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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION	COMMANDER	
2nd Battalion, 7th Marines	LtCol N. A. NELSON LtCol M. H. LUGGER	(1-28 Apr) (29-30 Apr)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters and Service Company	1stLt D. D. DUVALL	(1-30 Apr)
Company E	1stLt A. J. CUTTAIA	(1-30 Apr)
Comapny F	Capt J. M. GREEN	(1-30 Apr)
Company G	Capt K. E. KRAMP Capt W. R. MURPHY	(1-26 Apr) (27-30 Apr)
Company H	Capt H. A. BAKER	(1-30 Apr)

ATTACHED UNITS

2. LOCATION.

1-21 April 1969 Operation OKLAHOMA HILLS.

22-30 April 1969, DAI LA PASS, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major R. B. ELDRIDGE	(1-30 Apr)
S-1	2ndLt J. L. MATIACK	(1-30 Apr)
S-2	1stLt G. E. WETMORE	(1-30 Apr)
S-3	Major J. L. STEELS	(1-30 Apr)
S-4	Capt T. LUKAWECZ	(1-30 Apr)
S-5	1stLt G. G. SPOLTER	(1-30 Apr)
Legal Officer	1stLt M. A. HENDERSON	(1-30 Apr)
Communicat[redacted]	1stLt D. E. WOOLLEN	(1-30 Apr)

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Air Liaison Officer	Capt M. E. SANDLIN Capt A. ZAKRZEWSKI	(1-13 Apr) (14-30 Apr)
Forward Air Control	Capt D. L. RUSSELL 1stLt J. D. BASHORE 1stLt F. A. BOZANICH	(1-11 Apr) (12-30 Apr) (1-30 Apr)
Supply Officer	1stLt A. M. URUSKI	(1-30 Apr)
Battalion Surgeon	Lt (MC) A. D. VATZ	(1-30 Apr)
Assistant Battalion Surgeon	Lt (MC) W. O. JAMES	(1-30 Apr)
Chaplain	Lt (CHC) B. LOVEJOY	(1-30 Apr)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
43	1153	3	57

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. The 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines was participating in Operation OKLAHOMA HILLS on the first of April. The operation had begun the previous day as the battalion moved out from Hill 22 and Hill 10 into the Sherwood Forest and Worth Ridge areas. The following days of the operation took the battalion through Hills 270, 310, 502, 785, 1025 and the surrounding vicinities.

2. Enemy activity was sporadic and disorganized, and amounted to contact with small groups of transient NVA as well as contact with well entrenched enemy positions. The enemy, firing at close quarters and then fleeing, accounted for 8 friendly KIA, while the NVA forces suffered 59 KIA.

3. The most significant events involving the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines included Echo's discovery of a large NVA Base Camp complex in the vicinity of AT811639. The complex consisted of an excess of 300 huts, bunkers, fighting holes, classrooms, mess halls, weapon repair facilities, etc. Captured in the complex, was a considerable amount of NVA equipment including clothing, individual and crew served weapons, munitions, etc. Golf found a similar, though not as large, complex in the vicinity of AT793637.

4. The remainder of the duration of Operation OKLAHOMA HILLS, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines continued to exploit and destroy NVA installations and caches. By 21 April, the mission having been successfully completed, the battalion was ordered to DAI LA PASS (LZ ROCK CRUSHER), to assume duties involving the security of the old TAOR and also the TAOR previously assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines.

5. At 0700 on 23 April, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines chopped OPCON to 26 Marines, assumed OPCON of Mike 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines and assumed their new mission. The various units deployed to their assigned areas of responsibility and continued to maintain these until 30 April, with only minor enemy activity reported.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Topics

a. Personnel and Administration

(1) During the reporting period 1-30 April 1969, the Battalion joined 3 officers, and 232 enlisted men. No officers and 62 enlisted men were processed for rotation.

(2) Promoted by grade were 1 to Sergeant Major, 3 to Gunnery Sergeant, 2 to Staff Sergeant, 16 to Sergeant, 3 to Cpl, 55 to LCpl, and 1 to PFC.

(3) Awards recommended during 1-30 April were 3 for the Silver Star, 6 for the Bronze Star, 13 for the Navy Commendation Medal, and 17 for the Navy Achievement Medal.

(4) Awards presented during 1-30 April are as follows: 2 Bronze Stars.

