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Ref: (a) Regimental General Order #20 dtd 1 Aug 52
(b) Division General Order #101, Chapter 8 dtd 2 Mar 53
(c) Part E, Chapter 11, MCM
(d) FMF Pac Gen Ord #21 (Rev) dtd 11 Mar 52

1. SUMMARY

As the period opened this Battalion was in the process of
relieving 3/1 of responsibility for the right MLR battalion sector
of the center MLR regiment. 1/1 was the reserve battalion
of the center MLR regiment. The Battalion CP was located in the
vicinity of CT 047029.

On the second of April this Battalion completed the relief
of 3/1 and assumed responsibility for that sector of the MLR
extending from CT 01550330 to CT 04250490. The mission of the
Battalion was to occupy, defend and improve the MLR and 6CF's
50A, 52, 56A, 100, 122A, 124. Conduct aggressive patrols, raids
and ambushes in accordance with Regimental General Order #35.
Conduct rear area patrols with the mission of preventing subversive
activity within the Battalion's sector of responsibility.
The Battalion remained in this same sector for the remainder of
the period, 30 April 1953. The Battalion CP was located in the
vicinity of CT 047029.

As the period closed the Battalion was preparing to be
relieved of responsibility for the right MLR battalion sector of
the center MLR regiment by the 3rd Battalion, 35th Regiment, 5th
Marine Division on a date to be announced.

During the period the Battalion suffered one (1) MIA, ten
(10) KIA, seventy-six (76) WIA evacuated, eighty (80) WIA
not evacuated, seventeen (17) sick evacuated and one (1) POW.
The Battalion transferred five (5) officers, one hundred forty-
six (146) enlisted, two (2) Navy officers and nine (9) Navy enlisted. The Battalion joined seven (7) officers, eighty-six (86) enlisted, one (1) Navy officer and twelve (12) Navy enlisted. The total strength of the Battalion as of 30 April 1953 was forty-one (41) officers, nine hundred sixty-seven (967) enlisted, two (2) Navy officers and forty-one (41) Navy enlisted.

During the period the lowest temperature recorded was plus twenty-seven (27) degrees fahrenheit on 17 April and the highest temperature was plus eighty-one (81) degrees fahrenheit which was recorded on 27 April. The precipitation was 1.8 inches.
2. CHRONOLOGICAL NARRATIVE

1 April - As the period opened the Battalion was in the process of relieving 3/1 of responsibility for the right MLR battalion sector of the center MLR regiment. At 0630 the Provisional platoon arrived at the Battalion CP, from 3/1 area, and reverted to parent operational control. At 0730 Baker Company arrived at the Battalion CP, from 2/1 area, and reverted to parent operational control. At 0750 the first elements of Weapons Company departed the Battalion CP enroute to 3/1, arriving at 0810 and passed to the operational control of that unit. At 0815 the first elements of Headquarters and Service Company departed the Battalion CP enroute to 3/1, arriving at 0835 and passed to the operational control of that unit. At 1940 the Battalion Provisional platoon departed the Battalion CP enroute to 3/1, arriving at 1930 and passed to the operational control of that unit. At 2105 Baker Company departed the Battalion CP enroute to 3/1, arriving at 2200 and passed to the operational control of that unit. At 2145 Able Company departed the Battalion CP enroute to 3/1, arriving at 2205 and passed to the operational control of that unit. At 2145 this Battalion closed its CP, in the vicinity of CT 047013, and at the same time opened its new CP in the vicinity of CT 047029. All security patrols departed and returned as scheduled with negative reports.

2 April - At 0207 this Battalion relieved 3/1 of responsibility for the right MLR battalion sector of the center MLR regiment. At this same time all 1/1 units under the operational control of 3/1 reverted to parent operational control. The mission of this Battalion was to occupy, defend and improve the MLR and COP's 50', 52, 56A, 100, 122A and 124. Conduct aggressive patrols, raids and ambushes in accordance with Regimental General Order #36. Conduct rear area patrols with the mission of preventing subversive activity within the Battalion's sector of responsibility. (For security patrol routes, see overlay, Appendix III.) At 0207 Item Company and How Company, 3/1, passed to the operational control of this Battalion. At 0250 Baker Company completed the relief of Item Company, 3/1, and assumed responsibility for the right company sector. At 0300 Item Company, 3/1, departed the Battalion area enroute to parent unit, arriving 3/1 CP area at 0440 and reverted to parent operational control. At 0330 Able Company completed the relief of How Company, 3/1, and assumed responsibility for the left company sector. At 0330 How Company, 3/1, departed the Battalion area enroute to parent unit, arriving 3/1 area at 0500 and reverted to parent operational control. At 0715 Baker Company suffered one (1) WIA not evacuated as a result of enemy 82mm mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 087046. At 1835 the Provisional platoon from 3/1 arrived and came under the operational control of this
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Battalion. The mission of this platoon was to reinforce the MLR as required. During the period a total of sixty-two (62) rounds of enemy 60mm mortar (one (1) of which was a dud), thirty-tw (32) rounds of enemy 82mm mortar and ten (10) rounds of enemy mixed mortar fire fell within the Battalion's sector of responsibility.

