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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 7th Marines (Rein) FMF
Subj: Command Chronology Report
Ref: (a) DivO 5750.2A
Encl: (1) Command Chronology

1. As directed by reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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Command Chronology1. Organization Data:a. Location

- (1) 1-26 Aug 66- 2nd Bn, 7th Marines (Rein) CP Location Chu Lai, RVN
BT-504036
- (2) 27-31 Aug 66- 2nd Bn (minus "H" Co. & Det. H&S) 7th Marines CP
Location, Dong Ha, RVN XO 975566.

b. Period Covered. 1-31 August 1966c. Commanding Officer and Staff

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|--|--------------------|
| (1) Lieutenant Colonel JOHN J. ROTHOFF | Commanding Officer |
| (2) Major R.E. MOSS | Executive Officer |
| (3) 1st Lt. E.L. BONHAM | S-1 |
| (4) 2nd Lt. R.L. LEROY | S-2 |
| (5) Major R.A. STEPHENS | S-3 |
| (6) 1st Lt. S.B. CROWLEY | S-4 |

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2. Detailed Description of Significant Events.a. Personnel

- (1) During the month of August this battalion joined 3 officers (one 1st Lt. and two 2nd Lt.) 138 enlisted. One 1st Lt. was transferred. One officer (2nd Lt.) and 124 enlisted rotated.
- (2) Casualties during the period were four WIA enlisted, five non-battle casualties enlisted and 23 cases of Heat Exhaustion.
- (3) One L/Cpl. was promoted to Corporal and seven PFC's were promoted to L/Cpl.
- (4) Four Purple Hearts were presented during this period.
- (5) 71 personnel were processed on R&R during August.
- (6) Two Special Courts Martials were awarded and seven Non Judicial Punishments.

b. Intelligence

(1) The 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines spent the major portion of this period in its own TAOR within the Chu Lai Combat Base. During this time there were no major operations conducted by this battalion. Intelligence information received showed indications of a build up of VC Local Force and Main Force units to the northwest of the battalion TAOR. Within the TAOR, during the latter half of the month, there were several incidents of harassing sniper fire. However, no hard intelligence has been obtained subsequent to these incidents.

(2) Following the movement of the unit to Dong Ha on 27 August, the battalion was furnished intelligence information which led to its joining in Operation Prairie on 29 August. The meat of this information concerned two NVA regiments, the 803rd and the 812th, located in the mountains approximately 15 miles west of Dong Ha along Rt. 9. The mission of these regiments is to gain control of the crucial junction of supply routes from the north and west with Rt. 9 where it heads south, leading toward central South Vietnam. These regiments are well equipped and well trained, armed with 82mm Mortars, 57mm recoilless rifles, 12.7mm anti-aircraft guns, .50 caliber machine guns, and numerous small caliber automatic and semi-automatic weapons.

(3) On 29 August, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines relieved 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines and set up a combat base in grid square XD 9756. It has conducted company size reconnaissance in force operations to this date with no significant contact.

c. Training. Commitments to Airfield Defense during the period limited training. However, 50 enlisted personnel were sent to a 2 day Land Mine Warfare School conducted by the 1st Engr. Bn. 18 enlisted attended 2 one day Embarkation School at Division Hdqs. 2 Officers and 1 enlisted attend a PF Orientation at Da Nang and 1 enlisted attended the, in country, Vietnamese Language School. Also numerous familiarization fixes were conducted. The S-2 scouts were given instruction of tagging and handling POW's, VC mines and booby traps, and map reading. Instruction was also conducted for all com-

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munication personnel on care and maintenance of the AN/PRC 25.

d. Special Operations

(1) There were no special operations conducted during the period, except the commencement of Operation "Prairie" which is still in progress and will be reported on in the next report.

(2) During the month (1-26 August) the following small unit activity was conducted within the battalion TAOR.

- (a) Six platoon day search and destroy operations.
- (b) Two squad Reconnaissance patrols
- (c) 39 Squad night ambushes
- (d) 78 Squad night security patrols
- (e) 36 fireteam night ambushes
- (f) 72 fireteam night patrols
- (g) 243 fireteam night listening posts

e. Command and Control

(1) 1-26 August - Commanding Officer, 7th Marines

(2) 27-31 August - Commanding Officer, 4th Marines

(3) During the period this battalion had one company OPCON CLDC during the period 1 Aug. 66 to 24 Aug. 66. One company OPCON CLDC from 3 Aug. 66 to 24 Aug. 66. One company OPCON 5th Marines from 5 Aug. 66 to 19 Aug. 66. One squad OPCON 7th Marines An Hoa from 5 Aug. 66 to 24 Aug. 66. One squad OPCON 1st Recon Bn (Outpost Viper) from 5 Aug. 66 to 25 Aug. 66 and one 81mm Mortars squad OPCON 7th Marines from 3 Aug. 66 to 29 Aug. 66 and was assigned 5 squad size convoy escorts.

f. Close Combat

(1) This Battalion had no battalion sized operations until assigned to OPCON of 3rd MAR DIV which will be included in the Combat After Action Report to be submitted upon the conclusion of operations.

(2) Close combat within the TAOR during the period 1-26 Aug. was as follows:

(a) 132220H Company "H" received approximately 75 rds carbine and 1 grenade from estimated 5 VC. Returned 40 rds 7.62, 10 rds. M-79, 44 rds 81mm Illumination w/negative results.

(b) 132325H Company "H" received 150 rds carbine fire and 1 grenade from estimated 5-7 VC. Returned 200 rds. 7.62, 1 rd. M-79, 50 81mm

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Illumination and 8 81mm WP. Negative results.

(c) 152200H Company "H" received 3 rds sniper fire at BT-517009. Returned 10 rds. 7.62mm and 4 81mm Illumination with negative results.

(d) 170110H Company "H" received 2 hand grenades and 17 rds of small arm fire from BT-497031 & BT-494025. Returned 100 rds small arms fire and 100 MG fire with 104 rds of 81mm Illumination. Negative results.

(e) 182110H Company "H" received one incoming grenade and 5 rds carbine fire. 5 rds Illumination fired. Negative results.

