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Encl: (1) Command Chronology for August 1969

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

DESIGNATION

3rd Battalion, (Rein) 26th Marines

COMMANDER

LtCol E. W. SMELLING
(1-31 August 1969)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company

1stLt J. D. REICH
(1-31 August 1969)

Company I

Capt R. FURLIGH
(1-31 August 1969)

Company K

Capt R. D. BARBA
(1-31 August 1969)

Company L

Capt J. TURRIETTA Jr.
(1-31 August 1969)

Company M

1stLt D. C. McBIRNEY
(1-31 August 1969)

DIRECT SUPPORT UNITS

3rd Plt, Co A, 5th MT Bn.

1stLt P. W. EXPLIN
(1-16 August 1969)
Sgt C. ARNOLD
(17-24 August 1969)
2ndLt J. I. WHEELER
(25-31 August 1969)

3rd Plt, Co A, 5th AT Bn.

1stLt C. F. HENNE III
(1-31 August 1969)

3rd Plt, Co A, 5th Tank Bn.

1stLt K. S. HUGHES
(1-31 August 1969)

3rd Plt, Co A, 5th Engineer Bn.

2ndLt J. J. KELLY
(1-31 August 1969)

3rd Plt, Co A, 5th Recon Bn.

1stLt H. B. JACKSON
(1-31 August 1969)

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ATTACHED UNITS

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HBT, 1st SP Bn.

Det, ARVN Interpreters

Det, KCS

Det, Scout & Entry Dogs, 3rd NP Bn.

Capt W. E. WOODMAN
(1-31 August 1969)

(1-31 August 1969)

(1-31 August 1969)

(1-31 August 1969)

(1-31 August 1969)

2. LOCATION

1-31 August 1969: DaNang TAOR, RVN.

3. STAFF-OFFICERS

ExO

Major W. T. MACY
(1-31 August 1969)

S-1 (ADJUTANT)

1stLt G. I. BURFORD
(1-31 August 1969)

Personnel Officer

1stLt G. I. BURFORD
(1-31 August 1969)

Legal Officer

1stLt W. P. FRIESE
(1-31 August 1969)

S-2

SSgt R. L. RACINE
(1-31 August 1969)

S-3

Major J. D. McHENRY
(1-31 August 1969)

S-3A

Capt G. B. MEEGAN
(1-31 August 1969)

S-3B

1stLt C.S.W. TIBBS
(1-28 August 1969)
1stLt D. E. CRAWFORD
(1-31 August 1969)

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Capt H. I. CATES
(1-31 August 1969)

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GySgt W. E. JONES
(1-31 August 1969)

CommO

1stLt W. A. HOSSOR
(1-31 August 1969)
1stLt R. J. PIERRE
(14-31 August 1969)

SupO

1stLt W. D. HILTON
(1-31 August 1969)

MedO

Lt J. W. STOCKWELL
(1-31 August 1969)

Chaplain

Lt J. K. GOLIE
(1-31 August 1969)4. AVERAGE STRENGTH

<u>OFF</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>ENL</u>
51		1428	2		57

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of August, 3rd Battalion, (Rein) 26th Marines was engaged in providing security through aggressive patrolling and ambush techniques for the Hai Van Pass section of Route #1, the Esso plant north of DaNang, the AP Nam O Bridge on Route #1 and the denial of Elephant Valley as an avenue of approach for VC/NVA forces into the DaNang area.

