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1st Battalion, 7th Marines  
1st Marine Division (Rein) MEF  
APO San Francisco, California 96342

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To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein) MEF  
Via: Commanding Officer, 7th Marines  
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(b) FMFPacO-5750.2  
(c) MCO 5750.2

Encls: (1) 1st Battalion, 7th Marines Command Chronology

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

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COMBAT CHRONOLOGY  
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## PART I

## ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

## 1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

1st Battalion, 7th Marines

LtCol T. P. RIEGERT (01-18Sep70)  
Maj JOHN J. SHERIDAN (19-22Sep70)SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters and Service Company	1stLt L. D. ROTH
Company "A"	1stLt S. MARTINEZ Jr. (01-13Sep70) 1stLt J. R. TREVATHAN (14-22Sep70)
Company "B"	1stLt R. P. KIMENER (
Company "C"	1stLt J. A. HAGAN (01-13Sep70) 1stLt L. S. GRANT (14-22Sep70)
Company "D"	1stLt W. W. CHAPMAN (01-13Sep70) 1stLt R. E. JACKSON (14-22Sep70)

2. LOCATION

1-22 September 1970, Quang Nam Province, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major J. J. SHERIDAN (01-18Sep70)
S-1	Capt S. G. IADA
S-2	1stLt D. L. D'ARIENZO
S-3	Major T. B. LECKY (1-13Sep70) 1stLt T. C. HAYDEN (12-22Sep70)
S-4	Capt L. WALLACE
CommO	1stLt M. L. GLAS
SupplyO	1stLt R. R. EMERY
MTO	1stLt R. F. MARYE (1-4Sep70)
FAC	1stLt F. J. MABBY
FSCC	1stLt R. MATHEWS
Bn Chaplain	Lt F. L. CRAVENS

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCUSNOffEnlOffEnl

31

1041

2

54

5. CASUALTIES SUSTAINED (Including Company A)USMCUSN

WIA

5

No casualties sustained

NBC

7

DAI

1

ACCDINJ

1

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the first seven days of September, the Battalion's mission was to actively patrol the Northeastern portion of the 7th Marines AO. Through highly effective employment of the two available rifle companies no major incidents occurred during the high threat period (1-4 Sept). National Police Force actively participated with the rifle companies and were of assistance to them. Several small unit contacts were made resulting in five (5) enemy killed and eleven (11) more captured/detained. Company "D" was OPCON to the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines from 010001H Sept to 020200H Sept. Company "B" was OPCON to the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines from 041600H Sept to 080600H Sept. The Battalion began standing down on 07 September and with the return of Company B on 08 September the remainder of the Battalion stood down. By 09 September the Battalion was located in the 9th Engineer contourment in Danang preparing for embarkation on 20 September. The Battalion embarked all personnel and gear on board USS Mobile, LKA-115 and departed RVN 22 September 1970.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

a. During the period 1-7 September 1970, the following losses are reported:

	USMC		USN	
	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
Joined	0	0	0	0
Dropped	-5	269	-0	0
	-5	-269	0	0

b. The average rifle company strength from 1-7 September was 4 Officers and 168 Enlisted. The present effective average rifle company strength is 2 Officers and 0 Enlisted. Due to Battalion Administration. The remainder of Battalion Personnel, 7 Officers and 52 Enlisted are assigned to Headquarters and Service Company.

c. Administration for the month included processing 1 meritorious combat promotion and 7 personal awards.

2. WEATHER AND TERRAIN

Maximum Temperature: 102°F  
Minimum Temperature: 78°F

3. INTELLIGENCE

## a. Significant Enemy Activity

(1) A total of 9 sightings and 11 contacts were reported by this Battalion. Of the 11 contacts reported by this Battalion, 5 were enemy initiated (consisting of 1 small arms and M-79 attacks and 2 harassing small arms attacks) while 8 were initiated by friendly troops. Of the 9 sightings, the majority consisted of small groups of enemy numbering between 5 and 10. In addition to the sightings and contacts, there were a total of 3 mine and booby traps incidents of which three were found and none were unintentionally detonated.

