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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
2d Battalion, 4th Marines

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SECTION I  
ORGANIZATION DATA, INCLUDING ATTACHMENTS

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

Commanding Officer  
Executive Officer  
S-1  
S-2  
S-3  
S-4  
Supply Officer  
Communications Officer  
Motor Transport Officer  
Medical Officer  
Chaplain

LtCol WEISE  
Maj C. W. KNAPP  
1stLt R. L. MORRIS  
Capt J. E. NICHOLS  
Maj A. P. BRILL  
Capt L. L. FOREHAND  
1stLt J. W. HAMILTON  
2dLt R. L. KLAUER  
1stLt J. H. BURT  
Lt (MC) R. L. JIMENEZ USN  
LtCmdr J. W. MCELROY USN

COMPANY COMMANDERS  
H&S COMPANY

E COMPANY  
F COMPANY  
G COMPANY  
H COMPANY

Capt W. B. NYE.....to 7Nov67  
1stLt E. S. DAWSON...fr 8Nov67  
Capt J. E. LIVINGSTON  
1stLt F. S. BLAIR  
Capt R. L. HARSHMAN  
2dLt K. J. HEBERT.....To 22Nov67  
Capt J. L. WILLIAMS...Fr 23Nov67

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SECTION II  
PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

1-30Nov67

1. Personnel

a. Average monthly strength during the period.

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Officers	40	2
Enlisted	1034	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	4	0
Enlisted	170	0

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

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Officers	2	0
Enlisted	117	1

e. KIA	1
WIA	12
DOW	1
MIA	0
WIANE	13
DISEASED	3
INJURED	7
DOI	0
OTHER	0

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SECTION III  
INTELLIGENCE

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

2. Enemy Casualties:

a. The Second Battalion, 4th Marines chopped to the First Marine Regiment on 31 October. Operation KINGFISHER ended 31 October 1967, and Operation OSCEOLA began on 1 November 1967. The following data is submitted for Operation OSCEOLA.

b. First Marine Regiment Area of Operations.

	<u>KIA Conf</u>	<u>KIA Prob</u>	<u>P.W.</u>	<u>Detainees</u>	<u>Refugees</u>
Co E	5	10	0	3	0
Co G	0	1	0	0	0
Co H	1	4	0	31	0
H&S Co	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	6	15	0	34	0

c. Total KIA since 5 May 1965: 1563

3. Captured and Destroyed equipment

- a. One (1) PPS-1943 Rifle
- b. One (1) Homemade wood pistol with one (1) .30 caliber round
- c. Two (2) ChiCom Grenades
- d. Two (2) tons of rice
- e. Total weapons since 5 May 1967: 335

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SECTION IV  
OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

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1. Special Operations

a. During the period 1 thru 30 November the Battalion (-) participated in Operation OSCEOLA with the primary mission of defending the Quang Tri Airfield Complex. In addition to the primary mission the Battalion was responsible for interdicting routes of communication which the VC/NVA use for resupply in this area and continuous day and night patrolling and ambushes to prevent a rocket, mortar, or ground attack on the Quang Tri Airbase.

b. From 1-15 November the airfield was defended by two rifle companies and H&S Company (-). Operations during this period were limited to squad and platoon patrols, two special company operations and one Battalion (-) operation.

c. On 7 November, Company H was assigned the mission to search and clear the area in the vicinity of Yd 3050 and locate the bodies of three Vietnamese personnel who were killed during an ambush of a PRU unit the previous day. No contact was made during the operation. H Company located the bodies, which had been buried, and PRU personnel identified the bodies as being the Vietnamese who were killed the day prior. During the search of the area, a well concealed base camp, was located. Artillery fires were registered on the location and H&I fires plotted. A TPQ was requested for that grid. In addition to the base camp, a box containing 35 ChiCom grenades was found and destroyed in place.

d. On 9 November Company E was assigned the mission to search and clear a suspected rocket storage site in the vicinity of Yd 3050. This area had received a TPQ strike the preceding night and secondary explosions were reported. This mission was aborted before Company E reached the objective by higher headquarters due to later intelligence analysis. The area was, however, thoroughly searched on 14 November (see paragraph 2.e below). There was no evidence of a rocket site or any recent activity in the area. Trails were overgrown, and a few old positions were located.

