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Enclosure (1) 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines Command Chronology

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 January 1969 to 31 January 1969

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Section I - Organizational Data

1. Designation/Location. 2d Battalion, 9th Marines, 31 January 1969,
Ta Iu and Quang Tri.

2. Period Covered by Report. 1-31 January 1969.

3. Name/Rank of Commanding Officer and Staff including T/O Billet Assignments.

Commanding Officer	LtCol G. C. FOX	1-31 January
Executive Officer	Maj P. G. COLLINS	1-31 January
S-1	1stLt R. E. HENSEL	1-31 January
S-2	2dLt M. E. BRODERICK	1-31 January
S-3	Maj T. D. WILSON	1-31 January
S-4	Capt D. N. BUCKNER	1-31 January
Comm Officer	1stLt W. O. WELDON, Jr.	1-31 January
MT Officer	1stLt J. M. G. MITCHELL 2dLt F. C. DUNNE	1-31 January
Supply Officer	2dLt L. S. DRIEVER, Jr.	1-31 January
Medical Officer	Lt T. S. POWERS	1-31 January
Chaplain	LCDR W. L. CHILDERS	1-31 January
"H&S" Company	1stLt R. E. HENSEL	1-31 January
Company "B"	Capt J. D. WARD	1-31 January
Company "F"	Capt R. H. SUTTON	1-31 January
Company "G"	Capt D. A. HITZELBERGER	1-31 January
Company "H"	Capt D. F. WINECOFF	1-31 January

Section IV - S-1 Chronology

1. General. During the reporting period, the officer strength has remained constant. 3 officers were joined and 5 officers were lost to this organization. The enlisted strength increased slightly having joined 166 and dropping 93. The non-effectives at the end of the reporting period totaled 3 officers and 115 enlisted. Losses for the month of February 1969 are expected to be 2 officers and 71 enlisted who will rotate to CONUS.

a. Strength. The average monthly strength for the period ending 31 January 1969 was as follows:

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
39	1074	2	52

Note: Percentage of T/O was about 95%.

b. Losses

USMC		USN		
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	
Battle	0	2	0	0
Non-Hostile	0	9	0	0
Admin	5	52	0	9

Note: The above figures include only those personnel dropped from the rolls. For total casualties see the medical chronology.

(1) Of the battle casualties, 1 was KIA, and 1 was WIA. The 1 WIA was transferred by service records to Camp S. D. BUTLER.

(2) Of the administrative losses, 5 officers were transferred inter-division. 60 enlisted rotated to CONUS, 16 enlisted were transferred to other WestPac commands. 6 enlisted were transferred inter-division.

c. Administrative

(1) State of Morale. Excellent.

(2) Significant Activities of Personal Service. None.

(3) Promotions. 79 Lance Corporals were promoted to Corporal, 141 Private First Class were promoted to Lance Corporal and 7 Privates were promoted to Private First Class.

(4) Discipline, Law and Order. 3 Summary Court-Martial were completed and 1 person was awarded NJP by the Battalion Commander.

(5) Mail. Service has been satisfactory.

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few enemy troops infiltrating into Quang Tri Province, Thua Thien Province, and Quang Nam Province. This area is also situated between Base Areas 611 in Laos, 101 in the Ba Long Valley area vic (YD 3218), and 111, which is situated west of Hue. Vehicular traffic is reported along Route #548 in the southern portion of the Regimental TAOR. Major engineering efforts by various NVA units is also reported in this area.

5. NVA/VC CASUALTIES AND PERSONNEL LOSSES:

<u>A. OPERATION DAWSON RIVER, WEST.</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>POW</u>	<u>HOI CHANH</u>
	<u>35</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>B. OPERATION DEWEY CANYON.</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>POW</u>	<u>HOI CHANH</u>
	<u>16</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

6. ENEMY FORTIFICATIONS DESTROYED/CAPTURED:

<u>A. OPERATION DAWSON RIVER, WEST-</u>			
BUNKERS	246	HOOCHS	102
FIGHTING HOLES	139	HOSPITALS	1
<u>B. OPERATION DEWEY CANYON.</u>			
BUNKERS	32	HOOCHS	45
FIGHTING HOLES	21	HOSPITALS	2