Enemy contact in the Hai Van Pass sector remained at a low level while joint Marine/ARVN patrols continued to operate in the hills to the west of Route #1. In the Elephant Valley area, India Company encountered significant enemy activity with a marked increase during the low illumination period. Interdiction of enemy rice carriers in the Elephant Valley area continued to be accomplished by saturation of the valley with squad sized ambushes. During the first half of August, enemy rice carriers continued to cross the Song Cu De River moving in a southeasterly direction into Quan Nam (1) (AT907817). During the latter half of August the enemy moved in an easterly and northeasterly direction in order to avoid friendly ambushes. This new infiltration route was successfully countered by the use of rapid and aggressive reaction forces supported by tanks and ontos that moved out to intercept the enemy forces. Use of supporting arms and ambushes resulted in twenty-five (25) NVA killed, with numerous articles of 782 gear captured during this period. On 24 August 1969, Company "I" observed at least (30) VC/NVA moving into Quan Nam (1) from the south. A cordon consisting of elements from Company "I" and Company "M" and two platoons from CACO 2-8 was quickly established around the area. At daylight a search was conducted which resulted in (3) VC/NVA killed.

On 13 August 1969, the Provisional Rifle Company at Fire Support Base "Outlaw" (AT806857) in support of the 101st Airborne Brigade on operation "Campbell Streamer" concluded operations and was heli-lifted back to the battalion CP.

On 14 August 1969, Company "I" conducted a one day operation west of Hill 190 after a Chieu Hoi reported a large NVA force was in that area. Company "I" searched the area with negative results.

On 20 August 1969, Company "I" deployed one platoon to Hill 124 (AT876788) to provide permanent security for the installation and operation of the Ground Surveillance Read Out Station (Balanced Pressure System) along the rocket barrier.

On 24 August 1969, elements of Company "L" and Company "H" and (4) platoons of ARVN conducted a cordon and search operation of AP Kim Lien (AT923856). Three female suspects were detained.

On 26 August 1969, one company of Regional Forces from Hoa Vang District Headquarters deployed to an AO within Quan Nam (1) and immediately began operations to deny the VC/NVA forces access to the Hamlet Complex.

On 27 August 1969, the rifle companies once again changed areas of operation within the battalion TAOR in order to maintain versatility and to subject the units to different combat situations. The move was conducted over a two day period in order to maintain maximum continuity and balance of forces within the TAOR.

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LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. (S) MISSIONS/OPERATIONS

- a. Major Operations: None
- b. Command Relations: None
- c. Combat Missions Assigned: 1-31 August 1969
 - (1) Defend the AP Nam O Bridge at (AT 924845)
 - (2) Defend the Essi plant at (AT 938867)
 - (3) Defend Route #1 in the Hae Van area at (AT 940917)
 - (4) Deny the enemy the use of Elephant Valley as an infiltration route into the DaNang area (AT 895821)
- d. Command Control. The battalion CP was located at (AT 939782) during the month of August. India Company was located at (AT 895821) from 1-27 August 1969 and at (AT 924845) from 28-31 August 1969. Kilo Company was located at (AT 940917) from 1-27 August and at (AT 895821) from 28-31 August 1969. Lima Company was located at (AT 938867) from 1-27 August and at (AT 940917) on 28-31 August 1969. Mike Company was located at (AT 924845) from 1-27 August 1969 and moved to (AT 938867) from 28-31 August 1969.
- e. Organic Operations. The battalion conducted (68) listening posts, (857) observation posts, (207) daylight patrols, (24) night patrols and (412) night ambushes during the month of August.
- f. No NBC Warfare methods were employed during the month of August.

2. (S) INTELLIGENCE

- a. Enemy Situation. Enemy forces in the 3rd Battalion, (Rein) 26th Marines AO were estimated at 350 VC/NVA of the T-87 Sapper Battalion, 325 of the Hae Van Engineer Battalion, 90 of the C-31 Company and 26 from the A-1 Underwater Sapper Company. The total estimated enemy strength in the AO this reporting period is approximately 1000 combined.
 - (1) During the month of August, enemy movement increased somewhat from the month of July. Reports received from intelligence sources, indicate new units in the 3rd Battalion (Rein), 26th Marines AO. These units were the E-95 Artillery Company and the 368B Artillery Regiment. Throughout the AO there were sightings and contacts which indicated new enemy troops in the AO.