(f) 192145H Company "E" received 2 rds carbine fired from BT-515008. 81mm Illumination called, and observed 12-15 VC moving towards positions. Returned 47 rds 81mm Illumination 8 rds 81mm HE; 160 rds 7.62; 3 M-26 grenades. Observed 1 VC fall. Observed one other VC being dragged away by group of 4 VC. 4 rds 81mm HE fell in midst of group and only 1 VC observed leaving area. Searched first light w/negative results except for drag marks. 3 VC KIA (probable) 2 VC WIA (probable).

(g) 202215H Company "H" received 5 rds incoming carbine fire from BT-502023. 2-3 VC spotted. Returned 25-30 rds 7.62mm, 3 frag grenades, 10 rds of 81mm Illumination, and 20 rds Arty. Illumination. Negative results.

(h) 222145H Company "H" patrol H-39 received 5 rds of small arms fire from BT-429019. Returned 20 rds 7.62mm. Area searched w/negative results. Continued patrol.

(i) 251545H Company "H" received 3 rds small arms fire. Dispatched fire team patrol. Patrol observed 1 VC with rifle at BT-507021; fired 2 rds 7.62 w/negative results.

(j) 261010H CF "H" (507023) began receiving small arms fire from vicinity 504021. CF "H" returned heavy small arms fire on an estimated 6-8 VC. At this time CF "H" began receiving more small arms fire from vicinity 507019 from estimated 4-6 VC. 81mm Mortar fire was called with 1 WP and 13 HE rds. being fired. Incoming fire stopped. CF "H" dispatched a reinforced squad to sweep the area. As patrol departed friendly lines heavy automatic small arms fire was received from 509018 and 512019. CF "H" returned one 3.5 rd., 4 M-79 rds and heavy small arms. Incoming fire ceased and patrol continued. At this time 6 figures were observed vicinity 492022 moving north-west. Eight rds. of 105mm HE were fired and CF "G" dispatched a patrol to investigate. This patrol apprehended six Vietnamese women at 493027. All had ID cards and claimed to be wood cutters from KY SANH (1) (456055). The CF "H" patrol thoroughly searched their area and found 2 KIA male, 1 KIA female and 1 WIA female, also blood stains in three different locations indicating three more WIA (probable). At each position where incoming small arms was fired, CF "H" patrol found carbine brass. It was estimated a total of 150-200 small arms were received and 400-500 small arms rds were returned.

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There were no USMC casualties. Further investigation by CF Civic Action team indicated all Vietnamese casualties were from Long Phu (2) and were supposedly involved in wood cutting and also irrigation of rice paddies, although all were in close proximity to positions where fire was received from. The Vietnamese casualties were not observed carrying out farming activity either prior to or during the fire fight. CF is currently arranging settlement of claims and providing such assistance to families of the casualties as is possible. The village chief, LONG PHU (2) is filing a report to Ly Tin district. CF Civic Action Team will obtain a copy of this report.

g. Fire Support

(1) Fire support within the TAOR (1-26 Aug) consisted of 93 H&I fire missions and 2 night Illumination fire missions.

(2) At 192200H 2 rds of Arty. (155mm) fired by K Battery 4/11 impacted at BT-508032 within CP perimeter.

h. Civil Affairs/Civil Action

(1) The civil Affairs Team furnished paint and cement to the hamlet chief of LONG PHU #2 and the villagers renovated the dispensary and school. Also a 22' flag pole was donated for the school at LONG PHU #2.

(2) The team distributed soap and candy to over 100 school age children of LONG PHU #2 school.

(3) The civil Affairs Team was instrumental in providing the school master of LONG PHU #2 with his annual salary from funds raised.

(4) Unfortunately 3 villagers from LONG PHU #2 expired during the fire fight between U.S. Forces and VC on 26 Aug. 66. The Civil Affairs Team was able to assist the families of the deceased by purchasing caskets for their internment.

(5) There were 192 patients treated at Med Cap during the month.

APPENDICES:

A- List of References

B- Documents

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Appendix A to Enclosure (1) of Command Chronology

List of References

1. Maps: AMS Vietnam 1:50,000 Series I-7014 Sheets 6361 I, II, 6461 III.

Appendix B to Enclosure (1) of Command Chronology

List of Documents

- ✓1. S-2 Command Journal for August 66
- ✓2. S-3 Command Journal for August 66
- ✓3. Battalion Newspapers: *YR1, #17 & 18 (4 & 11 Aug 66)*

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Organization:

2nd Bn, 7th Marines, Chu Lai RVN

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182110H August 1966

Time In	Time Out	Seq. No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, Etc.	Action Taken
			120130H	3rd 155 Battery reports bright light behind ridgeline extending from BT-491015 to BT-490023. Light lasted approximately twenty seconds, was as bright as lights of vehicle.	
			132145H	"H" Company reported lights sighted at BT-485045 similar to those reported at 120130H. Light is steady but fluctuating in intensity. Source of light not visible. Light remained on for 15 minutes	
			132310H	Co "H" Observed lights. Called arty mission Good coverage. Results Unknown.	
			132325H 140020H	2nd Plt. Co "L", OPCON 2/7 received 150 rds carbine and one grenade incoming from estimate 5-7 VC. During an attempted probe. Returned fire with 400 rds 7.62 mm and 1 rd. M-79. 81's fired 8 WP rds. and 50 illumination rds. Area will be searched at first light.	
			152200H	Co "H" (2/7) received 3 rds sniper fire. Returned 10 rds 7.62 and 4 81 illumination. Negative results.	
			170115H	Co. "H" 1st plt. received 2 hand grenades and 17 rds small arms incoming. From area BT-497031 and BT-494025. Returned 200 rds small arms and 100 MG and 104 rds 81 illumination called. Observed 3 VC moving to the right and they were taken under fire. Negative results.	
			182110H	Received one incoming grenade and 5 rds carbine fire. At BT-518004. Five rds of illum. fired. One rd. was a dud included in the five rds. fired with negative results.	

