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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

2d Battalion, 26th Marines	Major	D.L. HUMPHREY	1-28 Feb
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SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company	1stLt.	R. MACASKILL	1-15 Feb
	Capt.	P. PENDERGAST	15-20 Feb
	1stLt.	K.D. KELLUM	20-23 Feb
	1stLt.	B.W. LOFTIN	23-28 Feb
E Company	1stLt.	F.M. McDONOUGH	1-28 Feb
F Company	1stLt.	L.P. OAKES	1-28 Feb
G Company	1stLt.	B.W. LOFTIN	1-24 Feb
H Company	1stLt.	B.W. WARD	1-28 Feb

DIRECT SUPPORT UNITS

"B" Btry, 1st Bn, 13th Marines	Capt.	J.T. BOYER	1-15 Feb
Prov. Btry, 1st Bn, 13th Marines	1stLt.	R.F. HENRYRE	1-15 Feb

2. LOCATION

Bn Rear	1-28 Feb	(AT 942749)
Bn Command Post	1-15 Feb	(AT 944921)
	15-28 Feb	(AT 942749)

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major	D.H. LARSON	1-28 Feb
S-1/Adjutant	1stLt.	G.A. HOLT	1-28 Feb
Personnel Officer	1stLt.	M.J. BEAUGLER	1-28 Feb
S-2	1stLt.	W.L. DENLEY	1-28 Feb
S-3	Major	E.O. BIERMAN	1-17 Feb

S-3A	2ndLt.	T.T. PUIDA	1-28 Feb
S-4	Capt.	J.G. REYNAUD	1-28 Feb
S-5	1stLt.	R.P. CHLINGERY	1-28 Feb

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USAC</u>		<u>USH</u>
Off	<u>37</u>	Enl	<u>971</u>
Off	<u>3</u>	Enl	<u>49</u>

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period, the 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines was still established in the northernmost sector of the Division TAOR, the Area of Operations including HAI VAN PASS.

The Battalion Rear Command Post remained at the ROCKCRUSHER (AT 942749) throughout the period. The Battalion Forward Command Post remained at Hill 724 (AT 944920) until 15 February 1970, at which time they moved to the ROCKCRUSHER (AT 942749). Company E maintained its command post at LIEN CHIEU ESSO DEPOT (AT 937867). Company F located its command post at LANG CO BRIDGE (AT 886955) until 15 February 1970. Company G located its command post at Hill 724 (AT 944920) until 22 February 1970. Company H located its command post at Hill 88 (AU 807017) until 15 February 1970.

The reporting period was marked by the relocation of Company F to the ROCKCRUSHER and further assigned OPCON to the 1st Battalion, 26th Marines at Hill 10 (AT 922694). Company F remained OPCON to the 1st Battalion, 26th Marines from 17 February to 21 February 1970, at which time they returned to the ROCKCRUSHER for standdown. Company H was airlifted to Hill 34 on the 15 February 1970 and remained there until 22 February 1970 at which time 1st Platoon was assigned to Hill 724 (AT 944920). Company G returned to the Bn. C.P. (AT 942749) on 22 February and started its standdown.

The Battalion's activities, in furtherance of its defensive mission, were marked by continuous small unit patrolling and ambushing.

On 21 February the 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines started its standdown.

The close of the reporting period found the Battalion had administratively reduced Companies F and G to zero strength and were anticipating reducing Companies E and H in anticipation of deactivation in CONUS.

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PART III

LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. MISSIONS/OPERATIONS

a. Major Operations

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

b. Command Relations

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

c. Combat Missions Assigned

Provide security for lines of communications in the assigned Area of Operations in cooperation and coordination with Regional Forces, LOS BANOS Fire Support Base, and the LIEN CHIEN ESSO DEPOT; and conduct Category I Operations in populated areas as part of the Accelerated Pacification Campaign.

d. Command and Control

(1) Location of Command Post throughout reporting periods:

Battalion C.P. (Forward)	HAI VAN PASS	15 Feb.	AT 944920
Battalion C.P. (Rear)	ROCKCRUSHER	15 Feb.	AT 942749
Battalion C.P.	Near DAI LA PASS	15-28 Feb.	AT 942749
Company E	LIEN CHIEU ESS DEPOT		AT 937867
Company F	LANG CO BRIDGE	1-15 Feb.	AT 885955
Company F	ROCKCRUSHER	15-23 Feb.	AT 942749
Company G	HAI VAN PASS	1-22 Feb.	AT 944920
Company G	ROCKCRUSHER	22-24 Feb.	AT 942749
Company H	Hill 88	1-15 Feb.	AT 807017
Company H	Hill 34	15-28 Feb.	AT 967705

e. Organic Operations

During the reporting period, the Battalion conducted:
Listening posts, Observation posts, Ambushes, Patrols.

F. NBC Warfare

No NBC devices were used by or against the Battalion during the reporting period.