7. ENEMY EQUIPMENT DESTROYED/CAPTURED:

<u>A. OPERATION DAWSON RIVER, WEST.</u>			
<u>WEAPONS</u>		<u>CSWC</u>	
3.A.R.	1	.30cal MG	1
MK-47	1	3.5 Rkt Launcher	1
M-79	1	81mm Mortar	1
M-16	2	1.2in Mortar	1
Grenades	8	60mm Mortar	1
<u>Mines</u>		<u>AMMO</u>	
Anti-personnel	1	.30cal rds	3,649
M Claymores (ChiCom)	3	7.62 rds (AK)	3,085
Mine (type unk)	1	7.62 rds (US)	2,820
Polish Bomb	1	.50cal	15,206
<u>EXPLOSIVES</u>		M-79 rds	165
TNT	221 Lbs	.45cal rds	5,050
Dynamite	32 Lbs	12.7 rds	3,210
Hell Boxes	28	5.56mm rds	11,000
		12guage rds	80
		RPG rds	50

RKT/ARTY/MORT Rds

122mm (Rkt)	5	105mm (111mm)	20
3.5in (Rkt)	3	90mm	5
80mm (Rkt)	1	122mm ARTY	50
LAAN	1	82mm Mortar	502
152mm	122	60mm Mortar	369
60mm AA	280	120mm Mortar	3
75mm	6	61mm Mortar	91
130mm (Arty)	2	105mm Mortar	3
106mm	22	81mm Mortar (111mm)	1
105mm	306	1.2in Mortar	147
		81mm (HE)	202

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UNCLASSIFIED**SECTION III - S-2 CHRONOLOGY****PART I**

1. GENERAL INFORMATION. During the reporting period, 1-31 January, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines participated in two major operations. From 2-19 January the battalion participated in OPERATION DAWSON RIVER, WEST. From 22-31 January the battalion participated in OPERATION DEWEY CANYON. The two days between the end of the first operation and the beginning of the second operation was used to prepare for the latter. 2d Battalion, 9th Marines was OPCON to the 9th Marine Regiment during the whole reporting period.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE OPERATING AREA:

A. OPERATION DAWSON RIVER, WEST. During this operation, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines' TAOR was the Khe Sanh Plateau. The XE PONG River, which is also the boundary between south Vietnam and Laos, formed the western boundary of the battalion's TAOR. The southern boundary, for the most part, was formed by Route #9 as it runs west into Laos. The eastern boundary was formed by a portion of Route #9 as it turns in a northerly direction vic (XD 806367). The northern boundary of the TAOR ran from vic (XD 834420) west to vic (XD 690388). Prominent terrain features in this area include CO ROC vic (XD 741317), Hill 527 vic (XD 788383), and Hill 689 vic (XD 803 409). Trafficability in this area is poor due to the undergrowth of briars mingled with elephant grass and vines. Friendly avenues of approach would include all HLZ's in the area and Route #9 running west from Ca Lu vic (XD 013455). Enemy avenues of approach would include Route #9 running east from Laos, all trails in the area and two access roads with under water bridges vic (XD 778339) and (XD 699374). All streams in the area are fordable. The XE PONG River, ranging in width from twenty to thirty meters, and in depth, one to three meters, was fordable in many places. The roads in the area include Route #9 and the two access roads previously mentioned. That portion of Route #9 and the two access roads were found to be in fair condition although cratered and in need of repair. Ref: AMS map sheet 6342 III

B. OPERATION DEWEY CANYON. During this operation, the battalion's TAOR consists of the area around the LOWER DA KRONG RIVER VALLEY. This area consists of rugged mountains and rolling hills. The DA KRONG RIVER VALLEY generally bisects the TAOR with gently rolling hills to the east and rugged mountains to the west. Vegetation consists of elephant grass, brushwood, and some forested areas. The vegetation to the east is predominantly a forested area with from single to triple canopy. Cultivated areas are scattered throughout becoming more prevalent in the southern portion of the TAOR. Soil composition is of red clay affording good drainage throughout most of the area. Ref: AMS map sheets 6341 I, 6441 III.

