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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 September to 30 September 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

2nd Battalion, 5th Marines	LtCol J. T. BOWEN 1-30 Sep 1969
HEB Company	1stLt J. F. SHANNON 1-30 Sep 1969
Company E	Capt. J. L. HOULING 1-24 Sep 1969 1stLt R. P. COMPT 25-30 Sep 1969
Company F	Capt. K. R. FURR 1-30 Sep 1969
Company G	Capt. A. R. FILLARSON 1-30 Sep 1969
Company H	Capt. W. W. POOLAN 1-30 Sep 1969

2. LOCATION

1-30 September 1969, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (-) occupied Hill 65 in central Dai Lac District in the Quang Nam Province RVN. Company G provided security for the 1st Marine Division Command Post in Da Giang, Quan Hoa Vang District, Quang Nam Province RVN.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj R. J. LOHME 1-30 Sep 1969
Adjutant	1stLt J. H. SHIMMEL 1-30 Sep 1969
Assistant Adjutant	1stLt E. S. SHIPLEY JR 1-30 Sep 1969
S-1 Officer	1stLt J. H. SHIMMEL 1-30 Sep 1969
S-2 Officer	1stLt D. H. SACCHI 1-30 Sep 1969

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S-3 Officer	Maj A. L. VAILLAGE 1-6 Sep 1969 Maj R. J. DRIVER JR 7-30 Sep 1969
S-3A Officer	1stLt H. W. BROOKSHIRE 1-30 Sep 1969
S-4 Officer	1stLt R. I. HENRY 1-30 Sep 1969
S-5 Officer	1stLt D. H. SPORN 1-30 Sep 1969
Communications Officer	1stLt P. V. HACKERT 1-30 Sep 1969
Supply Officer	1stLt D. W. OLIPHANT 1-30 Sep 1969
Motor Transport Officer	1stLt D. E. MARREN 1-30 Sep 1969
Air Liaison Officer	Capt T. H. LANGWAY 1-11 Sep 1969 1stLt H. G. HURCHELSON III 12-30 Sep 1969
Forward Air Control Officer	1stLt J. P. WELLS 1-19 Sep 1969 1stLt I. D. STISS 20-30 Sep 1969
Artillery Liaison Officer	1stLt J. P. HARRINLEY 1-30 Sep 1969
Medical Officer	Lt D. S. WHEATLEY (USN) 1-30 Sep 1969
Chaplain	Lt G. B. POWELL (USN) 1-3 Sep 1969 Lt W. J. HULTBERG 4-30 Sep 1969

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
30	1,086	2	56

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On 1 September 1969 the Chaplain reported for duty with the Battalion. The following is a list of his activities during the month of September:

(a) Sunday Services: There were 4 Catholic services held with an attendance of 103. The Catholic Chaplain also held 8 Sunday Services for the 1st and 3rd Battalions. The Protestant Chaplains from the 1st and 3rd Battalions conducted 3 Sunday Services on Hill 65. One Protestant Lay Leaders Service was held here, approximate attendance for the month was 100.

(b) Daily Services: Catholic Services were held about every morning (19) total attendance was 190. 21 Non denominational prayer services were held with an attendance of 229.

(c) The chaplain spent 2 days with Hotel Company in the field, 3 Catholic services were held with attendance at 66, also 3 prayer services were held with attendance of 76.

(d) Hospital Calls: (1st Med & NSA hospitals) 3 hospital calls made.

(e) Red Cross Cases: 4

(f) Counselling: 34 interviews were held.

(g) 1 Memorial Service held.

(h) Catholic Chaplain also attended 3rd Division Chaplain's meetings and 1 day of Recollection at St. John's seminary, Da Nang.

(i) Battalion Chapel established and furnished during the month of September.

PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of September, the Second Battalion, 5th Marines continued small unit actions in its area of operations with emphasis on rice denial. The Battalion also provided security for an election held on September 28. There were no known incidents of terrorism or interference with either the rice harvest or election.

