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Encl: ✓(1) 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines Command Chronology

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines September 19681. ORGANIZATIONAL DATAA. Locations 1-30 September 1968 An Hoa, RVNB. Commanding Officer, Staff Officers, and Company Commanders:

Commanding Officer	1stLt J. W. STAFFLE	1-30 September 1968
Executive Officer	Maj O. K. STERLE	1-17 September 1968
	Maj S. G. DYER	18-27 September 1968
	Maj L. A. BEHYMER	28-30 September 1968
Adjutant	1stLt H. NAGAI	1-30 September 1968
	1stLt B. M. WALKER JR.	1-30 September 1968
S-2	Maj S. G. DYER	1-17 September 1968
	Maj L. A. BEHYMER	18-27 September 1968
S-3	Maj W. A. TILLEY JR.	28-30 September 1968
	Capt. G. D. HENDRICKSON	1-13 September 1968
S-3A	Capt R. J. DREZ	14-30 September 1968
	Maj W. A. TILLEY JR.	21-27 September 1968
S-3B	1stLt P. FACE	1-30 September 1968
	1stLt G. M. McDONOUGH	10-30 September 1968
S-4	1stLt R. L. HORNER	1-30 September 1968
S-5	1stLt H. NAGAI	1-30 September 1968
Commo	1stLt R. C. MURPHY	1-30 September 1968
Supply	1stLt D. T. WELSH	1-30 September 1968
MCO	1stLt G. A. ZURENDA	1-30 September 1968
ALO	Capt. R. L. TRACKER	1-5 September 1968
	1stLt W. S. LAWRENCE	6-30 September 1968
FAC	1stLt J. O. SANDERS, JR.	1-15 September 1968
	1stLt W. D. WATSON	16-30 September 1968
CO, H&S	1stLt A. A. DORNBAUGH	1-30 September 1968
CO, CoB	Capt. J. A. WOGGON JR.	1-30 September 1968
CO, CoF	Capt. D. B. BROWN	1-30 September 1968
CO, CoG	Capt. H. J. POOLE	1-30 September 1968
CO, CoH	Capt. F. A. VANDERBERG	1-30 September 1968

C. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
30	1126	3	60

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II. NARRATIVE SUMMARY.

During the period 29 August to 9 September 1968, the Second Battalion (-) participated in Operation SUSSEX BAY in coordination and cooperation with ARVN and ROKMC forces. On 11 September the Second Battalion resumed its participation in Operation MAMELUKE THRUST II. The primary mission of the Battalion was to locate and destroy enemy forces, base areas, and caches of materiel and supplies. Secondary missions included providing security for the Liberty Bridge area and protecting the MSR as well as providing security for the local rice harvest. Control of the company assigned to provide security for the Liberty Bridge area and those forces utilized to protect the MSR was normally exercised directly by the Battalion Rear in order that the Battalion (-) was better able to conduct offensive operations.

On 23 September 1968 Company H came under the operational control of First Battalion, Fifth Marines as did Company F on 25 September 1968.

III. SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.A. Personnel and Administration.

1. The Battalion joined 5 officers and 145 enlisted men during September. The Battalion transferred 8 officers and 108 enlisted during the same period. Casualties during this period were:

<u>BATTLE</u>				<u>NON-BATTLE</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>DOW</u>	<u>WIANE</u>	<u>NBD</u>	<u>NBC</u>	
18	77	3	33	1	8	140

2. Discipline, Law and Order.

a. During the month, three Special Courts-Martial were convened within the Battalion. With the exception of one of these, they were tried within one week of the reference for trial. The one exception was a trial held in DaNang where the distance between Trial and Defense Counsel, President of the Court, and the Convening Authority was such as to complicate the verification of the record of trial. Non-judicial punishment was awarded five times to Marines in this Battalion, once by the Battalion Commander and four times by Company Commanders.

b. Legal Assistance/Personal Affairs. On three occasions, the problems of the individuals were solved at the Battalion level, with five cases being referred to the Division Legal Assistance Office in DaNang.

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3. Postal. Although rain at times hampered the general arrival of mail from DaNang to An Hoa, quantities of mail arrived on an almost daily basis. Upon receipt of the mail for this Battalion at the 5th Marines Regimental Post Office, it was efficiently sorted for delivery to the respective companies. The normal time from receipt of mail to delivery to the personnel, including the troops in the field, was one day.