2. INTELLIGENCEa. Enemy Situation

- (1) At the beginning and during this reporting period, the enemy avoided contact with all friendly forces. The VC/NVA continuously moved small units of the Phu Loc Armed Battalion and the C-31st NVA Company to key locations, thus preventing any large contact. At the same time, this created an overall threat in all areas within the TAOR.
- (2) No significant contact was generated by the enemy during this reporting period, however, many caves, a few rice caches, and harbor sites were located and destroyed.

b. Enemy Initiated Incidents

- (1) On 2 February 1970, a patrol from Fox Company received sniper fire, and sustained one WIA. The patrol returned to their original position with the WIA. On their return to the patrol site, they received one hand grenade. This action took place at grid (884930).
- (2) On 4 February 1970, a patrol from Fox Company on an ambush site heard enemy movement and exploded four Claymore Mines. They heard increased movement at coordinates (898930) and called for a fire mission. Another fire team was sent to join them and both units swept the area. They found a total of three enemy KIA's and indications of a squad of VC/NVA in the area.
- (3) On 7 February 1970, a reconnaissance patrol contacted Hotel Company and reported six male and 1 female enemy in the vicinity of coordinates (832067). A grave was located at the site and a body without its head was found. Hotel Company sent a reinforced squad to the area. Enroute to the grave, this squad found one male and one female in a cave. The female escaped, but the male surrendered. The prisoner told Hotel Company that 30 more VC wanted to surrender. They returned to Hotel Company's position and interrogated the prisoner. Returned to position with loud speaker and ITT interrogation report. Continued to search area and prisoner attempted to entice others to surrender. Negative results.

c. Enemy Losses

- (1) Returnees 0

(2) Casualties: 3 KIA
1 POW

(3) Captured Equipment: None

d. Enemy Trends

(1) The enemy trends have changed very little from the last period, except for the fact that he moved only small groups as is previously mentioned.

e. Weather Conditions

(1) During the reporting period, the weather was favorable from the friendly operational standpoint.

3. SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 February At 0820, 3rd Plat., Co. F at AT 896956 were returning from RF compound when they opened gate and booby trapped M-26 exploded. RF had put out M-26 the night before and failed to inform 3rd Plat. 2 men were wounded and MEDIVACED by helicopter.

1 February At 0055, 3rd Sqd., 3rd Plat., Co. E spotted light flashing (AT 923872). Fired one (1) round M-79, light quit flashing. Checked area with negative results.

1 February At 2345, Co. H reported that Restless Tide Bravo saw 2 or 3 characters 25 to 35 meters in front of their position (AT 832998). They threw one (1) M-26 and it struck a tree and fell approximately 10 meters in front of their position. One man was struck in head, chest and leg by M-26 shrapnel. Injured man was MEDIVACED.

2 February At 0150, 1st Sqd., 2d Plat., Co. E reported continuous movement between the lower and northern corner of the Esso Plant (AT 938864). Possibly 1 or 2 enemy. Echo moved portion of reaction squad into position between plant and tower; fired CS gas and swept area with negative results.

2 February At 0230, 2d Plat., Co. E while sweeping (AT 937864) East-Northeast of Esso Depot to locate reported movement, a trip flare was tripped and a member of the internal plant security fired his M-16 and wounded 1 NVA. Medical aid was dispatched immediately but WIA died of wounds.

2 February At 0500, 3rd Plat., Co. F reported seeing three enemy at water tower at the railroad (AT 887953). Fired 6 (six) M-79 HE rounds. Swept area with negative results.

2 February At 1300, 1st Sqd., 3rd Plat., Co. F observed 2 NVA walking down the trail towards their position coming from (AT 884930). The NVA fired 2 shots at the position and fled to the West. One USMC was WIA. In returning the WIA to CP, they received 3 M-26 grenades. Returned fire with 30 rds. and checked area with negative results.

2 February At 1400, S-2 Scouts spotted 2 enemy (AU 864006). Enemy went into bushes and two other enemy joined them. Artillery was called in on the enemy and the area was searched with negative results.

2 February At 2105, 3rd Plat., Co. E observed flashing light (AT 924883). The light was moving East. A 81mm mortar mission was called in. Area was swept with negative results.

3 February At 0800, 2d Battalion, 26th Marines went into C-2 category (personnel).

3 February At 0945, Co. E reported 2 enemy (AT 939870). Enemy appeared to be checking E Co. defensive positions. They were wearing khaki uniforms. E Co. fired 60mm into area. Swept area and received one sniper round. Further search netted negative results.

3 February At 1500, Co. F observed enemy bunker and harbor site (AT 906932). F Co. kept harbor site under observation and had negative sightings.

3 February At 2130, 1st FT, 1st Sqd., 3rd Plat., Co. F while set in an ambush site saw movement (AT 897932) and opened fire with small arms and 4 claymores killing 2 enemy. The unit received enemy fire and called in Artillery. Unit also requested Shadpw. Gunship had good coverage of area. After Gunship ceased fire, more movement was heard and unit opened fire again killing one more enemy. Further sweep of area resulted in negative results.

4 February At 1245, 1st Sqd., 3rd Plat., Co F spotted 2 enemy at (AT 901929) and called in 81mm fire mission. Had good coverage of target. Swept area with negative results.

5 February At 0300, 81's IP spotted 11 enemy moving in front of their position, opened up with small arms. Swept area with negative results.

5 February At 1300, 2d Sqd., 1st Plat., Co. H apprehended suspicious man (AU 809018). Man had false ID card and lied about his age. Turned VCS over to Regiment IIT team and determined that suspect was a confirmed VC.

5 February At 1958, Battalion Scouts spotted 24 enemy carrying small arms and what appeared to be 2 mortar tubes (AU 812047). Scouts called in 48 rds. of artillery. Further sweep of area netted negative results.

5 February At 2225, 1st Sqd., 3d Plat., Co F spotted three lights (AT 888942) and called artillery fire mission. Swept area with negative results.

6 February At 1525, 1st Sqd., 3d Plat., Co. F found what appeared to be enemy rocket launcher (AT 872927). Fire mission was called in with good coverage. Area was swept with negative results.

