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1st Marine Division, (Rein) FMF
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 7th Marines (Rein) FMF

Subj: Command Chronology Report

Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

Encl: (1) Command Chronology

1. As directed by reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
2nd Bn, 7th Marines
1st Marine Division (Rein)
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

1. ORGANIZATION DATA:

A. Location

(1) 1-29 September 66 - 2nd Bn, (Minus "H" Co & Det H&S), 7th Marines CP Location, vicinity Dong Ha, RVN.

(2) 30 September 66 (Minus "H" Co, with "M" Co, 3/7, OPCON), 7th Marines, CP location, Chu Lai, RVN, BS 565957.

B. Period Covered:

(1) 1-30 September 1966.

C. Commanding Officer and Staff

(1) Lieutenant Colonel JOHN J. ROOTHOFF	Commanding Officer
(2) Major R.R. MOSS - 1-30 September 66	Executive Officer
(3) 1st Lt. E.L. BONHAM - 1-8 September 66	S-1
1st Lt. J.F. ERNEST - 9-30 September 66	
(4) 2nd Lt. R.L. LEROY	S-2
(5) Major R.A. STEPHENS - 1-10 September 66	S-3
Captain T.G. ADAMS - 11-30 September 66	
(6) 1st Lt. S.B. CROWLEY - 1-25 September 66	S-4 (Rear)
Captain E.A. BERRY - 1-30 September 66	S-4 (Forward)

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E-6's, thirty-seven E-5's, six E-4's, fifteen E-3's and two E-2's.

(4) Awards during September 1966 consisted of recommendations for one Legion of Merit, three Bronze Stars and Five Navy Commendations.

B. Intelligence.

(1) This entire period was spent with the battalion involved in Operation "Prairie" under operational control of the 4th Marine Regiment. During this time the battalion operated in three major areas: The DONG HA Combat Base, the CAM LO and NUI KIEM artillery positions, and the THON SON LAM area. Contact made only in the THON SON LAM area. On the morning of 18 September 1966 the battalion moved to vicinity XD 963604 to reinforce and relieve elements of the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines where they had made contact with a North Vietnamese unit believed to be of battalion size.

There were numerous amounts of enemy equipment found in the area, included CHI-COM grenades, 7.62mm ammunition, 82mm motars rounds, 1 case of U.S. Claymore mines, and a large quantity of 782 gear. The mortar rounds and claymore mines, were destroyed by E.O.D. and the remaining equipment was turned into the 4th Marine Regiment. Two North Vietnamese bodies were found in front of Co. "G" positions. No unit identification could be made from the bodies.

During the period the battalion occupied this position it received 45 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Artillery and air support was called and three mortar positions were believed to be destroyed. During the period there was also frequent radio interference by a person or persons speaking Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese. The battalion interpreters could not understand the Korean and Chinese, but the Vietnamese was interpreted. The messages were to the effect that the enemy would try to destroy the battalion by 25 September, and that they had to disperse because of the air strikes and artillery concentrations. One unit was running short of ammunition and food. The message also stated they would not be able to join another unit because U.S. forces were blocking their way. The call signs used were 19, 7, 79.

On the 20th the battalion moved from NUI CAY TRE Ridge to vicinity XD 978585 with no contact. On the 22nd the battalion moved to vicinity XD 957565. Co. "F" sent out patrols and found numerous tunnels and bunkers at vicinity XD 948581. During this period the battalion made contact with North Vietnamese unit of undetermined size. Co "G", while on patrol vicinity XD 953574 received heavy concentrations of enemy small arms fire and mortar fire. The enemy was well dug in and determined to defend their positions. Co. "F" was dispatched to aid Co. "G" and also came under fire. Co. "F" overran one 60mm mortar position but the fire was so intense they had to withdraw. The area was heavily saturated with air and artillery support.

When Co. "G" returned to the area on 29 September, no contact was made. On 26 September the battalion moved from vicinity XD 957565 to vicinity XD 975544 with no contact.

During Operation Prairie total enemy casualties were: 143 NVA KBGF Confirmed, 179 KBGF Prob., 11 NVC KBA Confirmed, 10 NVA KBA Probable, 1 VC KBGF Probable.

(2) Administration. During the month of September (1) one scout attended Vietnamese language school in Da Nang, Vietnam for a period of 30 days. The battalion intends to send one representative to this school each month.

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2. COMMANDER'S NARRATIVE OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.

