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1st Marine Division (Reinforced), FMF
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To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Reinforced), FMF
(Attn: Field Historian)

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 December 1968 to 31 December 1968

Ref: (a) DivO 5750.2B

Encl: ✓(1) Headquarters Battalion Command Chronology for December 1968

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 December 1968 to 31 December 1968

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Headquarters Battalion (Rein), 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF	W. S. FAGAN, Colonel	1-31 Dec

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Communication Company	Maj C. J. MCDONALD, JR.	1-31 Dec
Headquarters Company	Capt P. C. A. GRAUERT	1-31 Dec
Military Police Company	LtCol W. P. GORSKI	1-31 Dec
Service Company	Capt K. J. CHANDLER	1-31 Dec

ATTACHED UNITS

1st Dental Company	Capt J. W. PENTECOST, USN	1-31 Dec
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2. LOCATION

1-31 December 1968, DA NANG TAOR, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

EXECUTIVE OFFICER	LtCol R. B. RANCK	1-31 Dec
ADJUTANT	CWO-2 H. S. HALE	1-31 Dec
OPNS/ED/PROG O	Maj F. P. ELLER, JR.	1-31 Dec
LOGS O	Maj R. L. BOVERSOK	1-31 Dec
SUPPLY	Capt W. T. BASCHNAGEL	1-31 Dec
MOTOR TRANSPORT O	1stLt G. A. BRUCE	1-31 Dec
LEGAL O	CWO-2 H. S. HALE	1-31 Dec
CAO	1stLt D. CALDWELL	1-20 Dec
EMBARK O	CWO-2 H. S. HALE	21-31 Dec
SPECIAL SERVICES O	1stLt D. CALDWELL	1-20 Dec
MEDICAL O	1stLt F. S. WILSON	21-31 Dec
CHAPLAIN	1stLt B. A. FRYHOVER	1-31 Dec
	Lt H. A. BENLER, USN	1-31 Dec
	Cdr A. W. ROBERTSON	1-6 Dec
	Lt P. J. O'ROURKE, USN	7-31 Dec

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USMC		USN		OTHER	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
232	1827	35	80	1	0

PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. TRAINING

- a. Fifty-seven Marines attended the Orientation and Indoctrination classes.
- b. Forty-three Marines attended the familiarization firing with the M-16 rifle.
- c. Nine Marines attended formal schools in the month of December.

2. COMMAND POST SECURITY

- a. A total of twenty-seven daylight security patrols were conducted around the Division Command Post.
- b. A total of three night security patrols/ambushes were conducted around the Division Command Post.

3. CIVIC ACTION

- a. Headquarters Battalion sponsored eight MedCaps and four DentCaps in the hamlet of Hoa My, treating 660 and 52 persons, respectively.
- b. Headquarters Battalion Team conducted the following Civic Action efforts in the hamlet of Hoa My:
 - (1) The Civic Action NCO presented seven General Walt Scholarships to the students of Hoa My hamlet on 6 December 1968.
 - (2) The Executive Officer of Headquarters Battalion and the Civic Action NCO attended the dedication of the Hoa My Catholic School and Church on 15 December 1968.
 - (3) The Commanding Officer of Headquarters Battalion and the Civic Action NCO distributed approximately 300 Christmas toys, 150 boxes of ice cream, 100 cartons of milk, and 150 pounds of clothing at the Hoa My Catholic School Christmas party on 24 December 1968. In the afternoon, the Commanding Officer, Headquarters Battalion and the Civic Action NCO distributed 1000 Christmas toys and 100 pounds of candy and cookies to the school children of Hoa My hamlet.

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c. First Dental Company Civic Action. Each dental officer coordinates his civic action program with the Medical Civic Action program of the unit to which he is responsible for performing dental treatment.

(1) Treatment rendered during the month of December 1968 in the Civic Action Program:

Examinations.....	274
Extractions.....	294
Root Residual Removal.....	13
Oral Hygiene Instructions.....	274

TOTAL PROCEDURES ON VIETNAMESE PATIENTS.....855
TOTAL VIETNAMESE PATIENTS.....285

(2) Maxillo-facial injuries treated during the month of December 1968:

None.

d. On 14 December 1968, the company dental officers attended the monthly meeting of the I Corps Dental Society at the U. S. Army 95th Evacuation Hospital.

4. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS consisted of hand distribution of leaflets promoting "VCI", "VIP", "Rewards" and "Support GVN" themes.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1-6 Dec Division Photographic Section provided four personnel to cover operation MEADE RIVER.

1-12 Dec Communication Company provided a radio relay team to the 7th Marines.

1-20 Dec Communication Company provided a radio relay team to the 3rd AMTRAC Bn.

1-22 Dec Communication Company provided a radio relay team to the 7th Marines.

