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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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1st Marine Division (-), (Rein), FMF
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(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology

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Encl: 1-23 February 1971 Command Chronology

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


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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

1st Marines

01-28 February 1971

COMMANDER

Col P. X. KELLEY

SUBORDINATE UNITS

HqCo, 1st Marines

01-28 February 1971

1stLt M. D. RYAN

1st Bn, 1st Marines (Rein)

01-28 February 1971

Lt Col R. P. ROSE

2d Bn, 1st Marines

01-28 February 1971

Lt Col D. J. MORRIS

3d Bn, 1st Marines (-)

01-28 February 1971

Lt Col M. A. MOORE

2. LOCATION

01-28 February 1971

Camp D. M. PERDUE, RVN

3. KEY BILLETS

Executive Officer

01-28 February 1971

Lt Col R. J. LYONS

S-1/Adjutant

01-28 February 1971

Capt B. L. HEATON

S-2

01-28 February 1971

Maj J. S. GRIMALDS

S-3

01-28 February 1971

Maj J. P. MONTAN

S-4

01-28 February 1971

Maj E. P. LOONEY, JR

S-5

01-28 February 1971

1stLt M. D. KOLAR

Communication Officer

01-15 February 1971

Maj C. M. HOLIFIELD

16-28 February 1971

Maj R. A. DECKER

Air Liaison Officer

01-28 February 1971

Maj H. T. BARNWOLD

Regimental Chaplain

01-28 February 1971

Cndr G. B. ADDRESS

Regimental Surgeon

01-28 February 1971

Lt S. P. KERRER

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
140	3442	12	159

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SECTION A
PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

1. PERSONNELa. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
HqCo	18	241	3	6
1st Bn (Rein)	48	1199	3	62
2d Bn	40	1095	3	44
3d Bn (-)	34	907	3	47

b. CASUALTIES

<u>BATTLE</u>				<u>NON-BATTLE</u>			
<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>DOW</u>	<u>SERIOUS</u>	<u>MINOR</u>	<u>DEATH</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2	70	0	3	5	27	3	35

c. REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
32	944	1	39

d. ROTATION DURING MONTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
24	976	1	41

e. PERSONNEL SUMMARY. At the close of the reporting period the personnel strength was as follows: 138 Officers and 3311 Enlisted Marine Personnel, and 12 Officers and 155 Enlisted Navy Personnel. Normal replacement procedures were in effect.

2. LEGAL AND DISCIPLINE

	<u>HqCo</u>	<u>1/1</u>	<u>2/1</u>	<u>3/1</u>
NJP	6	24	25	7
SCM (COMPLETED)	0	2	0	0
SCM (PENDING)	1	1	0	0
SPCM (COMPLETED)	0	2	2	1
SPCM (PENDING)	0	8	4	2
GCM (COMPLETED)	0	0	0	0
GCM (PENDING)	0	0	0	1
INVESTIGATIONS (COMPLETED)	0	1	14	4
INVESTIGATIONS (PENDING)	1	15	15	7

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3. R&R PROGRAM. The following is a recapitulation of the R&R quotas for the month of February 1971:

	<u>HoCo</u>	<u>1/1</u>	<u>2/1</u>	<u>3/1</u>
Bangkok	3	14	7	8
Hong Kong	2	7	5	3
Taipei	2	12	11	5
Okinawa	1	6	2	4
Hawaii	4	18	16	12
Sydney	3	13	12	7

4. CHAPLAIN SUPPORT

a. Chaplains Attached:

(1) Regimental Chaplain	01-28Feb71	CDR G. B. ANDRESS, CHC, USN, SB
(2) Assistant Regimental Chaplain	01-28Feb71	LT F. D. MINTJAL, CHC, USNR, RC
(3) 1st Battalion	01-28Feb71	LT R. G. RUPP, CHC USNR, EPIS
(4) 2d Battalion	01-28Feb71	LT W. A. ROWLAND, CHC, USN, CB
(5) 3d Battalion	01-28Feb71	LT Z. C. MITCHELL, CHC, USN, SB

b. Divine Services Conducted by Regimental Chaplains:

(1) Protestant			
Sunday Services:	37	Attendance:	639
Weekday Services:	41	Attendance:	698
Total Services:	78	Attendance:	1337
(2) Catholic			
Sunday Services:	13	Attendance:	272
Weekday Services:	24	Attendance:	399
Total Masses	37	Attendance:	671

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(3) Memorial Services 4 Attendance: 201
Total Services 119 Attendance: 2209

c. Related Activities:

- (1) Indoctrination/Personal Response Lectures: 7 Attendance: 214
- (2) Bible Classes: 5 Attendance: 13
- (3) Moral Guidance/Drugs: 8 Attendance: 190

d. Miscellaneous:

- (1) Chaplain HINTJAL was a panel member on a Jr. Off. Symposium at 2/1
- (2) Chaplain ROWLAND participated in a Religious Service at the Vietnamese Protestant Church at AN TROA.
- (3) Chaplain ROWLAND made two visits each to the China Beach Orphanage (Protestant) and the Sacred Heart Catholic Orphanage distributing food, clothes, building materials and donation of \$27.00 from 2/1.
- (4) Chaplain MITCHELL conducted a two day LEAD program at 3/1

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ENEMY, WEATHER AND TERRAIN

1. Enemy. Enemy activity was moderate during the month of February throughout the 1st Marines TAOR.

a. There was a significant increase in enemy initiated activity within the 1st Marines TAOR during the month, characterized by limited attacks by fire, sniper/harrassing actions, mine/booby trap incidents and terrorist and propaganda activities. Although the number of enemy initiated activities increased to its highest level in eight months, the contacts continued to be with small groups of enemy from local force units and the infrastructure. The enemy continued his efforts at disrupting the GVN pacification program and avoiding contact with 1st Marines units whenever possible.

b. There were four rocket attacks during the month as follows:

(1) On 01 February at 0351H, DA NANG Air Base received a total of eight 122mm rockets from (AT910730). A fuel dump was ignited; no casualties.

(2) On 21 February at 0130H, DA NANG Air Base received a total of eight 122mm rockets from (AT903721) resulting in one C-130 destroyed, one KC generator destroyed and one C-130 damaged; no casualties.

(3) On 21 February at 0005H, Hill 55 received a total of seven 122mm rockets from vicinity (AT975553) resulting in one Marine KIA.

