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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

2nd Battalion, 7th Marines

LTCol M. H. LUGGER 1-31 May

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters and Service Company

1stLt D. D. DUVALL 1-31 May

Company "E"

1stLt A. J. CUTAIA 1-31 May

Company "F"

Capt J.M. GREEN 1-31 May

Company "G"

Capt W. R. MURPHY 1-31 May

Company "H"

Capt H. A. BAKER 1-16 May

1stLt P. E. VANNOY 17-31 May

ATTACHED UNITS

"I" Company, 3rd Bn, 7th Marines

12-31 May

"M" Company, 3rd Bn, 1st Marines

1-27 May

2. LOCATION

1-31 May 1969 Dai La Pass, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Major R. B. ELDRIDGE 1-31 May

S-1

2ndLt J. L. MATLACK 1-31 May

S-2

1stLt G. E. WEIMORE 1-31 May

S-3

Major J. L. STEELE 1-31 May

S-4

Capt T. LUKAWECZ 1-31 May

S-5

1stLt G. G. SPOLTER 1-11 May

Legal Officer

1stLt J. P. LARRISON 12-31 May

Communications Officer

1stLt M. A. HENDERSON 1-31 May

Air Liaison Officer

2ndLt D. G. OWENS 1-31 May

Forward Air Control

1stLt D. E. WOOLLEN 1-17 May

Supply Officer

1stLt M. J. ROLLERI 18-31 May

Battalion Surgeon

Capt A. ZAKRZEWSKI 1-31 May

Chaplain

1stLt L. D. BASHORE 1-31 May

1stLt F.A. BOZANICH 1-31 May

1stLt A. M. URUSKI 1-31 May

Lt(MC) A. D. VATZ 1-31 May

Lt(MC) W. O. JAMES 1-31 May

LtCmdr(CHC) R. W. BLACK 1-31 May

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>OFF</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENL</u>
43		1155

<u>OFF</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>ENL</u>
3		56

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of May, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines continued its mission of providing security for the area West of Danang City and Danang Air Base. Enemy activity in the TAOR was quite evident from intelligence reports as well as sightings and contacts. Throughout the Month, surprise firing devices were frequently encountered, and some sort of visual contact with suspected enemy troops was experienced almost every night. Basketball flare ships were employed nightly to illuminate the critical rocket-launching area known as the "BoBans", being frequently diverted to other areas as needed. Artillery and air fire missions were shot regularly on known and suspected enemy base camps, harbor sites and infiltration routes.

On 12 May 1969, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines assumed OPCON of I Co, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines. I Co successfully repelled an advance by a sizable enemy unit when one of their positions spotted a group of NVA infiltrating through the area. I Co opened fire upon the enemy, and subsequently a Spooky Gunship was requested. The result of that action was 17 NVA KIA and 3 NVA POW. At the same time, a group of VC had attacked the refugee village at An Tan and set fire to the dwellings.

On the afternoon of 14 May 1969, 7 NVA bodies were found, apparently resulting from a strafing attack. A few nights later, on 18-19 May, An Tan Village was again set afire by VC. Just some 2 hours before dawn, on 19 May, a Sapper Team attacked H Battery and was defeated, with a resulting 21 NVA KIA and 5 NVA POW. Casualties on H Battery friendlies were negligible.

On 26 May 1969, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines assumed OPCON of the 4th Co, 51st ARVN Regt, and launched E Co and the 4th Co on a Helicopter Borne sweep of the Westernmost portion of the TAOR. On 27 May 1969, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines chopped OPCON of M Co, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines to 1st Marines and M Co was Helilifted out of LZ Rockrusher at 0800. On 29 May, E Co and the 4th Co (ARVN) completed the sweep of the assigned area, finding 25 NVA bodies approximately a month old, killed by shrapnel presumably from air or artillery fire. At 1000, 27 May 1969, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines chopped OPCON of the 4th Co, 51st ARVN Regiment to the 51st ARVN Regiment. At the same time, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines chopped OPCON from 26th Marines back to 7th Marines. The remaining days of May 1969, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines continued its assigned mission in the TAOR.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

I. Topics

a. Personnel and Administration

(1) During the period 1-31 May 1969, the Battalion joined 2 officers and 39 enlisted men. Two officers and 37 enlisted men were processed for rotation.