During the period covered the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines participated in "Operation Prairie" under the operational control of 4th Marine Regiment. The battalion occupied defensive positions at XD 974567 acting as a blocking force and conducting company sized reconnaissance in force patrols during the period 1-8 September. No significant enemy contact was made during this period. From 9-14 September the 2nd Battalion was engaged in providing security of the air strip at Dong Ha and Company "F" provided security for the artillery position at Cam Lo. On 15 September the battalion moved to the new artillery position at YD 0654 by motor movement and provided perimeter security, detaching Company "F" to cover highway #9 from three platoon sized outposts. On the 17th of September the battalion was dispatched to come to the aid of "B&D" Companies 1/4 who were in contact at XD 9659. This movement required two days and the battalion arrived at 1830 on the 18th of September. The battalion remained in contact with NVA elements believed to be of Bn. strength or larger, patrolling until contact was made and calling supporting arms in on known enemy positions. The withdrawal of "B&D" Companies was made without contact and one UH-34 D helicopter which had been shot down was recovered and flown back to Dong Ha. The battalion broke contact on 20 September after sustaining numerous casualties from mortar fire and enemy ambushes. Movement to XD 9758 was conducted without incident and the 21st was spent resting and resupplying. On 22 September 2nd Bn, 7th Marines moved to a position at XD 956565 to conduct further recon in force operations. Strong enemy contact was made on 24 September whem Company "G" was ambushed and Company "F" was sent out to reinforce. Company "F" received heavy small arms and mortar fire. Both companies received moderate casualties from automatic weapons and 82mm mortars. Both companies returned to defensive positions and evacuated their dead and wounded. Seven Marines from Company "G" were killed and the bodies not recovered due to the intense enemy fire. On the morning of the 25th Company "F" pos- again sustained casualties from a mortar barrage on their LZ and Company "G" positions were hit by several rounds of 75mm recoilless rifle fire. That evening a TPQ-10 mission of three 250 lb. bombs were dropped on 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines CP. Only one man was injured however. On the 26th the battalion broke contact and moved to position at XD 9754 without contact. On the 27th the battalion patrolled to the west and south without contact and on the 28th, minus Co. "G", returned to Dong Ha by foot movement and motor march. On the 29th Co. "G" returned to XD 9557 and recovered six of their dead without contact. On the 30th of Sept. 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines commenced movement to Chu Lai by aircraft.

3. DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.

A. Personnel

(1) During the month of September this battalion joined six officers; one Major, three Captains, one 1st Lieutenant and one 2nd Lieutenant; and joined 152 enlisted and processed 108 for rotation.

(2) Casualties during the period were 29 enlisted KIA, 106 WIA, 2 DOW and 153 non-battle casualties. (Operation Prairie)

(3) Promotions by rank during the month of September were, one E-7, three

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C. Training. No training was conducted by this Battalion during the reporting period, as the Battalion was engaged in Operation "PRAIRIE" for the entire period.

D. Special Operations. During the period 26 Aug - 29 September 1966, this Battalion was engaged in Operation "PRAIRIE". This Operation is covered in detail by the attached Combat After Action Report.

E. Command and Control

(1) 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines Chopped OPCON, 4th Marines, 3rd Mar Div on 27 August 1966.

(2) 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines Chopped Co. "H" to OPCON, 1st Bn, 7th Marines on 27 August 1966.

(3) 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines returned to OPCON, 7th Marines on 30 September 1966.

(4) Company "M" 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines Chopped OPCON, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines on 30 September 1966.

F. Close Combat. Fire Support, Logistics, Combat Close Air Support, and Communications and Electronics are all included in the attached Combat After Action Report.

APPENDICES:

A- List of References

B- Documents

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Appendix A (List of References) to Enclosure (1) of Command Chronology

1. Maps: AMS Vietnam 1:50,000 Series L-7014, Sheet 6342 I, II, 6442 IV.

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Appendix B (List of Documents) to Enclosure (1) of Command Chronology

Tab 1 - S-2 Command Journal for September 1966

Tab 2 - S-3 Command Journal for September 1966

Tab 3 - Combat After Action Report Operation "PRAIRIE"

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ORGANIZATION:
2ND BN, 7TH MARINES, CHU LAI RVN

OPENED 021600H | CLOSED 141115H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
			021600H	Company "E" located a large natural cave at XD 968564. Dimensions of cave were 30' to 50' in width, 20' to 100' in height; cave extended 75' west, then 75' south, then 125' west. Opening 100' high. Cave searched with negative results.	
			022005H	S-2 observed bright glare in sky due north of present position. Light varied in intensity, lasting approximately 7 minutes.	
			031000H	Received report from Force Recon Radio Relay that Force Recon Team heard movement during previous night at XD 950565 and XD 950568. Noticed positions next morning.	
			031700H	Force Recon Team heard two machine guns at XD 949559.	
			041030H	Company "E" squad size patrol located one small cave XD 966572, can hold approximately 10 people. No sign of recent use.	
			042300H	Force Recon Team observed hand Illumination at XD 950550.	
			050230H	Force Recon Team heard approximately 15 shots vic. XD 947549. No people observed.	
			050900H	Company "F" conducted air strike on 2 VC, XD 948539 excellent coverage, 2 VC KIA probable.	
			061640H	Company "E" located foxholes at XD 968587.	
			141115H	Company "F" security platoon at YD 237545 received 6-8 rounds small arms fire from two weapons vic. YD 234546.	

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OPENED 141300H | CLOSED 181715H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
			141300H	Company "F" security platoon at YD 278566 received 8 rounds small arms fire from two weapons vic. YD 271568.	
			161615H	Company "F" observed 3 men, 2 in camouflaged uniforms, one in khaki with weapon, at YD 044573. Artillery mission called. Results unknown.	
			161730H	Company "F" observed movement on hill at YD 058585, Artillery mission called. Results unknown.	
			161925H	Company "F" observed 2 VC on river bank at YD 071571 wearing black PJ. tops and khaki trousers with weapons. VC were taken under fire, results unknown.	
			171110H	S-2 observed portions of 4 trails running north at YD 036575, 039573, 045 575, and 050579. Trails heavily worn.	
			171555H	Company "E" FAC reports foreign language on their net. Interpreters say language is not Vietnamese.	
			181225H	Company "E" located one well camouflaged bunker at XD 967593. Dimensions were 4' deep, 6' wide, well dug-in with logs.	
			181515H	Company "G" located enemy bunkers at coord. XD 962598, containing various types ammo. includeing 60mm mortar.	
			181715H	Company "E" located position at XD 964598, with 81 and 82mm mortar ammo. approximately 70 rounds small arms ammo, uniforms, packs, picks, E-tools and rice. Due to neccessity for speed and because company "E" had to pickup company "D", 1st Battalion, 4th Marines KIA's, gear could not be picked up at that time. Due to this find and incident in preceding journal entry,	

