Fd one fire cracked rd at 826996 req EOD team. checked area for	
				more rds with neg res	
0/5	111545H	1800		H3-2-1 Fd fire cracked rd at 835004? 220/1A req EOD team checked area for	F/S/H
				more rds with neg res	F/S/H
0/6	111700H	1925		E CO Fd foot prints at 837036 followed printsto a stream at 827021 Neg	
				Further Res	F/S/H
0/7	112005H	2100		S2 scouts spotted movement in cave complex at 838051. Called in arty	
				where secondary explosion will sweep area	F/S/H
0/8	112250H	2313		RFS at B B took incoming grenade Reacted with S/A fire, M-79, M-60	
				and 80 mm aluim Check area in AM	F/S/H
0/9	112250H	1220		F 3-1 took one incoming grenade reacted with S/A fire, m79 aluim, m26's	
				and claymore. Will check area in AM	F/S/H

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0/1	190235H	0235		wether report	F/S
0/2	190745H	0745		Road & Bridges open	F/S/H
0/3	190830H	0830		G 2 on Pat OneMan was swept off rocks into blue lost M 16	F/S/H
0/4	191025H	1025		Hotel saw 3 woodcutter at 804002 Pat check them out	F/S/H
0/5	190910H	0910		B1/13 OP obs 2 A S/A firing at hucy rs Neg action because of friendly	
				VN in area	F/S/H
0/6	192030H	2030		Spt Rpt lango bridge lights out Emerg re-supply of fuel sent	F/S/H
0/7	191950H	2300		Spt Rpt Cac 32 Amb killed one NVA 1ST Lt. captured 19mm pistol will sweep	
				Ville in AM	F/S/H
0/8	191905H	1905		Radio msg Bravo report	F/S

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00/1	232150H	2345		GRID FFM. IKS R 5.5 D 1.1 F 3-3-2 LP heard movement to SW. 50m away. Fired s/a. W/ neg results.	F/S/H
0/2	232030H	2200		H 1-1 spotted to characters 50 meters E, of restless tides B pos. opened up W/neg results at 832000	F/S/H
0/3	231805H	2100		E cp Lights are now on at Lang Co. Lights on at 2015H.	F/S/H
0/4	231605	1935		H 1-3 FD 4 fresh dug holes possible VC made. Swept area FD 1 more hole.	F/S/H
0/5	231900H	1900		Echo has no lights on lang Co Bridge. Shore party lights reg at Echos pos	F/S/H
0/6	230930H	1500		Jeep overtured on the way to hill 88. Modevaced 4 USMC by army helo.	F/S/H
0/7	231145H	1408		FD 1booby trap at 913673 Blew booby trap in place W/ M 61/	F/S/H
0/8	230430H	1115		G 2-3 Heard noises at small cove at 989929. Checked area in AM. Neg results	F/S/H
0/9	231015	1300		G 1-3 FD larg bomb at 903930. Marking on bomb was 82 MOL.	F/S/H

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0/1	270610H	0610		RADIO MSG, WEATHER REPORT	F/S
0/2	270700H	0250		SPT REP H-3 VIC AU 817008, HAD ONE USMC NBC E	F/S/H
0/3	270945H	1030		SPT REP G3-3 VIC 864998 RECD 10 RDS S/A FIRE, RTND FIRE SWEEP AREA	
				APPREHENDED 2 DET, ONE FEMALE AND ONE MALE. ITT CLASSIFIED DET	
				AS CIV	F/S/H
0/4	271345H	1350		SPT REP H3-3 FD 65 LBS OF POLISHED RICE VIC AU 815013 IN OLD DESERTED	
				HOUSE. FORWARDED RICE TO S-2	F/S/H
0/5	271425H	1430		SPT REP H3-3 FD PARTS OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE VIC AU 809049, AIRCRAFT	
				BELIVED TO BE F-4, FORWARDED INFO ON AIRCRAFT TO REGT. AIRCRAFT	
				WRECKAGE LOKED TO BE SEVERAL WEEKS OLD.	F/S/H

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