(4) On 24 February at 0057H, Hill 55 received a total of four 122mm rockets from vicinity (AT952573). All rounds impacted outside the perimeter and there were no casualties nor damage.

c. Significant events for the month of February were:

(1) On 01 February at 1300H, E/2/1 and the Quick Reaction Force (F-3) conducted a heliborne assault followed by a detailed cordon and search of Finger Lake (BT084665). The operation was directed against the suspected VC Headquarters of Area III HOA VANG located near VIEM DONG. Results of the operation were three enemy KIA and nine detainees.

(2) On 02 February at 1315H, K/3/1 while providing road security for a convoy in vicinity of the HAI VAN Pass (AT916934) was attacked by an estimated 35 enemy wearing dark green uniforms. The enemy attacked with RPG's and small arms which resulted in negative friendly casualties. The unit returned fire with small arms and gunships fired onboard ordnance.

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A sweep of the area was made with negative results.

(3) On 04 February at 0130H, H/3/1 (OPCON 1/1) CP received 15-20 RPG rounds, Chi-Con grenades and small arms fire from vicinity (AT824556) resulting in eight Marines and two RF's KIA. The unit returned small arms fire and requested illumination and gunships. A reaction force swept the area and found one enemy KIA; one enemy and two AK-47's were captured.

(4) On 12 February at 1300H, acting on intelligence indicating an enemy staging and storage area, A/1/1 and the Quick Reaction Force (F-3) were inserted at (AT863548). The operation area was heavily booby trapped and contained many bunkers and huts. A total of nine bunkers and six huts were destroyed. There were five incidents of sniper fire and two sightings of a single enemy. Nine Vietnamese nationals were detained and released as innocent civilians. A total of 400 rounds of small arms ammunition and one 175mm round were captured and destroyed.

(5) On 15 February at 0001H, B/1/1 CP (AT814547) observed five enemy moving from west to east in vicinity of (AT814550). The unit fired small arms and 60mm mortars and swept the area. Three enemy bodies were observed in a rice paddy, but due to enemy fire the unit was unable to recover the bodies. A sweep was conducted at first light resulting in two enemy KIA's; two AK-47's and five Chi-Con grenades captured.

(6) On 17 February at 0115H, B/1/1 CP and the 193d RF Company (AT804545) received small arms, RPG rounds and mortar fire from an unknown size enemy force conducting a coordinated attack on HA NHA (5) (AT806547). The unit returned fire and a 105mm fire mission was called. A sweep of the area resulted in two enemy KIA's; one AK-47 and 15 Chi-Con grenades captured.

(7) On 20 February at 1500H, a platoon from A/1/1 and a team from 1st Reconnaissance Battalion found seven 140mm rockets in approximately eight inches of water on the east side of the SONG XEN River (AT953638).

(8) On 23 February at 0400H, G/2/1 conducted a cordon and search of HIEU DONG (2) (BT021681). Results of the operation were two enemy captured; four VCS detained; one M-16 rifle, one crossbow with arrows, various toe-popper type booby traps, two M-26 grenades and miscellaneous medical gear and tools captured.

d. Units of the 1st Marines, in conjunction with C/P units operating within the 1st Marines TAOR, accounted for 23 enemy KIA's and 23 bunkers and tunnels destroyed during the month of February.

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e. Enemy units operating within the 1st Marines TAOR include elements of the Q.90, Q.91, and the Q.92 Battalions, the Q.82, Q.83, Q.84, Q.85 Local Force Battalions, D.9 NVA Battalion, Elements of the 38th NVA Regiment, the 575th and 577th Rocket Artillery Battalion, the R-20th Main Force Battalion, and the Q.55 Independent Company. Probable and suspected units include the T-87th Sapper Company; HAI VAN Engineer Company; T-89th Sapper Battalion and the 140th and 150th Transportation Battalions.

f. Booby trap and mine incidents totaled 48 during this month. Of these 32 were discovered and 16 detonated for a 66.7 percent detection rate.

g. There were 29 attacks by fire directed against 1st Marines' positions during February.

h. Incidents for period 1-28 February 1971:

(1) Enemy Initiated Contacts	81
(a) Sniper/Harrassing fire	52
(b) Rocket attacks	1
(c) Mortar attacks	15
(d) RPG attacks	12
(e) LAAW attacks	1
(2) Bunkers/tunnels destroyed	23
(3) Mines/booby traps	48
(4) Enemy sighting	66
Totals:	218

i. Enemy losses for period 1-28 February 1971:

(1) Personnel	
(a) Total detainees	73
1 POW's	4
2 Hoi Chanh's	0
3 Civil Defendants	0
4 Innocent Civilians	69
(b) KIA's	23

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(2) Weapons and Equipment

(a) IWC

1 AK-47	12
2 M-16	1
3 7.62 Pistols	2

(b) CSWC

0

(c) Equipment (Rkts)

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2. Volunteer Informant Program. VIP expenditures decreased over the previous month's total. The majority of expenditures were paid to Vietnamese Nationals for ordnance. Listed below are the expenditures for the month of February:

Regimental Hq
1st Battalion
2d Battalion
3d Battalion

200\$VN
4,610\$VN
800\$VN
NONE

Total: 5,610\$VN

3. Ground Surveillance. There were a total of 62 metallic and nine seismic activations recorded during the month of February. No fire missions were called on these activations.

4. Weather. Rainfall during the month was moderate with a total of .53 inches of rain. The average high temperature was 73 degrees and the low was 66 degrees. Humidity averaged 78 percent.

5. Terrain.

a. The terrain in the 1st Marines TAOR is divided into two primary features, the coastal plains and low mountains. The coastal plains consist of poorly drained flat areas of rice cultivation and dryland farming. Riceland elevations rarely exceed 20 meters and average five meters, in the area east of the low mountains and foothills, west of DA NANG.

b. There are low mountains within three kilometers of the coast, overlooking DA NANG. These low mountains are separated from higher mountain formations to the west by a rolling plain varying in width from three to nine kilometers. Slopes on the mountains are commonly 30 to 35 percent, becoming more gradual as they merge into the coastal plains. The highest elevation in this group is 364 meters.

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c. West of the low mountains across the rolling plain, elevations rise sharply and the terrain is extremely rugged. Steeply-sloped mountains predominate for approximately one-third of the area along the entire western portion of the TAOR. The exception, other than the coastal plain, are the river valleys. Multi-canopied forest with dense undergrowth is prevalent throughout the mountainous area.

d. Rivers and streams fragment the TAOR, both E-W and N-S. The seven main rivers, the CU DE, VINH DIEN, CAU DO, TUY LOAN, VU GIA, THU BON and YEN are navigable by shallow-draft boats.

e. Located within the TAOR are Routes 1, 4, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, and 587. All of these routes are elevated and pose no trafficability problems, except during and after heavy monsoon rains, when they are flooded in low spots.