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OPENED 181715H | CLOSED 191215H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
			181715H	it is recommended that entire area requires detailed search.	
			181730H	Company "E" located apparent camp site at XD 964596 fairly extensive preliminary search revealed various typesof ammo.	
			181820H	Company "E", at XD 962597 received approximately 100 rounds semi-automatic and automatic fire from vic. XD 964603. Company "E" and "G" returned fire with small arms, M-60, M-79 and 60mm mortars. 1st battalion, 4th Marines, units also called artillery. results unknown. NVA broke contact.	
			190715H	Company "G" found one Chi-Com 7.62mm carbine, one Chi-Com light machinegun, 7.62mm, one barrel of 7.62mm light machinegun and one drum type magazine, at XD 963598. These will be evacuated.	
			190800H	It is now determined that positions reported in spot reports, #16, #17, and #18 refur to same positions generally located vic. XD 965598. Area appears to be harbor site with defensive positions. Company "F" in process of searching area.	
			191110H	S-2 at XD 961597 located one unopened case of U.S. claymore mines, 7 Chi-Com 7.62 rounds, 5 with white tips, one with green tip. Rounds evacuated at approximately 191500H. Claymores blown by E.O.D.	
			191215H	Company "G" XD 960602 found 2 NVA bodies in front of positions. Bodies dressed in khaki uniforms. One was carrying a bottle of pills and anti-U.S., Anti-ARVN propaganda leaflet. Two Chi-Com grenades found near bodies.	

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OPENED 191215H | CLOSED 191520H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
			191215H	Pills and leaflet evacuated, grenades buried by E.O.D. Two NVA confirmed KIA by credited to 1st Battalion, 4th Marines.	
			191250H	2d Battalion, 7th Marines ALO conducted air strike at XD 962608. AO reports 1 NVA confirmed.	
			101420H	Company "F" patrol at XD 966602 received approximately 30-40 rounds automatic and semi-automatic fire from XD968604. Unit with drew under covering semi-automatic fire. Air and artillery called in with good coverage. 1 NVA KBGF confirmed.	
			191420H	Company "E" patrol at XD 956603 received automatic and semi-automatic fire from estimated 25 NVA at XD 954604. Enemy wore camouflage uniforms and camouflaged capes. They were in trees sat up in "U" shaped ambush. NVA, speaking English, interferred on company net, posing as the patrol leader. Patrol with drew after approximately one hour. 10 NVA confirmed, 3 NVA KBGF probable.	
			191515H	2d Battalion, 7th Marines CP received 2, 82mm mortar rounds from vic. XD 967604. Air strike called with good coverage.	
			191520H	All battalion units under moderate to heavy semi-automatic and automatic weapons fire. Company "F" received fire from XD 965601, Company "G" received fire from XD 960605, CP recived 6 more rounds 82mm mortar. Mortar position spotted at XD 962605 air strike called with good coverage.	

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OPENED 191700H | CLOSED 192010H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
			191700H	At XD 965598 E.O.D. personnel reported burying the following items in Company "F" position: 13, 82mm mortar rounds, 22 Chi-Com grenades, 2 M-26 grenades, 1 Chi-Com AP mine, 1 Chi-Com Claymore mine and 1 200 gram block of T.N.T. Also found one booklet which interpreter says is song book. Ammo buried due to proximity of 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines position. Booklet and 1 Chi-Com claymore mine will be brought to 4th Marines S-2 by E.O.D. E.O.D. reported 7.62 shells in all positions, indicateing large number of semi-automatic and automatic weapons. Number of positions: 15-20.	
			191800H	2nd Battalion, 7th Marines positions received 32 rounds 82mm mortar fire from vic. XD 952599. Company "E" observed muzzle flashes vic. above coord. Medical evacuation chopper received approximately 10 rounds automatic fire from vic. XD 958598, artillery missions called on both coord. with unknown results.	
			191900H	Air strike conducted on mortar position at XD 963605, secondary explosion observed. Mortar position believed destroyed.	
			192000H	Artillery mission fired on mortar position at XD 963605, secondary explosion observed.	
			192010H	2nd Battalion, 7th Marines received approximately 5 rounds 82mm mortar fire from unknown coordinates .	

