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Encl: (1) Command Chronology for 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), (b),
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

2nd Battalion, 7th Marines

LtCol NELSON (1-31 Jan)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters and Service Company

1stLt HALSEY (1-31 Jan)

Company E

1stLt KENNEY (1-10 Jan)

1stLt CUTTALA (10-31 Jan)

Company F

Capt WEIPOTT (1-31 Jan)

Company G

1stLt KRAMP (1-31 Jan)

Company H

Capt HOLM (1-31 Jan)

2. LOCATION

1-31 January 1969 DAI LA PASS, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Maj LONERGAN (1-31 Jan)

S-1

1stLt HIRRELIE (1-31 Jan)

S-2

2ndLt WETMORE (1-31 Jan)

S-3

Maj DES JARDINES (1-31 Jan)

S-4

1stLt LUKAWECZ (1-31 Jan)

S-5

1stLt SPOLTER (7-31 Jan)

Legal Officer

2ndLt HENDERSON (1-31 Jan)

Comm Officer

1stLt WOOLLEN (1-31 Jan)

Air Officer

Capt BOSLER (1-18 Jan)
Capt SANDLIN (19-31 Jan)

Supply Officer

2ndLt URUSKI (1-31 Jan)

Bn Surgeon

Lt (MC) VATZ (1-31 Jan)

Chaplain

Lt (USN) LOVEJOY (1-31 Jan)

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
36	1047	2	56

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the month of January the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines continued aggressive patrolling in the EAOR with emphasis placed on saturation of the Rocket Belt. The battalion maintained a defensive posture at DAI LA PASS (LZ ROCK CRUSHER), Hill #50, Hill #112 (through 21 January), Hill #124 and Hill #22 (from 18 January). The battalion provided defense forces for Battery H, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines (AT 923738) and for the ARVN Engineer Camp (AT875760). An OP was maintained on Hill #324 (Reference TAB A to enclosure (1)). Daily and nightly patrols were conducted throughout the EAOR.

2. 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines conducted no named operations during the period of this report.

3. Contact was made on three occasions 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 grenade. There were no friendly or enemy casualties.

c. On 6 January the Bat Patrol, an element of Company F, discovered a large bunkered 122mm rocket site at AT837807. There were no enemy encountered and no weapons found.

d. On 30 January in the vicinity of AT899709 elements of Company G tripped a 105mm round as a Surprise Firing Device. Friendly casualties were 1 ARVN KIA and 1 USMC WIAE.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Topicsa. Personnel and Administration

(1) During the month of January this battalion joined 7 officers, and 118 enlisted men. Sixty-six enlisted men were processed for rotation.

(2) Promoted by rank were 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 Navy 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-0

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	2
Mines and Booby Traps	1

(2) The most significant incident occurred when a man in a Company G element tripped a 105mm round rigged as a SFD resulting in 1 RVN KIA and 1 USMC WIAE.

(3) There were no confirmed enemy casualties.

(4) Weapons and equipment captured or destroyed:

ChiCom Grenades	1
AP Mine	1

(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 hampered by 6 to 10 ft. elephant grass, 50 to 100 ft. canopy with accompanying secondary growths of 6 to 10 ft. steepness of slopes and leeches.

c. Organization and Operation

(1) Command Relations

- (a) 031500H Chop OPCON Co H 2/7 to 1st Mar Div
- (b) 151200H Chop OPCON Co E3 2/7 to 7th Mar
- (c) 260900H Assume OPCON 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. A 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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(2) The battalion is prepared to deploy on 12 hour notice as a reserve/reaction force. It will assist in training of and provide support to Regional and Popular Forces and coordinate local security of all organizations and units in the battalion sector as assigned.