3 April - The Battalion continued to occupy and improve its defensive positions and carry out assigned missions. At 0025 Able Company reconnaissance patrol suffered two (2) WIA evacuated as a result of enemy 60mm mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 017037. At 0120 the Provisional platoon, 3/1, departed the Battalion area for 3/1 CP. At 0345 Baker Company suffered one (1) WIA evacuated and one (1) WIA not evacuated as a result of enemy 60mm mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 035050. At 0550 the Provisional platoon, 3/1, arrived 3/1 CP and reverted to parent operational control. At 1805 the Provisional platoon, 3/1, arrived at the Battalion area and came under the operational control of this Battalion. During the period a total of ninety-nine (99) rounds of enemy 60mm mortar, fifty-two (52) rounds of enemy 82mm mortar, twenty-seven (27) rounds of enemy 76mm artillery and three (3) rounds of enemy 122mm artillery fire fell within the Battalion's sector of responsibility. All other patrols departed and returned as scheduled with negative enemy contact.

4 April - At 0230 Charlie Company suffered one (1) WIA evacuated as a result of an accidental discharge of an M1 rifle in the vicinity of CT 027044. At 0345 Charlie Company sector of the MLR in the vicinity of CT 023044 was engaged by an estimated enemy squad. The enemy employed small arms and automatic weapons fire. The friendly forces employed small arms, automatic weapons, hand grenades and 60mm mortar fire. At 0350 the enemy broke contact and withdrew. There were negative friendly casualties and no estimate of enemy casualties. At 0520 the Provisional platoon, 3/1, departed the Battalion area enroute to parent unit, arriving at 0610 and reverted to parent operational control. At 1910 the Provisional platoon, 3/1, arrived at the Battalion area and came under the operational control of this Battalion. At 1930 Charlie Company suffered one (1) WNIEA evacuated as a result of an accidental discharge of an M1 rifle in the vicinity of CT 028046. During the period a total of fifty-five (55) rounds of enemy 60mm mortar, twelve (12) rounds of enemy 82mm mortar and fourteen (14) rounds of enemy 76mm artillery fire fell within the Battalion's sector of responsibility. All patrols departed and returned as scheduled with negative enemy contact.
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5 April - At 0550 the Provisional platoon, 3/1, departed the Battalion area enroute to parent unit, arriving at 0620 and reverted to parent operational control. At 1915 the Provisional platoon, 3/1, arrived at the Battalion area and came under the operational control of this Battalion. At 2106 COP #124, in the vicinity of CT 014036, was engaged by an estimated enemy squad. The enemy employed small arms fire and hand grenades. The friendly unit employed small arms and automatic weapons fire supported by 81mm mortar and artillery fire. At 2121 the enemy broke contact and withdrew. The friendly unit suffered two (2) WIA evacuated while the enemy suffered one (1) estimated KIA. At 2335 Charlie Company suffered one (1) WIA not evacuated as a result of enemy hand grenades in the vicinity of CT 029048. During the period a total of eighty-two (82) rounds of enemy 60mm mortar, nineteen (19) rounds of enemy 82mm mortar, one (1) round of enemy 120mm mortar, two (2) rounds of enemy 76mm artillery and fifty (50) rounds of enemy mixed mortar fire fell within the Battalion's sector of responsibility. All patrols departed and returned as scheduled with negative enemy contact.