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OPENED 192020H | CLOSED 200645H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
			192020H	Lights were observed at XD 963605 and at XD 958598. These lights appeared periodically during night hours. At 200220H C-47 flare ship observed lights moving on top of ridge vic. XD 964616. At 200520H C-47 flare ship observed lights on ridge at XD 977611. Artillery mission called with good coverage, 2 secondary explosions observed. Other lights at afore mentioned coord. fired on by artillery periodically during night.	
			192110H	Interpreter monitored Vietnamese language transmission on FAC net. Call signs heard were 19, 7, and 79 and continued until approximately 192300H Messages heard were: (1) that unit 7 used 50% strength against enemy this date. (2) that on 25 Sep unit 7 will make a finish. (3) that unit 7 will disperse units this date because of air and artillery strikes; said they are trying to move east, but are blocked bynapalm and artillery strikes. Message further stated that unit 7 and one other unit will attempt to surround 2d Battalion 7th Marines tonight. (4) that unit 19 said that artillery istoo much tonight (5) unit 7 requested unit 79 to send resupply of 82mm mortar ammo., rice, and water; also said they might move tomorrow. (6) that unit 7 said they may not be able to meet unit 79 tomorrow because U.S. Forces are blocking their way. S-2 thinks one of these units may be located vic. XD9759.	
			200645H	Choppers entering perimeter positions received heavy semi-automatic and automatic weapons fire from North, East, and South.	

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OPENED 200945H | CLOSED 231505H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
			200945H	AO reported mortar position at XD 962616. Air strike called, position destroyed.	
			201500H	Artillery mission called on old, 2d Battalion, 7th Marines positions. Mission unobserved, results unknown. Mission called to destroy bunkers and to destroy any enemy moving in old position. Air will be called when aircraft are available.	
			211530H	Artillery mission and 4 air strikes called on enemy positions and old 2d Battalion, 7th Marines, positions, Grid squares 9560,9559,9659,9660 one secondary explosion observed by AO vic. XD 956593.	
			211730H	2d Battalion, 7th Marines ALO heard foreign language on net. Interpreter could not identify. possibly Chinese dialect.	
			220050H	2d Battalion, 7th Marines received report from Force Recon Team that 2 individuals crossed river at XD 989561.	
			231120H	2d Battalion, 7th Marines Company "F" located large bunkers and tunnels at XD 948581. Entire area searched, No equipment found. Bunkers are fairly new measureing 15' by 15' with 2' thick logs with dirt rooves. Tunnels apparently for shelter. Area believed to be possible CP.	
			231500H	Company "F" encountered booby trap at XD 949582. Booby trap consisted of pipe filled with some type explosive and rocks. Trip wire was used.	
			231505H	Company "F" was taken under fire by three NVA in khaki uniforms in well concealed bunkers. Artillery and air	

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231505H	241440H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
			231505H	strikes called with excellent coverage one NVA KBGF confirmed (Artillery). Company "F" reported well used trail vic. XD 948581 did not have time to check out trail. Company "G" reported well used trail at XD 955578 heading in Northwest direction. Found comm. wire simular to ours spliced into white insulated wire, wire was cut.	
			241110H	Company "G" at XD 960573 observed 5 NVA checking comm. wire at XD 953577. Patrol took enemy under fire, killing all 5. Comm. wire which had been cut by Company "G" the day before, had been re-spliced.	
			241140H	As Company "G" advanced toward above enemy positions, they were taken under fire by enemy in khaki uniforms with camouflage capes; some were in trees. They had semi-automatic and automatic weapons and light machine guns. Company "G" returned fire with semi-automatic and automatic fire, M-79 and grenades.	
			241155H,	Company "F" in perimeter positions called artillery mission on one man and possible movement at XD 952572. Good coverage, results unknown.	
			241250H	Company "G" at XD 953577, began receiving 82mm mortars from estimated two unknown positions to Northwest.	
			241440H	Company "F" received 3 rounds 60mm mortar from XD 952577. They were then taken under heavy semi-automatic and automatic fire by enemy in green camouflage uniforms and black and white covers in bunkers. Mortar position was overran and sight destroyed.	

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OPENED 241455H | CLOSED 251340H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
			241455H	Company "F" took under fire approximately 35 NVA moving up draw at XD 953575 toward bunkers, 15 KBGF confirmed, 10 KBGF probable.	
			241620H	Company "F" CP received 5 rounds 82mm mortars.	
			241710H	Company "F" CP received 5 more rounds 82mm mortar. Mortar position confirmed at XD 957587. Artillery mission called - results unknown.	
			241730H	Comm. wire found on trail at XD 953577 believed to connect positions on "Rock Pile" with positions to west.	
			241745H	Enemy extremely well trained and well equipped. They are well dug in and tenacious. Indications are that they are at least battalion strength. Enemy is larger than vietnamese - approximately 6 feet, 170 pounds. Enemy hard to locate. Some question as to nationality of enemy. This area should be defoliated, heavily bombed and burned.	
			250525H	Company "F" in primeter positions received 10 rounds 82mm mortar. Air strike conducted on possible mortar position at XD 957587.	
			251100H	Company "G", in primeter positions received 4 rounds 75mm RR from XD 962578. Artillery and 81's fired with excellent coverage, results unknown.	
			251340H	2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, FAC conducted air strike at XD 949582 secondary explosion observed at XD 950576.	

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OPENED 251530H | CLOSED 262200H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
			251530H	2d Battalion, 7th Marines ALO conducted air strikes at XD 960580 large secondary explosion observed by AO. Area contains known enemy positions.	
			251800H	Companys "F" and "G" received approximately 13 rounds estimated 75mm RR in perimeter positions from XD 965577 and XD 965573. 81's and artillery called with negative results.	
			260700H	Company "F" positions at XD 952567 artillery mission called with excellent coverage. 5 NVA KBGF probable.	
			262200H	Company "H&S" Yankee Platoon monitored false station on the resupply net. It would say a few phrases when no traffic was being passed approximately every 15 minutes. It is known that the enemy has the ability to interfere with our stations and attempt to mimic friendly stations.	