Golf Company was under the operational control of Headquarters Company, 1st Marine Division from 1-25 September where it participated in the defense of the Danang area. Fox Company participated with the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines as a blocking force in a combined USMC and RVN Ranger operation in the Northern Arizona area.

Hotel Company conducted a night movement and combined night and day search and clear operation of a portion of Charlie Ridge with excellent results.

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The Battalion continued to work on the defense of Hill 65, building bunkers, waterproofing existing bunkers and laying wire. The exterior of a new battalion sized COC was completed and the interior work was commenced and should be completed as soon as the electrical wiring is installed. Defenses of Sector F at An Hoa were also improved.

PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

A. TOPICS

1. Personnel and Administration

a. Strength. The Battalion strength at the beginning of September was 29 officers and 1062 enlisted. At the end of the month, the strength was 31 officers and 1079 enlisted. The Battalion joined 3 officers and 154 enlisted men. One officer and 127 enlisted were dropped from the rolls. Casualties sustained by the Battalion during the month of September were as follows:

<u>BATTLE</u>				<u>NON-BATTLE</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>KIA</u>	<u>VIA</u>	<u>DOW</u>	<u>MIANE</u>	<u>NBD</u>	<u>NBC</u>	
3	22	0	9	1	79	118

b. Discipline, Law and Order. There were three Battalion Commander's Office Hours held during the month. Two special Courts-Martial were held. No JAG investigations were conducted during September.

c. Postal. Mail for the month of September was normal.

d. Awards. There were eight awards received and presented with appropriate ceremony during the month. Among these, there was one Bronze Star and seven Navy Commendation Medals. Three awards were readdressed and forwarded to former members of this command. During this period, 37 U. S. awards for heroism and meritorious service were processed by the Battalion.

2. Intelligence

a. Enemy. During the month of September, the Battalion established contact with small groups of enemy. The average contact numbered seven enemy with most of them probably on rice gathering missions. During the period, POW's from the 31st and 141st NVA Regiment and the 3rd Squad, Loc Tan Village Guerrilla Force were captured. No confirmed contacts were made with these units. Other units reported in the Battalion's AO were the 90th NVA Regiment along with the 9-83rd Battalion. However, there was no intelligence collected during the period to confirm the presence of these units in the AO.

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b. Weather. The weather for the month was normal for the time of year. The average high temperature was 94 degrees with a low of 76 degrees. There were 13.59 inches of precipitation received during the month, most of which fell during the hours of darkness.

c. Terrain. The terrain in the Battalion AO consisted of rice paddies and tree lines to the south, with mountainous, heavy canopy jungle to the north on Charlie Ridge. Types of vegetation included rice, tapioca, pineapples, and corn. The terrain had little or no effect on the Battalion's operations.

3. Organization and Operations

a. Organization. The following units were attached or detached from the Battalion during the month of September 1969:

Company G, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines OPCON to 1st Marine Division from 010001H to 251400H September 1969.

b. Operations. With the exception of a reconnaissance-in-force into the Northern Arizona by Company F, operations were confined to company sized and smaller unit activities north of the Vu Gia River. The Battalion did not participate in any named operation during the month.

c. Supporting Arms

(1) Tactical Air Support. Air Support for the Battalion totalled 47 sorties. Of these sorties, 41 were Tactical Air Strikes and 6 were A6A Beacon strikes. The Battalion utilized 20 aerial observers. Marine air support delivered 211 tons of ordnance on enemy targets resulting in 5 enemy killed, no enemy wounded, 101 structures and 88 bunkers destroyed, 19 secondary fires and 3 secondary explosions.

(2) Helicopter Support. The Battalion utilized 1 troop lift totalling 105 combat Marines. A total of 185 Marines were evacuated during the month. Average time for emergency evacuations was 30 minutes, with priority and routine evacuations averaging 60 minutes.

(3) Fire Support. During the month of September, Artillery and 81mm use have been relatively inactive, firing predominantly M&I's in the Arizona Territory and on Charley Ridge. Sporadic contact missions and 123 81mm missions were called. Artillery, predominantly from Delta Battery, expended 1532 rounds and 81mm fired a total of 1822 rounds while inflicting negative confirmed enemy KIA's and no significant secondary explosions.

