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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

2d Battalion, 4th Marines

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SECTION I
ORGANIZATION DATA, INCLUDING ATTACHMENTS

1. Designation/Location. This report covers the period from 1 to 30 September 1967. During this period the Battalion participated in Operation Fremont, Liberty, and Kingfisher. Located initially in Phong Dien, Thua Thien, RVN at Camp Evans, the Battalion conducted aggressive search and destroy missions against insurgent Viet Cong forces. Moving to Con Thien on 12 September, the Battalion engaged in providing security for the Combat Outpost at Con Thien and C-2 during Operation Kingfisher.

2. Name/Rank of Commanding Officers, Staff and Principal Subordinate T/O Billet assignments:

Commanding Officer	LtCol J. W. HAMMOND Jr.
Executive Officer	Maj J. J. LAWENDOWSKI
S-1	2dLt R. L. MORRIS
S-2	1stLt J. M. FISHER to 5Sep67
	Capt D. D. BARNHILL. fr 6Sep67
	GySgt J. MARTIN. fr 25Sep67
S-3	Maj R. J. RIGG. to 15Sep67
	Capt B. C. TAYLOR. fr 16Sep67
S-4	Capt D. W. SCHRADER.
SupplyO	1stLt J. W. HAMILTON
Communications Officer	Capt K. N. ZIKE to 30Sep67
	2dLt R. L. KLAUER fr 30Sep67
Motor Transport Officer	1stLt J. H. BURT.
Medical Officer	Lt(MC) R. L. JIMENEZ USN
Chaplain	Ltjg (CC) R. O. SWIFT USN. . . to 18Sep67
	LtCdr J. W. MCELROY USN. . . fr 19Sep67
Company Commanders	
H&SCo	Capt K. N. ZIKE to 9Sep67
	Capt W. B. NYE. fr 10Sep67
CoE	Capt R. H. TAYLOR
CoF	1stLt F. S. BLAIR
CoG	Capt D. T. WINTER to 15Sep67
	1stLt R. L. H ARSHMAN. . . . fr 15Sep67
	Capt J. W. PHILLIPS. fr 29Sep67
CoH	Capt D. D. BARNHILL. to 5Sep67
	Capt R. L. JOHNSON fr 6Sep67
	Capt A. P. BRILL fr 24Sep67

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SECTION II

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

1. Personnel

- a. Average monthly strength during the period.

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Officers	33	2
Enlisted	1061	48

- b. Critical MOS's have been closely monitored and requested as needed.

- c. The following number of personnel were transferred during this month.

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Officers	6	1
Enlisted	61	4

- d. The following number of personnel were joined during this period:

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Officers	9	1
Enlisted	252	4

- e. KIA-49
DOW-0
MIA-0
WIA-429
WOUNDED-240
DISEASE-5
INJURY-3 (self inflicted GSW)
DOI-0
OTHER-28

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SECTION III

INTELLIGENCE

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1. During the reporting period intelligence continued at a satisfactory level.

2. Enemy Casualties:

a. 4th Marines TAOR

	<u>KIA Conf</u>	<u>KIA Prob</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>Detainees</u>	<u>Ralliers</u>
H&SCo	6	17			
Co E	18	19			
Co F	17	29			
Co G	12	23			
Co H	0	0			
Total	46	73			

b. Operation FREMONT. Commenced on 10 July and ended on 11 September. Data concerning operation FREMONT was submitted. Operation KINGFISHER commenced on 12 September and continues. Data is being submitted for Operation KINGFISHER.

c. Total for the month of September

VC KIA Conf	46
VC KIA Prob	73
PW	0
Detainees	0
Ralliers	0

d. Total KIA since 5 May 1965: 1,520

3. Captured and destroyed Equipment:

a. 4th Marines TAOR

- (1) Weapons: 1 M16-49, 1 U. S. M-1, 1 AK-47
- (2) Equipment: 1 Bipod, 1 Baseplate, and sight for 60mm mortar, 1 82 mortar, destroyed by arty, 2 cartridge belts, 406 chicom Grenades, and miscellaneous pieces of gear.

b. Total weapons captured for the month of September- 63

c. Total weapons captured since 5 May 1965- 335

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SECTION IV

OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

1. Special Operations.

a. Operation LIBERTY occupied the first three days of this period. During LIBERTY the battalion provided security for polling places, district headquarters, guarded roads and bridges to prevent acts of terrorism and conducted search and destroy operation in the Hai Lang National Forest.

b. On 4 September, LIBERTY ended and FREMONT began again. The battalion's mission remained the same: Conduct Search and Destroy operations, interdict infiltration routes, prevent mining of National Route #1, and deny the enemy access to the heavily populated rice producing areas.

c. On 12 September, the battalion journeyed north, becoming OPCON to the 9th Regiment, and conducted operations around Con Thien in Northern Quang Tri Province against NVA forces in that area.

d. Since 12 September the battalion has been shelled with artillery and mortar throughout and engaged in a sharp fight with NVA forces on 21 September.

e. The battalion is credited with 39 NVA KIA (copf) and 104 NVA KIA (ixbb) for this period.