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OPERATIONS1. GENERAL

a. The month of February saw a significant increase in enemy activity throughout the 1st Marines' TAOR. Emphasis remained on intensified pre-emptive operations for rocket belt security in defense of the DA NANG Vital Area. Support of the accelerated pacification program continued with participation in the Combined Unit Pacification Program (CUPP).

b. Effected 1st Marines' Frag 0 003-71 (See TAB 1) at 081310Z February 1971 in accordance with 1st Marine Division Frag 0 06-71 (See TAB 2).

c. On 11 February 1971 from 1305H to 1330H Major General H. G. ELWOOD, J-3 CINCPAC visited OP RENO where he received a brief from the Commanding Officer of the First Marines. After the brief, Major General ELWOOD visited the troops on OP RENO.

d. Effected 1st Marines' Frag 0 004-71 (See TAB 3) at 221200Z February 1971.

e. On 28 February 1971 from 0855H to 0930H, Lieutenant General W. K. JONES visited OP 270 where he received a brief from the Commanding Officer of the First Marines. After the brief, General JONES visited the troops on OP 270.

2. COMBAT SUPPORT OPERATIONSa. ARTILLERY

(1) Throughout the month of February, the 1st Battalion, 11th Marines continued it's assigned mission of providing direct support fires for Marine and RVN units operating in the 1st Marines' TAOR. Battery L, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines provided reinforcing fires as required throughout the month.

(2) Displacements

(a) At 1130H upon completion of an artillery raid, on 1 February, four 155 howitzers (SP) belonging to Battery L were displaced from Hill 65 (AT876575) to the Northern Artillery Cantonment (AT921792) and laid on direction of fire of 5400 mils by 1400H on 1 February.

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(b) At 0800H on 11 February, four 105 howitzers (towed) and two 155 howitzers (towed) were moved by convoy from the Northern Artillery Cantonment to Baldy Combat Base (BT134452) for further displacements to support operations in the Que Son Mountains area. The following displacements are in support of the Que Son Mountains area operations:

(c) At 1100H on 12 February, four 105 howitzers (towed) designated "C(-)", were helilifted from Baldy Combat Base to Hill 510 (AT946405) and laid on direction of fire of 1900 mils by 1221H on 12 February.

(d) At 1100H on 12 February, two 155 howitzers (towed) designated "CX", were helilifted from Baldy Combat Base to Hill 218 (BT027372) and laid on direction of fire of 6000 mils by 1500H on 12 February.

(e) At 0915H on 13 February, four 107 mortars, designated "W(-)", were helilifted from Sea Anchor (BT083703) to Hill 381 (AT995390) and laid on direction of fire of 6400 mils by 1200H on 13 February.

(f) At 0857H on 22 February, two 107 mortars, designated "WY", were helilifted from Hill 270 (AT865681) to Hill 425 (AT998462) and laid on direction of fire of 6000 mils by 1100H on 22 February.

(g) At 1200H on 22 February, Headquarters Command and Control Group moved from the Northern Artillery Cantonment to Hill 34 (AT989706) and assumed tactical control of the 1st Battalion (Rein), 11th Marines and technical control of "CY" vicinity of Hill 270 (AT865677) and "WY" on Hill 425 (AT998462).

(h) At 1355H on 26 February, two 105 howitzers (towed), designated "CY", were helilifted from vicinity Hill 270 (AT865677) to the top of Hill 270 (AT865681), and laid on direction of fire of 5600 mils by 1455H on 26 February.

(3) Total Ground Damage Assessment

(a) VC/NVA KIA: 12

(4) Missions and Ammunition Summary

<u>105mm</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Rounds</u>
Contact Missions	40	539
Intelligence Targets	893	4439

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Preparatory Fires	10	272
Pre-emptive Fires	491	519
Special Fires	94	340
Confirmed Targets	68	1491
Counter-Battery Fires	22	387
Total:	1618	7987

<u>107mm</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Rounds</u>
Intelligence Targets	15	219
Pre-emptive Fires	11	14
Special Fires	14	70
Confirmed Targets	1	38
Counter-Battery Fires	3	69
Total:	44	410

<u>155mm</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Rounds</u>
Contact Missions	15	335
Intelligence Targets	822	2386
Pre-emptive Fires	541	604
Special Fires	60	108
Confirmed Targets	31	796
Counter-Battery Fires	7	70
Total:	1476	4299

<u>8 Inch</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Rounds</u>
Pre-emptive Fires	35	116
Grand Total TAOR	3173	12,812

b. NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT

(1) During the month of February, no Naval Gunfire Support was employed in the 1st Marines TAOR.

c. AIR SUPPORT

(1) General. Fixed wing support for the First Marines continued at a low rate as for the previous month. There was no significant deviation in the helicopter support that was received.

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<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Trooplift	37	2024 Passengers
Logistics	59	670,599 Pounds of Cargo
Med Evac	128	221 Casualties
Visual Recon	32	106 Hours
Gunships	15	20 Hours
Administration	56	1354 Passengers

Average medical evacuation reaction times for February were: Emergency 21 minutes; Priority 23 minutes; Routine 27 minutes.

(b) Fixed Wing

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
CAS	35	260,870 Pounds of Ordnance
Beacon	18	216,860 Pounds of Ordnance
TPQ-10	15	78,240 Pounds of Ordnance
Photo Recon	1	1 Hour
Aerial Observation	365	449 Hours
Flareships	12	27 Hours/835 Flares

(c) Miscellaneous ordnance expended in addition to that listed above:

<u>ORDNANCE</u>	<u>AMOUNTS</u>
7.62mm	49,450
20mm	1,820
40mm	1,200
50 Cal.	1,600
2.75 Rockets	461

(d) BDA for the month included two KBA's, five bunkers destroyed, one secondary explosion, seven secondary fires, two living structures destroyed, two caves destroyed and 1,550 meters of tree line destroyed.

(3) Operational Discrepancies. None.

d. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS

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(1) During the month of February this Regiment treated a total of 2,863 Vietnamese Civilians on MedCaps. Another 129 persons received DentCaps.

(2) In support of PsyOps, the HB Teams were utilized 26 times and Early word broadcasts were flown three (3) times. A total of 79,000 leaflets (See TAB 4) were distributed, emphasizing rewards, pro GVN success and sanitation and health care. Three (3) Armed Propaganda Teams have been employed with success in that intelligence information has been gathered for exploitation by the respective S-2's. The HE Team showed movies on four (4) occasions.

