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PART I

ORGANIZATION DATE1. DESIGNATION.Battalion Landing Team 1/26

LtCol. G. C. KLIEFOTH

1-30 April 69

TASK ORGANIZATIONH&S Company (-) (Rein)

Capt. K. E. DAHLBERG

1-30 April 69

Det. Hq. Bn., 5th MarDiv

Det. Hq. Co., 26th Marines (Radio Relay)

Det. 15th Dent. Co., 9th MAB

Company A (Rein)

Capt. L. C. VETTER Jr.

1-30 April 69

Co. A

Det. H&S Co.

FO Team, Section, 81mm Mortars.

Det. Comm Plt.

Sect. 4, 106mm RR Plt.

3rd Squad, 2nd Section, Flame Plt.

Det. Med. Plt.

S-2 Scout

FO Team "A" Btry 1/13

Det. 1st Plt, Co A, 5th Engr Bn.

Det. 2nd Plt, Co A, 5th SP Bn. (HST)

Company C (Rein)

Capt. H. W. REED

1-30 April 69

Co. C

Det. H&S Co.

FO Team, Section, 81mm Mortars

Det. Comm Plt.

Det. Med. Plt.

S-2 Scout

FO Team, "A" Btry 1/13

Det. 1st Plt, Co A, 5th Engr Bn.

Sect. 1, 106mm RR Plt.

1st Squad, 1st Section, Flame Section

Det. 2nd Plt, Co A, 5th SP Bn. (HST)

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Company D (Rein)

Capt. W. W. MOORHEAD Jr. 1-30 April 69

Co. D
Det. H&S Co.

FO Team, Section, 81mm Mortars
Det. Comm Plt.
Sect. 2nd 106mm RR Plt.
2nd Squad, 1st Section, Flame Plt.

FO Team, "A" Btry 1/13
Det. 1st Plt, Co A, 5th Engr Bn.
Det. 2nd Plt, Co A, 5th SP Bn. (HST)

<u>81mm Mortar Plt. (-)</u>	Lt. D. E. WEIR	1-30 April 69
<u>106mm RR Plt. (-)</u>	Lt. S. D. BARKER	1-30 April 69
<u>"A" Btry 1/13 (-)</u>	Capt. J. S. CREEL Jr.	1-30 April 69
<u>"W" Btry 1/11</u>	Lt. C. A. BELLIS Jr.	1-30 April 69
<u>1st Plt, Co A, 5th Amtrac Bn. (Rein)</u>	Lt. J. T. BARTEE	1-30 April 69
<u>1st Plt, Co A, 5th AT Bn. (Rein)</u>	Lt. P. S. COURTIN	1-30 April 69
<u>1st Plt, Co A, 5th Engr Bn. (-)</u>	Lt. P. S. SHEA	1-30 April 69
<u>1st Plt, Co A, 5th MT Bn.</u>	Lt. L. P. MALINOWSKI	1-30 April 69
<u>1st Plt, Co A, 5th Recon Bn.</u>	Lt. W. R. COE	1-30 April 69
<u>2nd Plt, Co A, 5th SP Bn. (-) (Rein)</u>	Lt. J. E. QUINN	1-30 April 69
<u>1st Plt, Co A, 5th TK Bn. (Rein)</u>	Lt. J. E. VOSS	1-30 April 69
<u>1st Clearing Plt, Co D, 5th Med. Bn.</u>	Lt. G. E. HARP	1-30 April 69
<u>Det. A, BMU, NDC</u>	Lt/JG MEACHUM	1-30 April 69
<u>LSU</u>	Lt. W. DOMKE	1-30 April 69
<u>PLT Reserve</u>	Capt. H. W. REGAN	1-30 April 69

Co. D
Det. H&S Co.