7 February At 0945, Co. H dispatched mobile reaction force from a request by a Recon insert. Reaction force observed 1 male and 1 female (AU 832067). H Co. captured 1 VC male and while searching area found caves where enemy were sleeping. Further sweep ended with finding fresh grave with one male body with black shirt wrapped in plastic. Head was blown off. Appeared to have been hit by artillery.

9 February At 1240, 1st Sqd., 3d Plat., Co. F observed 1 enemy running SW over ridgeline (AT 884936) wearing dark clothing. 81mm mission was fired. Area swept with negative results.

12 February At 1625, 1st Sqd., 3d Plat., Co. F spotted 1 enemy who appeared to be on some sort of watch (AT 866933). Fired 81mm mission, checked area with negative results.

14 February At 2045, 1st Sqd., 3d Plat., Co F spotted 5 enemy moving to the SW (AT 880950). Enemy fired approximately 30 rounds at F 3-1 with no effect. 81mm mission was called in. Area was swept with negative results.

15 February At 0900, Prov. Battery, 1st Bn., 13 Marines left Los Banos and proceeded to N.A.S. (AT 922795).

15 February At 0900, Co. H was airlifted from Los Banos to Hill 34 (AU 990712).

15 February At 1200, "B" Batry., 1st Bn., 13th Marines left Los Banos and proceeded to Hill 65 (AT 878577).

15 February At 1200, Co. F was relieved at Lang Co Bridge and moved to Battalion Rear CP (AT 942749).

15 February At 1300, Battalion Forward CP moved its position to Rockcrusher (AT 942749).

16 February At 2000, IP of Co. E heard enemy movement (AT 932869). 60mm Mission was called. Area was swept with negative results.

17 February At 1300, Co. F was sent OP CON to 1st Battalion, 26th Marines.

19 February At 1200, 2d Sqd., Co. G found human bones at (AT 925908). Bones appeared to be 6-12 months old.

20 February At 1300, 2d Sqd., Co. E found 5 inch dud Naval Gunfire round (AT 911886). Round was blown in half.

21 February At 0900, Co. F returned from OP CON to 2d Bn., 26th Marines.

21 February At 1300, Co. F returned to Bn. CP (AT 942749) and started deactivation.

22 February At 0900, 1st Plat., Co H moved from Hill 34 (AT 990712) to Hill 724 (AT 944920).

22 February At 1300, Co. G returned to Bn. CP (AT 942749) and started deactivation.

23 February At 1010, Co. F was administratively reduced to zero personnel strength.

24 February At 0900, Co. G was administratively reduced to zero personnel strength.

28 February At 1600, Two platoons of Co. H moved to Battalion Rear (942749) and started deactivation.

4. ARTILLERY FIRE SUPPORT

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

- (1) During the reporting period there were 604 fire missions shot.
- (2) Of the above missions 21 were observed and 583 were unobserved.
- (3) Ammunition expenditures were:
(a) 3988 HE
(b) 47 WP
(c) 187 ILL
(d) 0 SMOKE
(e) 106 FIRECRACKER

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

- (1) During the reporting period there were 266 fire missions shot.
- (2) Of the above missions 7 were observed and 269 were unobserved.
- (3) Ammunition expenditures were:
(a) 1923 HE
(b) 0 WP
(c) 0 ILL
(d) 0 SMOKE

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

- (1) During the reporting period there were 416 fire missions shot.
- (2) Of the above missions 7 were observed and 411 were unobserved.
- (3) Ammunition expenditures were:
(a) 1531 HE
(b) 24 WP
(c) 31 ILL
(d) 0 SMOKE

d. "W" Platoon, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines.

- (1) During the reporting period there were 119 fire missions shot.
- (2) Of the above missions 3 were observed and 116 were unobserved.
- (3) Ammunition expenditures were:
(a) 469 HE
(b) 1 WP
(c) 0 ILL
(d) 0 SMOKE

e. General Support

- (1) During the reporting period there was 1 mission shot by "C" Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines.
- (2) The above mission was observed.
- (3) Ammunition expenditures were:
(a) 0 HE
(b) 0 WP
(c) 9 ILL
(d) 0 SMOKE

5. AIR SUPPORT

a. Units providing air support were from 3d Marine Aircraft Wing.

b. Missions

- (1) Resupply and transport
 - (a) Number of missions ~ 2
 - (b) 1 troop transport - #PAX's 128
 - (c) 1 resupply Total pounds - 80,500
- (2) Close Air Support Confirmed missions - 7 Completed - 4

(a) Type and number of missions

1 A-6 Beacon - None

2 F-4, A-4 CAS - 4

(b) Type and weight of ordnance

1 Bombs - D1A's 5,240 lbs. D2A's 9,000 lbs.

2 Napalm D-9's 8,500 lbs.

3 2.75 inch rockets - 31

(3) TPQ's

(a) Number of missions - 2

(b) Weight of ordnance - 14,000 lbs.

