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Subj: Command Chronology for period of 1-31 August 1969

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 (b) FMF PacO 5750.8
 (c) DivO 5750.20

Encl: (1) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Chronology

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 August to 31 August 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein)	Lt. Col. W. E. RILEY JR. 1-29 August 1969 Maj. P. E. O'TOOLE 30-31 August 1969
H&S Company	1st Lt. R. E. PRUIETT 1-12 August 1969 Capt. R. J. WILSON 13-31 August 1969
Company A	Capt. P. H. TORREY III 1-24 August 1969 1st Lt. P. M. WALLACE 25-31 August 1969
Company B	Capt. G. E. CASTAGNETTI 1-29 August 1969 1st Lt. M. J. KOCH 30-31 August 1969
Company C	1st Lt. J. J. PEIRANO 1-31 August 1969
Company D	Capt. M. D. WILLY 1-31 August 1969

2. LOCATIONS

1-31 August 1969, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines participated in unnamed search and destroy operations in the Quan Dai Loc area to our North, Quan Duy Xuyen area to our southeast and Quan Due Due area to our southwest in Quang Nam Province.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj. P. E. O'TOOLE 1-29 August 1969 Maj. R. L. KERZIC 30-31 August 1969
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S-1 Officer	2nd Lt. T. A. POTTERER JR. 1-15 August 1969 1st Lt. E. W. HAUKAAS 16-31 August 1969
S-2 Officer	1st Lt. R. E. PRUITT 1-12 August 1969 2nd Lt. J. R. WEBB 13-31 August 1969
S-3 Officer	Maj. R. L. KERZIC 1-31 August 1969
S-4 Officer	Capt. G. C. LAWTY 1-5 August 1969 1st Lt. M. J. KOCH 6-27 August 1969
S-5 Officer	1st Lt. R. E. PRUITT 1-12 August 1969 2nd Lt. T. J. FONG 13-31 August 1969
Communications Officer	Capt. L. C. BROADWELL 1-31 August 1969
Medical Officer	Lt. W. C. MITCHELL (USN) 1-15 August 1969 Lt. L. W. BASSETT (USN) 16-31 August 1969
Supply Officer	1st Lt. E. R. MIDGETT 1-31 August 1969
Motor Transport Officer	2nd Lt. J. A. MUEHLEISEN 29-31 August 1969
Assistant Adj/Legal Officer	2nd Lt. T. A. POTTERER JR. 1-31 August 1969
Chaplain	Lt. T. O. ATWOOD (USN) 1-31 August 1969

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Air Liason Officers

Capt. J. G. FLUET JR.
1-21 August 1969
Capt. R. R. RIVERS
22-31 August 1969

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCUSNOFFICERSENLISTEDOFFICERSENLISTED

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From 1-31 August 1969 the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines participated in defensive operations in the area adjacent to Liberty Bridge cantonment. The Battalion supplied security for Liberty Bridge and provided security for friendly convoy movement along Liberty Road.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTSA. TOPICS1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

a. Strength. The Battalion's strength at the beginning of the month was 36 officers and 1122 enlisted. On 15 August, the strength had changed to 33 officers and 1105 enlisted. By the end of August, the strength was 33 officers and 1058 enlisted. At this time, there are no officers and 27 enlisted hospitalized. Joinings during the month were 3 officers and 33 enlisted.

b. Discipline, Law and Legal. 4 Summary Courts-Martial and 1 Special Court-Martial were convened during August. There are 1 Summary Court-Martial and 3 Special Courts-Martial still to be processed. During August, 5 informal investigations were completed. There are 5 informal investigations pending.

c. POW/Detainees. There were 12 detainees processed during this month. They were classed as follows:

POW's	0	NVA	0	VC	0	TOTAL
CHLEU HOI	0	NVA	0	VC	0	TOTAL
CIVIL DEFENDANTS					0	TOTAL
INNOCENT CIVILIANS					12	TOTAL

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

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

f. Awards. During August, there were 3 Silver Stars, 27 Navy Commendations, and 42 Navy Achievements submitted for heroism and meritorious service.