(5) Casualties sustained:

KIA - 8
WIA - 46
WIAMF - 34
NBC - 91

b. Enemy, Weather, and Terrain

(1) During the period 1 April to 30 April 1969, 43 incidents occured in the battalion areas of operation. Of these, 29 were initiated by the enemy as follows:

SA/ AW/ GN	19
Mines and Booby-traps	05
Terrorism	00
Rockets and Mortars	04

(2) The most significant event took place on 11 April, when Echo Company uncovered the 31st NVA Regimental base camp, vicinity AT 813637. The 31st NVA Regiment has long been a threat to the DaNang vital area. Even in light of the defeat it suffered during the Post-Tet Offensive of 1969, the Regiment still had the capabilities of re-grouping and resupplying in the haven of its base camp. However, after

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"Echo" uncovered an [illegible] the Regiment's capabilities as an effective combat unit were greatly reduced. Also, Echo and Golf Company, who discovered the western extremity, uncovered numerous weapons, ammunition, documents, and assorted gear. In order to be further exploited, the base camp area was occupied by an ARVN Unit. Surely, the 31st NVA Regiment must now locate a new haven before it can conduct operations in the DaNang vital area.

(3) Casualties inflicted upon the enemy:

Enemy KIA's	62
[illegible] KIA's	[illegible]
NVA KIA's	39
Detainees	01

(4) Weapons and Equipment captured or destroyed:

AK-47's	21
SKS's	13
Russian Sniper Rifle	01
K 44 Rifle	01
Springfield 0/3 Rifle	01
Mat 36 Rifle	02
Russian Burp Gun	01
M-1 Carbine	08
M-14	02
Russian Carbine	08
Russian Rifle	01
BAR	01
RPD Machinegun	10
RPG-2 Launcher	02
82mm Mortar (complete)	01
75mm RR (complete)	01
Chicom Grenades	352
Claymore Mines	05
Bangalore Torpedo	11
7.62mm Rounds	50,000
60mm Rounds	186
82mm Rounds	47
RPG-2 & RPG-7 Rounds	118
140mm Rocket Rounds	05
122mm Rocket Rounds	01
Land Line Telephones	04
Bear Traps	05
C-4	450 lbs.

(5) Contact with the enemy was still on the decrease since the Post-Tet Offensive of 1969. Even when the enemy's base camps were threatened, he declined to commit a strong force. Rather, he chose to employ [redacted]ing forces to allow the bulk of his troops to withdraw.

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(6) Due to the intense heat and frequent daytime fog, weather had an adverse effect on operations during the reporting period. Heat casualties increased over the previous reporting period and medevacs and resupply were hampered. Rainfall was negligible during the reporting period.

c. Organization and Operation

(1) Command Relations

(a) 230700 Chop OPCON 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines to 26th Marines

(b) 230700 Assume OPCON M Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines

(2) Fire Support

(a) During the month of April, 771 fire missions were fired in the TAOR and on Operation OKLAHOMA HILLS with a total of 3,121 HE and 201 WP rounds, and 1 CS round expended.

(b) There were also 973 H&I missions fired using a total of 4,670 rounds.

(3) Air Support

(a) The battalion submitted a total of 58 helicopter requests during the month of April with 51 of these being completed. There were 41 medevacs. The 7 incomplete missions were due to difficulties of terrain, weather and enemy activity, which made it necessary to resubmit or consolidate them the next day.

(b) During the same period, 37 CAS missions were flown, dropping a total of 145.5 tons of ordnance, utilizing D1's, D2's, D3's and 2.75" rockets. 29 AO sorties were flown, as well as one photo-reconnaissance mission and 13 night illumination missions.

(c) EOA's reported averaged 94 percent of ordnance on target, covering 88 percent of target areas, including 20 large secondary explosions, 4 minor explosions, 2 structures destroyed and 4 KBA.

d. Plans

(1) The 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines will continue to aggressively patrol and ambush within the TAOR, and will continue to defend those fixed positions and facilities assigned by reference (d).

(2) The battalion will remain ready to deploy a reaction squad on fifteen minutes notice, and a platoon on thirty minutes notice.

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(3) Su[illegible] and CAP's within our TAOR is planned to continue as in the past.

(4) The Battalion S-2 Scouts are being brought back up to full strength. It is planned that they will soon be conducting long range, extended patrols.

e. Training

(1) During the period 1 thru 30 April 1969, training in formal classes was sharply reduced due to participation in Operation OKLAHOMA HILLS. Some informal classes were held at the squad level however. Prior to patrols and sweeps, classes (primarily review, questions and answer periods) were held.