4. During the month of September, 166 Marines were processed through indoctrination training prior to their deployment to the field. Also, 120 joins from the 3rd MarDiv were processed through a special one day indoctrination. A contact team from the 1st Engineer Battalion Land Mine Warfare School conducted classes at Hill 65 from 11 to 12 September 1969. General

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Military Subjects Training was conducted each Saturday afternoon at the Battalion rear in An Hoa and for the elements of this Battalion on Hill 65. Training consisted of topics such as Race Relations, M-60 Machine guns, and Fan firing. H&S and F Companies received a Personal Response Lecture from the Division Civil Affairs Team during this period. Officer/SWCO school was held each Saturday covering such subjects as Race Relations, Drug Abuse, Use of Supporting Arms, Use of Tactical Air, etc. The company employed in the defense of Hill 65 held training on Surprise Firing Devices and Fan Firing was conducted both there and at An Hoa for joins from the 3rd MarDiv.

Division and higher level schools attended by members of the Battalion are as follows:

Division Leadership School	11
Basic Armo Tech	1
Communication Management	2
HST School	3
RPS School	1
Career Planning	2
Embarkation (Officer)	1
Marcs-Forstat School	8
Land Mine Warfare School	56

5. Logistics

The month of September was characterized by intense activity at Hill 65 to make the position acceptable for the Battalion. Five Bulldozers worked for three weeks improving the defenses, motor transport and storage areas as well as preparing the site for a new COC and upgrading the existing roads on the hill. Continued difficulties were encountered installing a water supply and the system was not functioning by the end of the month. The CMME was held on 22 September 1969. The Battalion received satisfactory results in all commodity areas inspected. The Battalion was the only unit in the Regiment not to fail in at least one area. The Battalion Aid Station was moved in its entirety to Hill 65. Motor Transport and the Mess Hall continued satisfactory operations despite having to run dual operations, and there were no significant problems with engineer, ordnance, supply or embarkation during the month.

6. Supply

Due to August combat losses on Hill 65, additional engineer material was required. Substantial quantities of roofing tin, plywood and 2x4's were procured to repair the damaged sea huts. The sea huts that were destroyed have been replaced. During the month, the majority of the nonsoon gear allocated to the Battalion was received. Additional quantities of rainsuits were placed on order.

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This unit had been short five M-60 Machine guns for the past two months. The receipt of these items brought the Battalion back up to T/E strength. Field desks and six typewriters were procured to replenish the losses involved in the fire which destroyed the offices of Companies E and F the previous month. Combat field gloves, an experimental item, were received and made available for issue at Battalion Supply. M-151 vehicles which had been in short supply for the past year, were recently acquired by FLC. FLC allowed this unit to replenish its T/E deficiencies.

7. Motor Transport

The month of September was spent preparing for the Command, Material and Management Inspection. Motor Transport was inspected on 23 September and received a satisfactory with minor discrepancies. A forward motor pool at Hill 65 was still in the process of being built.

8. Medical

The Battalion Aid Station was moved from An Hoa Combat Base to Hill 65 at the beginning of the month. Two hospital corpsmen remained in An Hoa to render medical care to the Battalion Rear personnel. The strength of the BAS was as follows: one Medical Officer, one Chief Hospital Corpsman, and 17 Hospital Corpsman. Letter Companies were maintained at six to eight Hospital Corpsman. Malaria cases dropped during the month of September as 30 cases, mostly falciparum, were reported. Many of these cases were reoccurring ones. Eleven cases of Venereal disease were reported, three MSU, five gonorrhea, one syphilis, and two chancroid. A program of general immunization was conducted on Battalion personnel. MedCaps were initiated around the base of Hill 65. Five different locations were centers for tri-weekly MedCaps. Approximately 400 patients were seen per week. Patients treated by the BAS for the month totalled 523 patients with an average of 18 patients seen per day. Routine medical complaints were as follows. Dermatitis 54, Gastroenteritis 47, Orthopedic 75, and Ear disorders 34.