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Organization: 2nd Bn, 7th Marines, Chu Lai RVN

Opened 010001 Sept. Closed 031700H Sept. 1966

Time In	Time Out	Ser. No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, Etc.	Action Taken
			010830H	CF "E" returned to position. Personnel from near side of river walked back. Personnel from far side heli-lifted back. (Will send out patrol to search for one USMC MIA). CF "F" departed on sweep to VIC S.W. of position.	
			011100H	CF "E" plt. patrol departed to search for MIA at river crossing.	
			011400H	CF "E" located body of MIA at 977547.	
			011635H	CF "F" patrol returned. CF "E" plt. returned with body. Body Evacuated.	
			020630H	CF "G" departed for sweep.	
			020900H	CF "E" plt. departed to VIC 968545 for search of lost equipment from river crossing.	
			021000H	One squad CF "E" departed to search caves VIC 968564.	
			021240H	CF"E" had 1 WP grenade Explode from direct rays of sun. Two WIA Med-Evac.	
			021400H	CF "E" plt. returned found 2 M-14 rifles.	
			021645H	CF "G" returned to position. CF "E" squad from cave search returned Neg. results.	
			030845H	CF "F" departed on search.	
			030320H	Possible compromise of thrust points due to lose of map by Echo Co. during river crossing on 31 Aug. New thrust points established.	
			031600H	CF "E" departed for ambush VIC 994571	
			031700H	CF "F" harbored VIC 957533.	

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Unit or Staff Section: S-3

Organization:
2nd Bn, 7th Marines, Chu Lai RVN

Opened 032030H Sept. Closed 080700H September 1966

Time In	Time Out	Ser. No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, Etc.	Action Taken
			032030H	CF "E" activity one Marine possible leg fracture. Will Med-Evac first light.	
			040900H	CF "F" observed 2 VC VIC 948539. Air strike called good coverage. Two KBA probable.	
			041000H	CF "F" Located at 950530.	
			041010H	CF "E" Ambush patrol returned neg. contact. CF "E" Small units found cave VIC 966562.	
			041700H	CF "F" located at 958531 conducted platoon size patrols from patrol base south to VIC. 960521 East to 968521 North to 957540 West to 949536 to harbor for night.	
			050915H	General Krulak (CG FMF PAC) visited our position.	
			051330H	CF "F" returned to Bn area. Swept area from Bn Area South to 9650 and East to 9952.	
			060630H	CF "E" departed on company sweep to the north of Bn. position.	
			061700H	CF "E" to Harbor VIC 967588 for night will continue sweep to North & West at first light.	
			070930H	CF "E" Established patrol base at 974587 dispatching patrols north, west and east.	
			070940H	Advance party left for Dong Ha.	
			071600H	CF "E" Returned to Bn. position.	
			080700H	CF "E" departed to set up security for Bn movement at 023558.	

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Opened 080915H Oct. Closed 091900H September 1966

Time In	Time Out	Ser. No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, Etc.	Action Taken
			080915H	CF "G" & Alpha Command, H&S & "F" departed for Cam Lo.	
			081040H	Last Elements of CF departed hill for Cam Lo. Now enroute.	
			081200H	CF "E" Loc 11 NVA bodies with packs and cartridge belts, no weapons at YD 024559 Bodies believed to be left over from previous Ridgebeam operation.	
			081320H	Arrived at trucking point & trucks arrived.	
			081410H	Elements of 2/7 departed entrucking point for Dong Ha.	
			081430H	CF "F" debarked at Cam Lo artillery position to set up Perimeter security for Arty. Battery.	
			081530H	First elements 2/7 arrived Dong Ha.	
			081620H	Last elements departed entrucking point.	
			081715H	Last elements arrived Dong Ha. CF "G & E" manned perimeter defense for Dong Ha Air Strip.	
			090630H	CF "E" one squad departed for convoy escort to Cam Lo.	
			091730H	CF "E" sqd. returned from convoy escort.	
			091800H	CF H&S provided 48 men for perimeter security, in Echo Co. area.	
			091830H	CF "E" - A Sqd. patrol and ambush departed lines.	
			091900H	CF Echo "B" Sqd security patrol and ambush departed lines.	

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Opened 100500H September Closed 120610H September 66

Time In	Time Out	Ser. No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, Etc.	Action Taken
			100500H	CF Echo "B" Sqd security patrol returned negative contact.	
			100600H	CF Echo "A" Sqd. security patrol returned negative contact.	
			100645H	CF Echo 6 man convoy escort departed.	
			101100H	CF Echo 6 man convoy escort returned.	
			101500H	CF Echo 6 man convoy escort to Cam Lo departed.	
			101830H	CF Echo 6 man convoy escort returned CF Echo Alpha patrol departed friendly lines.	
			101900H	CF "E" Bravo patrol departed friendly lines.	
			110100H	Major Stevens departed Captain Adams new S-3. CF "G" reported villages beating on drums and tin cans. It was reported to Afterglow Xray.	
			110900H	CF "E" Fireteam screening patrol departed.	
			111245H	CF "F" chopped to OPCON 3rd Bn, 12th Marines.	
			111445H	CF "E" Fireteam screening patrol returned. Negative results.	
			111830H	CF "E" A & B patrols departed friendly lines.	
			111915H	CF "E" dispatched Fireteam to guard water point.	
			120610H	CF Echo "A" patrol returned to lines CF "E" Squad size convoy escort depart to Cam Lo.	