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TRAINING

1. Formal school quotas during February 1971:

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>QUOTAS</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Basic Infantry Weapons Repair	4	Okinawa
Embarkation School (Enl)	1	Okinawa
Basic Ammo Tech	3	Okinawa
NCO Leadership School	4	Okinawa
RPS School (a)	2	Okinawa
RPS School (b)	2	Can Rahn Bay
Generator School	2	RVN
Land Mine Warfare Course	31	RVN
GRF Training	43	RVN

2. All battalions conducted normal GMS training with emphasis on FAM firing, Marksmanship training, Land Mine Warfare, Drug Abuse and Venereal Disease lectures.

3. All battalions received formal instructions from the 1st Engineer Battalion Mine/Booby Trap Contact Team as follows:

<u>BATTALION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
1st Bn	471
2d Bn	316
3d Bn	247

4. Headquarters Company conducted normal GMS Training during the month with emphasis on Drug Abuse and Venereal Disease lectures.

1. All battalions conducted normal GMS training during February 1971.

Basic Infantry Weapons Repair
Embarkation School (Enl)
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GRF Training

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LOGISTICS1. Supply-Logistics

a. The logistics posture of the 1st Marines remained at the same high level as attained in previous months. The Regiment possesses 99% of the Combat Essential Equipment rated by T/E and Special Allowances. 93% of this authorized Combat Essential Equipment is operationally ready. Redistribution of excess equipment between the Regiment and other Division units continued to fill T/E deficiencies and alleviate known excesses. Emphasis is being exerted on the logistical preparation for the anticipated redeployment of this organization.

b. Supply:

(1) Supply point distribution, with Force Logistics Command providing all classes of supply, was utilized throughout the month, except for unit distribution for Classes I, III and V employed for 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, located at Hill 37.

(2) Resupply to Company's assigned area of operations was performed mainly by helicopters. Sufficient resources were provided for 629 lifts for a total of 1394723 lbs.

2. Lines of Communication. An adequate road network in good condition currently exists within the 1st Marines Tactical Area of Responsibility. Unusually favorable weather conditions during the reporting period allowed maximum use of existing roads.

3. Transportation. The Regiment was as in previous months, augmented during the reporting period by vehicles from 1st Motor Transport Battalion. These trucks are utilized daily in performance of supply/resupply, troop movements within the DA NANG secure area and other housekeeping functions. These vehicles are allocated within the Regiment as follows:

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1st Bn	5
2d Bn	5
3d Bn	5

In addition to this regular motor transport augmentation, the 1st Marine Division continued to provide general motor transport support for requirements beyond the capability of the Regiment.

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57504. Maintenance and Engineer Assistance

a. Equipment maintenance support was provided by the Force Logistic Command. The following table depicts the number of Headquarters Company, 1st Marines Tactical Equipment Repair Orders submitted and completed during February 1971:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Submitted</u>	<u>Completed</u>
Comm-Elect	128	116
Ordnance	13	0
Motor Transport	1	0
Engineer	0	0

b. Common Service Support rendered by the U. S. Army Contractor, Philco-Ford, during the month of February 1971 was responsive and continues to improve.

c. Test Items. Informal evaluation of the Body Armor, Fragmentation Small arms commenced. Reports of user unacceptability and general design unsuitability caused this Headquarters to recommend that the 30 day evaluation be suspended. The recommendation was approved by the AC/S, G-3, 1st Marine Division.

5. Embarkation. The embarkation readiness of the Regiment remained at its previous high level. At present, all units within the Regiment have adequately trained embarkation personnel, and quotas continue to be allocated to the 1st Marines for the Embarkation for Amphibious Operations course on Okinawa.

6. Sanitation. Conscientious sanitation programs have continued to receive immediate attention and a high state of sanitation is maintained throughout the 1st Marines TAOR. Sanitation inspections are conducted regularly by medical personnel organic to the Regiment.

7. Medical

a. During February 1971, medical facilities were maintained throughout the Regimental TAOR. Each unit held routine daily sick call and treated patients within its capability as outlined in sub-paragraph c below.

b. The medical facilities were manned by a total of 7 Medical Officers, two Dental Officers, 174 Medical Corpsman and 3 Dental Technicians.

c. The following is a breakdown of the patient load examined/treated during the month of February 1971:

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- (1) Sick Call Patients:
- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| (a) Skin Disorders: | 195 |
| (b) Diarrhea: | 137 |
| (c) Evacuated: | 77 |
| (d) New VD Cases: | 54 |
| (e) Upper Respiratory Infections: | 151 |
| (f) Malaria: | 1 |
| (g) Fever of Unknown Origin: | 14 |
| (h) Total Patients Seen | 2,688 |
- (2) Dental Patients: 455
- (3) Immunizations: 2,297
- (4) MedCap (2,863) and DentCap Patients
- (129) for total treatment of: 2,992

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CIVIL AFFAIRS-CIVIC ACTION1. PUBLIC WORKS

Public works for the month of February consisted of the provision of materials by 2d Battalion to aid with the construction of a dispensary at LE SON, the repair of five (5) houses at NUI KIM SON, and the construction of a village office in HAI AN.

2. EDUCATION

1st Battalion continues to support the DAI LOC School with school kits. With the completion of the TAN LUU and LE SON schools the HE Team has begun to show movies on a regular basis. The movies are based around the theme "A Better World through Education".

3. HEALTH

A total of 2,863 Vietnamese civilians were treated by MedCaps, another 129 received DentCaps. A high intensive Air Force MedCap at LE SON treated 331 civilians. The 175th Veterinarian detachment aided in the treatment of livestock at THAI CAN. A total of 18 cows, 1 water bull, and 60 hogs were innoculated.

4. SECURITY

One case of hand illumination canisters were delivered to the Peoples Self Defense Force at XUAN THA.

5. SOLATIUM

2d Battalion paid a total of 8,000\$VN to the family of PHAM THI PHU, who was killed by a sentry on OP West outside of Camp LAUER. III MAF Claims Investigation Team will make the final payment of 150,000\$VN to the family.

