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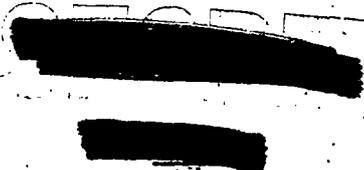
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 May to 31 May 1967

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S-4
Comm Officer
Supply Officer
Motor Transport Officer
Medical Officer
Chaplain

Capt M. A. KING (1-31May67)
Capt T. M. EARLY (1-31May67)
Capt G. A. RADNIECKI (1-31May67)
2dLt W. J. RUSSELL (1-31May67)
1st Lt J. F. IPPOLITTI (1-31May67)
Lt B. WATTIGNY (1-31May67)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

OTHER

USMC		USN		Off	Enl
Off	Enl	Off	Enl	0	0
36	1161	2	50		

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ENCLOSURE (1)

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONSCOMMANDER

3d Battalion, 26th Marines

LtCol K. L. HOCH (1-31May67)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company
 Company I
 Company K
 Company L
 Company M

Capt J. R. CLICKENER (1-31May66)
 Capt R. M. MALLARD (1-31May67)
 Capt W. R. WILPRETT (1-31May67)
 Capt F. D. BYNUM (1-31May67)
 Capt A. D. DEBONA (1-31May67)

ATTACHED UNITS

Company C, 1/26
 Company B, 1/26
 Company G, 2/9
 Reactionary Platoon
 H&SCo, 3d ATBn
 CAC Alpha
 CAC Hotel

Capt C. H. DENNIS (3-4May67)
 Capt J. P. CONNELL (8-12May67)
 Capt R. W. MCGOWAN (15-31May67)
 1stLt A. W. HOOFF (13-20May67)
 Capt J. K. HALL (1-28May67)
 1stLt P. D. HAINES (29-31May67)
 1stLt L. D. RICHARDS (1-31May)

2. For matters pertaining to the defense of the Phu Bai vital area perimeter and Gia Le Encampment area, the following units fell under the operational control of the battalion.

MAG-16
 EqBn
 3dMTBn
 MCB-62
 4thBn, 12thMar
 H&S 2/9
 H&S 2/4, 2/26
 FLSG-A
 D/1/44
 3d Engr Bn

Sector Commanders as designated.
 (1-31May67)

(1-31May67)

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer
 S-1/Adjutant
 Personnel Officer
 S-2
 S-3

Maj W. J. WOODRING JR. (1-29May67)
 Maj W. E. FOGO (30-31May67)
 2dLt R. D. SPENCER (1-31May67)
 2dLt E. L. KNOX (1-31May67)
 1stLt T. A. BAILEY (1-31May67)
 Maj W. J. WOODRING JR. (1-29May67)
 Maj W. E. FOGO (30-31May67)
 Capt C. O. REYNOLDS JR. (1-31May67)

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

At the beginning of May 1967, the 3d Battalion, 26th Marines held responsibility for the PHU BAI Vital Area TACR, the mission it had assumed on 9 March 1967. The material covered in this part of the Command Chronology, is a continuation of Part II, Narrative Summary to the 3d Battalion, 26th Marines Command Chronology for the period 1 April-30 April 1967.

1 May 1967

At 010001H, Co I was operating in the PHU LOC and TRUOI Areas, and Co K was conducting Operation Golden Fleece I in the southern portion of HUONG THUY District and the eastern portion of PHU LOC District. L-1 was on the Sparrow Hawk/Rough Rider Reserve, L-2 was providing security for engineers in the NAM HOA area, L-3 was on the Sparrow Hawk/Rough Rider Reserve, and provided one sqd for the mine-sweep from CAC-H8 to CAC-H5. M-1 was on the Sparrow Hawk/Rough Rider Reserve, M-2 relieved M-3 as Sparrow Hawk at 0800H, and M-3 assumed the Sparrow Hawk/Rough Rider Reserve. The 106 plt was manning combat outposts on Hill 180 and Hill 230 and a portion of Sector F on the Vital Area Perimeter. The 81mm Mortar plt provided squads for Hill 180, Hill 230, the airstrip and Colco Beach; and sections for Co I, Co K, and the Vital Area Perimeter. D/1/44 remained in direct support of 3/26 with 4 M-55's and 10 M-42's.

At 0115H, 81mm mortar section vic (YD 884131) fired mission on 2 flashing lights vic (YD 895105) lights were extinguished.

At 0920H, the Sparrow Hawk (M-2) was activated in order to provide security for a downed helicopter in the BIG HORN AO. The Sparrow Hawk was launched at 0945H and inserted vic (YD 355318) at 1010H. Extraction began at 1200H, the Sparrow Hawk returned to PHU BAI at 1245H.

At 1000H, minesweep truck for which L-3C was providing security detonated a mine vic (ZD 119015) resulting in 2 USMC WIA.

At 1130H, minesweep for which L-3C was providing security detonated a mine vic (ZD 119015), damaging the right front of the truck.

At 1350H, H&S patrol found a bamboo marker pointing to airstrip vic (YD 837113). This was the same area as enemy mortar positions of 28 April.

At 1830H, CAC-A requested an emergency medevac of a 61 year old VN female shot in the face vic (YD 877144). Medevac completed at 1900H.

At 2025H, an AO searching for possible enemy rocket sites received SAF from a sampan vic (YD 955122). AO returned fire with unknown results.

At 2200H, MAG-16 reported that an aircraft heading east after takeoff received 5 or 6 tracer rounds from vic (YD 906147).

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At 2220H, K-1 patrol received 10 rounds SAF from an estimated 10 VC vic (YD 960085). Returned 20 rounds SAF, 1 M-26 grenade, 3 rounds 81mm illumination. Searched area with negative results.

During the 24-hour period, two mines were blown in place of (ZD 127013), one electrical detonating mine vic (ZD 121015) was returned to CP, three mines vic (ZD 175012), two mines vic (AT 864996) were destroyed, one at (ZD 127013) and two at (ZD 127013) weighing 10-20 lbs each, box-type, electrically fired, of non-U.S. material, were delivered to 3/26 CP.

2 May 1967

Co M relieved Co I as operating company in BEU LOC/TRUOI area at 0900, and Co I assumed Sparrow Hawk/Rough Rider Reserve. L-3 provided one squad for minesweep from CAC-H8 to CAC-H5. All other units continued with assigned missions.

At 2145H, 106 plt on Hill 230 vic (YD 849086) called artillery on lights vic (YD 876085). Lights extinguished.

3 May 1967

I-1 squad provided security for minesweep from CAC-H8 to CAC-H5. I-3 relieved L-1 as Sparrow Hawk at 0800H, and L-1 assumed Sparrow Hawk/Rough Rider Reserve. L-3 was attached to Co K and joined Operation Golden Fleece I. C/1/26 chopped Operational Control to 3/26 and assumed role of Reserve Company. All other units continued with assigned missions.

From 1824 to 1840H, 3/26 fired 100 rds 105, 155, and 8" vic (YD 945030) where villagers and hamlet chief of THON NAM BHO CAN reported to Chieu Hoi team that there were 100 VC who had been there for three days and come into village at night to harass villagers. AO was unable to observe results because of canopy.

At 1915H, M-1A engaged 10-15 VC vic (ZG 156976) while moving to ambush site. VC wore packs and helmets and opened fire with automatic weapons. M-1A returned SAF and M-79 and VC broke contact. M-1B joined M-1A and called artillery mission. M-1A suffered 3 USMC WIA. Search of area revealed no evidence of enemy casualties.

At 032030H, CAC-H5 patrol vic (ZD 082008) was ambushed by approximately 10 VC who fired 200 rds SAF from rifles and from 2 BAR's. Patrol returned 400 rds 5.56mm, 300 rds 7.62, 12 rds M-79, and 10 M-26 grenades and VC fled NW. Area searched with negative results.

At 2320H, 11th Engineers vic (YD 828149) fired 5 rds SAF at 2 persons vic (YD 828148) who fled from perimeter wire when they were challenged.

4 May 1967

I-1 squad provided security for minesweep from CAC-H8 to CAC-H5. C/1/26 departed for Khe Sanh, at 1230H. All other units continued with assigned missions.

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At 0200H, an unknown number of VC armed with mortars and 57mm recoilless rifles penetrated defensive lines of PF's defending bridge vic (ZD 153301) and destroyed bridge by floating explosives down river. VC broke contact at 0400H.

At 0215H, CAC-H6 received 7 rds 60mm mortar near their compound and 5 rds SAF. CAC-H6 returned 1 LAAW at area where mortar flash was observed vic (ZD 132000), with unknown results.

At 0245H, CAC-H vic (ZD 096008) received 8-12 rds 60mm mortar and approximately 400 rds SAF from a force estimated to have been larger than a VC platoon. CAC-H6 immediately moved to defensive positions and fired 300 rds SAF at targets of opportunity. VC broke contact at 0302H, and apparently fled south. One female civilian shot through the abdomen was medevaced at 0455H.

At 0630H, M-2 patrol vic (ZD 046014) fired 15 rds SAF at 6 VC vic (ZD 046013). VC broke contact. No casualties.

5 May 1967

I-1 relieved I-3 as Sparrow Hawk at 0300H, and I-3 assumed Sparrow Hawk/Rough Rider Reserve. L-1 squad provided security for minesweep from CAC-H8 to CAC-H5. All other units continued with assigned missions.

At 0630, M-3 apprehended 1 20 year old male detainee who was crossing rice paddy vic (ZD 066007). Detainee did not have an ID card and was delivered to CAC-H3 for identification. PF's identified detainee and man was released.

At 0815H, CAC-A6 reported that civilians were evacuating LOI NONG and moving to HUE because a large force of VC had moved into the area and the ARVN'S were conducting an operation vic (YD 8293319).

At 1005H, Co K completed a sweep of grid squares (YD 9504, 9505 and 9605). CTT team screened 44 detainees, 4 of whom were taken to PHU LOC, and 1 to PHU BAI. Remainder were released.

At 1325H, Co M suffered 1 USMC WIA when a man tripped a Chi Com anti-personnel mine with an instantaneous fuze vic (ZD 066007). Mine was set above ground level in some bushes with a vine stretched across trail as a trip wire.

At 1730H, Co M fired 300 rds SAF at 4 VC with packs and rifles vic (ZD 060993). Observed 2 VC fall. Search of area revealed poncho and a bag of rifle-cleaning gear, but no bodies. 1 VC KIA (P).