6 April - At 0020 Baker Company combat patrol was engaged by an unknown number of enemy in the vicinity of CT 035036. The enemy employed burp guns and were supported by mixed mortar fire. The friendly unit employed mixed mortar and artillery fire. At 0030 the enemy broke contact and withdrew. The friendly patrol suffered one (1) WIA not evacuated and no estimate of enemy casualties was made. At 0215 Charlie Company suffered one (1) WIA evacuated as a result of enemy 82mm mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 026045. At 0520 the Provisional platoon, 3/1, departed the Battalion area enroute to parent unit, arriving at 0600 and reverted to parent operational control. At 1305 Charlie Company suffered one (1) WIA not evacuated as a result of enemy 82mm mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 027044. At 1620 Charlie Company suffered two (2) WIA evacuated as a result of enemy 82mm mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 025046. At 1755 Charlie Company suffered one (1) WIA evacuated as a result of enemy 82mm mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 023044. At 1905 the Provisional platoon, 3/1, arrived at the Battalion area and came under the operational control of this Battalion. At 2000 Charlie Company suffered two (2) WIA evacuated as a result of enemy 60mm mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 028048. At 2247 Charlie Company combat patrol was engaged by an estimated thirty-five (35) enemy in the vicinity of CT 029051. The enemy employed small arms, automatic weapons, machine guns, burp guns and hand grenades. The friendly patrol employed small arms, automatic weapons, machine guns, flamethrowers and were supported by 75mm RR and mixed mortar fire. At 2320 the friendly patrol broke contact and withdrew. The combat patrol inflicted
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Four (4) counted KIA and twelve (12) estimated WIA on the enemy force while they themselves suffered one (1) KIA and one (1) WIA evacuated. At 2318 Baker Company reconnaissance patrol engaged an estimated five (5) enemy in the vicinity of CT 035051. The enemy employed burp guns and hand grenades while the friendly patrol employed shot guns and TSMG fire. At 2319 the fight ceased. The enemy casualties were five (5) counted KIA. The friendly patrol suffered one (1) WIA and one (1) KIA evacuated. During the period a total of one hundred twelve (112) rounds of enemy 60mm mortar, fifty-two (52) rounds of enemy 82mm mortar, four (4) rounds of enemy 120mm mortar, fourteen (14) rounds of enemy 75mm artillery, eight (8) rounds of enemy mixed mortar and two (2) rounds of enemy 3.5 rocket fire fell within the Battalion's sector of responsibility. All other patrols departed and returned as scheduled with negative enemy contact.

7 April - At 0340 Baker Company ambush engaged two (2) enemy in the vicinity of CT 034051. The friendly ambush employed small arms and automatic weapons fire inflicting two (2) enemy counted KIA. The friendly patrol suffered one (1) WIA not evacuated while retrieving enemy bodies as a result of enemy mixed mortar fire. At 0635 the Provisional platoon, 3/1, departed the Battalion area enroute to parent unit, arriving at 0650 and reverted to parent operational control. At 1320 Able Company suffered one (1) WIA evacuated as a result of enemy sniper fire in the vicinity of CT 014036. At 1900 the Provisional platoon, 3/1, arrived at the Battalion area and came under the operational control of this Battalion. During the period a total of eighty-eight (88) rounds of enemy 60mm mortar, twenty-six (26) rounds of enemy mortar, fifty (50) rounds of enemy mixed mortar and ten (10) rounds of enemy 75mm artillery fire fell within the Battalion's sector of responsibility. All other patrols departed and returned as scheduled with negative enemy contact.

8 April - At 0045 Able Company combat patrol was engaged by an estimated enemy company in the vicinity of CT 018044. The enemy employed burp guns, hand grenades and were supported by mixed mortar fire. The friendly patrol employed small arms, automatic weapons, machine guns, satchel charges, hand grenades and were supported by mixed mortar and artillery fire. At 0055 the friendly patrol broke contact and withdrew. The friendly patrol suffered one (1) MIA, five (5) KIA, twenty-two (22) WIA evacuated and five (5) WIA not evacuated. The patrol inflicted six (6) counted KIA, twenty (20) estimated KIA, eight (8) counted WIA and twelve (12) estimated WIA on the enemy force. At 0107 COP #122A, in the vicinity of CT 014042, was attacked by an estimated enemy squad (Reinf). The enemy employed burp guns, hand grenades and were supported by mixed mortar fire. The friendly patrol employed small arms, automatic weapons, machine guns and
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were supported by mixed mortar and artillery fire. At 0112
the enemy broke contact and withdrew. The enemy suffered four
(4) counted KIA and fourteen (14) estimated WIA. The friendly
suffered two (2) WIA evacuated and three (3) WIA not evacuated.
At 0155 COP #122A was again attacked by an estimated enemy squad
(Rcinf). The enemy and friendly employed the same weapons as
they did on the previous attack. At 0158 the enemy broke con-
tract and withdrew. There were negative friendly casualties and
no estimate of enemy casualties. At 0250 Item Company, 3/1,
arrived at the Battalion area and came under the operational
control of this Battalion. At 0445 Item Company, 3/1, departed
the Battalion area enroute to parent unit, arriving at 0533 and
reverted to parent operational control. At 0555 Baker Company
suffered one (1) WIA evacuated as a result of enemy 60mm mortar
fire in the vicinity of CT 036050. At 0620 the Provisional
Platoon, 3/1, departed the Battalion area enroute to parent unit,
arriving at 0730 and reverted to parent operational control.
At 0645 COP #104 was engaged by an estimated ten (10) enemy.
The enemy employed small arms and burp guns. The friendly
employed mixed mortar and artillery fire. At 0649 the enemy
broke contact and withdrew. There were no friendly and no
estimate of enemy casualties. At 0840 Baker Company suffered
two (2) WIA not evacuated as a result of enemy 60mm mortar fire
in the vicinity of CT 035050. At 1200 Charlie Company suffered
one (1) KIA as a result of enemy 82mm mortar fire in the vicin-
ity of CT 027045. At 1210 the Provisional Platoon, 3/1, arrived
at the Battalion area and came under the operational control of
this Battalion. At 2214 Able Company suffered one (1) WIA not
evacuated as a result of enemy 60mm mortar fire in the vicinity
of CT 014039. During the period a total of one hundred forty-
five (145) rounds of enemy 60mm mortar, thirty-two (32) rounds
of enemy 82mm mortar, one thousand (1000) rounds of enemy mixed
mortar and forty-three (43) rounds of enemy 76mm artillery fire
fell within the Battalion's sector of responsibility. All other
patrols departed and returned as scheduled with negative enemy
contact.

