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3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMF 24566
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Encl: (1) Command Chronology for the period 22 - 31 December 1965.

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted herewith.

2. The report of Fire Support and Fire Support Coordination covers the period 1 - 31 December.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

22 December through 31 December 1965

Part I Organizational Data Sheet

Part II Significant Events

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PART I

1. Reporting Unit. 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines (Rein).

2. Command Post. HUE - PHU BAI, RVN (8861136).

3. Period Covered. 22 December - 31 December 1965.

4. Date of Submission. 3 January 1966.

5. Average Monthly Strength.

	USMC	USN
Officers	40	3
Enlisted	998	50

6. Commanding Officer. Lieutenant Colonel R. T. CARIFIN, JR.

7. Principal Staff

S-1	1st Lt G.C. KRULAK
S-2	Capt R. E. LAVAN
S-3	Maj H. D. HAVILAND
S-4	Capt R. A. LARSON
CommO	Capt H. D. READ

8. Subordinate Units

H&S Co	Capt J.D. LINDAUER
Co "E"	Capt C. L. HAMMOND
Co "G"	Capt A. L. ALLEN
Co "H"	Capt J. J. CARTY
2nd Plat, Co "A", 3rd Recon Bn	1st Lt R. D. DONOHO
2nd Plat, Co "A", 3rd Tank Bn	1st Lt H. STEIGELMAN
2nd Plat, Co "A" 3rd AT Bn	1st Lt D. J. NOONAN
2nd Plat, Co "A", 3rd Engr Bn	1st Lt E. R. GOELDR[illegible]

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SFCP, Hq Btry 4/12 Lt (JG) J. A. VOLK

4th Bn, 12th Mar Lt Col E. M. RUDZIS

9. MISSION. 2nd Bn (Rein), 1st Mar (-) (Rein) defends PHU BAI Airfield and 8th RRU; controls assigned TAOR; conducts combat/reconnaissance patrols throughout assigned TAOR; conducts unilateral search and destroy operations in assigned TAOR and combined operations with RVNAF within and beyond boundaries of assigned TAOR. Prepares defense and counterattack plans to restore integrity of defensive perimeter to include PHU BAI Airfield and 8th RRU facilities.

10. BACKGROUND. To accomplish the assigned mission the Battalion TAOR has been divided into company sectors with each rifle company conducting aggressive patrolling, sweeps and numerous ambushes in their assigned sector. The companies defend their portion of the MLR by employing observation posts, listening posts, road blocks, checkpoints and through occupation of prepared positions in critical areas.

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PART II

Personnel

a. Number of Replacements received.

(1) Officers - - - - - - - - 3

(2) Enlisted - - - - - - -32

b. Number of personnel rotated.

(1) Officers - - - - - - - - 0

(2) Enlisted - - - - - - - - 0

c. Number of personnel lost through attrition other than rotation.

(1) WIA - - - - - - - - - - 2

(2) KIA - - - - - - - - - - 1

(3) Humanitarian/Emergency Transfers - - 0

(4) Non-battle injuries - - - 1

(5) Inter-Division/Regiment Transfers - - - 0

d. R&R Trips - - - - - - None

e. Special Services activity.

(1) There were 22 movies shown during the reported period. There were no USO shows during the reported period.

Administration

a. Personnel Accounting. No difficulties have been encountered.

b. Awards

(1) The following awards were processed and recommended to higher headquarters for action:

(a) Purple Heart - 36

(2) Five Purple Hearts were received by the command and presented/forwarded to the personnel concerned.

c. Promotions

(1) To First Lieutenant - 9

(2) To Second Lieutenant - 1

d. Postal. Mail continues to arrive daily.

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e. Pay. There have been no problems encountered during the reported period.

f. Post Exchange. Items offered are ocnsidered adequate.

g. Legal and Discipline. No Legal/Discipline problems arose during the reported period.

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INTELLIGENCE

a. The Enemy Situation on 22 December was as follows:

There are no known enemy units operating within our TAOR, enemy activity within TAOR consisted of ambushes and patrols with infiltration of men through our TAOR in order to gather food, spread political information and propaganda, and reach other areas for operations.