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290910H August 1966

Time	In	Out	Seq. No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, Etc.	Action Taken
				192145H	Co "E" received 2 rds carbine fire from BT-515008. 81mm Illumination called and observed 12-15 VC moving towards positions. Returned 47 81mm Illum. 8 81mm HE; 160 rds 7.62; 3 M-26 grenades. Observed 1 VC fall. Observed one other VC being dragged away by group of 4 VC. 4 81mm HE rds fell in midst of group only 1 VC observed leaving area. Searched first light w/negative results except for drag marks. 3 VC KIA (probable) 2 VC WIA (probable).	
				202215H	Co. "H" rec'd 5 rds incoming carbine fire, 2-3 VC spotted at BT-502023 and were heading toward ridgeline BT-502020. Returned 25-30 rds small arms and 3 frag grenades approx 10 81mm Illum. and approx 20 Arty. Illumination fired. Negative results.	
				222145H	H-39 Received 5 rds of small fire from BT-489019. Returned 20 rds 7.62mm- searched area Negative results. Patrol continued.	
				231110H	One platoon (Rein) Company "F" left CP to destroy cave at BT-498018 and search area BT-485015.	
				231230H	Company "F" patrol reported cave at BT-498018 destroyed by attached Engineers.	
				251545H	Company "H" received 3 rds small arms fire. Dispatched fireteam patrol. Observed 1 VC vicinity BT-5070021 with weapon. Fired 2 rds 7.62 w/negative results.	
				290910H	Company "E" captured 2 VCS, one with 60mm mortar firing table, YD 098576. VCS turned over to polish Mike for evacuation.	

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Time In	Time Out	Seq. No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, Etc.	Action Taken
			301350H	Co "E", XO 968564, observed one NVA. Fired 2 rds 106, Sent Sqd. to check area. Negative results.	
			310925H	Co "G" spotted 3 NVA. XO 968569. Fired 35 rds 7.62, 1 106. Observed one body fall.	
			312300H	Co "E" detonated a bullet booby trap XO 968552 resulting in one USMC WIA. WIA evacuated.	

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August 1966

Time In	Out	Seq. No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, Etc.	Action Taken
			022255H	"H" Company reports accidental discharge of 45 pistol resulting in one Marine wounded through upper leg and one Marine with arm and hand wound. Both to Bn. Aid.	
			031130H	One 81mm Mortar squad chopped to OPCON PROV. CO. 7th Marines.	
			031300H	Company "F" Chopped to OPCON CLDC.	
			031330H	Company "E" & "H" shifted position to cover 2/7 TAOR.	
			050730H	One squad of Company "G" with FO team to OPCON 7th Marines, AN HOA.	
			050805H	One platoon from 3/7 arrived at 2/7 CP.	
			051015H	CO "E" chopped to OPCON 5th Marines.	
			060430H	FAC Team departed convoy escort.	
			120130H	3rd 155 Battery reports bright light behind ridgeline extending from BT-491015 to BT-490023. Light lasted approximately twenty seconds, was as bright as lights of vehicle.	
			120725H	Two Marines from Company "H" who saw light reported at 120130H. Reported to COC. No new information was obtained.	
			120755H	Marines from 3rd 155 Battery who saw light reported at 120130H. Reported to COC. No new information was obtained.	

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170115H August 1966

Time In	Time Out	Seq. No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, Etc.	Action Taken
			132145H	"H" Company reported bright lights sighted at BT-485015 similar to those reported at 120130H Aug. Light is steady, but fluctuating in intensity. source of light not visible. Lights remained on 15 minutes.	
			132220H	2nd platoon, "L" Company OPCON 2/7, received approximately 75 rounds carbine, and 1 grenade from estimate 5 VC. Returned 40 rds small arms, 10 rds M-79, 44 rds 81 mm Illumination Negative results.	
			132325H	2nd platoon "L" Company OPCON 2/7 received 150 rounds carbine and 1 grenade incoming from estimate 5-7 VC. During an attempted probe. Returned 200 rounds small arms, 1 rd. M-79, 50 rds. 81mm Illumination, 8 rds. 81mm WP. Neg. results.	
			152200H	"H" Company ((2-3/7) received 3 rds. sniper fire. Returned 10 rds small arms fire and 4 rds. 81 Illum. Neg. results.	
			161630H	An Hoa outpost relieved by squad (rein) from "G" 3rd platoon.	
			170115H	1st platoon "H" company received 2 hand grenades and 17 rds small arms incoming from area BT-497031 & BT-494025. Returned 200 rds small arms & 100 MG rounds and 104 rounds 81 Illumination called. Observed 3 VC moving to the right and they were taken under fire. Neg. results.	

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Time In	Time Out	Seq. No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, Etc.	Action Taken
			182110H	One incoming grenade and five rounds carbine fire received. At coord. BT-518004. Five rounds of illumination fired. One round is a dud, included in the five fired. Neg. results.	
			191430H	"E" Company relieved from OPCON 2/5.	
			191500H	"E" Company returned to CP CP.	
			191720H	1st platoon "L" 3/7 returned to 3/7 OPCON.	
			192120H	Received 2 rounds Arty. vicinity Bn. CP. Rounds impacted at BT-508032 Check with posts in CP perimeter to determine impact point. Received call from 11 th Marines saying K 4/11 fired 2 rounds 155 approx. 300 mils off.	
			192145H	Observed 12-15 moving VC in small groups toward positions. Received 2 carbine rounds (incoming). Returned 47 rds 81mm HE, 160 rds 7.62mm, 3 M-26 grenades ob- 1 VC fall, one other VC being dragged away by group of 4 VC. 4 rds, 81 HE fall in midst of group 1 VC observed leaving area. Searched at first light with Neg. results.	
			202215H	"H" Company received 5 rounds incoming carbine fire 2-3 VC spotted at BT-502023 and were heading toward ridgeline BT-502030.	
			222145H	H-39 received 5 rds of small arms fire from BT-489019. Returns 20 rds. 7.62 searched- Negative results continued patrol.	
			231100H	One squad "F" Company departed on convoy esdort.	