(2) Promoted by rank were 1 to Staff Sergeant, 1 to Sergeant, 111 to Corporal, 43 to Lance Corporal, and 4 to PFC.

(3) Awards recommended during 1-31 May 1969 were 2 for the Silver Star, 5 for the Bronze Star, 2 for the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, 12 for the Navy Commendation Medal, 2 for the Navy Achievement Medal and 23 for the Purple Heart Medal.

(4) Awards presented during 1-31 May 1969 are as follows:

2 Silver Stars
1 Bronze Star
1 Navy Commendation Medal

(5) Casualties sustained:

KIA-1
WIA-11
WIA-N-11
NBC-24

b. Enemy, Weather, and Terrain

(1) During the period of 1 May to 31 May 1969, 132 incidents occurred in the Battalion TAOR. Of these, 68 were initiated by the enemy as follows:

SA/AW/Grenades	16
Mines and Booby Traps	42
Terrorism	02
Rockets and Mortars	08

The most significant occurrences were on the 13th and 19th of May. On the 13th of May, an I/3/7 squad ambush initiated contact with an estimated enemy platoon. The final results were 17 NVA KIA, 3 NVA POW's, 8 individual weapons and 11 chicom grenades captured.

On the 19th of May, H/3/11 repulsed an attack by 3 NVA rifle companies. The final results were: 19 NVA KIA, 4 B-40 rocket launchers

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with 12 rounds captured, 6 AK-47 rifles captured, 7 Bangalore torpedoes captured, 182 chicom grenades captured, and three 20lb satchel charges captured. Also, M/3/1 while linking up with Hotel Battery, accounted for 2 NVA KIA and 2 AK-47 rifles captured. Furthermore, elements of the 129th Popular Force Platoon accounted for 5NVA KIA and 4 individual weapons and 1 crew served weapon captured.

(2) Casualties inflicted on the enemy:

Enemy KIA	107
VC KIA	14
NVA KIA	93
POWs	11

(3) Weapons and equipment captured or destroyed:

AK-47	21
AK-50	01
SKS	05
B-40 Rocket Launcher	05
RPD	01
.38 Calibre Pistol	01
M-14 Rifle	01
AK-47 magazine	20
M-14 magazine	01
M-16 magazine	01
RPD drum magazine	02
AK-47 rounds	1,114
RPD rounds	200
.30 calibre rounds	200
M-60 linked rounds	200
Chicom grenades	237
M-26 grenades	05
M-79 rounds	64
B-40 rounds	30
82 mm rounds	24
60 mm rounds	17
Can of 60 mm increments	01
B-40 booster	03
Bangalore torpedoes	13
Claymore	01
.50 calibre rounds	1,585
fuze	30 ft
TNT	03 lb
20lb satchel charge	03
Blasting cap	29

(4) Enemy activity showed a marked increase over the last reporting period. However, enemy activity was primarily limited to mines and booby traps and harassing sniper fire.

(5) Weather had no effect on Battalion operations during the reporting period.

(6) Terrain had no effects on Battalion operations during the reporting period.

c. Organization and Operation

(1) Command Relations

- (a) 121200H May 1969 Assume OPCON Co I 3/7
- (b) 260800H May 1969 Assume OPCON 4th Co, 51st ARVN Regiment
- (c) 270800H May 1969 Chopped OPCON Co M3/7
- (d) 291000H May 1969 Chopped OPCON 4th Co, 51st ARVN Regiment
- (e) 291000H May 1969 Chopped OPCON 7th Marines

(2) Fire Support

(a) During May, 1,323 fire missions were fired in the TAOR with a total of 17,014 HE, 62 Ill, 81 WP and 29 Firecracker rounds expended.