Enemy units that operate near our TAOR are:

(1) 810th Battalion, a probable Main Force Unit; strength, 360 men. Equipped with 3 81mm Mortars; 3 57mm RR; 3 CHICOM machine guns; B-40 (RPG) anti-tank weapons (vic YC 870970).

(2) K 41/C-106 Company, a main force unit; estimated strength 100 men, located vic YC 950985.

(3) C-116, a Local Force Unit, estimated strength, 100 men, located vic 860045.

(4) C-117, a Local Force Company. strength, 80 men, located vic YD 810065.

(5) C-119, a Local Force Company: estimated strength 100 men, located vic YD 780115.

b. The enemy initiated the following incidents during the period:

(1) 242030H. VC threw 2 Hand Grenades at US/C patrol; location YD 814179. Results: 1 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA (Poss.).

(2) 281237H. Sniper fire vic YD 875103, came from northwest. One round, cal. unknown.

(3) 312230H. Probe and small arms fire at YD 855133. Enemy approached from east, fired and withdrew. Estimate 4-5 shots. Cal. unknown.

c. Summary of Enemy Casualties, Captured and Equipment Captured.

(1) VC KIA - 1 Confirmed.

(2) VC WIA - 1 Confirmed, 1 Estimated.

(3) VCC. None.

(4) VCS. Three.

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(5) Equipment: 1 Poncho, 1 cartridge belt with canteen, 2 pair sandals, ; National ID Card.

d. Significant Trends During Period. None.

e. Enemy Situation at End of Period. Same as a.

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Training. Training during this period has consisted of practical application with the improvement of defensive positions, clearing of fields of fire, repositioning of weapons, emplacement of wire and warning devices, continuous camouflage, scouting and patrolling, fire problems for crew-served weapons, etc.

Special Operations. No special operations were conducted during the reporting period.

Nuclear, Biological, Chemical and Special Types of Warfare.

a. During the reporting period there were no instances of use by this Battalion of NBC Warfare or equipment peculiar to NBC Warfare.

b. Training Accomplished. None.

c. Status of NBC Equipment on Hand. All items of NBC equipment by TE is held by this Command.

Command and Control.

a. Task Organization

2nd Bn, 1st Ber (-)(Rein)

H&S Co (-)(Rein)
H&S Co (-)
1st Plat, Co A, 3rd Recon Bn
2nd Plat, Co A, 3rd Engr Bn
Det, Hq Co, 3rd Mar

Co "E"
Co E
Det, Med Plat, H&S Co (-)

Co "G"
Co G
Det, Med Plat, H&S Co (-)

Co "H"
Co H
Det, Med Plat, H&S Co (-)

81mm Mortar Platoon (-)

106mm RR Platoon (-)

2nd Plat, Co A, 3rd TK Bn

2nd Plat, Co A, 3rd AT Bn

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4th Bn (-)(Rein), 12th Mar

Hq Btry, 4/12
Btry M, 4/12
Btry B, 1/11
107mm Mortar Btry, 1/11
CMR Tm, Hdqtrs Btry, 11th Mar
SFCP, 11th Mar
AO, 12th Mar

b. Command Posts

(1) 2nd Bn, 1st Mar (885136)

(2) H&S Company (885136)

(3) Company E (885136)

(4) Company G (896146)

(5) Company H (885136)

(6) Combined Action Company (885136)

c. Attachments and Detachments. None.

d. Control. Control of the Battalion was exercised from the Battalion Command Post throughout the entire reporting period. Wire and radio communications continue to be used equally to exercise control over the subordinate units.

e. Problem Areas. No significant problem areas encountered.

Communication-Electronics.

a. Wire. Normal Operations.

b. Radio. Normal Operations.

c. Radio Relay. Normal Operations.

d. Message Center/Teletype. Normal Operations.

e. Problems Encountered. None noted.

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Close Combat

a. Operations Conducted

(1) Patrols

(a) Squad sized. There were 78 Squad Sized patrols conducted.

(b) Platoon Sized. There were 2 Platoon Sized patrols conducted.

(c) Company Sized. None.