C. OPERATION DAWSON RIVER, WEST. During this operation, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines' TAOR was the Khe Sanh Plateau. The XE PONG River, which is also the boundary between south Vietnam and Laos, formed the western boundary of the battalion's TAOR. The southern boundary, for the most part, was formed by Route #9 as it runs west into Laos. The eastern boundary was formed by a portion of Route #9 as it turns in a northerly direction vic (XD 806367). The northern boundary of the TAOR ran from vic (XD 834420) west to vic (XD 690388). Prominent terrain features in this area include CO ROC vic (XD 741317), Hill 527 vic (XD 788383), and Hill 689 vic (XD 803 409).

A. OPERATION DAWSON RIVER, WEST. It was reported that the Khe Sanh area was being used by certain rear echelon NVA units in the Quang Tri Province Area. These reports were confirmed when the enemy forces encountered were found to be from the 246th Regiment, 338th NVA Division. Prisoners and documents were all connected with the Transportation Company of the 2d Battalion of that regiment and division. Assorted gear and vehicles were found, but most were at least a year old.

B. OPERATION DEWEY CANYON. Although information on enemy units is obscure, it is reported that this area is a major administrative and logistical support area although cratered and in need of repair. Ref: AMS map sheet 6342 III

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702 GEAR

Helmets	10
E-Tool	11
Packs	3
Parachutes (US)	5
Shelter Half	2
Hammocks	3
AK Pouches	48
Gas Masks	27
Canteens	17
M-16 Magazines	2
Cartridge Belts	1

CLOTHING

T-Shirts	2
Shirts	3
Skivvies	4
Boots	4
Socks	4
Trousers	7
Rain Gear	5
Sneakers	3
Sweat Shirts	3
Belts	4

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Syringes	1
Tetracycline (Btle)	1
Chloroquine (Btle)	1
Plasma (ampoule)	1
Unk. Powder (Btle)	4

FOOD STUFFS

C-Rats (US)	1 pallet
Unknown food	40 cannisters

VEHICLES

Trucks (Russian)	2
Trucks (Ghicom)	1
Tanks (PT-76's)	2
Bulldozer (US)	1
Helicopter (US)	1
truck 6x (US)	9
PC's (US)	2
Jeeps (US)	3

MISCELLANEOUS

Bicycle (English)	1
Increments (cans)	3
Mortar fuzes	800
Cannisters (TNT)	2
82mm bags	15
70mm fuzes	31
105mm fuzes	200
Mosquito nets	3
7mm bipod	1
8mm ring	2
60mm bipod	1
50mm sight	1
Claymore wires	12
Concertina wire	2 rolls
7mm wire	11,680 feet
RC-25 radio	1
Hatchets	5
axe	1
Knives	2
Baskets	15
Cooking Pots	35
Gas gear	10 sets
Gloves	26 pr

MISCELLANEOUS (cont)

Nylon rope	70 ft
Poncho liners	3
Binocular case	1
Suspender straps	2
M-16 magazines	24
Flares	9
AK magazines	31
Smoke grenades	50
Picks	4
Bangalore torpedos	1
Rocket site	1
Mortar sites	6
Documents	3 packs

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AK-47's	2
SKS's	5
Cross bows	3
PPS-43's (SMG)	1
Grenades	3

WEAPON ACCESSORIES

Cleaning gear packs
AK Magazines
Carbine magazines
Sniperscopes (PU)
82mm Mort sight
60mm Mort sight

782 GEAR

Helmets	1
Canteens	11
Bayonets	4
E-Tools	1
Ponchos	3
Poncho liners	4

ANSWER

RPG rds	3
Rifle grenades	10
7.62mm rds	295
.30cal rds	80
20mm rds	1
12.7mm rds	85

MINES/BOOBYTRAPS

Claymores (Russian)	1
Anti-Tank mine	2
Surprise Firing	
Device	1
Punji pits	3

EXPLOSIVES

TNT	1/4 Lb
C-4	1/2 Lb
Elasting caps	4
Det Cord	25 ft
Time Fuse	50 ft

CLOTHING

Trousers	12
Shirts	18
Shorts	9
Sweatshirts	18
T-Shirts	1
Panties (women)	2
Brassieres	7
Jackets	1
Belt's	2
Cloth	10 Lb
Boots	3 pr
Sandals	1 pr

MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

Penicillin	500cc
IV Solution	1 qt
Bissilium	10 grams
Mercurechrome	1 btle
Jelusil	1 btle
Iodine	100 tabs
Assort pills	2 bags
Salve (unk)	1 tube
Scissors	2 pr
Needles	16 sets

FOOD STUFFS/LIVESTOCK

MISCELLANEOUS

Rice	230	Lbs
Wheat	200	Lbs
Salt	25	Lbs
Assort Roots	20	Lbs
Corn	5	Lbs
Tobacco	60	Lbs
Soybean oil	8	gal
Chickens	25	
Pigs	9	

Asset Doon	8 Lbs
Animal Traps	100
Raft	1
Graves	10
Campsites	2
Sleeping Bag	1
Telegraph Set	1
Transistor Radio	1
Oxygen Tanks	1

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MISCELLANEOUS (cont)

Voltmeter	1
Machete	1
Hammer	1
Files	3
Brushes	3
Pliers	2
Shovels	3
Picks	2
Knives	2
Wirecutters	1
Indochina coins	354

8. SOURCES OF INTELLIGENCE. The usual sources of information and intelligence, consisting of S-2 Scouts, ground troops, ITT personnel, and the dissemination from higher echelons, were utilized during the reporting period.

9. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS. There were no PsyWar operations conducted by this battalion during the reporting period.

10. ITEMS OF INTELLIGENCE INTEREST:

A. OPERATION DAWSON RIVER, WEST. None

B. OPERATION BEWEI CANYON. Large cultivated fields that provide a good source of food to enemy troops infiltrating through this area were found. One example of this was found in an area along the Da Krong River vic (ID 1238) where there were at last six acres of corn planted in such a way that a portion of the corn field was ready for harvest every week or two. This field was found to be meticulously cared for. The presence of modern, metal farming implements indicated that this wasn't an ordinary Montagnard cornfield. Besides corn, there were gardens of squash, tobacco, and other edible vegetables. An effort is being made to arrange to have ARVN troops go in and harvest the crops for a civic action program thus denying the food source to the enemy and putting the harvest to good use.

Another item of interest is the recent use of booby traps, to include punji traps as well as surprise firing devices, in an area which until recently was relatively free of such things. This could be an indication that there is something in this area which he (the enemy) considers pretty important.

The last item to be mentioned is the discovery of enemy bunkers built directly under trails vic (ID 10833). These structures were built about four feet deep, four feet long, and four feet wide with the apertures facing down hill. There was very little reinforcement on the inside. They usually had an excellent view of the trail coming up hill, but were useless for viewing whatever may be coming down hill.

11. COMMENTS AND CONCLUSIONS. None.

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Section IV S-3 Chronology

1. General. 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines participated in the following operations during the month of January 1969.

Operation DAWSON RIVER WEST 02 January 1969 to 19 January 1969

Operation DEWEY CANYON 20 January 1969 to 31 January 1969

Map Sheets 6342 II, 6342 III, 6248 I, 6442 III, 6341 I, and 6441 IV covered the area in which these Operations were conducted.

2. Company "E", 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines.

A. Operation DAWSON RIVER WEST. E/2/9 participated in this Operation during the period 02 January to 12 January 1969. The Company was assigned the mission to conduct a heliborne assault to secure LZ CRYSTAL vic (XD 754367) on 02 January 1969, and to conduct detail search and destroy Operations in the area generally West of Khe Sanh to the Laotian Border. E/2/9 remained at this posit until their move to (XD 786366) on 07 January 1969. E/2/9 moved again to (XD 808377) on 09 January 1969, continuing their assigned mission, until their return to Vandegrift Combat Base on 12 January 1969.

B. Operation DEWEY CANYON. E/2/9 participated in this Operation during the period 20 January to 31 January 1969. The Company was assigned the mission to establish a Company patrol base and LZ vic (XD 160199) and conduct detail search and destroy operations to the South.