FO Team, Section, 81mm Mortars.
Det. Comm Plt.
Det. Med. Plt.
S-2 Scout

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FO Team, A Btry, 1/13
 Det. 1st Plt, CL A, 5th Engr Bn.
 Sect. 3, 106mm RR Plt.
 4th Squad, Section 2, Flame Plt.
 Det. 2nd Plt, Cl A, 5th SP Bn. (HST)

2.. LOCATION: 1-25 April 69 - Vicinity North Northwestern DaNang, RVN. 25
 April 69 to 30 April 69 - Afloat aboard ARG shipping.

3. STAFF OFFICERS.

Executive Officer	Maj. D. B. TOWNSEND	1-30 April 69
S-1/Adjutant	1stLt. J. P. WILSON	1-30 April 69
Assistant S-1	2ndLt. J. C. HOOGERWERFF	1-30 April 69
S-2	1stLt. B.P. O'CONNOR	1-30 April 69
S-3	Maj. O. D. HOWE III	1-30 April 69
S-3A	1stLt. E. P. ARNOLDS-PATRON	1-30 April 69
S-4	1stLt. B. A. STEVENSON	1-30 April 69
S-5	1stLt. J. B. SHEA	1-25 April 69
Battalion Surgeon	Lt. T. R. GADACZ	1-30 April 69
Assistant Surgeon	Lt. T. C. HANCOCK	1-30 April 69
Battalion Chaplain	Lt. W. A. WILL	1-30 April 69

4. AVERAGE STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
63	1809	8	83

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. The month of April 1969 has been characterized by continued enemy movement into Kim Lien and the Quan Nams in an effort to procure rice. Attempts by the enemy to infiltrate through night ambushes into the villages resulted in thirty (30) enemy killed and the capture of four hundred and seventy-five (475) pounds of rice. The main contact of the month occurred on the night of 18 April and early morning of 19 April. 16-17 enemy were spotted crossing the Cu De River on a rice carrying mission. Ambushes from Company D, 1st Battalion, 26th Marines, fired on the enemy using small arms and 81mm Mortars. The action resulted in 11 NVA KIAs, three (3) VC KIAs, and one (1) POW. There were no Marine casualties. Twelve (12) packs, miscellaneous 782 gear, and three hundred (300) pounds of rice, along with assorted documents were captured. One (1) Marine was killed in action during the month of April.
2. On 17 April 1969, "Joint Operation", a joint cordon and search of Nam O Village and adjoining hamlets, involving 1st Battalion, 26th Marines (-), the Provisional Rifle Company of FLC, and a company of RFs, was conducted. The operation resulted in the capture of seven (7) VCS.
3. Along Highway 1, and in Hai Van Pass, NVA units have conducted a series of daylight attacks with small arms and RPG-2 launchers with the mission of harrassing and/or destroying bunkers along the road and to delay or halt allied convoys on Highway 1. Due to quick and accurate fire missions in the area of contact during each attack, efforts by the enemy have resulted in negative damage to the road or bunkers. Due to "B" Company's correct use of supporting arms, the manning of strategic bunkers, and intense patrolling, traffic along the road has not been delayed nor has any allied vehicle been damaged during April in the Hai Van area.
4. BLT 1st Battalion, 26th Marines embarked ARG shipping 25 April 1969.

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LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. MISSIONS/OPERATIONSa. Major Operations.

1st Battalion, 26th Marines participated in no major operations.

b. Command Relations.

1st Battalion, 26th Marines OPCON to 26th Marines during the month of April. 26th Marines CP located at AT 950769.

c. Combat Missions Assigned.