(b) There were also 305 H&I missions fired using a total of 15,111 rounds.

(c) Enemy KIA by artillery were 17.

(3) Air Support

(a) During May 1969, 163 air support missions were flown for 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, including 32 CAS, 19 Offset (Beacon) DAS, 26 MedEvacs, 2 Troop Lifts, 3 Spookys, 23 VR's and 58 Basketballs. These missions expended a total of 194 tons of ordnance, not including flares, rockets, or MG/Cannon rounds.

(b) Damage assessment revealed a total of 4 bunkers destroyed, 2,125 meters of treeline removed, 17 secondary explosions touched off, 5 tunnels caved in and 35 enemy killed. Coverage was estimated at 95 percent of ordnance covering 85 percent of target areas assigned.

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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 day and night patrolling and offensive operations within the TAOR.

(2) The Battalion is prepared to deploy on 12 hours notice as a reserve/reaction force. It will assist in the training and providing of support to Regional and Popular Forces and coordinating local security of all organizations and units in the Battalion Sector as assigned.

e. Training

(1) Formal Schools

<u>SUBJECT/SCHOOL</u>	<u>NUMBER ATTENDED</u>
K&T Carson	1
Basic Inf. Wpns. Repair	1
Scout/Sniper School	12
Land Mine Warfare	50
SNCO School	2
Crypto School	1
Career Planners Course	2
Basic Organic Supply	1
NCO School	12
Basic Ammo Tech	1
Vietnamese Language School	1
Embarkation School	1
Projectionist School (15mm)	1
	Total 86

(2) 2/7 Bn Replacement Indoctrination Program

Officers	3	
Enlisted	56	Total 59

(3) Company Level Training Report

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
Tactics	21
Ambushes/Patrolling	31
Land navigation	34
SFD/Demolitions	22
First Aid	2
M-60	17
LAAW/3.5	6
AN/PRC-25	12
M-16	17

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.50 Cal MG	4
FPS-6 Ground Surveillance Radar	9
Field Sanitation	2
Personal Response	1
Career Planning	2
Civic Action	2
Troop Movement by Convoy	1
Camouflage Techniques	6
NBC Warfare	6
60mm Mortar, Drills & Application	5
HST Procedures	1
StarLite Scopes	1
Supporting Arms Employment	1
Military Symbols	1
.45 Cal Pistol	1
M-26 Grenade	1
Leadership	8
NVA Rocket Employment	1
Range Cards	3
E&S Co.	
File Forms	2
Unit Diary	4
Administrative Procedures	3
SRE	3
Military Correspondence	1
Bore Sighting (106)	4
Field Tactics (106)	7
Preventive Maintenance (106)	17
Fan Mixing (106)	2
Gun Drill (81mm Mortar)	18
Ammo Tech "	2
FDG Procedures "	8
Map & Compass Orientation "	8
F.O. Procedures "	3
Vehicle Maintenance (M.T.)	6
Personal Hygiene "	1
Driver Safety "	1
Vehicle Safety "	1
Food Preparation Tech (Mess)	2
Sanitation "	2
Safety "	1
Basic Logistics (S-4)	1
Ammunition Storage "	1
Mines & Booby Traps "	1
Mares/Constat Reporting "	1
Radio/Teletype Operations (Com)	21
Records/Admin "	4
Maintenance "	19
Operations "	13
	Total 360

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(4) Division Mobile Training Teams

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>NUMBER ATTENDED</u>
Rocketry (NVA)	40
Quick Kill	107
	Total 147

f. Logistics, Equipment and Supply

(1) General. During the period of 1 May 1969 to 31 May 1969, the following resupplies were provided by external helicopter lifts upon request to the using units.

