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COMBINED CHRONOLOGY

1 February 1967 to 28 February 1967

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

2nd Battalion, 7th Marines

COMMANDERS

Lt Col KIPP

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters & Service Company
Company B

Capt DORSEY
Capt SMAY 1-3 February
Capt POOLE 3-28 February
Capt WHIPPLE
Capt WILSON
Capt FLEMING

Company F
Company G
Company H

ATTACHED UNITS

3rd Platoon "C" Company 1/7

2. LOCATION

1-28 February 1967; Chu Lai, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Major DA L. DIAMOND

S-1

1st Lt V. R. BARNETT
1-6 February
2nd Lt V. C. ADVERSZ
7-28 February

S-2

1st Lt R. L. LEROY
1-15 February
2nd Lt J. H. MENTZER
15-28 February

S-3

Major F. H. RAJFELN

S-4

Capt. V. H. SZALANKIEWICZ

S-5

Capt A. J. DORSEY 1-22
February

Lt W. BACH 23-28 February

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC
Off Enl
38 1136

USN
Off Enl
2 58

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. The amount of contact with the VC during February remained at the consistently high level set in January, when the battalion returned from Operation Sierra. Several reports were received from higher headquarters stating that the VC were planning to attack and destroy USMC positions as a tribute to Ho Chi Minh. The threatened attacks did not materialize, but sniping and harassing incidents did increase sharply. The number of mining incidents decreased, however booby trap incidents have increased during the last three days of this month.

2. 3rd platoon "F" Company was helilifted into vicinity SS 5087 on both the 14th and 15th to search for a downed "sparrow" missile. The results of these searches were negative.

3. The Vietnamese New Year Truce (TET) period was observed within this LOR with only 4 minor incidents, all of which were instigated by the Viet Cong.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Combat Missions Assigned

a. Occupy and defend positions within assigned TAOR so as to contribute to the defense of the base area, airfield and ancillary facilities at Chu Lai; conduct aggressive day and night patrolling and offensive operations within TAOR. Be prepared to conduct unilateral and combined offensive operations throughout RVN. Be prepared, on order, to deploy on 12 hour notice as a reserve/reaction force. Provide assistance to CADC as directed. Assist in training of, and provide support to, Regional and Popular Forces. Coordinate local security of all organizations and units in battalion sector as assigned. Conduct pacification and civic action programs as directed. Be prepared to deploy as Division reserve as directed.

2. Casualties inflicted on the enemy

VC KL Confirmed	15
VC KL Probable	1
VC WL Confirmed	4
VC WL Probable	0
VCC	4
VCS	35
Ralliers	0

3. Casualties Sustained

KL	1
WL (Evac)	20
WL (Non Evac)	2
Non Battle	3

4. New Techniques Employed

a. Squad TAOR's are being designated within the company TAOR's for 2-2 1/2 days in order to occupy the terrain for a longer period of time, increasing the effectiveness of search and ambush.

b. The battalion will continue to train personnel in the use of the M/TPS-21.

c. A Man-Pack Personnel Detector Chemical has been received, and training for this piece of equipment is being set up at the present time.

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5. Command Relations

- a. On 1 February 1967, 2/7 command group chopped to C40C
- b. On 16 February 1967, 1st platoon "G" chopped to 1/5
- c. On 22 February 1967, 1st platoon "G" chopped from 1/5
- d. On 22 February 1967, 1st platoon "F" chopped from 7th Marines
- e. On 23 February 1967, "F" chopped to 3/7

6. Civic Action

a. The following items were given to the citizens of the Republic of Vietnam for Civic Action projects.

30 gals paint
3000 lbs cement

b. The following items were furnished for med cap in 2/7 T4OR.
Total number of persons assisted by med caps this month : 2392

25 gals Iodine
15 Gals Hydrogen Peroxide
10 gals Isopropyl Alcohol
2500 4x4 Gauze
1500 Band Aids
900 ft. Roller Gauze
3500 Units of Procaine Penicillin
2500 Vitamins (tablets)
1700 Chlortremeton (tablets)
7500 Aspirin (tablets)

c. Construction of Nuoc Mon Village Market Place has been completed and the following projects are in progress.