At 1755H, CAC-A6 patrol vic (YD 829175) fired 15 rds SAF at 2 VC moving west along trail vic (YD 820168). VC fled southeast without returning fire. One wore black uniform, other wore khaki uniform and both carried carbines.

At 1950H, 131st Aviation Company sighted 100 boats vic (ZD 120125), 50 boats vic (ZD 128090), and 50 boats vic (ZD 055185).

At 2100H, Co K reported that PF's on bridge vic (YD 975054) were in contact with an unknown number of enemy. Co K fired illumination.

At 2100H, CAC-A reported finding 3 prepared mortar positions vic (YD 902154). The S-3 requested an on-call artillery concentration at this location.

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At 2100H, Co K called 81's and 155's on area vic (YD 987054) in which an ARVN advisor reported a platoon of VC with a section of machineguns was located. Good coverage, unknown results.

At 2355H, 11th Engineers vic (YD 832147) fired illumination at suspected enemy movement in wire with negative results. At 0015H, LP observed VC in wire and attempted to attack with bayonet but lost contact. Received short burst of AWF and returned 3 rds SAF. No casualties.

6 May 1967

L-1 squad provided security for minesweep from CAC-H8 to CAC-H5. All other units continued with assigned missions.

At 1955H, K-3 vic (YD 955085) apprehended 100 VN detainees. ~~Area~~ ~~is~~ ~~prohibited~~ ~~areas~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~area~~ ~~is~~ ~~suspected~~ ~~VC~~ ~~influence.~~

At 2035H, Co M vic (ZD 073012) fired 8 rds 81mm H.E., 2 rds illum at lights reported by PF's to be flashing out of mountains west of Hwy #1 vic (ZD 066006). Negative results.

At 2045H, Co K detained a farmer vic (YD 914136). Man said his VC son would be returning home during night. Delivered to CAC-A3 for further interrogation.

At 2130H, 131st Aviation Company reported 200 boats vic (ZD 102150) and 75 boats 3-4 miles north of that position.

7 May 1967

I-1 relieved I-2 as Sparrow Hawk, and I-2 assumed Sparrow Hawk/Rough Rider Reserve. I-3 squad provided security for minesweep from CAC-H8 to CAC-H5. All other units continued with assigned missions.

At 0015H, Co K reported that CAC-H2 ambush vic (YD 944071) fired 450 rds SAF, 600 rds MG, 20 rds M-79, and 15 rds 81 illum at 50 VC who fled south without returning fire. VC wore khaki and black uniforms, bamboo hats, and NVA helmets, but no weapons were observed. Preliminary search of area revealed bamboo hats and 1 NVA helmet. Subsequent search at 1400H, revealed large assortment of VC clothing, rice, web gear, 1 Chi Com grenade, and 2 K-50 magazines.

At 1145H, C Battery patrol reported following information: 3 mortar positions vic (YD 881119) and many duds to the south; 2 mortar positions with aiming stakes and scraps of paper with numbers and VN words vic (YD 881115); 1 grave in heavy brush vic (YD 890116); 1 M-79 rd vic (YD 889121). Aiming stakes and papers delivered to 3/26 CP. H&I fires were fired on mortar positions during night.

At 1910H, villagers reported to CAC-H8 and K-1 that one platoon of VC kidnapped NGUYEN-THINY from village vic (YD 967028) at approximately 1400H.

At 2045H, Co K vic (YD 965060) found a booby trapped Chi Com grenade. While patrol was destroying grenade, rear of patrol fired 150 rds SAF and 5 rds M-79 at 3 VC wearing khaki uniforms and carrying rifles hiding behind a water buffalo vic (YD 965057). Search of area following morning revealed 1 dead water buffalo and 2 blood trails leading away from position. 2 VC KIA (P).

8 May 1967

I-2 squad provided security for minesweep from CAC-H8 to CAC-H5. B/1/26 chopped Operational Control to 3/26 at 1745H, and provided back-up Reaction Force for IHU BAI perimeter. All other units continued with assigned missions.

At 2015H, M-2 vic (ZD 041024) fired 14 rds 81mm H.E. at lights flashing on hillside vic (ZD 051014). Results unknown.

At 2145H, K-2 ambush vic (YD 908104) had 6 VC approach position and begin speaking to Marines, thinking they were VC. A marine said something in English and VC fled. Ambush fired on VC, killing one. Captured cartridge belt, canteen, pack, and civilian clothing. 1 VC KIA (C).

9 May 1967

I-3 relieved I-1 as Sparrow Hawk at 0800H, and I-1 assumed Sparrow Hawk/Rough Rider Reserve. I-2 squad provided security for minesweep from CAC-H8 to CAC-H5. All other units continued with assigned missions.

At 1145H, M-3 fired 6 rds 81mm H.E. and 8 rds VT fuze at 40 VC with rifles moving south in open vic (ZC 078997). AO arrived on station at 1155H, but could not observe VC.

At 2015H, a Vietnamese was killed by an unknown type of explosive device inside of house vic (ZD 084006). Possibly a mine he was working on.

At 2040H, K-3 reported PF's at bridge vic (YD 967062) were under attack. Ten VC attacked, then broke contact and fled. Area searched with negative results.

At 2345H, CAC-H7 reported that one platoon of VC attacked the bridge vic (AU 808009) with 1 machinegun and satchel charge. ARVN's at bridge drove VC off with SAF. No damage was done to bridge.

At 2345H, K-2 ambush vic (YD 903117) fired 25 rds 5.56mm and 3 rds 60mm illum at 2 VC vic (YD 904117). VC fled in unknown direction. Area searched with negative results.

10 May 1967

I-1 squad provided security for minesweep from CAC-H8 to CAC-H5. I-1 relieved I-2 as security for engineers in NAM HOA area at 1400H, and I-2 assumed Sparrow Hawk/Rough Rider Reserve. All other units continued with assigned missions.

At 1011H, CAC-H vic (ZD 201011) reported that 2 VC assassinated the village chief at (ZD 202009). Villagers who observed incident reported it to CAC-H7 which sent a squad in pursuit of VC.

At 1850H, M-1 patrol vic (ZC 156995) spotted 8 VC with weapons and wearing utilities vic (ZC 153994). VC observed patrol and fled. M-1 called artillery on VC with unknown results.

11 May 1967

I-1 squad provided security for minesweep from CAC-H8 to CAC-H5. I-2 relieved I-3 as Sparrow Hawk at 0800H, and I-3 assumed Sparrow Hawk/Rough Rider Reserve. All other units continued with assigned missions.

12 May 1967

I-1 relieved I-2 as Sparrow Hawk at 0300H, and I-2 moved to HHU LOC Area. I-3 moved to HHU LOC Area at 0900H, I-1 was relieved of Sparrow Hawk at 1400H and moved to HHU LOC Area at 1400H. L-2 squad provided security for minesweep from CAC-H8 to CAC-H5. Co M returned from HHU LOC at 1000H. M-1 and M-3 assumed Sparrow Hawk/Rough Rider Reserve and M-2 relieved I-2 as Sparrow Hawk at 1400H. B/1/26 chopped Operational Control to 3/26. All other units continued with assigned operations.

At 0815H, CAC-A reported that a Vietnamese policeman was stopped by 3 VC who came out of rice paddy and stabbed him. VC fled and policeman fired 5 rds SAF with negative results.

At 2134H, Co K patrol fired SAF into an unknown number of VC moving south across a railroad bridge vic (YD 945068). Search at first light revealed 1 VC KIA (C), 1 wounded PW/VC, and numerous blood trails. PW was medevaced to A-Med.

13 May 1967

L-3 returned from Operation Golden Fleece I at 0800H, and moved to NAM HOA Area with L-2 and Co CP to join I-1. M-1 squad provided security for minesweep from CAC-H8 to CAC-H5. Reaction Plt, H&S Company, 3d AT Bn chopped Operational Control to 3/26 at 1700H, and assumed Sparrow Hawk/Rough Rider Reserve. All other units continued with assigned missions.

At 1000H, MCB-62 reported 3 Vietnamese children detonated a booby trap vic (YD 905134). One child was killed, the other two were evacuated to A-Med under the personal supervision of the 3/26 S-3.

At 2030H, K-3 fired 3 rds 5.56mm at 1 VC near house vic (YD 960 D41). VC dropped gear and fled. K-3 recovered 1 hammock, 1 plastic sheet, 1 Chi Com first aid packet.

At 2115H, K-3 fired 40 rds 5.56mm and 1 M-79 at 2 armed VC moving north on Truoi river vic (YD 961041).

14 May 1967

M-3 relieved M-2 as Sparrow Hawk at 1000H, and M-2 assumed Sparrow Hawk/Rough Rider Reserve. Reaction Plt/3d AT Bn provided one squad as security for minesweep from CAC-H8 to CAC-H5 and conducted security patrol to northwest side of perimeter. All other units continued with assigned missions.

At 0820H, CAC-A6 patrol received 60 rds SAF from an unknown number of VC vic (YD 832197). Patrol entered treeline and returned 300 rds SAF and 4 rds M-79. Patrol left treeline and drew more fire. VC returned 300 rds SAF and VC fled. No casualties.

At 0900H, I-2 detonated a booby-trapped M-26 grenade while checking out trail vic (ZD 112001), 1 USMC WIA.

At 1300H, CAC-A2 patrol vic (YD 936142) received 6-10 rds SAF from vic (YD 934145) while entering village. Patrol proceeded through village without incident and spotted a VC ambush in the treeline on the other side of the village.

Patrol fired on ambush from range of 300 meters. VC returned fire briefly, then broke contact and fled. Patrol continued sweep and observed two groups of 20 and 14 VC and several smaller groups moving NE. Pursued by fire and observed 7-10 VC hit and fall. Patrol stopped to regroup. PF leader withdrew men because of district boundaries so patrol returned to CP. VC fired 70 rds SAF, CAC-A2 fired 150. 7 VC KIA (P).

At 2050H, CAC-A6 patrol fired 20 rds SAF and 1 M-26 grenade at a man who fled SW from a yard, vic (YD 827177) when a PF who recognized him as a VC approached him for questioning.

15 May 1967

Co L returned from NAM HOA Area at 1500H, and assumed Sparrow Hawk/Rough Rider Reserve. G/2/9 chopped Operational Control to 3/26 at 1115H and relieved Co L as operating company in NAM HOA Area. 3d AT plt squads provided security for minesweep from CAC-H8 to H5 and conducted security patrol northwest of perimeter. All other units continued with assigned missions.