9 April - At 0450 the Provisional Platoon, 3/1, departed the
Battalion area enroute to parent unit, arriving at 0545 and
reverted to parent operational control. At 0530 Charlie Com-
pany suffered one (1) WIA evacuated as a result of enemy 3.5
inch rocket fire in the vicinity of CT 028048. At 1020 Able
Company suffered one (1) WIA not evacuated as a result of enemy
60mm mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 014036. At 1220 the
Provisional Platoon, 3/1, arrived at the Battalion area and
came under the operational control of this Battalion. At 2200
Charlie Company combat patrol engaged an estimated enemy platoon
in the vicinity of CT 023047. The enemy employed machine gun fire, hand grenades and were supported by mixed mortar fire. The friendly patrol employed small arms, automatic weapons, hand grenades and were supported by mixed mortar fire, artillery and tanks. At 2312 the friendly patrol broke contact and withdrew. The friendly patrol suffered two (2) WIA evacuated. The enemy suffered four (4) counted KIA, twelve (12) estimated KIA, four (4) counted and four (4) estimated WIA. During the period a total of one hundred seventy-seven (177) rounds of enemy 60mm mortar, twenty-six (26) rounds of enemy 82mm mortar, thirteen (13) rounds of enemy 76mm artillery, one (1) rounds of enemy 105mm artillery and two (2) rounds of enemy 3.5 inch rocket fire fell within the Battalion's sector of responsibility. All other patrols departed and returned as scheduled with negative enemy contact.

10 April - At 0540 Able Company sector of the MLR was engaged by the (1) enemy in the vicinity of CT 014034. The friendly patrol employed small arms and automatic weapons fire. The enemy employed a burp gun. There were no friendly casualties and no estimate of an enemy casualty. At 0630 the Provisional platoon, 3/1, departed the Battalion area enroute to parent unit, arriving at 0710 and reverted to parent operational control. At 1720 one (1) platoon from Item Company, 3/1, arrived at the Battalion area and came under the operational control of this Battalion. At 1910 the Provisional platoon, 3/1, arrived at the Battalion area and came under the operational control of this Battalion. At 2320 Baker Company combat patrol engaged an estimated enemy squad (Reinf) in the vicinity of CT 032054. The enemy employed small arms, automatic weapons, machine guns and were supported by mixed mortar fire. The friendly patrol employed hand grenades and were supported by mixed mortar, artillery fire and tanks. During the period a total of sixty-three (63) rounds of enemy 60mm mortar, nineteen (19) rounds of enemy 82mm mortar, three (3) rounds of enemy 120mm mortar, three (3) rounds of enemy 76mm artillery and three (3) rounds of enemy 3.5 inch rocket fire fell within the Battalion's sector of responsibility. All other patrols departed and returned as scheduled with negative enemy contact.

11 April - At 0012 the Baker Company combat patrol broke contact and withdrew. The friendly patrol suffered five (5) WIA evacuated. The patrol inflicted two (2) estimated enemy WIA. At 0615 the Item Company, 3/1, platoon departed the Battalion enroute to parent unit, arriving at 0640 and reverted to parent operational control. At 0640 the Provisional platoon, 3/1,
departed the Battalion area enroute to parent unit, arriving at 0710 and reverted to parent operational control. At 1848 Charlie Company suffered one (1) WIA evacuated as a result of enemy 82mm mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 025044. At 1906 Charlie Company suffered one (1) WIA evacuated as a result of enemy 60mm mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 026048. At 1920 the Provisional platoon, 3/1, arrived at the Battalion area and came under the operational control of this Battalion. During the period a total of seventy-one (71) rounds of enemy 60mm mortar, six (6) rounds of enemy 82mm mortar, one (1) round of enemy 120mm mortar and one (1) round of enemy 3.5 inch rocket fire fell within the Battalion's sector of responsibility. All patrols departed and returned as scheduled with negative enemy contact.