Class I	MCI	265 cases
	Trioxane	5 cases
	Water	2035 Gals
Class II	Sundries Pack	4
	Insect Repellent	2 cases
	BA-386 Batteries	9 cases
	BA-30	2 cases
	Trousers	34 each
	Shirts	14 each
	Under Shirts	150
	Drawers, Cotton	73
	Boots	8 pair
Class III	Cleaning Solvent	10 cans
Class IV	Sandbags	1000
Class V	5.56 Ball	3 cases
	7.62 Link	6 cases
	7.62 Ball	1 cases
	Grenade Hand Frag	4 cases
	Grenade Yellow Smoke	2 cases
	Grenade Han Illum	3 cases
	White Star Parachute	2 cases
	Trip Flares	2 cases
	Claymore	3 cases
	M-79 HE	2 cases

(2) From 1 May 1969 to 31 May 1969, the following general logistics support by classes of resupplies have been provided to using units upon request by vehicle.

Class I	MCI	1006 cases
	Trioxane	15 cases
	Water	1435 gals

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Class II	Sundries Pack	10
	Halizone Tablets	3 cases
	Insect Repellent	8 cases
	Salt Tablets	11 bottles
	Foot Powder	100 cans
	BA-386	31 cases
	BA-30	12 cases
	Trousers	1400 each
	Boots	247 pair
	Shirts	840 each
Class III	Cleaning Solvent	115 cans
Class IV	Sandbags	17000
Class V	5.56 Ball	58 cases
	7.62 Link	54 cases
	7.62 Ball	21 cases
	Grenade Hand Frag	34 cases
	Grenade Hand Illum	13 cases
	Grenade Yellow Smoke	6 cases
	Grenade Red Smoke	2 cases
	Grenade Green Smoke	9 cases
	White Star Parachute	8 cases
	Red Star Cluster	2 cases
	White Star Cluster	6 cases
	Green Star Cluster	7 cases
	Trip Flares	21 cases
	Claymore	31 cases
	Demolition	35 cases
	60mm HE	154 cases
	60mm Illum	108 cases
	60mm WP	14 cases
	81mm HE	917 cases
	81mm Illum	279 cases
	81mm WP	47 cases
	M-79 HE	46 cases
	M-79 Illum	23 cases
	106mm Heat	25 cases
	106mm Beehive	33 cases
	106mm Hept	70 cases
	3.5 HE	10 cases
	LAAW's	2 cases
	00 Buckshot	2 cases
	CS Grenade	1 case

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(3) During the period covered by this report, the following projects have been completed and/or initiated.

- (a) 17 Strongbacks completed, 10 more are pending.
- (b) 250 man messhall at Hill #22 completed.
- (c) Work on 500 man messhall continuing.
- (d) Work on the tower for the water distribution point at Dai La Pass nearing completion.

(4) Transportation. The Battalion at the present time is experiencing no significant problems with organic vehicles. Since the battalion has assumed responsibility for two (2) TAOR's, we now have (9) trucks to support this unit.

- (a) Mike 3/1 moved by vehicle to Rumor Valley.
- (b) One platoon of Fox Company moved by vehicle from Hill #60 to Engineer Pass.
- (c) Echo Company was moved by vehicle from Hill #10 to Dai La Pass.
- (d) 2 platoons of Hotel Company moved from Dai La Pass to Hill #41 by vehicle.
- (e) 1 platoon of Echo Company moved from Dai La Pass to Hotel Battery and one platoon of Hotel Company moved from Hotel Battery to Hill #41.
- (f) Water truck from 26th Marines provided 6000 gallons of water to the different positions.

(5) Embarkation. The embarkation situation is constantly being improved. The MEDS data cards are completed. All unit cargo manifests have been submitted by organizational units. Marking of boxes is nearing completion.

(6) Equipment. The following items of equipment have been turned in for repairs at 1st FSR, DANANG, RVN, for the period covered by this report.