4. Awards. There were thirty-four awards of the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry received from the Vietnamese government during September. Twenty-four U. S. awards for heroism and meritorious service were processed by the Battalion during this period.

5. Chaplain's Activities. This Battalion was without a Chaplain from 7-20 September 1968. During this period, religious and memorial services were conducted by the Regimental Chaplain. Both the out-going and the incoming Battalion Chaplains made several visits to the companies and reported that the general morale of the men is excellent. Two hospital visits were made to DaNang during September.

#### B. Intelligence.

1. Sources. The vast majority of intelligence information collected and disseminated during the month of September was received from the S-2, 5th Marines. Duc Duc District Headquarters, CIT, the Census Grievance Bureau and the local security chief were the main contributors of useful information in developing an estimate of the enemy situation within the AO. Timely and accurate field intelligence resulting from captured gear and documents, detainee interrogation, questioning of the civilian populace and aerial observer reports enhanced the Battalion's ability to respond to immediate changes in the enemy's troop disposition and capabilities as well as to re-evaluate information received from higher headquarters.

2. General Situation. The local Main Force Viet Cong continued attempts to interdict the MSR between Liberty Bridge and the An Hoa Combat Base. The majority of the friendly casualties along the MSR were by booby traps that were placed in an area from the road to approximately 150 meters to either side of it. Twenty-seven (27) booby traps and one (1) mine were detonated by Marines causing casualties. Also, forty-seven (47) booby traps and five (5) mines were found and destroyed in place. On 8Sep68, a convoy returning the daytime OP's to An Hoa was ambushed by approximately a platoon of VC. On 20Sep68, a platoon from Company Golf received approximately ten (10) rounds of 82 mortar fire while providing security for the local populace harvesting rice. On 21Sep68, a convoy returning to An Hoa with rice harvesters received approximately 150-200 rounds of S/A and 3 rifle grenades.

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3. Statistics of Enemy Casualties and Captured Equipment.a. Personnel

NVA/VC KIA	41
Detainees	219

b. Weapons

SKS	1 (Serno 3195894)
Zip Gun (Bamboo)	1

c. Communications Equipment

Short wave radio (civilian type)	1
Communication wire	4,500 ft

d. Ammunition

82mm mortar rds (ChiCom)	61
82mm mortar rds (Russian)	2
81mm mortar rds (Russian)	5
B-40 rds	1
.50 Cal rds	98 (linked)
7.62 M-60 rds	300
Grenades (ChiCom)	16
B-40 boosters	2
Time fuses	17
Primers	10
Blasting caps	10
Grenade fuses (ChiCom)	3
Gun powder lbs	10

e. Food

Rice lbs	59,770
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f. Medical Supplies

3 inch bandage rolls	3
4"x4" bandage	10
Large battle dressings	2
Small battle dressings	2
Pills	Misc
Vitamins, bottle	1
Medical Gear	Misc

g. Misc Equipment

Boats	5
Pith Helmets	1
AK-47 magazines	6

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NVA gas masks	11
New gas mask w/filter	1
Helmets	2
Wire cutters	1
NVA packs	2
NVA entrenching tool	1
Carpenters tools, bag	1
Nylon rope ft	12
NVA cartridge belt	3
U. S. cartridge belt	1
U. S. canteens	4
NVA .50 cal ammo box	2
782 gear	asst
NVA covers	2
NVA uniforms	2
Cloth mask	1
Civilian shirts	4
Clothing	asst
Documents	asst

C. Training.

1. Seventy-six Marines were processed through indoctrination training prior to their deployment to the field.

2. Division and higher level formal school training was as follows:

a. Division Leadership Schools	10
b. Basic Infantry Weapons Repair	1
c. Embarkation School III MAF	1
d. Basic Ammo Tech School	1
e. Kit Carson Orientation Course	1
f. Disease Vector Control Training	1
g. "Duck Blind" Seismic/Magnetic Intrusion Devices School	3

3. Continued emphasis was placed on mine warfare and the detection of booby traps and surprise firing devices.

D. Special Operations.

1. From 29 August 1968 through 9 September 1968, the Second Battalion (-) participated in operation SUSSEX BAY. See part IV enclosure (1).