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

~~SECRET~~2. ENEMY, WEATHER AND TERRAIN

a. Enemy. This month there was an increase of contacts made with small groups of NVA/VC in the An Hoa Valley and the northern section of the AO. There has also been a significant increase of enemy utilization of crossing points along the river.

The level of SFD's has stayed about the same along the MSR with the heaviest concentration at (AT909505).

There has been a noticeable increase in other sophisticated trip wire devices, however many mortar rounds have been detonated or found prior to detonation with a pressure type device. Box-mines and larger ordnances, such as 105mm rounds have been found buried with a below ground-level trip-wire.

b. Weather. During the month of August the weather was typified by both high temperature and high humidity. There was no rain activity but there were periods of intense gusty winds.

c. Terrain. The An Hoa Valley consists mostly of active rice paddies with intermittent high ground. A dry condition prevails over the area.

3. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

a. Organization. The organization of the Battalion consisted of the following units being detached from the 1st Battalion and other units under the operational control of the 1st Battalion during the following periods:

(1) Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines OPCON to 5th Marines from 170800H July 1969 to 140800H August 1969.

(2) Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines OPCON to 5th Marines from 140800H to 292400H August 1969.

(3) One platoon of Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines OPCON to III MAF from 161330H July 1969 to 121530H August 1969.

b. Operations. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines from 1-31 August 1969, participated in unnamed operations in the Liberty Bridge area to seek out and destroy and capture enemy forces, weapons, materials and positions as well as search and protect the area for US and ARVN installations. Also provided security for two unnamed ARVN operations.

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~~SECRET~~3. Supporting Arms

(1) Air. During the month of August, the Battalion continued its policy of utilizing air support to the fullest possible extent. The resultant increased fire power contributed greatly to the success enjoyed by the Battalion in its present mission. A resume of air support provided follows:

(a) Fixed Wing. Fixed wing support for the month of August falls into three basic categories, i.e., Tactical Jets, AC-47's and TAC(A)'s. Twenty-four (24) "Hostage" tactical air controllers (Airborne) provided the Battalion with 24.1 hours on station in their mission of visual reconnaissance and fixed wing controllers. During an intensive ground attack, on the night of 31 August 1969, a "Spooky" AC-47 gunship delivered close-in devastating suppressive fires continually for 1.5 hours.

Three hundred and forty-two (342) jets, conducting day and night close air support and A-6 "Beacon" strikes, dropped 806.30 tons of ordnance on enemy positions. The bomb damage assessment attributed to these flights is summarized below.

Structures Destroyed	162
Bunkers Destroyed	121
Trenchline Destroyed	300 meters
Treeline Cleared	4,400 meters
Secondary Fires	150
Secondary Explosions	51
Killed By Air	10
Total Ordnance Dropped (171 Flights)	806.30 Tons

(b) Rotary Wing. Helicopters were employed extensively for visual reconnaissance missions. There were also forty-one (41) med-evacs as reflected below:

TYPE	EMER	PRIORITY	ROUTINE	KIA-ROUTINE
USMC	22	15	10	4
Civilian	3	5	1	0
Detainees	0	5	1	0

(c) Significant Development. Coordinating closely with artillery, air strikes were made an integral part of interdiction fires as well as close in destructive fires. The A-6 "Beacon" strikes were found extremely effective in delivering massive fire power to remote targets. The Battalions constant and effective employment of air strikes served this command in good stead. In times of need, extra flights of air were diverted from other missions for our use.

(2) Artillery. During the month of August 1969 the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines received direct support and general support from the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines. Direct support from D Battery from 1 August to 14 August, and general support from the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines from 14 August to 31 August 1969. Some high points during the month were large enemy troop movements and grid situations by regiment within 1st Battalion, 5th Marines AO.

The exact number of rounds expended within 1st Battalion, 5th Marines AO by regiment would most likely double the total number of rounds fired by 1st Battalion, 5th Marines for the month of August. There was a total of 320 fire missions, 26 of which were contact missions, expending 12,934 HE rounds, 885 WP rounds and 346 illumination rounds. Included within the total number of HE rounds fired are HEI which accounted for 5,997 of the rounds fired. Surveillance is as follows:

Confirmed Enemy KIA	17
Secondary Explosions	11
Structures Destroyed	25

(3) Engineers. Excellent support was again provided by Company B, 1st Engineer Battalion. Engineers were employed primarily to destroy duds, SFD's, captured enemy ammunition, enemy bunkers and fortifications. Loss of lives, wheeled and tracked equipment was considerably reduced by the detailed searching efforts employed by the engineers.

