

HEADQUARTERS
2nd Battalion, 27th Marines
5th Marine Division

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9 March 1968

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To : Commanding Officers, 27th Marine Regiment

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Encl: (1) 2nd Battalion, 27th Marines Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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2nd Bn/27th Mar

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APO San Francisco, California 96602

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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1. DESIGNATION

2nd Bn, 27th Marines
1st Marine Division (Rein)

COMMANDER

LtCol LOUIS J. BACHER
1Feb-29Feb68

SUBORDINATE UNITS

None

ATTACHED UNITS

15th I Tm	25-29Feb68
19th IT Tm	23-29Feb68
1st Div KCS Tm	16-29Feb68
Hq E Btry 2/13, Arty Liaison, Det	21-29Feb68
Hq 2/13, SFOP, Det	22-29Feb68
11th Motor Transport, Det	22-29Feb68
1st Engr Bn, Det	22-29Feb68
9th Comm Bn, Radio Relay Tm	22-29Feb68

2. LOCATION

1-13Feb68 : Camp Margarita, Camp Pendleton, California
14-15Feb68 : Enroute DaNang, RVN
16-29Feb68 : DaNang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Maj A. E. SKAGERBERG
1Feb-21Feb68

Maj C. W. GIBSON
22Feb-29Feb68

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1stLt BEHMAN
1Feb-15Feb68

WO A. DEJOHN
16Feb-21Feb68

1stLt R. L. HASSE
22Feb-29Feb68

Adjutant

1stLt C. BEHMAN
1Feb-15Feb68

WO A. DEJOHN
22Feb-29Feb68

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S-2

1stLt A. C. SMITH III
1Feb-15Feb68

OySgt E. W. HILL
16Feb-21Feb68

1stLt R. D. DUFF
22Feb-29Feb68

S-3

Maj R. H. BENNETT
1Feb-15Feb68

Maj C. W. SIMON
16Feb-21Feb68

Maj R. E. ARMSTRONG
22Feb-29Feb68

S-3A

1stLt R. F. WRIGHT
1Feb-15Feb68

2ndLt B. T. JONES
22Feb-26Feb68

Capt W. J. FLEMING
27-29Feb68

S-3A/AIO

Capt F. J. WELDON
1Feb-15Feb68

1stLt C. R. THOMSON
22Feb-29Feb68

Liaison Officer

1stLt C. C. SEYBOLD
1Feb-15Feb68

1stLt W. A. FLO
22Feb-29Feb68

2nd Lt B. T. JONES
27Feb-29Feb68

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Capt D. R. VANDIVER
1Feb-15Feb68

1stLt A. I. ALEXANDER
16Feb-29Feb68

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Capt T. A. WILLIAMSON
22Feb-29Feb68

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Ordnance Officer	WO R. V. WILLIAMS 1Feb-29Feb68
Communications Officer	1stLt T. L. YADON 1Feb-29Feb68
Motor Transport Officer	1stLt A. I. ALEXANDER 1Feb-29Feb68
Surgeon	Lt H. R. COHEN USNR 1Feb-29Feb68
Medical Officer	Lt J. H. JOHNSON USNR 1Feb-29Feb68
Chaplain	Lt A. LUBKE USNR 1Feb-15Feb68
	Lt M. E. HUMESCHMAN USNR 16Feb-29Feb68
NAS Company Commander	Capt D. A. CALLEGOS 1Feb-15Feb68
	Capt L. A. WILLIAMSON 16Feb-21Feb68
	1stLt A. N. SOBOKOWIAK 22Feb-29Feb68
E Company Commander	Capt H. H. DURLER Jr. 1Feb-29Feb68
F Company Commander	Capt W. D. COLLINS Jr. 1Feb-29Feb68
G Company Commander	Capt A. R. PFELTZ III 1Feb-15Feb68
	Capt W. C. SHAVER 16Feb-29Feb68
H Company Commander	Capt T. W. KAUCHER Jr. 1Feb-15Feb68
	Capt D. L. BARTLETT 16Feb-29Feb68

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN		USMC	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
35	1030	3	51	None	None

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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Activities during this period were far ranging and varied. During the first half of the month, the Battalion conducted normal field and garrison training to include small unit tactics, map reading, scouting and patrolling, and a variety of other military subjects. Special emphasis was placed on counter-insurgency and RVN orientation.

On 12 February 1968, the Battalion received a warning order directing that preparations be initiated for possible deployment to the Republic of Vietnam. Necessary administrative and logistical action was taken to insure that the Battalion could meet T/O and T/E requirements. Prior to deployment combat essential items were received from Fifth Marine Division supply to insure combat readiness. Non-deployable personnel were transferred and deployable personnel joined from Fifth Marine Division units.

On 14 February 1968, the Battalion received CG, 5th Marine Division Frag Order 1-68 directing the movement of troop units to enplaning points at MCAS, EL TORO, California. Advance elements of the Battalion departed via C-119 from EL TORO at 141800Z February 1968, enroute to DaNang, RVN. The rear echelon units of the Battalion arrived at DaNang, RVN on 18 February 1968.

Upon arrival at DaNang, each element of the Battalion transplanted by truck convoy to the 3d Battalion, 5th Marines Command Post, located in the vicinity of Phong Luc (2). Immediately upon arrival, all units commenced preparation of temporary billeting areas and initiated training commensurate with planned objectives. Effective liaison was established, with the 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, at all levels of command. This greatly facilitated the turnover of the TAOR from one Battalion to the other.

On 22 February 1968, the Battalion assumed Operational Control of the 3d Battalion, 5th Marines TAOR. From 22 February to 29 February the Battalion conducted standard combat operations in accordance with 1st Marine Division directives. Special emphasis was placed on saturation patrolling of the DaNang Rocket Belt.

On 18 February 1968, the 1st Platoon (Main), of Company G was released to the Operational Control of the 1st MP Battalion for defense and security of the POW Compound at Marble Mountain, DaNang. Additionally on 19 February 1968, Company F was released to the Operational Control of the 1st MP Battalion for perimeter security of the DaNang military complex.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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- 1-12Feb - Conducted normal field and garrison training in accordance with 5th Marine Division directives.
- 12Feb - The Battalion received CG, 5th Marine Division warning order relating to deployment to RVN.
- 14Feb - The Battalion received CG, 5th Marine Division Frag Order 1-68 directing initial troop movement from MCAS, EL TORO to DaNang, RVN.
- 18Feb - Completed troop movement from MCAS, EL TORO to DaNang, RVN.
- 18Feb - 1st platoon (Rein), Company G released to OPC N of 1st MP Bn at Marble Mountain, DaNang.
- 19Feb - Company F released to OPCON of 1st MP Bn, DaNang.
- 22Feb - Assumed Operational Control of 3d Bn, 5th Marines TAOR.
- 22-29Feb - Conducted tactical operations within TAOR in accordance with 1st Marine Division directives. Special emphasis placed on saturation patrolling of DaNang Rocket Belt.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

ANNEX B

2nd Battalion, 27th Marines Chronology

NONE - All supporting documents required in reference to this report are held at Headquarters, 27th Marine Regiment