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COMMUNICATIONS

1. During the month of February 1st Marines Communication Platoon continued to provide radio, teletype and teletype circuits from Camp PERDUE to the Battalions. Telephone and teletype circuits to the 1st and 2d Battalions were via integrated wire/radio relay, and via the 1st Marine Division cable to the 3d Battalion.
2. The Communications Center processed a total of 1858 messages, 266 outgoing and 1592 incoming. No significant circuit outages occurred, although some disruption in service were encountered due to power failures and equipment malfunctions. During outages back up guard was provided by courier service. Conn/Crypto guard was maintained for 1st and 11th Motor Transport Battalions.
3. Two AN/TRC-27 links were maintained by the Radio Relay Section. One provided Telephone/Teletype service to the 2d Battalion, the other provided telephone service between 1st Battalion and the cantonment at Hill 65. Overall operational time for the two links was 98.5 percent and 98.6 percent respectively.
4. The Tech Shop completed and processed a total of 128 TRO's during the month. A total of 20 items required 2d echelon repair, all of which were completed. The remaining 108 items required 3d echelon repair and were evacuated to 1st FSR. Of these 96 items were completed and returned, while 12 still remain at 1st FSR. Electricians performed numerous repair work throughout the cantonment, the most noteworthy items being the wiring and light replacements of the cantonment perimeter, rewiring and repair of the reefers in messhall and installation of new receptacles in the addition to the Chapel.

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- 01 February 1971 - 0351H DA NANG Air Base received eight 122mm rockets from (AT910730). No casualties resulted.
- 0555H A L/3/1 squad ambush (BT878828) received one incoming chicon resulting in one USMC WIA(E).
 - 0845H A G/2/1 platoon patrol (BTO39694) detonated one M-26 trip type booby trap resulting in one USMC WIA(E).
 - 1338H The Regimental Quick Reaction Force (QRF) (3d Plt, F/2/1) was inserted into vicinity of (BTO86666). This was a result of information provided by the CIT unit of the 2d Battalion. The HCA UH1E was hit while making a run at the target area. Helicopter caught fire and landed in the target vicinity. No casualties were sustained.
 - 2230H An E/2/1 platoon CP fired on observed enemy movement, resulting in one VC KIA, captured one AK-47 rifle, one M-26 grenade, one PRC-25, and assorted documents.
- 02 February 1971 - 1315H A K/3/1 road security platoon (AT916934) and (AT928922) received enemy small arms fire, B-40 fire, and 60mm mortars resulting in one USMC WIA(E).
- 2030H A B/1/1 squad ambush (AT901710) observed four VC. Fired small arms fire resulting in one VC KIA, one AK-47 rifle captured, 9,600 plaisters, \$2000 NVA, and miscellaneous documents and gear.
- 03 February 1971 - 0825H The Regimental QRF was extracted from target area (BTO86666) with negative results.
- 0930H An A/1/1 fireteam (AT901591) tripped an M-26 booby trap resulting in one USMC WIA(E) and one USMC(M).
- 04 February 1971 - 0130H An M/3/1 activity M-4-2, M-4-1B, and M-4-2B (AT824556) received small arms fire, B-40 rounds, and chicons resulting in one USMC WIA(P), six USMC WIA(R), one RF WIA(E), and one RF(P). Two AK-47 rifles were captured.
- 1455H The Regimental QRF (3d Plt, F/2/1) was inserted into vicinity (AT885705) with a mission of locating a suspected VC Cadre. Information was initiated by 3d CIT.

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- 05 February 1971 - 0900H A K/3/1 patrol (AT924908) while on joint patrol captured a chicon directional mine. RF's burned the mine which detonated resulting in one USMC KIA and two USMC WIA(E).
- 1450H The Regimental QRF was extracted from (AT885705) with negative findings.
 - 2100H A 2/1 CUPP platoon patrol base received small arms fire and RPG rounds resulting in one USMC WIA(E) and one PF WIA(E).
- 06 February 1971 - 2125H A combined L/1 and RF night ambush (AT936822) engaged three VC with small arms fire resulting in one PF WIA(E).
- 08 February 1971 - Effected 1st Marines Frag O 003-71 at 081310Z
- 1830H A B/1/1 squad ambush (AT801553) received small arms fire and RPG rounds from estimated VC squad resulting in four USMC WIA(M).
- 11 February 1971 - 0415H A F/2/1 squad ambush (AT981661) while in ambush site had one Marine moving around, Marine in ambush heard him, fired, resulted in one USMC WIA(E) and one USMC WIA(P).
- 0515H A C/1/5 (OPCON 1/1) squad ambush (AT956684) detonated homemade type mine resulting in one USMC WIA(E).
 - 1240H A G/2/1 CP group (BTO39694) tripped a M-26 resulting in one USMC WIA(E).
 - 1330H A G/2/1 CP group (BTO39696) when setting in, tripped one M-26 B/T resulting in three USMC WIA(E).
 - 1305H-1330H Major General ELWOOD visited OP RENO (See Part II, Section C, Operations)
- 12 February 1971 - 1240H A F/2/1 fireteam patrol (AT959657) tripped a M-26 booby trap resulting in two USMC WIA(E).
- 1245H The Regimental Quick Reaction Force (QRF) (1st Plt, E/2/1) was inserted into LZ (AT863548). The QRF acted on intelligence reports of possible rocket sites in the area.

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- 12 February 1971 - 1250H A F/2/1 squad (AT959657) while in route to aid WIA in entry 121240H tripped a 60mm mortar booby trap resulting in one USMC WIA(E) and three USMC WIA(P).
- 1700H An A/1/1 squad patrol (AT868547) tripped a 105mm round booby trap resulting in two USMC WIA(E).
- 13 February 1971 - 1500H The Regimental QRF (1st Plt, E/2/1) was extracted from the Charlie Ridge area (AT863548) at 1500H with negative findings. Booby Traps in the area accounted for four USMC WIA.
- 1700H One squad from the Regimental QRF was inserted into Mortar Valley (AT854652) to investigate a possible rocket site. They were extracted at 1800H with negative findings.
- 14 February 1971 - 1130H An A/1/1 squad patrol (AT872555) tripped a 105mm round booby trap resulting in two USMC WIA(E).
- 1415H An A/1/1 squad patrol (AT878555) detonated a fragmentation grenade type booby trap resulting in two USMC WIA(E).
 - 1520H An A/1/1 squad patrol detonated a pressure type box mine resulting in four USMC WIA(E).
 - 1800H Helicopter attempting to land at Hill 65 had rotors clip the rotors of helicopter on left side, turning helicopter over resulting in one USMC WIA(E)(NHC) and two USMC WIA(R)(NHC) non redevised.
- 15 February 1971 - 0001H A B/1/1 squad ambush (AT814547) observed enemy at (AT814550), engaged enemy with small arms fire and mortars, resulting in one USMC WIA(P), one NVA KIA, one VC KIA and captured, two AK-47 rifles, six chickens, and miscellaneous gear.
- 0013H A B/1/1 squad ambush (AT929555), while sweeping area, received incoming mortar round resulting in one USMC WIA(E).
- 16 February 1971 - 0115H A B/1/1 squad ambush (AT804545) engaged VC force of unknown size, received small arms fire and RPG rounds resulting in two USMC WIA(P), five RF WIA(R), four