2. Training

a. Training has been limited to in-country indoctrination in a company level due to operational commitments.

b. F&M firing is conducted on improvised ranges.

c. School quotas have been filled as assigned and requested. Six NCO's are scheduled to attend NCO Leadership School, 2 NCO's to attend Vietnamese Language School, and six Marines to attend AN/PRC/5, AN/PPS 6 school during this quarter.

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SECTION VLOGISTICS

1. The outstanding feature of this month's supply situation is the distance existing now between the battalion's area of operations and its supply rear. On 12 Sep the battalion commenced the move of its combat elements to an area near Con Thien. On 13 September the combat troop move was completed and the administrative rear began to situate itself at the Dong Ha Combat Base. After more than a week the entire administrative rear was moved out of Camp Evans. To date the supply rear has not moved from Phu Bai for use in the field. However, relations at Dong Ha with the service support units have been excellent and support has been very satisfactory. Being removed from the organic supply has made supply operations more tenuous. It is hoped that the entire battalion rear will be married in the near future. The clothing problem has been minimized by (1) the static posture of the field units and (2) reclamation and laundering of clothing from evacuees. Arrangements have been made with the FLSC-B laundry facility which provides a thirty-six hour turn around. Electronics equipment problems have also been minimized for the first reason mentioned above. Equipment for the monsoon season has not arrived yet. In particular, poncho liners and rain gear are going to be in demand shortly.

2. Rifle cleaning tools are still in evidence by their paucity; however, oils and solvents are in adequate supply. Hand sets, whip and tape antennas are still much in demand, though not as noticeably as they were during active, moving field operations. Clothing is in short supply; with the advent of the monsoon season it is expected that the demand will increase sharply, though the battalion may still be static. The supply of spare parts for M-16's, M-79's, M-60's, 60mm and 81mm Mortars has been poor. The machine guns, especially, are in bad shape and require new parts frequently.

3. The return of M274A1's from the maintenance shops at FLSC-A has been poor. The phase-out of the A1 is probably the reason for this. Since the mule is not being used extensively at this time, no problems in availability have arisen.

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SECTION VI

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COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

1. Significant Events:

During the month of September, this unit participated in Operation FURMONT and Operation KINGFISHER.

2. New Developments:

None

3. Problem Areas:

Supply shortages in operating components for PRC-25 remain the largest problem. H-138 handssets and AB-591 antenna mounts are critical.

4. Status of communications equipment:

(3)	RT-505	Code H
(1)	RT-505	2nd Echelon
(2)	RT-505	4th Echelon(Okinawa)
(5)	RT-505	3rd Echelon(Flsu-1)
(1)	RT-695	4th Echelon(Okinawa)
(1)	GMA-39A	4th Echelon(Okinawa)
(1)	TA-312	3rd Echelon(FLSU-1)
(53)	H-138	Code H
(1)	H-80	Code H
(1)	TA-1	Code H

5. Number of security violations:

None reported this period.

6. Amount of messages sent and received:

Messages sent:	36
Messages received	849

7. Personnel Status:

<u>Shortages</u>		<u>Overages</u>	
(1)	MSGT 2591	(1)	GYSGT 2519
(1)	SSGT 2861	(1)	SSGT 2539
(1)	SSGT 2549	(1)	SGT 2533
(1)	SGT 2511	(1)	SGT 2542
(1)	SGT 5931	(2)	CPL 2542
(2)	LCPL 2815		
(1)	LCPL 1341		

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8. Summary of operational Trainings:

Message center trainings:

Application	720 HRS
Classes	5 HRS

Technician Trainings:

Application	200 HRS
Classes	4 HRS

Radio Section Trainings:

Application	720 HRS
Classes	10 HRS

Wire Section Trainings:

Application	720 HRS
	10 HRS

9. Summary of operations participated in with problems encountered and lessons learned:

No lessons learned; only problems involve combat losses/damages while on Operation KINGFISHER.

