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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 July 1969 to 31 July 1969

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## PART I

## ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation

1st Battalion, 7th Marines

Lt Col J. A. DOWD

## SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&amp;S Co

Capt J. W. HUFFMAN

Co A

Capt E.T. CLARK III

Co B

1st Lt A. E. WSH

Co C

1st Lt R. A. HORD

Co D

Capt B J FAGAN

2. Location

1-17 July 1969, DaNang, RVN, Hill #37 (AT947583)

18-31 July 1969, DaNang, RVN, Hill #10 (AT924690)

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

Major D. P. HEERING  
(1 Jul - 8 Jul 1969)  
Major H. F. HERLIHY  
(9 Jul - 31 Jul 1969)

S-1

Capt J. F. CURRAN

S-1A

1st Lt K. H. TINUQUIST

S-2

2nd Lt E. G. A. AULMAN

S-3

Major B. W. PETERKA

S-3A

1st Lt R. M. GARVIN

Liaison Officer

2nd Lt D. M. FRANCIS

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S-4

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CommO

SuppO

MTO

ALO

FAC

Bn Chaplain

Bn DentO

Bn MedO

Arty LO

4. Average Monthly StrengthUSMCOFF  
37ENL  
1060NAVYOFF  
3ENL  
54

## PART II

## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the month of July 693 small unit patrol activities were conducted. These activities resulted in 70 contacts, of which 53 were initiated by friendly forces and 17 by enemy forces. Enemy casualties are listed in Part III.

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2. There was one major operation during the month of July, (Forsythe Grove) which started 1 July and terminated 2 July. During the operation Company L, 3/7, was opcon to 1/7, and 1st Battalion, 7th Marines was opcon to 5th Marines from 010001 July to 021430 July.

## PART III

1. PMF ORGANIZATION COMMITTED TO COMBAT

a. Combat Mission Assigned. Occupy and defend TAOR. Maintain a saturation level of patrol activity within TAOR. On order be prepared to conduct offensive operations outside the TAOR. Interdict and deny the use of waterways and other routes of egress to the enemy. Provide security for the road net and traffic within the TAOR. Conduct a pacification program in support of the GVN. Assist in the RD Program. Provide Bridge Security for 5 Bridges in the TAOR.

b. Casualties Sustained:

<u>USMC</u>	
KIA	4
DOW	4
WIA	67
WIAHE	15
NEC	16
DAI	1

<u>USN</u>	
WIA	1
WIAHE	4
NDC	1

c. Equipment: No major shortage.

d. Command Relations: Normal.

c. Logistics:

(1) This battalion has been in the field continuously since 1 July. At first resupply was accomplished by helicopter and truck convoy. Since 17 July resupply has been solely by helicopter from the LSA at Hill #55. Items that are "not in stock" and in demand right now are socks, trousers, towels, and BA-30's.

(2) During the period 19 July-24 July, the battalion rear moved all supplies, equipment and personal effects from Hill #37 to Hill #10. No major difficulties were encountered.

(3) The outside area of the messhall, the G. I. house, the burner shack and the grease traps are in bad condition. Action is underway to correct these areas. Sanitation on the hill is otherwise satisfactory.

(4) The ammo bunkers are adequate but need triple layers of sand bags for safety requirements. Control of ammunition is in accordance with current Battalion and Division Orders.

(5) There are no late reports at this time.

(6) Since the battalion is now consolidated on one hill instead of three hills, transportation and maintenance of organic vehicles has improved.

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(1) Periodic Medcaps were held through coordination with B.A.S. treating a total of 935 civilians.

(2) Two truckloads of ammo boxes were procured from Hills 37 and 65 and delivered to the Dai Loc District for distribution to needy families. One truckload was taken to CAP 2 for a grade school in their CAMOR. Approximately 1500 ammo boxes have been distributed in the Dai Loc District this month.

(3) Mixed canned goods were delivered to the Army Advisors for distribution to families in refugee camps. Nearly 400 lbs. of food was distributed.

(4) Two truckloads of lumber for the Loc Xuan School AT916578 were received from Division G-5.

(5) A fence was delivered to Dai Loc for the Pig Project. The battalion messhall is now providing pig slop for the pig project in Hieu Duc District.

(6) Two crates of school supplies and eight (8) new volley ball sets were delivered to the Army Advisors before the change of TAOR's on 19 July 1969.

(7) Presently, we are in the process of obtaining names of students from the local schools for the General Walt Scholarship.

(8) Cement, lumber, and other materials have been requested from G-5 to help in the reconstruction of homes of needy families throughout the Hieu Duc District.

(9) A Vietnamese corpman has been requested from MACV to participate in MedCaps conducted by this battalion.

g. Administration: No significant problem areas have originated.

h. Personnel: The Battalion is presently at the C1 manning level.

i. Communications:

(1) General: Prior to move from Hill 37, Communication Platoon was still completing the improvements to communication facilities in that position. Since movement to Hill 10, the platoon has been installing equipment and facilities, with the majority of the emphasis on the inadequate and very poor wire facilities.

(2) Radio: The section has completed all required installations in this position. Work is continuing to improve these facilities. Major emphasis at this time is trying to maintain sufficient operable equipment to support operations in the field.

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**(3) Wire:** Wire section is attempting to update the installed facilities. At the present time, some progress is being made. Plans have been submitted to Regimental 10 for approval and forwarding to the Division Wire Officer, for complete rewiring of the telephone system in this position by the Division Wire Platoon. This action has verbal approval of the Division Wire Officer.

**j. Special Services:** During the month of July, Special Services provided bulk beer and soda for units operating in the field. It also picked up the new 1st Marine Division End of Tour Plaques and R&R bags. Additional weights were also procured. The Special Services was moved during the month, from Hill 37 to Hill 10 in conjunction with the Battalion move.