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- 16 February 1971 - civilians (R), one civilian (E), two VC KIA and captured one AK-47 rifle, 15 chicom grenades, two AK magazines, and one wristwatch.
- 19 February 1971 - 1038H The Regimental QRF (1st Plt, E/2/1) was inserted at (AT819581). Fire was taken from the west and north-west. One helicopter (HCA) received small arms fire and sustained minor damage. The QRF was inserted to act as a possible block for a suspected VC/NVA Company in the Charlie Ridge area. At 1815H the QRF was lifted out of the area. One USMC WIA(M) from sniper fire was sustained.
- 1300H A/1/1 had two PF's show them where one 122mm rocket was located (AT952632). Rocket was blown in place.
- 20 February 1971 - 2011H An A/1/1 ambush (AT952637) received incoming small arms fire, chicons, and RPG rounds resulting in one USMC WIA(M) non medevac, two VC KIA and captured, two AK-47 rifles, three AK magazines, and one half pound of rice.
- 21 February 1971 - 0005H Hill 55 received seven 122mm rockets from vicinity of (AT975553) resulting in one USMC WIA.
- 0130H DA HANG Airfield received eight 122mm rockets from vicinity of (AT903721) resulting in one C-130 aircraft destroyed, one generator destroyed, and no casualties.
 - 1227H An A/1/1 squad patrol detonated trip type booby trap resulting in one USMC WIA(M) non medevac.
 - 1620H E/3/1 (AT917934) while on convoy security at HAI VAN Pass (AT917934) received small arms fire from unknown number of VC resulting in one USMC(M) non medevac.
- 22 February 1971 - 0035H An F/2/1 squad patrol stepped on a toe popper booby trap resulting in one USMC WIA(E).
- Effected 1st Marines Frag 0 004-71 at 221200Z.
 - 1715H An I/3/1 FO spotted three VC at (AT892850). A fire mission was called resulting in two VC KIA.

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- 23 February 1971 - 0400H A G/2/1 cordon and search at (BT021681) netted two VC/NVA detainees, one M-16 rifle with 15 loaded magazines, some toe popper booby traps, two M-26 grenades, various uniforms, sewing equipment, medical equipment and documents.
- 1900H A B/1/1 platoon leaving day position (AT802551) received three RPG rounds resulting in two USMC WIA(M) non medevac.
- 24 February 1971 - 0057H Hill 55 received a total of four 122mm rockets from vicinity (AT952573). No casualties were sustained.
- 0930H An A/1/1 squad patrol (AT950655) detonated pressure type booby trap resulting in one USN WIA(P).
 - 1830H CUPP Malcom 2/1 (AT995616) engaged 10-15 VC resulting in one USMC WIA(M) non medevac, and one PF KIA.
- 25 February 1971 - 1250H An A/1/1 river security detail (AT958680) found an old 122mm rocket.
- 2145H F/2/1 while moving into cordon at (AT971660) engaged six to eight NVA/VC receiving small arms fire and grenades resulting in one USMC KIA.
- 26 February 1971 - 0915H Trash truck at Hill 55 (AT965616) hit a box mine resulting in two USMC WIA(P) and one ARVN WIA(R).
- 1830H FO from I/3/1 observed four armed VC (AT888845), called a fire mission resulting in four VC KIA.
- 27 February 1971 - 0745H A D/1/1 patrol (AT957660) tripped a bouncing type booby trap resulting in one USMC KIA and one USMC WIA(B).
- 28 February 1971 - 0855-0930H, Lieutenant General W. K. JONES visited OP RENO (See Part II, Section C, Operations).
- 2115H An A/1/1 ambush engaged 11 NVA/VC receiving chi-cons, RPG rounds, and small arms fire resulting in one USMC WIA(P), and one VC KIA.

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COMMUNICATIONS

- 16 Feb Radio Section gave class to 3rd Platoon on radio procedures.
- 23 Feb Radio Section gave class to 3rd Platoon on Communications Security.
- 26 Feb Wire Section established a 5th remote line to Hill 244

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HEADQUARTERS COMPANYPART I ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

Headquarters Company, 1st Marines 1stLt M. D. RYAN USMC

2. LOCATIONCamp PERDUE - 1-28 February 1971
Grid Coordinates - 9487513. STAFF OFFICERSSecurity Platoon Commander
S/Sniper Platoon Commander
Supply Officer 1-14 Feb
15-28 Feb
Motor Transport Officer
Company First SergeantSSgt James A. TRICE 1666414/0369
SSgt James A. TRICE 1666414/0369
1stLt Joseph F. CIAMPA 0111142/3002
1stLt Berl B. OLSWANGER 0113203/3002
Capt James E. QUINN 097676/3502
1stSgt William E. GOODSON 14124504. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
18	241	3	6

PART II NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. PERSONNEL. One officer and fourteen enlisted Marines participated in R & R to Bangkok, Hawaii, HongKong, Okinawa, Sydney and Taipei during the month of February. Two officers and thirty-eight enlisted personnel completed tours in WestPac and rotated to CONUS. Five officers and fifty-two Marines joined Headquarters Company during February. There no requests for overseas extensions during the month.

2. COMBAT OPERATIONS AND TRAINING. Classes were held on Drug Abuse and Venereal Disease. Members of Headquarters Company actively participated in the defense of Camp PERDUE.

3. MOTOR TRANSPORT. Vehicles were driven a total of 14,450 miles with no accidents. One Vehicle was deadlined for III echelon maintenance for a total of 1 day. On the 5th of the month one (1) M151A1 truck was stolen near Gunfighter Village. The vehicle serial no. was 358369.

4. PART III SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

None.

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FRAG ORDER 003-71 (S)

A. CG FIRST MAR DIV 071516Z FEB 71

1. (S) SITUATION

A. ENEMY. MAXIMUM INFLUX OF ROCKETS INTO WESTERN AO OF FIRST MARINES' TAOR, SUGGESTS THE POSSIBILITY OF ROCKET ATTACKS OF SIGNIFICANT MAGNITUDE IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

B. FRIENDLY

(1) 1/5 PASSES OPCON ONE COMPANY TO FIRST MARINES O/ABT 06 FEB 71. 5TH MARINES PASSES OPCON ONE COMPANY TO FIRST MARINES O/ABT 06 FEB 71.

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(2) RECON BN PROVIDES UP TO SIX SWIM TEAMS TO FIRST MARINES.