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			231140H	One platoon (Rein) "F" Company left CP to destroy cave at coord. BT-498018 and search area coord. BT-485015.	
			231230H	"F" Company patrol reported cave at BT-498018 destroyed by attached Engineers.	
			231715H	"F" Company convoy escort returned to CP.	
			231730H	"F" Company patrol returned from search area BT-485015 with negative results.	
			240930H	One squad "F" Company departed CP for Convoy escort.	
			241000H	"G" Company returned from OPCON CLDC.	
			251010H	Squad from "F" Company departed for convoy escort. (CF escort - 1)	
			251320H	Squad from "F" Company departed for convoy escort. (CF escort - 2)	
			251530H	"H" Company reported 3 small arms rounds (incoming). At coord. BT-505020 Dispatched fire team patrol.	
			251645H	Patrol returned and observed one VC vicinity BT-507021 with weapon. Fired 2 rounds small arms negative results.	
			251700H	CF escort - 2 returned.	
			251930H	CF escort - 1 returned.	

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			261010H	<p>CF "H" (507023) began receiving small arms fire from vicinity 504021. CF "H" returned heavy small arms fire on an estimated 6-8 VC. At this time CF "H" began receiving more small arms fire from vicinity 507019 from estimated 4-6 VC. 81mm Mortar fire was called with 1 WP and 13 HE rds. being fired. Incoming fire stopped. CF "H" dispatched a reinforced squad to sweep the area. As patrol departed friendly lines heavy automatic small arms fire was received from 509018 and 512019. CF "H" returned one 3.5 rd., 4 M-79 rds and heavy small arms. Incoming fire ceased and patrol continued. At this time 6 figures were observed vicinity 492022 moving northwest. Eight rds. of 105mm HE were fired and CF "G" dispatched a patrol to investigate. This patrol apprehended six Vietnamese women at 493027. All had ID cards and claimed to be wood cutters from KY SANH (1) (456055).</p> <p>The CF "H" patrol thoroughly searched their area and found 2 KIA male, 1 KIA female and 1 WIA female, also blood stains in three different locations indicating three more WIA probable. At each position where incoming small arms was fired, CF "H" patrol found barbine brass. It was estimated a total of 150-200 small arms rds were received and 400-500 small arms rds were returned. There were no USMC casualties. Further investigation by CF Civic Action Team indicated all Vietnamese casualties were from Long Phu (2) and were supposedly involved in wood cutting and also irrigation of rice paddies, although all were in close proximity to positions where fire was received from. The Vietnamese casualties were not observed carrying out farming activity either prior to or during the fire fight. CF is currently arranging settlement of claims and providing such assistance to families of the casualties as is possible.</p> <p>The village chief, LONG PHU (2) is filing a report to Ly Tin district. CF Civic Action Team will obtain a copy of this report.</p>	

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			261455H	Select reports 20-30 VC at BT-4501 moving SE. Request permission to pursue into our TAOR. Permission granted.	
			261500H	Select reports: 100 VC at BT-4400 moving SE. Request permission to pursue into our TAOR. Permission granted.	
			261515H	Received two rounds sniper fire and returned three rounds, sniper broke contact. Sent fireteam out to apprehend 2 VC. One wounded in action VC probable fireteam searched and found negative results.	
			270630H	Alpha Command and Echo Company departed CP.	
			270650H	Arrived Chu Lai Airport. (Sect. 3100)	
			270800H	"E" Company, CF-6 and CF-3 departed Chu Lai for Dong Ha. "F" Company and Bravo Command Group arrived Chu Lai Air Strip.	
			271030H	Bravo Command and "F" Co departed Air Strip for Dong Ha.	
			271100H	Bravo Command and "F" Co arrived Dong Ha Air Strip.	
			271430H	"G" Co arrived Dong Ha Air Strip.	
			271600H	Last elements 2/7 arrived Dong Ha Air Strip.	
			280915H	CF 3 & 6 departed on Aerial Recon.	
			281030H	CF 3 & 6 returned from Recon.	
			281200H	Advance party departed Dong Ha.	
			281220H	"E" Company departed for Cam Lo 2 sqds. "F" Company for convoy escort.	
			281710H	"E" Company arrived at Cam Lo.	

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Time In	Time Out	Seq. No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, Etc.	Action Taken
			281810H	1st Sqd. "F" Company returned to Dong Ha.	
			281825H	2nd Sqd. "F" Company returned to Dong Ha.	
			290800H	Battalion departed Dong Ha for Cam Lo by Motor Convoy.	
			290825H	Arrived Cam Lo.	
			290840H	Departed Cam Lo by foot with 4 tanks "C" Company.	
			291625H	Arrived at position 975565.	
			291710H	Last elements arrived.	
			300800H	1st plt. "F" Company departed for patrol VIC 983589.	
			301000H	Two 106mm rifles arrived.	
			301030H	CF Sierra (1st sqd. "F" Co) departed to relieve Ridgebeam Sierra at O.P. 980558.	
			301200H	CF Sierra in position.	
			301245H	Wiskey Battery in Position.	
			301330H	Tanks moved to CP Position.	
			301450H	"F" Patrol returned.	
			310100H	One WIA slight due to short 81mm rd.	
			310600H	CF "E" commenced sweep CF "F" established sqd. O.P. 971569.	
			310800H	WIA evacuated.	
			310800H	Capt. Shoptaw rotated Lt. Robertson new Company "G" CO.	

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Time In	Time Out	Seq. No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, Etc.	Action Taken
			310925H	At 968569 sight 3 NVA fired 3 rds. 7.62 and one round 106mm rifle. Observed 1 body fall. One NVA KIA probable.	
			311230H	1 WIA from accidental discharge of weapon med. evac. from CF "E".	
			311730H	CF "E" Conducting return sweep attempting river crossing. One Marine was lost in swift and rising current. Search with negative results. One MIA USMC.	
			312200H	One man sustained wound of hip & forearm on suspected bullet booby trap. Requested emergency med. evac.	

UTAH DOUBLE EAGLE II FRANKLIN		BLUE MARLIN NEVADA	STOMP
INDIANA HARVEST MOON		MONTGOMERY HOT SPRINGS	OAKLAND

TWO SEVEN TOOTER

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TALENT WAS GREAT: MORE TO COME --

TALENT WAS THE KEYNOTE AT THE 2/7 GRAND OLD THEATRE HERE TWO NIGHTS AGO AS RINES VIED FOR TOP HONORS AT THE BATTALION TALENT SHOW.

