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7TH SEPARATE BULK FUEL COMPANY
Force Logistic Command
Force Troops, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 Jan to 31 Jan 1967

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1. Personnel.

a. The Company deployed throughout I Corps area on 2 January. Total strength of the Company during the period averaged 10 officers and 422 enlisted men. Approximately one third of the Company was transferred in order to split the standard RTD within the original personnel within the Company. Most of the personnel actually at the various fuel installations within the I Corps were transferred into the Company.

b. The result of the transfer and joining personnel, was to provide the Company with the following platoons:

1st Platoon (Rein)	Chu Lai
2nd Platoon (Rein)	Phu Bai
3rd Platoon (Rein)	Dong Ha
4th Platoon	Danang
5th Platoon	Danang
Headquarters Platoon (-)	Danang
Package Platoon (-)	Danang

c. All platoons are directly involved in fuel missions within I Corps. The 4th Platoon has been assigned the additional mission of reserve platoon for such ISA's as may be required.

d. During the period, the following personnel figures are of significance:

(1) Emergency Leave	4
(2) Extension (RVN) leave	6
(3) Evacuated	1
(4) Confined	2

2. Administration.

a. The realignment of the Company strength cited above resulted in a considerable administration effort on the part of both the Company Headquarters and the individual platoons. Associated problems such as handling of pay records and health records, were resolved in a remarkably short period with extremely competent efforts on the part of this Company and with units of FLC concerned. The realignment of this Company was

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was carried out with considerable forethought, largely associated with the present reorganization of FLC presently under progress at the time of this writing.

b. The above paragraph is cited to indicate the magnitude of the administrative problems encountered during this period. No problem would be peculiar were it not the number of personnel transferred and joined.

3. Intelligence.

a. All intelligence during the reporting period was provided to this unit by FLC or groups thereof. The Company has no organic designated intelligence gathering agency.

4. Training.

a. Training during this period has not been formalized except at platoon level. Training has been largely devoted to orientation, weapons training, and local "Behavior in Viet Nam" lectures conducted by both platoon leaders and such guest lectures as chaplains, etc.

b. The widespread nature of this command frequently requires the Commanding Officer and much of the staff to travel throughout the I Corps. It is the policy of this command to have such Officers and SNCO's who visit to conduct a class with each platoon, reviewing the activities and problems of each platoon of the Company.

5. Special Operations.

a. During the period involved, two fuel systems were shipped to Chu Lai, and one to Phu Bai.

b. The remaining five fuel systems were received and transported to the present Bulk Fuel site at the ASP # 1 area, in Da Nang.

c. Although not specifically within the category of special operations, it should be noted that this is the first time in USMC History that a full strength bulk fuel company has operated as a company in combat.

6. Command Relations.

a. This Company presently has operational, administrative, and technical control of all platoons located in the Da Nang area. This Company has administrative and technical control over platoons in the Chu Lai, Phu Bai, Dong Ha areas. The relationship between the Company and Force Logistic Command has been that of a separate force level company.

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7. Equipment.

a. This Company arrived in RVN with all major items of T/E equipment, including eight (8) amphibious assault fuel systems.

b. A major inventory of approximately seven (7) fuel systems previously in country has been completed. Supply action will be initiated to account for or dispose of these systems or components thereof. These systems have outlived their expectancy and may well be expected to deteriorate rapidly within the next few months.

8. Logistic.

a. During the period concerned, the 7th Separate Bulk Fuel Company has handled all fuel in I Corps.

b. Fuel consumed during January 1967, in barrels:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>AVGAS</u>	<u>JP-4</u>	<u>MOGAS</u>	<u>DIESEL</u>
Da Nang	2,400	9,000	8,900	1,700
Phu Bai	300	500	6,000	5,200
Dong Ha	9,800	161,400	22,200	23,200
Chu Lai	6,500	159,100	17,800	18,600

c. This Company has air-lifted 623,044 lbs of POL Drummed during the operating period. Lifts went to various LSA's and Platoons.

9. Community Relations.

a. No community relations programs of responsibilities have been assigned this unit at the present time.

10. Communications.

a. Communications support is provided by FLC units within the combat areas concerned.

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11. Activations/Deactivations/Redesignations.

a. The official designation of this unit is now:

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