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- b. Enemy Mission. The enemy mission in the AO during this reporting period remains the same as the previous month. New intelligence sources reported several missions were to blow up all bridges from Cam Lo Bridge to Nam O Bridge, also to destroy and harass convoys along Hai Van Pass. Many contacts are still being made with rice carriers trying to cross Song Cu De River at Ap Thuy Tu Island and moving around the southwest of Hill 190 and enter the Quon Nam Hamlets.
- c. Weather. The maximum temperature for this period was 100° and the low was 74°. The mean temperature was 98° and the relative humidity was 71%. Total precipitation for the month was 1.0 inches.
- d. Terrain. The terrain in the AO in several areas is double canopy, forest and heavy brush with extremely steep mountains broken with deep draws. In the Hill 190 area the terrain is mostly flat with some rising hills covered with light vegetation and large areas of rice paddy.
- e. Avenues of Approach. Many new and old unmarked trails running in all directions with steep draws.
- f. Total Enemy Losses
- (1) Casualties

VC/NVA	25
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 - (2) Captured Personnel

POW	0
VCI	0
Detainees	2
Chieu Hois	1
 - (3) Captured Equipment

Chicom	28	RPG's	3
M-26	57	M-16 magazines	93
105mm	24 rds	AK-47 magazines	11
Claymores	2	M-33	1
AK-47 ammo	55 rds	B-40 Rocket	1
5.56 ammo	27 rds	RPG Boosters	4
7.62 ammo	300 rds	Packs	9
Rice	170 lbs		
 - (4) IWC 8
 - (5) CSWC 0
 - (6) SFD 3

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- g. Enemy Trends. During the reporting period the enemy made several attempts to move south towards the Hill 190 area to secure rice from Quan Nam (1) and (2) then transport it across Thuy Tu and Song Cu De River to their base camps in the hills north of Hill 190.
- h. VIP Fund. During the period covered 3rd Battalion (Rein), 26th Marines, spent a total of 70,600 piasters for ordnance bought from Vietnamese civilians. Ordnance turned in during this period included; 24 105mm rounds, 56 M-26 grenades, 2 claymores, an assortment of small arms ammunition and M-16/AK-47 magazines. Also included this month, an M-16 rifle brought in by a Vietnamese male.
- (1) Most of this ordnance was bought by India Company CP at hill 190. The M-16 rifle was bought by Mike Company CP at vicinity (AT 828847).
- (2) The ages of the Vietnamese civilians turning in all the ordnance ranged from eight to fifteen years of age.
- (3) No VIP fund was paid out this period for information of any intelligence value.

3. (S) LIST OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS3 August 1969
0015H

Regional Forces spotted 03 NVA in Kiem Lien village. (AT 922854). Results: 03 NVA KIA, 03 Chi-Coms, 100 lbs Rice, 1,000,000 piasters.

2300H

Mike observed 06 NVA at (AT 923839) through the fog. Opened fire with small arms. Results: 04 NVA KIA, 01 AK-47, 01 Pistol .38, 01 pair binoculars, 100 lbs. Rice and items of 782 gear and clothing.

4 August 1969
2100H

India 3B opened fire on 03 NVA at (AT 902832). Enemy returned fire with small arms. Results: 02 NVA KIA, 01 AK-47, 04 Chi-Coms, 03 USMC KIA.

2330H

Mike 3D spotted 03 NVA at (AT 916850). Opened fire with small arms and arty mission. Results: Negative.

5 August 1969
1128H

Mike 3B found 01 NVA body at (AT 920838), that had been killed on 3 August. Results: 01 NVA KIA, 02 chi-coms, and 01 pack.

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1920H

India 3B tripped Booby trapped M-26. (AT 905823), results: 02 UMC WIA.

6 August 1969

0300H

India 3C spotted 06 NVA at (AT 910837). Opened fire with small arms and 81 mortars. Results: 01 NVA KIA, 02 Chi-Coms, 01 AK-47 and medical supplies.