## b. Analysis of enemy Situation

(1) The period ended with reports of the enemy units in the area preparing for increased offensives in the villes during the late summer.

(2) Enemy units located in and around the 1/7 AO include:

(a) General Que Son Mounted	91st Sapper Bn
	Q 81 LF Bn
	89th Replacement Bn
	160th Trans Bn

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(b) Barrier Island	70th MF Bn
	72nd LF Bn
	V-15 LF Co.
(c) Southeast of LZ Baldy	105th LF Bn
(d) Northeast of LZ Baldy	V-25th Bn

c. Enemy Capabilities: Based on continued evaluation of the enemy situation and disposition of enemy forces with or adjacent to the 1/7 AO, the course of enemy activity are expected to be:

- (1) Increase offensive activities at the beginning of Sept.
- (2) Maintain and defend his present positions.
- (3) Continue to emplace mines and booby traps.
- (4) Continue to attempt to disrupt the Pacification Program.

d. Enemy casualties

	(-)	<u>Company A (CUPP)</u>
VC/NVA/ KIAs	3	3
Detainees	0	0

#### 4. CAPTURED ENEMY WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT 1/7(-)

##### WEAPONS

3 Individual weapons

##### ORDNANCE

8 M-26 Grenades

##### PROVISIONS

600 Pounds rice

##### MEDICAL SUPPLIES

1 Battle Dressing

##### Personal Gear

2 Wallets

##### Enemy Gear

1 Set NVA Utilities  
1 Cartridge belt  
Assorted documents

##### U. S. GEAR

1 Marine Dog Tag

#### 5. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION

a. Emphasis was placed on small unit patrols and ambushes throughout the AO in close coordination with village officials and RF-units.

##### b. Fire Support

(1) Artillery. During the month India and Mike Batteries 3rd Battalion, 11 Marines supported 1st Battalion, 7th Marines.

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6. PLANS

During the month of October the Battalion will be reconstituted at Camp Pendleton, California.

TRAINING

a. During the reporting period of 1-22 September, no formal training was scheduled to standdown, and subsequent embarkation. Two classes concerning career planning and VA Benefits were conducted at 9th Engr compound.

8. LOGISTICS AND SUPPLY

a. During the reporting period, logistical efforts continued to be centered on resupply of the line companies which continues to go well with no significant shortages of supplies or equipment.

b. Preparations were made for embarkation and all gear was moved to the standdown point, for further transport to the USS Mobile LKA-115.

9. CIVIL AFFAIRS AND CIVIC ACTION

a. During the reporting period, the Battalion conducted continuous psychological operations in support of Marine Activities in the operational area.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Radio. The Radio Section continued to provide personnel and equipment in the field and rear command post, the Radio Section also continued to prepare for re-deployment.

b. Wire. The Wire Section continued to maintain internal wire communication at Baldy as well as at 9th Engineer Area.

c. Message Center. The message center continued to make three message runs to Regimental Message Center, and also several priority message runs when called to do so. Scheduled message runs were made to Division Communication Center from 9th Engineer Area.

d. Supply/Maintenance. The Supply and Maintenance Section continued to prepare for the pending re-deployment.

e. The Communications Platoon moved its people and equipment into the 9th Engineer Area commencing on the 8th of September and continued as men and equipment came in from the field.