1-22 Dec Communication Company provided a radio relay team to the 5th Marines.

1-22 Dec Communication Company provided a radio relay team to the 37th Signal Battalion.

1-24 Dec Communication Company provided a radio relay team to the 37th Signal Battalion.

1-31 Dec Communication Company provided a radio relay team to the 5th Marines.

1-31 Dec Communication Company provided a radio relay team to the 7th Marines.

3-13 Dec Military Police Company, in coordination with 7th Engineers, FLC, and artillery units, wired off and posted 4 trash dumps in the areas near these units. This resulted in about 40 prostitutes, plus black market and marijuana peddlers being denied access to these areas.

3-21 Dec Communication Company provided a radio retransmission team to the 7th Marine Pass.

4 Dec Received 10 M1041 vehicles to replace 5 M151A1 vehicles attached to the 1st Platoon YANKEE.

9 Dec Headquarters Unit moved out to An Hoa. Headquarters Battalion provided support with vehicles and all mount out gear.

9 Dec Patrol received 6 rounds of inaccurate sniper fire while returning from patrol. No casualties.

11 Dec Patrol duty hired by local Vietnamese for grass cutting and general labor.

11 Dec Twenty Marines attended Battalion Orientation and Indoctrination training in the Battalion classroom.

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11-12 Dec Communication Company provided a maintenance contact team to the 3rd AMTRAC Bn.

12 Dec Ten Marines attended the Headquarters Battalion Familiarization Firing with the M-16 rifle.

12-31 Dec Communication Company provided a radio relay team to the 7th Marines.

13-18 Dec Communication Company provided a maintenance contact team to An Hoa.

14 Dec Communication Company provided a maintenance contact team to the 3rd AMTRAC Bn.

14 Dec Observation posts vicinity AF930767 and AF935765 received undetermined amount of small arms fire. Observed 10 enemy. Fire was returned. No friendly casualties. Search of area revealed negative results.

15-31 Dec Military Police Company worked in conjunction with MCB-12 to route traffic while a 5 kilometer section of route 14 was blacktopped.

15-31 Dec A team of MPs was sent to An Hoa to analyze a request submitted by Task Force YANKEE for traffic control in An Hoa.

17-18 Dec Communication Company provided a maintenance contact team to An Hoa.

20 Dec Headquarters Battalion participated in the Change of Command Ceremony, during which Major General SIMPSON relieved Major General YOUNGDALE as CG of the 1st Marine Division.

20-21 Dec Communication Company provided a maintenance contact team to 3rd AMTRAC Bn.

21 Dec Communication Company provided a radio retransmission team to Hai Van Pass.

21-24 Dec Communication Company provided a radio retransmission team to Hai Van Pass.

21 Dec Dial system was instituted this date.

21-31 Dec Communication Company provided a radio relay team to the 3rd AMTRAC Bn.

22 Dec Three suspected 60mm mortar rounds impacted on ridgeline to the

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southeast of the Division CP. Appeared to have been fired from southwest. Dispatched patrol. Villagers reported 100 VC had been in the area the night before (in 3/26 TACR).

22 Dec Set Condition III. Reaction Company mustered and kept on stand-by throughout the night.

22-31 Dec Communication Company provided a radio relay team to the 5th Marines.

22-31 Dec Communication Company provided a radio relay team to the 7th Marines.

22-31 Dec Communication Company provided a radio relay team to the 37th Signal Battalion.

23 Dec Approximately 8-10 rockets were heard to pass over defensive positions along the ridgeline south of the Division CP. Rockets impacted in village to east of Freedom Hill area and at Da Nang Airbase.

24 Dec Communication Company provided a radio retransmission team to Hai Van Pass.

24 Dec Ambush patrol observed one VC while moving into night ambush position. Delivered fire. Unknown results.

24 Dec Military Police Company, in conjunction with 3rd MP Battalion, handled traffic control for Operation Holly (Bob Hope Show) plus the visits of Dr. Billy Graham and Archbishop Cooke.

24-31 Dec Communication Company provided a radio relay team to the 37th Signal Battalion.

24-31 Dec A team of 8 MP's were assigned to Liberty Bridge, in the 5th Marine TACR, for traffic control.

26-31 Dec Division Photographic Section provided four personnel to cover operation TAYLOR COMIC.

26 Dec Thirty-seven Marines attended Battalion Orientation and Indoctrination training in battalion classroom.

27 Dec Thirty-three Marines attended the Headquarters Battalion Familiarization Firing with the M-16 rifle.

27-29 Dec Communication Company provided a radio retransmission team to 1st MW.

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28 Dec Dempster dumpsters were placed throughout cantonment for use starting 1 January 1969.

29 Dec Twenty-three Marines attended instruction in handling of Claymore mines.

30 Dec Received speakers and tape decks for use in messhalls during meals.

PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

✓ Subsector "B" daily journal.