2230H

India spotted 09 NVA through the NOD at (AT 895831). Opened fire with small arms, 81 mortars and arty. Swept area with negative results.

7 August 1969

0930H

CAP 2-8-5 spotted 07 VC/NVA. CAP 2-8-3 swept area. Results: 05 bags rice, 05 NVA panchos, 02 cartridge belts and 02 Chi-Coms.

2220H

Mike 3C spotted 08 VC/NVA moving south across the river (AT 911834). Opened fire with small arms and M-79. Results: 03 RPG Boosters, 03 Chi-Coms and 02 packs with messgear.

8 August 1969

2030H

India 3C ambush spotted 06 VC/NVA crossing river at (AT 902830). Opened fire with small arms and M-79. Results: 04 VC/NVA KIA, 02 AK-47, 02 Chi-Coms, 04 packs, and misc. documents.

2100H

CAP 2-8-3 spotted 10 VC/NVA at (AT 901807). Opened fire with small arms. Results: 01 AK-47, 01 Cartridge Belt, 02 packs, and 02 Chi-Coms.

2320H

CAP 2-8-3 while moving to new ambush site spotted 06 VC/NVA at (AT 898812). Opened fire with small arms and swept area. Results: 02 NVA KIA, 02 AK-47.

9 August 1969

0830H

01 NVA Choi Hoi at India Company position (AT 896826). He led patrol to 01 AK-47, 02 Chi-Coms and miscellaneous 782 gear at (AT 860835).

2240H

India observed 08 VC/NVA through NOD at (AT 896812). Opened fire with 90mm and small arms. Swept area. Results: 01 NVA KIA, 01 AK-47, 02 Chi-Coms, 02 packs, and miscellaneous equipment.

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10 August 1969
1300H

India patrol found 01 NVA hiding in bushes at (AT 911826). Opened fire with small arms. Results: 01 NVA/KIA, 01 NVA yack.

11 August 1969
2030H

Lima received 02 Chi-Choms at defensive position (AT 939877). Area was searched with negative results. 02 UNHC KIA.

12 August 1969
0800H

India conducted one day search of area west of Hill 190. Search conducted after intelligence reported 200 NVA at (AT 878818). Results: Negative.

1950H

CAP 2-8-3 received 02 grenades and AK-47 fire from unknown size enemy force at (AT 897814). Results: 11 ARVN KIA.

13 August 1969
0400H

India spotted 06 VC/NVA through NOB at (AT 890833). Fired 81mm mortar and artillery mission, swept area with negative results.

1255H

Completed withdrawal of Fire Support Base "Outlaw" without incident.

2110H

CAP 2-8-3 spotted 07 VC/NVA moving to (AT 897806). Opened fire with small arms and E-79. Results: 01 NVA KIA, 01 AK-47, 06 AK-47 magazines, 01 pair binoculars, and miscellaneous 782 gear.

14 August 1969
1640H

Kilo defensive position received approximately 50 rds AK-47 fire from (AT 931898). Returned fire with small arms, and 81mm mortars. Checked area with negative results.

1420H

Mike 3 while moving to ambush site found 02 NVA KIA at (AT 903848). Both had been killed by artillery. Results: 02 NVA KIA.

2245H

India 3B spotted 04 VC/NVA moving into their ambush at (AT 893804). Opened fire with small arms and grenades. Results: 02 NVA KIA, 02 AK-47.

2345H

Mike received moderate AK-47 fire at (AT 924845). Opened fire with small arms, 81mm mortars and artillery. Results: 01 NVA KIA.

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2345H

HAS defensive positions (AT 941788) received small arms fire. Returned fire with small arms. Swept area with negative results.

17 August 1969
1200H

Truck from FLC received 20 rds AK-47 fire from (AT 924795). CAP 2-8-5 checked area with negative results.

2050H

Kilo defensive position received 02 chi-coms and small arms fire from (AT 933898). Returned fire with small arms, 81mm mortars and 106mm. Swept area with negative results.

