

HEADQUARTERS BATTALION
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.



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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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ENCLOSURE (1)

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

Headquarters Battalion
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF

COMMANDER

Maj. H. L. WELCH

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company

Capt. J. K. TAYLOR
(1-3 Aug 1967)

1st Lt. T. C. BAILEY
(4-31 Aug 1967)

Service Company

1st Lt. B. D. MORIARTY
(1-13 Aug 1967)

1st Lt. D. R. SYKES
(14-31 Aug 1967)

Communications Company

Maj. J. M. CUMMINGS

Military Police Company

Maj. J. H. OLDS

Sub Unit #4

LtCol. R. J. KELLER

Sub Unit #2

1st Lt. R. J. CRANDALL

Sub Unit #5

1st Lt. M. J. HESTOR

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2. LOCATION

1-31 August 1967, Phu Bai, Republic of Viet Nam (Less Sub Unit #5, Khe Sanh, Republic of Viet Nam and Sub Unit #2, Dong Ha, Republic of Viet Nam)

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Adjutant

1st Lt. C. RIGGS

S-1 Officer

1st Lt. W. A. MOORE

S-3/S-4 Officer

Capt. J. R. THOMPSON

Motor Transport Officer

1st Lt. W. R. ARATA

Supply Officer

Capt. J. W. SCHLIM

Surgeon

Lt. L. J. JOHNSON (USNR)
(1-20 Aug 1967)

Lt. H.D. GORDAN (USNR)
(21-31 Aug 1967)

Chaplains

Cmdr. J.E. RYAN

Lt.Cmdr. E. B. DAVIS

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
215	2055	35	112

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Headquarters Battalion continued to have elements positioned throughout the 3d Marine Division TAOR during this period. Location of elements are as follows:

Phu Bai

Headquarters Company
 Communications Company
 Military Police Company
 Sub Unit #4
 Service Company
 Sub Unit #2

Dong HaKhe Sanh

Sub Unit #5

2. Unit Activities/Events.

a. During this month the Phu Bai perimeter was moved forward and new positions were set in. The wire was left in front of the old positions affording still more protection.

b. A new chapel is being constructed adjacent to the old one. Progress is being made very rapidly toward final completion.

c. The site was cleared, and the foundation poured for the new Staff Non-Commissioned Officers Club. The new Enlisted Club is also nearing completion.

d. On the evening of 5 August 1967, a fire started a series of explosions at the ASP #1, which in turn threw a large quantity of explosives throughout the area. During this time the entire Phu Bai Base Camp was on a condition three alert. Precautionary measures were taken, and field protective masks were issued because of the possibility of an explosion causing riot control agents to be spread throughout the area due to the wind speed and direction. The damage control party was alerted, utilized to fight brush fires, and remained on standby until the following morning. Several duds were found scattered throughout the area, but were properly handled by EOD.

e. A central water system has been established by the Naval Support Activity which has provided non-potable shower water through our pipe system. Water was previously acquired by hauling it in by truck. This has enabled us to provide showers 24 hours a day. Our reliability for providing showers has also increased since we no longer depend on trucks and pumps which frequently broke down.

f. Six hundred meters of 6 strand cattle-fence has been installed along route #1 inside the perimeter check-points. This was necessary to impede unauthorized personnel from leaving route #1 and entering restricted areas.

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g. Fourteen-hundred meters of double-apron fence and sixteen positions for two men each have been established around cantonment #1, #4 and the new Division CP to provide interior security. The positions are tied in with 3d Recon and 2/26 and are manned whenever condition III is set. Communications are maintained by land-line to the control positions.

h. Company grade officers have moved into the new billeting area which was recently completed. Twelve sandbag breastworks have been completed in this billeting area providing protection for these officers as well as for the Majors and Lt/Colonels when they move into the area. Four of these fortifications have also been constructed in the new Colonels' Billeting Area.

i. A dug-in bunker has also been constructed for the Commanding General near his new quarters. The bunker is lined with a surveyed 630 cubic foot reefer box and an overhead of 2 layers of 3" x 12" lumber supported by two "bents" and covered with six layers of sandbags.