Top winner of the evening was Pfc. Rymut, a scout with S-2 section. He replied to the Army's song, "Green Beret," with a rendition far superior called, "Ballad of the U.S. Marine."

Runner-ups in the talent show were Corpsman Thomas Hughey, LCpl. Sullivan and Pfc. Wilkins.

Also receiving a hearty round of applause for their evening performance was a trio of folk singers: Cpl. Wittke, Cpl. Best and Cpl. Wills.

A thankyou is extended to all hands who participated and who helped in the production of the show (Comm).

1st Lt. Funk, special services officer, has announced the possibility of another talent show in the near future with bigger and better prizes

Corporal Farrand, an artillery radio operator with 2/7, really believes that smoking may be hazardous to your health.

During Operation Franklin, July 26 an artillery smoke round was called in to mark the unit's position.

The 105mm round burst a bit late, about 10 feet above the ground and sent large pieces of its body smashing inches from Farrand.

After the smoke settled, Farrand, who isn't an avid smoker anyway, was convinced that the new warning on cigarette packages applied to other things too, like late exploding 105mm smoke rounds.

NEXT TIME: CHARLIE'S TURN

The dirty little war became a pound dirtier for Marines of the 2nd Bn., 7th Marines during Operation Franklin.

The dirt came in the form of enemy mines placed in the Marines' path as they searched and cleared a stretch of beach along the old Starlite area.

Opposite from the demoralizing effect mine warfare is intended to have, with each exploding mine the Marines became more determined.

"One of these days Charlie isn't going to slip away. We'll catch him and when we do he'll pay for this," one Marine said.

The 2/7 Marines plan on rubbing that pound of dirt back into the VC's face. And when they get that chance they don't plan on turning the other cheek.

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ARE YOU Muscle BOUND?

If your muscles are yearning for development, or you want to get into shape before you go home and sprawl on muscle beach, Two Seven has the answer to your tonal needs.

Special Services just acquired a (con't, page 2, 1201. 2)

NL PENNANT, TIGHT RACE

by: Rick Mosiman

As it has been in the past, the National League is again a seasaw battle, with any one of five teams having a very strong chance of winning the pennant.

Presently the top spot in the league is held by the hard-hitting Pittsburgh Pirates. Led by such sluggers as Roberto Clemente, Donn Clendenon, and Willie Stargell, the Pirates took first place from the San Francisco Giants who had jumped off to an early season lead.

The Giants are not to be outdone in the hitting department by any means. Even though the power hitting Orlando Cepeda was traded early this summer, the Giants can still boast the likes of the great Willie Mays, Jim Hart, and Willie McCovey. Backing up this power are pitchers Juan Marchial and Gaylord Perry, both well on their way to a 20 game season. This combination of hitting and pitching give the Giants a sound ballclub, one that can't be counted out of the National League picture.

Presently sitting in third place are the amazing Los Angeles Dodgers. Led by the tremendous 1-2-3 pitching punch of Sandy Koufax, Don Drysdale and Claude Osteen, the Dodgers can never be counted out despite their less than great hitting.

Rounding out these 5 top teams are the Philadelphia Phillies and the St. Louis Cardinals, either one of which could come on to cop the pennant.

Regardless of who wins, it stacks up to be an exciting race. If the mail and news start arriving any faster, you may hear who won before the next season rolls around.

SPORTS HEADLINES

TONY LEMMA DIES IN CRASH!

His presence will sorely be missed on the golfing circuit and by his many friends.

CLAY TO FIGHT LONDON

The ever confident Cassius Clay is slated to meet Brian London on August 6 for the World Heavyweight boxing title.

PENNEL VAULTS TO NEW MARK

17' 6 1/2"

(MUSCLE BOUND - con't page 1)

number of barbell sets and a gymnasium is slated to be constructed in the battalion headquarters area.

Besides the heavy weights, a number of tension kits have been selected and will be distributed to company units.

See you and your bunny: "on the beach."

M-16 COMING

ZAP, POWIE, ZAM, BOK!

IT'S FINALLY ON ITS WAY. SHAPED LIKE A MATTELL TOY RAY GUN, UNRUSTABLE, EVEN ADORNED WITH A CARRYING HANDLE, THE M-16 RIFLE IS SLATED TO BE IN MARINES' HANDS SOMETIME IN THE COMING YEAR, ACCORDING TO A WASHINGTON NEWS RELEASE.

60,000 OF THE NEW WEAPONS ARE SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN VIETNAM FOR MARINES SOMETIME BEFORE JUNE OF NEXT YEAR.

NO SPECIFIC DATES OF DELIVERY HAVE BEEN SET.

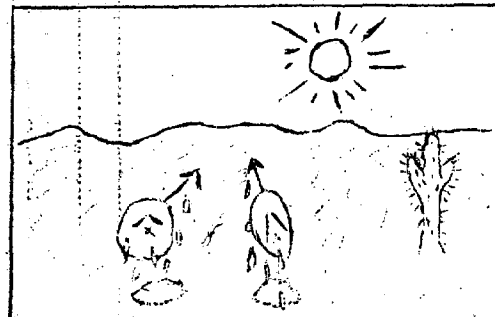
ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE SOURCE (A NAVY FROGMAN WHO EXITED HIS SUBMARINE WITH THE WEAPON) THE WEAPON IS CONSIDERED RUST PROFF--A BLESSING TO MARINES.

ONE THING ABOUT THE NEW WEAPON. IF IT DOESN'T SHOOT AS STRAIGHT AS THE M-14 DID, MAYBE JUST THE SIGHT OF IT WILL SCARE THE ENEMY OFF.

KEEP YOUR EYES OUT FOR THE NEW RIFLE.

AND DON'T FORGET THE KEY WORDS TO SAY WHEN YOU ARE ISSUED YOURS: ZAP POWIE, ZAM, BOK.

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"Man, if this heat keeps up I'll go home skinny as an arrow!"

MAO MAO MAO MAO

Ah, I sit here reflecting on the ingenuity of it all.

The integrity of leadership, the assignment of personnel, the lack of ice cream cones.