12 April - At 0605 the Provisional platoon, 3/1, departed the Battalion area enroute to parent unit, arriving at 0640 and reverted to parent operational control. At 1835 the Provisional platoon, 3/1, arrived at the Battalion area and came under the operational control of this Battalion. At 2015 Baker Company suffered one (1) WIA evacuated as a result of enemy 60mm mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 035050. During the period a total of sixty (60) rounds of enemy 60mm mortar, six (6) rounds of enemy 82mm mortar, three (3) rounds of enemy 76mm artillery and three (3) rounds of enemy 3.5 inch rocket fire fell within the Battalion's sector of responsibility. All patrols departed and returned as scheduled with negative enemy contact.

13 April - At 0725 the Provisional platoon, 3/1, departed the Battalion area enroute to parent unit, arriving at 0728 and reverted to parent operational control. At 1845 the Provisional platoon, 3/1, arrived at the Battalion area and came under the operational control of this Battalion. At 1925 Baker Company suffered two (2) WIA evacuated as a result of enemy 82mm mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 034049. During the period a total of eighty-eight (88) rounds of enemy 60mm mortar, eight (8) rounds of enemy 82mm mortar, one (1) round of 120mm mortar, one (1) round of enemy 76mm artillery and six (6) rounds of enemy 3.5 inch rocket fire fell within the Battalion's sector of responsibility. All patrols departed and returned as scheduled with negative enemy contact.

14 April - At 0610 the Provisional platoon, 3/1, departed the Battalion area enroute to parent unit, arriving at 0650 and reverted to parent operational control. At 1900 the Provisional platoon, 3/1, arrived at the Battalion area and came under
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the operational control of this Battalion. During the period a total of sixty-eight (68) rounds of enemy 60mm mortar and three (3) rounds of enemy 82mm mortar fire fell within the Battalion's sector of responsibility. All patrols departed and returned as scheduled with negative enemy contact.

15 April - At 0035 Able Company combat patrol was engaged by an estimated enemy squad in the vicinity of CT 013037. The enemy employed hand grenades. The friendly patrol also employed hand grenades. At 0042 the friendly patrol broke contact and withdrew. There were no friendly casualties and no estimate of enemy casualties. At 0555 the Provisional platoon, 3/1, departed the Battalion area enroute to parent unit, arriving at 0625 and reverted to parent operational control. At 1845 the Provisional platoon, 2/1, arrived at the Battalion area and came under the operational control of this Battalion. During the period a total of fifty-eight (58) rounds of enemy 60mm mortar, four (4) rounds of enemy 82mm mortar, three (3) rounds of enemy 76mm artillery and four (4) rounds of enemy 3.5 inch rocket fire fell within the Battalion's sector of responsibility. All other patrols departed and returned as scheduled with negative enemy contact.

16 April - At 0545 the Provisional platoon, 2/1, departed the Battalion area enroute to parent unit, arriving at 0625 and reverted to parent operational control. At 1335 Charlie Company suffered one (1) WIA not evacuated as a result of enemy 76mm artillery fire in the vicinity of CT 024034. At 1940 the Provisional platoon, 2/1, arrived at the Battalion area and came under the operational control of this Battalion. At 2040 Able Company reconnaissance patrol suffered six (6) WIA not evacuated as a result of an enemy hand grenade in the vicinity of CT 013036. During the period a total of twenty-five (25) rounds of enemy 60mm mortar, five (5) rounds of enemy 82mm mortar, three (3) rounds of enemy 120mm mortar, four (4) rounds of enemy 76mm artillery, five (5) rounds of enemy 3.5 inch rocket and three (3) rounds of enemy 57mm recoilless rifle fire fell within the Battalion's sector of responsibility. All other patrols departed and returned as scheduled with negative enemy contact.

17 April - At 0530 the Provisional platoon, 2/1, departed the Battalion area enroute to parent unit, arriving at 0620 and reverted to parent operational control. At 1935 the Provisional platoon, 2/1, arrived at the Battalion area and came under the operational control of this Battalion. At 2015 Baker
Company suffered one (1) WIA not evacuated as a result of enemy 60mm mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 037044. During the period a total of forty-five (45) rounds of enemy 60mm mortar and fifteen (15) rounds of enemy 3.5 inch rocket fire fell within the Battalion’s sector of responsibility. All patrols departed and returned as scheduled with negative enemy contact.

18 April - At 0555 the Provisional platoon, 2/1, departed the Battalion area enroute to parent unit, arriving at 0630 and reverted to parent operational control. At 1916 the Provisional platoon, 2/1, arrived at the Battalion area and came under the operational control of this Battalion. At 1945 Able Company suffered one (1) WIA evacuated as a result of enemy sniper fire in the vicinity of CT 017036. During the period a total of forty-nine (49) rounds of enemy 60mm mortar and four (4) rounds of enemy 82mm mortar fire fell within the Battalion’s sector of responsibility. All patrols departed and returned as scheduled with negative enemy contact.