At 0915H, Co K reported that minesweep for which 3d AT squad was providing security detonated a mine vic (ZD 003037), resulting in 14 WIA's, one of which died aboard the Repose. Another mine was blown in place at the same coordinates.

At 1538H, 3d Engr Bn vic (YD 841145) received 3 rds SAF from vic (YD 841115) and returned 20 rds SAF. Patrol dispatched to area to investigate received 3 rds SAF at 1550H, and 2 rds SAF at 1610H. Search revealed several holes in area.

16 May 1967

Co L (-) assumed mission of operating company in TRUOI Area at 1000H. L-3 provided security for Rough Rider to DONG HA. M-1 relieved M-3 as Sparrow Hawk at 1000H, and M-3 assumed Sparrow Hawk/Rough Rider Reserve. 3d AT plt provided squads for minesweep from CAC-H8 to CAC-H5 and for security of Rough Rider to DONG HA. All other units continued with assigned missions.

17 May 1967

At 1100H, Co I (-) departed PHU LOC Area to conduct operations in the TRUOI/GIA LE Area. L-3 provided security for return of Rough Rider from DONG HA. 3d AT plt squads provided security for Rough Rider's return from DONG HA and for minesweep from CAC-H8 to CAC-H5, and conducted security patrols in Vital Area. All other units continued assigned missions.

At 1600H, CAC-H5 reported that PF's vic (ZC 087994) fired 20 rds M-1 and 3 rds M-79 at 3 VC vic (ZC 087992). VC fled SE without returning fire. PF plt Sgt felt VC were scouts for a larger force.

At 1720H, CAC-A7 patrol vic (YD 825198) fired 10 rds SAF and 3 M-79 rds at 25-30 armed VC vic (YD 829197). VC withdrew into village without returning fire.

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At 1810H, Co L fired 27 rds 155 Howdzer at source of smoke vic (YD 891020) which appeared to be enemy camp. Good coverage of target.

At 2010H, Co K patrol was crossing a bridge vic (YD 953071). Rear security fired 20 rds SAF at 1 VC observed near pagoda and 4-6 other VC returned approximately 100 rds SAF from pagoda and adjoining paddy dike. Patrol returned 500 rds SAF and 21 rds M-79. VC fled south into village and patrol returned to CP to medevac wounded. Results: 2 USMC WIA.

At 2015H, Co K ambush (YD 950093) fired on 14 VC moving west vic (YD 950082), resulting in 1 VC KIA (C), 1 VC KIA (P), and 1 wpm captured (AKC-47).

At 2055H, Co G ambush received 50-60 rds SAF from an estimated 2 VC with automatic weapons while moving into ambush position. Patrol returned 100 rds 7.62 and 100 rds 5.56 and swept area with negative results.

At 2110H, Co K patrol vic (YD 915108) received 60-80 rds AWF from 3 VC who were setting a Claymore mine on patrol route. Patrol returned 150-200 rds SAF, 2 rds M-79, and M-26 grenades. Enemy broke contact and fled west. Search of area revealed 1 U.S. Claymore, 2 blocks TNT, 2 electric fuses, 1 non-electric blasting cap, 1 HRC-10 battery, and 1 Chi Com grenade.

19 May 1967

M-1 squad provided security for minesweep from CAC-H8 to CAC-H5. 3d AF Plt provided security for Rough Rider to DONG HA. All other units continued with assigned missions.

At 1000H, CAC-H7 reported that a truck detonated a mine underneath bridge vic (AU 814009). Believed to be command detonated, but type of mine unknown. One ARVN and 3 civilians were killed and the bridge was collapsed.

At 1100H, Co L detonated 2 booby trapped Chi Com grenades vic (YD 897005), resulting in 3 USMC WIA. Also found 2 others at same location. Two were wrapped in plastic and activated by wire from C-Ration case, other two were activated by comm wire stretched across road.

At 1559H, a civilian truck detonated a mine vic (ZD 032026). No casualties.

At 1715H, I-33 received 2 rds SAF from vic (YD 884064). Returned 2 rds 60mm mortar with unknown results.

At 1910H, Co I called artillery on 3 VC vic (YD 884062). VC fled into streambed. No further surveillance.

At 2230H, CAC-H4 ambush fired 120 rds .30 cal, 80 rds 5.56mm on 3 VC vic (ZD 034027). VC fled west. Area searched with negative results.

~~SECRET~~ 20 May 1967

M-1 squad provided security for minesweep from CAC-H8 to CAC-H5. M-3 relieved M-2 as Sparrow Hawk at 0830H, and M-2 assumed Sparrow Hawk Rough Rider Reserve. All other units continued with assigned missions.

At 1330H, CAC-H5 patrol fired 200 rds 5.56mm, 10 grenades, 16 rds .45 cal at 4 VC coming out of house vic (ZD 088008). Results: USMC: 4 WIA; ENEMY: 3 KIA (C), 1 PW/VC, 3 wpms captured (all AK-47's).

At 2210H, CAC-H6 patrol fired 15 rds 5.56mm at 4 VC vic (ZD 152005). Patrol searched area with negative results.

21 May 1967

M-2 squad provided security for minesweep from CAC-H8 to CAC-H5. All other units continued with assigned missions.

At 1955H, I-3 vic (YD 877063) called artillery on 2 VC vic (YD 878065). Good coverage of area, unknown results.

At 2315H, Co Y patrol vic (YD 908108) received 75 rds carbine fire from 3 VC in treeline. Co K returned 150 rds 5.56mm, 1 M-26 and 3 M-79 rds. Patrol searched area with negative results.

22 May 1967

Co I (-) returned from TRUOI area at 1900H, and assumed Sparrow Hawk/Rough Rider Reserve. M-1 relieved M-3 as Sparrow Hawk at 0830H, and -3 assumed Sparrow Hawk/Rough Rider Reserve. M-2 squad provided security for minesweep from CAC-H8 to CAC-H5. All other units continued with assigned missions.

At 0010H, 3d AT Bn patrol challenged 3 persons in bushes vic (YD 818155). Fired 15-20 rds SAF when no reply was received. Patrol searched area with negative results.

At 1650H, G-3 discovered several natural caves vic (YD 734134) that had recently been inhabited by VC. Caves contained large amounts of cut wood, clothing, and rice. Also found Chieu Hoi pamphlets. Destroyed most material and returned some to CP.

23 May 1967

I-3 provided security for Rough Rider to DONG HA. M-3 squad provided security for minesweep from CAC-H8 to CAC-H5. All other units continued with assigned missions.

At 0830H, minesweep for which M-3 squad was providing security detonated an unknown type of mine vic (YD 010030) resulting in 1 USMC KIA, 7 USMC WIA.

At 2030H, G-1 patrol received 30-50 rds from an estimated 1 auto and 2 semi auto weapons while moving into ambush vic (YD 749149). Patrol received 2 USMC WIA and returned SAF and M-60 fire with unknown results. VC fled NW.

24 May 1967

I-2 squad provided security for minesweep from CAC-H8 to H5. I-3 continued as security for DONG HA-CAM LO Rough Rider. Co M (-) began operations in BEN TAU Area at 1100H. All other units continued with assigned missions.

At 0100H, CAC-H4 patrol received SAF from 9 VC while setting up ambush vic (ZD 010030). Patrol returned SAF and observed 4 VC fall remaining VC fled in unknown direction. Search of area revealed drag marks where bodies had been dragged off. Patrol set up an ambush and fired on 2 VC it had observed while searching area. Continued search with no further results, 4 VC KIA (P).

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At 0910H, Co L vic (YD 922003) received SAF from 3 VC who immediately broke contact and fled. Search of area revealed 1 Chi Com grenade and 1 Russian AT mine leaning against a tree 2 feet off trail. Destroyed both in place.

At 1145H, Co M made contact with an unknown number of VC vic (YD 902000). Company suffered 3 USMC WIA when it detonated a booby trapped Chi Com grenade. Also destroyed 1 AT mine vic (ZD 089010).

At 1150H, Co L made contact with an unknown number of VC with automatic weapons vic (YD 924005), resulting in 1 USMC WIA. Co L returned fire and VC temporarily broke contact, but when medevac helicopter came in, approximately 3 VC took it under fire. Co L returned fire and VC fled. Chi Com AT mine found in the area was destroyed.

At 1420H, Co L found building pole frame covered with leaves 20' by 12' by 15' vic (YD 915000). Found 2 bunkers complexes and 3 huts, all of which had been recently used, vic (YD 920000). Found 14 huts with underground bunkers vic (YD 932993) with cooking and living area. All structures were destroyed.

At 1450H, the Sparrow Hawk (M-1) was alerted to provide security for a downed helicopter. The Sparrow Hawk was launched at 1420H, and landed vic (YD 922112). After removing papers and maps from the downed helicopter the Sparrow Hawk was extracted at 1455H, and K-2 and CAC-H1 provided security until it was recovered.

At 1500H, USMC vehicles travelling north received 5 rds SAF vic (YD 741146). Returned 20 rds 5.56mm with unknown results.

At 1545H, Co M detonated a booby-trapped Chi Com grenade vic (YD 881994) resulting in 1 USMC WIA.

At 1725H, CAC-A recovered a Chi Com grenade vic (YD 913107) that a villager from PHU BAI II had reported as being booby trapped. Trip wire had not been rigged to grenade.

At 1735H, Co L fired on 1 VC walking down trail with rifle over shoulder vic (YD 9399). Search of area revealed fresh blood.

At 1950H, Co M patrol found a cave vic (YD 899005). Cave was destroyed the following morning.

At 2000H, a RF was killed when an M-26 grenade he was attempting to rig as a booby-trap exploded vic (ZD 075010).

At 2230H, an RD ambush vic (YD 814186) fired on 25 VC vic (YD 814188). VC returned fire with rifles, 2 BAR's, and 1 60mm mortar. VC broke contact and fled north.

25 May 1967

Co K squad provided security for minesweep from CAC-H8 to CAC-H5. Co L and Co M (-) continued to operate in BEN TAU area until 1600H, and then assumed Sparrow Hawk/Rough Rider Reserve. All other units continued with assigned missions.