E. Close Combat (1-30Sep68).

At 011003Z, a Marine from Company F acting as road sweep security at AT921512, detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip detonator. Results: 2 USMC WIA Evac

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At 011105H, another Marine from Company F, on the same road sweep security mission detonated another booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire at AT921512. Results: 1 USMC WIA Evac.

At 021105H, a Marine from Company F on road sweep security detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire at AT919512. Results: 1 USMC WIA Evac.

At 022140H, Marines from Company F, at AT910513, were moving into an ambush site when a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire was detonated. Results: 2 USMC WIA Evac.

At 030325H, a platoon from Company H in an ambush at BT03551 observed 2 enemy crossing a river at BT035556. The platoon fired 300 rds of 30 cal machine gun fire and searched the area. Results: 2 VC KIA.

At 041132H, a Marine from H&S Company detonated a booby trapped ChiCom grenade with trip wire at AT912487, while moving into an OP site. Results: 1 USMC WIA Evac.

At 062025H, while en route to an ambush site, a squad from Company F detonated a 5 lb box explosive device with pressure detonating device at AT920515. Results: 2 USMC WIA Evac.

At 072332H, a platoon ambush from Company F, at AT908508, opened fire with 50 rds S/A and 100 rds A/W on 4 enemy. The enemy returned 10 rds S/A fire and fled. A search of the area revealed 2 bodies and various military equipment. Results: 3 USMC WIA Non-Evac, 2 NVA KIA and 5 ChiCom grenades and assorted military equipment captured.

At 080925H, a combat patrol from Company F at AT925527 observed 8 enemy crossing a river at AT915534. The patrol called an 81mm mission of 12 rds HE on the enemy. Results: 2 NVA KIA.

At 081830H, two trucks returning with H&S Company troops from day time OPs were at AT909482 when ambushed by an estimated platoon of enemy at AT916482. The enemy fired S/A, A/W and grenades while the Marines returned S/A fire. A reaction platoon from Company G arrived at the scene and began to sweep the area to establish contact with the enemy. The enemy had fled. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 2 USMC WIA Evac, and 3 USMC WIA Non Evac.

At 081930H, a squad ambush from Company H, at AT001533, observed 6 to 8 enemy crossing West to East around the river at AT001534. The squad fired S/A, A/W and 6 M-79 rds at the enemy and searched the area. Results: 3 VC KIA.

At 091905H, a Marine from Company F detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire at AT917510 while inspecting a proposed ambush site. Results: 1 USMC WIA Evac.

At 101500H, a squad combat patrol from Company G was searching living structures at AT896504 when 3 Vietnamese males were observed. Upon seeing the Marines, the Vietnamese ran and refused to halt as instructed. The patrol fired S/A and A/W killing 1 VC. The remaining enemy fled the area. Results: 1 VC KIA.

At 101850H, a Company G OP, at AT910485, received 150 rds of S/A and A/W fire from an estimated 5 enemy at AT915492. Another Company G unit maneuvered to aid the OP, and a Marine detonated a booby trapped 60mm rd with trip wire. The enemy, seeing the reinforcements, broke contact. Results: 3 USMC WIA Evac.

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At 110900H, a squad from Company G found several fresh graves at AT900508. The graves contained 8 VC bodies dressed in black pajamas, killed by fragmentation. Results: 8 VC KIA

At 112130H, a squad from Company F moving into an ambush site at AT912507 received S/A, A/W and M-79 fire from AT913507 to AT911507. The enemy assaulted the squad. The squad returned fire while additional forces from Company F and 2 tanks rushed to their aid. The enemy broke contact and the reinforcements pursued the enemy and searched the area. Results: 7 USMC KIA, 4 USMC WIA Evac and 5 VC KIA.

At 112150H, a platoon from Company E at AT901519 observed 3 VC with weapons at AT905527 through a Starlight device. The platoon fired 16Ords S/A. Results: 3 VC KIA.

At 130710H, a platoon from Company G searching a village at AT895500 observed 20 VC fleeing the area in all directions. The platoon fired S/A and A/W and searched the area. While searching, a Marine detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIA Evac and 5 VC KIA.

At 130930H, a platoon escorting 2 VC bodies and several detainees detonated a booby trapped 60mm rd with trip wire at AT895500. Results: 1 USMC KIA and 2 USMC WIA.