- (1) Conduct unilateral and combined offensive operations within assigned TAOR to locate and destroy enemy forces, bases and logistic installations with primary emphasis on those forces and bases which pose the greatest threat to GVN control of important population and economic centers and to the security of friendly military installations.
- (2) Deploy forces throughout assigned TAOR to provide security for National Route 1, vital areas and installations, emphasis on routes of approach to probable rocket/mortar launch positions, to include waterways.
- (3) Support the Revolutionary Development Program within assigned AO. Prepare specific reaction plans for each district headquarters and CAP in AO. Coordinate with ARVN forces as applicable.
- (4) In cooperation/coordination with ARVN and district headquarters conduct a continuous Special Pacification Offensive to upgrade designated hamlets within TAOR. Be prepared to continue these operations during the RVN Pacification and Reconstruction Program that commenced March 1969.
- (5) Be prepared to conduct offensive operations exterior to assigned TAOR on order.
- (6) Locate and interdict routes of infiltration in AO.
- (7) Provide security for engineer projects, the upgrading of National Route 1, and other critical roads within AO, with particular attention to vital bridges.
- (8) Be prepared to provide a company size reaction force to defend the LAAM Battery at Hai Van Pass.
- (9) Be prepared to provide a rifle company (-) (Rein) to CO, Base Defense Battalion (1st MP Bn) for employment in the DaNang area in connection with evacuation of noncombatants.
- (10) Provide security for Esso Plant (AT 935865).

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- (11) Provide security for bridges within assigned TAOR.
- (12) Perform inspections of top/high priority bridges.
- (13) Provide reaction force such as SPARROW HAWK or BALD EAGLE to include supporting arms support to counter enemy attack of railroads or security force within First MarDiv TAOR.
- (14) Coordinate tactical operations of Free World forces within AO.
- (15) Joint Operation Frag Order 15-69.
 - (a) 17 April 1969.
 - (1) Provide a joint Marine/RF cordon of NamO Village.
 - (2) Search NamO and adjoining hamlets.

d. Command Control.

The Battalion CP and rear were located at AT 938784 from 1 April 69 to 25 April 69. From 25 April 69 to 30 April 69 the Battalion CP and rear were embarked aboard the USS Okinawa.

e. Organic Operations.

Throughout the Battalion TAOR the following were conducted: 41 OP's, 270 daylight patrols, and 516 night ambushes.

f. NBC Warfare.

This Battalion was assigned an NBC NCO who inventoried all NBC equipment. All equipment needing repair was sent to 5th Echelon maintenance

2. INTELLIGENCE

a. Enemy Situation.

- (1) 1st Battalion, 26th Marines was employing its companies in strategic positions along the northern routes leading into DaNang. Enemy activity was limited to rice supplying missions in Quan Nam and Kim Lien villages. These supplies are used for units deployed north of DaNang in the high ground. The enemy this month, is concentrating in getting large rice supplies during the rice harvest season.
- (2) There was no significant change in the enemy situation at the end of the reporting period. Despite moderate casualties on three (3) separate rice missions, resulting in 20 enemy KIA's, the enemy still continued to gather its vital food supplies from the villages. Documents that were captured reveal that the same enemy units have remained in our area from the previous month and there are no indications of new units in our AO.

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b. Enemy Initiated Incidents/Actions

There were no enemy initiated incidents/actions in April except for the usual rice runs in Kim Lien and the Quan Nams.

On 19 April, 16-17 enemy were spotted crossing the Cu De River on a rice carrying mission. Ambushes from D Co. 1/26, fired on the enemy using small arms and 81mm mortars. The action resulted in 11 NVA KIAs, 3 VC KIAs, and 1 POW. 12 packs, miscellaneous 782 gear, and 300 pounds of rice, along with assorted documents were captured.

c. Enemy Losses.

- (1) During April, 1st Battalion, 26th Marines has accounted for 30 VC/NVA KIA's resulting from enemy contacts.
- (2) There were 2 POW's taken this month; one of which was a Chieu Hoi.
- (3) Approximately 475 pounds of rice and other food stuffs, 11 chicom grenades, and 22 packs were collected this month along with miscellaneous 782 gear, and clothing.
- (4) Enemy contacts during the month of April resulted in the capture of 9 automatic rifles; 8 of them were AK-47s, and one VZOR-58P Czechoslovakian rifle.
- (5) A cordon and search of Nam0 Village resulted in 7 detainees for this reporting period.

d. Enemy Trends.

During the rice harvest, the enemy has come in larger groups and more often to build up his rice supply. Also, the percentage of NVA killed on these missions has increased substantially.

e. Weather Conditions.