(4) Shore Party (HST). HST's were provided by Company B, 1st Shore Party Battalion. These teams provided outstanding support in coordinating and effecting helicopter resupply and Med-Evac's.

(5) Amtrac. A light section of the 4th Platoon, Company A, 3rd Amtrac Battalion was in direct support of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. The LVT's provided excellent support in transporting troops and providing security for convoys between An Hoa and Liberty Bridge.

(6) Tanks. A light section of the 2nd Platoon, Company B, 1st Tank Battalion was in direct support of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. Excellent results were achieved by using tanks to support the daily MSR mine sweeps, providing direct fire support to the daytime OP's and were also used extensively as convoy security between An Hoa and Liberty Bridge, and at night were employed in the defensive networks of Liberty Bridge.

(7) Scout Snipers. Detachment Scout Sniper Platoon, Headquarters Company, 5th Marines continued to provide outstanding support for the Battalion, which resulted in 8 enemy kills during the month.

4. TRAINING

a. The following training was conducted by the Battalion during the month:

- (1) Weapons Safety
- (2) Weapons Inspection, Care and Cleaning
- (3) Familiarization firing of Individual and Crew Served Weapons
- (4) Stock Records
- (5) Stock Lists
- (6) Personal Effects
- (7) Procedures of Issue and Recovery of Weapons
- (8) Maintenance of Records
- (9) Pole Climbing
- (10) SB 22 Installation
- (11) Pole Setting
- (12) PM Records SB22, TA1, and TA312
- (13) Control of Gear
- (14) Set up Dial Phone With Local Battery
- (15) Authentication Shackle
- (16) PM of AN/PRC-25
- (17) Review of PM Sheets
- (18) PM of 47 and 41 Gear
- (19) COC Communications
- (20) Review of PM Procedures
- (21) SB-122 Operation
- (22) Filing System Reviewed
- (23) General Message Review
- (24) Crypto Center S.O.P.
- (25) Communication S.O.P.
- (26) General Message Center Procedure
- (27) Licensing Session for M274A2 (Mule) and M151A1 (Jeep)

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b. All companies during their period of bridge defense continued to have instructions and familiarization firing of all individual and crew served weapons, including the M-72 LAW, hand grenades and clay more mines.

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

d. The Battalion continued to utilize schools provided by higher headquarters in the DaNang area and Okinawa. During the month, 88 members of the Battalion attended schools in the DaNang area and Okinawa. The value of the schools is recognized; however, this had an adverse effect on the rifle company in the field strength.

5. LOGISTICS. Logistical efforts of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines was accomplished by utilization of 11th Motor Transport Trucks for daily convoys to An Hoa which after off-loading returned to DaNang.

Requirements for 82mm ammunition and 106mm ammunition were met by coordination between LSU at An Hoa with ASP and 11th Motors in DaNang. The ammunition was dropped off at Phu Lac (6) before proceeding to An Hoa. Report requirements continue to be met in a timely, accurate and proficient manner.

6. CIVIC ACTION. During the reporting period the Battalion has worked with the people from Loc Hung hamlet and the Phu Lac area.

A total of 1,044 ammunition boxes were distributed to the Loc Hung hamlet for the purpose of building and/or repairing homes.

In preparation for a national holiday 12 Vietnamese men were allowed to fish the small lakes while 8 men harvested the lotus blossoms in the area. Operation plans are being processed for control of the people to be moved into New Life Hamlet. Progress is slowly being achieved.

7. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS. During the reporting period the Battalion has received little intelligence information from the elders. All intelligence information has been passed on to Battalion S-2 and Counter-intelligence sections.

The attitude of the people toward this Battalion remains in excellent standing.

8. COMMUNICATIONS. During the month of August, the Battalion implemented a new code/authentication system on a test basis. Twenty-four (24) hours of instruction were used to ensure proper application of the code, and preliminary reports were satisfactory.