At 131800H, a platoon from Company G, searching in the area of AT895500 after an artillery mission had been fired, found 3 Vietnamese males, one wounded by shrapnel. The wounded man died of wounds. Interrogation revealed that all three were rice carriers for the NVA. Results: 1 VC KIA and 2 VC POW.

At 140730H, a platoon from Company G at AT897503 observed 7 VC, some with weapons, carrying the bodies of 4 VC at AT895500. The platoon fired small arms and the enemy dispersed. Results: 4 VC KIA.

At 141015H, a platoon from Company G on a search and clear mission found 1 VC body, dressed in black shirt and brown pants at AT895500. Results: 1 VC KIA

At 141015H, a platoon from Company E, searching at AT911526 discovered a tunnel containing 5 males, one of which refused to come out. The 5th male was killed by a grenade which he attempted to throw out of the tunnel. Interrogation of the 4 males by ITT determined that they were VC who wished to surrender, while the 5th male, their leader, refused to surrender. Results: 1 VC KIA and 4 VC POW.

At 141050, a Marine from Company G was wounded at AT894500 by a sniper round from the vicinity of AT895500. Results: 1 USMC WIA Evac.

At 141100H, a Marine from Company F was wounded at AT922512 from a sniper round fired from a treeline at AT927513. A fixed wing air strike was called on the treeline. Results: 1 USMC WIA Evac

At 141200H, Company F, at AT925515, received harassing fire from a treeline at AT930513. Fixed wing air strikes were called on the treeline but some ordnance fell short wounding 2 Marines. Results: 1 USMC WIA Evac and 2 USMC NBC Evac.

At 150900H, a Marine from Company G on road sweep security detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with friction pull device at AT910486. Results: 1 USMC KIA.

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At 151100H, a platoon from Company G, at AT899501, observed 3 VC at AT890495. Tanks attached to the platoon fired 2 rds EE of 90mm. Search of the area produced 1 body. Results: 1 VC KIA.

At 151645H, a Marine from Company G detonated a booby trapped fragmentation grenade, with unknown type detonation device, at AT898499. Results: 4 USMC WIA Evac.

At 151745H, while clearing area for a night defensive position, a Marine from Company F detonated a booby trapped 81mm round with pressure detonation device at AT889505. Results: 1 USMC WIA Evac.

At 160900H, while searching a trail, a Marine from Company F detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with pressure detonator at AT887513. Results: 1 USMC WIA Evac

At 161630H, a Marine from Company E detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with friction detonation device at AT911529. Results: 2 USMC WIA Evac.

At 162000H, a Marine from Company G detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire at AT904516. Results: 1 USMC WIA Evac.

At 171000H, while moving into OP #4, at AT910496, a Marine from Company G detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIA Evac.

At 171655H, a Marine from Company F detonated a booby trapped 81mm rd with pressure detonation device at AT881511. Results: 2 USMC WIA Evac and 1 USMC WIA Non Evac.

At 180200H, a squad ambush from Company G found 1 SKS near their ambush site at AT891515. Results: One (1) SKS captured.

At 181540H, a Marine from Company E detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with plunger detonator at AT930530. Results: 2 USMC WIA Evac.

At 181600H, Company E observed 1 VC at AT944509. The Company fired one round S/A. Results: 1 VC KIA.

At 181700H, a Marine from Company E detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with plunger detonator at AT930520. Results: 1 USMC WIA Evac.

At 192235H, a Company F platoon defensive position at AT927491 received one hand grenade. The platoon returned grenades and S/A and searched the area with negative results. Results: 1 USMC WIA Evac.

At 220635H, a Marine from Company F detonated a booby trapped "tomato can" explosive device with trip wire at AT922499. Results: 1 USMC WIA Evac.

At 270930H, a Marine from Company E detonated a booby trapped 82mm round with trip wire, set in a treeline at AT897486. Results: 4 USMC WIA Evac.

At 281645, a Marine from Company E detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire at AT888491. Results: 1 USMC WIA Evac.

At 282115H, Company E, in a defensive position at AT888491, observed through a "starlight" scope, 6 enemy moving from West to East at AT888488. The Company fired 15 rds of M-79 and searched the area finding one (1) body in black pajamas. Results: 1 VC KIA.

