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To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
Via: Commanding Officer, 7th Marines
Subj: Command Chronology: 01-22 September 1970
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(b) FMFPacO 5750.2
(c) BMO 5750.2

Encls: (1) 1st Battalion, 7th Marines Command Chronology

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

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MEMORANDUM
1st Battalion, 7th Marines
1st Marine Division (Rein. MEF)
APO San Francisco, California 96346

CORRECTION CHRONOLOGY
01-22 September 1970

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

1st Battalion, 7th Marines

LtCol T. P. RIEGERT (01-18Sep70)
Maj JOHN J. SHERIDAN (19-22Sep70)SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters and Service Company

1stLt L. D. ROTH

Company "A"

1stLt S. MARTINEZ Jr. (01-13Sep70)
1stLt J. R. TREVATHAN (14-22Sep70)

Company "B"

1stLt R. P. KIMENER (

Company "C"

1stLt J. A. HAGAN (01-13Sep70)
1stLt L. S. GRANT (14-22Sep70)

Company "D"

1stLt W. W. CHAPMAN (01-13Sep70)
1stLt R. E. JACKSON (14-22Sep70)2. LOCATION

1-22 September 1970, Quang Nam Province, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Major J. J. SHERIDAN (01-18Sep70)

S-1

Capt S. G. IADA

S-2

1stLt D. L. D'ARIENZO

S-3

Major T. B. LECKY (1-13Sep70)
1stLt T. C. HAYDEN (12-22Sep70)

S-4

Capt L. WALLACE

CommO

1stLt M. L. GLAS

SupplyO

1stLt R. R. EMERY

MTO

1stLt R. F. MARYE (1-4Sep70)

FAC

1stLt R. J. MABRY

FSCC

1stLt R. MATHEWS

Bn Chaplain

Lt F. L. CRAVENS

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCUSNOff
31Enl
1041Off
2Enl
545. CASUALTIES SUSTAINED (Including Company A)USMCUSN

WIA

5

NBC

7

DAI

1

ACCDINJ

1

No casualties sustained

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the first seven days of September, the Battalion's mission was to actively patrol the Northeastern portion of the 7th Marines AO. Through highly effective employment of the two available rifle companies no major incidents occurred during the high threat period (1-4 Sept). National Police Force actively participated with the rifle companies and were of assistance to them. Several small unit contacts were made resulting in five (5) enemy killed and eleven (11) more captured/detained. Company "D" was OPCON to the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines from 010001H Sept to 080800H Sept. Company "B" was OPCON to the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines from 041600H Sept to 080800H Sept. The Battalion began standing down on 07 September and with the return of Company B on 08 September the remainder of the Battalion stood down. By 09 September the Battalion was located in the 9th Engineer Contonment in Danang preparing for embarkation on 20 September. The Battalion embarked all personnel and gear on board USS Mobile, LKA-115 and departed RVN 22 September 1970.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

a. During the period 1-7 September 1970, the following losses are reported:

| | USMC | | | USN | |
|---------|------|------|-----|-----|--|
| Joined | Off | Enl | Off | Enl | |
| Joined | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Dropped | -5 | 269 | -0 | 0 | |
| | -5 | -269 | 0 | 0 | |

b. The average rifle company strength from 1-7 September was 4 Officers and 168 Enlisted. The present effective average rifle company strength is 2 Officers and 0 Enlisted, due to Battalion Administration. The remainder of Battalion Personnel, 7 Officers and 32 Enlisted are assigned to Headquarters and Service Company.

c. Administration for the month included processing 1 meritorious combat promotion and 7 personal awards.

2. WEATHER AND TERRAIN

Maximum Temperature: 102°F
Minimum Temperature: 78°F

3. INTELLIGENCE

a. Significant Enemy Activity

(1) A total of 9 sightings and 11 contacts were reported by this Battalion. Of the 11 contacts reported by this Battalion, 5 were enemy initiated (consisting of 1 small arms and M-79 attacks and 2 harassing small arms attacks) while 8 were initiated by friendly troops. Of the 9 sightings, the majority consisted of small groups of enemy numbering between 5 and 10. In addition to the sightings and contacts, there were a total of 3 mine and booby traps incidents of which three were found and none were unintentionally detonated.

b. Analysis of enemy Situation

(1) The period ended with reports of the enemy units in the area preparing for increased offensives in the villages during the late summer.