(4) Flare Support 4 Missions 42 Flares

(5) Observations

(a) Number of missions - 2

(b) Number of observations - 4

(6) Medevacs

(a) Emergency Total number - 3

Avg. Time	Day	Night
	20 min.	40 min

(b) Priority Total number - 3

(c) Routine Total number - 0

(7) Significant events - None

6. PERSONNELa. Combat losses

	USMC		USN	
	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
WIA	1	6	0	0
KIA	0	2	0	0
MIA	0	0	0	0

b. Non-Combat losses

	USMC		USN	
	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
Killed	0	0	0	0
Injured	0	9	0	0

c. WIA's returned to duty

Off - 0
Enl - 2

d. Personnel Rotated (PCS) - 54

Off - 2
Enl - 52

e. R&R - 87

Off - 5
Enl - 82

f. Replacements received - 140

Off - 1
Enl - 22

7. ADMINISTRATIONa. 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 (AT 942749).

b. Awards

Purple Heart - 6
Good Conduct Medal - 1

c. Promotions - 1191

1st Lt. - 3
Corporal - 14
Lance Corporal - 85
Private First Class - 17

8. LOGISTICSa. Supply/resupply

During the period 1-28 February 1970, all Company supply and resupply was accomplished by truck. Supply to Companies was accomplished on a three day rotating cycle. Although during this period Battalion Supply was in the process of turning in equipment and invoicing gear to other units, little disruption in the normal functioning of supply was experienced.

b. Food/Water

During the period 1-14 February, three messhalls were in operation. One each at Hai Van, Dai La and Esso Plant. On 14 February the Hai Van messhall ceased operation and the Esso messhall took on the additional burden of feeding those personnel at Hai Van and Hill 358. The messhall at Esso was closed on 27 February after the evening meal leaving only the Dai La Pass messhall in operation. Those troops still remaining at positions without messhalls subsisted on MCI's supplemented by "B" rations and fruit juices. No significant problems were encountered in regards to the amount of water produced or delivered to Battalion positions.

c. Maintenance

During the period 1-28 February, 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 ELC. No major maintenance problems were encountered during this reporting period.

d. Base Facilities

During the period 1-28 February, minor facility improvements were made. Normal maintenance and upkeep were accomplished. Hoi Van Pass Cantonment, with the exception of a security platoon, was vacated on 15 February. On 27 February an 80 gallon Fast Recovery Oil Water Heater was installed in two troop showers.

9. NEW TECHNIQUES

- a. There were no new techniques learned this reporting period.

10. TRAINING

- a. During the first five days of February, zeroing of the M16s was conducted at Companies E, F, G, H locations.
- b. This training and zeroing was under the direction of a representative of the S-3 section, assisted by an armor who had sufficient spare parts available to make on the spot weapons repair.
- c. This was accomplished in order to assure the command that all weapons were not only functional as they should but that one shot kills could be achieved by each man due to an established zero. Giving each man more confidence during the suspected TET offensive.
- d. Technical training was conducted at the platoon level in the 81mm Mortar Platoon, 106mm Recoilless Rifle Platoon, Communications Platoon, Service Platoon, and Flame Section.

11. CIVIC ACTION/PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFAREa. Civil Affairs

- (1) During the period from 1 February to 15 February, six Med-Caps were held in the CAAOP, all being conducted in the village of Loc Hai. A total of 334 Vietnamese were treated. On the 15th of February, 2/26's CAAOR was withdrawn to Hai Van Pass, which eliminated any need for further Med-Caps in the CAAOR. Kin Lien, the only hamlet now in the CAAOR, receives medical aid from 1st Medical Battalion. Before 2/26's Med/Caps were eliminated, the medical personnel ensured that the local Vietnamese health workers were capable and informed on ways to draw medical supplies and methods of village personal hygiene.
- (2) Before the CAAOR change, S-5 distributed 150 school kits; 50 school kits to the orphanage in Loan Ly and 100 school kits to the Kin Lien school. 150 ammo boxes as well as a 50 lb. bag of rice distributed to the Loan Ly orphanage. Arrangements are being made to supply Kin Lien with cement and tin in order to construct a water well.
- (3) Twenty-one General Walt Scholarships were initiated this month for Loc Hai, only to be disapproved because the CAAOR was shortened, thus eliminating Loc Hai Village as a recipient. This S-5 is still attempting to enroll a thirteen year old boy in a reputable school that teaches English in Da Nang City.
- (4) Due to the pending withdrawal of 2/26, a reduction in force of messhall workers was effected. The Vietnamese workers were relieved and are being paid two weeks advance pay, according to IRO regulations.

b. Personal Response

One Personal Response class was given to new troops by the NCOIC during this period. Approximately twenty Marines were present for the class.

c. Psychological Operations

- (1) S-5's psychological warfare program dealt primarily with leaflet drops and tapes that coordinated with the leaflets. During TET, this CAAOR was saturated with leaflets calling for the VC/NVA to "Return Home", as directed by Regiment. Following TET, S-5 coordinated with S-2 in order to drop relevant leaflets on areas designated as suspected enemy unit movements. Since the hamlet of Kin Linh is the only hamlet in this CAAOR, all psychological operations were aimed at this location and it's surrounding area after 15 February 1970.
- (2) A P.O.W. was captured by Hill 88 and later became a Chieu Hoi. This S-5 accompanied the Chieu Hoi when he volunteered to lead Marines to his base camp. Although, only evidence of V.C. inhabitation was found, S-5 had intended to exploit any possible Chieu Hoi's had the operation been successful.
- (3) This S-5 has also been responsible for the apprehension of two Vietnamese dope peddlers in this Battalion rear area. They both were taken to CID Headquarters where they were relieved from 2/26 custody.

12. COMMUNICATIONSa. Radio

- (1) From 1 February until 15 February, the radio section provided personnel and equipment for two (2) Battalion Command Posts, forward and rear. Communications personnel and equipment were also provided for four (4) letter companies and the 81 mm mortar platoon.
- (2) During the period the radio section set up a COC in the Battalion Rear in preparation for the removal of the Forward Command Post from Hai Van Pass.

b. Wire

- (1) The wire section continued to maintain internal wire communications for both Battalion Command Post, forward and rear, during the period 1 February to 15 February.