9. Communications

a. Radio Transmission During the first week of the month, changes were made to the call signs and frequencies. Frequency allocation for this Battalion was satisfactory, however, a wider seperation of frequency band would have been desirable. There were five instances reported of friendly interferences, non of which seriously affected radio transmission.

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b. Radio Equipment Two radio sets, AN/PRC-77, were turned in for repair during this period leaving the Battalion Rear with no cipher capabilities. A radio set, AN/PRC-77 was borrowed from the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines in order to provide the Rear with the needed cipher capabilities. All other radio equipment remained in operational ready status.

c. Wire Communications Improvements in the internal wire system remained a continuing process in both the forward and rear Command Posts. At the rear Command Post, reconstruction and waterproofing of terminal boards in preparation for the monsoon season.

d. Message Center To enhance the delivery of message traffic, primarily priority types, to the Battalion Commanders forward, Regimental Communications initiated a teletype circuit between Hill 65 and Phu Loc (6) and the Regimental Communications Center. The circuit is presently operating with "receive" only capability at the Battalion level. With minor adjustments, additional personnel and equipment, the circuit can be made to transmit and receive. Difficulty was experienced in the initial installation of the circuit due to inexperience of personnel and malfunction of the radio relay equipment which is the primary means of operation for the teletype circuit. The addition of the teletype circuit to the Battalion communications system is an asset to the Battalion.

e. Command Material and Management Inspection The CMI was conducted on 22 September 1969 on the Communications and Engineer Equipment. The Engineer records and equipment status of the Battalion was satisfactory with minor discrepancies. The Communications phase of the inspection was primarily administrative in nature. Supply records, equipment status, preventive maintenance records and procedures were inspected. The resultant was satisfactory with discrepancies.

f. General The operation of a split Command Post and with the ever present attempts to establish identical communications systems at both the Forward and Rear Command Posts, poses a strain on the Battalion's assets. The Rear CP has to continuously sacrifice some of its efficiency to satisfy the needs of the Forward CP. An increase of allowance in equipment had to be submitted through channels. The personnel commitments in ratio to the number on hand is also a paramount problem.

10. CIVIC ACTION On the 17th of September, a Personal Response lecture was given at Hill 65 to give Marine Personnel a better understanding of the Vietnamese people and to encourage constructive comparisons between the Vietnamese culture and ours. On 26 September, ice cream, graham crackers, and potato chips were distributed to the Loc My and Binh Minh Schools in Loc My Village, which have about 700 elementary students. The event being celebrated was the Mid-Autumn Children's Holiday (Tet Trung Thu), which is the second most widely celebrated holiday next to Tet.

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a. Medical Assistance Four MedCells were held, two at Truong An Hamlet (AT868574), one at Song Binh Hamlet (AT876579), and one at Tan Hoa Hamlet (AT862572). A total of 986 persons were treated. The Battalion Aid Station gave treatment to 30 persons per week and 12 persons were med evacuated to Da Nang for additional treatment.

b. Personal Assistance

- a. 170 lbs. of food
- b. 57 meals
- c. 11,500 lbs. of lumber (Armo Boxes)

c. General Help Scholarships Eighteen recipients for the scholarships were chosen this month and received 500\$VN each, presented to their parent or guardian, to assist them to remain in school.

d. Industrial Relation Activities Papers necessary for civilians to work on base and be paid by the United States government have been completed and turned into the 1st Marine Division IRO. Hill 65 has employed nine civilians receiving appropriated funds for wages.

11. Psychological Operations On 13 September, a psyops Broadcast Team broadcasted for 2 1/2 hours from Hill 65 into the hamlets and surrounding hamlets stressing welcome of Chieu Hoi and the danger to civilians from VC/EVA booby traps in the area. The same material was again used for 6 hours of broadcasting on 14 September during the minesweep from Hill 65 to Hill 52. A tangible result was one Chieu Hoi from the area. A rice denial broadcast team also operated in our TAOR from 20 September until 25 September.