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At the forward command post, two radio remoting devices were installed to protect radios and increase flexibility of communications.

An RT-524 was added to the radio shelf at the forward combat operations center; this radio, compatible with, but more powerful than the PRC-25, enables the Battalion to override several types of interference and reach distant stations.

Security measures in the message center were revised with the addition of warning signs, five (5) new sections of protective wire, and a rebuilt blast wall.

Communications in the Battalion remain at a high level of efficiency and readiness.

9. SIGNIFICANT CASUALTIES INFILCTED OR SUSTAINED: VC/NVA CAPTURED

a. Friendly Casualties
1st Battalion, 5th Marines

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
KIA	6	0
WIAE	27	0
WIANE	16	0
DOW	0	0
NBC	10	0
NBD	1	0

b. Enemy Casualties

KIA	NVA	26	VC	30	TOTAL	58
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10. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY ORDNANCE CAPTURED DURING THE MONTH

3 AK-47 Rifles

11. SIGNIFICANT MUNITIONS CAPTURED/FOUND AND DESTROYED DURING THE MONTH

2 155mm Rounds	6 M-33 Grenades
7 105mm Rounds	21 M-26 Grenades
2 82mm Rounds	8 50 cal. Rounds
24 81mm Rounds	100 7.62mm Rounds
15 60mm Rounds	560 5.56mm Rounds
44 40mm Rounds	

12. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY EQUIPMENT/FOOD STORES CAPTURED DURING THE MONTH

Miscellaneous Medical Supplies
Miscellaneous Documents
Miscellaneous 782 Gear

13. ENTRIES. See Tab "A" to Enclosure (1) (Staff Journal for period of 010001H through 312400H August 1969).

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

✓Tab "A" Staff Journal for period of 1 August through 31 August 1969.

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TYPE OF OUTING	STN NO.	ROUTINE GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
			Journal Opened	
0820	1	030820H	1st Eng. (road sweep) at (AT913504) found 81mm illum Canister filled with explosives. B/T had pull friction detonator W/Trip wire Results: Destroyed in place.	S.F.
2300	2	032300H	Co B sqd at (AT899501) observed 2 enemy dragging 1 enemy probably KIA enemy from previous contact fired 16x105mm HE. All rounds landed on target. Fragged Basketball Checked area and found drag mark: medical bandages; 1xBottle of antiseptic and AK47 pouch. Results: 2 VCKIA; medical gear and AK47 pouch captured.	S.F.

