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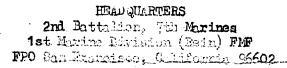
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#### ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

#### 1. DESIGNATION

#### COMMANDER

2nd Battalion, 7th Marines

LtCol NELSON (1-31 Jan)

#### SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters and Service Company

1stIt Halsey (1-31 Jan)

Company E

1stLt KENNEY (1-10 Jan) 1stLt CUPPLIA (10-31 Jan)

Company F

Capt WELPOTT (1-31Jan)

Company G

1stIt KRAMP (1-31 Jan)

Company H

Capt HOLM (1-31 Jan)

2. LOCATION

1-31 January 1969 DAI LA PASS, HVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Maj LUNERGAN (1-31 Jan)

S-1

1stLt H.RRELLE (1-31 Jan)

S-2

2nd Lt WEIMDRE (1-31 Jan)

S-3

Mej DES JARDINES (1-31 Jan)

S-4

1stLt LUKAVECZ (1-31 Jan)

S-5

1stLt SPULTER (7-31 Jan)

Legal Officer

2nd Lt Helloskson (1-31 Jan)

Comm Cfricer

1stLt WOOLLEN (1-31 Jan)

Capt BOSLER (1-18 Jan)

Air Officer

Capt SANULIN (19-31 Jan)

Supply Officer

2ndLt URUSKI (1-31 Jan)

Bn Surgeon

Lt (MC) VATZ (1-31 Jan)

Chaplain

Lt (USN) LOVEJUY (1-31 Jah)

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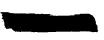


### 4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

1	USMC	<u>USN</u>	
<u>off</u>	Enl	<u>0ff</u>	Enl
36	1047	2	56

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#### PART II

#### NABRATIVE STAMARY

- 1. During the month of January the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines continued aggressive patrolling in the TAOR with emphasis placed on saturation of the Rocket Belt. The battalion maintained a defensive posture at DAI IA PASS (LZ ROCK CRUSHER), Hill #50, Hill #12 (Arouth 21 January), Hill #124 and Hill #22 (from 18 January), The battalion provided defense forces for Battery H, 3rd Battalion, 11 th Marines (AT 923738) and for the ARVN Engineer Camp (AT875760). An OP was maintained on Hill #3247 (Reference TAB A to enclosure (1)). Daily and nightly patrols were conducted throughout the TAOR.
- 2. 2nd Eattalion, 7th Marines conducted no named operations during the period of this report.
- 3. Contact was made on three occassions during this reporting period.
- a. On 3 January in the vicinity of AT935726 elements of Company E engaged four enemy with small arms and grenades. There were no friendly or enemy casualties.
- b. On 6 January in the vicinity of AT869772, elements of Company F received one incoming granade. There were no friendly or enemy casualties.
- c. On 6 January the Rat Patrol, an element of Company F. discovered a large bunkered 122mm rocket site at AT837807. There were no overly accountered and no weapons found.
- d. On 30 January in the vicinity of AT899709 elements of Company G tripped a 105mm round as a Sumprise Firing Device. Friendly casualties were 1 ARVN KIA and 1 USMC WIAE.

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ENCHOSURE (1)





#### SE WENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

#### Topics

#### Personnel and Administration

- (1) During the month of January this bettalion joined 7 officers. and 118 enlisted men, bixty-six enlisted men were processed for rotation.
  - (2) Promoted by rank ware 60 Cpls, 130 LCpls and 9 PFC's.
- (3) Awards recommended during January were 5 Silver Star Medals, 9 Bronze Star Medals, 12 Purple Hearts, 6 Navy Commendation Medals, 90 Mavy Achievement Medals, and 11 Vietnamese Crosses of Gallantry,
- (4) Awards presented during January were 1 Bronze Star and 49 Purple Hearts.
  - (5) Casualties sustained:

KIA-O

WIA-10

WIAE-2

NBC-25

- b. Enemy, Weather, and Terrain
- (1) During the month of January 3 incidents occurred in the battalion TAOR. Of these 2 were initiated by the enemy as follows:

SA/AW/Grenades Mines and Booby Traps

- (2) The most significant incident occurred when a man in a Company G element tripped a 105mm round rissed as a SFD resulting in 1 JRWN KI and 1 USMC WIAE.
  - (3) There were no confirmed enemy casualties.
  - (4) Weapons and equipment captured or destroyed:

ChiCom Grenades

AP Mine

- (5) During the month of January enemy activity was very low.
- (6) Weather had no adverse effect on operations during the month.