(2) The below Formal Schools were attended:

SCHOOL	NUMBER ATTENDED
Basic Infantry Weapons Repair School	1
Kit Carson Orientation Course	1
Embarkation School	1

(3) There were also a total of 3 Marine officers and 232 Marine enlisted indoctrinated during the month of April.

f. Logistics, Equipment and Supply

(1) General. During the period of 1 April to the 21st of April 1969, the battalion was committed on operation OKLAHOMA HILLS, general logistic support was provided by the Logistic Support Area at Hill 55, 7th Marines Regimental Headquarters. The following representatives from the battalion were responsible for providing repairmen, ammunition technician, radio technician, motor transport personnel and assigned working parties. There was a total of 106 lifts provided for Operation OKLAHOMA HILLS. During the period of 22 to 30 April 1969, the following resupplies were provided by external helicopter lifts upon request from using units:

Class I	MTI	64 cases
	Water	625 gallons
	Trioxane	2 case
Class II	Sandbags Pack	1 ea.
Class V	Heat 106 RR	5 cases
	Hept 106 RR	10 cases
	Beehive 106 RR	5 cases

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(2) During the period covered by this report, the following projects have been completed and/or initiated:

(a) 4[illegible] long back seats
(b) 11 urinals
(c) 10 four hole heads
(d) 250 man mess-hall at Hill 22 nearing completion.
(e) Work on the 500 man mess-hall at DAI LA continuing but progressing very slowly.
(f) Work has commenced on the tower for the water distribution point at DAI LA PASS.

(3) Transportation. The battalion at the present time is experiencing no significant problems with organic vehicles, however, there is a problem in the 5 TAD housekeeping trucks assigned to this unit. Since the battalion has assumed responsibility for two (2) TAOR's, it is imperative that three (3) additional trucks be assigned for the battalions use. Although two (2) trucks have been made available on a day-to-day basis, this is inadequate due to the fact that commitments cannot be made on a permanent basis. To give the required support, this unit is in need of three (3) additional housekeeping trucks on a permanent basis.

(4) Embarkation. The embarkation situation is constantly being improved by updating of Meds Data Cards and unit cargo manifests being submitted and updated by organizational units.

(5) Equipment. The following items of equipment have been turned in for repairs at 1st FSR DaNang RVN for the period covered by this report:

(a) Weapons:	[illegible] M[illegible]	2 ea.
	M-60 Machine Gun	2 ea.
	60mm Mortar	1 ea.
	Starlight Scope	1 ea.
(b) Communication Equipments:		
	PSR 1	2 ea.
	PRC 4	7 ea.
	URM 127	1 ea.
	GR 505	1 ea.
	AN/GRA 32	1 ea.
	TA 312	2 ea.
(c) Engineer Equipments:		
	chain saw	1 ea.
(d) Office Machinery:		2 ea.

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(6) Supply

(a) General. The overall supply situation is improving. All T/E and S/A deficiencies have been ordered. The following shortages were experienced for the period covered by this report: Field protective mask, bayonets, body armor upper torso, water cans, entrenching tools, entrenching tool covers, and tool kit AN/USM-15.

g. Civic Action/Civil Affairs (Personal Response)

(1) Self-help projects submitted/planned during April 1969.

(a) Projects are now the responsibility of the individual village councils.

(2) MedCaps/DentCaps.

(a) MedCaps
1. No MedCaps/DentCaps were conducted by the S-5 due to Operation OKLAHOMA HILLS.

(3) Material Assistance.

(a) Orphanages
1. Material
a. None

(b) Schools
1. Material
a. None

(c) Dispensaries
1. Material
a. $100.00 medical materials

(4) Noteworthly Accomplishments.

(a) Medical
1. MedCaps in this area were conducted by 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines. Child with serious heart condition still undergoing treatment by specialists at NSA Childrens' Hospital.

(5) Personal Response.

(a) No Personal Response Lectures were held due to Operation OKLAHOMA HILLS.

(b) 3 indoctrination lectures, duration of 15 minutes each, were presented to approximately 200 incoming battalion personnel.

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h. Psychological Operations.

(1) HB and HE employment.