The weather has had little effect on enemy or friendly movement throughout the area of operation this month. The maximum temperature for the month of April was 98 degrees and the low was 64 degrees. The total amount of rainfall for the month was 0.57 in the DaNang area.

3. SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- a. 01 April 69 1st Battalion, 26th Marines became BLT 1st Battalion, 26th Marines in accordance with CTF 79 msg. 280205Z Feb 69 which was executed in accordance with CTF 79 msg. 290255Z Mar 69.
- b. 03 April 69 B-2 took sniper fire and 3 incoming chicom grenades, resulting in 1 Marine WIA.

Ref: 030015H Unit Journal.

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- c. 09 April 69 D1-2 sprung an ambush on 2 enemy, resulting in 2 NVA KIAs.
Ref: 092323H Unit Journal.
- d. 11 April 69 D1-3 apprehended 1 NVA Chieu Hoi.
Ref: 110650H Unit Journal.
- e. 11 April 69 B1 took 1 incoming RPG round which wounded 2 Marines.
Ref: 111500H Unit Journal.
- f. 11 April 69 D2-2 sprung an ambush on 7 enemy, resulting in 3 NVA KIAs, 2 Marine WIAs, and the capture of 1 AK-47 and 4 chicoms.
Ref: 111940H Unit Journal.
- g. 12 April 69 D1-3 took 1 incoming chicom which wounded 1 Marine.
Ref: 120250H Unit Journal.
- h. 12 April 69 A2-2 received one burst of automatic weapons fire resulting in 1 Marine KIA and 2 Marine WIAs.
Ref: 122225H Unit Journal.
- i. 12 April 69 A2-1 made contact with 15-20 enemy resulting in 1 Marine WIA.
Ref: 122330H Unit Journal.
- j. 15 April 69 CAP 283 opened fire on 15 enemy with small arms and 81mm HE resulting in 6 NVA KIAs and the capture of 1 AK-47 and 1 VZOR-58P.
Ref: 152050H Unit Journal.
- k. 17 April 69 BLT 1/26 held a cordon and search of NamO Ville, resulting in the capture of 7 VCS.
Ref: 1/26 Frag Order 15-69.
- l. 17 April 69 B1 took 1 incoming chicom grenade, resulting in 1 Marine WIA.
Ref: 171715H Unit Journal.
- m. 17 April 69 C3-2 fired on 1 enemy, resulting in 1 VC KIA, and the capture of 1 AK-47.
Ref: 172140H Unit Journal.

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- n. 18 April 69 D3-3 fired on 1 enemy, resulting in 1 VC KIA.
Ref: 182235H Unit Journal.
- o. 19 April 69 D1-2 fired small arms and 81mm mortars on 15 enemy in the Cu De River, resulting in 10 NVA KIAs, 2 VC KIAs, 1 NVA POW, and the capture of 2 AK-47s, 9 chi-coms, 1 M-26, and 300 pounds of rice and potatoes.
Ref: 190025H, 190335H Unit Journal.
- p. 19 April 69 C3-3 fired on suspected enemy movement resulting in 2 VC KIAs, and the capture of 2 AK-47s.
Ref: 191755H Unit Journal.
- q. 19 April 69 A3-3 fired small arms and claymores at 30 enemy, resulting in 2 VC KIAs, and the capture of 1 AK-47.
- r. 21 April 69 CAP 283 found 1 NVA KIA in Cu De River, believed to be the result of the Co D contact referenced in Spot Report 190335H.
Ref: 211600H Unit Journal.
- s. 22 April 69 The DaNang/Hue railroad tracks were blown in 3 places 15 meters apart. Negative enemy was sighted.
Ref: 220630H Unit Journal.
- t. 25 April 69 BLT 1st Battalion, 26th Marines embarked aboard ARG shipping.
Ref: CTG 76.4 msg. 190812Z April 69, BLT 1st Battalion, 26th Marines msg. 240030Z April 69.

4. FIRE SUPPORT

a. Fire Support Coordination.

(1) Direct Support Artillery.