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1STMARDIV (REIN), FMF
FROM 1 December 1968 0700

TO 2 December 1968 0700

TIME		SER NO	INCIDENTS, MSG'S, LTR'S ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT			M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
0700		1	Leg opened.	S
1415		2	DEER LODGE PAPA departed on patrol.	TM
1536		3	Called NSDC to pre-clear XY394Z, XY396Z, XY399Z, XY432Z, XY433Z, XY435Z, XY436Z, XY439Z, XY319Z, and XY120Z.	S
1650		4	DEER LODGE PAPA returned from patrol - NEG results.	TM
1800		5	Set Condition III. All units notified.	S
1930		6	NSDC cleared all illumination except XY319Z and XY120Z (see 1536 entry).	S
2110		7	Bond Sector reported hearing movement approximately 50-75 meters in front of position A-1 (vicinity AT 968741). Fire delivered and movement ceased. Illumi- nation requested. Moved Searchlight Team to area. Submitted Spot Report to NSDC.	S
0600		8	Set Condition IV.	S
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TO 3 December 1968 0700

TIME		SER NO	INCIDENTS, MSG'S, LTR'S ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT			
0700		1	Log opened.	S
0930		2	OFF SPRING PAPA departed on patrol.	TM
1125		3	OFF SPRING PAPA returned - NEG results.	TM
1550		4	Called NSDC to pre-clear XY394Z, XY396Z, XY399Z, XY432Z, XY433Z, XY435Z, XY436Z, XY439Z, XY319Z, and XY120Z.	S
1640		5	NSDC called to clear illumination canister impacts for the following coordinates: 962731, 962730, 960732, 961730, 956731, 958728, 950738, 928752, 948726, 947726, 923765, 925762, 944733, and 922761. Clearance granted.	S
1800		6	Set Condition III - All units notified.	S
2010		7	GySgt LARAMIE called from NSDC - All illumination requests were cleared except XY433Z.	S
2120		8	GySgt LARAMIE called from NSDC and relayed the following intelligence report from FLC COC - "B35 rocket battery at AT 866864 has moved to AT 854777. They have 2 rocket launchers and 12 rockets. They will shoot for Hoa Quan at AT 971793 and the Logistics Command and the American installation at AT 9282. 022025 Nov 68 F-6 rating"	S
0600		9	Set Condition IV. All units notified.	S
0700		10	Log closed.	S

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TIME		SER NO	INCIDENTS, MSG'S, LTR'S ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT			M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
0700		1	Log opened.	S
1315		2	BENCH MARK PAPA departed on patrol.	TM
1515		3	BENCH MARK PAPA returned - NEG results.	TM
1555		4	Called NSDC to pre-clear XY394Z, XY396Z, XY399Z, XY432Z, XY433Z, XY435Z, XY436Z, XY439Z, XY319Z, and XY120Z.	S
1800		5	Set Condition III - All units notified.	S
1830		6	Illumination cleared by NSDC (see 1555 entry).	S
1925		7	NSDC requested clearance for illumina- tion cannister impact at AT 941735. Clearance granted.	S
2230		8	Notified of accident on Security Platoon ridge line road near position D-4. Ambu- lance dispatched to area. A vehicle had flipped over - one casualty w/broken leg. Injuries to other passenger un- known. Both taken to 1st Hospital Com- pany. MP Company notified and sent in- vestigator. OD notified.	S
0600		9	Set Condition IV. All units notified.	S
0700		10	Log closed.	S
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TIME		SER NO	INCIDENTS, MSG'S, LTR'S ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT			M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
0700		1	Log opened.	S
0910		2	MUSK OX PAPA departed on patrol.	T
1325		3	MUSK OX PAPA returned from patrol. NEG- ATIVE results.	T
1515		4	Called NSDC to preclear XY394Z, XY396Z, XY399Z, XY432Z, XY433Z, XY435Z, XY436Z, XY439Z, XY319Z, XY120Z.	
1735		5	NSDC set condition modified III. All units notified.	S
1755		6	NSDC called to clear illumination canister impacts for the following coordinates: 960732, 961730, 957792, 956731, 950738, 923765, 925762 & 944733. Clearance granted.	S
1835		7	NSDC called and cleared all illumination (see entry 1515) except XY436Z & XY120Z.	S
2230		8	Ambulance from 3/26 going to 1stMedBn did not stop for sentry at Dai La Pass. Sentry fired two rounds in the air. Ambulance did not stop. Called BAS 3/26 and deter- mined that ambulance was on an emergency run.	ST
0630		9	Set Condition IV.	S
0700		10	Log closed.	S
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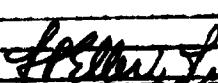
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TIME		SER NO	INCIDENTS, MSG'S, LTR'S ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT			M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
0700		1	Log opened.	S
0805		2	RUSH ACT PAPA departed on patrol.	T
0945		3	RUSH ACT PAPA returned. NEGATIVE results.	T
1315	1415	4	Established additional surveillance along the ridgeline overlooking General's quarters area and additional security posts around the area during period of time that official photographs were being taken.	ST
1550		5	Called NSDC to preclear - XY394Z, XY396Z, XY399Z, XY432Z, XY433Z, XY435Z, XY436Z, XY439Z, XY319Z, XY120Z.	S
1830		6	Set Condition III Modified.	S
1940		7	NSDC approved all illumination requests except XY432Z (see 1550 entry).	S
2200		8	Received 1stMarDiv msg 081010Z Dec 68.	S
0630		9	Set Condition IV.	S
0700		10	Log closed.	S
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TIME			INCIDENTS, MSG'S, LTR'S ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT	SER NO		M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
0700		1	Log opened.	S
0900		2	MUSK OX PAPA departed on patrol.	TM
1210		3	MUSK OX PAPA reported receiving six rounds of inaccurate sniper fire from coordinates AT 933734. Spot Report to NSDC.S	X
1245		4	MUSK OX PAPA returned - NEG results.	TM
1555		5	Called NSDC to pre-clear XY 394Z, XY396Z, XY399Z, XY432Z, XY433Z, XY435Z, XY436Z, XY439Z, XY319Z, XY120Z, XY024Z, XY430Z. Also requested that HE registrations XY023, and XY428 be cleared for on-call.	S
1800		6	Set Condition III Modified.	S
1800		7	BENCH MARK PAPA (night ambush) departed friendly lines.	TM
1900		8	NSDC cleared all requests except XY024Z (see entry 1555).	S
2015		9	BENCH MARK PAPA in position.	ST
2100		10	Received CG 1stMarDiv msg 091210Z Dec 68.	S
0620		11	BENCH MARK PAPA departed ambush position to return to friendly lines.	S
0630		12	Set Condition IV. All units notified.	S
0700		13	Log closed.	S