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SECTION VII

FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION

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H&I TARGETS

1047

RD'S FIRED AT H&I TARGETS

5000

ACTUAL FIRE MISSIONS

190

RD'S FIRED ON ACTUAL MISSIONS

4347

REGISTRATION MISSIONS

12

RD'S FIRED ON REGISTRATION MISSIONS

36

81MM H&I TARGETS

652

RD'S FIRED AT H&I TARGETS

1852

81MM ACTUAL MISSIONS

93

RD'S FIRED ON ACTUAL MISSIONS

1478

81MM REGISTRATION MISSIONS

7

RD'S FIRED ON REGISTRATION MISSIONS

21

BREAKDOWN - TOTAL ROUNDS EXPENDED

<u>105</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>4.2 MORTAR</u>	<u>81MM</u>	<u>2/40's</u>
HE-5969	2711	499	3216 HE	768
WP 135	10	26	50 VT	
ILL 33			50WP	
6137	2721	525	<u>35 ILL</u>	
			3351	

KNOWN SURVEILLANCE

KIA-12

P-KIA-16

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SECTION VIII

AIR SUPPORT-DEFENSE

1. Number and Type of Air Missions

A. Fixed Wing

CAP	12
CAS	108
AO	31
TAC(A)	23
FLARE	Ø
TPQ's	6

B. Helicopters

Troops	29
Logistics	183
Med Evac	115
Admin	2
Recon	Ø
Gunship	30
VIP Code	Ø
TAC (A)	Ø

2. Number of Air Requirements Completed.

- a. Fixed Wing Sorties - 180
- b. Helicopter Sorties - 359

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MEDICAL AND DENTAL

1. Significant Events

- a. Transfer of entire medical facility to a new location.
- b. Unusual weather condition resulting in medical problems not anticipated eg. immersion feet.

2. New Developments

- a. Battalion presently engaged in heavy combat thus placing heavy demands on our medical supply facility and personnel.

3. Problem Area

- a. Procurement of adequate materials for facility construction and development of an adequate and smooth system of resupply, these problems are gradually being resolved as experience is gained within our new facility.

- 4. Average daily number of patients seen
- Total number of patients seen for the month

34
1010

- 5. Number of referrals to 3rd Med

36

- 6. Routine medical complaints

- a. Diarrhea
- b. URI
- c. Dermatitis
- d. RBEF
- e. Venereal Disease
- f. Malaria
- g. FUO
- h. Immersion feet

250
44
310
20
8
4
30
100

- 8. Number of emergencies

457

TYPE	TOTAL	EVACUATED	KIA	DOW
a. Burns	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
b. Lacerations	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
c. Heat Casualties	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
d. Shrapnel	<u>363</u>	<u>169</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
e. Gun shot	<u>47</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>0</u>
f. Other	<u>42</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Immunizations and Prophylactics administered
Dental Referrals

4500
32

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SECTION XCIVIL AFFAIRS1. Significant Data

a. Due to the movement from Camp Evans, to Dong Ha very little progress was made in connection with Civic Action Projects.

b. From the period of (1 September to 12 September) the Battalion S-5 was operating in the village of Phong Dien, Thua Thien Province, on the outskirts of Camp Evans. During this period of time approximately 80 pounds of food, was given to the Catholic priest of Phong Dien for the purpose of distribution. 10 gallons of gasoline were also given to the priest for his vehicle, which he used quite frequently in making various trips to the city of Hue.

c. From the period of (13 September to present) the Battalion S-5 has been, and still is operating in the Quang Tri Province. Since the Battalion has moved to Dong Ha the S-5 has paid visits to the villages of Thon Phoung Gia (255598), and Thon Loung An (250602). During these visits the S-5 met with both village chiefs, Throung Que of Thon Phoung Gia, and Tran Thawh Phong of Thon Loung An, and explained to them that we were new to this area and wanted to help them in anyway possible. During the visit the village chief of Thon Phoung Gia showed the S-5 a Vietnamese child that had been hit by a motorcycle and had damaged his teeth. The S-5 took the child to D Med and had his teeth fixed. The S-5 also distributed 500 pamphlets and 200 newspapers throughout the villages.

d. The 9th Marines Regimental S-5 has helped the Battalion S-5 considerably in getting a relationship established. Regimental S-5 has loaned their ARVN interpreter to the Battalion S-5 for establishment of communication.

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PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED/LESSONS LEARNED

1. No unusual problems were encountered during this period.
2. Lessons Learned during this period were as follows:
 - a. Topic. Pre-planning resupply requirements.

(1) Discussion.. During recent operations when large quantities of mortar and recoilless rifle ammunition was used, Resupply Requirements were demanding and often called for additional missions to be flown to replenish dwindling stocks.

(2) Recommendation. At all times, when the tactical situation permits, Pre-Planning of fires in type, quantity, and duration, will provide logistics data to enable a commander to foresee his needs before they occur. Necessary replenishment of stocks can be accomplished on a routine, rather than emergency basis.

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OFFICERS

Included in total count

- a. Of ficers seen & sick call
- b. Evacuated with shrapnel wounds

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