(2) Operations. None.

b. Significant Events

(1) Sequential listing of all contacts, general description of scheme of manouver and results attained.

(a) 23 December - 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines assumed control of TAOR relieving 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines. There were 8 Squad and 1 Platoon size patrols conducted. 4 Ambushes and 12 Listening Posts were employed. Negative contact.

(b) 24 December - At 2030H CAC-2 made contact with estimated 2 VC. Illumination was fired in support with CAC-2 taking VC under fire. After contact was broken a sweep of the area was conducted with negative results. At 2215H message was received from CG, 3rd Marine Division as follows: "Do not respond to minor prepetrations or harrassment as long as they do not pose a threat to security. 8 Squad size patrols were conducted. 3 Ambushes and 12 Listening Posts were employed.

(c) 25 December - 7 Squad Patrols were conducted. 4 Squad size Ambushes and 14 Listening Posts were employed. All units were again instructed not to fire unless fired upon. No unusual incidents happened.

(d) 26 December - At 0930 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines received orders to resume normal operations from Regiment. 8 Squad size patrols were conducted, 5 Squad size Ambushes and 14 Listening Posts were employed. Negative contact.

(e) 27 December - At 0130, 2nd Platoon, Company E, in the GIA LE area had contact with two VC with possible one VC WIA. 8 Squad size patrols were conducted. 4 Squad size Ambushes and 15 Listening Posts were employed.

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(f) 28 December - CAC-5 at 2130 made contact with 4 VC, patrol physically pursued VC with no results. No friendly casualties. One mechanized, motorized patrol at 1000 to 1400. Purpose of patrol to perform road reconnissance and to get actual time/space factor for possible future operation. Route from 844173 to 808103 and return. 8 Squad size Patrols were conducted, 3 Squad size Ambushes and 14 Listening Posts were employed.

(g) 29 December - Reconnissance Patrol at 1715 made contact with 5 VC. Pursued them approximately 800 meters, did not pursue further because of heavy foliage and village. Not enough men in patrol to pursue further. No friendly casualties. No VC casualties. 10 Squad size Patrols were conducted. 3 Squad size Ambushes and 14 Listening Posts were employed.

(h) 30 December - 11 Squad size Patrols were conducted, 4 Squad size Ambushes and 14 Listening Patrols were employed. Negative contact.

(i) 31 December - 2145H, 2nd Platoon, Company G at 219182 received fire from 4 or 5 VC's. One friendly KIA. VC casualties unknown. 1 Platoon size Patrol and 10 Squad size Patrols were conducted. 8 Squad size Ambushes and 15 Listening Posts were employed.

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FIRE SUPPORT AND FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION

a. Significant Events.

At 0755H on 1 Dec, the Howtar Battery displaced five guns to (YD 882[illegible]) (YD 882136) during the conduct of a battalion firing demonstration. The demonstration emphasized massing the fires of the battalion on defensive concentrations, and firing the barrage with the Howtar Battery. Later in the day, a U.S. Army Calibration team calibrated the 18 howitzers in the 4th Battalion.

During the night of 1 Dec, at 2000H and 2125H, illumination missions were fired for elements of 3/4 in contact with VC at (YD 816174) and (YD 921111). Both missions were completed but no surveillance obtained.

On 2 Dec, I Battery displaced four guns to (YD 882116) at 0730H and Battery M moved two guns forward to (YD 859118) at 1400H. Battery I conducted observed missions on suspected enemy positions in the west sector of the TAOR, and M fired H&I missions.

At 021305H, the AO adjusted M on 2 VC at (YD 783094). The area was well covered, but no surveillance of the enemy was obtained after firing.

The Howtar Battery conducted a night occupation of positions moving to (YD 871[illegible]) at 021900H and returning to their primary positions at 2[illegible]H.

I Battery fired ten observed missions on suspected VC harboring areas and avenues of approach in the southern portion of the TAOR on 3 Dec. The Battery occupied a forward position at (YD 877[illegible]) at 0915H, and returned to primary position at 1555H after firing several H&I missions.

At 031850H, an AO attached to 3/4 requested fire on a squad of VC at (YD 880075). No surveillance of the mission was possible due to darkness.