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Opened 120620H Sept. 66 Closed 132100 September 1966

Time In	Time Out	Ser. No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, Etc.	Action Taken
			120620H	CF Echo "B" patrol returned to lines.	
			120645H	CF Echo Fireteam from water point returned to lines.	
			120900H	CF "E" Fireteam screening patrol departed.	
			121045H	CF "E" Squad convoy escort returned.	
			121515H	CF "E" screening patrol returned, neg. contact.	
			121830H	CF "E" A&B patrols departed fireteam departed to water point for security	
			130600H	CF "E" A&B patrols returned negative contact.	
			130630H	CF "E" convoy escort departed, fireteam size.	
			130640H	CF "E" water point security returned.	
			130945H	CF "E" convoy escort returned.	
			131215H	CF "E" 15 man convoy escort departed.	
			131350H	CF "E" 15 man convoy escort returned.	
			131500H	CF "E" fireteam convoy escort departed.	
			131800H	CF "E" fireteam convoy escort returned.	
			131830H	CF "E" fireteam water point security departed.	
			132000H	CF "E-13" departed to night ambush.	
			132100H	CF "E-14" departed to night ambush.	

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Opened 140600H Sept. Closed 151930H Sept. 1966

Time In	Time Out	Seq. No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, Etc.	Action Taken
			140600H	CF "E" 13-14 returned to lines, negative contact.	
			140615H	CF "E" 10 man convoy escort departed.	
			140630H	CF "E" Fireteam water point security returned.	
			140745H	CF "E" plt size escort departed.	
			140945H	CF "E" 2nd 10 man convoy escort departed.	
			140930H	CF "E" 1st 10 man convoy escort returned.	
			141000H	CF "E" 4 man convoy escort departed.	
			141215H	CF "E" 4 man convoy escort returned.	
			141345H	CF "E" plt. size escort returned.	
			150700H	CF "G" departed for positions as outlined on overlay for Frag Order 1-66.	
			150730H	CF "F" chopped to OPCON 2/7. Departed Cam Lo to provide route security as outlined Frag O. 1-66.	
			150800H	CF "E", "H&S", & Alpha Command departed Dong Ha for positions as outlined in Frag O. 1-66.	
			150900H	CF "F" in position.	
			150930H	CF "G" in position.	
			151000H	CF "E", H&S, Alpha Command in position.	
			151400H	CP visited by Sudden Death-6 & Scat-6.	
			151900H	CF "F" Sqd. size ambush patrol departed.	
			151930H	Sqd size ambush patrol departed.	

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Opened 152000H Sept. Closed 170900H Sept. 66

Time In	Time Out	Ser. No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, Etc.	Action Taken
			152000H	CF "E" 3 Fireteam Listening posts and CF "G" 1 listening post fireteam size.	
			160600H	CF "E" & "G" listening posts secured CF "E" sqd. size patrol returned.	
			160630H	CF "G" sqd. size patrol returned.	
			160800H	CF "E" plt. size sweep departed. CF "G" plt. size sweep departed.	
			160830H	CP visited by Scat-6.	
			161530H	CF "E" & "G" plt size sweep returned.	
			161615H	CF "F" observed 3 men, 2 in camoflage uniforms and one in khaki at yd 044573 Arty. Mission called. Results unknown.	
			161830H	CF "E" fireteam listening post departed to 058543. (departed)	
			161900H	CF "E" Squad size ambush at 047555 departed.	
			161900H	CF "G" Squad size ambush departed to 066543.	
			170600H	CF "E & G" listening posts secured and patrols returned. CF "E" platoon sized screening patrol departed.	
			170845H	CF received word to move two Co's and H&S ASAP to reinforce Permission units. CF "G" to provide security for 3/12 positions until relieved by Ridgebeam elements.	
			170900H	CF "E" returned from patrol due to CF units moving.	

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Opened 191020H Sept. Closed 200730H September 1966

Time In	Time Out	Ser. No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, Etc.	Action Taken
			191020H	Permission elements relieved by CF. Commenced movement to base camp.	
			191030H	Downed helicopter lifted out of CF positions.	
			191330H	CF completed consolidation of defensives positions. CF "E & F" platoon size patrols departed.	
			191420H	CF "E" patrol received small arms & AR fire from NVA located at 954604 in trees. Enemy strength unknown. CF "F" patrol received heavy small arms and AR fire from NVA located at 968604. Arty. & Air called them in and withdrew.	
			191510H	CF CP 2 rds (incoming) 82mm Mortar from enemy Mortar position at 967604.	
			191520H	CF CP received 6 rds 82mm Mortars from same position. Returned fire with 81mm Arty & 2 Air Strikes. Good coverage results unknown.	
			191630H	CF "E" patrol returned due to ambush. Reported4 USMC KIA & 2 WI A USMC. 10 NVA KIA confirmed 3 NVA KIA probable & 1 NVA KBA confirmed. CF "G" had two NBC evacuated.	
			191800H	Received 31 rds 82mm Mortar fire from enemy mortar position at 955598. Resulting in 2 KIA USMC, 3 USMC WIA of H&S Co. 1 NVA KIA confirmed.	
			192000H	Received 5 incoming 82mm Mortar from VIC. 955595. Arty. mission called.	
			200730H	Received word from Scat-6 to move and set up base camp VIC. 977586.	