3. Company "F", 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines.

A. Operation DAWSON RIVER WEST. F/2/9 participated in this Operation during the period 02 January to 12 January 1969. The Company was assigned the mission to conduct a heliborne assault to secure LZ CRYSTAL vic (XD 754367) on 02 January 1969, and to conduct detail search and destroy operations in the area generally West of Khe Sanh to the Laotian Border. F/2/9 remained at this posit until 08 January 1969. At this time they moved to (XD 763383) and continued their assigned mission. F/2/9 moved twice more before their return to Vandegrift Combat Base on 12 January 1969, the moves were to (XD 976380) and (XD 779393) on dates 08 January 1969, and 10 January 1969 respectively.

B. Operation DEWEY CANYON. F/2/9 participated in this Operation during the period 20 January to 31 January 1969. The Company was assigned the mission to land by helicopter in trace of "G" Company vic (XD 101202) and to conduct detail search and destroy Operations to the South.

4. Company "G", 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines.

A. Operation DAWSON RIVER WEST. G/2/9 participated in this Operation during the period 02 January to 19 January 1969. The Company was assigned the mission to conduct a heliborne assault to secure LZ RICK vic (XD 720381) on 02 January 1969, and to conduct detail search and destroy operations in the area generally West of Khe Sanh to the Laotian Border. G/2/9 remained at this posit until 12 January 1969 when they moved with the CP to LZ SNAPPER. On the 19th of January 1969, G/2/9 returned to Vandegrift Combat Base with the termination of Operation DAWSON RIVER WEST.

B. Operation DEWEY CANYON. G/2/9 participated in this Operation during the period 20 January to 31 January 1969. The Company was assigned the mission to conduct a heliborne assault to LZ vic (XD 101202), seize, occupy, and defend the most favorable terrain in that vicinity, provide security for the landing of Bravo Command Group, and to conduct detail search and destroy Operations oriented to the South and West of the Ridgeline.

5. Company "H", 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines.

A. Operation DAWSON RIVER WEST. H/2/9 participated in this Operation during the period 02 January to 19 January 1969. The Company was assigned the mission to conduct a heliborne assault into LZ RICK vic (XD 720381) on 02 January 1969, and to

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conduct detail search and destroy operations in the area generally West of Khe Sanh to the Iaotian Border. H/2/9 remained at this posit until 12 January 1969. At this time, Hotel moved to Checkpoint #5, and continued their assigned mission, until their return to Vandegrift Combat Base on 19 January 1969.

B. Operation DEWEY CANYON. H/2/9 participated in this operation during the period 20 January 1969 to 31 January 1969. The Company was assigned the mission to conduct a heliborne assault into LZ vio (XD 139193) and defend it with minimum strength, provide security for FSB RAZOR, and to conduct detail search and destroy operations in their assigned area.

6. H&S Company, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines

A. Operation DAWSON RIVER WEST. H&S Company furnished the necessary men and equipment to provide effective control of the Battalion units during the period 02 January 1969 to 19 January 1969. The Battalion Command Group was helilifted to LZ CRYSTAL (XD 754367) on 02 January 1969. On 12 January 1969 the command group displaced to LZ SNAPPER, remaining there until their return to Vandegrift Combat Base on 19 January 1969.

B. Operation DEWEY CANYON. H&S Company furnished the necessary men and equipment to provide effective control of the Battalion units during the period 20 January 1969 to 31 January 1969. The Battalion Command Group was helilifted to FSB RAZOR on 22 January 1969, and exercised control of the Battalion units.

7. Close Combat. During the month of January, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines conducted 13 Company, 41 Platoon, and 77 squad size patrols. There were also 13 Platoon and 44 squad size ambushes conducted.

8. Training. Due to Operational commitments, very little formal training was conducted. There were 155 replacement personnel who received training in accordance with DivO 1510.3B.

9. Fire Support and Fire Support Coordination

A. 2d Battalion, 9th Marines was provided with direct support for the month of January by 2d Battalion, 12th Marines, Batteries "E", "D" and "W". General support was provided by 2d Battalion, 12th Marines, Battery "P". Tactical and technical control was provided by 2d Battalion, 12th Marines.