At 0910H, Co L found one 30 by 40 ft hut and two 15 by 30 ft huts each which had had a small bunker by a stream vic (YD 932992). Guide said huts were used as POW camp. Huts were constructed within last two months and had been used within last few days. Normal sleeping, eating, and cooking gear was found. Huts and material were destroyed.

At 1105H, Co G patrol found 1000 gals of rice in huts vic (YD 749139). Contacted NAM HOA District, and ARVNS confiscated rice.

At 1350H, Co L received 2 rds SAF from south while investigating a home-made bamboo stretcher it had found vic (YD 908991). Returned fire and VC fled south. No casualties.

At 2130H, CAC-A6 ambush fired 25 rds SAF at 2 VC moving east past their ambush site vic (YD 815184). VC broke contact. Patrol broke into two groups, one of which searched area and found 2 satchel charges, the other fought a fire that was started in 3 houses when a hand flare landed on one of them.

At 2230H, CAC-H7 patrol fired 150 rds M-16, 30 rds M-79, 4 M-26, and 1 WP grenade at 3 VC moving along trail vic (ZD 203009). VC fired 3 short bursts of AWF before fleeing south results: USMC: 1 WIA; Enemy: 1 KIA (C), 1 wpn captured (M-1).

26 May 1967

I-2 provided security for MCB-58 surveyors in CAC-H7 area. I-3 squad provided security for minesweep from CAC-H8 to CAC-H5. M-2 relieved M-1 as Sparrow Hawk at 0800 and M-1 assumed Sparrow Hawk/Rough Rider Reserve. All other units continued with assigned missions.

At 1120H, a civilian truck hit a mine vic (ZD 128012). CAC-H6 sent a patrol to investigate. Mine believed to have been a 105mm rd.

At 2005H, Co K ambush fired on 5 or 6 VC moving north along river trail vic (YD 959041), resulting in 2 VC KIA (C) and 2 wpns, (1 M-1, 1 K-50) captured. At 2045H, the VC were engaged by another Co K ambush vic (YD 960048) resulting in 1 VC KIA (C) and 2 wpns (1 M-1, 1 K-50), captured. 81mm mortar and artillery illumination was fired in support. The VC fled to a boat in river in attempt to escape, and ambush fired heavy AWF at the boat with unknown result. 81mm H.E. was fired on all escape routes to the south. Co K personnel suffered 1 USMC WIA.

At 2320H, CAC-H3 patrol fired on 2 VC crossing railroad tracks vic (YD 966064). VC returned SAF and 1 grenade and fled. Results: USMC: 1 WIA; Enemy: 1 KIA (P).

27 May 1967

I-2 completed security mission for MCB-58 surveyors at 1900H, and assumed Sparrow Hawk/Rough Rider Reserve. I-1 relieved M-2 as Sparrow Hawk at 1900H, and M-2 assumed Sparrow Hawk/Rough Rider Reserve. M-1 squad provided security for minesweep from CAC-H8 to CAC-H5. All other units continued with assigned missions.

At 0950H, M-1 squad received 1 rd SAF from vic (ZD 005056) while on minesweep security.

28 May 1967

M-2 squad provided security for minesweep from CAC-H8 to CAC-H5. All other units continued with assigned missions.

At 0755H, a VC in a khaki uniform walked up to the village chief of Cho Hom vic (YD 817183) and shot him twice with a K-50. The VC fled toward LOI NONG.

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At 0930H, a PW patrol had a firefight with 8 VC vic (ZD 009031). They captured 1 VC in a khaki uniform and delivered him to PHU LOC HQ. The CAC-H4 investigated the incident and learned that the PW had said there were 4 companies of VC in the THUONG LO Valley. At 1915H, CAC-H4 patrol went to BAT SON and apprehended 3 VCS mentioned by the PW/VC. CAC-H4 patrol escorted villagers to DA BACH vic (ZD 038024) because VC were expected to move into village.

At 1245H, PW(s from CAC-H6 captured 1 VC and 1 wpn (K-50) vic (ZD 014027). PW said there were other VC in area, and patrol searched area with negative results.

At 2115H, CAC-H3 patrol fired on 2 VC running down trail vic (YD 978071). VC returned 10-15 rds SAF and 1 grenade. No casualties.

At 2335H, HQ Bn (Sector B) reported having a trip flare tripped and receiving 10-15 rds SAF from vic (YD 895154). HQ Bn returned 20 rds 7.62 mm at 2 persons sighted fleeing north. Unknown results.

29 May 1967

I-1 returned from Operation GOLDEN FLEECE I at 1600H, and assumed Sparrow Hawk/Rough Rider Reserve. I-3 squad provided security for mine-sweep from CAC-H8 to CAC-H5. M-2 relieved M-1 as Sparrow Hawk at 1900H, and M-1 assumed Sparrow Hawk/Rough Rider Reserve. All other units continued with assigned missions.

At 1045H, CAC-A2 apprehended a woman taking pictures of the compound. CIT team dispatched to investigate.

At 2130H, Co K patrol fired 150 rds M-16, 125 rds M-60, 7 rds M-79, and 1 M-26 grenade at 4 VC vic (YD 916099), resulting in 1 VC KIA (C), 1 wpn captured. VC did not return fire, but patrol suffered 1 USMC WIA from powder burns. VC KIA subsequently identified as VC HIEN PHUOC from [redacted] vic (YD 918096). Patrol recovered 1 French 9mm carbine with one magazine and 24 rds and 2 Chi Com grenades. Also various propaganda literature.

At 2230H, CAC-H3 patrol fired 50 rds M-16 and 24 rds M-1 carbine at 2 VC running from rear of house vic (YD 975055). Area searched with negative results. Patrol returned to CP with owner of the house.

30 May 1967

I-3 squad provided security for minesweep from CAC-H8 to CAC-H5. L-1 provided security for Rough Rider to DANANG. M-3 moved to PHU LOC at 1300H to commence operations in that area. All other units continued with assigned missions.

At 1200H, the Sparrow Hawk (L-2) was alerted to provide security for downed helicopter vic (YD 907223). Sparrow Hawk was launched at 1205 and landed in LZ at 1215H. Upon arrival, at 1310H, Sparrow Hawk and downed helicopter received 4 rds 60mm mortar and AWF. At 1325H, received 2 more rds 60mm mortar. The Sparrow Hawk was extracted at 1501H, and returned to PHU BAI at 1510H.

At 2300H, listening post from 3d MT Bn (Sector C) fired 30 rds SAF at 3 armed VC vic (YD 900148) with unknown results.

31 May 1967

I-1 relieved L-2 as Sparrow Hawk at 1600H. L-3 squad provided security for minesweep from CAC-H8 to CAC-H5. L-2 and L-3 moved to CAC-A6 and CAC-A7, respectively, at 1600H. All other units continued with assigned missions.

At 0030H, CAC-A2 patrol fired 60-70 rds SAF, 4 rds M-79 and 2 rds hand illum at 2 boats carrying 3 persons each moving south on river vic (YD 922147) and 3 boats with an unknown number of passengers moving north. Boats did not return fire, but moved to other side of river outside of CAC-A2's TAOR. Patrol lost sight of boats.

At 0038H, CAC-A1 patrol detained 2 Vietnamese males, ages 50 and 53, apprehended near a house vic (YD 875177). One had no ID card, other had ID card from a different area. Men had been making noises around houses and PF in patrol recommended them be detained.

At 1205H, CAC-A6 patrol found 1 Chi Com grenade and 1 turtle mine tied together by a string vic (YD 827165). They were found beside trail and rigged with standard trip device with comm wire. Patrol disarmed booby trap and returned it to A6 CP.

At 2000H, Co K squad made contact with an unknown number of VC vic (YD 963057). VC broke contact and fled towards NAM HHO CAN I. VC were believed to be headed towards TRUOI Bridge. 81mm mortars fired at all exit routes from area.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

A. COMBAT MISSIONS ASSIGNED AND SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS CONDUCTED .

Third Battalion, 26th Marines continued with the responsibility for the PHU BAI TAOR throughout May. As the Vital Area Defense Battalion, the Battalion's mission was to defend the PHU BAI Vital Area and provide security for the TAOR; ensure that adequate surveillance and security are maintained on the perimeter; maintain reserve/counterattack force during the hours of darkness; maintain combat outposts on Hill 180 and Hill 230, provide personnel for 81mm mortar section at Colco Beach; maintain reinforced platoon (Sparrow Hawk/Reaction Force) on five-minute alert; maintain one company (Sparrow Hawk/Rough Rider Reserve) on two-hour alert; assume Operational Control of Combined Action Companies A and H; conduct extensive patrolling in assigned AO; provide security for Rough Riders to DONG HA, and DANANG; provide Officer/Staff NCO and Forward Observer for Road Runners to SHAWNEE/CHOCTAW AO.

The entire month of May was spent in fulfilling this mission. In addition, both formal and informal training was conducted in PHU BAI.

During May, there was a significant reduction in the number of routine commitments assigned to the Battalion. Security requirements for convoys, elections, and surveyor teams were few. In addition, the Battalion abandoned the policy of maintaining platoon-sized patrol bases in the TRUOI and GIA LE Areas on a continuous basis in favor of conducting company-sized operations in these areas on an intermittent basis.

In addition to the reduction in routine commitments, during a large portion of the month the Battalion had operational control of an additional company. Consequently, it was able to conduct company-sized operations much more frequently than during the previous two months it had been operating in PHU BAI. Unfortunately, VC activity in the area was greatly reduced during May, and the enemy casualty figures for the month do not reflect the increases in the frequency of operations, or the increase in the area of operations.

Co K continued on Operation GOLDEN FLEECE I in the CAC-A3, H-1, H-2, H-3, and H-8 areas throughout the entire month. For the majority of the month, Co K had the benefit of a fourth platoon: L-3 being attached from 3-13 May, and L-1 from 12-29 May. During the day, the company provided security for the rice harvest, while at night it conducted patrols and ambushes throughout the area.

The PHU LOC Area was another frequently patrolled area, particularly the sector to the east of the TRUOI River. Co I operated in this area from 1-2 May, when it was relieved by Co M. Co M conducted search and destroy operations here until 12 May, when Co I (-) returned to resume operations until 17 May. Co M returned to the area once again on 30 May and remained there for the duration of the month.

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Units were maintained in the NAM HOA Area through the entire month. L-2 and L-1 provided security for engineers in this area from 1-10 May and from 10-13 May, respectively. On 13 May Co L (-) joined L-1 and the entire company operated in the area until 15 May, when it was relieved by G/2/9, which continued operations in the area for the duration of the month.