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(7) Terrain had no adverse effect on operations east of the 87th N and S grid line except the hill mass located at AT884746. Operations west of the 87th N and S grid line were nampered by 6 to 10 ft. elephant grass, 50 to 100 ft. canopy with accompaning secondary growths of 6 to 10 ft. steepness of slopes and leeches.

#### c. Urganization and Operation

#### (1) Command Relations

- 031500H Chop OPCON Co H 2/7 to 1st Mar Div
- 151200H Chop OFCON Co E3 2/7 to 7th Mar
- (c) 260900H Assume OFCON Co E3 2/7
- (d) 260900H Chop OPCON Co F3 2/7 to 7th Mar
- (e) 261300H Chop OPCON Co E 2/7 to 1/7

#### (2) Fire Support

- (a) During the reporting period the 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines was in direct support of the 7th Marines with Hotel Battery, assigned priority of fires to 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines.
- (b) During the period 63 observed missions and 21 unobserved missions were fired accounting for 1230 HE rounds, 100 illumination rounds and 68 WP rounds.
- (c) During the same period daily H&I fires were brought to bear on suspected troop concentrations, suspected rocket sites, and avenues of approach throughout the TAOR. . total of 12,710 H&I rounds were fired.

### (3) Air Support

- (a) The battalion submitted a total of 27 helicopter requests during January. There were 11 resupply, 5 troop movement, 3 VR and 8 medevac missions completed.
  - (b) There were no fixed wing requested during January.

#### d. Plans

(1) The 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines will continue to occupy and defend positions within the assigned TAOR so as to contribute to the defense of the base area, airfield, and artillery facilities at DANANG, and to conduct aggressive operations; day and night patrolling and offensive operations within the TAOR.

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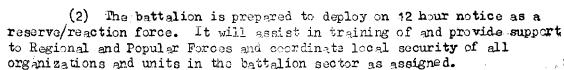
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#### e. Training

(1) Classes held on Flat and Sqd level by all companies:

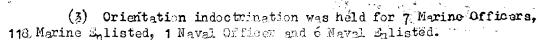
SUBJE	<u>CT</u>	344	HOUR S
(g)	Preventive Maintenance Field Fortifications Safety Procedures on all Wpns and Field Sanitation 81mm Gun Drill Ammo Handling and Storage Radio Procedures	munitions	6 9 4 5 10 3 2 6
(h) (i) (j) (k)	Message Center Functions Wire School Fig Firing of M-16 Care and Cleaning of T/O Wons		6
(1) (n) (z)	Mine and Boobytraps PPS Radar Class Map Reading and Compaus		4 3 5 4
(p) (q)	106mm RR Functions and Drill Raid and Ambush Weapons Inspection		4 3 2 3 2
7 1	Leadership Patrolling OJT Motor Transport OJT Communications		8. 12 16
(v) (x)	OJT 81mm OJT 106mm Physical Training		17 119 4
, ,	Demolition Quick Kill and Battle Sights	Total	3 2 160 Hour

(2) Formal Schools attended and successfully completed during the month of January 1969:

SCHOOL		NUMBER ATTENDED
(s.)	Land Mine Warfare	30
(b)	Staff NCO Leadership NCO Leadership	<sub>.</sub> 2
(c)	NCO Leadership	ŕ8
(d)	Officer Leadersnip School	2
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#### f. Logistics, Equipment and Supply

- (1) To further improve the living conditions and security within the battalion, the following projects were completed or initiated:
  - (a) Construction of a new COC bunker was completed.
- (b) Construction of a 500 man mess hall for the Battalion C.P. has been initiated.
  - (c) Construction of ammunition storage bunkers has commenced.
  - (d) Reconstruction of LZ on OP #1 (AT886746) has been requested.
  - (e) Reconstruction of LZ at En G.P. (AT939747)
- (f) Land survey of road in the vicinity of Hill #22 (AT904778) has been requested.
- (g) Construction of area for Southeast Asia Huts for ITT personnel and POW compound has been initiated.
- (h) Construction of a deep water well and establishing a water point has been completed.
  - (2) Equipment and Supply
- (a) 1st and 2nd echelon maintenance was performed on all organic vehicles and equipment,
- (b) Drivers' education courses were conducted for Motor Transport personnel.

#### g. Civil Affairs/Civic Action

- (1) Civil Affairs
- (a) On 6 January 1969 the S-5 separated from the S-2 and became an intergral part of the battalion. An officer was assigned as S-5 officer and was given a clerk and an interpreter.