2200H

India spotted 06 VC/NVA through NOD at (AT 904825). Fired 60mm mortars. Results: Negative.

2245H

Lima 3 received several rds small arms fire at (AT 929889). Returned fire with small arms and grenades. Results: Negative.

18 August 1969
2200H

India 1B sighted unknown number VC/NVA at (AT 894811). Opened fire with small arms. Search of area resulted 03 NVA KIA, 02 AK-47, 02 chi-coms.

19 August 1969
1405H

India 3A tripped W-26 booby trap at (AT 900825). Results: 01 USMC KIA.

20 August 1969
1330H

CAP 2-8-3 heard chi-coms going off at village headquarters (AT 898817). CAP 2-8-3 dispatched unit to investigate. Received heavy small arms fire. Results 01 USMC KIA, 01 USN KIA, 01 PF KIA, 01 PF WIA, 03 Vietnamese civilians WIA, 04 Vietnamese boys detained.

2050H

India spotted 05 VC/NVA through NOD at (AT 885829). Opened fire with machine gun and 81mm mortars. Results: Negative.

2100H

Kilo 3 PPB (AT 905941) received 02 chi-coms and about 50 rds small arms. Returned fire with small arms and grenades. Results: Negative.

21 August 1969
0200H

India 3B ambush spotted 04 VC/NVA at (AT 892809). Opened fire with small arms and 02 claymores. Results: 01 AK-47 found.

22 August 1969
2015H

Kilo spotted 08 VC/NVA through NOD crossing river at (AT 910827). Fired 81mm mortar and artillery mission with negative results.

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2200H India spotted 04 VC/NVA crossing river at (AT 892830). Fired machine gun and artillery mission. Results: Negative.

23 August 1969
1515H Kilo 1 found 04 RPG rds and several sleeping positions at (AT 927906).

2130H India observed 09 VC/NVA through the M at (AT 900832). Fired artillery mission. Swept area and found several drag marks.

24 August 1969
0310H India spotted 30 VC/NVA moving into Quan Nam (1) at (AT 910815). Cordon was established and search conducted at dawn.

0930H During search of Quan Nam (1) (AT 910815), 03 NVA threw 03 grenades from their underground cave and then ran. India opened fire with small arms. Results: 03 NVA KIA, 01 AK-47. 04 USMC KIA.

1230H Cordon and search of Kiem Lien (AT 920858) completed. Results: 02 female suspects detained.

26 August 1969
2145H India observed 06 VC/NVA through M at (AT 880805). Fired artillery mission. Checked area with negative results.

2230H CAP 2-8-3 ambush received about 100 AK-47 rds at (AT 899807). Returned fire with claymores, small arms and M-79. Swept area with negative results.

27 August 1969
0130H Regional Forces in Quan Nam (1) (AT 905813) spotted 06 VC/NVA. Opened fire with small arms. Results: 03 NVA KIA, 01 AK-47 found.

1045H Kilo spotted 04 VC/NVA at (AT 912944). Fired 81mm mortar mission and Dusters. Checked area and found 06 mines w/batteries, blasting caps and det cord and 01 overlay of plans to ambush a convoy.

28 August 1969
1155H All companies completed flip-flop into new AO's.

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Lima defensive position at (AT 925924) received 02 RPG rds and AK-47 fire. Returned fire with 81mm mortars and Dusters. Results: Negative.

30 August 1969
0400H

Kilo spotted 10 VC/NVA through HQ at (AT 894833). Fired 60mm and 81mm mortars, arty mission, and .50 caliber machine gun. Checked area with negative results.

31 August 1969
1930H

Regional Forces in Quan Nam (1) (AT 907813) spotted 04 VC/NVA at (AT 904824) fired 60mm and 81mm mortars and artillery fire. Swept area with negative results.