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At 291205H, a Marine from the Command Group detonated a booby trapped 60mm rd with trip wire set in a bush at AT887504. Results: one (1) USMC WIA Evac.

At 291300H, Company G on a Search and Clear mission at AT875509, observed 15 enemy at AT874505. The Company fired 150 rds A/W and called a 30 rd HE 4.2 mortar mission. Results: 2 VC KIA.

At 291715H, Company E searching at AT890509, found 1 Chinese SKS in a 60mm crater wrapped in plastic and covered with dirt. Results: one (1) SKS captured.

At 300702H, the Chaplain assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines detonated a booby trapped 60mm round with bamboo trip stick at AT887504. Results: 1 USN WIA Evac.

At 301245H, a platoon from Company E received sniper fire while at AT895510. The platoon then observed 3 VC at AT892516. The platoon fired 15 rds A/W and 3 M-79 rds, killing the 3 VC. Results: 3 USMC WIA Evac.

At 301945H, while setting in an ambush a Marine from Company E detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire at AT897515. Results: 3 USMC WIA Evac.

#### F. Fire Support.

1. Two firing batteries provided direct support for the Battalion; E Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines from 1 Sept to 10 Sept 1968, and D Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines from 10 Sept to 22 Sept 1968.

2. General support was provided by Battery W, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines.

3. Battery E fired a total of 6 missions: 75HE, 10 WP, and 1 Illum.

4. Battery D fired a total of 18 fire missions: 782 HE, 35 WP, and 4 Illum.

#### G. Air Support.

1. Tactical Air Support. A total of 47 tactical air support missions were flown in support of the Battalion consisting of 98 sorties.

a. Deep Air Support. The Battalion's FSCG requested one TPQ-10 mission from the Regimental FSCC.

b. Close Air Support. The Battalion requested and controlled 69 missions consisting of 138 sorties. Of these, 28 missions (56 sorties) were provided by armed helicopters, and 41 missions (82 sorties) by fixed wing. Of these, 1 was controlled by the ALO/FAC (ground), and 68 were controlled by the TAC/FAC (airborne).

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c. Aerial Observation and Visual Reconnaissance. The Battalion utilized 37 aerial observation missions consisting of 48 sorties and 13 visual reconnaissance missions.

d. Flare Ships. The Battalion requested and received 3 missions which consisted of 3 sorties.

2. Administrative and Logistic Support. Thirty-six administrative and logistic support missions were flown in support of the Battalion consisting of 66 sorties.

a. Administrative Troop Lifts. The Battalion utilized 2 administrative troop lifts consisting of 28 sorties.

b. Medical Evacuations. The Battalion requested and received 36 missions (36 sorties). There were 19 emergency and 23 priority and routine medical evacuations.

#### H. Logistics.

1. Helicopter Support Teams attached to each company and the Battalion Command Group provided resupply in the field from the LSU at An Hoa. The primary means of transportation was by helicopter supplemented by motor convoy.

2. LVT's attached to the Battalion were utilized to transport and store supplies in the field. Mobility of the LVT's in paddy areas was hampered after heavy rains.

3. Messing facilities at An Hoa continued to be provided by one regimental mess hall. The Battalion's one company at Phu Lac (6) received two hot A ration meals per day from the field mess at that location.

4. The Battalion's ammunition bunker was completed and stocked with ordnance. Several personnel bunkers were completed in the Battalion area.

5. Engineering support in the field was increased in personnel to three engineers per company and five with the Battalion Command Group.

6. The Battalion underwent a Command and Materiel Inspection in Supply, Engineering Maintenance, Communications, Ordnance and Motor Transport. All areas were rated satisfactory.

#### a. Supply.

(1) Battalion Supply was inspected by the Command Materiel Management Inspection Team on 18 September and received a grade of "Satisfactory with Discrepancies". All discrepancies are being corrected.

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(2) During the month all the crew served weapons in the Battalion were inspected by an Ordnance Contact Team from FLC. Repairs were made where necessary and overall findings were satisfactory.

(3) During the latter part of the month a Battalion armorer was assigned to the CP Group to repair small arms in the field.

(4) Receipt of 180 new M17 Gas Masks reduced the Battalion shortage of that item to 668. Battalion Supply is holding 480 gas masks for possible gas operations.

(5) Receipt of more than 2000 size small utility trousers alleviated a critical shortage of that item of supply.