Two rounds of illumination and seven rounds of HE were fired in support of a 3/4 ambush at 032010H in the vicinity of (YD 9007). No surveillance was obtained.

At 050735H the Howtar Battery displaced to (YD 868118). Ten observed missions were fired on suspected assembly areas, avenues of approach, and OPs in the western portion of the TAOR. The missions were observed by an OP group of Scout Observer Trainees manning OP Tango (YD 855733).

Between 050430H and 050500H the battalion fired a preparation for ARVN on a sweep SW of the TAOR near TRUOI BRIDGE. Later in the day, members of the new K Co, 3/4 were oriented by firing in their defensive concentrations with shell smoke.

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M displaced two guns to (YD 882116) at 061300H, and fired 22 H&I missions beyond the normal maximum range from their primary position. In the afternoon of 6 Dec, LtGen V. H. KRULAK toured the battalion civil affairs project in the refugee villages of DIEM TRU, KE BANG, and PHAN DANG (YD 8616).

At 061915H I displaced four guns to a forward position at (YD 875139) and conducted coordinated illumination and HE missions until 2130H.

M fired on one VC at (YD 770077) at 061800H. Surveillance reported good effect on the target area. Two illumination missions were fired during VC contact at (YD 907099) and (YD 905090) during the night of 6 Dec.

At 080630H four M-109 (SP) and three towed 155mm howitzers were moved to (YD 859118) in support of Operation GUNSMOKE, a Marine and ARVN sweep on the west bank of the SONG HONG River from (YD 741161) to (YD 748148). Two of the towed howitzers were manned by personnel from I Battery. Two missions were fired in support of the operation. A VC ambush was dispersed by one mission at (YD 733161) and an unobserved mission was fired on a suspected VC stronghold at (YD 736138).

The Howitzer Battery conducted a night occupation of a position at (YD 861142) on the night of 7 Dec.

On 9 Dec, the Howitzer Battery fired 24 observed missions on suspected VC positions from a forward position at (YD 883092). An OP was established on Hill 108 (YD 871077) and manned by Scout Observer Trainees. I Battery displaced to (YD 815139) at 091912H and fired one coordinated illumination and HE mission before returning to their primary position at 2130H.

Daylight H&I missions were fired by M from a forward position at (YD 859118) on the afternoon of 10 Dec.

At 100100H, an undetermined number of VC attacked the HUONG THUY District HQ with mortars. Three unobserved defensive concentrations were fired at the request of ARVN, and the HQ Crater Analysis Team went to the area during the day. At 0735H on 10 Dec the MO destroyed a boat at (YD 818034).

Illumination was fired for ARVN at 102200H during a light VC probe at (YD 760130). Later in the night, at 110148H, M fired illumination for M 3/4 during a contact which resulted in 4 VC KIA, 1 prisoner, and 5 weapons captured.

On 11 Dec at 0715H, I displaced four guns to (YD 868113) and fired 13 observed missions in the southern sector of the TACR on suspected VC locations.

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M fired 14 rounds of HE on four VC in a treeline at (YD 793092) at 111600H. Excellent effect on the area was reported and no subsequent movement was observed. M later fired three unobserved missions on a VC company at the request of ARVN in the vicinity of (YD 790080). On the night of 11 Dec M conducted a night occupation of a forward position at (YD 871139), from which two coordinated illumination and HE missions were fired.

At 1[illegible]0730H, the Howtar Battery displaced to (YD 895080) and fired ten observed missions on suspected VC positions in the southern part of the TAOR. At 1900H, I displaced three guns to (YD 859113) and fired H&I missions throughout the night, returning to their primary positions at 140630H.

The AO observed a body at (YD 802075) at 141400H. It was assumed to be a victim of an H&I round.

At 14[illegible]30H, two guns from M occupied a forward position at (YD 3[illegible]). While they were enroute to the position, the AO requested fire on four VC on a raft at (YD 731103), which is out of range of the guns in the primary positions. The guns conducted a hasty occupation of position and completed the mission in 11 minutes. The VC deserted the raft and swam to shore, and good effect was reported on the shoreline.