B. 2d Battalion, 9th Marines employment of artillery for the month of January resulted in the following round expenditures: 4304 HE, 124 WP and 0 HLLM. Nature of targets included: Anti-Aircraft positions, NVA in open, suspected enemy positions, lights, prep's, H&I's and TOT's.

C. The artillery fire support for the month of January was considered satisfactory.

10. Air Support

A. Medevacs. A total of 40 personnel were medevaced during the month of January 1969.

B. Command and Control. During the month of January 1969, 2 visual reconnaissance flights were performed.

C. Resupply. During the month of January 1969, 379,825 pounds of supplies were delivered to the units in the field.

D. Troop Lifts. During the month of January 1969, 10 troop lifts were employed.

E. Fixed Wing. 6 fixed wing flights were controlled by 2d Battalion, 9th Marines during the month of January 1969.

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SECTION V S-A CHRONOLOGY

1. General. Resupply by air and ground was satisfactory during this period. The two 81mm mortars that were down during this period have been replaced with two complete new mortars. The two 106RR's which have been on order since October are still on order. Mail from Quang Tri has been slow reaching Vandegrift Combat Base. The Battalion mail orderly does not send mail out to the forward areas on a regularly scheduled basis. Motor Transport maintenance has been satisfactory during this period. Communications section has more than 15% of its gear non-operable, but this has not affected the battalion operationally.

2. Supply.

a. The supply situation presented no major problems in carrying out the Battalion's mission. However, the below listed items were in short supply during this period:

M-16 Bore Brush	12R Boots	Pan, Mess Kit
M-60 Bore Brush	11R Boots	Seal, 1½ inch
M-60 Cleaning Rods	10R Boots	Poncho
Wheal, CYL Kit	9R Boots	Plastic Knives
Tube, 900x16	8R Boots	Plastic Spoons
Tire, 900x16	8W Boots	Plastic Forks
Tire, 750x10	Haversacks	Paper Cups
Starter	M-16 Chamber Brush	Pocket, Ammo
Repair Kit	M-60 Chamber Brush	Helmet
Blower Motor	Poncho Liners	Helmet Liners
Regulator, f/M151A1	Paper Plates	Canteen Covers
Radiator, f/M151A1	BA 386's	Mattress, Pneumatic
Belt, Fan	Battery, BB/451	Armor, Body, Upper Torso
AB-591 Antenna	Electrolyte	Cleaning Solvent
Battery, 2HN	Acetylene	M-16 Magazine

b. The situation remains critical due to the fact that BA 386's are in short supply.

c. Items of significant importance received during the month are as follows:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
BA 386's	300
Spotter, Rifle, .50 Cal- f/106RR	1

3. Ordnance.

a. The Ordnance situation was considered satisfactory.

b. At present this Battalion has no Ordnance type Combat Essential Equipment on 2nd Echelon Maintenance.

c. The following items of Ordnance type Combat Essential Equipment are on 3rd Echelon Maintenance:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
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*Compressor/for Flames 1

*The above compressor for our flames section has been in FLSG-B since 5 Sep 68. The other compressor for our flames section is on order. With both compressors not available to the Battalion, this Battalion has a flames section which is in a not ready status.

d. The following items of Ordnance type Combat Essential Equipment are on order:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DOCUMENT NUMBER</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Compressor, Flame	9023-2823	1
Pistol, Cal .45	8320-1966	18
Pistol, Cal .45	8325-1998	4
Pistol, Cal .45	9009-2606	3
Pistol, Cal .45	8339-2243	2
Pistol, Cal .45	8353-21486	2
Pistol, Cal .45	8353-21485	1
106RR	9005-2597	2

Comm/Elect.

a. The situation in the Communications section during this period was considered barely satisfactory due to the maintenance of equipment in 2nd and 3rd Echelon Maintenance, and the non-availability of spare parts.

b. The following items of Comm/Elect type Combat Essential Equipment are on 2nd Echelon Maintenance:

*The above compressor for our flames section has been in FLSG-B since 5 Sep 68. The other compressor for our flames section is on order. With both compressors not available to the Battalion, this Battalion has MRC-83's section which is in 1 not ready status.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
MRC-109	1
PRC-47	2
GRC-125	1

c. The following items of Comm/Elect type Combat Essential Equipment are on 3rd Echelon Maintenance:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DOCUMENT NUMBER</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Compressor, Flame	9023-2823	1
ITEM 01, Cal .45	8320-1966	18
Pistol, Cal .45	8325-1998	4
SD-22/PT Cal .45	9009-2606	3
PRC-25, Cal .45	8119-4243	2
GRC-31, Cal .45	8153-21486	2
MRC-83, Cal .45	8153-21485	1
PRC-41	9005-2597	2

d. The following items of Comm/Elect type Combat Essential Equipment are on order:

a. The situation in the Communications section during this period was considered barely satisfactory due to the maintenance of equipment in 2nd and 3rd Echelon Maintenance, and the non-availability of spare parts.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DOCUMENT NUMBER</u>	<u>QTY</u>
PRC-47	9002-2581	2
PPS-6	8330-2093	4

b. The following items of Comm/Elect type Combat Essential Equipment

X-Mod Cable	8162-2048	1
Battery Cell, PRC-47	8169-2154	80
MRC-87	9002-2582	1

5. Motor Transport.

a. The maintenance situation was considered satisfactory. The situation on M274A2's has greatly improved. The starters for the M274A2 continue to be the main cause of deadlining the M274A2.

b. The below listed items of Motor Transport type Combat Essential Equipment are on 2nd Echelon Maintenance:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
M-37B1	1
M-274A2	5

c. The below listed items of Motor Transport type Combat Essential Equipment are on 3rd Echelon Maintenance:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
M-37B1	1
M-274A2	1

d. The below listed items of Motor Transport type Combat Essential Equipment are on order:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DOCUMENT NUMBER</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Starters f/M274A2	9002-2583	5
Starters f/M274A2	8128-1601	6

e. Non-Organic transportation was considered satisfactory. 3rd and 9th Motors support has been good.

6. Other Logistical Support. N/A

7. Operations. See S-3 Chronology

8. Logistical Lifts.

a. Primary means of resupply was by CH-46 and CH-53 helicopters. The status of lifts are as follows:

<u>LIFTS</u>	<u>CARGO</u>	<u>PERSONNEL</u>
125	379,825 lbs.	253

b. Vehicular Support. Third Motors assisted the Battalion at Vandegrift Combat Base by providing us with one 5 ton vehicle daily. Which was used primarily as a household vehicle. The status of lifts are as follows:

<u>LIFTS</u>	<u>CARGO</u>	<u>PERSONNEL</u>
291	145,624 lbs.	507

9. Ammunition expenditures for the month are as follows:

<u>DODAC NO.</u>	<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>QTY</u>
A011	Ctg. Shotgun, 12 gauge	200 rds.
A071	5.56 Ball	77280 rds.
A127	7.62 Linked	26000 rds.
A130	7.62 Ball	840 rds.
B627	60mm Illum.	80 rds.
B630	60mm WP	270 rds.
B632	60mm HE	3120 rds.
B568	40mm, M-79	1584 rds.
C226	81mm Illum.	54 rds.
C230	81mm WP	366 rds.
C256	81mm HE	2268 rds.
C650	106 Hept	174 rds.
C651	106 Bee Hive	60 rds.
E143	Mine, AP-18A1	108 rds.
G888	Gren., Hand Frag. M-33	50 ea.
G890	Gren., Hand Frag. M-26	600 ea.
G895	Gren., Hand Illum.	7 ea.
G924	Gren., Hand Riot CS	50 ea.
G940	Gren., Smk. Green	128 ea.
G945	Gren., Smk. Yellow	388 ea.
G950	Gren., Hand Illum.	7 ea.
H55	Rkt., 60mm HE LAW	125 rds.
L314	Sig. Grn. Star Clust.	151 ea.
L315	Sig. Red Star Clust.	36 ea.
L316	Sig. White Star Clust.	144 ea.
L198	Flare, Surface, Trip	352 ea.
M130	Cap., Blasting, Elec.	200 ea.
M120	Chg., Shape, 15 lb.	15 ea.
M121	Chg., Cratering 40 lb.	20 ea.
M122	Chg., Shape, 40 lb.	5 ea.
M455	Cord., Det. Ft.	6000 ft.
M670	Fuse, Blasting Time	100 ft.
M756	C-4 Demo. Kit	158 kits
M766	Igniter for time fuse	20 ea.