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1055	1	041055H	Co B at (AT899501) found 1xM-26 grenade with pin pulled and spoon partially buried. Found inside perimeter. Results: Destroyed in place. S.F.	
1030	2	041030H	Co B sqd (sweep) at (AT898502) found 2x105mm rds. Further search of area resulted in 1 USMC tripping M-26. Results: Destroyed in place.	S.F.
1645	3	041645H	Co B plt at (AT898502). Sniper spotted 3 suspected VC carrying bundles and digging at (AT894505). Snipers fired 20x7.62mm rds. Observed 3 suspected VC dragging 2 bodies away fired 18x105mm HE. Observed 20 VC fleeing from (AT891491). Results: 2 VC KIA. (By Scout Sniper)	S.F.
1821	4	041821H	Co B sqd at (AT898502) observed 3 enemy at (AT891491) trying to pick up gear dropped by enemy. Sniper fired 15x7.62 rds. Results 1 VC KIA (by Scout Sniper)	S.F.
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2130	1			Co D at (AT927528). During H&I with 106RR 1 USMC rec'd slight facial burn from back blast of wpn. Administered first aid. Results: 1 USMC WIANE.		
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2025	1	182025H	Co C sqd (Ambush) at (AT909505) observed 12 NVA w/wpns moving NE. Ambush moved to within 25 meters of enemy and established hasty ambush. Ambush was sprang. Fired auto wpns, sm arms, and grenades. Enemy withdrew and blocking fires were employed with 60mm. Results: 3 NVA KIA.	S.F.
2130	2	182130H	Co D sqd (Ambush) at (AT922513) observed 25 NVA moving SW. Sqd moved to within 20 meters of enemy and established hasty ambush. When enemy was in killing zone ambush was sprang. Fired auto wpns, sm arms, and grenades. Enemy withdrew and blocking fires were employed with 81mm and 60mm. Results: 5 USMC WIA/NE also 9 NVA KIA.	S.F.
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IN	OUT	NE	GROUP	DATE
2015	11	212015H	Co C std (Ambush) at (AT908493) While moving to night ambush position unit heard spoon fly from M-26 grenade. While taking evasive action unit came under heavy volume of fire from SW from a distance of 100-150 meters. Returned fire and took cover. 81mm and 60mm were called on enemy position with good coverage. Results: 1 USMC KIA; also 1 USMC WIAE.	S.F.
2100	2	212100H	Co D std (Ambush) at (AT918518-918519) spotted 5 persons at a range of 150 meters moving along treeline moving NE. People were wearing conical hats. Opened fire with M-60 machine gun and 40mm and VC took cover. Results: 1 VC KIA	S.F.
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TIME IN / OUT	SPC NR	DATE/TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS Journal Opened	ACTION PERIOD
1910	1	231910H	1st Bn., 5th Mar. at (Phu Lac (6)) observed 50 NVA with packs and rifles at (AT960552) crossing Song Thu Bon River moving N. Enemy appeared to be shuttling equip across. Fired arty. Results: 10 NVA KIA (by arty).	S.F.
1920	2	231920H	Co C sqd (Ambush) at (AT912495) while setting in 6 enemy with wpns came towards them. Sprang ambush with 2 claymores; frags: 5.56mm; M-60. Rec'd no return fire. Fired 60mm in close support and 81mm & arty as blocking fire. Search revealed 2 bodies and 1xAK-47 assault rifle. Could not search bodies since they were in fire caused by illum. Enemy moving NE. Results: 2 VC KIA also 1xAK-47 assault rifle captured.	S.F.
2020	3	232020H	Co D at (AT919506) observed 5 VC moving SW. All were dressed in black and no wpns were distinguished. Fired S/A and rec'd semi-auto fire. Observed 2 bodies others fled S. Results: 2 VC KIA.	S.F.
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0530	1	260530H	Co C (Follow-Up) (Patrol) at (AT919501) found cement bunkers possible VC command area. Brought in approximately 150 detainees. Blew bunker and ran air strikes on area. Separated detainees and sent 7 to higher authorities. Results: 7 detainees.		S.F.
1913	2	261913H	Co C sqd (OP'6) all OP's were pulled in except OP'7 which moved into treeline and waited for darkness to watch OP's. VC dressed in black shirt and brown shorts was observed sneaking up to OP'6. VC was male. He was setting M-26 B/T where OP'6 normally establishes a daytime shelter. Fired 12x5.56mm rounds. Results: 1 VC KIA.		S.F.
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1915	1	291915H	Co B at (AT922539) shot on a S-2 target of 1 NVA co. Just before fire for effect observed 3 NVA crossing open area. Fired 90x 40mm rds and 36x81mm rds. Results: 1 NVA KIA	S.F.
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0930	1	310930H	Co B sqd at (AT903528) while on patrol came upon a bunker which had recently been occupied. Bunker was fragged causing a secondary explosion. Results: 1 USMC WIANE with shrapnel wounds in cheek and buttocks.	S.F.
2205	2	312205H	Co A plt (OP) at (AT909483) while in nighttime position rec'd 25-30 B-40 rounds from W at (AT905483) from estimated 30-40 enemy forces. Unit returned fire w/organic wps and called in 2 sqds to consolidate plt position. Intense S/A fire fight for 15 min. Called arty mission and fragged Spooky. Enemy broke contact but continued movement around perimeter. Results: 4 USMC KIA; also 6 USMC WIAE.	S.F.
0600	3	010600H	Co A had two ambushes out at (AT907486 - 912482) and was attacked by enemy. A2 consolidated and returned fire. Results: 3 not 4 USMC KIA; 7 USMC WIAE; 4 USMC WIANE; also 4 NVA KIA; 1xAK-47 2xAK-47 magazines; 1 battle dressing and 11 ChiComs captured. Follow Up to 312205H.	S.F.
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