I Battery displaced to (YD 859118) at 141740H and fired H&I missions overnight.

On 15 Dec, the three firing batteries and a Battalion Command Group moved to forward positions for the day. The Howtar Battery occupied a position at (YD 8[illegible]92). I Battery moved three guns from their overnight position to (YD 88[illegible]116), and M displaced two guns to (YD 868118). The Battalion FDC (Fwd) was established adjacent to I Battery. 14 missions were fired in the southern part of the TAOR, emphasizing massing the fires of the battalion, requesting reinforcing fires, and TCA procedures.

During the night of the 15th, two unobserved missions were fired in support of 3/4's Combined Action Company (CAC) during a VC contact at (YD 90[illegible]).

At 172150H, three defensive concentrations were fired at (YD 7[illegible]090), (YD 780090), and (YD 760110) when the ARVN outpost at HAM HOA came under a light attack. No surveillance was received.

I displaced four guns to (YD 859118) at 181530H to fire H&I missions. The battery returned to its primary position at 190730H.

At 1[illegible]00H, illumination was fired on 3 VC crossing route 1 at (YD 908122). No further contact was established.

The Battalion fired two observed and five unobserved missions in the vicinity of [illegible]orow (YD 849086) at 211500H in support of 3/4's Mobile Strike Force. Contact was not maintained.

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B Battery, 1/11 arrived at 211830H to relieve I, 3/12. I Battery departed position at 220615H.

During the day on 22 Dec, the Battalion fired on a reported VC company at (YD 987150). A subsequent sweep of the area yielded four hand grenades. At 1730H the AO adjusted M Battery on one VC at (YD 772080). Good effect on the area was reported.

W, 1/11 relieved W, 2/12 at 230600H.

During the morning of the 23d, Howtar and B Battery commanders were given an orientation of forward firing positions in the TAOR, and at 1300H, B displaced four guns to (YD 868113) and W four guns to (YD 859118). Ten observed missions were fired.

On 24 Dec the AO fired on five VC at (YD 971078). A possible secondary explosion was observed. At 0830H M displaced two guns to (YD 868113). Four observed missions were fired on suspected avenues of approach to the south of the TAOR.

On Christmas Eve, parties were held for the children in the refugee villages of DINH THU, PHAN DANG, and KE BANG. 242 families and 637 children attended.

At 242040H four rounds of illumination were fired for a CAC patrol engaged with two VC at (YD 910146). This was the last firing until the end of the cease fire on 26 Dec. Activities were resumed by firing 15 HW missions during the afternoon of the 26th.

The Howtar Battery displaced to (YD 868113) and B Battery to (YD 859118) during the morning of 27 Dec. An OP on Hill 93 (YD 865104) observed 12 missions in the south central portion of the TAOR.

W occupied a forward position with two guns at (YD 874108) at 280225H. The platoon fired four observed missions and two direct fire missions.

At 290416H CAC requested illumination at (YD 911146). Under illumination CAC engaged 4 VC with small arms fire and wounded one.

At 292158H illumination was fired for ARVN at (YD 897236) on VC activity. CAC requested and received illumination on a similar target at 292316H. No surveillance was received from either mission.

b. Artillery units providing support:
4th Battalion, 12th Marines:
Hq Battery 4/12: 1-31 Dec
M 4/12 : 1-31 Dec
I 3/12 : 1-22 Dec
W 2/12 : 1-23 Dec
B 1/11 : 22-31 Dec
W 1/11 : 23-31 Dec

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c. Naval ships providing naval gunfire support - None

d. Type and number of missions delivered:
Observed Neutralization: 165
Unobserved Neutralization: 57
Harrassing and Interdicting mission: 2424
Registration: 9
Time on Targets: 3
Illumination missions: 30
Precision Destructions: 1
Preparations: 1
Direct Fire Missions: 2
Demonstrations: 1

e. Ammunition Expended by type:

105mm:		107mm:		155mm:	
HE	- 3147	HE	- 864	HE	- 1039
WP	- 105	WP	- 211	WP	- 48
Ill	- 79	Ill	- 16	Ill	- 102
Smoke	- 66				
TOTAL	- 3357	TOTAL	- 1111	TOTAL	1189