- (a) During April, Alpha Battery 1st Bn., 13th Marines (Six-105 howitzers) along with Whiskey Battery, 1st Bn., 11th Marines, (four-4.2 inch mortars) fired in direct support of 1st Bn., 26th Marines. Fires included contact missions, harrassing fires, interdicting fires, intelligence missions, preparatory and withdrawal fires, illumination missions, rocket suppressions and counter-rocket fires. (Actual statistics and number of rounds expended are unavailable.)
- (b) On 25 April, Btry A/1/13 and Btry W/1/11 displaced afloat with BLT 1/26. During the scheduled float phase, all operations conducted by BLT 1/26 will receive artillery support

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with A/1/13 in direct support and W/1/11 reinforcing fires of Btry A.

(2) Naval Gunfire.

- (a) In the month of April 1st Bn., 26th Marines received one Naval Gunfire Liaison Team and two Spot Teams, consisting of one (1) officer (Navy) and eight (8) enlisted (Marines).
- (b) Due to the increasing amount of sniper and RPG fire in the Hai Van Pass area, it was deemed necessary to get some heavy ordnance for close support in the area. Destroyers were scheduled on a periodic basis to use 5 inch gun support. Although the gun damage assessment totaled only three secondary explosions, the definite decrease in sniper incidents proved Naval Gunfire successful.
- (c) During the Float phase, BLT 1/26 Naval Gunfire will deliver naval gunfire support using the liaison team with the Alpha Command Group and one Spot Team with each of the two assault Companies.

(3) 81mm Mortar Platoon (Organic).

- (a) The 81mm Mortar Plt. supported 1st Bn., 26th Marines during April, with two (2) guns in D/S of A Company at the Lien Chieu Esso Plant, two (2) guns in D/S of B Company at Hai Van Pass; and one gun in D/S of C Company at NamO Bridge; two (2) guns in D/S of D Company at Hill 190; one (1) gun in D/S of H&S Company at the Battalion CP.
- (b) The 61mm Plt. fired observed missions in support of activities illumination mission in support of night ambushes, harrassin fires, interdicting fires, and one (1) counter-rocket missile in the vicinity of Hill 190. (Detailed statistics are not available.)
- (4) General Support Artillery. 1st Bn., 26th Marines FSCC also requested and received general support during April. Mike Battery, 4th Bn., 11th Marines (S-x-155 Howitzers, SP) and 3rd 8 in Howitze Battery (Two-8 inch Howitzers SP) fired time-on-target missions, preparatory fires, "H&I" fires and counter-rocket fires for 1st Bn., 26th Marines. 3rd 175 Gun Battery (Two-175 guns) also fired in general support. (Statistics are unavailable.)

5. AIR SUPPORT

a. Units

During the month of April, the 1st MAW supported 1st Battalion, 26th Marines.

b. Missions

- (1) Resupply- 30 resupply missions totaling 87,477 pounds

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- (2) Close Air Support - 4 flights of fixed wing.
- (3) Troop lifts - 7 missions.
- (4) MED-EVAC - 7 missions.

6. PERSONNEL(a) Combat Losses.

WIA	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
EVAC	0	10
MINOR	0	5
KIA	0	1
MIA	0	0

(b) Non-Combat Losses.

Injured	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
EVAC	0	8
MINOR	0	2
Killed	0	0

(c) WIA's Returned to duty.

Six (6)

(d) R&R Trips - 121(e) Personnel Rotated (PCS) - 79(f) Replacements Received - 6-OFF 230-ENL7. ADMINISTRATION(a) Personnel Accounting.

On 21 April 1969 the Battalion S-1 along with all Company/Battery administrative sections, supply elements for the Battalion, moved aboard the USS Okinawa (LPH-3) as a part of the initial phase of embarking the BLT. Company/Battery administration remains in tact with close supervision from cognizant Battalion Staff. The entire administration of the Battalion is centrally located in order to expedite due process of administration.

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b. Awards.