4. (S) FIRE SUPPORTa. 1st Battalion, 13th Marines

(1) Type and number of missions

- (a) Observed - 287
- (b) Unobserved - 2249

(2) Ammunition Expenditure

- (a) 105mm - 12706 Rds.
- (b) 4.2 inch - 1949 Rds.

(3) Significant Events

- (a) Prep fires - 8
- (b) Registrations - 36

b. Naval Gunfire

(1) Ships available for support

- (a) USS Waddell (DD 624)
- (b) USS Cochrane (DD 621)
- (c) USS Henry W. Tucker (DD 875)
- (d) USS Oklahoma City (CLG-5)

(2) Ammunition Expenditure - 766 Rds.

(3) Observed Missions - None

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(1) Type and number of missions

- (a) Observed - 244 missions
- (b) Unobserved - 144 missions

(2) ~~Position~~ Ammunition Expenditure - 2935 roundsd. General Support

(1) Units providing general support

- (a) "K" Btry, 4th Bn., 11th Marines
- (b) 3rd 175 Gun Platoon
- (c) 3rd 8" Howitzer Platoon

(2) Ammunition Expenditure - 4067 rounds

5. (S) AIR SUPPORTa. Resupply

- (1) 19 helo missions - 283,976 lbs cargo
- (2) 248 passengers transported

b. Close Air Support

- (1) 20 (CAS, TPQ, Beacon, LZ Prep)
- (2) Ordnance: 32 D1 (250 lbs), 218 D2 (500 lbs), 35 D3 (1000 lbs), 10 D4 (2000 lbs), 8 D5 (500 lbs), 12 D9 (500 lbs)

c. Flare Support

- (1) 7 flare KC-130F (Basketball) 14 hours
- (2) 4 AC-47 (Spooky) 6 hours

d. Observation

- (1) 15 AO/VR missions, 10 hours

e. Medevac

- (1) 18 Medevacs

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a. <u>Combat Losses</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
(1) WIA		
(a) Evac	0	10
(b) Minor	0	5
(2) KIA	0	1
(3) MIA	0	0
b. <u>Non Combat Losses</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
(1) Injured		
(a) Evac	0	10
(b) Minor	0	28
(2) Deaths	0	0
c. <u>WIA's Returned to Duty</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
	0	12
d. <u>R&R Trips</u> - 100		
e. <u>Personnel Rotated</u> - 189		
f. <u>Replacements Received</u>		
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
	3	160

7. (C) ADMINISTRATION

a. <u>Awards</u>
(1) 1 Silver Star
(2) 2 Bronze Star
(3) 1 Navy Commendation
(4) 1 Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star
b. <u>Promotions</u>
(1) 3 to PFC
(2) 44 to LCPL
(3) 94 to CPL
c. <u>Significant Events</u> - None

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- a. Supply/Resupply. The supply organization and procedures for requisitioning supplies remained the same through the month of August. Resupply for outlying units continued to be accomplished through the use of attached trucks and 1st MAW Helos.
- b. Food/Water. This battalion subsisted on "A" rations and MCI's during the month of August. Units in the field received at least one hot meal daily. The battalion now operates three field messes in addition to the field mess located at the battalion CP. Platoons on long range patrols continued to receive supplemental "B" rations in addition to the MCI and water helo-lifted to them every third day.
- c. Maintenance. The battalion performed 1st, 2nd, and selected 3rd echelon repair in its organic repair facilities by using the attached LSU platoon. Repairs beyond the LSU capability were performed by FLC.
- d. Camp Facilities Development. Tent coverings on strong backs continued to be replaced with tin roofs. The potable water situation within the battalion compound was alleviated with the installation of an artesian well. This well produced 35 gallons of water per minute during the month of August.

9. (C) NEW TECHNIQUES

- a. There were no new techniques or trends employed by this battalion during August 1969.