- (2) In preparation for the removal of the Forward Command Post from Hai Van Pass, the wire section set up wire communications to support the COC at the Battalion Rear. This included hotlines from the Battalion COC to Regiment COC, FSCC hotline, hotline from COC to Commanding Officer/Executive Officer office, hot line from COC to Battalion Guard Shack, and a common user from COC to Battalion Switchboard.
- (3) Upon withdrawal of Hotel Company from Hill 88 to Hill 34, a wire team installed an SB-22 and phone lines in support of Hotel Company at Hill 34.

c. Message Center

- (1) Twenty Six Marines continued guard for this Battalion. The Battalion Message Center continued to make three (3) courier runs daily to Twenty Six Marines.

d. Supply/Maintenance

- (1) Supply continued to function in accordance with current directives.
- (2) The maintenance section maintained normal operations throughout the period in support of Battalion Operations.

e. Significant Events

- (1) On 15 February 1970, the Battalion Forward Command Post was displaced from Hai Van Pass to the Rockcrusher. Continuous communications were maintained throughout the operation with the Rear Command Post assuring net control as the Forward Command Post removed the communications equipment from the established nets.
- (2) On 12 February 1970, Captain D. PENDERGAST joined Second Battalion, 26th Marines as Communications Officer.

13. MEDICAL/DENTAL

a. Medical

- (1) The administration of the BAS has been handled by the administrative section of the aid station, using not only the facilities on hand, but also those of 26th Marines, and 1st Medical Battalion. Sick call was handled by the

Medical Officer and four hospital corpsman assigned those duties.

(2) The mount-out supplies have been packed, inventoried, and transported to 1st Medical Battalion for our eventual disbanding of the Regiment.

(3) Personnel

(a) Currently there is one medical officer attached to the Battalion. He is located in the Battalion rear BAS. Corpsman are distributed as follows:

1 Battalion CPO
 5 to line companies (average)
 1 81 mm Mortar Platoon
 2 Administration
 2 Medical records
 4 Sick bay
 2 Supply
 1 Training and sanitation

(4) Casualties/Injuries Treated

WIA	7
KIA	1
Combat Casualties	8 Total

Non-combat Injuries	15
Non-combat Deaths	1

b. Dental

(1) The Battalion has been supported dentally by 1st Medical Battalion and 11th Motor Transport Battalion's Dental Clinics.

c. Transfers

(1) Due also to our eventual disbandenment, we have had many transfers. Lt. Andras, our forward BAS doctor, was transferred to 1st Recon Battalion. Lt. Pierce, our Chaplain, was transferred to 4th Battalion, 11th Marines. We also lost: 2 1st Class corpsman, two 2d Class corpsman, 24 3d Class corpsman, and 5 Hospitalmen.

14. RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES(a) Personnel

- (1) Lt. John J. Pierce, CHC, USNR, is the Battalion Chaplain.
- (2) CPL John E. Maloney, USMC, is assigned as assistant and driver for the Chaplain.

(b) Services Conducted

- (1) Sunday Catholic Masses - 13 - with 197 attending and 176 receiving.
- (2) Weekday Catholic Masses - 28 - with 301 in attendance and 290 receiving.
- (3) Sunday and weekday Protestant services are provided in all 2d Battalion areas by Regimental Chaplain 26th Marines.

(c) Facilities

- (1) There is a chapel in the Battalion Rear area.
- (2) Transportation is available each day for travel throughout the Battalion area of operation.

(d) Counseling Forty three men were privately counseled.(e) Significant Events

- (1) Catholic Mass was offered in Sacred Heart Church, Lang Co Ville, with 5 Marines and 71 Vietnamese in attendance.
- (2) Foods and other consumables were provided for Vietnamese villees on three different occasions.

(f) Other Activities

- (1) Chaplain PIERCE serves on the board of the Battalion Leadership committee. The committee's purpose is to aid the Commanding Officer in the solution of the ethnic, racial, and other problems.
- (2) Chaplain PIERCE gave the monthly day of recollection for area chaplains on two occasions at Da Nang and Saigon.

SECRET

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Operations Journal

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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Unit Journal

Feb 70

2d Battalion, 26th Marines, FMF
JOURNAL

JNL#	DTG	IN	OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES & EVENTS	ACTION
0/1	010630H			Weather report.	F/S/
0/2	010800H			Road opened.	F/S/
0/3	010900H	011630H	E 2-1 Vic. 925857. Swept area with neg. res.	F/S/H	
0/4	011545H	011720H	Spot rept. Generator fixed and working at 885956	F/S/H	
0/5	011145H	011545H	Spot rept. G 3 found M-16 amm&magazines and food with utensils at 927909. Kept the ammo and destroyed the rest.	F/S/H	
0/6	011324H	011330H	Team Terrapin is now OPCON to Moose Peak.	F/S/H	
0/7	012345H	020035H	Spot rept. E 2-3-2 obs. white star pop-up at 925880.	F/S/H	
0/8	012345H	020025H	Spot rept. Hotel IP obs. 3 char. in front of thier pos. Threw M-26 and wounded one USMC.	F/S/H	
0/9	010055H	010125H	Spot rept. E 3-3 obs. light at 923827. Fired 1 M-79 frag. Light went out.	F/S/H	
0/10	010845H	010855H	Policy Game has been inserted.	F/S/H	
0/11	010920H	011000H	Both generators out at 886955. Req. contact team from M-4.	F/S/H	
0/12	010820H	010840H	2 USMC wounded by friendly M-26 booby trap. Both medivaced.	F/S/H	
0/13	011350H		Intel Item.	F/S/H	