- 4 - Navy Commendation Medals.
- 15 - Navy Achievement Medals.
- 8 - Purple Heart Awards.

c. Promotions.

- 6 to First Lieutenant.
- 2 to First Sergeant/Master Sergeant.
- 22 to Sergeant.
- 8 to Corporal.
- 103 to Lance Corporal.
- 4 to Private First Class.

d. Significant Events.

Fourteen Marines and one Corpsman were meritoriously promoted on 27 April for outstanding performance of duty on the 18th and 19th of April. Set in on an ambush sight, the Marines killed 11 NVA, 3 VC, and captured one POW without suffering any friendly casualties. Each Marine and Corpsman was personally decorated by CG, FMFPAC and promoted to next higher grade by CG, 9th MAB. (See Part IV number 3)

8. LOGISTICSa. Supply and Resupply.

Shortages of major items of equipment did not effect the operational capabilities of this battalion during the month of April.

b. Food/Water.

Hill 358, Radio Hill 124 were resupplied by helicopter and all other positions were resupplied by truck.

c. Maintenance.

1st Force Service Regiment (FSR) provided this unit with the necessary support in repairing deadlined combat essential equipment, and we are now in a state of C-1 Operational Readiness. Several other items have been turned in for 3rd and 4th Echelon repair at 1st FSR, and are expected to be completed in the immediate future.

d. Embarkation.

The battalion is embark ready.

e. Camp Facilities Development.

Ten new urinals were delivered to the BLT by the 1st Engineer Battalion and were installed in the NamO Bridge and Esso Plant areas. The attached engineers continued to install screening through-out the battalion rear living quarters. All discrepancies noted in the battalion area

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by preventive medicine inspections had been corrected prior to our withdrawal from the TAOR. The gates for NamO Bridge and Battalion rear defenses were delivered and partially erected by the attached engineers prior to our withdrawal. The remainder of the construction for the gates will be provided by the S-4 of 2nd Bn., 26th Marines.

9. NEW TECHNIQUES

Not applicable in this reporting period.

10. TRAINING

a. A total of sixty-five (65) newly joined personnel attended indoctrination class.

- (1) A total of sixty-one (61) personnel attended formal schools as follows:
 - (a) Officers embark - 1 - Camp Hansen, Okinawa.
 - (b) Enlisted embark - 1 - Camp Hansen, Okinawa.
 - (c) NCO Leadership School - 1 - Camp Hansen, Okinawa.
 - (d) Comm Sec. Crypto - 1 - Yokosuka, Japan.
 - (e) Basic Ammo Tech. - 1 - Camp Hansen, Okinawa.
 - (f) Basic Infantry Weapons Rep. - 1 - Camp Hansen, Okinawa.
 - (g) Improved Welding Course - 4 - Camp Butler, Okinawa.
 - (h) Land-Mine Warfare Booby-trap School - 49 - DaNang, RVN.
 - (i) Scuba School - 2 - Subic Bay, Philippines.
- (2) The above is in addition to the weekly training schedule which is being conducted on company level. A total of four (4) training handouts were distributed to the Companies.
- (3) From 16 April - 20 April 1969 a Marksmanship Demonstration of the M-60 Machine Gun and M-16 Rifle was conducted through-out the Companies AO's by an S-3 Contact Team. A total of approximately 550 personnel attended these classes.
- (4) From 25 April - 30 April 1969 the Battalion Embarked aboard ARG Shipping and continued training as required, these classes consisted of:
 - (a) Shipboard Life.
 - (b) Ship Drills.
 - (c) Helo Emplaning and Deplaning Drills.
 - (d) LVT Classes.
 - (e) Map Reading and Compass.
 - (f) Care and Cleaning of Weapons Daily.
 - (g) Medical Inspection of Battalion Personnel.
 - (h) Drug Abuse and V. D.