19 April - At 0545 the Provisional platoon, 2/1, departed the Battalion area enroute to parent unit, arriving at 0615 and reverted to parent operational control. At 1806 Able Company suffered four (4) WIA evacuated as a result of enemy sniper fire in the vicinity of CT 014037. At 1850 the Provisional platoon, 2/1, arrived at the Battalion area and came under the operational control of this Battalion. At 2205 Able Company reconnaissance patrol was engaged by an unknown number of enemy in the vicinity of CT 012036 and CT 012037. The enemy employed automatic weapons fire. The friendly patrol employed automatic weapons and were supported by mixed mortar fire. At 2209 the friendly patrol broke contact and withdrew. There was no friendly and no estimate of enemy casualties. At 0558 the Provisional platoon

20 April - At 0157 Charlie Company combat patrol was engaged by an unknown number of enemy in the vicinity of CT 029049. The enemy employed machine gun fire. The friendly patrol employed machine gun fire and was supported by mortar fire. At 0202 the enemy broke contact and withdrew. There was no friendly and no estimate of enemy casualties. At 0558 the Provisional platoon
2/1, departed the Battalion area enroute to parent unit, arriving at 0615 and reverted to parent operational control. During the period a total of fifty-nine (59) rounds of enemy 60mm mortar, one (1) round of enemy 120mm mortar and four (4) rounds of enemy 3.5 inch rocket fire fell within the Battalion's sector of responsibility. All other patrols departed and returned as scheduled with negative enemy contact.

21 April - At 0110 Baker Company suffered two (2) WIA evacuated as a result of enemy 60mm mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 036047. At 0530 the Provisional platoon, 2/1, departed the Battalion area enroute to parent unit, arriving at 0615 and reverted to parent operational control. At 1850 the Provisional platoon, 2/1, arrived at the Battalion area and came under the operational control of this Battalion. At 2142 Baker Company suffered one (1) WIA not evacuated as a result of enemy 60mm mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 041047. At 2210 Baker Company suffered one (1) WIA evacuated as a result of enemy 60mm mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 036048. During the period a total of thirty-two (32) rounds of enemy 60mm mortar and one (1) round of enemy 82mm mortar fire fell within the Battalion's sector of responsibility. All patrols departed and returned as scheduled with negative enemy contact.

22 April - At 0022 Able Company reconnaissance patrol in the vicinity of CT 014035 engaged an estimated three (3) enemy in the vicinity of CT 013035. The friendly patrol employed small arms and was supported by mortar fire. The enemy employed mortar fire. At 0025 the friendly patrol broke contact and withdrew. There were no friendly casualties. The enemy suffered three (3) estimated WIA. At 0229 Baker Company combat patrol engaged an estimated three (3) enemy in the vicinity of CT 034052. The friendly patrol employed small arms fire and hand grenades. The enemy did not return fire. At 0231 the enemy broke contact and withdrew. There were no friendly and no estimate of enemy casualties. At 0430 Able Company suffered one (1) WIA not evacuated as a result of enemy sniper fire in the vicinity of CT 018037. At 0530 the Provisional platoon, 2/1, departed the Battalion area enroute to parent unit, arriving at 0610 and reverted to parent operational control. At 0605 Baker Company suffered one (1) WIA not evacuated as a result of enemy 60mm mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 035060. At 1400 Baker Company suffered one (1) WIA not evacuated as a result of enemy 76mm artillery fire in the vicinity of CT 039039. At 1810 Able Company suffered one (1) WIA evacuated as a result of enemy sniper fire in the vicinity of CT 015042. At 1900 the Provisional platoon, 2/1,
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arrived the Battalion area and came under the operational control of this Battalion. During the period a total of forty-four (44) rounds of enemy 60mm mortar, four (4) rounds of enemy 82mm mortar, one (1) round of enemy 120mm mortar and eleven (11) rounds of enemy 76mm artillery fire fell within the Battalion's sector of responsibility. All other patrols departed and returned as scheduled with negative enemy contact.

23 April - At 0145 Baker Company combat patrol observed one (1) enemy in the vicinity of CT 019045. The friendly patrol threw hand grenades resulting in one (1) estimated enemy KIA. At 0615 the Provisional platoon, 2/1, departed the Battalion area enroute to parent unit, arriving at 0630 and reverted to parent operational control. At 1800 Able Company suffered seven (7) WIA evacuated and six (6) WIA not evacuated as a result of enemy 82mm mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 016038. At 1815 the Provisional platoon, 2/1, arrived at the Battalion area and came under the operational control of this Battalion. At 2145 Able Company combat patrol suffered three (3) WIA not evacuated as a result of enemy 82mm mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 017039. During the period a total of fifty-two (52) rounds of enemy 60mm mortar and seven (7) rounds of enemy 82mm mortar fire fell within the Battalion's sector of responsibility. All patrols departed and returned as scheduled with negative enemy contact.