2. (S) MISSION

A. FIRST MARINES TAKES IMMEDIATE ACTION TO INTERDICT AND PRE-EMPT ENEMY EFFORTS TOWARD, ROCKET LAUNCHINGS AGAINST THE DA NANG VITAL AREA.

3. (S) EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT. FIRST MARINES TAKES OPCON OF TWO COMPANIES OF THE FIFTH MARINES AND SIMULTANEOUSLY PASSES OPCON OF ONE COMPANY TO THE FIRST BN AND ONE COMPANY TO THE THIRD BN. CONDUCT INTENSIFIED DAY/NIGHT ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE FIRST MARINES TAOR WITH EMPHASIS ON KNOWN ROCKET LAUNCH SITES TO INTERDICT ENEMY ROCKET LAUNCHING CAPABILITIES DURING ROCKET THREAT PERIOD.

B. 1ST BN

(1) ASSUME OPCON C/1/5 FROM FIRST MARINES BY 081300Z FEB 71 AND CO-LOCATE COMPANY CP WITH CACO 2-1 CP AT HIEU DUC DISTRICT HQS. CONDUCT COORD OPNS WITHIN CAP TACC'S.

(2) COMMENCING 081300Z FEB 71 INTENSIFY DAY/NIGHT ACTIVITIES WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE SONG TUY LOAN, MORTAR VALLEY, BO BANS & EASTERN EDGE OF CHARLIE RIDGE.

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(3) PROVIDE SECONDARY BLOCKING FORCES ALONG SON YEN RIVER FROM AT963695 TO THE AN TRACH DAM AT959653, AND ALONG THE SONG TUY LOAN.

COORDINATE AND PROVIDE SECURITY FOR RECON SWIM TEAMS ON SONG TUY LOAN & SONG YEN.

C. 2D BN

(1) COMMENCING 081600 FEB 71 INTENSIFY DAY/NIGHT ACTIVITIES WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO CAM NE/AN TRACH AREA, & ASTRIDE SONG VINH DIEN.

(2) CONTINUE PRESENT OPN WITH 2D BN, 51ST REGIMENT.

(3) COORDINATE & PROVIDE SCIT FOR RECON TEAMS ON THE SONG VINH

(4) PROVIDE SECONDARY BLOCKING FORCES ALONG SONG VINH DIEN.

D. 3D BN

(1) ASSUME CPOCN A/1/5 FROM FIRST MARINES. PROVIDE SECURED LZ VICINITY AT8973 FOR DROP POINT OF A/1/5.

(2) INTENSIFY DAY/NIGHT ACTIVITIES WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO ROCKET RIDGE AND OTHER KNOWN ROCKET LAUNCH SITES.

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E. GRF PLT

(1) COMMENCING 08 FEB 71, ONE SQD TO INCLUDE PLT LDR WILL BE AVAILABLE TO LAUNCH FROM LZ 467 IN CONJUNCTION WITH 11TH MARINES VR OF ROCKET BELT.

F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) MAXIMUM USE OF RECON SWIM TEAMS ON WATERWAYS IN TAOR.

(2) INCREASE OVERALL NUMBER OF DAY/NIGHT ACTIVITIES COMMENCING 08 FEB 71.

(3) PROVIDE RECOMMENDED GRF TARGETS ON A TIMELY BASIS.

(4) REPORT ROCKET LAUNCH SIGHTING ASAP TO THIS HDQTS COC.

(5) PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO ALL WATERWAYS.

(6) MAXIMUM USE OF MDD'S/STARLIGHT SCOPES AND IOD'S.

(7) HELMETS, FLAK JACKETS, PROTECTIVE MASKS, WILL BE CARRIED OR WORN/AVAILABLE TO ALL PERSONNEL.

(8) MAXIMUM USE OF MINE/BOOBY TRAP DOGS, ORDNANCE LOCATORS KCS'S AND CS GRENADES.

(9) MAXIMUM COORDINATION REQUIRED ALL UNITS TO PREVENT FRIENDLY OR FRIENDLY FIRES.

(10). DIRECT LIAISON AUTHORIZED.

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4. (S) ADMIN AND LOGISTICS

A. 1/5 PROVIDE CLASS II, IV, AND IX SUPPORT FOR THEIR UNITS.

5. (S) COMMAND IS NORMAL EXCEPT COMPANY WORKING WITH CACO 2-1
WILL BE OPCON 1/1 AND WILL COORDINATE AND COOPERATE WITH CACO
2-1 AND HIEU DUC DISTRICT.

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 RUMOMPA/CG III MAF
 RUMUMHA/CG FIRST MAW
 RUMHBPM/CG SECOND ROKMC BDE
 RUMUMHA/FIRST MP BN
 ZEN/SECOND CAG BN
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XXIV CORPS/III MAF FOR G-3
 FIRST MARDIV FRAG O 6-71 (ROCKET BELT SECURITY)

A. 1ST MARDIV FRAG O 1-71

1. (S) SITUATION

A. ENEMY. INTELLIGENCE PROVIDED BY RELIABLE AGENTS DESCRIBES
 THE MOVEMENT OF ROCKETS INTO AREAS WITHIN THE WESTERN SECTOR OF

THE FIRST MARINES AO. THE MOST RECENT REPORTS COUPLED WITH PRE-
 VIOUS INDICATORS SUGGEST THE POSSIBILITY OF ROCKET ATTACKS OF

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SIGNIFICANT MAGNITUDE IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. DETAILS OF THE
 GENERAL LOCATION OF SUSPECTED STORAGE SITES AND LAUNCH POSITIONS
 HAVE BEEN PASSED SEPARATELY.

B. FRIENDLY

(1) 1ST TASK FORCE AND QUANG NAM PROVINCE FORCES CONTINUE OPERA-
 TION HOANG DIEU 103.

(2) FIRST MAW PROV HELO AND FIXED WING SUPPORT AS REQUESTED.

2. (S) MISSION: THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION CONDUCTS OPERATIONS TO
 COUNTER ENEMY ROCKET AND MORTAR ATTACKS ON VITAL INSTALLATIONS IN
 THE DANANG VITAL AREA.

3. (S) EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT. INTENSIVE DAY AND NIGHT SATURATION PATROLS AND AM-
 BUSHES WILL BE CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT THE ROCKET BELT AND ALONG THE
 APPROACHES TO THE DANANG VITAL AREA BY ONE REIN INF REGT AUGMENTED
 BY INCREASED DETECTION CAPABILITIES.

B. 1ST MARINES

(1) CONT PRES MSN.