(a) Weapons	M-16	11
	M-14	1
	Shotguns	2
	M-60	2
	3.5	4
	60mm	3
	M-79	3
	50 cal M8C	1
	Starlight	7
	M-4 Sight	1
	Spare Barrels M-60	4

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(b) Communication Equipment	PPS-6	3
	TA-1	5
	TA-312	1
	PRC-41	2
	USM-50C	1
	PRC-25	3
	PU-239	1
	C-7231	1
(c) Office Machinery	Addressograph	1
	Typewriter	5
	Embosser	1

(d) A typewriter contact team from FSR was here for two days and checked or repaired 17 typewriters.

(7) Supply. The overall supply situation is still critical. The following shortages were experienced for the period covered by this report, field protective mask, body armor upper torso, helmet liners, bayonets, E-tools and carriers, watercoans, tool kit AN/USM-15, adding and subtracting machine, GP tents, CP tents, M-79 Grenade Launcher, 3.5 Rocket Launcher, .45 cal pistols, 100 cu. ft. refrigerator ME-10, AN/M-4, 630 cu. ft. refrigerator, 900 gal. water tank, PPS-6, AN/GRA-6 and 60mm Mortar.

g. Civic Action/Civil Affairs (Personal Response)

(1) Self-help projects. The Civic Action projects have been removed from the hands of military units and are now placed under the supervision of the Village Chiefs and Councils.

(2) MedCAP/DentCAP

(a) Med CAPS

1. May 10, 13-18, 18-22, 24-30 - Echo Company
2. May 16, 20, 23-27 - Hotel Company

(b) Dent CAPS - There was not a major need for DentCAPS this month, therefore, the dental work was handled by the MedCAPS.

(c) A total of 398 people were treated in this months MedCAP program.

(d) The MedCAP programs are now under a new system by which the individual rifle companies conduct the separate MedCAPS. As it can easily be seen, this new program is proving to be a great success.

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(3) Material Assistance

(a) Orphanages received 330 lbs of food this month.

(b) Refugee camps received 2000 ammunition boxes, 5 boxes of clothing, 11 boxes of assorted canned food (baby food included) and the An Tan Refugee Camp received approximately \$3000.00 worth of materials during this month. An Tan was the major project of the 2nd Bn, 7th Marines S-5 this month.

(4) Noteworthy accomplishments

(a) The 14 year old boy with the serious heart condition (entered in last months chronology) is still under intensive care.

(b) The S-5 is now trying to give the GVN more responsibility in relation to the financial and material aid given to the people.

(5) Personal Response and Psychological Operations. Due to the change-over in personnel in the S-5 and the different conditions that 2nd Bn, 7th Marines has been under, there have been no schedules for personal response or psychological operations for this month other than the following.

(a) HE team-movie (May 6) cancelled due to enemy actions.

(b) 18 incidents of weapons/ammo turn-in.

(c) Daily hand distributions

h. Communications

(1) During the second week in May, the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines entered the Division's Direct Dial Telephone System. Access to the Dial System greatly reduced telephone problems by eliminating manual switching through switchboards at higher echelon.

(2) On 29 May 1969, the Battalion returned to 7th Marines OPCON after more than a month with the 26th Marines. Communications were again established with 7th Marines through use of the Multi-Channel Radio Relay equipment TRC-27.

i. Chaplain

(1) Devine Services

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NO. SERVICES</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
Battalion Rear	4	39
"H" Battery	4	20
Hill 22	4	30
Cobb Bridge	4	85

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(2) Weekly hospital visits were made to 1st Hospital Company, 1st Medical Battalion and NSA Station Hospital.

(3) Individual counseling sessions were held daily, with an average of 5 people per day.

(4) Memorial Services

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
Hill #41	30 May 1969	70
Hill #22	30 May 1969	100

(5) The Chaplain attended the Division Chaplain's meeting once a week and attended 1 Regimental Chaplain's meeting.

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