During the period from 8-23 May, the Vital Area Perimeter assumed a Modified Condition III Alert status, as the possibility of an enemy attack was considered very probable because of the birthdays of HO CHI MINH and BUDIHA. From 8-12 May, B/1/26 assumed the role of an additional reserve company for the Vital Area. No threat ever developed, and the Perimeter resumed Condition II on 23 May.

On 16 May, Co I (-) began operations in the TRUOI area, and the following day, Co I (-) moved into the area immediately to the west along the boundary of the TRUOI and GIA LE areas. L-3 joined Co I (-) on 18 May, and the two companies, along with Co K in the GOLDEN FLEECE AO, covered the entire southern portion of the PHU BAI TAOR. Co I returned to the Vital Area on 22 May. On 24 May, Co M (-) reinforced with 3 M-42's and Co L moved into the BEN TAU for an operation that ended on 25 May. Both companies returned to PHU BAI on that day.

The month concluded on May 31 with L-2 and L-3 moving to CAC-A6 and CAC-A7, respectively, to commence operations in the THUY TRUONG Area.

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B. RESUME OF MONTHLY ACTIVITY

1. Sparrow Hawk. The Battalion maintained a reinforced rifle platoon numbering 60 personnel on five-minute alert at all times during May.

a. Platoon Providing. The units that supplied the Sparrow Hawk are listed in the table below:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Unit</u>
010001	010800	M-3	161000	181000	M-1
010800	020800	M-2	181000	200830	M-2
020800	030800	L-1	200830	220830	M-3
030800	050800	I-3	220830	221700	M-1
050800	070800	I-2	221700	240830	M-3
070800	090800	I-1	240830	260800	M-1
090800	110800	I-3	260800	271900	M-2
110800	120800	I-2	271900	291900	L-1
120800	121400	I-1	291900	311600	L-2
121400	141000	M-2	311600	312400	I-1
141000	161000	M-3			

b. Commitments. The Sparrow Hawk was committed three times during the month.

(1) At 010920H, The Sparrow Hawk (M-2) was activated in order to provide security for a downed helicopter in the SHAWNEE AO. The Sparrow Hawk was launched at 0945H, and inserted vic (YD 355318) at 1010H. Extraction began at 1200H, the Sparrow Hawk returned to HHU BAI at 1245H. No enemy contact was made at any time.

(2) At 241450H, the Sparrow Hawk (M-1) was alerted to provide security for a downed helicopter. The Sparrow Hawk was launched at 1420H, and landed vic (YD 922112). After removing papers and maps from the downed helicopter the Sparrow Hawk was extracted at 1455H, and other infantry units in the area provided security for the helicopter until it was recovered. No enemy contact was made at any time.

(3) At 301200H, the Sparrow Hawk (L-2) was alerted to provide security for a downed helicopter vic (YD 907223) the Sparrow Hawk was launched at 1205H, and landed in LZ at 1215H. Upon arrival at 1310H, Sparrow Hawk and downed helicopter received 4 rds 60mm mortar and AWF. At 1325H, received 2 more rds 60mm mortar. The Sparrow Hawk was extracted at 1501H, and returned to HHU BAI at 1510H.

2. Combat Outposts. The 106 Platoon maintained combat outposts on Hill 180 and Hill 230 throughout the month.

3. Minesweep of Highway #1. The Battalion provided one reinforced rifle squad for a daily minesweep of Highway #1 from CAC-H8 to CAC-H5. The platoons that provided these squads are listed below:

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Unit</u>
1	L-3	11	I-1	21	M-2
2	L-3	12	L-2	22	M-2
3	I-1	13	M-1	23	M-2
4	I-1	14	AT	24	M-1
5	L-1	15	AT	25	K
6	L-1	16	AT	26	I-3
7	I-3	17	AT	27	M-1
8	I-2	18	AT	28	L-2
9	L-1	19	M-1	29	I-3
10	I-1	20	M-1	30	I-3
				31	L-3

4. Road Runners. 3d MT Bn conducted a Road Runner to the SHAWNEE/CHOCTAW AO every morning during May. This Battalion provided an Officer/Staff NCO platoon commander and an artillery forward observer for all such convoys. The companies providing the platoon commander and forward observer are listed below.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Plt Cndr/FO</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Plt Cndr/FO</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Plt Cndr/FO</u>
1	M	11	I	21	M
2	H&S	12	L	22	M
3	L	13	M	23	M
4	--	14	M	24	I
5	I/L	15	L	25	I
6	I/L	16	--	26	I
7	L/I	17	--	27	M
8	I	18	M	28	L
9	I	19	--	29	I
10	I	20	M	30	I
				31	L

5. Rough Riders. At specified times during the month, the Battalion provided security for Rough Riders originating from PHU BAI. Dates, destinations, and units providing the security force for all such convoys are listed in the following table.

<u>Date of Departure</u>	<u>Date of Return</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Unit Providing Security</u>
16 May	17 May	DONG HA	L-3
19 May		DONG HA	3d AT
23 May	25 May	CAM LO	I-3
30 May	31 May	DANANG	L-1

6. Operations Conducted. The Battalion conducted platoon or company sized operations throughout the TAOR and in the adjacent PHU LOC and NAM HOA Areas. All such operations are listed below:

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1-2 May: Co I conducted search and destroy operations in the PHU LOC/
TRUOI Area.

1-31 May: Co K conducted Operation GOLDEN FLEECE I.

2-12 May: Co M conducted search and destroy operations in the PHU LOC/
TRUOI Area.

3-13 May: L-3 joined Co K on Operation GOLDEN FLEECE I.

12-29 May: I-1 joined Co K on Operation GOLDEN FLEECE I.

12-17 May: Co I (-) conducted search and destroy operations in the
PHU LOC Area.

13-15 May: Co L (-) joined L-1 in NAM HOA Area and conducted search
and destroy operations.

15-31 May: Co G conducted operations in the NAM HOA Area.

16-25 May: Co L (-) conducted search and destroy operations in the TRUOI/
BEN TAU Area.

17-22 May: Co I (-) conducted search and destroy operations in TRUOI/
GIA LE Areas.

18-25 May: L-3 joined Co L (-) in TRUOI/BEN TAU Area.

24-25 May: Co M (-) with 3 M-42's conducted search and destroy operation
in the BEN TAU Area.

30-31 May: Co M conducted operations in the PHU LOC Area.

31 May: Co L (-) began operations in the THUY TRUONG Area.

7. Miscellaneous Assignments. In addition to the commitments listed in
the previous paragraphs, the Battalion was assigned various security
missions at certain times throughout the month. All such assignments
are listed below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Unit Providing Security</u>	<u>Unit Needing Security</u>	<u>Location</u>
1-10 May	L-2	Engineers	NAM HOA
10-15 May	L-1	Engineers	NAM HOA
26-27 May	I-2	MCB-52	PHU GIA

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8. Small-Unit Operations. In addition to the company-sized operations listed in the preceding paragraph, nearly two thousand small-unit operations were conducted throughout the TAOR and adjoining areas during May. The vast majority of these patrols were conducted by units from Combined Action Companies A and H. Although these operations were rarely larger than squad-size, and the patrol routes were usually short, these operations were very valuable in providing security for the villagers living with each CAC unit. In addition, they disrupted enemy movement to village areas and were a good source of information on enemy movements. Although it is not possible to give individual attention to each patrol, the following table gives the daily and monthly totals for the various small unit operations that were conducted during the month.

<u>Date</u>	<u>LP</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>Night Ambushes</u>	<u>Night Security Patrols</u>	<u>Day Security Patrols</u>
1	6	4	27	17	16
2	6	4	23	18	19
3	6	4	29	13	12
4	6	4	34	19	19
5	6	4	33	16	14
6	6	4	30	15	17
7	6	4	31	23	18
8	6	4	28	15	17
9	6	4	22	17	18
10	6	4	25	14	20
11	6	4	23	27	21
12	6	4	28	16	17
13	6	4	29	13	18
14	6	4	35	16	15
15	6	4	24	14	19
16	6	4	36	15	16
17	6	4	20	21	27
18	6	4	35	20	20
19	6	4	37	15	19
20	6	4	38	22	19
21	6	4	31	19	9
22	6	4	34	13	14
23	6	4	27	16	9
24	6	4	24	13	13
25	6	4	25	14	13
26	6	4	21	18	17
27	6	4	29	17	10
28	6	4	28	17	17
29	6	4	24	15	11
30	6	4	31	18	19
31	6	4	25	17	11
TOTAL	184	124	886	528	505

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C. CASUALTIES

1. Friendly Casualties (1-31 May 1967).

Killed	0
Died of Wounds	0
Wounded	<u>21</u>
TOTAL	21

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D. COMMAND RELATIONS

1. With Higher Units: The Battalion was under both Operational and Administrative Control of the 3d Marine Division throughout May. No problems were encountered in command relations.

2. With Other Marine Units:

a. During May, several platoon, and company-sized infantry units chopped operational control to 3d Battalion, 26th Marines for varying lengths of time. These units were all assigned missions identical to those assigned to any of the organic infantry units in the battalion and relations were very good. Names, dates, and missions of all such units are listed below.

(1) 3-4 May: C/1/26 served as Sparrow Hawk/Rough Rider Reserve.

(2) 8-12 May: E/1/26 provided reaction company for PHU BAI Perimeter.

(3) 13-20 May: Reaction Plt, H&S Co, 3d AT Bn served Sparrow Hawk/Rough Rider Reserve.

(4) 15-31 May: G/2/9 operated in the NAM HOA Area.

b. While the Battalion was responsible for the defense of the PHU BAI Vital Area, it had Operational Control of all units assigned sectors of the Vital Area perimeter for all matters concerning perimeter defense. Each unit provided a sector commander who was responsible to the Battalion Perimeter Defense Officer, who coordinated all matters pertaining to the perimeter. No problems were encountered in this area, and relations with units on the perimeter were good.