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Section VI S-5 Chronology

1. General. Due to Operational commitements and tactical employments, Civic Actions were curtailed. No Medcaps were conducted, but steps are being taken through S-5 to begin projects as soon as Operational commitements allow.

Section VII Communications Chronology

1. General. The Communications Platoon was divided into three sections during the month of January 1969. The rear section consisting of approximately 10 men provided radio, wire message center, and repair support at Quang Tri. The S-4 at Vandegrift Combat Base was supported by 6 men of this section. The remainder of the platoon provided normal communications support to the Battalion in the field on the following Operations:

Operation DAWSON RIVER WEST
Operation DEWEY CANYON

02 January 1969 to 19 January 1969
20 January 1969 to 31 January 1969

2. Wire. Normal wire was used at Quang Tri and Vandegrift Combat Base. Wire was used on Operation DEWEY CANYON while linking Regiment, Battalion, 81mm Mortar Section and perimeter defense on the fire support bases.

3. Radio. Normal radio communications was established at all Battalion locations. A field expedient, half rhombic and long wire antenna, were used on Operation DEWEY CANYON with excellent results.

4. Message Center. The message center processed 527 incoming and 12 outgoing messages. Normal shackles and brevity code deliveries were made to the field. Approximately 770 radio messages were processed by the Battalion Message Center at Quang Tri on the Battalion Admin Radio Net.

Section VIII Medical Chronclogy

1. General. During the month of January 1969, the BAS held sick call for 319 Navy and Marine Corps Personnel. There were two Medical Civic Actions held on villages West of Vandegrift Combat Base.

2. Sanitation. Routine daily inspections were held in the Battalion areas.

3. Disease, Injuries, and Treatment in General. This month there were far fewer cases of malaria, diarrhea, and FUD partly due to the decrease usually seen and partly due to the fact that we were in a low malaria area most of the month. Plans have been made to institute a malaria urine test to detect chronic pill non-takers. Dermatological diseases are being treated more adequately in the field resulting in fewer cases requiring evacuation. Water cans going to field will be inspected daily since contamination has been responsible for several illnesses this month.

4. Casualties and Hospitalization. There were no KIA's, no WIA's, 70 NBC's, and 2 DAI. Outpatient treatment consisted of 6 shrapnel wounds, 6 FUD's, 16 Dermatological conditions, 43 GU infections, 5 diarrhea, 45 miscellaneous injuries, 76 miscellaneous diseases, 3 rabies injections, 14 ENT conditions, 11 NP consults, 10 DRI's, 2 poisoning, 42 orthopedic conditions and 40 malaria cases.

5. Training. Orientation lectures were given to 22 personnel. The subject matter included personal hygiene, self and buddy aid, malaria with the preventive measure of, venereal diseases, care of the feet and the snake problem in Vietnam. On the job training and lectures were given periodically for the corpsmen.

6. Complement of BAS. At the close of the month BAS had a complement of 1 Medical Officer, 51 Hospital corpsmen, and 3 SNO's attached. There were 8 personnel transferred and 11 personnel joined.

Section IX Chaplain's Chronology

1. General. During the month of January Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish services were conducted for the men of the Battalion.
2. Protestant. Protestant services were conducted by the Battalion Chaplain. The wide spread unit dispersion necessitated that the services be conducted for each individual company.
3. Catholic. Catholic services were provided by various Catholic Chaplains in the neighborhood of the Battalion units; in the absence of the Chaplain, services were conducted by unit layleaders.
4. Jewish. Jewish services were conducted whenever a Chaplain of the Jewish faith was available.
5. Personal Services. The Battalion Chaplain conducted such interviews and counselling services as required by individuals of the Battalion.

Tab A: OPORD 3-69 (Op DAWSON RIVER 504TH)