The other day I was sitting quietly in my tent wiping sweat off my brow and counting the number of mosquito bites I had acquired the night before (14 per square epidermal meter) when a slew of replacements came trudging up to a lister bag just outside my tent for a drink of chlorinated water.

The men were new and very fresh to Vietnam.

You could tell by the way they screwed up their faces when they drank the rice paddy treated water. You'd think they had just drank a ghastly elixir of alum.

Being a friendly sort of guy I plodded out of the tent leaving a trail of sweat behind me and said, "hello, welcome to our humble oasis."

Nobody laughed, nobody smiled.

One of the gentlemen did attract my attention, however. He was an oldish looking chap, with short hair and black horned rimmed glasses. He resembled a schoolteacher rather than a fighting Marine.

I introduced myself and struck up a conversation. "What did you do before you came into the Corps," I asked.

"I was a high school teacher."

"But you're not an officer," I retorted in amazement. "You're only a private first class!"

"I know. But I wanted to be one of the guys."

"But you could have been one of the BIG guys." I answered excitedly. "You could have gotten 'sirs' and salutes and eaten on tables with tablecloths and given speeches at briefings and yelled 'charge' in the thick of battle."

"But I wanted to be a quiet guy. I am a quiet person. I don't like tablecloths, I don't like 'sirs' and I don't like salutes."

"I suppose you enlisted for two years," I asked calmly.

"No, six as a matter of fact."

"What!! Six years!!!"

"Yes," he answered adjusting his glasses, "it's correct, six, it comes after five and just before seven."

"Well, they will surely put you in an administrative job won't they?" Reason and rhyme were slowly being etched from my rational mind.

"No, as a matter of fact I am going to be a scout."

"A what?"

"A scout."

"But those guys are up front all the time, kind of bait for the V.C. Good god man your life insurance and length of life are in dire conflict!"

"It's all relative," he answered.

"What do you mean, 'relative?'"

"Well, you see first of all I'm a schoolteacher. My job is to instruct to pass knowledge on, to inform the ignorant, to nurture the intelligence. By being a scout I can go up front of the troops, recon the area, locate the enemy, note his weaknesses and strengths, return and tell those who need to know what is in front of them. Therefor I comply with the essence of my education. I teach and inform." He paused and wiped his glasses on his T-shirt with a professional air.

Concerning my life span, this of course is relative to caution and circumstance. If I move selectively and with due concern to my enemy I should be able to outwit him. I am fair in hand-to-hand combat, should such a situation arise. It is a statistical fact that men of caution and wit have very long, vibrant lives. Anyway I don't plan on dying ergo, I won't."

"Ergo?" I said. "Is that important?" He chuckled and said no.

"Well, I guess you know what you are in for," I said swatting at a passing fly.

"Yes, I do," he confidently replied.

"Good luck, see you in the field."

"Yes," he said looking at me, "What did you do before you came in the Corps?"

"Oh me?" I answered wiping a big droplet of sweat from my brow, "I was a nuclear physicist."

"Imagine that," he said sauntering off toward the administration tent. "Imagine that."

It's a mad, mad, war!

(the following letter intended to inform your family and friends about the area you are living in. If you wish, send a copy home).

Dear _____

Chu Lai, Vietnam, 125°
August 4, 1966

It is sure hot here at Chu Lai. Today the sun didn't come out and the old Sol rays just sifted through those gauzy looking clouds that hang around in the rainy season. It makes the air sticky and you don't sweat profusely, you just seem to leak all over like you were baking in an oven or something as drastic.

We came off an operation last week. I once liked the beach but I don't ever think I'll like walking down a beach again. Boy, those old sand hills are hard to walk over. It seems that forevery step you take, you slide back two. It would have been great to have had a Sand Buggy for those four hot days. Some of the guys looked like French Legionnaires. They had towels wrapped around their heads and the towel was soaked in water to keep their faces cool. We walked alongside the ocean but it wasn't a picnic. It was real hard work keeping up. Our packs run around 50-60 pounds loaded with ammunition, food, cleaning gear for our weapons and whatever koolaid we can cram in there. Some of the guys carry over 100 pound loads. For example, one of the helicopter landing people carries a radio that weighs close to 120 pounds. I guess I wasn't as bad off as some were.

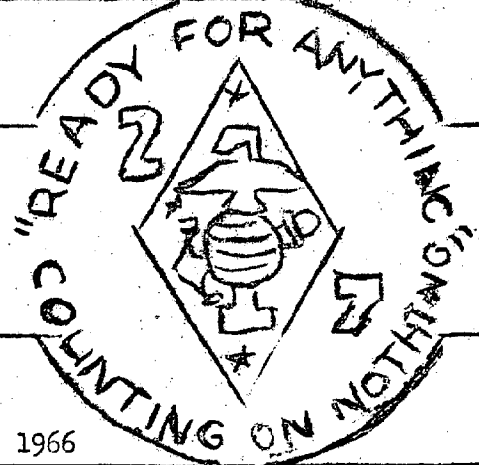
The battalion had a talent show the other evening. Everyone had a great time. A corpsman told jokes. He was very professional and for a minute I thought I was being entertained in a fancy club somewhere except I didn't have a glass of ice frosting in front of me and my chair was a discarded bomb casing instead of a plush leather job. Some of the guys sang, they were good too, and two guys had a comedy routine that was quite funny. It's good when everybody gets together like that. Makes you feel like a big team.

The people here, Vietnamese are pretty friendly around the battalion. They don't understand what you say but they always wave and smile. Many of the old people have red teeth, so red it almost seems black. The villagers teeth get black from chewing what they call "Beetle Nut." The corpsmen say it has a small drug in it that deadens the pain of their teeth since most of them have poor teeth. Many of us wonder how the modern Beatles would look with a real, "Beetle Nut Smile."

The kids are like kids anywhere. They come around the area every now and then trying to get gum and cigarettes. We joke with them and toss them around. Helps our morale quite a bit. When we go on an operation and are moving in trucks throught the towns, all the kids come out to the roadside and wave and cheer. Sometimes they point and say, "You numbah ten thousyan" and then whisk off laughing. The other day when we were heading for the operation we went through the towns in the early morning and it was very strange that none of the kids were there yelling and cheering. It was too early for them to be up. It was too early for me too, I was pooped since we left at 4:00 a.m. and got up at 2:30 a.m. Sometimes it's hard to get right off to sleep just before an operation.