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Opened 170930H Sept. Closed 191000H Sept. 66

Time In	Time Out	Seq. No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, Etc.	Action Taken
			170930H	CF leading elements commenced movement.	
			171045H	CF "G" relieved from Arty. positions by ridgebeam "E" units. Commenced movement. To join CF elements.	
			171400H	CF "E" had two Med-Evac's due to high Fever's.	
			171730H	CF "E" had one Med-Evac due to high Fever's.	
			171820H	CF units in perimeter defense at vic. 977588.	
			180630H	CF commenced movement CF "E & G" forward elements, Alpha Command, H&S, with CF Reserve. Left 3 NBC. To be evacuated.	
			181630H	CF "G" met with units of Permission "D" CF "E & G" discovered several enemy caves, bunkers, and harbor sights at XD 962598.	
			181830H	CF "E" received approx, 100 rds. SA & AR fire from positions located vic. 964603 CF "E" & "G" returned fire, SA & 60mm Mortars, M-79, M-60, M-16. On call Arty. fired on position results unk. Enemy broke contact.	
			182000H	CF units located vicinity 9659. Established perimeter defense.	
			182030H	CF "G" found enemy bunkers and positions with numerous assorted equipment. CF "G" assisted recovery of 9, USMC KIA of Permission units.	
			191000H	CF "E & G" & 6 NBC evacuated out from CF position.	

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Opened 200745H | Closed 230900H Sept. 66

Time In	Time Out	Ser. No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, Etc.	Action Taken
			200745H	Air strike called confirmed mortar position vicinity 962616. Reported by A.O. good coverage of target. Results unknown. CF "F" 2 NBC Med-Evac.	
			201015H	CF Elements commenced movement to assigned area.	
			201645H	Arrived at assigned area 977586 & established perimeter defense.	
			210955H	Visited by Sudden Death & Scat-6. Received word to move to vicinity 986560 establish perimeter defense.	
			211115H	CF units commenced movement. CF units 18 Med-Evacs NBC including CF "G-6".	
			211430H	CF elements in defensive perimeter at 986560.	
			211820H	Received Frag Order 146-66 from Scat-6 by courier.	
			212240H	CF "F" received 2 rds of friendly Arty. fire within perimeter. Resulted in two USMC WIA. One Med-Evac.	
			220700H	CF elements commenced movement to set up combat & base at vicinity of 956565.	
			221600H	Numerous recently used enemy trails located vicinity of 958562.	
			221830H	CF units in combat base area vicinity 956565 & established defensive perimeter.	
			221930H	2 NBC Med-Evac.	
			230900H	CF "E" Company sized sweep in vicinity of 953566. To vicinity west 945574, north 948583, departed.	

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Opened 230930H Sept. Closed 241210H September 1966

Time In	Time Out	Seq. No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, Etc.	Action Taken
			239930H	CF "G" Co. sized patrol sweep in vicinity from 961566 to North 960580, West 948583 departed.	
			231110H	CF "F" discovered 25-30 bunkers vicinity 948581.	
			231445H	CF "F" encountered unknown booby trap vicinity 946579. Resulting 1 USMC WIA, med evac requested. Med evac helicopter received incoming small arms fire.	
			231450H	CF "F" received automatic fire from vicinity 948579. 1 NVA observed firing from bunker. Returned small arms fire and withdrew for artillery mission called. Good coverage of target. Resulting in 1 USMC KIA and 2 USMC WIA. 1 NVA confirmed KIA.	
			231630H	CF "G" patrol returned. No contact.	
			231800H	CF "F" patrol returned with casualties.	
			240800H	CF "F" departed on Co. sized sweep from vicinity 953565 to vicintiy 930575. CF "G" departed Co. size sweepfrom vicinity 961566 to vicinity 959583.	
			241200H	CF "G" reported observing and killing 2 NVA vicinity 953576.	
			241210H	CF "G" reported had made contact with unknown number of enemy vicinity 953576. Received heavy small arms, automatic weapon and 82mm Mortar fire. Unable to withdraw or advance.	

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Opened 241220H Sept. Closed 250820H September 1966

Time In	Time Out	Seq. No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, Etc.	Action Taken
			241220H	CF "F" directed to move in assistance to CF "G".	
			241440H	CF "F" received heavy small arms and automatic weapon fire, also 82mm Mortar fire vicinity 953574. CF "F" & "G" unable to link up. Attemping to break contact and return to base camp. Movement of both units slow due to casualties, terrain and incoming fire.	
			241620H	CF "F" Rear received incoming 82mm Mortar fire.	
			241630H	CF "E6" med evaced CF 10 assumed command.	
			241915H	CF "F" arrived at base camp and reported all casualties evaced and 15 NVA KIA confirmed and 10 NVA KIA probable.	
			242030H	CF "G" reported 3 USMC KIA, 26 USMC WIA, 7 USMC MIA, all casualties med evaced. Results 1 PRC-25 MIA, 58 NVA KIA confirmed and 12 NVA KIA probable. Reported upon return.	
			242130H	CF "F" reported 3 USMC KIA, 17 USMC WIA, and 1 ARVN WIA. CF had 4 NBC med evaced.	
			250820H	CF "F" received 10 rds 82mm Mortar fire while relocating. Results 22 USMC WIA. Artillery and Air called on possible mortar position vicinity 956586.	