e. On 14 November, two companies and the Battalion Command Group participated in a special operation to search and destroy all VC/NVA forces, tunnel and bunker complexes and supply storage areas within the assigned AO. Assigned objectives were searched with negative results. H Company

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observed 3 suspected VC who were observing their movement from a distance of about 700 meters. They were taken under fire and immediately disappeared. The area was searched with negative results. During the return to the airfield, one of the attached Ontos threw a track. A unit was assigned to remain with the Ontos as security until it could be hauled back to the perimeter. This mission was completed by 2130H.

f. On 16 November, G Company returned to OpCon of the Battalion. The perimeter of the Quang Tri Air Base was extended to include the ASP and to the advantage of the high ground west of the railroad tracks. Triple strand concertina now encompasses the entire perimeter. A continuous effort by all units is being made to improve the defensive position of the Air Base.

g. During the period 16-30 November, three company operations were conducted to search and clear suspected enemy locations. On 26 November two rifle companies and a command group participated in a Regimental operation in support of GVN forces and Psychological warfare units at Yd 3048. Throughout the operation the Battalion (-) was plagued with sniper fire but no heavy contact was made.

h. The Battalion is credited with 6 VC KIA Confirmed, 25 VC KIA Probable, 0 POW.

2. Training activities conducted from 1 November through 30 November.

- a. FO Procedures. The training emphasis was on practical application in the calling and adjusting of artillery fire.
- b. Techniques of Scouting and Patrolling. The purpose of these classes was to review basic techniques and to reorient the troops toward small unit tactics. Subjects covered were: Individual camouflage and concealment, patrol planning and patrol order, conduct of combat patrols, rally points, control and security.
- c. Stream Crossing Techniques. Basic equipment such as air mattresses, empty canteens, ponchos and ropes was used to accomplish crossing of otherwise unfordable rivers.
- d. Helicopter Med-Evac Procedures. Instruction on SOP for accomplishing Med-Evacs.
- e. Psychological warfare. Instructions on proper relationships with Vietnamese civilians in and around the Quang Tri Area.

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- f. NCO Leadership Instruction. Instruction concerning leadership qualities and respective obligations.
  - g. 456 personnel zeroed their M16 rifles on a 100 meter range. Causes of malfunctions were investigated and corrected.
  - h. 60mm mortar crews conducted live fire drills at least twice a week from an improvised range.
  - i. M60 Machine Guns conducted gun drills at least twice a week on an improvised range.
3. School quotas have been filled as assigned and requested. One Lieutenant is attending Personal Response School, 8 Marines are attending a Combined Action Course, 1 Marine is attending Vietnamese Language School, and one SNCO is attending Indoctrination School.

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SECTION V  
LOGISTICS

1. The most significant item of the reporting period was the arrival of the bulk of Battalion Supply from Phu Bai. The aforementioned event has resulted in a 100 per cent improvement in supply support.
2. The critical shortage of mountout boxes is seriously hampering the preparation of the Battalion for the upcoming SLF. To date none have been received.
3. The reports are made weekly and supply follow-up action has been taken. The authorized allowances for monsoon equipment has not been filled. The critical shortage is in rainsuits. The prohibition on requisitioning monsoon equipment is unrealistic in that damage and loss is inevitable. That, plus the fact that the initial allowance has not been received has resulted in many personnel without monsoon equipment.
4. The present requirement to transfer personnel to other units with their equipment has resulted in shortages within the Command; particularly in personal weapons. In most cases the replacements are newly arrived in country and therefore will be initially equipped from this unit. This compounds the problems caused by shortages of individual equipment and weapons within the Battalion.
5. Shortages of chamber brushes for the M-16 rifle remain critical. Difficulty in replacement of worn out/lost individual equipment continues to be a problem.

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SECTION VI  
COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

1. Significant Events

During the month of November, this unit participated in three operations, LANCASTER, KENTUCKY, and OSCEOLA. This Battalion was also assigned the primary mission of security of the Quang Tri Air Field Complex.

2. New Developments:

None.

3. Problem areas.

Supply shortages in operating components for PRC-25 remain the most critical problem. This shortage extends to modules for second and third echelon repair parts. H-138/H-189 handsets and AT-271 antennas are most critical shortages.

