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

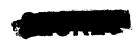
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# COMILIND CHRONOLOGY 122200W to 292400H February 1968

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## ORGANIZATION DATA

l.	DESIGNATION	CO-MANDER	PERIOD
	lst Battalion, 27th Marines	LtCol John E. GREENWOOD	12-29Feb68

### SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company	lstLt N. B. CENTERS lstLt J. A. HAND	12-28Feb68 29Feb-
Company A	Capt J. C. PANTHER	12-29Feb68
Company B	lstLt R. H. JENKINS Capt R. L. LLEN	12-28Feb68 29Feb-
Company C	Capt M. T. FARMER	12 <b>-</b> 29F <sub>e</sub> b68
Company D	Capt R. J. KAHLER	12 <b>-</b> 29Feb68

## 2. LOCATION

12Feb	-	23Feb:	USS VANCOUVER			
12Feb	-	27Feb:	USS BEXAR			
12Feb	-	28Feb:	USS WASHBURN			
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## 3. STAFF OFFICERS

	Executive Officer	Maj F. P. ELLER Jr.	12 <b>-</b> 29Feb68
	S-1	Capt B. MELION 1stLt K. W. SCHENCK	12-28Feb68 29Feb-
	S-2	CWO P. W. MURPHY Capt V. T. SWEENEY	12-28Feb68 29Feb-
	S3	Maj R. A. FREEMAN Capt R. J. GRUENBERG	12-28Feb68 29Feb-
	<b>5-4</b>	lstLt R. ADAMS Capt M. A. HANSON	12-23Feb68 24-29Feb68
	S <b>-</b> 5	2ndLt C. J. MILUM	26-29Feb68
	Communication Officer	Capt R. L. ALLEN	12 <b>-</b> 29Feb68
٠.	Motor Transport Officer	letLt R. A. BARR	12-28Feb68

2ndLt s. D. ANDERSON 29Feb-ENCLOSURE (1)

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Supply Officer

Capt M. A. HANSON

12-29Feb68

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STHENGTH. Upon receipt of reference (d) average monthly strength was as follows:

USMC		USN		
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	
40	1254	4	88	



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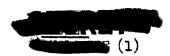




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#### N.RR.TIVE SUMM.RY

- Prior to 10 February 1968, 1st Battalion (Rein), 27th Marines was. located at Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe, Oahu Hawaii. On 10 February 1968, approximately half of the command, then organized as a Battalion Landing Team, departed Hawaii aboard the USS V.NCOUVER to be followed by the remaining on 12 February 1968 aboard the USS BEXAR and USS WASHBURN enroute to Okinawa. The battalion was scheduled for a four month deployment which was to have involved two periods of training on Okinawa and participation in Operation Former Champ in Taiwan and Operation Tanaraw in the Philippines. References (d) and (e) cancelled participation in the combined exercises and diverted the BLT to Vietnam for duty. The first element aboard the USS V.NCOUVER arrived at Danang on 23 February 1968 consisting of H&S Company (-), Company C, and Company D. The remaining elements arrived at Danang at intervals. The USS BEXAR arrived at Danang on 27 February 1968 consisting of H&S Company (-), Company A, and Company B. The USS WASHBURN arrived 28 February 1968 with H&S Company (-) embarked. Upon arrival the BLT was deactivated in accordance with references (f) and (g) and attachments reverted to command of like type units in country.
- 2. Upon arrival in Vietnam the Battalion was assigned to the 27th Marines. The present command post was immediately set up in an established camp located in the vicinity of Dong Son #2, AT992677. Initially, camp facilities were jointly occupied with the 27th Marines Headquarters and the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines. Presently the camp is shared only with the 27th Marines Headquarters and a small rear echelon of the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines. The bulk of that Battalion having been transferred to the Hue area.
- 3. With the impending threat of a second TET offensive, the Battalion immediately commenced joint operations with elements of the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines. After a very short period of indoctrination patrols, the Battalion commenced patrol activity on its own. Considerable command attention has been directed towards the north east sector of the TAOR as a result of its history as an infiltration route. To counter any possible infiltration, 1st Marine Division has directed that a company be maintained in the Con Dau area.



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## SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

L. Personnel and Administration. BLT 1/27 had not deployed from Hawaii with Vietnam as its destination. As a remalt nearly 400 members of the command were non-qualified for duty there once firm deployability criteria were announced. Identifying these nondeployables, processing requests for deferred assignments, obtaining waivers, etc. were major problems encountered between receipt of reference (d) and arrival in Vietnam. Their resolution was greatly hampered by the three way split of the command and the separation of many personnel from their records due to the semi-tectical embarkation.

#### a. Personnel Losses and Gains for February 1968

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- b. Pay and Allowances. Satisfactory
- c. Postal. Satisfactory
- d. Post Exchange. A small exchange is located in 27th Marines CP and will open the first week of March 1968.
- e. <u>Religious Services</u>. Weekly Protestant services are conducted by the Battalion Chaplain in the 27th Marines Cr Chapel. Catholic mass is celebrated by visiting chaplains in the same area. Arrangements have been made for Jewish personnel to attend services in DaNang.

#### 2. Enemy, Weather and Terrain

- a. <u>Summary of Enemy activity</u>. No VC/NVA initiated incidents. No mining/surprise explosive devices during February. Total enemy personnel and equipment losses were:
  - (1) Personnel: 0

    KIA: 0

    POW's 0

    Civil Defendents: 0
  - (2) Equipment: 3 31 Cal rounds 1 Gas Mask

1 - Eating utensil

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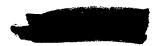




- b. <u>Surveillance and Reconnaissance</u>. <u>Surveillance and reconnaissance</u> sources were employed with reasonable good tactical results. There were 84 hours of aerial reconnaissance flown over the TACR.
- c. Weather and Terrain. Weather for the month was generally fair. High and low temperatures were 83 and 62 degrees respectively while humidity ranged in the mid 70 s. Visibility remained generally from 6 to 8 miles. Total precipitation for the month was .01 inches. The terrain remained generally good for foot and vehicular traffic, with the exception of some of the rice paddy areas.
- 3. Operations. Commencing the 27th through 29 February 1968, routine patrols and ambushes and perimeter defense were conducted.
- 4. <u>Training</u>. The command has conducted intensive training in familiarization, care and cleaning, and safety of the M-16 rifle. In addition, instruction given by the 1st Marine Division instructors has commenced, of subjects noted below:
  - a. Land Mine Warfare
  - b. Peculiar Terminology and Reports
  - c. Riverine Operations
  - d. LAAW
  - e. Tactical Security (Offensive and Defensive)
  - f. Supporting Arms and FO Procedures
  - g. Personal Response (Vietnam Background)
  - h. Civic Action
  - i. Combat Intelligence
  - j. Chemical Warfare
  - k. Motor Convoy Security
  - 1. Rules of Engagement
  - m. Enemy Tactics

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## ANNEX A

1st Battalion, 27th Marines Chronology