10. (C) TRAINING

- a. All new personnel coming to-country attended a five day indoctrination course. Two days were devoted to general military subjects, fam firing, administration matters and medical orientation. Three days were devoted to Landmine Warfare courses conducted by the 1st Engineer Battalion at Camp Faulkner, RVN. Booby trap training is continuous in all units of the battalion.
- b. A total of seven enlisted Marines were issued T'D orders to special schools located at Minth MAB Headquarters, Okinawa.

11. (C) CIVIC ACTION/PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

- a. Civic Action
 - (1) During the reporting period, 1 August 1969 to 31 August 1969 there were nineteen Med Caps held and approximately 1,100 people were treated. 1st Med Battalion and 3rd Battalion, (Rein) 26th Marines conducted the Med Caps.

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- (2) Community improvement and public works projects which the battalion was involved in during this period were the Nam My and An Dinh pig projects and rabbit projects. This battalion continues to supply messhall scraps from the combat base at hill 190 for the pig projects.

b. Psyops Activities

- (1) U.S. Army Psyops loudspeaker team was employed on hill 190 during 16-18 August 1969. Continuous broadcasts were directed to the villages in the immediate area.
- (2) There were 1,085,000 leaflets air dropped and 18 tape broadcasts over the area where most of the enemy movement was reported.
- (3) Most reports of movement was at hill 190 where the enemy crossed the river and moved in to Quan Nam. Contact by Marines has been frequently made with the NVA in this area.

c. VIP Fund

- (1) During the period covered 3rd Battalion, (Rein) 26th Marines spent a total of 70,600 piasters for ordnance bought from Vietnamese civilians. Ordnance turned in during this period includes: Hell box M57 (2), chi-coms (8), M-26 (56), claymores (2), 105 (22), 60mm (2), M-16 (93) mags. AK's (5) mags. 5.56 ammo (278), and 7.62 ammo (300).
- (2) The area where most of this ordnance was bought was Company "I" CP at hill 190.
- (3) The ages of the Vietnamese civilians turning in all the ordnance range from 8 to 15 years of age.
- (4) No VIP fund was paid out this period for information of any intelligence value.

d. Industrial Relations

- (1) Vietnamese citizens from the hamlets An Dinh and Nam My were periodically employed in the battalion rear.

12. (S)COMMUNICATIONS

- a. General. During this period the battalion communication platoon continued to support the battalion in much the same manner as the previous period. Improvement of antenna sites and field wire line constructions were continuous throughout.

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- b. Message Center. The 26th Marines communication center held the communication/crypto guard for the battalion with the battalion providing courier service for pick-up and delivery of messages four (4) times daily. Priority or above messages were picked up and delivered immediately.
- c. Radio. The covered FM radio net with the 26th Marine Regiment remains the same. Internal radio communications remains the same with the tactical nets guarded in the COC bunker and the battalion administrative net guarded at the S-4 office. Five (5) radio indoctrination classes were given to replacements in the battalion by the radio section.
- d. Radio Relay. No radio relay was employed during this period.
- e. Wire. The wire section maintained a switchboard watch twenty-four (24) hours a day. Trunk lines connect the battalion switchboard to 1st Bn, 26th Marines (Rear), 7th Engineers; 26th Marine Regiment; "C" Battery, 1st Bn, 13th Marines and 1st Marine Division. Additional wire lines are now in the process of being put in for the guard posts surrounding the battalion CP.
- f. Communication Electronics Maintenance. One (1) LSU technician remains assigned to the battalion maintenance shop which authorizes the battalion 3rd echelon maintenance. Items requiring fourth echelon maintenance were evacuated directly to 1st Force Service Regiment via the battalion supply officer.

13. (S) MEDICAL/DENTAL SUPPORT

- a. Personnel. The battalion aid station has a total of 60 personnel: consisting of 1 medical officer, 2 corpsmen on emergency leave, 2 corpsmen in TAD status, and 55 effective corpsmen. In addition, 2 hospital corpsmen are assigned to attached units.
- b. Capabilities. The battalion aid station handles medical problems and some minor surgical procedures can also be handled. We now have in operation an adequate diagnostic laboratory for blood counts, urine analysis, stool analysis, and malarial smears. A ward is available for short term admissions and observation. Consultation is readily available at 1st Medical Battalion or NSA DaNang.
- c. Training. Corpsmen received on the job training and lectures from the medical officer. Corpsmen carry out their own lectures on buddy aid, first aid and personal hygiene. Indoctrination lectures were given to all new troops.