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11. CIVIC ACTION/PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

- a. During the reporting period the regularly scheduled med-caps were held and approximately 550 people were treated. Two hundred pounds of scap were distributed on the med-caps in an attempt to alleviate the large number of skin infection, minor eye and ear disorders, and assorted festering body sores which are all too common among the young children. Med-Caps and Psy-Ops activities were included in the cordon and searches of NamO (AT 938827), Xuan Duong (AT 937838), and Xuan Thieu (AT 938823) hamlets on 22 April 1969.
- b. Community improvement and public works projects which the Battalion was involved in during this period include construction of a market place at Kim Quien hamlet (AT 924856), and the repair and renovation of the Hoa Loc Elementary School (AT 898813).

PSYOPS ACTIVITIES.

- a. A total of 2,500 leaflets were distributed by hand throughout the Battalion TAOR and a total of 30 sorties were requested during the month. A mobile Psy-Ops HB Team was utilized during the cordon and search of NamO Xuan Duong by playing pre-recorded music and showing psyops movies and cartoons to the people in the detention camp. Aerial broadcasts and leaflet drops have continued to stress the Chieu Hoi/Hoi Chanh programs. VIP and weapons rewards and support of the GVN in such concentration areas as the Quan Nams (AT 910816), Kim Lien and the high ridge line in the vicinity of Hai Van Pass (AT 937915) continue to prove highly successful.
- b. A newly acquired Chieu Hoi agreed to make a broadcast tape and contribute to the production of a new leaflet both of which have been flown over suspected enemy base camps, harbor sites and staging areas in the Battalion AO.

12. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Radio. Prior to embark aboard ARG shipping, 1st Bn., 26th Marines used the command nets previously established for communication with higher headquarters. Upon arrival aboard ship a requirement for a TacLog Net was assigned to the Radio Section. Radios and power supplies were installed aboard the USS Okinawa, with Radio Operators assigned to four different ships to maintain the Battalion TacLog Net.
- b. Radio Relay. Negative.
- c. Wire. Negative.
- d. Maintenance/Supply. Aboard ship the Tech Shop has been set up in a somewhat limited area due to the lack of operating space within the entire Comm Section. However, even with this drawback, the Tech Shop performed 2nd Echelon maintenance on all radios within the Comm Plt. and various attachments.

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e. Significant Events.

During April, special emphasis was placed on proper message drafting procedures. An advance party from the message center boarded the USS Okinawa to make liaison with the SLF, Phibron Five, and the ships message center in order to establish and coordinate message handling procedures while aboard ship. Message center personnel are presently being cross-trained as radio operators so that they will be able to support the command on the TacLog Net during combat operations.

With all the radio equipment aboard ship, the remainder of the month was utilized to conduct a complete inventory of all equipment assigned to the radio section and the various attachments.

13. MEDICAL/DENTAL SUPPORTa. Medical.

(1) Location of the BAS: 1 April to 25 April 69 (Quang Nam Province)
25 April to 30 April 69 (USS Okinawa, LPH-3)

(2) Number of Doctors/Corpsmen: 02 Doctors
58 Corpsmen

(3) Casualties/Injuries treated:

- (a) Combat casualties - 17
- (b) Non-Combat injuries - 427
- (c) Routine Sick Call - 444

b. Dental.

(1) Location of Dental Clinic: 1 April to 30 April 69 (USS Okinawa)
(2) Number of personnel treated: 189

c. Significant Events.

(1) HM3 Whitman, Robert S. received meritorious promotion 26 April 69.

14. RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

a. Personnel. 1 Chaplain and 1 assistant.

b. Services Conducted.

- (1) Sunday: 11 Services Conducted; 308 attended.
- (2) Weekday: 21 Services Conducted; 411 attended.
- (3) Communion given: 221.
- (4) Memorial Services; 2 Services Conducted; 141 attended.

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c. Facilities. Not applicable.

d. Significant Events.

During the month of April a total of 64 boxes of books and miscellaneous gear was distributed to the troops. The Chaplain gave 3 orientation lectures to new arrivals reporting into the Battalion; wrote 3 letters of condolence to parents of KIA's in the Battalion, and replied to 9 letters of inquiry written to the Chaplain by parents of troops attached to the Battalion.

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