

HEADQUARTERS
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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 March 1966 to 31 March 1966.

2. Average Monthly Strength

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Off	36	1
Enl	1004	17

3. Personnel

<u>Gains</u>		<u>Losses</u>	
	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>
Off	2	Off	0
Enl	33	Enl	12

4. Administration. No administrative problems.

5. Civil Affairs/Military Government/Community Relations. Civil affairs continues on a daily basis in five hamlets in the village of Hoa Khanh. Items distributed during the month to approximately 8,000 villagers were as follows:

Medical Services:	1851 persons	Soap Powder:	110 pounds
Wheat:	4000 pounds	Canned Goods:	200 pounds
Clothing:	2700 pounds	Gandy:	190 pounds
Large Soap:	2490 bars	Several loads of scrap wood	
Hotel Size Soap:	3409 bars		

A band concert was held for approximately 1000 villagers and the Chaplain's Civic Action Program assisted in procuring funds for an addition to one school in Phuoc Quang hamlet. English classes continue on a one hour, five night a week schedule in three hamlets to an average of 35-40 students. Overall civil affairs program is progressing very satisfactorily.

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6. No changes were effected in staff or command billets in the Battalion.
7. During this reporting period there were no intelligence incidents to be reported.

8. Logistics

a. During the period covered, 48 separate pieces of correspondence were processed by this office. Of these, 33 were general correspondence, 7 were recurring reports, and 8 special reports. Of special interest were:

(1) Two speedletters to CMC informing that Headquarters of modifications made to the drilling machine rotary, and the bin storage aggregate.

(2) A report to CG, III MAF listing critical repair parts and T/E deficiencies required to upgrade this Battalion's equipment readiness.

b. Supply. Battalion Supply, during this period, recomputed the Average Monthly Recurring Demand (AMRD) for all items of supply. This computation generated the submission of some 2400 requisitions, to fill stock deficiencies. Figures are becoming more realistic regarding requisitioning objectives as more time is spent under the tactical operations we are presently experiencing.

c. Messing. The mess staff served approximately 71,000 meals for the period, consisting of A and B rations.

d. Medical. The Battalion Aid Station treated a total of 2896 patients, of which 1364 were indigenous personnel treated in conjunction with the Battalion Civil Affairs activities.

e. Motor Transport. A total of 128,383 miles were logged on the Battalion's motor transport equipment.

f. Maintenance. The Battalion Maintenance Platoon processed 161 pieces of motor transport, and 110 pieces of engineer equipment.

g. Utilities. The Battalion utilities section continued its normal encampment operations of providing water, electricity, and extension of service to new structures being built in the camp site.

9. Training

a. During this reporting period the Battalion has sent 25 men to each of five, three day Land Mine Warfare schools held by the 3rd Engineer Battalion

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b. The Battalion has held two, seven day motor transport schools. 17 men have been licensed as 5 ton drivers and 3 men as 3/4 ton drivers.

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

10. NBC Warfare. None.

11. Command and Control. No changes.

12. Air Defense. No changes.

13. Special Operations

a. Major MCCANDLESS, the Battalion S-3, Lt TEALL and Cpl NELSON departed to Hue on 18 March 1966 to recon another possible LCU landing site. The party returned on 19 March 1966 after completing their mission without incident.

b. On 4 March 1966 a six man recon team led by Lt ACKERMAN performed a route and bridge recon in the vicinity of Hue-Phu Bai. The team returned to the Battalion area on 11 March 1966 after completing its mission. There were no unusual incidents to report.

c. Lt DEHOLL and four men were sent to Chu Lai on 7 March 1966 to disassemble 60' of M6 bridge. No problems were encountered and the crew returned on 10 March 1966.


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