e. Training

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

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
(a) Preventive Maintenance	6
(b) Field Fortifications	9
(c) Safety Procedures on all Wpns and munitions	4
(d) Field Sanitation	5
(e) 81mm Gun Drill	10
(f) Ammo Handling and Storage	3
(g) Radio Procedures	2
(h) Message Center Functions	6
(i) Wire School	6
(j) FAM Firing of M-16	2
(k) Care and Cleaning of T/O Wpns	4
(l) Mine and Boobytraps	3
(m) PPS Radar Class	5
(n) Map Reading and Compass	4
(o) 106mm RR Functions and Drill	3
(p) Raid and Ambush	2
(q) Weapons Inspection	3
(r) Leadership	2
(s) Patrolling	8
(t) OJT Motor Transport	12
(u) OJT Communications	16
(v) OJT 81mm	17
(w) OJT 106mm	19
(x) Physical Training	4
(y) Demolition	3
(z) Quick Kill and Battle Sights	2
Total	160 Hour

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

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>NUMBER ATTENDED</u>
(a) Land Mine Warfare	30
(b) Staff NCO Leadership	2
(c) NCO Leadership	8
(d) Officer Leadership School	2

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(3) Orientation indoctrination was held for 7 Marine Officers, 118 Marine Enlisted, 1 Naval Officer and 6 Naval Enlisted.

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 Bn C.P. (AT939747)
- (f) Land survey of road in the vicinity of Hill #22 (AT904748) has been requested.
- (g) Construction of area for Southeast Asia Huts for III 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 integral 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 liaison with hamlet chiefs, village chiefs, district chiefs and indigenous personnel in the CAAOR in order to establish an efficient and effective Civil Action Program.

(2) Civic Action

(a) One successful MEDCAP took place in January. Seventy 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 DENTCAPS scheduled for February.

(c) Several self-help projects are ready for submission to HETU DUC District Headquarters, including a school for DAI LA, a meeting house for PHU HA and a bridge for PHU THUONG XA.

(d) Seven 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 hamlets.

(2) Sound tracks were used in announcing the MEDCAP.

(3) Specific employment of PsyOps.

	<u>Employment</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>
(a)	HE Team (Audio/Visual)	PHU HA	9 January
(b)	HE Team (Audio/Visual)	AT923742	10 January
(c)	Rewards	AT912758	11 January
(d)	Newspapers	AT923743	12 January
(e)	Rewards	AT908765	14 January
(f)	Chieu Hoi and Rewards	AT903763	15 January
(g)	Leaflets	AT900770	16 January
(h)	Chieu Hoi	AT900750	17 January

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(i) Safe Conduct Pass	AT900750	17 January
(j) HE Team (Audio/Visual)	AT922743	20 January
(k) HE Team (Audio/Visual)	AT905765	20 January
(l) Leaflets	AT900770	20 January
(m) Leaflets	AT900760	20 January
(n) Chieu Hoi and Rewards	AT900750	22 January
(o) Chieu Hoi and Rewards	AT900760	23 January
(p) Rewards	AT900770	23 January

(4) Leaflet air-drops in CAAR

<u>Leaflet Number</u>	<u>Date Dropped</u>
(a) SP 2743	1 January
(b) SP 2825	2 January
(c) 7-557-68	3 January
(d) 7-434-68	4 January
(e) 7-388-68	5 January
(f) SP 2725	6 January
(g) SP 2727	7 January
(h) 7-698-68	8 January
(i) 7-528-68	9 January
(j) 73B	10 January
(k) SP 2732	11 January
(l) SP 26009	12 January
(m) SP 2564	13 January
(n) 7-485-68	14 January
(o) SP 2733	15 January
(p) 7-220-68	16 January
(q) 7-431-68	17 January
(r) 7-713-68	19 January
(s) 7-541-68	20 January
(t) 73-B	21 January
(u) 7-387-68	22 January
(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 Response Contact Team.

(b) All incoming personnel are given a Personal Response Indoctrination by the S-5 Section.

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DECLASSIFIEDi. 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 CP was cut. The cable was spliced and service restored the following morning.

(2) Cryptographic Radio Communications were weak on the Regimental TAC Net so the RC-292 antenna was replaced with a log periodic. This directional antenna was oriented so as to refract the radio waves off the hill behind the battalion CP. 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.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

✓TAB A:

CP Location Overlays

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