3. With ARVN/PT/RF Units

a. Direct liaison was maintained with HUONG THUY and PHU LOC Districts through frequent visits to both District Headquarters by the Commanding Officer and the Operations Officer.

b. Indirect liaison with Vietnamese units was accomplished through the 3d MarDiv, which supplied the Battalion with a continuous flow of information regarding ARVN operations in the area and intelligence information that was reported by ARVN units.

c. Liaison was also maintained through Combined Action Companies A and H, both of which were under the Operational Control of the Battalion. The two companies maintained CAC units in the villages along Hwy #1 that were in or near the PHU BAI TAOR. The former operated in the northern and central section of the TAOR (HUONG THUY District); the latter in the extreme southern section and along the stretch of Hwy #1 east of the TAOR (PHU LOC District). Much of the information the Battalion received from HUONG THUY and PHU LOC Districts was relayed through CAC A and CAC H, respectively.

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E. COMMUNICATION ELECTRONICS

1. Message Center. Message traffic is picked up from and delivered to the Division Message Center. Distribution has not changed.
2. Radio. All of the battalion nets terminate in the COC bunker. Contact has been possible with all outlying units due to a relay station being maintained on Hill 180.
3. Wire. The facilities of the previous Vital Area Defense Battalion were utilized by our wire section when we moved into this area. In addition to the regular switchboard the COC has a switchboard for direct contact to all Perimeter Security units. The FSCC in the COC bunker has another switchboard for their direct contact with all artillery units in Phu Bai.
4. General. No unusual difficulties were encountered during the month. Communications were adequate in all respects.

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F. FIRE SUPPORT

1. The primary function of the 3/26 FSCC during the month of May was to clear and process fire missions for supported units.
2. Missions were fired in support of 3/26 units and to reinforce ARVN artillery units.
3. A normal nighttime schedule of H&I fires was planned throughout the Battalion TAOR. These fires utilized all supporting weapons within the HHU BAI perimeter, and were delivered between the hours of 2135 and 0500. Maximum use of intelligence information was used in planning these fires.
4. Work was continued on the erection of seven flash observation towers located on the perimeter, and on the installation of permanent azimuth indicators to aid in obtaining an accurate direction to hostile weapons.
5. Frequent drills were conducted using a low bursting illumination round to simulate a mortar/rocket flash. These drills were used to evaluate the OP's.
6. Frequent drills were also conducted in firing of the counter mortar/rocket defense plan to evaluate firing units. This drill also served as a secondary H&I fire plan.
7. There were no major difficulties in the operation of the 3/26 FSCC during May.

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G. AIR SUPPORT

I. Air Defense. No enemy aerial activity of any type was encountered.

II. Air Support.

a. Medevacs. A total of 31 medevacs were flown during May. One KIA, 27 WIA's, 17 NBC's, 1 PF WIA, and 1 Vietnamese civilian were evacuated.

b. Fixed Wing. Two fixed wing flights were flown during the month of May. Both of these were OE flights to recon the AO for enemy action in areas where our troops were operating.

c. Resupply. Fifteen resupply missions were flown to Hill 230 and to companies operating in the field. A total of 83,080 lbs and 96 passengers were lifted.

d. Command and Control. A total of 16 flights were flown for various reconnaissance purposes.

e. Miscellaneous Air Support. Five flights were flown for miscellaneous air support: two for convoy escort, and three for transport of the chaplain.

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H. ARMY ARTILLERY SUPPORT

1. General:

Throughout May, D Battery, 1st Bn, 44th Artillery operated in direct support of 3/26 with 10 M-42's and 4 M-55's.

2. Twin-40's:

a. The primary mission of the M-42's was to augment perimeter firepower. At least seven twin-40's were stationed at key locations on the perimeter at all times during the month.

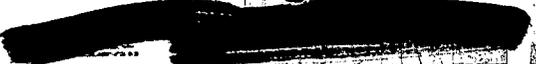
b. During the hours of darkness, two M-42's were assigned to the Vital Area Reaction Force.

c. From 24-25 May, 3 M-42's were attached to Company M for a search and destroy operation in the BEN TAU Area.

3. Quad-50's:

a. The primary mission of the M-55's was security for all convoys originating from PHU BAI.

b. The Quad-50's were held in reserve during the hours of darkness to move to any area of the perimeter during an enemy attack.


I. ADMINISTRATION

1. The battalion entered into battalion level personnel reporting on 1 May 1967. There have been no difficulties encountered under this system with the exception of a lack of sufficient embossing and imprinting equipment for the personnel plates. The new system is considered to be most beneficial to combat units since it frees the small combat unit commander from the administrative area and permits him to devote more time to his operational commitments and the personal needs of his men.


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J. PERSONNEL

1. During the period covered by this report, the battalion joined 9 officers and 160 enlisted personnel. 2 officers and 98 enlisted were reassigned to other units within RVN. 17 enlisted personnel were transferred out of country by service records as a result of wounds or injuries received.

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K. INTELLIGENCE1. Weather and Terrain

a. Weather. Very little precipitation was observed. The may month was characterized by clear skies, high relative humidity, increasing temperature ranges, and winds in gusts from the north and west. The statistics are given below.

Maximum temperature	102°
Minimum temperature	74°
Mean temperature	87°
Mean relative humidity	85%
Number of days with rain	5
Total rainfall received	0.38 in.
Average winds	NE at 5-9 Kts.
Visibility	10-12 miles

b. Terrain.

(1) The area north and east of Highway 1 is characterized by flat, open areas suitable for rice farming. Presently this area is well drained except in areas which are still being irrigated. Areas not under cultivation are predominantly populated areas having brush wood and trees of pine and palm. The predominant terrain features are the paddy dikes which are used widely for foot movement. South and west of Highway 1 are rolling plains and small hills up to 300 meters in elevation. Vegetation consists of sparsely foliated scrub wood usually having a dense under growth of vines, briars, and grasses 1 to 2 meters high. The SONG NONG and SONG TRUOI are the principal navigable rivers; smaller streams can be forded by foot troops. The only known bridges are located along Highway 1.

(2) Main Avenues of Approach used by the VC.

(a) The major approach used by the VC during this reporting period has been from the intersection of SONG CONG QUANG and SONG THIEU HOA Rivers, then traveling overland through the area between CAC H-2 and CAC H-3 to the hill and mountain area west of Highway 1.

(b) An especially well used alternate approach from the intersection of the SONG CONG QUANG and SONG THIEU HOA Rivers in GS (YD 9611) is by sampans across the DAM CAU HAI. The VC thus infiltrate south to the mouth of the SONG TRUOI vic (YD 9808), then travel in and along the TRUOI River to the south.

(c) From BEN TAU and UPPER TRUOI River areas the VC cross Highway 1 in GS (YD 9407), (YD 9507) and on to PHU THU (D).

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(d) From GS (ZC 1595) north through THUY CAHN vic (ZC 1598) crossing Highway 1 vic (ZC 120015) and (ZD 080009) to boats on DAM CAN HAI.

(e) In the northern portion of the TAOR the enemy travels out of the Royal Tombs area using all available rivers and paths. Lack of significant contact indicates the enemy is now skirting the TAOR and now guiding on Route 549 up to the LOI NONG canal vic (YD 780209) then crossing rice paddies traveling along the canal to LOI NONG (V) vic (YD 840196). From this point the VC can move freely into PHU THU (D).

2. Enemy Situation. VC tactics consist of acts of terrorism and road mining. Rarely have the VC taken the initiative to lay a well planned ambush. From intelligence gathered from documents, APVN's and agent reports these covert tactics are used by the VC in conjunction with the VC exploitation of the people during the rice harvest.

A. Significant Enemy Activity. There seems to be a significant increase in troop movement around the TRUOI River area, thus indicating the flow of replacements from the mountains to PHU THU (D) where the badly mauled 804th Bn is regrouping. There has been a decrease in the number of acts of mining and terrorism but they still are frequent enough to pose a threat within the TAOR. Usually small units of 3-4 armed VC whose mission is to collect rice or arrange for a collection point infiltrate a village during darkness. These are usually local force VC who also spread anti-GVN/USMC propoganda aimed at diverting the rice harvest from GVN collection points.

B. Order of Battle

(1) PHU THU (D) contains (2) confirmed Local Force companies plus elements of the 804th MF Battalion. The C117 company and 804th Bn are presently operating in the hamlets vic GS (YD 9617). In that area, (YD 947164) is reported to be a VC hospital and food storage area located in a church. LOI NONG (V) and vic (YD 840205) is the confirmed harboring site of the C116 Local Force Company. The C113 has moved to PHONG DIEN (D).

(2) In PHU VANG (D) no confirmed location can be given to the 802nd MF Battalion suspected to be operating north of LOI NONG vic (YD 8224).

(3) VINH LOC (D) has no known confirmed units. It is possible that the C117 and 804th use areas in VINH LOC (D) as base camps.

(4) In NAM HOA (D) various agent reports confirm the forward and rear headquarters of the 804th Bn. The forward headquarters plus a weapons company was last reported located as being in vic (YD 8000) and the rear headquarters at (YC 9795). The C119 Local Force Company

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has been confirmed at GS (YD 7011). THUA THIEN Province Headquarters and a possible VC hospital are reported but unconfirmed in GS (YD 7711).

(5) Local cadres have been active in several hamlets in HUONG THUY (D). AP LOI NONG (H) is considered a vital area which the enemy uses for harboring, assembly, and observation. Many bunkers were found along both sides of the canal vic (YD 830198) to (YD 850195).

(6) The activity in PHU LOC (V), PHU LOC (D) indicates that a company sized unit is operating there.

3. Enemy Activity

A. Sightings. During the reporting period there were 18 company sized units sighted and 1 battalion size unit sighted. The battalion was sighted vic GS (ZD 6100). Five VC companies were sighted in the CAC H3 area vic GS (YD 9606) and four separate sightings in the CAC H6 area vic GS (ZD 1300). Most of the above sightings were ARVN agent reports with no intelligence rating given by Division.

