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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,
Ca Lu 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 | 1-11 January 12-31 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 |
| "HAS" 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 II - 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:

| <u>USMC</u> | |
|-------------|------------|
| <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> |
| 39 | 1074 |

| <u>USN</u> | |
|------------|------------|
| <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> |
| 2 | 52 |

Note: Percentage of T/O was about 93%.

b. Losses

| | <u>USMC</u> | | <u>USN</u> | |
|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> |
| Hostile | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Non-Hostile | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Admin | 5 | 82 | 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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for 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 114 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:

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

6. ENEMY FORTIFICATIONS DESTROYED/CAPTURED:

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

7. ENEMY EQUIPMENT DESTROYED/CAPTURED:

| | | | |
|--------------------|----------|------------------|--------|
| <u>WFC</u> | | <u>CSWC</u> | |
| 3.A.R. | 1 | .30cal MG | 1 |
| AK-47 | 1 | 3.5 Rkt Launcher | 1 |
| M-79 | 1 | 81mm Mortar | 1 |
| M-16 | 2 | 4.2in Mortar | 1 |
| Grenades | 8 | 60mm Mortar | 1 |
| <u>Mines</u> | | <u>AMMO</u> | |
| Anti-personnel | 1 | .30cal rds | 3,649 |
| 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 (illum) | 20 |
| 3.5in (Rkt) | 3 | 90mm | 5 |
| 80mm (Rkt) | 1 | 122mm ARTY | 50 |
| LAAW | 1 | 82mm Mortar | 1,502 |
| 152mm | 122 | 60mm Mortar | 369 |
| 40mm AA | 280 | 120mm Mortar | 3 |
| 37mm | 6 | 61mm Mortar | 91 |
| 130mm (Arty) | 2 | 40mm Mortar | 3 |
| 106mm " | 22 | 81mm Mortar (illum) | 1 |
| 105mm " | 306 | 4.2in Mortar | 147 |
| | | 81mm (HE) | 202 |

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PART I

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE OPERATING AREA:

4. ENEMY SITUATION:

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

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| | |
|-----------------|----|
| 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 |

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

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

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 |
| Cannisters | 31 |
| 82mm fuzes | 201 |
| Mosquito nets | 3 |
| 4mm bipod | 1 |
| 30mm ring | 2 |
| 60mm bipod | 1 |
| 30mm sight | 1 |
| Claymore wires | 12 |
| Concertina wire | 2 rolls |
| 3mm wire | 11,680 feet |
| ERC-25 radio | 1 |
| Machetes | 5 |
| Axe | 1 |
| Knives | 2 |
| Baskets | 15 |
| Cooking Pots | 35 |
| Wear gear | 10 sets |
| Gloves | 26 pr |

CLOTHING

| | |
|--------------|-------|
| T-Shirts | 2 |
| Shirts | 5 |
| Skivvies | 4 pr |
| Boots | 4 pr |
| Socks | 1 pr |
| Trousers | 7 pr |
| Rain Gear | 5 set |
| Sneakers | 3 pr |
| Sweat Shirts | 3 pr |
| Belts | 4 |

FOOD STUFFS

| | |
|--------------|---------------|
| G-Rats (US) | 1 pallat |
| Unknown food | 40 cannisters |

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 torpedo | 1 |
| Rocket site | 1 |
| Mortar sites | 8 |
| Documents | 3 packs |

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B. OPERATION 'DEWEY' CANTON.IWC

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

782 GEAR

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

MINES/BOOBYTRAPS

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

CLOTHING

| | |
|-----------------|-------|
| Trousers | 12 |
| Shirts | 18 |
| Shorts | 9 |
| Sweatshirts | 18 |
| T-Shirts | 1 |
| Panties (women) | 2 |
| Brassieres | 7 |
| Jackets | 1 |
| Belts | 2 |
| Cloth | 10 Lb |
| Boots | 3 pr |
| Sandals | 1 pr |

FOOD STUFFS/LIVESTOCK

| | |
|--------------|---------|
| 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 |

WEAPON ACCESSORIES

| | |
|---------------------|----|
| Cleaning gear packs | 30 |
| AK Magazines | 25 |
| Carbine magazines | 2 |
| Sniperscopes (PU) | 19 |
| 62mm Mort sight | 1 |
| 60mm Mort sight | 1 |

AMMO

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

EXPLOSIVES

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

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

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

MISCELLANEOUS

| | |
|------------------|-------|
| Assort 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 DAMSON RIVER, WEST. None

B. OPERATION PEWEY 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 1216) where there were at least 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 109133). 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.

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

02 January 1969 to 19 January 1969

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 helicopter 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 28 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 via (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 moved were to (XD 976380) and (XD 779393) on dates 08 January 1969, and 10 January 1969 respectively.

B. Operation ~~DEATH~~ 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 helicopter 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. Golf 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 helicopter 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 LAWSON 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 Laotian 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 helicopter assault into LZ vic (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 HS, 124 WP and 0 ILLUM. Nature of targets included: Anti-Aircraft positions, NVA in open, suspected enemy positions, lights, preps, 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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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 |
| Wheel, 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. Ordinance.

a. The Ordinance situation was considered satisfactory.

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

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

| ITEM | QTY |
|------------------------|-----|
| *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.

| ITEM | DOCUMENT NUMBER | QTY |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----|
| 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 | 8353-2486 | 2 |
| Pistol, Cal .45 | 8353-2485 | 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 a flames section which is in a not ready status.

| ITEM | QTY |
|---------|-----|
| MRC-81 | 1 |
| MRC-109 | 1 |
| PRC-47 | 1 |
| PRC-125 | 1 |

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

| ITEM | DOCUMENT NUMBER | QTY |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----|
| Compressor, Flame | 9023-2823 | 1 |
| Pistol, Cal .45 | 8320-1966 | 18 |
| Pistol, Cal .45 | 8325-1998 | 4 |
| SD-22/PT | 9109-2606 | 3 |
| PRC-25, Cal .45 | 8119-2243 | 2 |
| GGC-31, Cal .45 | 8153-2486 | 2 |
| MRC-83, Cal .45 | 8153-2485 | 1 |
| PRC-41 | 9305-2597 | 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.

| ITEM | DOCUMENT NUMBER | QTY |
|--------|-----------------|-----|
| PRC-47 | 9002-2581 | 2 |
| PPS-6 | 8330-2093 | 4 |

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

X-Mod Cable
Battery Cell, PRC-47
MRC-87

8162-2048
8169-2154
9002-2582

4
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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 | 8128-1681 | 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. |
| L498 | 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. |
| M155 | 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. |

Section VI S-5 Chronology

1. General. Due to Operational commitments 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 commitments 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 Battalions Admin Radio Net.

Section VIII Medical Chronology

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 FUO 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 NDC's, and 2 DAI. Outpatient treatment consisted of 6 shrapnel wounds, 6 FUO's, 16 Dermatological conditions, 43 GU infections, 5 diarrhea, 45 miscellaneous injuries, 76 miscellaneous diseases, 3 rabies injections, 14 EENT 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 SMO'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 SOUTH)