Well, the monsoon season is coming soon. We've been getting a lot of rain but they say there's a lot more to come. Guess I'll have to look forward to a lot of mud and wet socks for a few months.

Best close now. My best wishes to everyone,

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TOOTER

Vol. I, No. 18, Aug. 11, 1966

7th MARINES' 49th B. DAY

FORTY NINE YEARS AGO TODAY THE SEVENTH MARINE REGIMENT WAS ACTIVATED AND SENT TO CUBA TO FIGHT IN A LONG FORGOTTEN SCUFFLE CALLED THE SUGAR INTERVENTION. COL. SNODDY, REGIMENTAL COMMANDER EXTENDED HIS BEST WISHES TO THE MEN OF THE REGIMENT ON ITS 49th ANNIVERSARY.

Now, nearly half a century later it is still fighting on foreign soil for a more common goal than free sugar export--the Freedom of South Vietnam.

When it came into being at the Philadelphia Navy Yards August 11, 1917 its history had just began.

Before it, lay the hop sootch battles of the Pacific capaignes, and the blood bathed beaches of islands such as Guadalcanal, New Britian Peleliu and Okinawa. In the midst of the fighting were the Regiment's heroes--Sergeants John Basilone and Mitchell Paige, both who won the Medal of Honor and an appropriate place in the the 7th's history.

Korea was the Regiment's next battle commitment. There was the whisker frozen Chosin Reservoir and the craggy Yudan-ni known so well to 7th Marines veterans.

A lull in war and then the cold war threat--CUBA, found two battalions ready to strike, at any moment.

And then a little more than a year ago Regimental Landing Team 7 hit the beaches of Vietnam and swung into the united States' first major offensive against the Viet Cong -- Operation Starlite.

Into the pages of history, the scribes are rapidly writing to keep up with the fast sweep of the Regiment at war. And wherever they may be, their name will stand high on the battle pennants--"LET THEM COME TO NONE."

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ATOMIC LIKE \$\$

THE UNITED STATES SAVINGS BONDS PROGRAM IS LIKE AN ATOMIC POWERED CAR. IT NEVER RINS OUT OF GAS.

IN PEACETIME YOU WERE ENCOURAGED TO INVEST IN BONDS AND NOW WHEN THERE IS AN EVEN MORE IMMEDIATE AND PRESSING REASON, YOUR GOVERNMENT IS PUTTING OUT ITS PLEA: "INVEST IN YOUR COUNTRY'S FUTURE."

IN VIETNAM WE HAVE A LOT OF TIME AND MONEY ON OUR HANDS. SOME OF US JUST SEND THE MONEY HOME TO BANKS, FEW OF WHICH DRAW MORE THAN FOUR PER CENT INTEREST AND STILL MAKE INTEREST TAXABLE AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

BONDS PAY MORE THAN SEVEN PERCENT INTEREST WHILE THEY WORK NOT ONLY FOR YOU BUT FOR YOUR COUNTRY.

IF YOU HAVEN'T YET, SEE YOUR COMPANY CLERK AND GET THE FULL SCOOP ON U.S. SAVING BONDS.

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MAD MAD WAR

It was one of those hot miserable Vietnam days.

"Bit sticky," I said to the fellow sitting on the cot opposite me.

"A bit," he said drawing his arms down from his head to his sides and kicking out his feet in a constant rhythm.

"What are you doing?" I asked.

"Swimming."

"Come, now. The heat's got to you."

"No," he answered kicking out again. "It's just that I don't say things in my letters home that don't actually happen to me."

"So?" I questioned.

"So tonight when I write home I'm going to say I was swimming in the heat today."

"Reasonable," I said watching him kick out another 100 meters.

"Don't tire yourself and get cramps," I called exiting the tent in hopes of finding a cool spot.

I was walking between two tents when I suddenly felt weak and nauseated. Heat exhaustion, I thought as I ducked into the nearest tent. A fellow was sitting cross-legged by a contraption of pumps, copper wire, tin pots full of water and a melee of nuts, bolts and screws. He was half-naked and sweating as profusely as I was.

"Hot isn't it?" He seemed startled and whipped around.

"What are you doing here, this is a controlled area. We work on secret stuff in here."

"I'm sorry," I answered. "But I had a terrible stroke of sun splotch and I had no choice but to come in here." He looked at me agentishly.

"Well, O.K. You can stay here for a while," He returned to his mechanical fidgetings.

I sat and watched him quietly. The pump chugged and sputtered and wheezed. The water gurgled and the copper tubes began sweating.

"May I ask what that is," I flayed a sweat drenched finger in the direction of the metal maze.

"I really shouldn't tell," he said adjusting a dial here, turning a knob there, "But if you promise not to tell..."

"I wouldn't tell a soul," I utte-

"O.K." he said turning toward me.

"This is an ice machine."

"But it's too small isn't it," I asked.

"No, because it is an experimental model, and you know how small first models are."

"How does it work?"

"Well, this pump is a miniature compressor and it makes the hot air cold. Well, it pushes this cold air through these copper tubes and the tubes are wrapped around this metal container and inside that metal container..."

"Don't tell me, let me guess... WATER."

"Right. Well, the more pressure I get, the colder the air and..."

"I get it, the colder the water until, ZAAAP, you have ICE!"

"Beautiful," he said patting the ice container. "Just beautiful."

"But what is so secret about ice?" I asked.

"Shhhh," he said, "Not so loud."

"So what's the big secret," I asked again.

"If these guys around here knew I was making ice, even a drop of it they'd be storming in here, fighting over my machine and someone would inevitably rip it up.

"And there's another reason," he said. "If the officers heard about it they'd commandeer it for their mess hall. So you can see how important it is to be quiet.

"Yes," I said, "I'll not breathe a word to anyone."

"Thankyou," he said humbly. "Look how about a piece of ice? It should be just about done."