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LOGISTICS

a. Supply. Supply functions have been normal and no difficulties have been encountered that would adversely affect the units capabilities.

b. Maintenance. A program of corrective maintenance necessitated by recent operations is nearing completion and a closely monitored preventive maintenance program has been initiated to cope with the climatic conditions of the area.

c. Food Services. Force Logistics Support Unit Two has provided ample quantities of provisions. A limited refrigeration capability exists at present due to one of the 100 cubic foot units being inoperative while awaiting mechanical repairs.

d. Cantonment and Camp Facilities development. The construction of strongbacks under TAM 1110-102 continues at a satisfactory pace. Completion of the five hundred (500) man mess hall is anticipated within twenty (20) days.

e. Transportation and Roads. There have been no significant modifications to the existing road system. Improvement of the helicopter landing site has been effected.

f. Fiscal. No fiscal fluctuations of import have been noted to date.

g. Water. Tests conducted on the unit's potable water at the point of consumption revealed it to be insufficiently chlorinated by current standards. Investigation revealed that a galvanized pipe leading from the water source at the Army 8th RRU had rusted and was allowing contaminating seepage. Utilization of batch chlorination processes at the water point has eliminated the problem temporarily. Materials for replacement of the water pipe have been requested and the services of the local Mobile Construction Battalion are anticipated with regards to installation.

h. Motor Transportation. No significant events have occurred within this area.

i. Embarkation. Debarkation from the ships comprising the Ready Amphibious Group was completed on 24 December 1965 after slight delays incurred as a result of climatic conditions. The debarkation was accomplished by utilization of both surface and air craft and was quite successful.

j. Hospitalization and Evacuation. No significant events have occurred. Adequate facilities appear to be provided by Company A, 3d Medical Battalion.

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Air Defense. None.

Combat Air Support

a. Aviation units providing support. HMM-161.

b. Significant events.

(1) Sequential listing of aircraft employed in CAS. None.

(2) Sequential listing of aircraft employed for other than CAS.

22 December - Two helicopters utilized for resupply of Hills 180 and 225. Two helicopters utilized for Troop Lift to Hills 180 and 225. Two helicopter utilized for Visual Reconnaissance of TAOR.

23 December - Two helicopters utilized for resupply of Hills 180 and 225.

25 December - No Aircraft utilized.

26 December - Two helicopters utilized for resupply of Hills 180 and 225. Two helicopters utilized for Administrative Flight to DeNang and Back.

27 December - Two helicopters utilized for resupply of Hills 180 and 225. Two helicopters utilized for Troop Lift for Aerial Patrol of TAOR.

28 December - Two helicopters utilized for Medical Evacuation for CAU-1.

29 December - Two helicopters utilized for resupply of Hills 180 and 225. Two helicopters utilized for Troop Lift to Hills 180 and 225. Two helicopters utilized for Troop Lift for Aerial Patrol.

30 December - No Aircraft utilized.

31 December - Two helicopters utilized for resupply of Hills 180 and 225.

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Medical and Dental Support

a. Names of Surgeons

(1) Bn Surgeon - LT Anthony O. COLBY, MC, USNR

(2) Ass't Bn Surgeon - LT Gerald M. BRENNOCK, MC, USNR

b. Significant events. The Battalion Aid Station assumed all medical functions in the facilities vacated by 3/4 on 23 December 1965. Medical supplies were broken out, emergency resuscitation made available and sterilization of instruments began.

c. Medical trends. 154 individual cases of diarrhea was treated during the reporting period. Laboratory results are incomplete at this time but both amoebic and bacillary dysentery are reported. Ice samples have been sent to Preventative Medicine Section "4" Med and DaNang. A progress report will be included in the next reporting period.

d. Number of battle casualties treated. Three.

e. Number of non-battle casualties treated. 366 men were treated at Battalion Aid Station during the reporting period.

