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3d Battalion, 27th Marines
5th Marine Division (-) (Rein) FMF
Camp Pendleton, California 92055

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 27th Marine Regiment

Subj: Command Chronology

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Encl: (1) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.


TULLIS J. WOODHAM JR.

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1. 3rd Battalion, 27th Marine Regiment, 5th Marine Division (-) (Rein), FMF

a. The battalion is located at Camp Margarita (33) Area, Camp Pendleton, California.

b. This report covers the period 1 January through 31 January 1968.

c. The rank/name of the Commanding Officer, Staff, and Chief Subordinates are as follows:

(1) CO	1Jan-5Jan 6Jan-31Jan	LtCol Thomas J. STEVENS LtCol Tullis J. WOODHAM JR.
(2) XO		Maj Walter J. KALITA
(3) Adj/S-1		1stLt Julian W. PARRISH (Adj) 1stLt William M. GORTZ (S-1)
(4) S-2	1Jan-24Jan 25Jan-31Jan	SSgt Peter KING Capt Charles W. SOOTER
(5) S-3		Capt Ernest T. FITZGERALD
(6) S-4		Capt Thomas J. RALPH JR.
(7) COMMO	1Jan-24Jan 25Jan-31Jan	1stLt John F. WILLIAMS JR. Capt Robert R. ANDERSON
(8) SUPPO		1stLt Marvin P. FORTSON
(9) MTO		1stLt Jackie W. STANLEY
(10) H&S Co Cmdr		Capt. Roland E. BUTLER
(11) I Co Cmdr		Capt Stephen M. SNYDER
(12) K Co Cmdr	1Jan-24Jan 25Jan-31Jan	Capt Charles W. SOOTER Capt Thomas M. CARPENTER
(13) L Co Cmdr		Capt Thomas F. JANIDLO
(14) M Co Cmdr		Capt Timothy J. SLOAT
(15) Bn Chaplain	5Jan-31Jan	Lt M. P. ONEIL
(16) Bn Surgeon		Lt Jack A. GOFF
(17) Bn Sgt-Maj		Sgt-Maj Austin AURIN

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2. Significant Events

a. Commanders' Narrative

The month of January was devoted primarily to small unit training and FIREX's. All crew served weapons were field fired by their crews and all hands were afforded ~~excellent~~ training on these weapons. Two companies, M and L, fired the rifle range for annual requalification.

There was a battalion change of command on 5 January with LtCol T. J. STEVENS passing the reins to LtCol TULLIS J. WOODHAM Jr.

On 11 and 12 January two officers and seventy-two enlisted men attended airlift training at Norton Air Force Base. This training provided the battalion with personnel experienced in the procedures of loading and unloading various types of transport aircraft.

The battalion held a weapons firing demonstration for students from the Landing Force Training Unit at Coronado on the 19th of January which was highly satisfactory. The demonstration consisted of a brief description of the weapons' capabilities and limitations followed by the firing of each weapon. The 106MM Recoilless Rifle, 81MM Mortar, 60MM Mortar, Flame Thrower, M-60 Machinegun, 3.5 Inch Rocket Launcher, and M-79 Grenade Launcher were used in this demonstration.

The battalion participated in the Regimental Change of Command Ceremony held on the morning of 22 January. Colonel A. J. SCHWENK relieved Colonel A. J. CASTAGNA during the ceremony which was conducted on the Third Battalion Parade Field.

India Company departed for Fallon Nevada on 23 January where they acted as the aggressor force for the Second Battalion airlift training exercise. The company returned on 30 January. Tie-down crews were also provided from this battalion from the men trained earlier in the month at Norton Air Force Base to assist the Second Battalion in loading and unloading at Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro.

The remainder of the month was devoted to small unit training, FIREX's, RVN oriented training weapons, instruction and annual rifle and pistol requalifications.

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5 Jan	Battalion Change of Command
11-12 Jan	Airlift training at Norton Air Force Base
19 Jan	Weapons firing demonstration
22 Jan	Regimental Change of Command
23-30 Jan	India Company acted as the aggressor force for Second Battalion.

b. Detailed Description(1) Personnel

(a) Average Monthly Strength	Enlisted	1016
	Officers	31
	Enlisted (USN)	23
	Officers (USN)	3

(b) Month's average number of officers TAD - 6

(c) Non-deployable personnel

1. Non-deployable to RVN - 546
(other member of family in RVN, less than 18 yrs. old, sole surviving son, conscientious objectors, twice wounded, less than 24 months return from RVN)
2. Non-deployable overseas - 335
(EAS less than 6 months, OSCD less than 6 months)
3. Physical profiles - 38
4. Total non-deployable - 919

(2) Intelligence

(a) The scouts participated in Operation RANCHER CORRAL with I Company to act as guerrillas against 2/27.

(b) Regimental intelligence school started on 10 January 1968. All S-2 personnel are attending the weekly class.

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5 Feb 1968(3) Training

(a) Beside the training highlights as covered in the Commander's Narrative, routine garrison training was conducted. (Small unit training, FIREX's, RVN oriented training, weapons instruction and rifle and pistol requalification.)

(b) Close Air Support (TACP Training)

1. 5 January - Two sections of A-4's were controlled at the Whiskey Impact Area. Six (6) ML 77's, 23 MK 70's, and several hundred rounds of 20MM were expended.

2. 17 January - The scheduled air support was rescheduled for control by 2/27.

3. 31 January - Mission cancelled due to weather.

(4) Communication

(a) The communications platoon acted as aggressors for BLT 2/27 at Fallon, Nevada from 22 January to 26 January.

(b) Lt J. F. WILLIAMS attended Embarkation School from 5 January to 5 February 1968.

(c) The section is at approximately 99% T.E. and 90% T.O.

(5) Logistics(a) Mess

1. The total number of rations fed during January was 23,000 in comparison to 16,000 last month.

2. In conjunction with Operation RANCHER CORRAL the 2nd Battalion was fed twice. In addition, 1300 box lunches were prepared.

3. The reserve at the end of the month was \$630.

4. The cost to feed, per man, was \$1.24.

5. 19 January.- Technical inspection of field mess passed satisfactorily.

(b) Medical

1. A re-inspection by the Division Surgeons Office showed corrections of the discrepancies noted in the November Commanding General's Inspection.

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2. In service training was accelerated in preparation for February advancement examinations.

(c) Motor Transport

1. First and second echelon maintenance was performed on approximately 75 pieces of motor transport equipment.

2. A total of 11,564 miles were covered in support of the battalion administration and training.

(d) Supply

1. During the month of January, Battalion Supply was visited by the Division Supply Analysis and Assistance Team. Five men graduated from the basic supply school and a thorough customer reconciliation was conducted.

(e) Ordnance

1. The ordnance of this battalion was given a preliminary inspection by the Regimental Executive Officer and Ordnance Officer.

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