(2) Enemy units located in and around the 1/7 AO included:

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| (a) General Que Son Mounted | 91st Support Bn |
| | 281 LP Bn |
| | 63rd Replacement Bn |
| | 160th Transp Bn |

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(b) Barrier Island

70th MF Bn
72nd LF Bn
V-15 LF Co.

(c) Southeast of LZ Baldy

105th LF Bn

(d) Northeast of LZ Baldy

V-25th Bn

c. Enemy Capabilities: Based on continued evaluation of the enemy situation and disposition of enemy forces with or adjacent to the 1/7 AO, the course of enemy activity are expected to be:

- (1) Increase offensive activities at the beginning of Sept.
- (2) Maintain and defend his present positions.
- (3) Continue to emplace mines and booby traps.
- (4) Continue to attempt to disrupt the Pacification Program.

d. Enemy casualties

VC/NVA/ Kias
Detainees

(-)

Company A (CUPP)

3
0

4. CAPTURED ENEMY WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT 1/7(-)

WEAPONS

3 Individual weapons

Personal Gear

2 Wallets

ORDNANCE

8 M-26 Grenades

Enemy Gear

1 Set NVA Utilities
1 Cartridge belt
Assorted documents

PROVISIONS

600 Pounds rice

U. S. GEAR

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

1 Battle Dressing

1 Marine Dog Tag

5. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION

a. Emphasis was placed on small unit patrols and ambushes throughout the AO in close coordination with village officials and RF units.

b. Fire Support

(1) Artillery. During the month India and Mike Batteries 3rd Battalion, 11 Marines supported 1st Battalion, 7th Marines.

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6. PLANS

During the month of October the Battalion will be reconstituted at Camp Pendleton, California.

TRAINING

a. During the reporting period of 1-22 September, no formal training was scheduled to standdown, and subsequent embarkation. Two classes concerning career planning and VA Benefits were conducted at 9th Engr compound.

8. LOGISTICS AND SUPPLY

a. During the reporting period, logistical efforts continued to be centered on resupply of the line companies which continues to go well with no significant shortages of supplies or equipment.

b. Preparations were made for embarkation and all gear was moved to the standdown point, for further transport to the USS Mobile LKA-115.

9. CIVIL AFFAIRS AND CIVIC ACTION

a. During the reporting period, the Battalion conducted continuous psychological operations in support of Marine Activities in the operational area.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Radio. The Radio Section continued to provide personnel and equipment in the field and rear command post, the Radio Section also continued to prepare for re-deployment.

b. Wire. The Wire Section continued to maintain internal wire communication at Baldy as well as at 9th Engineer Area.

c. Message Center. The message center continued to make three message runs to Regimental Message Center, and also several priority message runs when called to do so. Scheduled message runs were made to Division Communication Center from 9th Engineer Area.

d. Supply/Maintenance. The Supply and Maintenance Section continued to prepare for the pending re-deployment.

e. The Communications Platoon moved its people and equipment into the 9th Engineer Area commencing on the 8th of September and continued as men and equipment came in from the field.

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11. MEDICAL

a. During the month of September, the Battalion Aid Station was adequately staffed.

b. The Hospital Corpsman of Alpha CUPP held medcaps daily, treating approximately 250 Vietnamese civilians from 1 to 7 September. There were no medcaps held during standdown.

c. The malaria rate for the month of September is below normal for the season.

d. There is an adequate amount of medical supplies on hand.

e. Sanitation has been satisfactory during the reporting period.

f. Medical evacuation of both battle and routine casualties was adequate.

g. Breakdown of personnel treated at the Battalion Aid Station during the month:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Gastro-intestinal disturbances (nausea, diarrhea, cramps, ect.)- | 6 |
| Fevers- | 2 |
| Physical exams- | 170 |
| Heat Exhaustion- | 1 |
| Routine medovacs- | 2 |
| Miscellaneous (headaches, colds, immersion foot, fractures sprains, venereal diseases, jungle unclers, ect.)- | 410 |
| Total personnel treated at BAS- | 421 |