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- d. Dental. Dental treatment was available at 7th Engineer Battalion.
- e. Malaria Prophylaxis. Accomplished by weekly dose of phlorquine/primaquine tablets and the use of insect repellents. To insure that the troops were taking the prophylaxis, malaria pill rotators were maintained, and CF urine tests were run on a selected percentage of the troops.
- f. Sanitation. Continuous efforts are being made to improve sanitation conditions in the company and battalion areas. Correction of defects that are noted in the weekly sanitation reports are gradually being taken care of.
- g. Med-Caps. Several Med-Caps were held in Quan Nam, Lien-Chieu and Kim-Lien villages. Approximately 332 patients were treated in all.
- h. Statistics for the month of August are as follows:

DIAGNOSIS	HES	INDIA	KILO	LIMA	MIKE	NUAL	LAST REPORT
HEAD INJURIES	05	22	00	00	00	27	10
LAMERATIONS	11	42	06	37	86	182	156
EAR PROBLEMS	07	08	03	07	09	34	48
EYE PROBLEMS	10	14	01	03	09	37	26
DENTAL	15	13	05	07	05	45	30
UPPER RESP INF	10	03	03	04	02	22	31
FEVER UNKNOWN ORIGIN	05	09	05	03	00	22	32
ORTHO DISORDERS	20	30	10	10	04	74	135
IMMUNIZATIONS	OVERALL TOTALS OF ALL COMPANIES					435	355
SHRAPNEL WOUNDS	01	02	00	02	00	05	07
BLEETERS	05	19	00	10	10	44	46
DERMATOLOGY	45	97	28	58	52	280	210
NEUROPSYCHIAETRIC	03	00	03	03	00	09	08
GUN SHOT WOUNDS	00	06	00	00	00	06	04
GASTRO INTEST DISORDERS	15	02	05	15	20	57	38
GENITAL URINARY DISORDERS	15	00	07	00	00	22	06
SURGICAL PROBLEMS	15	02	00	13	00	30	05
VENERAL DISEASES	22	05	14	06	11	58	50
HE T CASUALTIES	00	00	00	02	00	02	05
MALARIA	00	01	00	02	00	03	02
HERDAILES	15	01	01	00	00	17	15
RETURN VISITS	40	133	144	167	110	594	392
ANIMAL BITES	04	05	00	00	01	08	

14. UNUSUAL ACTIVITIESa. Personnel

- (1) Chaplain J. K. GOLIE is assigned to 3rd Battalion, (Rein) 26th Marines and to the 26th Marine Regiment (additional duties).

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- (2) PFC L. W. HUTCHESON is assigned as clerk for the chaplain of the 3rd Battalion, (Rein) 26th Marines.

b. Services Conducted

- (1) Protestant Divine Services with 309 attending.
- (2) Protestant Bible Studies (3) with 19 attending.
- (3) Protestant Communion with 100 attending.
- (4) Catholic Divine Services 80 attending.
- (5) Catholic Services were provided by Father M. HORVAT.

c. Facilities

- (1) There is a chapel at the 26th Marine Regiment and at the 3rd Battalion, (Rein) 26th Marines rear. 1st Marine Division Chaplain's office has made available a "Field Kit" for use where no chapel is available. A jeep is made available for hospital visits, brig visits, and for ministering to the Marines not in the battalion rear.

d. Counseling

- (1) There were 117 counseling sessions given to the men of 3rd Bn, (Rein) 26th Marines.

e. Significant Events

- (1) A memorial service was held at Company "I" on 30 August 1969, with 105 personnel attending.