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TIME		SER NO	INCIDENTS, MSG'S, LTR'S ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT			M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
0700		1	Log opened.	S
1400		2	MUSK OX PAPA departed on patrol.	T
1510		3	Received following intelligence reports from NSDC: From S-2 at NMCB-22 (101245H Dec) Have received a valid report from Vietnamese intelligence source that red beach will be hit with rockets at 2330 10 Dec. We believe the source to be reliable. More information to follow this afternoon. From III MAF G-2 (101415H Dec msg) A high prob ability exists of attacks by sapper teams on Da Nang city and surrounding friendly military installations on 10 Dec 68. Rated as F-6.	S
1530		4	Called NSDC to preclear XY394Z, XY396Z, XY399Z, XY432Z, XY433Z, XY435Z, XY436Z, XY439Z, XY319Z, XY120Z, XY024Z, XY430Z.	S
1730		5	Received CG 1stMarDiv msgs 100836Z Dec 68 and 100835Z Dec 68.	S
1800		6	MUSK OX PAPA returned from patrol. NEGATIVE results.	T
1810		7	NSDC set Condition III Modified. All units notified.	S
1845		8	All on-call illumination cleared except XY430Z, XY433Z and XY024Z (SEE 1530 ENTRY).	S
2020		9	Received call from Security Platoon that there was a fire in the hamlet adjacent to the 26th Marines camp vicinity AT950759.	

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TIME			INCIDENTS, MSG'S, LTR'S ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION <u>TAKEN</u>
IN	OUT	SER NO		M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
0700		1	Log opened.	S
0800		2	13 Marines attended drivers school at Headquarters Battalion motor pool.	T
0800		3	20 Marines attended Q&I instruction at Headquarters Battalion Classroom.	T
1300		4	DEER LODGE PAPA departed on patrol.	T
1455		5	DEER LODGE PAPA returned from patrol. NEGATIVE results.	T
1605		6	Called NSDC to preclear XY394Z, XY396Z, XY399Z, XY432Z, XY433Z, XY435Z, XY436Z, XY439Z, XY319Z, XY120Z, XY024Z, XY430Z	S
1800		7	Set Condition Modified III. All units notified.	S
1835		8	NSDC cleared all illumination except XY439Z, XY120Z and XY024Z (see 1605 entry).	S
0030		9	Recon Bn called - LP#1 and LP#2 suspect movement by 3 persons (AT966745). Sergeant of Guard checking out. Used pop ups as he went 2/3's of the way up the hill. No further sightings. Band, MP's, NSDC and BN XO notified.	SM
0600		10	Set Condition IV.	S
0700		11	Log closed.	S