B. Significant Engagements. The focal point of activity has been the TRUCI River area which was the operations center for Operation Golden Fleece. On 5 May K Company in a sweep of GS (YD 9605), (9604), (9505), and (9504) captured 5 PW(VC). M Company ambushed 3 VC on 7 May at (ZC 157992) resulting in 1 KIA(C) and 1 KIA(P) and a bolt action weapon captured. Also on the night of 7 May K Company fired on 3 VC hiding behind a water buffalo herd at (YD 965060) resulting in 2 KIA(P). K Company on 8 May was set in for night time ambush at (YD 908104) when 2 VC stopped nearby. Soon 6 more VC joined them and began talking. The USMC ambush site was also a VC rendezvous site for Main Force VC (they were wearing camouflage utilities). The ambush opened fire killing one VC. The VC did not return the fire. K Co. again made contact on 12 May with an estimated four VC at (YD 945068), accounting for 1 KIA(C), 1 PW(VC), and 1 pistol. Blood trails were found on searching area later. On 13 May, K Co. made light contact on two occasions and on 17 May was involved in two more contacts. Neither incident resulted in enemy losses however. One VC KIA(C) and 1 weapon captured was the result of a K Co. ambush on 4 VC walking along a dike vic (YD 950083) on 18 May. A significant engagement outside the Golden Fleece TAOR occurred in PHU LOC (V) vic (ZD 088008) on 20 May. The village Chief was informed that 4 VC were in a house and set up a PF blocking force around the house while CAC H-5 swept to the house. 3 VC were killed and 1 PW(VC) captured. 3 AK-47 assault rifles were captured. One of the VC KIA was a much feared VC guerrilla leader who was identified by a missing finger. Two of K Company's patrols made contact at approximately the same time on the night of the 26th. One patrol vic (YD 962048) made contact with 5 or 6 VC. This patrol got 1 VC KIA(C) and 2 weapons and then forced the remaining VC toward the other "K" patrol vic (YD 960040). This patrol got 2 VC KIA(C) and

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captured 2 weapons. VC then fled in a small boat. Also on the 26th a CAC H-3 patrol engaged 2 VC crossing railroad tracks at (YD 966064) resulting in 1 VC KIA(P). A PF force captured a VC in a firefight on 28 May. This PW provided information that led to 3 PW(VC) being picked up later the same day at (ZD 010030) by CAC H-4. On 29 May K Co. met 4 VC head-on at (YD 916099) in the ensuing firefight, 1 VC was KIA(C) and an NVA SMG captured. In a significant patrol during May L Co. operated in the BEN TAU area for 36 hours with the special attachment of a 3 man scout team and a CHIEU HOI who rallied from that area. L Co. departed on 240600H from vic (YD 9001). During the patrol L Co. made 8 contacts with enemy. At (YC 916982) two buildings were discovered. At (YD 920000) two bunker complexes and 3 well constructed huts were found. At (YC 932998) there were 14 huts with bunkers underneath with normal cooking and living gear. This was a suspected company CP area as pointed out by the CHIEU HOI. At (YC 926983) the patrol located a POW camp near a stream. 3 huts were found and destroyed, each hut had a bunker. The patrol was extracted on 251800H.

C. Mines and Booby Traps. Incidents of mining along Highway 1 have tapered off from the high incidence rate early in May (12 mines discovered or detonated on 1-2 May). Eleven of these mines were laid by the VC east of CAC H HQ. The area once heavily mined between GS (ZD 0003) and GS (ZD 3302) was mined only three times during May. This area is of prime importance at present as a result of the debrief of a CHIEU HOI who rallied 29 May and who was active with the enemy unit that was responsible for setting the mines. He says he can lead a friendly force into the hills via GS (ZD 0002) where this force is located. He further states that the company was supplied by a larger unit in vic (ZD 0298).

Also of significance was the first mining incident between PHU BAI and HUE occurring at (YD 827179) on 21 May. This mine was believed to have been command detonated as a wicker basket was observed in the middle of the road prior to its detonation on a night USMC convoy.

D. Terrorism. VC terrorist activities are no longer unique to PHU LOC (D). During May there were two village chiefs assassinated and one man kidnapped. A platoon of VC kidnapped the man in PHU LOC (D) at (YD 967029) on 071400H. The first village chief was assassinated on 102020H by 2 VC in PHU LOC (D) at (ZD 202009). The second occurred in HUONG THUY (D) on 280755H when a lone VC walked up to a village chief vic (YD 817183) and shot him twice. In other terrorist activity on 120815H a policeman riding a scooter on Highway 1 was ambushed from a rice paddy by 3 VC who stabbed him once then fled. This incident happened in HUONG THUY (D) vic (YD 828178).

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4. Enemy LossesA. Personnel

KIA(C)	12
KIA(P)	16
Detainees	13
Imm Civ.	3
PW(VC)	10

B. Fortifications Destroyed

Bunkers	6
Huts	20

C. Enemy Equipment/Supplies Destroyed/Captured

Ind Wpns	10
Grenades	8
Clothing/Web gear	30 lbs.
Rice	1,000 lbs.
TNT	6 lbs.
Mines	3

D. VC Initiated Incidents

Small unit (12 VC or less)	14
Large unit (13 VC or more)	3
Sniping	8
Road mining	13
Road ambushes	2
Assassinations	2
Boby traps	11
Kidnapping	1
Propoganda	3

E. Friendly Initiated Incidents

Small unit (12 or less)	26
Large unit (13 VC or more)	5

L. CIVIL AFFAIRS

1. The Civil Affairs AO, LOC BON Village, has been in the heart of the Golden Fleece Operation AO during May. In order to assist the villagers, a threshing machine was loaned to the village chief for demonstration/application throughout the village on 13 May for a period of 7 days. Threshing machines are on order from G-5 for distribution in LOC BON.

2. A total of 148 persons were treated by the weekly MFDC PS held on Saturday afternoons. In addition, CAC H-1 treated approximately 50 patients weekly. Close liaison is maintained with the Vietnamese BOC SI (Doctor).

3. The present status on projects is as follows:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Status</u>
Market Place	Highest priority when labor becomes available after rice harvest and after all masonry work is completed on school.
School	Masonry work nearing completion; furniture bargained for and due to be completed in 30-45 days by local carpenter.
Wells	42 bags of cement and reinforcing rods distributed for the construction of 3 of the 5 wells planned; each well to be dug in vicinity of each of the 5 schools.
Heads	Project temporarily postponed; 6 head covers on hand at LOC BON (CAC H-1).
Hog Raising	Four prospective families have had locations approved for hog pens; 3 June is the deadline for their pens to be built in accordance with specifications provided to village chief; 14 bags of cement were provided for each pen; Hogs are scheduled for delivery by G-5, 3d Marine Division on or about 10 June; the quantity will depend on the number of pens finished on 3 June.
Medical Clinic	Planning stage; supplies are available, the Vietnamese BOC SI is enthusiastic and a resident nurse has been promised by the village chief; a suitable location must be agreed upon before continuing.

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4. Daily liaison with the village chief, the C/C H-1 NCOIC and frequent interaction with the people by the Civil Affairs Officer and NCO have been made with success. However, unless these projects are aggressively pursued at this time and close supervision maintained, these projects will not be completed as planned. The CAC H-1 platoon is presently providing only a minimum of continuity and supervision of civil affairs projects.

5. There was no change in the Pacification Progress Determination during the month. The present evaluation is 67%.

6. "K" Company corpsmen have been holding spontaneous MEDCAP's throughout Golden Fleece AO. During May they have treated approximately 250 civilians.

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M. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS

1. During the month of May 3/26 received direct Psychological Operations Support from one audio-visual team ("A" team, 244th Psy Ops Company) operating out of Psy Ops office, 3d Mar Div.

The primary mission assigned to the AV team was the support of Operation Golden Fleece. Supplementing this effort, Psy Ops continued frequent audio/visual missions using the Combined Action Platoons throughout the AO as centers from which to operate.

2. Operation Golden Fleece.

a. Operating out of CAC A-3, H-1, 2, 3, the A/V teams conducted 17 hours of broadcasts, 2 hours of movies and distributed 2,000 Buddha birthday greetings during the month.

b. Themes included Golden Fleece (instructions from district and village chiefs, cooperation with GVN, US forces), CHIEU HOI appeals (general appeals and specific appeals to known VC families), and GVN Helps the People.

c. Chronological order of events.

- (1) 28 April - taped instructions from district chief.
- (2) 29 April - LOC BON (V) @ (YD 9210), 1:30 broadcast.
- (3) 01 May - LOC BON (V) @ (YD 9210), 1:30 broadcast.
- (4) 02 May - PHU HA (H), LOC DIEN (V) @ (YD 9608), 1:30 broadcast.
- (5) 03 May - BONG MON (H), LOC DIEN (V) @ (YD 9812), 1:30 broadcast.
- (6) 10-13 May - PHU BAI (H) @ (YD 9111), 7:00 broadcast and 2:00 films. This was a three day operation in cooperation with Vietnamese Information Service. 350 people attended films.
- (7) 22 May - LOC BON (V) @ (YD 9210), 2:15 broadcast.
- (8) 23 May - BAO VINH (H) @ (YD 9406), 1:45 broadcast.

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3. The following Psy Ops activities occurred within 3/26 '60 not in direct support of Golden Fleece:

- a. 09 May - CAC A HQ, 3:00 broadcast.
- b. 14 May - CAC H-4, 2:30 broadcast.
- c. 15 May - CAC H-5, 3:00 broadcast to an audience estimated at 1200.
- d. 16 May - CAC H-7, 2:00 broadcast and 1:30 movie.
- e. 24 May - CAC A HQ, "Movie Festival" for 350 people.
- f. 25 May - Broadcast into PHU THU (D) from CAC A-1 for 2:00.
- g. 26 May - CAC A-2, "Movie Festival" for 400 people.

4. On 24 May Phan Van NHUNG, a CHIEU HOI undergoing Kit Carson Scouts training, was attached to "L" Company for a two day operation in the area from which he surrendered 15 April 67 (vic YD 9200). As a result of his knowledge of the trail system the company was able to locate and destroy a harboring site of 14 huts with underground bunkers, two small harboring sites of 2-3 huts, and a POW camp of 3 well constructed hooches.

5. On 30 May a CHIEU HOI who rallied on 29 May from vic (ZD 0002) was attached to "M" Company. He volunteered to lead a friendly unit into the area from which he had just come to locate two company positions and a communication center. As of 31 May no significant contact had been made.

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N. LOGISTICS

1. General. The battalion logistics situation has been satisfactory. There was no problem getting supplies, transportation, or food service during May.
2. General Supplies. General supplies were adequate.
3. Logistics Support.
 - a. Transportation for this unit was provided by the 3d Motor Transport Battalion thru the Division Motor Transport Officer. Service has been excellent.
 - b. Due to the tactical commitments of this Battalion, tactical runs were frequent. Administrative runs with organic vehicles were held to a minimum.
 - c. Resupply was accomplished by helicopter or vehicle convoy.
4. Ordance. Ordnance support for this period has been good.
5. Food Service. This unit maintained a Battalion mess hall in Cantonment Two. There were adequate quantities of supplies and food. Food was satisfactory quality through out the month.