f. Preventive medicine and Sanitation. Malaria prophylaxis tablets are taken weekly by each individual attached to this unit. Messing facilities are inspected daily. Particular attention is given to food preparation, sanitizing of utensils and general maintenance of the area. Cooks and messmen are inspected every other day and have had laboratory examinations for amoebic dysentery. Head and urinal facilities are policed twice daily. Hand washing facilities have been provided for each head. Three times weekly each head is limed, burned and an application of residual insecticide is applied. Heads and urinals are moved as necessary. Berthing spaces are inspected weekly to insure that perishable foods are not being stored or consumed in these spaces. Attention is given to maintenance and spacing of personnel. A sanitizing solution is furnished the barber shops to insure proper cleaning of combs, scissors and other instruments. All barbers have been instructed in the use of this solution. Barber shops are inspected three times a week. Erratic chlorine residual counts have been obtained from water procured from the Army water point. Therefore, the Engineer Platoon has erected a water point to insure a standard chlorine count is maintained. Hourly chlorine residual counts will be taken and the water point will be inspected daily. A substantial rodent population has been observed throughout the area. A crash program of poison baiting stations and live trap stations will be instituted. A progress report on this project will be included in the next reporting period. Good personal hygiene is being stressed to all hands.

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g. Civil Affairs medical support dispensed.

(1) Number treated. There were 294 civilians treated by personnel from B.A.S. for the period 22 December to 31 December 1965.

(2) Amount (by type) of medicine dispensed. Drugs dispensed from Medical C.A.P. supplies are as follows:

1 Bottle -Alcohol, U.S.P. 120cc.
1 Jar -Hydrocortisone Solution, U.S.P. 1%, 5 Gm.
1 Bottle -Hydrogen Peroxide Solution, U.S.P., 1 Lb.
1 Jar -Nitrofurazone Ointment, NF, Water soluble 1:500, 1 Lb.
4 Cakes -Soap surgical, 4 oz.
1 Pint -Thimerosal tincture, NF, 1 gal.
6 Tubes -Undecylenic Acid Ointment, compound, NF, 1 oz.
8 Bottles -Aspirin tablets, U.S.P. 5 Gr., 100's
2 Bottles -Aspirin, Phenacetin, and caffeine tablets, NF, 1000's.
1 Bottle -Codeine Sulfate Tablets, NF, 32 MG, 100's.
1 Bottle -Eugenol, U.S.P., 1 oz.
3 Bottles -Sodium Salicylate Tablets, U.S.P., 1000's.
4 Tubes -Lubucaine Ointment, 1%, 1 oz.
10 Bottles-Procaine Penicillin Injection, 1,500,000 units.
1 Bottle -Isoniazid Tablets, U.S.P. 100mg 100's.
10 Bottles-Water for injections, 5 cc, 25's.
1 Bottle -Erythromycin tablets, U.S.P. 0.25 Gm, 100's.
1 Package -Bandage, gauze, roller, 4" x 10 yds, 12's.
1 Pound -Cotton, purified, U.S.P. 1 Lb, 12" x 10's.
2 Each -Dressing first aid field, 7½" x 8".
2 Each -Dressing first aid field, 4 x 7",
4 Rolls -Adhesive Plaster, Surgical 3" x 5 yds.
6 Packages-Pad, gauze 4 x 4, 200's.
8 Packages-Pad, gauze 2 x 2, 100's.
4 Packages-Bandage, absorbent, adhesive, 100's.
10 Each -Syringe, Hypo, disposable with 25 gauge needle, 100's.
10 Each -Needle, Hypo, disposable, 20 gauge, 100's.
1 Each -Handle, surgical knife # 3.
2 Packages-Applicable, wood, cotton tipped, 100's.
1 Package -Finger Cut, surgical med, 12's.
2 Boxes -Depressor, tongue, wood, 100's.
1 Box -Bottle, dropper, 1 oz, 12's.
1 Box -Bottle, screw cap, prescription, 4 oz., 72's.
4 Packages-Envelope, drug dispensing, 100's.
4 Packages-Cetylpyridinium Chloride Lozenges, 400's.
1 Can -Glycyrrhiza and Opium compound Tablets, 1000's.
1 Gallon -Chlorpheniuramine Maleate Syrup, U.S.P., 1 Gal.
1 Package -Oxytetracycline-Polymxium B Opth. Ointment, 1/8 oz, 12's.
2 Cans -Diarrhea tablets.