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0/1	020615H			Weather report.	F/S/
0/2	020800H			Road open.	F/S/
0/3	020005H		020140H	Spot report. ARVN obs. 1 VC crossing road at 940874. USMC patrol sent. neg.	F/S/H
0/4	020100H		020140H	Spot rept. Hotel CP heard S7A fire. Checked friendly units in vic.res.	F/S/H
0/5	020150H		020405H	Spot rept. E 2-1A heard movement in front of tower. React. sqd. checked and saturated the area with CS. Swept wit neg. res.	F/S/H
0/6	020230H		020410H	Cas. rept. While sweeping area of Esso Plant E 1-2 had one USMC wounded by USMC. Man died of wounds sent to aid station for evacuation.	F/S/H
0/7	020500H		020535H	F-3 obs. 3 enemy at 887953. Swept area after firing M-79. Neg. res.	F/S/H
0/8	020500H		020715H	Spot rept. E Def Pos. Had secondary explosion while firing H&I.	F/S/H
0/9	020500H		020715H	Spot ,rept. F3-2 obs. 3 enemy at 895950. 81s fired. Sewpt with neg. res.	F/S/H
0/10	021245H		021430H	Cas. rept. WIA via snipper fire. Treated at aid station.	F/S/H
0/11	021300H		021700H	Spot rep. 2 IVA walked into F311 CP. 1 USMC cas. Returned fire with res.	F/S/H
0/12	021400H		021730H	M2B obs. 2 enemy at 864006 go into bushes. Arty fired H2-3 will sweep.	F/S/H
0/13	021730H		022045H	Spot rept. F Co. obs. 10 M-16 stocks float under bridge. 2 were picked up and sent to S-2. VN boy repts. VC squad to come to Lang Co for chow this PM. neg.	F/S/H
0/14	022100H		022345H	H Co. "DB" NOD obs. 2 enemy at 833988. Fired 50 cal. Swept area with res.	F/S/H

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0/1	050620H			Weather report.	F/S/
0/2	050800H			Road opened.	F/S/
0/3	050030H	050245H		M.I. 81s IP obs. movement in front of pos. Fired S/A threw frags. Swept with neg. res.	F/S/H
0/4	050055H			Intel. Item.	F/S/H
0/5	050800H			Policy game has been extracted.	F/S/H
0/6	051500H			H Co. R.R. sec. fired upon by M-16 from a passing jeep. Jeep stopped at Lang Co Bridge. 3 ARVN with used M-16 and cartgs. Charts. escorted rear.	F/S/H
0/7	051300H	052135H		Spot rept. H. CP apprehended VC Suspect. Suspect confirmed VC. Turned over to ITT.	F/S/T
0/8	051958H	052300H		HH2A IP Obs. 24 enemy with small arms. Called 48 rds. of arty. Swept area with neg. res.	F/S/H
0/9	052000H	052355H		Hotel IP obs. 7 enemy at 805018. IP fired S/A and withdrew. 106 Beehive and 60mm fired on area. Search made under illum. Neg. res.	F/S/H
0/10	052225H	060020H		Spot rept. F312 IP obs. flashlights at 888942. Called in 105s. Swept in the morning with neg. res.	F/S/H
0/11	052000H	060245H		MS2A obs a plt of enemy at 812047 moving S. Arty called. Sweep made res neg.	F/S/H

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0/1	060630H			Weather report.	F/S/
0/2	060800H			Road open.	F/S/
0/3	061200H		061215H	H&S W reports a boobytrapped 106 Pleshett rd. blew up a trash dump at 934885. Req. mine sweep team.	F/S/H
0/4	061145H		061245H	Hotel Co reports obs. Seabee dump truck hit motor cycle with ARVN riding. ARVN was killed and S-5 notified.	F/S/H
0/5	060700H		061555H	H33 swept area of last PM contact. Found remainder of enemy chow and boot marks leading S. Further sweep had neg. res.	F/S/H
0/6	061525H		061722H	F312 obs. enemy rocket launchers at 872927 through binoculars.	F/S/H
0/7	060930H			Intel. Item.	F/D/H
0/8	061800H		061910H	F CP. Rept. both generators down. Running on alternate power. S-4 called.	F/S/H
0/9	062015H		062025I	E21 obs. stationary lights at 923878. S1s called in but lights didn't go out.	
				Will continue to obs.	F/S/H

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0/1	070630H			Weather report.	S/F/
0/2	070800H			Road open.	S/F/
0/3	070945H	071950		Hotel Mobile Reactionary Force swept area "Joe Jackson" Recon Insert saw 7 males and 1 female. Male was captured and the female got away. Equip. captured: 1 pr. sandals, 1 kerosene lantern, 1 sewing machine, 12 AK 47 rds., 1 M-16 Mag. w/rds.	S/F/H
0/4	071600H			Intel. Item.	S/F/H
0/5	070945H	072130	I	Follow up. Hotel Reactionary Force was returning from sweep and found a fresh grave $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft. deep w/one male body. Head had been blown prob. by arty fire. Found documents and letters near grave.	S/F/H
0/6	070930H			Intel. Item.	S/F/H
0/7	071850H	072340	I	Enemy rocket sites destroyed by 81mm Mortar fire. F312 will sweep in AM.	S/F/H