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TIME			INCIDENTS, MSG'S, LTR'S ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT	SER NO		
0700		1	File opened.	S
0825		2	OFF SPRING-PAPA departed on patrol.	TM
1030		3	OFF SPRING PAPA returned - NEG results.	TM
1610		4	Called NSDC to pre-clear - XY394Z, XY396Z, XY399Z, XY432Z, XY433Z, XY435Z, XY436Z, XY439Z, XY319Z, XY120Z, XY024Z and XY430Z.	S
1730		5	NSDC cleared all illumination with the exception of XY024Z (see 1610 entry).	S
1800		6	Set Condition III Modified. All units notified.	S
2030		7	11th MT LP reported hearing burst of small arms fire from AT 949774. Unable to determine direction of fire. Sub- mitted Spot Report to NSDC	S
2355		8	Received CG 1stMarDiv msg 121300Z Dec 68.	S
0015		9	Received call from Lt NOWICKI (Sec Plt) that 3 Staff Sergeants coming from Division CP drunk in a jeep one of them tried to start a fight. Lt NOWICKI will make full report in the morning.	S
0600		10	Set Condition IV. All units notified.	S
0700		11	File closed.	

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TIME		SER NO	INCIDENTS, MSG'S, LTR'S ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION <u>TAKEN</u> M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
IN	OUT			
0700		1	Log opened.	S
0955		2	BENCH MARK PAPA departed on patrol.	TM
1200		3	BENCH MARK PAPA returned - NEG results.	TM
1600		4	Called NSDC to pre-clear XY394Z, XY396Z, XY399Z, XY432Z, XY433Z, XY435Z, XY436Z, XY439Z, XY319Z, XY120Z, XY024Z, XY430Z.	S
1800		5	Set Condition Modified III.	S
1925		6	NSDC cleared all illumination except XY120Z and XY024Z (see entry 1600).	S
2315		7	Received call from NSDC concerning firing around 26th Marines OP's #1 and #2. Contacted 26th Marines COC and was informed that OP #1 and OP #2 had seen tracer rounds to their front. They popped illumination and fired a few rounds in the direction of the tracer rounds. Results unknown. Spot Report sent to NSDC.	S
0120		8	Following is follow-up report submitted by 26th Marines COC Watch Officer (see 2315 entry): OP #2 had spotted movement to their front and threw one hand grenade. OP #1 received small arms fire. Illumination was called for and 10 figures were spotted. OP's #1 and #2 fired small arms, M-60 and threw grenades. They will check area in AM. Spot Report sent to NSDC.	S

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TIME		SER NO	INCIDENTS, MSG'S, LTR'S ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT			M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
0700		1	Log opened.	S
1640		2	Called NSDC to pre-clear XY 394Z, XY 396Z, XY 399Z, XY 432Z, XY 433Z, XY 435Z, XY 436Z, XY 439Z, XY 319Z, XY 120Z, XY 024Z and XY 430Z	S
1800		3	Set Condition III Modified. All units notified.	S
1937		4	Received CG 1stMarDiv msg 160841Z Dec 68.	S
2045		5	All illumination approved by NSDC except XY 319Z (See 1640 entry).	S
2355		6	Received call from GySgt LARAMIE, NSDC, that primary password/challenge had been compromised for 16 Dec - Took proper action.	S
0540		7	Received call from Sgt of the Guard MASS-3. Saw figure 10m from position B-1. Threw one grenade towards suspect area. Told to check out area at first light. Submitted Spot Report to NSDC.	S
0600		8	Set Condition IV. All units notified.	S
0700		9	Log closed.	S
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TIME		SER NO	INCIDENTS, MSG'S, LTR'S ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
IN	OUT			
0700		1	Log opened.	S
1331		2	OFF SPRING PAPA departed on patrol.	T
1520		3	OFF SPRING PAPA returned from patrol. NEGATIVE results.	T
1620		4	Called NSDC to preclear XY394Z, XY396Z, XY399Z, XY432Z, XY433Z, XY435Z, XY436Z, XY439Z, XY319Z, XY120Z, XY024Z and XY430Z.	S
1715		5	NSDC cleared all illumination except XY024Z and XY435Z (see 1620 entry).	S
1800		6	Set Condition Modified III. All units notified.	S
2200		7	Received following intelligence report from NSDC: Three political cadre of Hoa Vang District led fifteen (15) coolie laborers carrying 40 rounds of 81 and 82mm mortars from AT884712 to AT945733. Mission as to mortar Hoa Cam Training Center at AT9771 and Ammo Dump (NFI). This attack will take place on 17-18 December. DTG 172055-H. G-2 - F-6 Evaluation.	S
0630		8	Set Condition IV.	S
0700		9	Log closed.	S