(6) A laundry unit has been set up at An Hoa and a schedule for companies to turn in dirty utilities is being established.

b. Motor Transport.

(1) The Division Motor Transport Inspection Team inspected the Motor Transport Section on 18 September 1968. The result was a "satisfactory with minor discrepancies".

(2) A stronger technical training program has been initiated with emphasis placed on 1st and 2nd echelon maintenance. Additional instructions were given to drivers in the proper procedure for filling out trip tickets, and the reporting of Motor Transport vehicles accidents.

c. Medical.

(1) The Battalion Aid Station consisted of two Medical Officers, one Chief Petty Officer and twenty-five Hospital Corpsmen. The rifle companies were maintained at 7 to 8 Corpsmen per company with temporary lows of five Corpsmen. A forward BAS consisting of one Medical Officer and three Hospital Corpsmen was with the Command Group in the field.

(2) There was one case of Malaria during the month.

(3) There were six cases of venereal disease this month.

(4) 1st Dental Company has set up a Dental Unit in the An Hoa area.

(5) The BAS was closed from the 6th through the 10th of September while being moved to a new area on the An Hoa base.

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- (6) Total number of patients seen.....608  
Average number of patients per day....32
- (7) Routine Medical Complaints:
- |                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Gastrointestinal Complaints..... | 2  |
| Dermatological Complaints.....   | 54 |
| Venereal Disease.....            | 6  |
| Ear Disorders.....               | 22 |
| Orthopedics.....                 | 56 |
| Malaria.....                     | 1  |

### I. Communications.

During this reporting period the Battalion continued operations in the An Hoa area, with no major communications problems.

The versatile PRC-77/KY-38 voice ciphering unit has been continually employed with great success with no maintainance or operational problems. The recently introduced log periodic antenna (AS-2236/GRC) was briefly employed with undetermined results. It is felt that this new antenna will increase VHF operating ranges with increased reliability.

All Battalion radios were checked for operational readiness and given 2nd/3rd echelon maintainance when necessary by a FSR contact team made available to the Battalion.

A division command materiel inspection team rated the 2nd Battalion communications section satisfactory with minor discrepancies.

### J. Civic Action.

1. During this reporting period the Civic Action Program concentrated its efforts on improving the living conditions in its Civic Action Area of Responsibility. This was done by supplying lumber to rebuild homes that were destroyed and to repair existing homes. The people repaired two schools in Phu Da (2) with material supplied by the Civic Action Program. The S-5 initiated a self-help project to improve the sanitation conditions at the village hospital. Soap was distributed at a Medical Civil Action Project held at the refugee hamlet in Phu Da (2).

2. General Walt Scholarships were awarded to six families whose children are attending the So-Gap School in Phu Da.

3. The Psychological Operations Section made maximum use of hand leaflets and posters. An Army Ground Broadcasting Team was employed in the Phu Da area utilizing broadcasts and movies.

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Date: 5Sept68

JOURNAL

(DTG) FROM 0001H TO 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0500	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
0755	3	T	T R/S started
0820	4	T	T now at CkPt 2
0910	5	T	T now at CkPt 3
0955	6	F	F-3 R/S started
1002	7	F	F-3 R/S at CkPt 1
1010	8	T	R/S complete
1040	9	F	F-3 R/S at CkPt 2
1057	10	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
1110	11	S-3	R/S complete
1200	12	S-3	Day/Night acts for 6Sep sent
1700	13	S-3	3.8" rise in River at L Bridge
1710	14	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
1852	15	S-3	Water has risen 4" at L Bridge
2300	16	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
2400	17	S-3	Journal closed

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(DTG) FROM 0001H TO 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0500	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
0600	3	S-3	SS 'M' chopped to QM
0700	4	S-3	T 4 set in
0800	5	T	T now started R/S
0900	6	F	F-3 now leaving CP
1012	7	T	R/S at Alamo
1021	8	T	R/S complete
1055	9	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
1145	10	S-3	Water is 11'1" at L Bridge
1146	11	S-3	QM CP enter QMR
1418	12	S-3	Water is 11'4" at L Bridge
1532	13	S-3	Water at 11' at L Bridge
1645	14	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
1730	15	S-3	Water drop 1"
1830	16	S-3	Water level still the same
1930	17	S-3	Water level still the same
2030	18	S-3	Water level drop 5 " and holding
2130	19	S-3	Water level holding steady
2222	20	S-3	Water level drop 9"
2300	21	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
2400	22	S-3	Journal closed