(a) HB team-sound broadcast
1. April 10, Phu Ha to announce MedCap

(2) Additional HE and HB team employment not held due to the Battalion being in the field and 2/26 conducting Civic Action in our CAAOR.

(3) Rewards Programs.

(a) VIP Funds Expended for April 1969:

26 April-Paid 5,000$VN to VN Children for 11 Chicoms, 3 Claymores, 2 60mm rounds, and 1 bouncing betty mine.
26 April-Paid 1800$VN to VN Children for 5 60mm rounds, 5 M79 H.E., and 2 Chicoms.
28 April-Paid 2500$VN to VN children for 1 Chicom, 2 M26's, 3 60mm H.E. rounds, 4 40mm H.E., 30 rounds of 30 cal. ammo., 3 m1 Carbine Mag., 1 M16 Mag., 3 12 Ga. shells.
29 April-Paid 2050$VN to VN Children for 2 US Claymores, 1 M26, 1 Chicom, 1 M16 Mag. with 17 rounds.
30 April-Paid 1000$VN to VN Children for 1 82mm round w/fuse.
30 April-Paid 1000$VN to VN Children for 3 M16 mag with rounds, 7 M1 Carbine mag with rounds, 1 Chinese Pineapple frag nimms fuse, and 1 belt of 100 30 cal. rounds.

Amount Issued	Amount Expended	Balance
80,000$VN	13,350$VN	66,650$VN

(4) Leaflet Distribution.

(a) Air Distribution

Sector Number#

1. 927/9473 9275/9475	3. 8875/9075 8872/9072	5. 8275/8475 8272/8472	7. 8778/8978 8776/8976
2. 9075/9275 9072/9272	4. 8575/8875 8572/8872	6. 9078/9278 9076/9276	8. 8580/8780 8577/8777
	9. 8576/8976 8574/8974	10. 8179/8479 8176/8476	

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Date	Leaflet Number	Broadcast	Sector
1 April	7-713-68	Chieu Hoi	7,8
2	SP2743	Pro GVN	1,10
3	7-435-68	"	1,5
4	73B	Rewards	9,10
5	7-698-68	NVA Campaign	7,8
6	SP2564	"	3,4
7	7-222-68	Chieu Hoi	9,10
8	SP2743	"	2,6
9	7-541-68	"	3,4
10	7-434-68	Anti-VC	1,5
11	7-226-68	"	9,10
12	7-557-68	"	7,8
13	SP2733	Pro GVN	5,6
14	SP2727	"	3,4
15	73 B	Rewards	3,10
16	SP2564	NVA Campaign	5,7
17	73 B	Rewards	1,9
18	SP2743	Chieu Hoi	5,8
19	7-431-68	"	3,7
20	7-541-68	"	4,6
21	SP2609	NVA Campaign	2,6
22	7-434-68	Anti VC	5,10
23	7-226-68	"	3,4
24	7-387-68	Pro GVN	6,9
25	SP2316	"	8,9
26	SP2733	"	1,2
27	73 B	Rewards	5,6
28	SP2568	NVA Campaign	7,10
29	7-528-68	"	3,4
30	SP2825	Chieu Hoi	2,9

(b) Hand Distribution. Hand distribution was conducted by 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines during the month of April.

i. Communications.

(1) Towards the end of March, communications in support of Operation OKLAHOMA HILLS was provided in an efficient manner. All nets were initiated without any difficulty. A battalion rear net was established using the alternate Bn Tac frequency. Relay was necessary on the Bn Tac on occasion and the Bn rear was utilized for this function. Limited internal wire communications was provided when the command group was in a static position or extended halt.

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(2) Wire radio relay communication was maintained with the Battalion Command Post while the "A" Command was in the field. The PCC-1 multichannel relay system was utilized to link telephone communications to 7th Marines, providing four voice channels.

(3) The teletype cable was patched over to a TRC-97 channel to provide more reliable service from the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines to the 7th Marines. The TRC-97 multichannel system allowed for a stronger and more consistent signal output.

(4) Communications during the displacement from the field to the Battalion Command Post at DAI LA PASS was continuous and efficient. A buried 25-pair cable to 26th Marines provides all land line service to the regiment. A wire pair from the buried cable was utilized for teletype traffic to 26th Marines. The message center has the circuit capability installed to transmit and receive cryptographically covered teletype from 7th Marines and also from the 26th Marines. All tactical radios are remoted from Hill 44 with the exception of the cryptographic net to regiment.

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