Construction of the Nuoc Mon Village Office
Painting of the Dispensary in Nuoc Mon
Construction of the Dispensary in Phu Le (3)
Restoration of the school located in Chau Tu (2)

d. The following are PsyWar Material issued.

900 Vietnamese newspapers
7000 Mine Reward leaflets distributed

English classes were not held this month due to school being dismissed for Tet (Vietnamese New Year).

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7. Personnel

- a. During the month of February, this battalion joined 2 officers and 59 enlisted personnel. Four officers and 120 enlisted were processed for rotation.
- b. Promotions by rank were 113 Cpls, 256 LCpls and 11 PFC's.
- c. Recommendations were made for 1 Silver Star, 4 Bronze Stars, 8 Navy Commendation Medals, and 1 Secretary of the Navy Achievement Award.
- d. 111 Marines were processed for R&R.

8. Intelligence

- a. On 12 February a squad patrol from Co B, located BS 497893, while moving through a rice paddy and moving to high ground, was hit by an estimated squad of VC. The squad returned fire and pursued the VC but lost contact. This was the largest VC unit engaged during the month. The South and Southwestern portions of the battalion's T&OR continue to be the focal point of contacts and sightings of VC elements.
- b. Immediately upon the termination of T&T, platoon size search and destroy operations were initiated in the South and Southwestern portions of the battalion's T&OR. It is believed that this action caught the VC by surprise, because during the three day period after T&T, that the operations were being conducted, there were a total of 8 VC KLa conf, 1 VC KLa Prob, 1 VC WL Conf, 10 VCs and 1 VCC. These figures represent approximately half the total VC casualties recorded for the month.

9. Weather had no adverse effect on operations during the month of February.

10. Fire Support

- a. During the reporting period, 15 observed fire missions were fired totaling 83 rounds of HE, 2 rounds of illumination, and 8 rounds of smoke.
- b. During the same period, 346 H&I missions were fired with a total of 1731 rounds fired.

11. Air Support

- a. There were a total of 27 helicopter requests during the month of February with 22 run. 15 of these requests were med evacs.
- b. No fixed wing aircraft were utilized within the T&OR.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

✓ T-1B - 8-3 Staff Journal

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Extracts from S-3 Journal

- 010800H 2/7 command group chopped to CMDC
- 021320H aerial recon of Bn T&OR for new officers was conducted.
- 5 Feb Kit Carson has been attached to Echo for anticipated 5-6 days to work with Echo units while on patrol
- 081215H 7E22 (Sqd + recon), BS 502889, observed VN following them. Patrol leader dispatched 2 Marines to check out VN. As Marines approached VN, he yelled something in VN, and pulled grenade from clothing, killing himself and wounding the 2 Marines. Requested med evac, completed at 1250h. Search of area disclosed 1 additional grenade (M-26) which was destroyed in place.
- 081430 1 squad Golf effected relief of 1 squad Echo on OP30, Ontos remained on station.
- 101345H S-3 and selected personnel made liaison visit to CLDG camps Gia Vuc and Ha Thanh, returned 1700h.
- 130930H 7E18 (FT recon), vic BS 584924, 1 VC dressed in black PJ bottoms and green shirt, armed with M-1 rifle jumped out of canefield and into dry stream bed approx 20-30 meters away. VC observed patrol and started to run. Fired 6 rds M-14, possible WL. VC circled patrol. Patrol fired 40 rds M-14, VC fell approx 40 meters away. Unable to find body, dispatched 1 squad and found 1 poncho with fresh blood, camouflaged hat, 1 green shirt, 2 trousers and propoganda leaflets.
- 131100H 7G5 (Squad (-) S&D), vic BS 479919, observed 2 VC with weapon on trail dressed in black PJ's. Ages approx 20 and 15 years old. Patrol fired 25 rds M-14, 2 VC KIA confirmed. Captured 2 carbines, 3 ChiCom grenades, 2 cartridge belts and 3 carbine magazines with 60 rounds.
- 141800H 7G1 (Squad (-) S&D), vic BS 511958, observed 5-6 VC wearing black PJ's with weapons, cartridge belts and packs when entering hamlet. VC commenced to flee upon observing patrol. Patrol fired approx 30 rds M-14 killing 1 VC and wounding 1 VC female (possible nurse). Pursued VC and searched area with negative results. Female 18 years old, both VC had ID card. VC female died. 1 M-1 carbine, 1 pack and 1 cartridge belt captured.
- 141800h 3rd platoon Fox helo lifted from La Dove to search for lost "Sparrow" missile. returned at 1930, with negative results.