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0001	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0500	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
0800	3	E	E-3 started R/S
0830	4	E	E-3 now at CkPt 3
0845	5	E	E-3 now at CkPt 4
0915	6	E	E-3 now at CkPt 3
0950	7	E	E-3 now at CkPt 5
1000	8	F	F-3 now at CkPt 1
1033	9	E	R/S complete
1235	10	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
1400	11	S-3	D/N act's sent to Regt
1515	12	F	Water level down 2"
1643	13	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
1729	14	E	E3B departing OP
1850	15	S-3	Water drop 1" holding at 5'
1948	16	S-3	All G-3 ambushes are set in
1950	17	S-3	Water level the same
2030	18	S-3	Water level holding steady
2115	19	F	F unit in contact 81mm mission 915515
2125	20	F	Water level drop 5"
2132	21	F	F-2 (PPB at 920515) received incom 60mm
2220	22	F	Water level remains the same

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0001	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0100	2	F	Water level holding
0300	3	F	Water level holding
0453	4	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
0530	5	S-3	Water level drop 2"
0735	6	S-3	Water level drop 2"
0905	7	T	T-2 set in position
0930	8	S-3	Water level same
0945	9	T	T-3 now set in OP
1110	10	QM	R/S complete
1145	11	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
1200	12	S-3	Water level drop 5"
1248	13	1-4	AO on station checking area AT915534
1249	14	1-4	H Med-Evac complete
1315	15	F	Water level is just above normal level
1630	16	F	Water level drop 2"
1652	17	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
1825	18	S-3	H&S CP's ambushed on way to An Hoa
2040	19	S-3	CoG(-) leaving An Hoa
2237	20	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
2400	21	S-3	Journal closed

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0001	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0045	2	S-3	Water declining
0230	3	S-3	Water holding at 2
0430	4	S-3	Water drop 1"
0447	5	Regt	Weather report received
0500	6	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
0630	7	S-3	Water level same
0631	8	S-3	G units searching the area
0715	9	S-3	All OP South of Alamo manned
0830	10	G	MIA found - is now KIA
0837	11	S-3	Day acts for H sent to Regt
0840	12	S-3	River down 2"
0845	13	T	R/S at CkPt 1
0902	14	T	R/S at CkPt 2
0910	15	F	F-3 now leaving CP
0959	16	F	F r/s at CkPt 1
1000	17	G	G-3 now in friendly lines
1110	18	T	T R/S complete
1120	19	F	F-3 R/S complete
1430	20	F	Water level 2' 2"
1510	21	G	G-3 departing An Hoa
1650	22	F	Water level 2' 1"

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0001	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0331	2	S-3	E leaving An Hoa
0406	3	S-3	CP group leaving An Hoa
0501	4		6 hour Sit Rep sent
0540	5	S-3	En (-) at CkPt 4
0620	6	S-3	En (-) at AT 910500
0740	7	H&S	R/S started
0758	8	E	E has 1 detainee
0802	9	G	G-3/H&S started R/S
0820	10	H&S	R/S at CkPt 1
0821	11	F	Water level 1' 10"
0840	12	H	H standing by to move out on Regt orders
0846	13	E	Found 3 booby traps
0902	14	H&S	R/S at CkPt 3
0920	15	H&S	Both tanks past CkPt 3
0945	16	H&S	R/S at Alamo
0958	17	F	R/S N/S departing Phu Lac
1005	18	H&S	R/S at CkPt 5
1020	19	H&S	R/S at CkPt 6
1024	20	H&S	R/S complete
1440	21	S-3	Ferry is down for approx 90 min
1450	22	F	Water level holding