12. Statistics for the Month of September

a. Enemy Casualties

KIA, NVA	0
KIA, VC	30
POW, NVA	2
POW, VC	14
Civil Defendants	4

b. Weapons Captured

AK-47 Rifles	4
M-16 Rifles	1

c. Ordnance Captured

105mm rounds	2
Chicom Grenades	21
B-40 rounds	5
M-26 Grenades	6
Assorted Small Arms Ammunition	700

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82mm Mortar Rounds 9

d. Equipment Captured

M-16 Magazines	6
Packs	3
AK-47 Magazines	4
Cartridge Bolts	3
Assorted Medical Equipment	
Assorted Documents	
Assorted Clothing	
Communications Wire	45 feet
Sewing Machine	1
Rice	110 lbs.
Corn	120 lbs.

e. Survive Firing Devices(1) Found

155mm	1
M-26	3

(2) Detonated

60mm	1
Box Mine	1 (16 USMC WIA Evac's)
M-26	1 (3 USMC WIA Evac's)
M-79	1

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Date: 6 September 1969

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal Opened.
0145H	2	S-3	While in night defensive position at AT893579 H Company received forty rounds of incoming small arms from AT896573 and responded with 81mm illumination with negative results.
0145H	3	S-3	While on bridge security a squad from E Co. received seven M-79 rounds, two B-40 rounds, and one hundred rounds small arms in their position at AT866574 from AT864572. Squad returned small arms, M-79 and 60mm Mortar fire. A search of area produced negative results.
0145H	4	S-3	While sitting in night position at AT788546 F Co. received forty 60mm Mortar rounds, ten RPG, and seven hundred rounds of small arms fire resulting in 2 USMC Evacs and 6 USMC Non Evacs. Small Arms, forty rounds of 60mm Mortar, 60 rounds of 81mm Mortar and 15 rounds of Arty were returned. A search of enemy position at 790542 produced three VC KIA.
1110H	5	S-3	An Aerial Observer supporting the Battalion fired four 2.75 rockets at one VC running into a tree line at AT888542 resulting in one VC KB Air.
2400H	6	S-3	Journal Closed.

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Date: 7 September 1969SEARCH AND CLEAR
Journal(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal Opened.
0300H	2	S-3	During a heavy rain at AF826536 a VC suspect slipped out of ropes binding him and escaped while the watch was being changed. Resultant search produced negative results.
1000H	3	S-3	Civilians brought in two B-40 rockets and one booster found at AF852563 to E Co. CP at AF 853578 and were paid 800 piasters. Ordnance was destroyed.
1330H	4	S-3	While searching area at AF826543, a platoon of F Co. found 300 lbs. of rice which was sent to the rear via resupply.
1815H	5	S-3	A platoon of F Co. found one command detonated 155 round with double strand comm. wire running through a village at AF828543. Three hundred pounds of corn were also found at AF 826543. Round was destroyed in place and corn was sent to rear.
2120H	6	S-3	An F Co. Ambush at AF826537 received small arms, 6 chicom grenades and RPG rounds from AF829537 resulting in two USMC KIA's, three USMC WIA Evac's. Small Arms, M-79, & 81mm & Arty Illum were returned. Search at first light resulted in two VC KIA's, two AK47

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Date: 9 September 1969SEARCH AND CLEAR
Journal(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal Opened.
0025H	2	S-3	While moving into a new position, a squad of F Co. received 4 chicom grenades at AT827543 from an unknown enemy force resulting in 1 USMC KIA and 4 USMC WIA Evac's. Unit returned small arms fire and a search at first light turned up 3 VC POW's, 1 AK-47, 1 M-16 and 1 magazine for each weapon. Also 782 gear, 8 chicom grenades, documents, personal gear, rice, unidentified foodstuffs and 1 M-26 grenade with trip wire. Interrogation revealed that 6 VC were involved and that they were Hamlet guerrillas.
0955H	3	S-3	A platoon patrol from F Co. found an M-26 grenade with trip wire along the side of a trail at AT829542 and blew it in place.
1950H	4	S-3	While in a night position a squad from E Co. received 150 small arms rounds at AT815557 from AT809555. Small arms fire was returned and arty called. A search at first light produced negative results.
2400H	5	S-3	Journal Closed.