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TIME			INCIDENTS, MSG'S, LTR'S ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
IN	OUT	SER NO		
0700		1	Log opened.	S
1550		2	Called NSDC to pre-clear XY394Z, XY396Z, XY399Z, XY432Z, XY433Z, XY435Z, XY436Z, XY439Z, XY319Z, XY120Z, XY024Z and XY430Z.	S
1915		3	Cleared illumination cannister impact grids as follows: 926751, 923765, 925762, 944733, 922764, 928752, 962731, 959725, 958726, 962730, 960732, 957729, 956731, 948726, 950738, 951726 and 928752.	S
1915		4	NSDC cleared all illumination except XY024Z (see entry 1550).	S
2015		5	Received CG 1stMarDiv msg 210930Z Dec 68.	S
2245		6	Received report from Security Platoon that D-14 reported trip flare had been tripped in front of that position. Approximately 6 M-79 rounds were fired into suspect area. No movement seen. Submitted spot report to NSDC. Called illumination mission XY439Z, 5 rounds, one minute apart. Mission called at 2259, impact of first round at 2315. Security Platoon reported that chutes did not open on four rounds. Called for two more and chutes did not open. Notified NSDC. End of mission.	S
0630		7	Set Condition IV. All units notified.	S
0700		8	Log closed.	S

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TIME		SER NO	INCIDENTS, MSG'S, LTR'S ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT			M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
0700		1	Log opened.	S
0905		2	One suspected mortar round impacted vicinity AT 965745 from unknown position. Notified NSDC.	S
0930		3	Follow-up to 0905 entry: At 0905 a round impacted vicinity of AT 965745. Appeared to be too small of an explosion for a rocket. The round was heard passing over-head by OP vicinity of AT 963742. Shortly thereafter, two more rounds were observed impacting vicinity of AT 963734. Based on above information, the rounds were probably fired from the southwest, although no sightings or noises associated with rocket or mortar fire were detected. Notified NSDC.	S
1035		4	OFF SPRING PAPA departed on patrol.	TM
1245		5	OFF SPRING PAPA returned - NEG results.	TM
1330		6	MISK OX PAPA departed on patrol.	TM
1445		7	Approximately 100-150 civilians were observed moving in an easterly direction from vicinity of AT 921728. It was in this same general area that an air strike was conducted at approximately 1000 this morning, under the control of unknown headquarters. Notified NSDC, Div COC, G-5, 26th Marines and 3rd MP Battalion.	S

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IN	OUT	SER NO	INCIDENTS, MSG'S, LTR'S ORDERS, ETC.	M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
1520		8	Called NSDC to pre-clear XY394Z, XY396Z, XY399Z, XY432Z, XY433Z, XY435Z, XY436Z, XY439Z, XY319Z, XY120Z, XY024Z, and XY430Z.	S
1630		9	MUSK OX PAPA returned from patrol. Following information obtained during debriefing. Villagers reported that last night, at approximately midnight, an estimated 100 VC came into the hamlet vicinity AT 921729. This morning (22 December) following an air strike in that same area, many villagers departed from vicinity of the hamlet where the VC had entered and moved to vicinity AT 939731, because they were afraid of what might happen. The patrol leader was also cautioned not to move into the suspect area because there may still be many VC in the area. Above information passed to Battalion Commander who, in turn, presented it to Division G-2, G-3 and Colonel DICKINSON.	S
1715		10	Called S-3 of 26th Marines and passed on information contained in 1630 entry. The S-3 of 26th Marines passed on the information that 3/26 had sent a patrol into the general area of the activity reported in 1630 entry and the patrol had become engaged in a firefight at approximately 1600. One Marine was killed. While returning, the patrol came across a Vietnamese boy who informed them that there were still many VC in the area.	S

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IN	OUT				
1745		11		Notified all units to set Condition III at 1800. Reaction Company muster on basketball court not later than 1830.	S
1750		12		Called NSDC and requested following HE on-call: XY428, XY023, XY022, XY302 and XY325.	S
1800		13		NSDC set Condition III. Notified them that we had already set Condition III.	S
1830		14		Called NSDC and requested XY428 be fired, 2 rounds each time, at the following times: 2200, 2400 and 0300. Also requested following illumination concentrations be fired, one round per minute for five minutes, at the indicated times: XY391Z - 2000, 2200, 0200 and 0400 XY393Z - 2100, 2300, 0100 and 0300 XY319Z - 2030, 2230, 0030 and 0230 XY432Z - 2130, 2330, 0130 and 0330.	S
2000		15		NSDC cleared all HE on-call except XY302 (see 1750 entry).	S
2005		16		NSDC cleared all illumination on-call except XY430Z, XY436Z, and XY024Z (see 1520 entry).	S
2010		17		NSDC cleared all HE and illumination H&I (see 1830 entry).	S
2150		18		Security Platoon reported possible movement detected in front of listening post vicinity AT 938752. LP threw two hand grenades. Notified NSDC and requested illumination mission XY319Z be fired (5 rounds - 1 round per minute for 5 minutes).	S