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DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0500	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
0839	3	F	Ferry unable to handle heavy traffic
0941	4	F	R/S started
1002	5	F	R/S at CkPt 1
1009	6	H&S	R/S at Alamo
1028	7	F	R/S at CkPt 2
1030	8	F	Water level down 2"
1045	9	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
1057	10	F	R/S at CkPt 3
1058	11	H&S	R/S complete
1135	12	S-3	R/S complete
1200	13	G	R&R quota sent to G Co
1240	14	S-3	Water level up 1"
1445	15	S-3	Water level holding
1446	16	S-3	G night act's 11Sept & F D/W 12Sep sent
Ø	Ø	Ø	to Regt
1614	17	H&S	All OP's secured
1645	18	F	Water up 5" Ferry working for 3/4 ton
1702	19	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
1958	20	G	G-3 Unit ambushes set in
2035	21	F	F unit had contact with enemy

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DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0610	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
0750	3	G	G-3 mine sweep started
0900	4	G	G-3 Marine tripped booby trap Emerg called
0909	5	G	G-3 Emerg changed to Routine 1 USMC KIA
0921	6	G	G-3 R/S passed CkPt 3
0958	7	H	R/S N/S started
1011	8	G	G-3 R/S at 899495
1012	9	G-3	R/S observed 2 VC moving into village
Ø	Ø	Ø	at Azmath 290
1017	10	H	R/S at AT899495
1045	11	H	R/S at AT918517
1045	12	G	G-3 R/S at CkPt 5
1050	13	H	R/S at CkPt 5
1120	14	G	G-3 R/S N/S and S/N complete
1121	15	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
1845	16	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
2022	18	S-3	D/N act 16 Sep sent to Regt
2345	19	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
2400	20	S-3	Journal closed

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DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0530	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
0700	3	G-3	R/S S/N commenced
0800	4	G-3	R/S CkPt 2
0940	5	G-3	R/S complete
0936	6	H	R/S at CkPt 3
1012	7	H	R/S complete
1110	8	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
1400	9	S-3	H&S, G-3, H D/N act's for 18th sent
1815	10	T-6	Gathering forces and setting in N ambushes
1832	11	F	Observed VN at AT886514 & AT891515
1842	12	T-6	Observed 15 VC setting into possible
∅	∅	∅	night position AT905500
2000	13	T-6	T-6 night amb set in
2016	14	T-6	T-2 Set in
2320	15	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
2400	16	S-3	Journal closed

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JOURNAL

(DTG) FROM 0001H TO 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0435	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
0630	3	G	G-3 R/S started
0720	4	G	G-3 R/S at CkPt 3
0721	5	H	H R/S at CkPt 2
0815	6	H	R/S at CkPt 3
0830	7	G-3	R/S at CkPt 4
0835	8	G-3	R/S complete
0856	9	S-3	BnCp moving to AT922511
0958	10	Ø	Departing for Forward CP
1016	11	H	H3E Patrol at AT936528 (CkPt 1)
1028	12	H	H3E at CkPt 2 AT942524
1110	13	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
1138	14	H	H3E CkPt 3 AT936528
1210	15	H	H3E in CP
1810	16	T	Convoy picking up Civilian workers
1830	17	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
2010	18	T	T units set into night ambushes
2030	19	S-3	All QM units set in Night defenses
2240	20	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
2400	21	S-3	Journal closed

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DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0105	2	S-3	An Hoa receiving mortars and S/A, A/W fire
0500	3	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
0701	4	H	R/S commenced
0716	5	T-6	Tanks have arrived at T-6 posit
0720	6	T-6	R/S S/W commencing
0805	7	T-6	R/S at CkPt 3
0835	8	T-3	Set in OP's
0841	9	H	R/S at CkPt 4
0900	10	T-6	R/S at CkPt 4
0904	11	H	R/S complete
1130	12	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
1635	13	G-3	OP/amb set in
1735	14	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
2120	15	S-3	Incoming mortars from 856486
2345	16	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
2400	17	S-3	Journal closed

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DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0158	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
0655	3	T-6	R/S commencing
0656	4	T-6	Tanks joined R/S
0710	5	T-6	Booby trap was tripped by Marine
0715	6	T-6	Booby Trap was M-26 Neg casualties
0716	7	T-6	T-1 set in OP
0730	8	H	R/S commencing
0733	9	T-6	T-2 set in OP-2
0749	10	H	R/S at CkPt 1
0843	11	T-6	R/S held up at Alamo; one unknown type
Ø	Ø	Ø	booby trap found
0920	12	S-3	R/S complete on MSR
1200	13	S-3	Bn (-) (E,F,G) returning to An Hoa
1650	14	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
2245	15	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
2400	16	S-3	Journal closed

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