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Date: 10 September 1969

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal Opened
0930H	2	S-3	While in position at AT863576, Company E had children bring in one claymore mine. Ordnance was blown.
1015H	3	S-3	While sitting in day position at AT825554 a squad from E Company received sniper fire from AT820543. Unit returned small arms fire and called in arty mission. Sniper fire was ceased.
1630H	4	S-3	While walking out of H Company CP position at AT827556 two children tripped M-79 with trip wire. Resulting in two injured civilians. Area checked further with negative results. MedEvac called and completed.
1850H	5	S-3	While on Recon patrol at AT818559 a squad from E Company found M-26 with trip wire off side of trail. Ordnance was blown in place.
1920H	6	S-3	While set in night position at AT880563 a platoon from E Company received sniper fire from AT873558. Small arms fire was returned with unknown results.
2400H	7	S-3	Journal Closed

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Journal(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal Opened
1115H	2	S-3	While on day posit. at AT876576 H Co. observed 4 VC/NVA with wpns. at AT872557. Fired 8 rds. with unknown results.
1700H	3	S-3	While on day tower watch at AT876578 a H Co. sniper observed 3 VC/NVA with wpns. talking with village people at AT886553. Sniper fired 40 rds. small arms fire resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA. Body was observed for 15 min. before it was dragged off.
1800H	4	S-3	While on day tower watch at AT876573, snipers from H Co. observed 3 VC/NVA with packs from tree line at AT877553. Snipers fired 40 rds. small arms fire resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA.
1900H	5	S-3	While sitting in night posit. at AT813548 a Popular Forces unit with E Co. spotted 300 VC/NVA moving East from AT803576. Unit called in arty and 3 flights of air resulting in 2 secondary explosions.
1920H	6	S-3	While sitting in night posit. at AT880564 a plt. from E Co. spotted 20 VC/NVA crossing river at AT884554. Unit called in arty with unknown results.
2115H	7	S-3	While sitting in night posit. at AT813548 a

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Date: 14 September 1969

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(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal Opened
0705H	2	S-3	A sqd. patrol from E Co. set in at AT853584 1 VC/NVA was spotted at AT853584. Sqd. used small arms fire and checked out area with negative results.
1200H	3	S-3	While crossing a river at AT890560 a plt. from F Co. rcvd. small arms fire from an estimated 10 VC/NVA at AT886555. Plt. returned small arms fire, 81mm Mortar, arty, and 1 flight of air. Area could not be checked.
1202H	4	S-3	While providing security for F Co. river crossing at AT890559 an E Co. plt. received small arms fire from AT886555 resulting in 1 USMC WIA NON EVEC. Plt. returned small arms fire, arty, 81mm Mortar, and air with unknown results.
1210H	5	S-3	While on day watch at AT876573, 106's spotted 15 to 20 VC/NVA carrying one body at AT903557. 106's fired 11 rds. resulting in 4 VC/NVA KIA's.
1630H	6	S-3	While sitting in day posit. at AT895564 a sqd. from E Co. had Vietnamese children bring them 60mm Mortar dud. Ordnance was destroyed.
1830H	7	S-3	While an E Co. plt. was in day time posit. at AT890560, Vietnamese children brought in 1 M-26 grenade. Unit will destroy ordnance at first

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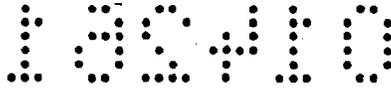
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Date: 15 September 1969

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal Opened
1155H	2	S-3	While on a day time rover a sqd. from E Co. at AT865587 spotted 1 VC/NVA carrying pack, wearing white shirt, khaki shorts with no wpn. at AT865587. Sqd. captured VC/NVA and was turned over to S-2.
1600H	3	S-3	While on day perimeter tower watch at Bn. CP on Hill 65 at AT877576 a sniper spotted 3 VC/NVA. Snipers fired small arms fire and 1 106 rd. resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA.
1630H	4	S-3	While on rover a sqd. from H Co. at AT 811558 found 1 old temple at AT811558. Sqd. checked out area and found caga, eating utensils, fresh cooked pork, 3 blasting caps, 1 foot mine, 3 probe type detonators, and propaganda documents written in Vietnamese and English. Unit destroyed ordnance and will send in documents.
2400H	5	S-3	Journal Closed.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR KEEPING JOURNAL