**k. Weather:**

- (1) Maximum Temperature 100
- (2) Minimum Temperature 75

**l. Intelligence:**

Usually reliable sources, low-level agent reports, Chieu Hoi's and POW read outs indicate that elements of the following enemy units are operating in the 1/7 TAOR from 1 to 18 July 1969 and the 3/7 TAOR from 19 to 31 July 1969.

- (a) Q 83rd (MF) Bn
- (b) Q 84th (MF) Bn
- (c) 31st NVA Regt
- (d) 41st NVA Regt
- (e) 36th NVA Regt
- (f) Elements of the 90th NVA Regt
- (g) Elements of the 95th NVA Regt
- (h) One Recon Co of the 225th NVA Bn
- (i) Elements of the 368B Arty Regt

**(1) Significant Trends:**

(a) AP mining incidents were considerably higher in number than the previous reporting period. These incidents were scattered throughout the TAOR; however, a large majority of the mining incidents occurred in the Arizona area shortly after the Battalion commenced its operation there. All mining incidents decreased slightly in number than the previous reporting period.

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(b) There was one incident of a daylight barrage of 122mm rockets. This occurred on 5 July 69 when Hill 37 received 3 rockets resulting in 12 civilian WIA's. On 16 Jul 69, Hill 37 (which was by then occupied by elements of 3/7) received a total of 4 X 82mm Mortar rounds resulting in 6 USMC WIA, 2 Evac and 4 Noh-evac. Two days later, on 18 July 69, Hill 37 again received approximately 6 X 82mm Mortar rounds on two separate occasions resulting in negative casualties and negative damage. These mortar attacks were believed to have been in conjunction with the anniversary of the signing of the Geneva Accords on 20 Jul 54. Elements of the En in the Arizona Area also received mortar and recoilless rifle fire while in static positions during the month.

(c) The capture of several rice and corn caches give rise to the belief that the enemy will again attempt to buy his food in the open market by the use of agents.

(d) Intelligence reports also indicate that the enemy is presently concentrating on indoctrinating the people on their political beliefs by use of propaganda and political lectures. Its major purpose is to influence the people to back the coalition government being proposed at the Paris peace talks.

(2) Mines:

AP ED - 41 AT ED - 1  
AP DNE - 22 AT - 0

(3) Weapons:

7 AK-47 Rifles  
1 RPG-2 Rocket Launcher  
1 Bolt Action Rifle (British/Russian Model)  
34 Chicom Grenades  
2 81mm Mortar Rounds  
1 60mm Mortar Round  
3 Pop Up's  
7 RPG Rounds (Type Unknown)  
52 RPG-7 Rounds  
7 AK-47 Magazines  
5 Blasting Caps  
1 Satchel Charge

(4) Equipment and Supplies:

50 Gallons of oil	4 Web Belts
30 Bars of Soap	2 NVA Belts
50 Tubes of Tooth Paste	7 Packs
20 Tooth Brushes	1 Transistor Radio
Assorted Medical Supplies	1 Lighter
Assorted Uniforms	1 20 Cent Piece (Indo China)
3 Helmets	



(5) Food:

1525 Lbs of Rice  
 6,100 Lbs of Corn  
 3,000 Lbs of Salt  
 Assorted Food Stuff

(6) Enemy Losses:

82 En KIA  
 3 PCWS  
 2 Chieu-hoi

m. Terrains No change

n. Fire Support:

(1) Artillery: Battery K, 4th Bn., 11th Marines continue in general support of the 7th Marines. Battery L, 3rd Bn., 11th Marines continues in direct support of the 7th Marines with priority of fires to 1st Bn., 7th Marines.

(2) Air Support

(a) Tactical Air: 59 Flights of fixed wing were flown in support of 1st Bn., 7th Marines.

(b) Medevacs:

(1) Requested 57  
 (2) Cancelled 0  
 (3) Completed 53

US ILL 13  
 US WIA 68  
 US KIA 4  
 ARVN ILL 0  
 ARVN WIA 3  
 CIV ILL 4  
 CIV WIA 16

TOTAL number of medevacs: 93

(c) Tactical Air Strikes:

(1) Number FATS requested 76  
 (2) Number FATS cancelled 17  
 (3) Number FATS not requested 0  
 (4) Number FATS Utilized 59

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(d) Air Observers:

(1) Number requested 70  
 (2) Number request com 63  
 (3) Number not requested 10  
 (4) Total AO's 73

(e) Spookies and Flareships:

(1) Flareships requested 5  
 (2) Spookies requested 1  
 (3) Total Flareships 5  
 (4) Total spookies 1

(f) Troops and Equipment Helilifted

(1) Total troops 1231  
 (2) Total Equipment 71,498

(g) Total Helo's requested 103 excluding Medevacs  
 Total Helo's requested 156 including Medevacs  
 Total request completed 151  
 Total request cancelled 5

o. Medical(1) General:

- (a) During the month of July the BAS was adequately manned and supplied.
- (b) The bunkers were adequately supplied and capable of handling mass casualties.
- (c) The malaria rate in the Battalion continues to be very low. The Urine GP tests are still being done on a weekly basis.
- (d) The MedCap program has been running smoothly. We are presently setting up a MedCap program for the Hieu Duc area.
- (e) The move from Hill 37 to Hill 10 encountered no major problems.

(2) Evacuation:

- (a) Medevacs were handled rapidly and efficiently.

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(3) Supply:

- (a) There is an adequate amount of medical supplies on hand.
- (b) The BAS is still without a working biological reefer.

(4) Sanitation:

- (a) Sanitation conditions of the Hill 37 area were satisfactory.
- (b) The rodent problem on Hill 10 is the major problem in sanitation presently, but everything possible is being done to alleviate this.