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IN	OUT				
2155		19		XY319Z was fired. Excellent response to 2150 request. No movement observed in front of lines.	S
0355		20		Approximately 8-10 rockets were heard passing overhead. No reported rocket launch sightings. No reports as to where rockets were impacting although several sounded quite near. Notified Div COC and companies to alert personnel and have them seek shelter.	S
0425		21		26th Marines reported that their road block adjacent to Da Son, vicinity AT 951760, received 3 rounds of incoming small arms fire from the hamlet. No casualties. Fire was returned. Notified NSDC.	S
0435		22		Received call from Lt Col GORSKI. He reported that one of his LP's and the tower by the Bn CP reported that they observed one, and possibly several, of the rockets (0355 entry) impacting in the rice paddy vicinity AT 965756. Called Recon Battalion. Their LP's did not report seeing any rockets impact. Also called 478th Army Aviation Company and 1st Med Bn. They did not report seeing any impacts either.	S
0630		23		Set Condition IV. All units notified.	S
0700		24		Log closed.	S

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TIME		SER NO	INCIDENTS, MSG'S, LTR'S ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT			
0700		1	Log opened.	S
1435		2	RUSH ACT PAPA departed pn patrol.	TM
1500		3	Called NSDC to pre-clear XY394Z, XY396Z, XY399Z, XY432Z, XY433Z, XY435Z, XY436Z, XY439Z, XY319Z, XY120Z, XY024Z, XY430Z. Requested XY428, XY022 and XY325 for on-call from 1830 until 0630.	S
			Requested H&I fire on XY428, 2 rounds each time, at the following times: 2100, 2300, and 0200.	S
1600		4	RUSH ACT PAPA returned from patrol. NEG results.	TM
1800		5	NSDC cleared all HE on-call. Illumination on-call was all cleared except XY439Z, XY120Z and XY024Z.	S
1815		6	NSDC set Condition Modified III. All units notified.	S
0600		7	Set Condition IV. All units notified.	S
0700		8	Log closed.	S
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IN	OUT			
0700		1	Log opened.	S
1300		2	MUSK OX PAPA departed on patrol.	TM
1545		3	Requested from NSDC that the following illumination missions be fired, tonight, at the indicated times, 5 rounds each time. 1 round per minute for five minutes: XY319Z - 2000, 2230, 0030. 0300 XY393Z - 2030, 2200, 2330, 0200 XY394Z - 2100, 2300, 0100, 0330	
1550		4	Called NSDC to pre-clear XY394Z, XY396Z, XY399Z, XY432Z, XY433Z, XY435Z, XY436Z, XY439Z, XY319Z, XY120Z, XY024Z and XY430Z. S	
1600		5	MUSK OX PAPA returned - NEG results.	TM
1720		6	Received call from NSDC. All illumination in 1545 entry cleared and will be fired.	S
1800		7	NSDC set Modified Condition III. All units notified.	S
1840		8	AMBUSH patrol, while moving into harbor site, observed one enemy wearing camouflaged cover. Opened fire on enemy. Results unknown due to darkness. Patrol returned through friendly lines. Notified NSDC and 26th Marines.	S
1845		9	NSDC cleared all requested illumination except XY439Z, XY120Z and XY024Z (see 1550 entry).	S

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IN	OUT			
2000		10	All units notified to discontinue firing flares unless enemy activity was observed, and to take positive measures to prevent recurrence of firing of flares. Names of violators are to be taken.	M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
2030		11	Two bursts of automatic weapon fire was heard. tear gas grenades had also been thrown followed by one fragmentation grenade. All appeared to come from Communication Company area. CO MP Company and OOD are investigating.	S
2140		12	Security Platoon reported that position D-14 reported observing a figure through a starlight scope, vicinity AT 936753. Fired several M-79 rounds into area. Will check out at first light. Notified NSDC.	S
2150		13	26th Marines reported observing machine gun fire vicinity AT 951767. Notified NSDC.	S
0015		14	Received call from 26th Marines Watch Officer reporting that flares had been observed being fired from vicinity of MARS Station. Notified Communication Company Duty NCO to pass this on to Major MCDONALD. Also notified OOD.	S
0025		15	Received call from NSDC that 11th Marines OD reported he had observed flares being fired from the Service Company area, vicinity of Disbusing. Notified Capt CHANDLER and OOD. Capt CHANDLER	