He opened the box where the copper tubes were and extracted a small aluminum box. Carefully he pried out a fliver of ice.

"Here," he presented it to me. No sooner than it touched my fingers was it gone, melted by the intense heat. The man sitting next to me fell into tears.

"What am I going to do?" he sobbed.

"How about inventing fans," I said heartily. "At least they won't melt."

"Yeh, maybe," he said. "Maybe." It's a mad, mad, war.

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BY: RICK MOSIMAN

As you are sitting in this forsaken country, with sweat rolling down your backside, is it probably hard to believe that right at this moment, several thousand miles from here, the giants of the professional football world are preparing for the coming season's combat.

The running back to watch this season is the great Gayle Sayers of the Chicago Bears. Last year as a rookie back, he lead the league in scoring barely beating out the Jimmy Brown of Cleveland Browns. Now that Brown is retiring, Sayers is without doubt the man to watch.

Another man that might prove interesting to watch is Marevulous Mel Renfro of the Dallas Cowboys. As a rookie two seasons ago, Renfro made the Pro Bowl, and performed in a tremendous fasion. This past season he wowed the league with his uncanny ability of returning kickoffs and punts. Any time the ball was headed in his direction, there was the real threat of him going all the way as he did on some occasions. This year, the Cowboys have announced their intention to use him on offense. The Dallas fans will be in for a real treat. If his college ball is any indication of his running ability, that is.

These are only a couple of backs to watch in the coming season. There are sure to be many more that will perform just as creditably, to make for another exciting season of pro football.

HITS & TALKS

Cassius Clay, alias Muhammond Ali the World Heavyweight Boxing Champion, again proved that he can do more than talk. Last Saturday he met Brian London, the pride of England, for the championship and had little trouble in disposing of the London challenger.

Early in the third round, Clay drove London into the corner. Suddenly the chapion drove a right to his opponents head, and he dropped, obviously not to regain his

feet within the allotted time. The blow had been so fast that hardly anyone withing the ring saw it. This typical of C's style, made his words ring true and also gave him another title, as fastest arm in the ring. is loo in.

The Tooter is looking for people who like to write.

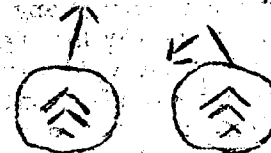
Since this is a paper for the troops, of the troops and by the troops, it is a voice for you to talk with. If you have a whiz bang story to relate or an editorial, drop it off at S-1 or give it to your company office. A by-line will be given to each contributor's story. Look for humor in this mad, mad, war.

UFO's??

There's things in the sky. Weird lights, zipping around and disappearing into the night. They could be weather ballons, or just optical illusions, or maybe just tricks on the old eyes. But a couple of men from 2/7 claim they are UFO's. Who knows what lurks behind the stars?

MALARIA

Malaria is a numbah penthousyan disease. As Marines we have a responsibility to ourselves to keep up our preventive measures to avoid getting malaria. Remember to take your malaria pill weekly, use a mosquito net whenever possible and supply has an adequate supply of repellent to ward off the buzzing little beasts. Once you get Malaria, it stays with you the rest of your life. Dont take a chance, take your pill instead!



"Supply says they aren't listed as combat expendable items."

PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

The following are excerpts from President Johnson's speech on July 18 and is reprinted in part in the Tooter to help describe the goals and values of the American fighting man's commitment in this Asian land.

The President's speech was titled, Asia Partner or Problem. He gave reasons for our commitment in Vietnam, but he was not just speaking about this one country, but of all of Asia and its multi-million peoples... Speaking of Peace in Asia the President stressed these points:

"By peace in Asia I do not mean simply the absence of armed hostilities... For where men hunger and hate, there can be no peace. I do not mean the peace of conquest. For humiliation can be the seedbed of war. And I do not mean simply the peace of the conference table. For peace is not written merely in the words of treaties, but in the day-to-day works of builders. The peace we seek in Asia is the peace of conciliation: between Communist states and their non-Communist neighbors; between rich nations and poor; between small nations and large; between men whose skins are brown and black and yellow and white; between Hindus and Moslems and Buddhists and Christians.

The President's first reason for this American stand states: "we must meet our obligations in Asia as a Pacific power. Speaking about the lack of geographic gap and the close intertwining of nations he said, "the basic hopes of men are too related and the possibility of common disaster too real--for us to ignore threats to peace in Asia...The people of Asia matter--we share with them a common humanity...Asia is no longer outside the door of the 20th Century. She is here, in the same world with us to be either partner or problem...Americans entered this century believing that our security had its foundation outside our own continent. Twice we mistook our sheltered position for safety. Twice we were wrong.

President Johnson then stressed the need of every American to bear the burden of a confusing and costly war stating our greatest support for the men who are fighting in Vietnam is our nation's understanding. To support this understanding he gave a series of answers to the questions "why are we there?" We are there "because we are trying to demonstrate that guerrilla warfare, inspired by one nation against another, cannot succeed. Once that lesson is learned, a shadow that hangs over all of Asia will begin to recede," Mr. Johnson said.

To answer the most poignant question of when this day of settlement will come the President had this to say: "We are fighting a war of determination. It may last a long time. But we must keep on until the Communists in North Vietnam realize the price of aggression is too high--and either agree to a peaceful settlement or to end the fighting."

The President went on to stress the building of political and economic strengths among the nations of free Asia. He provided examples of this necessary principle referring to Indonesia's drawback from Communism, India and Pakistan's return to the work of peace after a tragic conflict, Korea's perpetual resistance to its northern aggressors and especially to Japan's dramatic economic progress through political and social freedom.

Near the end of his speech President Johnson gave what can be interpreted as the most basic reason why any free nation would fight for the freedom of another country, no matter how far separated by space or culture: "We have learned in our relations with other such states (China) that the weakness of neighbors is a temptation and only firmness backed by power can deter power backed by ambition. But we have also learned that the greatest force for opening closed minds and closed societies is the free flow of ideas and people and goods.

Summed up, the speech says Freedom is not just a cause, but a conviction. If we do not check Communism today, where will it be tomorrow? How close to your front door could it seep if we sat back and let Asia fall to the Red Flag?

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