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(b) The primary effort during January was to define a mission, determine responsibilities of the S-5 Section, and to establish ligison with hamlet chiefs, village chiefs, district chiefs and indiginous personnel in the CAMOR in order to establish an efficient and effective Civil action Program.

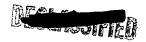
### (2) Civic Action

- (a) One successful MEDCAP tok place in January. Sevent inhabitants of PHU Ha Hamlet (AT907754) were treated. Significant in this was the saving of a 14 year old boy's life.
- (b) Coordination was completed for the DENTC PS scheduled for February.
- (c) Several self-help projects are ready for submission to HAMU DUC District Headquarters, including a school for DAI LA, a meeting house for PHU HA and a bridge for THU THOUNG XA.
- (d) Soven civilians 2 men and 5 women have been hired to work in the battalion compound in conjunction with the SRL program.
- (e) Every other week a 6x6 load of fire wood is taken to the orphanage at PHU THUONG THON (AT905765).

#### h. PSYOPS

- (1) Educational, comedy, historical and technical movies (Vietnamese language) have been shown in several hamelts.
  - (2) Sound tracks were used in announcing the MaDCAP.
  - (3) Specific employment of PsyOps.

	<u>Employment</u>	Place	<u>Date</u>
(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h)	HE Team (Audio/Visual) HE Team (Audio/Visual) Rewards Newspapers Rewards Chieu Hoi and Rewards Leaflets Chieu Hoi	PHU HA AT923742 AT912758 AT923743 AT908765 AT903763 AT900770 AT900750	9 January 10 January 11 January 12 January 14 January 15 January 16 January 17 January
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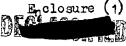
(i)	Safe Conduct Pass	AT900750	17 January
$\langle j \rangle$	HE Team (Audio/Visual)	AT 922743	20 January
(k)	HE Team (Audio/Visual)	aT(905 <b>765</b>	20 January
(1)	Leaflets	AT900770	20 January
$\binom{n}{m}$	Leaflets	AT900760	20 January
$\binom{n}{n}$	Chieu Hoi and Rewards	4T900750	22 January
(0)	Chicu Hoi and Rewards	AT900760	23 January
(g)	Rewards	AT900770	23 January
(2)	20011 200		

### (4) Leaflet air-drops in CAAOR

<u>Leaflet Number</u>	Date Dropped
(a) SP 2743 (b) SP 2825 (c) 7-557-68 (d) 7-434-68 (e) 7-388-68 (f) SP 2725 (g) SP 2727 (h) 7-698-68 (i) 7-528-68 (j) 73B (k) SP 2732 (l) SP 26009 (m) SP 2564 (n) 7-485-68 (o) SP 2733 (p) 7-220-68	Date Dropped  1 January 2 January 3 January 4 January 5 January 6 January 7 January 9 January 10 January 11 January 12 January 13 January 14 January 15 January
(p) 7-227-68	16 January
(q) 7-431-68	17 January
(r) 7-713-68	19 January
(s) 7-541-63	20 January
(t) 73-B	21 January
(u) 7-387-68	22 J <sub>a</sub> nuary
(v) SP 2316	23 January
(w) SP 7-434-68	24 January
(x) 7-226-68	25 January
(y) SP 2564	26 January
(z) 7-528-68	27 January
(aa) 73B	28 January

### (5) Personal Response

- (a) A lecture was given to company H by the 1st Marine Division Personal Rasponse Contact Team.
- (b) All incoming personnel are given a Fersonal Response Indoctrination by the S-5 Section.





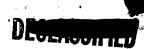




#### i. Communications

- (1) Twenty-five pair cable replaced the five pair cable within the battalion CP to eliminate difficulty in trouble shooting wire lines. During the evening of 1 January 1969 the five pair cable between Hotel Battery and the Battalion CT was cut. The cable was spliced and service restored the following morning.
- (2) Cryptographic Radio Communications were week on the Regimental TAC Net so the RC-292 antenna was replaced with a log periodic. This directional antenna was criented so as to refract the radio waves off the hill behind the battalion Gr. Covered communications were loud and clear.
- (3). A log periodic antenna was installed at Hill #22 due to reports of the enemy's capability to monitor allied radio transmissions in the area.
- (4) Surveillance and detection devices were employed in strategic locations where they could be used effectively within the TAOR.





PART IV

SUPPORTING LOCUMENTS

CP location Overlays