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Opened 251050H Sept. Closed 260650H September 66

Time In	Time Out	Ser. No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, Etc.	Action Taken
			251050H	CF "G" received 3 rds 57mm RR fire from vicinity 962578. Artillery and Air called. Results unknown. 13 NBC med-evaced.	
			251125H	CF 6 sent message to Scat 6 regarding Bn strength as follows USMC Off 12, USMC Enl 392, USN Off 1, USN Enl 18, Attached Off 3, Attached Enl 13.	
			251300H	Capt BELCHER assumed command CF "G".	
			251500H	Air strike and artillery missions called on possible mortar and 57 RR positions vicinities of 950582 and 951579. Observed two secondary explosions possible mortar rounds.	
			251630H	Received orders from Scat 6 to move to new location in vicinity of 9554 or 9564.	
			251800H	CF units received 13 rds of recoilless rifle fire believed to 75mm RR from vicinity 963577 resulting in 7 USMC KIA and 5 USMC WIA. Air and Arty. called. Results unknown. Emergency Med-Evac requested.	
			252140H	1 USMC WIA died of wounds due to emergency Med-Evac cancelled at this time.	
			250200H	CF received one 250 lb. bomb (approx.) resulting in 1 USMC WIA.	
			250650H	5 NVA observed in open vininity 951 568. Artillery called. Good coverage 8 rds 155mm on target. 3 NVA KIA confirmed, 3 NVA KIA Probable.	

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Opened 260730H Sept. Closed 281200H September 1966

Time In	Time Out	Seq. No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, Etc.	Action Taken
			260730H	CF commenced movement from defensive positions.	
			261530H	CF arrived new location vicinity 9754 all units in defensive perimeter at 1630H.	
			261830H	Capt. HERRING assumed command CF "E" Capt. UYEADA returned to Comm Off.	
			270945H	Gen ENGLISH, Scat 6 and Permission 6 visited CP.	
			271100H	CF "F" departed to conduct Co. size recon for tank route. CF "E" departed to conduct Co. size sweep to the West.	
			271715H	CF "F" Co. recon returned. Neg results.	
			271730H	CF "E" Co. sweep returned. Neg results.	
			271900H	CF "G" Squad (+) ambush patrol departed to 969556. Correction to cumulative totals, 143 NVA KIA conf, 179 NVA KIA prob, 11 NVA KBA conf, 10 NVA KBA prob, and 1 VC KIA conf.	
			280715H	CF "G" ambush patrol returned.	
			280800H	CF "E" & "G" departed on Co. size sweeps.	
			280930H	CF "G" ordered to return to perimeter to prepare for mission to be conducted. Visited by Scat 6.	
			281115H	1 squad from CF "F" sent to guide tanks into position.	
			281200H	Received immediate message to move CF elements to Dong Ha from Scat 6.	

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Opened 281500H Sept. Closed 301015H September 1966

Time In	Time Out	Ser. No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, Etc.	Action Taken
			281500H	All CF units moving detached CF "G" to OpCon Permission.	
			281545H	CF "G" arrived at Permissions position.	
			281700H	CF "F","E"&"H&S" arrived at entrucking point.	
			281830H	CF "F","E",&"H&S" arrived at Dong Ha.	
			291000H	CF "F" departed Dong Ha for Chu Lai.	
			291300H	CF "F" arrived in TAOR, Chu Lai.	
			300630H	OP 1,2,3,4,5, LP 1,2,3,4 manned by CM "M".	
			300700H	CM "M" chopped to OpCon 2/7.	
			300900H	P25 & P27 of CF "M" clearing operations continued with casting in support of CF "M". LVTE-1 Line charges were blown BS 570922, BS 567918 and BS 562919 at 0930H, 1000H and 1115H. Three delayed explosions were observed in conjunction with second line charge. After fourth line charge inspection of area disclosed possible small VC aid station, BS 564917, with some splits, bandages, lamps and 4 VC packs. Also 1 fragmentation grenade was blown, BS 563917 at 1015H, No enemy contact. Afternoon patrol, P27, searched out possible VC aid station above but found nothing further, several small caves and tunnels were destroyed.	
			300930H	CF "E" departed Dong Ha.	
			301015H	CF Alpha Command Group departed Dong Ha.	

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Opened 301030H Sept. Closed 302130H September 1966

Time In	Out	Ser. No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, Etc.	Action Taken
			301030H	CF "E" arrived Chu Lai.	
			301100H	CF "H&S" departed Dong Ha. CF Alpha Command Group arrived Chu Lai.	
			301200H	CF "H&S" arrived Chu Lai.	
			301300H	CF "E" arrived at TAOR.	
			301500H	CF "H&S" arrived at TAOR.	
			301600H	CF units assumed responsibility of TAOR.	
			301800H	CF "M" manned OP 1,2,3,4,5 LP 1,2,3,4.	
			301830H	CF "M" P26 one VC attempted to flee from patrol apprehended same.	
			302130H fire	M1 reported enemy at BS 580965 fired approximatley50 rds semiautomatic fire and automatic weapons at ARVN outpost by bridge BS 577964. Fired 4 rds 81mm illumination. Neg results.	

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