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

TAB "A" DAILY JOURNALS

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Place: Qua Son, RVN
From: 01001H Sept
To: 03100H

JOURNAL

| Time Out column | Serial No. | DTG of msg | Message | Action |
|--------------------|------------|------------|--|--------|
| 010845H | 1 | 010710H | C13-(107465)checking area fould 01 VN male with medical list. Also quest villagers. Detained 03 VNs for further interrogation. | F/S |
| 010937H | | | | |
| 011250H | 2 | 011030H | B13-(130397)searching ville detained 01 VN. Obs 02 enemy run to E. Engaged w/s/a. Res: 02 VC KIA, 01 M16, 01 AK 47 and 02 M61 frags. | F/S |
| 011300H | | | | |
| 011530H | 3 | 011115H | B13-(115384)obs BT w/tripwire across trail to M61 grenade. Blew in place. | F/S |
| 011615H | | | | |
| 012000H | 4 | 011905H | 1/7 OP-(100474)Obs 04 enemy along sands. Called arty & 81 FM with excellent coverage. | F/S |
| 012015H | | | | |
| 020735H | 5 | 020700H | 1/7 OP-Sptd 15 enemy at (115375) called arty, but clearance was with draw and neg results. | F/S |
| 020925H | | | | |
| 021350H | 6 | 020900H | C13-(107463)obs 03 enemy to N with neg weapon or pack. Engaged w/s/a & M79. 01 VC KIA, 01 VC battledressing. | F/S |
| | | | | |
| 022015H | 7 | 021815H | C23-(098474)avg to nite pos rec'd 30 rds auto fire. Engaged w/s/a and set up blocking pos. 01 USMC KIAE. | F/S |
| | | | | |
| 022010H | 8 | 021815H | C1-(104469)nite pos rec'd 20 rds auto fire. Engaged w/s/a & M79 with neg/res | |
| 022109H | | | | |
| 031020H | 9 | 030850H | C12-(106458)obs 15 enemy to SW. engaged w/s/a, M60 & M79, pursued enemy and swept area w/neg/results. | F/S |
| 031112H | | | | |
| 032125H | 10 | 031000H | B2-(104346)found 02 105 rds in paddy w/fuses removed. Flew rds in place. | F/S |
| 032230H | | | | |

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Place: Que Son, RVN
From: 031000H
To: 062015H

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| Time in Time Out column | Serial No. | DTG of msg | Message | Action |
|----------------------------|------------|----------------------------|--|--------|
| 032004H | 11 | 031620H | C23-(106473)rec'd 50 rds s/a/f and C1 rec'd 100 rds s/a & 03 M79 rds. Ret'd fire and swept areas. Used NP to question villagers. Also had gunships on station. 01 VC KIA, 30 detainees. | F/S |
| 040950H | 12 | 032230H | G31-(098458)A/S obs 01 enemy to W. D Detained male and sent to ITT. | F/S |
| 041100H | 13 | 040830H | C13-(092471)obs 01 enemy move into bunkers. Fraged bunker, found 01 VN under false floor. Searched area. 05 detainees, 01 Chu Hol, medical gear, utilities, 07 M26, 01 M33 frag, | F/S |
| 041035H | 14 | Follow up to 040830H | C1-(092471) located 200 lbs of pol. rice buried under ground in cement crock. | F/S |
| 042110H | 15 | 041830H | C1-(092464)nite pos obs 02 enemy to S w/M16s. Engaged w/s/a and used gunship to spray area. Will check at first light. | F/S |
| 042130H | 16 | 050800H | D Co ret'd OPCON 1/7. | F/S |
| 051755H | 17 | 051100H | C13-(095468)located rice cache of 400 lbs of unpol rice buried under floor. Destroyed rice. | F/S |
| 052025H | 18 | 062015H | D11-(105455)A/C obs 02 enemy to N. Engaged w/s/a, 01 VC KIA, 01 9mm pistonl, 01 M26 frag, numerous papers. Will recheck area at first light. | F/S |
| 062145H | | | | |
| 062230H | | | | |

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