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IN	OUT			M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
0700		1	Log opened.	S
0805		2	DEER LODGE PAPA departed on patrol.	TM
0930		3	DEER LODGE PAPA returned - NEG results.	TM
1005		4	MUSK OX PAPA departed on patrol.	TM
1135		5	MUSK OX PAPA returned - NEG results.	TM
1630		6	Called NSDC to pre-clear XY94Z, XY396Z, XY399Z, XY432Z, XY433Z, XY435Z, XY436Z, XY439Z, XY319Z, XY120Z, XY024Z and XY430Z.	S
1633		7	All pre-clears are cleared except XY439Z, XY120Z and XY024Z.	S
1800		8	Set Condition Modified III. All units notified.	S
1845		9	Received CG 1stMarDiv msg 260900Z.	S
2115		10	LP 3 (Dai La Pass) reported hearing movement and threw a fragmentation grenade. Will check out area at first light. Spot report submitted to NSDC.	S
0630		11	Set Condition IV. All units notified.	S
0700		12	Log closed.	S

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IN	OUT	SER NO		M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
0700		1	Log opened.	S
1305		2	OFF SPRING PAPA Departed on patrol.	T
1440		3	OFF SPRING PAPA returned from patrol. NEGATIVE results.	T
1535		4	Called NSDC to preclear XY394Z, XY396Z, XY399Z, XY432Z, XY433Z, XY435Z, XY436Z, XY439Z, XY319Z, XY120Z, XY024Z, and XY430Z.	S
1540		5	All preclears are cleared except XY433Z, XY436Z, XY319Z, XY024Z, and XY430Z.	S
1800		6	Set Condition Modified III, ALL units notified.	S
2145		7	NSDC states 26th Marines OD reports a body lying in road to Dai La Pass at 962765. NSDC could not contact MP's and requested 1 try. MP's were con- tacted and said that they were investi- gating the matter.	T
0630		8	Set Condition IV.	S
0700		9	Log closed.	S

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Follow-up to 2145 entry - The 26th Marines OD did not observe the body but it was merely reported to him. The MP's searched the area out thoroughly, with the 26th Marines OD, and could find no body or any evidence that a body had been there.

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IN	OUT			
0700		1	Log opened.	S
0915		2	BENCH MARK PAPA departed on patrol.	S
0920		3	MUSK OX PAPA departed on patrol.	S
1200		4	BENCH MARK PAPA returned - NEG results.	S
1230		5	NSDC called to clear cannister impacts for the following coordinates - AT 967731, 962730, 956731, 954738, 944733 950738, 962731, 957729, 923765, 922764 and 941735. Clearance approved.	S
1330		6	Claymore mine school conducted. 23 personnel present.	S
1412		7	MUSK OX PAPA returned from patrol. NEGATIVE results.	S
1635		8	Called NSDC to pre-clear XY291Z, XY396Z, XY399Z, XY432Z, XY433Z, XY435Z, XY436Z, XY439Z, XY319Z, XY120Z, XY024Z and XY439Z.	S
1640		9	All pre-clears are cleared except - XY436Z, XY439Z, XY319Z, XY120Z and XY024Z.	S
1815		10	Set Condition III Modified. All units notified.	S
0630		11	Set Condition IV.	S
0700		12	Log closed.	S

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IN	OUT				P-map S-staff T-troops F-file
0700		1		Log opened.	S
0745		2		NSDC called to clear cannister impacts for the following coordinates - AT 954738, 967731, 962731, 962730, 960732, 957729, 956731, 948726, 923765, 944733, 922764, 964706, 950738, 951726, and 941735.	
1635		3		Called NSDC to pre-clear XY394Z, XY396Z, XY399Z, XY432Z, XY433Z, XY435Z, XY436Z, XY439Z, XY319Z, XY120Z, XY024Z, and XY430Z.	S
1735		4		All illumination cleared except XY024Z and XY436Z (see 1635 entry).	S
1800		5		Set Condition Modified III. All units notified.	S
0630		6		Set Condition IV.	
0700		7		Log closed.	S
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IN	OUT	SER NO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MSG'S, LTR'S ORDNS, ETC.
0700	1			Log opened.
0830	2			NSDC called to clear canister impact for the following coordinates - 967731, 962730, 957729, 956731, 948726, 923765, 944733, 922764, 964706, 950738, 951726, and 941735. From 1800 31 December 1968 to 0600 1 January 1969.
1445	3			DEER LODGE departed on patrol.
1530	4			Called NSDC to preclear XY394Z, XY396Z, XY399Z, XY432Z, XY433Z, XY435Z, XY436Z, XY439Z, XY319Z, XY120Z, XY024Z, and XY430Z.
1608	5			DEER LODGE returned from patrol. NEGATIVE results.
1800	6			Set Condition Modified III. All units notified.
2359	7			Several incidents (approximately 12-15) of unauthorized firing of flares (pencil flares, star clusters, white star parachutes) were observed within the Headquarters Battalion Camp. Two from vicinity of Division Communication Center, 3-4 from B.O.Q. area, 1-2 from staff N.C.U. area, 3-4 from Communication Company area, 2 from Division Band area and

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