24 April - At 0550 the Provisional platoon, 2/1, departed the Battalion area enroute to parent unit, arriving at 0610 and reverted to parent operational control. At 1715 Charlie Company suffered one (1) KIA as a result of enemy sniper fire in the vicinity of CT 028048. At 1855 the Provisional platoon, 2/1, arrived at the Battalion area and came under the operational control of this Battalion. At 2259 Baker Company suffered one (1) WIA evacuated as a result of enemy 60mm mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 038047. At 2256 Baker Company reconnaissance patrol was engaged by an unknown number of enemy in the vicinity of CT 034052. The enemy employed burp guns. The friendly patrol employed small arms fire and grenades. At 2257 the enemy broke contact and withdrew. There were no friendly and no estimate of enemy casualties. During the period a total of fifty-three (53) rounds of enemy 60mm mortar and two (2) rounds of enemy 82mm mortar fire fell within the Battalion's sector of responsibility. All other patrols departed and returned as scheduled with negative enemy contact.
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25 April - At 0400 Able Company reconnaissance patrol engaged an unknown number of enemy in the vicinity of CT 021044. The enemy employed small arms and machine gun fire. The friendly patrol employed small arms fire. At 0401 the friendly patrol broke contact and withdrew. There were no friendly and no estimate of enemy casualties. At 0600 the Provisional platoon, 2/1, departed the Battalion area enroute to parent unit, arriving at 0630 and reverted to parent operational control. At 1915 the Provisional platoon, 2/1, arrived at the Battalion and came under the operational control of this Battalion. During the period a total of thirty-five (35) rounds of enemy 60mm mortar, seven (7) rounds of enemy 82mm mortar, two (2) rounds of enemy 76mm artillery and two (2) rounds of enemy 3.5 inch rocket fire fell within the Battalion's sector of responsibility. All other patrols departed and returned as scheduled with negative enemy contact.

26 April - At 0015 Charlie Company combat patrol was engaged by an estimated enemy squad (Reinf) in the vicinity of CT 021046. The enemy employed small arms, automatic weapons, hand grenades and machine gun fire. The friendly patrol employed automatic weapons, machine guns and were supported by mortar fire. At 0035 the enemy broke contact and withdrew. The friendly patrol suffered one (1) WIA evacuated. The patrol inflicted one (1) counted KIA and three (3) estimated KIA on the enemy force. At 0222 Baker Company suffered one (1) WIA not evacuated as a result of enemy 60mm mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 037046. At 0555 the Provisional platoon, 2/1, departed the Battalion area enroute to parent unit, arriving at 0620 and reverted to parent operational control. At 1700 Able Company suffered one (1) WIA not evacuated as a result of enemy 60mm mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 017035. At 1845 Baker Company suffered one (1) WIA not evacuated as a result of enemy 82mm mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 035050. At 1910 the Provisional platoon, 2/1, arrived at the Battalion area and came under the operational control of this Battalion. During the period a total of eighty-four (84) rounds of enemy 60mm mortar, fifteen (15) rounds of enemy 82mm mortar and six (6) rounds of enemy 76mm artillery fire fell within the Battalion's sector of responsibility. All other patrols departed and returned as scheduled with negative enemy contact.

27 April - the Provisional platoon, 2/1, departed the Battalion area enroute to parent unit, arriving at 0635 and reverted to parent operational control. At 1925 the Provisional platoon, 2/1, arrived at the Battalion area and came under the operational control of this Battalion. At 2115 Baker Company combat
patrol engaged an estimated two (2) enemy in the vicinity of CT 042053. The enemy employed hand grenades. The friendly patrol employed small arms fire and hand grenades. At 2117 the enemy broke contact and withdrew. There were no friendly and no estimate of enemy casualties. At 2325 Able Company ambush was engaged by an estimated fifteen (15) enemy in the vicinity of CT 015039. The enemy employed burp guns. The friendly ambush employed automatic weapons and were supported by mixed mortar fire. At 2327 the enemy broke contact and withdrew. There were no friendly casualties. The enemy suffered two (2) estimated WIA.

During the period a total of two (2) rounds of enemy 60mm mortar and four (4) rounds of enemy 82mm mortar fire fell within the Battalion's sector of responsibility. All other patrols departed and returned as scheduled with negative enemy contact.

28 April - At 0545 the Provisional platoon, 2/1, departed the Battalion area enroute to parent unit, arriving at 0613 and reverted to parent operational control. At 1900 the Provisional platoon, 2/1, arrived at the Battalion area and came under the operational control of this Battalion. During the period a total of four (4) rounds of enemy 82mm mortar and one (1) round of enemy 76mm artillery fire fell within the Battalion's sector of responsibility. All patrols departed and returned as scheduled with negative enemy contact.