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0/1	090645H			Weather Report	
0/2	090840H		0915	Co Jeep Moving S. Vic. At 908950 Recd. 2 Sniper Rds. No Damg. Cont.	F/S/H F/S
0/3	090845H			Road Opened	F/S
0/4	091005H			AO Boundary Retd. To Norm. Prov. AO for Kingfisher no longer applies	F/S/H
0/5	091220H		1320	F 311 Observed 1 enemy over ridge line AT 884936. Called 81mm.	
				Swept area with Negative Results	F/S/H
0/6	091430H		1545	Found what appeared to be Booby Trap. Swept area Negative Results	F/S/H
0/7	091545		1620	Recon team Followed. Fire Mission Called.	F/S/H
0/8	091730H		1850	Spot Rept. On above Fire Mission Above (0/7) Swept Area with N/Res.	F/S/H
0/9	091030H		2048	Patrol sent with POW to 833067. Search of Area Uncovered Caves, Cooking utensils, and 30 lbs of rice. Swept with Neg. Results.	F/S/H
10	091908H			"B" (914874) New Approach Haven is UL 900875, RL 920865.	

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION2nd Battalion, 26th Marines LtCol COMMANDER

P- L. HUMPHREY 1-19Mar

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company 1stLt

D- S. LOFTIN 1-19Mar

E Company 1stLt

F- M. McDONOUGH 1-19Mar

H Company 1stLt

G- W. WARD 1-19Mar

2. LOCATION

Battalion Command Post 1-14Mar CAT 942749

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major Captain	D- H. LARSON J. G. REYNAUD	1-11Mar 12-16Mar
S-1/Adjutant	1stLt 1stLt	G. A. HOLT JR. M. J. REA JR.	1-15Mar 16-19Mar
Personnel Officer	1stLt	M. J. BEAGHLER	1-15Mar
S-2 Officer	1stLt	W. L. DENLEY	1-7Mar
S-3 Officer	2ndLt	T. T. PUTDA	1-7Mar
S-4 Officer	Captain	J. G. REYNAUD	1-11Mar
S-5 Officer	1stLt	R. P. CHANGERY	1-12Mar

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period the 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines turned over its area of operation to the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines and the letter companies E & H returned to the Battalion Rear Command Post at the ROCKCRUSHER {AT 743749}. The Battalion is now operating with three companies - H&S, E and H. F & G companies have been administratively dropped. The Battalion was in a stand down posture in preparation for deactivation.

The Battalion was alerted to a two company, two day operation in the vicinity of OF RENO {883748} and moved out to their areas by truck the morning of 2 March 1970.

Both companies conducted day time patrols and night LPs and ambushes. Their primary mission was to locate suspected rocket sights and deny the use of infiltration routes to the east.

Company E returned to the ROCKCRUSHER Area on 4 March and continued with their stand down. Company H did the same on 6 March 1970.

Two companies of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines moved in to the ROCKCRUSHER Area to assume the area security, while Companies E & H proceeded with their deactivation.

On 7 March, personnel of Companies E, H and some of H&S personnel were administratively dropped and transferred to the 7th Marines. This transfer of 503 Marines was accomplished by air and completed by 1645.

As of 7 March the only Marines of 2/26 remaining at the ROCKCRUSHER were 150 Keystone Bluejay personnel who are to return to CONUS via air and ship and those 31 key administrative personnel necessary to carry out the deactivation of the Battalion.

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PART III
LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. MISSIONS/OPERATIONS

a. Major Operations

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

b. Command Relations

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

c. Combat Missions Assigned

A two company day time search and night time LP ambush mission in the area surrounding the base of CP RENO (0803748) was conducted by Companies E & H, commencing 3 March and securing 6 March.

d. Command and Control

Location of Command Post throughout the reporting period:

Battalion CP ROCKCRUSHER 1-13Mar AT 942749

e. Organic Operations

During the first six days of the reporting period, the Battalion conducted:

- Patrols, ambushes and listening posts, and then
- Command stand down and deactivation.

f. NDC Warfare

No NDC devices were used by or against the Battalion during the reporting period.

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2. INTELLIGENCE

a. Enemy Situation

During the reporting period the enemy avoided contact with all friendly forces.

b. Enemy Initiated Incidents

On 4 March at 0630 Company E CR heard movement and spotted 7 enemy in thick brush 70 meters NW of their position AT 895715. They were taken under fire and an area search at first light revealed no bodies, but they did find 1 VC pack, 2 cans of fish, 2 large rice balls wrapped in plastic, 1 bag of corn meal, 1 bag of candy, 4 plastic explosive charges, 1 home made fuse and 1 pair of VC sandals.

c. Enemy Losses

Negative

d. Enemy Trends

The enemy trends have changed very little since last reported period. Reported movement is at night and in small groups.

e. Weather Conditions

During the reporting period the weather turned very warm, but was otherwise favorable from the friendly operational standpoint.

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3. SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 March At 1040 Co E returned to ROCKCRUSHER AREA via air from the ESSO PLANT.

1 March Battalion went to C-3 in area 2/3.

1 March At 1240 Ht-3 Co returned to ROCKCRUSHER via trucks from Hai Van Pass.

1 March 2/26 AO turned over to 3/1 at 1140. This was effected upon relief of Companies E and H.

1 March At 1440 Co H was relieved of Bald Eagle and Company E was assigned.

1 March At 2245, Alert Companies E and H for a 2 day operation.

2 March At 0005, Battalion Commander met with Co E and H Officers, S-2, S-3, S-4 for briefing on operation to start in morning.

2 March At 2345, Co E reported 1 KIA and 3 WIA friendly from 2 rds of 82mm Mortar fired by them. Investigation is being conducted commencing first light.