- 151115H 3rd platoon F helilifted from LZ Down to search for lost missile, landed in objective area at 1130. Searched area with negative results. Picked up and landed in new zone at 1315. Searched area with negative results.
- 161500H 7G7 (Squad S&D), vic BS 524923, patrol observed 3 VN working in rice paddy. Moved to check ID cards, 1 VN attempted to flee, without success. Apprehended VN. Search revealed he had 2 ID cards which indicate he is 40, but VN looks much younger. VN also had other papers which appear to be tax rosters or pay roll. Will forward to Bn S-2 for further interrogation.
- 172400H At approx 0900, villagers at Phu Le (3) reported to Echo Combat base at BS 580928, that an estimated 30 VC, wearing green utilities and black PJ's carrying rifles, entered hamlet and assassinated 1 village elder.
- 190930H 7B28 (Plt S&D), vic BS 505895, received approx 75-80 rds semi and automatic carbine fire from 5-6 VC wearing black PJ's, vic BS 510892. Returned approx 45-50 rds M-14, 6 81mm mortars, called for and received 14 rds 105 with negative results. Found papers and documents, forwarded to Bn S-2.
- 211845H 7G1 (Squad (+) S&D), vic BS 504944, man stepped on pressure type booby trap. Moved to secure LZ and requested emergency med evac. Completed at 1940.
- 221030H Engrs at BS 574965, While attempting to blow dud M-26 with another M-26, Engr could not get spoon to pop. Picked up grenade and moved approx 30 meters, pulled on spoon and grenade detonated, killing Engr. Removed body to B&S, notified Engr Bn.
- 221815H 7B6B, reaction squad, vic BS 555906, at approx 1545, received call from S-3 to send unit to evaluate a artillery mission and search for diggings spotted by AO. Dispatched unit at 1610 to area in vic BS 558906. Unit made no contact on patrol, and was unable to locate diggings. Found 1 khaki VN uniform under haystack in hole vic BS 555906, picked up 2 VCS in area. 1 dressed in PJ's, approx 20-25 the other dressed in black PJ trousers and white top, age 20-25.
- 240215H 7F9 (PT ambush), vic BS 583955, PF fired on patrol as they were moving North on highway #1. 1 W.L. PF's and Marines recognized each other and ceased fire. Emergency med evac requested.

- [REDACTED]
- 241700H 7E16 (FT security), BS 543947, patrol from Phu Le (1) observed 1 VC with weapon. Point fired 5-6 rds, 1 VC KIA. Dispatched unit from CP to block in area. Patrol captured 1 M-14 (see spot report 220715H Jan 67), 1 M-14 magazine and 21 rds ammunition.
- 250830H S-3 and selected personnel made liaison visit to CIDG, Tra Bong, and returned 251030H.
- 251745H 7E20 (Squad S&D), vic BS 542905, received 15-20 rds carbine fire from unobserved VC. At 1810, patrol received another 15-20 rds carbine fire from approx 150 meters South, resulting in 1 WIA. Returned 40-50 rds 7.62 in vicinity of sniper. Boho Combat Base sent reaction squad to bring wounded marine back.
- 271750H 7G3 (Squad(+) S&D) vic BS 482932, cutting trail through brush and moving west detonated a booby trapped 81mm mortar round. When booby trap exploded radio operator was KIA and fell breaking handset on radio, squad leader was also WIA. Company CP sent a squad to locate and reestablish contact at 280830. S-2 called for A0 to assist in locating patrol at 1300. A0 arrived on station approximately 1400 sighting the two patrols. A0 reported one patrol carrying a body on a stretcher and called for MedEvac. MedEvac of KIA & WIA to B Med completed at 1520. Both units returned to combat base.