j. The number of personnel joined in the battalion has continued to exceed the authorized manning level. A manning level was approved for the CAC's which are under the administrative control of Sub Unit #4. Personnel with more than six months in a Division Command Post billet are being rotated to field units with replacement personnel being taken from these same units. Two MOS's have remained critical during the period. They are 0849 and 2533, both of which remain over fifty percent below authorized manning level. This has been reported to Division Headquarters on weekly Personnel Status Report. Administrative problems have been at a minimum during the period, however certain blank forms, mimeograph paper and envelopes continue to be in short supply.

k. Disciplinary action taken by this battalion during the period include three special court-martials, two summary court-martials, and eleven non-judicial punishments.

l. One award ceremony was held during this reporting period. The awards presented by the Commanding General, Major General B. A. HOCHMUTH, were one Silver Star, one Distinguished Flying Cross, six Bronze Stars, one Air Medal, two Navy Commendation Medals, and seventeen Purple Hearts.

m. A total of 636 daylight patrols and 658 night patrols/ambushes were conducted during this reporting period by Sub Unit #4. These operations resulted in 29 VC kills confirmed, 53 VC kills probable, 6 VC captured and 27 weapons captured.

n. The Battalion suffered the following casualties during the reporting period:

2 Officers wounded in action.
4 Enlisted killed in action.

46 Enlisted wounded in action.
4 United States Naval personnel
wounded in action.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel. None.
2. Administration. None.
3. Intelligence. None.
4. Training.

a. Individual.

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Leadership Training	7	261
Self and First Aid	8	787 (Includes 67 PF's)
Communications Procedures	10½	199 (Includes 49 PF's)
Spot Reports	3	155 (Includes 27 PF's)
Vietnamese Language	16	191 (Includes 40 PF's)
Compound Defense	7	260 (Includes 101 PF's)
Use of Shackles Sheets	4	111
Sanitation and Hygiene	3	203 (Includes 58 PF's)
English Language	3	11 (Includes 10 PF's)
Code of Conduct	2	272
I.A. Drills	6	19 (Includes 5 PF's)
Information Program	1	89
Troop Indoctrination	5	102
Information on CAC	1	110
Physical Training	4	264

b. Unit Tactical Training.

Reactionary Alert Drill	3	720
Naval Gunfire Spotting	10	8
Forward Air Control	12	6
Artillery Spotting	15	10
Map Reading and Compass	17	264 (Includes 14 PF's)
FO Procedures	8	148 (Includes 15 PF's)
Patrols and Ambushes	4	39 (Includes 14 PF's)
Movement to Contact	1	20 (Includes 10 PF's)

c. Technical Training.

Shop Safety	1	26
Technical Publications	1½	31
Work Order Procedures	1	27
MCO & Bulletins	1	18

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d. Weapons Training.

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
M-16	10½	404
M-60	6½	122 (Includes 71 PF's)
.30 Cal. Machine Gun	2	32 (Includes 20 PF's)
M-79	5½	122 (Includes 48 PF's)
.45 Cal. Pistol	5	99 (Includes 33 PF's)
12 Gauge Shot Gun	3	60 (Includes 23 PF's)
LAAW	1	17 (Includes 5 PF's)
Mines and Booby Traps	3	204 (Includes 10 PF's)

e. Weapons Firing.

<u>Weapon</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Number Fired</u>
M-16	Dong Da	75
M-14	Dong Da	75
.45 Cal. Pistol	Dong Da	15
M-60 Machine Gun	Dong Da	40

f. Schools Attended.

<u>School</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
NCO Leadership	Okinawa	2
Vietnamese Language	III MAF	3
Vietnamese Language	Okinawa	3
Personal Response Class	Phu Bai	2
Civic Action Orientation Course	III MAF	1

5. Special Operations. None.6. Command Relations. Considered to be excellent at all echelons within the Command.7. Equipment. None.8. Logistics. None.9. Communications. A total of 43,698 messages were processed by the Division Communications Center.10. Activations/Deactivations/Redesignations. None.

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