1. Heading:

a. Unit or Section:

- (1) Enter designation of unit if this is a unit journal for regiment, air group, or smaller unit.
- (2) Enter designation of section if this is a section journal maintained by a general staff section.

b. Place: Enter coordinates or name of locality.

c. From: Enter date, time, and time zone that journal is opened.

d. To: Enter date, time, and time zone that journal is closed.

2. Body:

a. Time In:

(1) Unit Journal. Enter time information is received within unit. In most instances this would be TOR at unit communication center.

- (2) Section Journal. Enter time information is received within section.

b. Time Out:

(1) Unit Journal. Enter time outgoing information is delivered to addressee. In most instances this would be TOD by unit communication center.

(2) Section Journal. Enter time outgoing message is delivered to originator's communication center for transmittal, or time information is transmitted by releasing section.

c. Serial No.: Number each entry consecutively as information is received by keeper of journal.

d. DTG: Enter date/time group of radio message.

e. Incidents, Messages, Orders:

- (1) Important incidents, messages and orders are recorded as they are made known.
- (2) Although brief, entries must include all vital elements of information, such as what, where, when, how, and who.
- (3) Original entries should not be altered, but should be supplemented or corrected by later entries when necessary.

(4) A synopsis of written or oral messages is entered in the journal, leaving the full account for the journal file and other supporting documents.

- (5) Oral messages are reduced to writing and processed like written messages.

f. Action Taken: This column is used to indicate administrative action taken, such as, routing to cognizant unit staff officer(s), dissemination of pertinent information and/or filing of message. Some of the more common symbols used to indicate action taken are: "M", posted on situation map; "S", circulated to unit staff; "T", information disseminated to troops or subordinate units; "F", filed in journal file.

3. Ending:

a. Summary: A brief summary of major activities, with reasons underlying decisions, is entered in the journal at the close of each day. This is written in narrative form under the column entitled "Incidents, Messages, Orders."

b. Closing: Journals are closed daily or at the end of periods or phases prescribed by higher authority.

4. Journal File:

Journal file is considered a part of the journal. It contains messages, orders, records of conversation, and other documents supporting journal entries.

2nd Battalion, 5th Marines S-3
SEARCH AND CLEAR
Journal

Date 27 September 1969

(DTG) From 0001H To 2400H

DTG	SER NO	ORG	INCIDENT
0001H	1	S-3	Journal Opened
0615H	2	S-3	A plt. patrol from H Co. at AT802578 found 1 incomplete Singer Sewing machine, 500 loose AK-47 rds., clothes, wallet, and book with documents in a small cave.
0730H	3	S-3	While on Search and Clear a plt. from H Co. at AT809576 observed 1 VC/NVA moving East. Plt. fired on VC/NVA resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA and the capture of 1 pack.
0800H	4	S-3	While on Search and Clear a plt. from H Co. at AT806576 found a small cave. A search revealed 3-B40 rds., 2-BA 30's, 45 feet comm. wire. All equipment was destroyed.
1330H	5	S-3	While H Co. was on Search and Clear at AT813579 they approached a cave from the rear flushing out 7 VC/NVA of an unknown unit dressed in civilian clothes. Unit used small arms fire, 81mm Mortar, and arty fire resulting in 4 VC/NVA KIA's, the capture of 56 lbs. of corn, 180 lbs. rice, 6 cans of fish, 4 chickens, 1 M-16 w/rds., 4 first aid kits, 3 wallets with papers, extra civilian clothes, 1 poncho liner, 5 ponchos and 1 radio.
1630H	6	S-3	While on Search and Clear a plt. from H Co. at AT814578 found a cave and search resulted in the capture of 1 82mm Mortar rd., 1 B-40 rd., and miss. documents.
2400H	7	S-3	Journal Closed

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