

HEADQUARTERS
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5750
10 May 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
Subj: Command Chronology
Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following monthly report is submitted covering the period 1 April to 30 April 1966.

2. Average Monthly Strength

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Off	37	2
Enl	1047	16

3. Personnel

<u>Gains</u>		<u>Losses</u>	
<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Off	2	Off	4
Enl	12	Enl	21
			1
			0

4. Administration. No administrative problems.

5. Civil Affairs/Military Government/Community Relations. Civil affairs continues on a daily basis in six hamlets in the village of Hoa Khanh. Items distributed throughout the month were as follows:

Grain:	11,800 pounds	Hotel Size Soap:	2,600 bars
Clothing:	600 pounds	Regular Soap:	275 bars
Canned Goods:	30 gallons	Several loads of scrap wood	

1,635 villagers attended sick call during the month. School supplies were distributed to one hamlet and 50 pounds of candy was distributed to children. Mangos were harvested from trees in the CP area by the hamlet of Da Phuoc. Only two English classes were held for 45 Vietnamese this month due to alert condition. Overall the civil affairs program is progressing satisfactorily.

6. No changes were effected in staff or command billets in the Battalion.

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7. Intelligence Incidents to Report

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Incident</u>	<u>Place</u>
172220H	M-52 received 4 rds while stopped to fix carburetor	BT 974769
172330H	2 rds fired at Co"D" tractor working at ASP #2	BT 960775
180740H	MRS-200 hit a land mine	BT 933792
222123H	Received SA fire in FLSG site	BT 945802
222130H	Received SA fire from Butler Building within FLSG	BT 944795
222142H	Received SA fire vic eight Butler Building complex	BT 944800
222209H	Received SA fire from vic of lake	BT 945803
222210H	Received SA fire from vic of lake	BT 945800
222224H	FLSG received SA fire	BT 946800
222257H	Co"B" received SA fire at FLSG	BT 940798
272130H	M-51 received M-26 frag grenade	BT 960765

8. Logistics

a. Correspondence, originated by this office, of special interest was:

(1) A report was submitted to CG, 3d MarDiv indicating this unit's requirements for garrison property.

(2) Engendered by the logistic briefing for Colonel AXTELL on 29 March 1966, a chronology on the 50 TPH rock crusher and the drill pneumatic drift was forwarded to the Commanding Officer, Force Logistic Command. These items are peculiar by reason of configuration, density, and lack of available "experience gained" information. Therefore problems have occurred which were reported by this chronology along with solutions that were attempted.

(3) A request was submitted for construction materials for seven company maintenance buildings and an administration building for the Battalion Headquarters. This request was approved except for the administration building.

(4) A special projects Class IV construction materials pool was formed by CG, III MAF. Upon receipt of the listing of materials to be stockpiled, it was ascertained by this unit that materials listed therein were inadequate to satisfy future demands. Therefore, a suggested list of additions and increases thereto was submitted.

b. Supply. Inventory control data was increased on almost all operating levels of supply by the recomputation completed the previous month. This action was concluded and the last of the 2400 generated requisitions were submitted during this reporting period. An additional

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3000 requisitions were submitted during the course of normal operations. Approximately 2350 requisitions were filled by FLSG and 3d FSR. Battalion supply filled approximately 1000 customer demands from stock. The trend in increased receipts from 3d FSR and FLSG remained about the same as the month of March.

c. Messing. The Battalion Mess Staff continued the normal mess operation of providing 4 meals daily excepting Sundays, the fourth meal being a midnight ration for night crews. Sundays meals were scheduled as a brunch in the morning, normal evening chow and the midnight ration.

d. Medical. The Battalion aid station treated a total of 2264 patients, of which, 1264 were indigenous personnel treated in conjunction with the Battalion civil affairs activities.

e. Motor Transport. A total of 76,915 miles were logged on the Battalion's Motor Transport Equipment.

f. Maintenance. The Battalion maintenance platoon processed 119 pieces of motor transport and 153 pieces of engineer equipment.

g. Utilities. The Battalion utilities section continued its normal encampment operations of providing water, electricity and the extension of its services to new structures and encampments throughout the operational area.

9. Training

a. Troop indoctrination continues for newly arrived and debriefing for those departing.

b. Thirty personnel of the Battalion attended one full day class conducted by an FMFPAC contact team. Instructions were relative to automotive test equipment.

c. Five persons from the Battalion attended ADM training at Camp Hague, Okinawa.

d. The only other training done by this Battalion during this reporting period was on the job training.

10. NBC Warfare. None.

11. Command Control. No changes.

12. Air Defense. No changes.

13. Special Operations

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a. On 25 April 1966 Lt L. R. WILLIAMS and a 4 man recon team departed to perform a road reconnaissance for land procurement on the road from Hue to "T" Pier. The team returned to the Battalion area on 27 April after completing its mission without incident.

b. Elements of 1st Bridge Company with 45 feet of fixed span bridging supported five Rough Rider operations on the following dates: 6 April, 10 April, 14 April, 16 April, and 23 April. Concerning these operations nothing unusual to report.


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