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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 August 1968 to 31 August 1968

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ENCLOSURE (1)

PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein)	Lt. Col. R. H. THOMPSON 1-4 August 1968 Maj. L. A. WUNDERLICH 5 August 1968 Lt. Col. R. F. DALEY 6-31 August 1968
H&S Company	1st Lt. R. N. WARR 1-31 August 1968
Company A	1st Lt. S. A. NELSON 1-31 August 1968
Company B	1st Lt. J. S. PIPKIN 1-8 August 1968 Capt. G. C. LAWRY 9-31 August 1968
Company C	Capt J. P. CAYNAK 1-31 August 1968
Company D	Capt. M. L. BRANDTNER

2. LOCATIONS

1-31 August 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines participated in Operation "EMERALD THRUST" in the southern part of Dai Loc and the northern part of Duc Duc Districts in the Quan Nam Province.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj. L. A. WUNDERLICH 1-31 August 1968
S-1 Officer/Adjutant	1st Lt. T. E. HOWARD 1-31 August 1968

S-2 Officer

Cy Sgt J. A. WOODS
1-5 August 1968
1st Lt. B. G. WELCH
6-31 August 1968

S-3 Officer

Maj. C. E. OAKLEY
1-8 August 1968
Maj. L. A. WUNDERLICH
9-31 August 1968

S-4 Officer

1st Lt. J. IMLAH
1-2 August 1968
Capt. C. N. ADAMS
26-31 August 1968

S-5 Officer

1st Lt. D. V. SHERIN
1-5 August 1968
1st Lt. B. G. WELCH
6-31 August 1968

Medical Officer

Lt. C. E. CREACH (USNR)
1-31 August 1968

Supply Officer

1st Lt. L. MALL
1-31 August 1968

Motor Transport Officer

2nd Lt. R. M. MCDOWELL
1-31 August 1968

Assistant Adj/Legal Officer

1st Lt. R. F. WEBB
1-31 August 1968

Chaplain

Lt. M. H. ROBERTS (USN)
1-31 August 1968

Air Liaison Officer

Capt. R. T. TAYLOR
1-4 August 1968
Capt. E. KUNN
5-31 August 1968

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
30	1007

<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
3	53

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

a. Strength. The Battalion's strength at the beginning of the month was 29 officers and 997 enlisted. On 15 August the strength had changed to 31 officers and 1009 enlisted. By the end of August the strength was 30 officers and 1134 enlisted. At this time there are 3 officers and 61 enlisted hospitalized. Joinings during the month were 8 officers and 299 enlisted.

b. Discipline, Law, and Legal. No Summary Court-Martials and no Special Court-Martials were convened during August. There is, however, one Special Court-Martial still to be processed. During August three investigations were completed, and none pending.

c. POW/Detainees. There were 29 detainees processed during the month.

d. Morale. Morale and fighting spirit continued to be excellent.

e. Postal. Postal service continued at the same degree of excellence.

f. Awards. During August one Bronze Star, one Silver Star, and six Certificates signed by the Secretary of the Navy were forwarded to members of this Command. Numerous recommendations for awards were submitted for heroism and meritorious service.

g. Interior Management. Administrative procedures and proficiency continued to be excellent.

2. ENEMY, WEATHER AND TERRAIN. This portion of the Command Chronology will be included in the After Action Report at the completion of Operation "MAMELUKE THRUST".

3. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

a. Organization. The organization of the Battalion remained substantially the same throughout the month of August.

b. Operations. The Battalion continued to participate in Operation "MAMELUKE THRUST" throughout the month of August and continues into the month of September.

c. Supporting Arms. Air; Artillery; Engineers and Shore Party (BST), supported the Battalion throughout the month of August and continues into September. This portion of the Command Chronology will be covered in the After Action Report of "MAMELUKE THRUST" at its completion.

4. TRAINING

a. The following training was conducted during the month:

- (1) Weapons Safety
- (2) Weapons Inspection, Care and Cleaning
- (3) Field Fortifications
- (4) Tactical and Protective wire
- (5) Weapons Zeroing M-16

b. Replacement personnel received five (5) days training at 5th Marines Headquarters prior to being committed to the field.

c. The battalion continued to utilize schools provided by higher headquarters. During the month 25 members of the Battalion attended schools in the DaNang area and Okinawa.

5. LOGISTICS. This portion of the Command Chronology will be included in the After Action Report at the completion of Operation "MAMELUKE THRUST".

6. CIVIL AFFAIRS

During this reporting period the Battalion has worked with the people of Phu Da II. A total of seven homes were destroyed in Phu Da II, and numerous other buildings were in need of roof repairs. The Battalion supported Phu Da II through the village chief with the following materials: 284 sheets of plywood; 240 sheets of plastic (for water proofing); 20 trailer loads of scrap lumber (to be used for fire wood); and 32 wooden 105mm ammunition boxes.

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The villagers seemed to be quite pleased with the material, the homes that were destroyed consisted of scrap material and C-ration boxes.

Two solatium payments were made by the S-5 for two children which were killed during the month by friendly fire.

7. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS

Good relationship between the Marines and villagers now exist. During this period the village chief turned over to the Battalion S-5 1 magazine with ammunition for an AK-47 and one ChiCom grenade.

A total of 150 Chieu Hoi balls were given to the village children.

8. COMMUNICATIONS. This portion of the Command Chronology will be included in the After Action Report at the completion of Operation "MAMELUKE THRUST".

9. SIGNIFICANT CASUALTIES INFLICTED OR SUSTAINED; VC CAPTURED.

a. Friendly Casualties USMC. This portion of the Command Chronology will be included in the After Action Report at the completion of Operation "MAMELUKE THRUST".

b. Enemy Casualties. This portion of the Command Chronology will be included in the After Action Report at the completion of Operation "MAMELUKE THRUST".

10. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY ORDNANCE CAPTURED DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1968.

a. Weapons captured. This portion of the Command Chronology will be included in the After Action Report at the completion of Operation "MAMELUKE THRUST".

b. Ordnance Captured. This portion of the Command Chronology will be included in the After Action Report at the completion of Operation "MAMELUKE THRUST".

11. SIGNIFICANT MUNITIONS CAPTURED/FOUND AND DESTROYED DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1968. This portion of the Command Chronology will be included in the After Action Report at the completion of Operation "MAMELUKE THRUST".

12. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY EQUIPMENT CAPTURED DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1968. This portion of the Command Chronology is included in the After Action Report at the completion of Operation "MAMELUKE THRUST".

13. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY CAVES, TUNNELS, BUILDINGS AND FORTIFICATIONS DESTROYED DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1968.

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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