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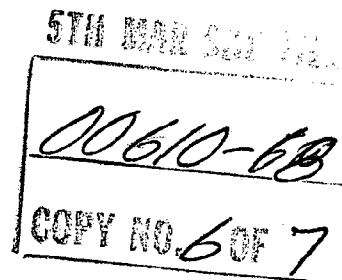
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1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b) and (c), Enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 September 1968 to 30 September 1968

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1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein)	Lt. Col. R. F. DALEY 1-30 September 1968
H&S Company	1st Lt. R. N. WARR 1-30 September 1968
Company A	1st Lt. S. A. NELSON 1-22 September 1968 Capt. R. L. CODY 23-30 September 1968
Company B	Capt. G. C. LAWTY 1-30 September 1968
Company C	Capt. J. P. CAYNAK 1-30 September 1968
Company D	Capt. M. L. BRANDTNER 1-18 September 1968 Capt. C. N. ADAMS 19-30 September 1968

2. LOCATIONS

1-30 September 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines participated in Operation "MAMALUKE THRUST" in the southern part of Dai Loc; northwest and western part of Duc Duc and western part of Duy Xuyen Districts in the Quan Nam Province of RVN.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Maj. L. A. WUNDERLICH
1-8 September 1968
Maj. E. E. GERDING
9-30 September 1968

S-1 Officer/Adjutant

1st Lt. T. E. HOWARD
1-30 September 1968

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S-2 Officer

1st Lt. B. G. WELCH
1-23 September 1968
1st Lt. M. O. V. GREEN
24-30 September 1968

S-3 Officer

Maj. L. A. WUNDERLICH
1-18 September 1968
Capt. M. L. BRANDTNER
19-30 September 1968

S-4 Officer

Capt C. N. ADAMS
1-13 September 1968
1st Lt. R. L. LOUDER
14-21 September 1968
1st Lt. S. A. NELSON
22-30 September 1968

S-5 Officer

1st Lt. B. G. WELCH
1-23 September 1968
1st Lt. M. O. V. GREEN
24-30 September 1968

Medical Officer

Lt. C. E. CREACH (USN)
1-30 September 1968

Supply Officer

1st Lt. L. MALL
1-24 September 1968
2nd Lt. E. R. MIDGETT
25-30 September 1968

Motor Transport Officer

2nd Lt. R. H. MCDOWELL
1-30 September 1968

Assistant Adj/Logal Officer

1st Lt. R. F. WEBB
1-30 September 1968

Chaplain

Lt. M. H. ROBERTS (USN)
1-30 September 1968

Air Liaison Officer

Capt. E. KUNN
1-30 September 1968

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

a. Strength. The Battalion's strength at the beginning of the month was 29 officers and 1133 enlisted. On 15 September, the strength had changed to 33 officers and 1155 enlisted. By the end of September, the strength was 32 officers and 1155 enlisted. At this time, there are 2 officers and 67 enlisted hospitalized. Joinings during the month were 6 officers and 225 enlisted.

b. Discipline, Law and Legal. 1 Summary Court-Martial and 2 Special Courts-Martial were convened during September. There are, however, 3 Summary Courts-Martial and 8 Special Courts-Martial still to be processed. During September, 9 investigations were completed and there are 6 investigations pending.

c. POW/Detainees. There were 31 detainees processed during the month.

d. Morale. Morale and fighting spirit continued to be excellent.

e. Postal. Postal service continued at the same degree of excellence.

f. Awards. During September, 3 Certificates signed by the Secretary of the Navy were forwarded to members of this command. Numerous recommendations for awards were submitted for heroism and meritorious service.

g. Interior Management. Administrative procedures and proficiency continue to be excellent.

2. ENEMY, WEATHER AND TERRAIN. This portion of the Command Chronology will be included in the After Action Report at the completion of Operation "MAMELUKE THRUST."

3. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

a. Organization. The organization of the Battalion remained substantially the same throughout the month of September.

b. Operations. The Battalion continued to participate in operation "MAMELUKE THRUST" throughout the month of September and continues into the month of October.

c. Supporting Arms. Air; Artillery; Engineers; LVT's; and Shore Party (HST), supported the Battalion throughout the month of September and continues into October. This portion of the Command Chronology will be covered in the After Action Report of "MAMELUKE THRUST" at its completion.

4. TRAINING

a. The following training was conducted during the month:

- (1) Weapons Safety
- (2) Weapons Inspection, Care and Cleaning
- (3) Field Fortifications
- (4) Weapons Zeroing (M-16, 106 RR, M-14)
- (5) Field Sanitation/First Aid
- (6) Mapping and Compass
- (7) Patrolling and Ambushes
- (8) Artillery F.O. Procedures
- (9) Leadership

b. Replacement personnel received five (5) days training at 5th Marines Headquarters prior to being committed to the field.

c. The Battalion continued to utilize schools provided by higher headquarters. During the month, 28 members of the Battalion attended schools in the DaNang area and Okinawa.

5. LOGISTICS. This portion of the Command Chronology will be included in the After Action Report at the completion of Operation "MAMELUKE THRUST."

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6. CIVIL AFFAIRS. During this reporting period, the Battalion continued to work with the people of Phu Da II. During the month of September, the NVA attacked Phu Da II on two separate occasions and burned a total of 10 homes.

The Battalion assisted the people of Phu Da II in rebuilding the 10 homes and 4 additional ones. A total of 536 sheets of plywood; 91 sheets of plastic; 263 ammunition boxes and 19 sheets of roofing tin were used to rebuild and waterproof homes within the hamlet.

A total of 138 trailer loads of scrap wood and lumber was delivered to Phu Da II to help the people with their firewood shortage. Also, three 55 gallon drums were delivered to the hamlet marketplace to be used as trash barrels.

A MEDCAP was conducted with 40 people treated. The Battalion also conducted daily sick-call at the Combat Base, during this month 435 people were treated.

On the 16th of September, the Battalion started English classes, Monday through Saturday, from 1300-1400. A total of 9 elders and 63 children are attending on a daily basis.

American cartoon films (4 hours) were shown to the village children on the fourth Sunday of this month.

7. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS

During this period, two Chieu Hoi films were shown to the village elders of Phu Da II. Information on enemy activities received from village elders was turned over to the Battalion S-2. The following ordnance was turned in by the people of Phu Da II: 5 Claymore mines; 3 firing devices for Claymore mines, 4 M26A1 mines and 1 ChiCom gas mask.

8. COMMUNICATIONS. This portion of the Command Chronology will be included in the After Action Report at the completion of Operation "MAMELUKE THRUST."

9. SIGNIFICANT CASUALTIES INFLICTED OR SUSTAINED: VC CAPTURED

a. Friendly Casualties USMC. This portion of the Command Chronology will be included in the After Action Report at the completion of Operation "MAMELUKE THRUST".

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b. Enemy Casualties. This portion of the Command Chronology will be included in the After Action Report at the completion of Operation "MAMELUKE THRUST."

10. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY ORDNANCE CAPTURED DURING THE MONTH

a. Weapons Captured. This portion of the Command Chronology will be included in the After Action Report at the completion of Operation "MAMELUKE THRUST."

b. Ordnance Captured. This portion of the Command Chronology will be included in the After Action Report at the completion of Operation "MAMELUKE THRUST."

11. SIGNIFICANT MUNITIONS CAPTURED/FOUND AND DESTROYED DURING THE MONTH. This portion of the Command Chronology will be included in the After Action Report at the completion of Operation "MAMELUKE THRUST."

12. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY EQUIPMENT CAPTURED DURING THE MONTH. This portion of the Command Chronology will be included in the After Action Report at the completion of Operation "MAMELUKE THRUST."

13. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY CAVES, TUNNELS, BUILDINGS AND FORTIFICATIONS DESTROYED DURING THE MONTH. This portion of the Command Chronology will be included in the After Action Report at the completion of Operation "MAMELUKE THRUST."

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