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0. MEDICAL-DENTAL

1. Personnel: This Battalion Aid Station has a total of 56 personnel. This consists of 55 Hospital Corpsmen and 1 Medical Officer.
2. Capabilities: The Battalion Aid Station is capable of treating all minor medical and surgical problems. Patients requiring more extensive care are evacuated to the 3d Medical Battalion at Phu Bai. There are no ward facilities at present, but individual patients have been kept at the BAS for observation.
3. Supply: Medical Supplies are obtained from FLSG-A at PHU Bai. There is no deficit of supplies at this time.
4. Training: Hospital Corpsmen receive on the job training under the supervision of the Medical Officer and the Chief Hospital Corpsman.
5. MedCap: A MedCap program has been established at CAC Hotel-1 Unit. Weekly sick call is held there by the Medical Officer.
6. Dental: There are no facilities for dental care at the BAS. Patients requiring such care are evacuated to the 3d Medical Battalion.
7. Malaria Prophylaxis: Chloroquine-Primaquine tablets are to be taken once a week on Sunday, preferably with a meal. Further preventive measures consist of spraying living spaces with mosquito repellent and screening of all living spaces.
8. Sanitation: Sanitation reports are made weekly by the Medical Officer or his representative.
9. Statistics: The following are the statistics for the period 1 May to 31 May 1967.

DIAGNOSIS	OTHER ENLIS						TOTAL
BURNS	5	0	0	1	0	1	7
INFECTIONS	67	54	27	62	65	90	365
LACERATIONS	3	2	3	2	9	7	26
COLDS	13	5	2	5	13	6	44
DENTAL	56	44	15	24	38	3	189
EVACS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WIA	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
KIA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STOMACH DISORDERS	43	21	18	31	14	12	139
HEADACHES	4	4	2	5	4	4	23
HEMORROID	0	0	2	1	0	2	5
FOOT DISORDERS	5	5	2	7	4	10	33
EAR	19	5	4	3	12	3	46
EYE	5	2	3	3	9	5	25
RASH	18	7	3	5	8	5	40
ORTHOPEDIC	59	43	46	1	63	65	261
TOTAL	59	43	46	1	63	65	1206

P. TRAINING

The following training was conducted during May.

1. Orientation. Personnel joined as replacements during the month received an orientation from the Commanding Officer. Upon being assigned to a company, they received orientations from their respective Company Commanders.
2. Landmine Warfare School. During May, 48 of the small-unit leaders in the Battalion attended the three day Landmine Warfare School conducted by the 3d Engineer Battalion at the DONG DA Training Center.
3. Vietnamese Religion and Customs. Approximately 67 Marines attended a one-hour lecture by the Battalion Chaplain on the religions and customs of the Vietnamese people.
4. Forward Observer Classes. During the month, the 81mm mortar platoon conducted an FO class for personnel from rear-echelon units that man the PHU BAI Perimeter. Fifteen personnel from Hq Bn, 3d MP Bn, and MCB-62 attended the initial class.
5. Test firing of M-16 Rifles. All personnel armed with the M-16 in Companies I, L, and M fired 400 rds to test their weapons for defects, on May 29, 30, and 31, respectively.
6. Company Level Training. In addition to the above mentioned training, all companies conducted their own formal training when they were in the Battalion Area. Concurrent training was conducted when the companies were operating in the field. The following subjects were stressed: counterinsurgency operations, counterguerilla operations, anti-guerilla operations, civic-action operations, ambush and counter-ambush techniques, tactical trends and training tips, countermeasures against mines and booby traps, safety regulations for individual weapons and grenades, security of information and material, and first aid.

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Q. CHAPLAIN SUPPORT

1. Sunday Services: Protestant Services were held every Sunday at the 3/26 Chapel. The Chaplain himself conducted Catholic Services at the Chapel for the men of the Battalion. The Chaplain also held services for 1/26, 3d AT Bn, 4/12, and 3d SP Bn on various Sundays during the month.

2. Weekday Services .

a. The Chaplain conducted Mass at the Battalion Chapel at 1730 daily.

b. The Chaplain conducted Masses once a week for Marine Corp personnel on Hill 180, Hill 230, Colco Beach, and HMM-163. In addition the Chaplain conducted Masses at the Gia Le Combat Base and at the Division Chapel, when requested by Division.

3. Training. The Chaplain gave his lecture "Religions of Vietnam" on May 5, 12,, and 19. A total of 115 Marines attended.

4. Visit to CAC Units. The Chaplain conducted frequent visits to CAC Units throughout the month. Masses were held at most CAC units on a weekly basis.

5. Other.

a. From 1-5 May the Chaplain was TAD in Okinawa.

b. On 5 May, the Chaplain visited the orphanage near CAC-A1.

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PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. The following 3d Marine Division and Military Assistance Command Vietnam messages and orders governed activity of the Battalion during May.

- Missing*
- a. CG 3d Mar Div 170815Z Apr 67
(Planned Operations--June 1967)
 - b. CG 3d Mar Div 040529Z May 67
 - c. CG 3d Mar Div 121505Z May 67
(Movement of Ococon/Mission of Units)
 - d. COMUS MACV 141201Z May 67
(Security Measures During President Ho Chi Minh's Birthday 10 May 67)
 - e. COMUS MACV 160230Z May 67
(U.S. Policy for Buddha's Birthday 1967)
 - f. COMUS MACV 210230Z May 67
(Buddha's Birthday Cease Fire and Standown of Offensive Operations)
 - g. CG 3d Mar Div 270654Z May 67
(Redeployment of Units)

2. The following 3d Battalion, 26th Marines Operation Plans governed activity of the Battalion during May.

- Missing*
- a. Operation Order 1-67 (Defense of Phu Bai)
 - b. Operation Plan 2-67 (Golden Fleece I)
 - c. Frag Order 1-67
 - d. Frag Order 2-67
 - e. Frag Order 3-67

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The following messages and orders from the 3d Marine Division, the Fourth Marines, and the Twenty-Sixth Marines governed the activity of the Battalion during July.

- a. Fourth Mar 173302Z Jul 67 (Frag O 29-67--Operation FREMONT)
- b. CG Third Mar Div 180539Z Jul 67 (Operation Order 43-67 ARDMORE)
- c. Twenty-Sixth Mar 183214Z Jul 67 (Termination of Operation CROCKETT and commencement of Operation ARDMORE)
- d. Twenty-Sixth Marines 200550Z Jul 67 (Operation ARDMORE Frag O 1-67)
- e. CG Third Mar Div 201227Z Jul 67 (Rules of Engagement)
- f. CG Third Mar Div 261447Z Jul 67 (JMCZ Spoiling Attack)

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0. CHAPLAIN SUMMARY

1. Sunday Services. Protestant Services were held every Sunday for the Battalion. The Chaplain conducted services at Charley Battery, Field Mess 1/26, Mess Hall 3/26, Mess Hall 1/26, Alpha Battery, and the Regimental Mess Hall.

2. Weekday Services. Once a week, the Chaplain visited Hill 950, Hill 861, and Hill 1881 to conduct masses. Daily masses were conducted at 1930 at the Regimental Mess Hall until 8 July, when they were discontinued because of poor attendance. The Chaplain also conducted several masses for companies operating in the field.

3. Other Services. The Chaplain conducted several memorial services during the month: one for a Marine from FLSG-A who died of burns, one on 22 July for the dead of Company M, and one on 24 July on Hill 861 for a Marine from Whiskey Battery who had died of burns. The first two services were non-denominational services with the Protestant Chaplain from 1/26 assisting.

4. Other.

a. The Chaplain assisted at C Med whenever casualties were brought in, performing last rights for KIA's and aiding the wounded.

b. On 25 July, Chaplain Bede Wattiger departed the Battalion for CONUS. Chaplain Thomas Mc Ilroy joined the Battalion in Eke Sarh on 26 July.

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N. TRAINING

The following training was conducted during July.

1. Orientation. Personnel joined as replacements during the month received an orientation from the Commanding Officer. Upon being assigned to a company they received orientations from their respective Company Commanders.
2. Familiarization Firing of the M-16. All personnel joining the battalion in July fired at least 125 rds of familiarization on the KHE SANH range. The range was also available for any units that wanted to test fire any weapons.

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M. MEDICAL-DENTAL

1. Personnel: The Battalion Aid Station has a total of 58 personnel. This consists of 57 Hospital Corpsmen and 1 Medical Officer.
2. Capabilities: The Battalion Aid Station is capable of treating all minor medical and surgical problems. One G.P. tent with a capacity of 12-16 patients is now being used for treatment and observation of minor casualties. Patients requiring more extensive care are evacuated to the 3d Medical Battalion at Phu Bai.
3. Supplies: Medical Supplies are obtained from FLSC-A at Phu Bai. There were no deficits of supplies during the month.
4. Trainings: Hospital Corpsmen receive on the job training under the supervision of the Medical Officer and the Chief Hospital Corpsman.
5. Dental: There are no facilities for dental care at the BAS. Patients requiring extensive dental care are evacuated to the 3d Medical Battalion. Minor dental problems are treated at Sub Unit #5.
6. Malaria Prophylaxis: Chloroquine-Primaquine tablets are to be taken once a week on Sunday, preferably with a meal. This Battalion had 7 confirmed Malaria casualties and 3 probable malarial casualties during July.
7. Sanitation: Daily sanitation inspections are made by the medical officer or one of his representatives.
8. Statistics: The following are the statistics for the period from 1 July to 31 July 1967.

DIAGNOSES	H&S	I	K	L	M	OTHER BN	TOTAL
Burns	3	0	0	1	4	0	7
Infections	44	50	46	72	41	0	58
Dysentery	31	6	2	1	33	0	33
Inoculations	6	2	0	2	3	0	16
Colds	2	2	0	2	3	0	9
Dental	5	4	4	7	2	0	22
Rash	8	1	1	3	0	0	13
Stomach Disorder	14	3	10	5	10	9	51
WIA	5	0	0	1	20	0	26
MIA	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
Headaches	1	2	1	4	1	1	10
Foot Disorders	4	2	2	0	2	0	10
Other	2	19	25	10	11	0	65
TOTAL	59	47	50	55	58	3	267
TOTAL	359	138	146	163	174	16	762

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