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1 Bottle - Sodium Bicarbonate Tablets, U.S.P.
4 Cans - Deficiency tablets, 1000's.
12 Bottles - Octavitamin Drops, 30cc,
1 Bottle - Primaquine Phosphate Tablets, U.S.P. 1000's.
1 Bottle - Sulfadiazine Tablets, U.S.P. 1000's.
1 Bottle - Sulfisoxazole Tablets, U.S.P. 1000's.
1 Bottle - Trisulfapyridines Oral Suspension, U.S.P. 10%, 1 Pt.
1 Bottle - Acetyl Sulfisoxazole
2 Bottles - Piperazine Citrate Syrup, U.S.P., 1 Pt.
2 Bottles - Tetracycline Hydrochloride Tablets, U.S.P. 100's.

(3) Schooling conducted. No schooling was held during this period.

h. Problem areas. None encountered.

Chaplain Support

a Name of Chaplain. LT Thomas B. HANDLEY, CEC, USNR.

Chaplain Support. LT UZENZA, Catholic Chaplain, A Med conducts Mass each Sunday at the 2/1 Chapel. Confessions are heard prior to each mass.

b. Number of services conducted. There were five services conducted with two hundred and sixty in attendance.

c. Number of personnel receiving counseling. Four.

d. Significant activities.

(1) RADM. James KELLY, Chief of Chaplains, and Staff visited all commands at Hue Phu Bai. Admiral KELLY conducted worship services at HMM-161. Commander DANKOWSKI, Catholic Chaplain, a member of Admiral KELLY's Staff conducted services at the 2/1 Chapel.

(2) Distributed forty (40) Christmas presents and numerous letters from High School Students to Hue.

e. Facilities. Chapel facility with pulpit, pews and communion table are available.

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Civil Affairs/Military Government/Community Relations

a. Significant activities.

(1) During the reporting period daily sick calls were held in the villages of Thuy Phu (912118), Loc Bon (925104) and Thuy Tan (911149), Huong Thuy District, Thua Thien Province. Corpsmen assigned to the Combined Action Company personnel operating in these villages treated 611 Vietnamese.

(2) During the period 27 - 31 December the MedCap Team from B.A.S. 4th Battalion, 12th Marines treated 289 Vietnamese in the village of Phu Luong.

(3) On 26 December the contact team from "A" Company, Dental Detachment, 3rd Medical Battalion treated 94 patients at the Buddhist Orphanage in Hue.

(4) Marines and Popular Forces of the Combined Action Company in Loc Bon (925104) constructed a head to serve the village Headquarters complex. This project required approximately 16 man-hours to complete.

(5) On the night of 28 December one adult male Vietnamese was evacuated from Thuy Luong (882173) to "A" Company, 3rd Medical Battalion by helicopter. He was suffering from a strained hernia and could not be moved by vehicle. The patient under-went surgery and was held at "A" Med.

(5) On 29 December the Battalion Commander, accompanied by the Civil Affairs Officer, Civil Affairs Chief, Battalion Captain, and Combined Action Company Commander made a Liaison visit to Huong Thuy District Headquarters. A briefing was presented by Captain T.T.G, District Chief and sub-sector Commander, on the state of affairs in his district. The Battalion Commander then visited and made the acquaintance of the village chiefs of Thuy Phuong (881182), Thuy Luong (882174), Thuy Tan (911149), Thuy Phu (912118) and Loc Bon (925104).

b. Material Distributed. On 29 December the village Chief of Loc Bon (925104) distributed clothing to 35 needy families within his village. The Squad Leader of the Combined Action Squad stationed in Loc Bon spent two (2) days with the Chief planning the distribution and selecting the recipients.

c. Special Civic Action Projects. No special civic action projects were undertaken during this reporting period.

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d. Apparent Results of Civil Affairs Program. The attitude of villagers continues to be warm and friendly toward Marines. The villagers of Thuy Ten (911149) have demonstrated their good will by inviting the Combined Action Squad to a local wedding.

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