2 March At 2400, 2/26 went to C-4 in all areas.

4 March At 0500, Co E reported seeing 7 unidentified persons, challenged, then fired through brush at 70 meters. Area searched and recovered 1 pack, rice, canned fish, sugar and 1 pair sandals.

5 March At 1330, 26th Marines received the Cross of Gallantry from Major General Lum at a ceremony at 1st MTBn LZ.

5 March At 1600, Memorial Ceremony for PFC B. T. MACE (KIA 2Mar70) was conducted by the members of Co E.

6 March At 0745, Régiment cleared 2/26 to close the COC, all nets down. 2/26 now officially out of operation.

7 March At 1245 Companies E, H and HQS moved to LZ for air lift to 7th Marine Regiment area. Air transfers completed at 1645.

8 March At 0805 personnel count - 195. Battalion prepared for embarkation.

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10 March At 0527, movement of gear from out Battalion Supply to the beach proceeding on schedule.

11 March At 0900 the last of our gear from Battalion Supply will go to the dock today, all invoiced gear will be sent to FLC.

12 March At 0740, surface draft of 65 enlisted and 1 officer departed ROCKCRUSHER AREA for Deep Water Pier. All 2/26 surface draft personnel completed boarding USS NEW ORLEANS (LPH 11) at 1100.

13 March At 1530, 38 enlisted and 1 officer, Bluejay personnel were transported to 1st Shore Party. There are now 70 personnel of 2/26 remaining at the ROCKCRUSHER. These men will proceed to 1st Shore Party area on 14 March.

4. ARTILLERY FIRE SUPPORT

a. Due to the stand down and deactivation of 2/26, there was no artillery fire support requested.

5. AIR SUPPORT

a. Unit providing air support was from the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

b. Missions.

{1} Resupply, transport and medevacs.

{a} Number of missions 15

{b} 3 medevacs

{c} 2 resupply

{d} 15 troop transport

6. PERSONNEL

a. Combat losses

	USMC		USN	
	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
MIA	0	0	0	0
KIA	0	0	0	0
MIA	0	0	0	0

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	USMC		USN	
	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
Killed	0	1	0	0
Injured	0	5	0	0

c. WIA's returned to duty

Off. - 0
Enl - 2

d. Personnel rotated (FCSI) - 144

Off - 3
Enl - 141

e. R&R - 57

Off - 2
Enl - 55

f. Replacements received - 8

Off - 0
Enl - 8

7. ADMINISTRATIONa. Personnel Accounting

During the reporting period, all Company and Battalion Administration officers were located at the Battalion Rear area in the vicinity of the ROCKCRUSHER (AT942749).

b. Awards

Purple Heart - 2

c. Promotions - 9

LtCol - 1
Sgt - 8

8. LOGISTICSa. Supply/Resupply

During the period 1-19 March, resupply of the two letter companies that were on a 4 day operation was conducted by a combination of air and motor vehicle. Battalion Supply, although in a stand down status, was able to satisfactorily support the operation and the Battalion Rear.

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During the period 1-7 March only one messhall was in operation which was located at the Battalion Rear. No significant problems were encountered. On 11 March 1stBn. 5thMar assumed responsibility for the ROCKCRUSHER Contonement at Dai La Pass.

c. Maintenance

No major maintenance problems were encountered during this period.

d. Base Facilities

Normal operational maintenance and upkeep were accomplished. Due to the stand down status no improvements were made.

9. NEW TECHNIQUES

a. There were no new techniques learned during this reporting period.

10. TRAINING

a. No training due to the unit deactivation during the reporting period.

11. CIVIC ACTION/PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

a. Negative report due to deactivation.

12. COMMUNICATIONS

a. The forward COG that moved from HAI VAN to the rear area at the ROCKCRUSHER, was set up with radio and or telephone communications to all units including those on the operation. At 0945, 6 March the COC was officially closed by order of the Commanding Officer, 26th Marines and the communication station went into a stand down status. All gear was packed and either invoiced to other units or moved to Battalion Supply for embarkation.

b. Message Center

(1) The Battalion message center ceased its operation as of 1200 on 8 March.

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{1} The administrative section of the BAS has handled the administration of the aid station using the facilities on hand, along with those of the 1st Medical Battalion. Sick calls were handled by the medical officer and four corpsman assigned to those duties.

b. Personnel

{1} There was, during the time covered by this report, one medical officer attached to the Battalion and the following assigned corpsman. On 3 March 1970, operational control was turned over to the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

1 Battalion CPO
1 81mm Mortar Platoon
2 Administration
2 Medical Records
4 Sick Bay
2 Supply
1 Training and Sanitation

{2} Casualties/Injuries Treated

0 WIA
0 KIA

Combat Casualties 0 Total

Non-Combat Injuries/Sicknesses 53
Non-Combat Deaths 0

c. Dental

{1} The Battalion has been supported dentally by the 1st Medical Battalion's Dental Clinic.

d. Transfers

{1} Due to the standdown of 2/26, the following transfers were effected. Lt RASHTI to 1stMedBn, HMC DENALD - 2/6, HML DAWSON - 2/7, and 23 2nd and 3rd Class Corpsman to various locations throughout the 1st Marine Division.

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{1} Sunday Catholic Mass - 1 with 14 attending and 12 receiving communion.

{2} The battalion does not have a chaplain assigned due to deactivation. However, services are provided by HqBn, 1stMarDiv.

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19 Mar-30 Apr 1970 for information re deactivation

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