This Battalion is not equipped to provide necessary communications for facility defense (e.g. radio, wire communications to observation towers and defensive positions covering a 9 KM perimeter). Special allowances for additional communications equipment has been requested for infantry battalions with a base defense mission.

4. Status of Communications equipment:

(4)	RT-505	Code H
(2)	RT-505	Code E
(1)	G-293A	Code E
(1)	RT-505	Combat Loss
(63)	H-138	Code H
(1)	RT-505	FLSU-1
(1)	RT-505	FLSG-A
(1)	AM-2060	FLSG-A
(2)	TA-1	FLSG-A
(1)	Power Supply MRC-87	FLSG-A
(1)	PU-348	Code H
(1)	RT-695	FLSU-1
(1)	TA-312	FLSU-1
(1)	TA-312	FLSG-1
(1)	CV-644	FLSG-A
(2)	TPS-21 pwr/AMP AM1849 3d FSR	

5. Number of security violations: None reported this period.

6. Amount of messages sent and received:

Messages sent: 41

Messages received: 972

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7. Personnel Status:

## Shortages:

(1)	SSGT	2861
(1)	SSGT	2549
(1)	LCPL	2542
(5)	LCPL/PVT	2511
(4)	LCPL/PVT	2531

## Overages:

(1)	GYSGT	2519
(1)	SSGT	2539
(3)	SGT	2533

8. Summary of operational training:

## Message center training

Application 720 hrs

Classes 3 hrs

## Technical Training

Application 280 hrs

Classes 3 hrs

## Radio Section Training

Application 720 hrs

Classes 7 hrs

## Wire Section Training

Application 720 hrs

Classes 7 hrs

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

The communication platoon participated in all Battalion, Company, and platoon operations. No new lessons were learned. However, a problem still exists with modules for the AN/PRC-25's.

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SECTION VII  
FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION

H&I TARGETS  
489

ROUNDS FIRED  
3898

ACTUAL FIRE MISSIONS  
109

ROUNDS FIRED  
1282

81MM H&I TARGETS  
39

ROUNDS FIRED  
355

81MM ACTUAL FIRE MISSIONS  
55

ROUNDS FIRED  
661

81MM REGISTRATIONS  
4

ROUNDS FIRED  
9

TOTAL ROUNDS FIRED ON ALL MISSIONS:

HE 4980-105MM  
WP 119-105MM  
ILL 6-105MM  
HCS 7-105MM

68-107MM (4.2) Mort 762-81MM  
190-81MM  
73-81MM

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SECTION VIII  
AIR SUPPORT

1. Number and type of air missions

a. Fixed Wing (By Sortie)

CAS	8
AO	1
TAC (A)	1
FLARE	1
TPQ's	12
<u>Total</u>	<u>23</u>

b. Helicopter ( By sortie)

TROOPS	0
LOGISTICS	0
MED-EVACS	12
ADMIN	3
RECON	15
GUNSHIP	4
VIP	0
TAC (A)	2
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>36</u>

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SECTION IX  
MEDICAL AND DENTAL

## 1. Significant Events

a. Transfer of entire medical facility from Dong Ha to Quang Tri.

## 2. New Developments

a. Preparations for Special Landing Force status starting late December or early January; inventory, resupply, training of corpsmen etc.

## 3. Problem areas

a. Procurment 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 22  
 Total number of patients for Nov 67 656

5. Number of referrals to 3d Med 72

## 6. Routine medical complaints

(a) Diarrhea	24
(b) URI	<u>26</u>
(c) Dermatitis	80
(d) BENT	<u>48</u>
(e) Venereal Disease	6
(f) Immersion Foot	0
(g) Other	<u>122</u>

## 7. Significant diseases to the area

(a) Malaria	4
(b) FUO	<u>4</u>

## 8. Number of emergencies

TYPE	TOTAL	EVACUATED	KIA	DOW
(a) Burns	4	0	0	0
(b) Lacerations	16	0	0	0
(c) Heat Casualties	1	1	0	0
(d) Shrapnel Wounds	53	10	0	0
(e) Gunshot wounds	19	11	3	0
(f) Other	<u>28</u>	<u>23</u>	0	0

9. Immunizations and Prophylactics administered 161  
 Dental Referrals 21

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10. Officers included in total count  
(a) Officers seen at sick call  
(b) Evacuated with shrapnel wounds

10  
0

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