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11. MEDICAL

During the month of September, the Battalion Aid Station was adequately staffed.

b. The Hospital Corpsman of Alpha CUPP held medcaps daily, treating approximately 250 Vietnamese civilians from 1 to 7 September. There were no medcaps held during standdown.

c. The malaria rate for the month of September is below normal for the season.

d. There is an adequate amount of medical supplies on hand.

e. Sanitation has been satisfactory during the reporting period.

f. Medical evacuation of both battle and routine casualties was adequate.

g. Breakdown of personnel treated at the Battalion Aid Station during the month:

Gastro-intestinal disturbances (nausea, diarrhea, cramps, ect.)- - - - -	6
Fevers- - - - -	2
Physical exams- - - - -	170
Heat Exhaustion- - - - -	1
Routine medevacs- - - - -	2
Miscellaneous (headaches, colds, immersion foot, fractures sprains, venereal diseases, jungle unclers, ect.)- - - - -	410
Total personnel treated at BAS- - - - -	421

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

TAB "A" DAILY JOURNALS

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HEADQUARTERS  
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Place: Que Son, RVN  
From: 01001H Sept  
To: 03100H

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Time Out column	Serial No.	DTG of msg	Message	Action
010845H	1	010710H	G13-(107465)checking area fould 01 VN male with medical list. Also quest villagers. Detained 03 VNs for further interrogation.	F/S
010937H				
011250H	2	011030H	B13-(130397)searching ville detained 01 VN. Obs 02 enemy run to E. Engaged w/s/a. Res: 02 VC KIA, 01 M16, 01 AK 47 and 02 M61 frags.	F/S
011300H				
011530H	3	011115H	B13-(115384)obs BT w/tripwire across trail to M61 grenade. Blew in place.	F/S
011615H				
012000H	4	011905H	1/7 OP-(100474)Obs 04 enemy along sands. Called arty & 81 FM with excellent coverage.	F/S
012015H				
020735H	5	020700H	1/7 OP-Sptd 15 enemy at (115375) called arty, but clearance was with draw and neg results.	F/S
020925H				
021350H	6	020900H	G13-(107463)obs 03 enemy to N with neg weapon or pack. Engaged w/s/a & M79. 01 VC KIA, 01 VC battledressing.	F/S
022015H	7	021815H	G23-(098474)avg to nite pos rec'd 30 rds auto fire. Engaged w/s/a and set up blocking pos. 01 USMC WIAE.	F/S
022010H	8	021815H	G1-(104469)nite pos rec'd 20 rds auto fire. Engaged w/s/a & M79 with neg/res	
022109H				
031020H	9	030850H	G12-(106458)obs 15 enemy to SW. engaged w/s/a, M60 & M79, pursued enemy and swept area w/neg/results.	F/S
031112H				
032125H	10	031000H	B2-(104346)found 02 105 rds in paddy w/fuses removed. Blew rds in place.	F/S
032230H				

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Place: Que Son, RVN  
From: 031000H  
To: 062015H

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Time in Time Out column	Serial No.	DTG of msg	Message	Action
	11	031620H	023-(106473) rec'd 50 rds s/a/f and C1 rec'd 100 rds s/a & 03 M79 rds. Ret'd fire and swept areas. Used NP to question villagers. Also had gunships on station. 01 VC KIA, 30 detainees.	F/S
032004H				
040950H	12	032230H	031-(098458) A/S obs 01 enemy to W. D Detained male and sent to ITT.	F/S
041100H				
040950H	13	040830H	013-(092471) obs 01 enemy move into bunkers. Fraged bunker, found 01 VN under false floor. Searched area. 05 detainees, 01 Chu Hoi, medical gear, utilities, 07 M26, 01 M33 frag.	F/S
041100H				
041035H	14	Follow up to 040830H	01-(092471) located 200 lbs of pol. rice buried under ground in cement crock.	F/S
041100H				
042110H	15	041830H	01-(092464) nite pos obs 02 enemy to S w/M16s. Engaged w/s/a and used gunship to spray area. Will check at first light.	F/S
042130H				
050800H	16	050800H	D Co ret'd OPCON 1/7.	F/S
051755H	17	051100H	013-(095468) located rice cache of 400 lbs of unpol rice buried under floor. Destroyed rice.	F/S
052025H				
062145H	18	062015H	011-(105455) A/C obs 02 enemy to N. Engaged w/s/a, 01 VC KIA, 01 9mm pistol, 01 M26 frag, numerous papers. Will recheck area at first light.	F/S
062230H				