29 April - At 0545 the Provisional platoon, 2/1, departed the Battalion area enroute to parent unit, arriving at 0625 and reverted to parent operational control. At 1530 the forward elements of the 3rd Battalion, 35th Regiment, 25th U. S. Division arrived at the Battalion CP and came under the operational control of this Battalion. The mission of this forward element was to make a reconnaissance of this Battalion's sector of the MLR with the anticipation of that unit relieving this Battalion of its defensive positions on the MLR on a date to be announced. At 1900 the Provisional platoon, 2/1, arrived at the Battalion area and came under the operational control of this Battalion. During the period a total of forty-eight (48) rounds of enemy 60mm mortar, six (6) rounds of enemy 82mm mortar, one (1) round of enemy 76mm artillery and one (1) round of enemy 120mm mortar fire fell within the Battalion's sector of responsibility. All patrols departed and returned as scheduled with negative enemy contact.

30 April - At 0535 the Provisional platoon, 2/1, departed the Battalion area enroute to parent unit, arriving at 0600 and reverted to parent operational control. At 1455 Weapons Company...
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suffered one (1) WIA evacuated as a result of enemy 60mm mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 016038. At 1640 Able Company suffered two (2) WIA not evacuated as a result of enemy 60mm mortar fire in the vicinity of CT 014037. At 1855 the Provisional platoon, 2/1, arrived at the Battalion area and came under the operational control of this Battalion. At 2255 Able Company combat patrol was engaged by an estimated enemy squad (Reinf) in the vicinity of CT 014038. The enemy employed small arms, burp guns, machine guns and was supported by mortar fire. The friendly patrol employed automatic weapons and was supported by mortar fire. At 2257 the friendly patrol broke contact and withdrew. There were no friendly and no estimate of enemy casualties. During the period a total of sixty-eight (68) rounds of enemy 60mm mortar, six (6) rounds of enemy 82mm mortar, one (1) round of enemy 120mm mortar and two (2) rounds of enemy 76mm artillery fire fell within the Battalion's sector of responsibility. All other patrols departed and returned as scheduled with negative enemy contact.

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APPENDIX I to Command Diary for the month of April 1953

a. 1st Marines Operation Order:
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c. 1st Marines General Order:
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d. 1st Marines Memorandums:
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  Change #1 to 18-53...........................10 April 53
  21-53............................................12 April 53

e. 1st Marines Training Memorandum:
  3-53............................................20 April 53

f. 1st Marines Training Order
  12-53............................................1 April 53

g. 1st Marines Letter:
  C.C.70-53....................................11 April 53

h. 1st Marines Dispatches:
  101349I
  151000I
  201816I
  212115I

i. 1st Marines Frag Order:
  301600I April 1953

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- NEGATIVE -
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Medical and Dental Summary.......................1-31 April
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- NEGATIVE -
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- NEGATIVE -
The physical and mental condition of the personnel of the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines is considered excellent.
MEDICAL SUMMARY

During the period 1 April through 30 April, the intensive preventive disease program formerly established, was closely adhered to. Fly and mosquito control was particularly emphasized. An attempt was made to drain or oil all standing water. The Division Preventive Medicine Unit provided a TIPA insecticide sprayer, for a complete coverage of the Battalion CP area. The rodent control program was continued and distribution of rodent poison and rat traps was also continued. Weekly field days and dusting of sleeping bags with Lindane powder was continued.

During this reporting period, a change of clothing was available at the shower unit, in addition to facilities for washing and treating clothing with miticide solution in the CP area.

The messhall and mess equipment were inspected periodically by the Medical Officer, in addition to constant supervision by the Corpsman in charge of Sanitation.

The company areas were inspected periodically by the Medical Officer. Urinals and heads received such inspection by the Sanitation Corpsman, as was permitted by the situation. Unit Corpsman inspected all urinals and heads daily in order to insure proper use of chlorinated lime and burning procedures and general cleanliness and repair.

The policy of stressing personal hygiene and cleanliness was continued. Foot inspections were held regularly by Unit Corpsman.

All new Corpsmen received a series of indoctrination and orientation lectures. Subjects covered by the Medical Department personnel were: conduct with the Marines, field treatment of casualties, evacuation procedures by both routine channels and by helicopter. Subjects covered by Marine instructors were: use of the pistol, by the Battalion Armorer, and conduct and responsibilities of the Corpsman on patrol, by a Platoon Commander.

All dental problems were handled by Regimental and Division Dental Clinics.

During the period covered by this report there were one hundred seventy three (173) battle casualties, one (1) evacuated non-battle casualties and two (2) evacuated for disease. The weekly dose of Chloroquin for malaria control was continued. One hundred six (106) cowpox vaccinations were given. There were no cases of Venereal Disease.