(2) CONDUCT INTENSIVE DAY/NIGHT SATURATION PATROLS THROUGHOUT
 THE RKT BELT AND APPROACHES TO THE DVA TO INTERDICT ENEMY MOVE-
 MENT, LOCATE ENEMY ORDNANCE CACHES, AND PREVENT ENEMY RKT/MORTAR

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ATKS ON THE DVA.

(3) ON ARRIVAL 1ST MAR AO, ASSUME OPCON ONE CO FM 5TH MAR AND ONE CO FM 1ST BN, 5TH MAR.

C. 5TH MARINES

(1) CONT PRES MSN.

(2) ON D-DAY, WEATHER PERMITTING, CHOP A/1/5 TO 1ST MAR FOR OPNS IN 1ST MAR AO.

(3) CO A/1/5 TO BE HELI LIFTED TO LZ VIC AT 8973 NLT 081300H FEB 71.

D. 1ST BN, 5TH MAR

(1) CONT PRES MSN.

(2) ON D-DAY CHOP ONE CO TO 1ST MAR FOR OPNS IN 1ST MAR AO NLT 081300H FEB 71.

E. ELEVENTH MARINES

(1) CONT PRES MSN.

(2) ON D-DAY, WEATHER PERMITTING, RELOCATE FOL IOD'S: FM SITES AT HILLS 218, 119, 65 AND 250 TO NEW SITES AT HILLS 190, 270, 55, AND 327.

F. 1ST RECON BN

(1) CONT PRES MSN.

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(2) AS REQD PROV SIX SWIMMING TMS DS 1ST MAR.

G. 1ST ENGR BN

(1) CONTINUE PRES MSN.

(2) PROV SPT AS REQ BY 11TH MAR AND APPROVED BY THIS HQ FOR PREPARING IOD SITES.

H. 1ST MT BN

(1) CONT PRES MSN.

I. 1ST MED BN

(1) CONT PRES MSN.

J. 11TH MT BN

(1) CONT PRES MSN.

K. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) D-DAY: 8 FEB 71

(2) DIRLAUTH ALCON.

(3) CONTROLLING HQS PROV TRANS FOR CO MOVEMENTS, ADDITIONAL HELOS UPON REQ AS AVAIL.

(4) MAXIMUM USE TO MADE OF NIGHT OBS DEVICES/STARLIGHT SCOPES/IOD'S. IOD'S TO BE ORIENTED TOWARDS POTENTIAL RKT LAUNCHING SITES.

(5) LZ SCTY IN 1ST MAR AO FOR A/1/5 TO BE PROV BY 1/3/1.

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- (6) HELMETS, FLAK JACKETS, PROTECTIVE MASKS, WILL BE CARRIED/WORK/AVAIL TO ALL PERS.
 - (7) MAX USE:
 - (A) MINE/BOOBY TRAP DOGS.
 - (B) ORD LOCATORS.
 - (C) CS GREN, ESPECIALLY IN CAVE/BKR COMPLEXES.
 - (D) KCS.
 - (8) REF A REMAINS IN EFFECT.
 - 4. (S) ADMIN AND LOGISTIC. NORMAL.
 - 5. (S) COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS
 - A. COMMAND. NORMAL W/EXCEPTION OF PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED CHOPS.
 - B. COMMUNICATIONS.
 - (1) NORMAL.
 - (2) CO A/1/5 ENTER 3D BN, 1ST MAR TACP NET, ON ARRIVAL 1ST MAR AO.
- FREQ: D-11, 45.30. CALL SIGNS PETRIFY I.
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FRAG ORDER 004-71 (Counter Rocket Defense for the DA NANG Vital Area)

Ref: (a) 1st MarDiv Op Order 306-70
(b) 1st MarDiv Op Order 301-70
(c) 1st Mar Op Order 301-70

1. (S) SITUATION

a. Enemy. 1st Marine Division Daily Intelligence Summary and all periodic and special intelligence reports as issued.

b. Friendly

- (1) 1st MAF provides airborne surveillance of the rocket threat area and the approved routes therto and has flare ships on alert or on station during hours of darkness, providing illumination on call.
- (2) 11th Mar establishes and coordinates the means to acquire enemy rocket positions in the rocket threat area, employing aerial and ground observation, searchlight and electronic and sound acquisition devices, as available. Takes immediate and appropriate coordinated counter-measures, using the full range of supporting arms to disrupt enemy rocket attacks and to destroy enemy forces involved.

2. MISSION (S)

1st Marines participates in the defense of the DA NANG Vital Area, denies the enemy access to the rocket threat area and to the positions from which rocket fire could be delivered into the DA NANG Vital Area, and maintains capability to seek out, find and destroy enemy rocket forces.

3. EXECUTION (S)

- a. Concept. Through vigorous night and day patrolling and maximum use of observation devices pre-empts the enemy from launching rockets/mortars against the DA NANG Vital Area.

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b. 1st Bn, 2d Bn, and 3d Bn

- (1) Maintain forces within assigned TAOR with particular attention to the high frequency launch site areas within the rocket threat area.
- (2) Conduct combat intelligence operations in TAOR with emphasis on daylight surveillance and high density night patrolling especially in those locations considered high frequency launch site areas within the rocket threat area and probable avenues of approach (to include waterways and coastal ingress routes).
- (3) Maintain, in coordination and cooperation with 2d Brigade ROEIO (applies to 2d Bn only) forces and CMC authorities, continuous surveillance over the approaches leading into the TAOR.
- (4) Be prepared to provide a reaction force for immediate employment in the TAOR to destroy hostile rocket forces and to block possible enemy escape routes using the best available means of mobility.
- (5) Employ the full spectrum of fire power available in conjunction with constantly alert, aggressive maneuver forces to find and destroy enemy forces which threaten or attempt to enter the rocket threat area and especially the high frequency launch site areas.
- (6) In the event of an enemy rocket attack launched from within the Battalion TAOR against either the DA NANG Vital Area or the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines TAOR complete an after action report using the format in Annex (a).
- (7) Assault of Rocket Launch Sites
 - (a) When Marine forces are located within 1000 meters of an accessible rocket site or where counter-rocket fires have been put in check fire because of a "Danger-Close" situation the nearest ground unit will immediately launch a ground assault against the rocket site.
 - (b) If an assault is not feasible and Marine forces are located more than 1000 meters away, the infantry battalion commander concerned will deploy his forces to block escape routes if possible, and the artillery will commence firing if clearance is granted.

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c. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Commanders will strictly adhere to the rules of engagement.
- (2) Fire support coordination will be in accordance with Ref b and Ref c.
- (3) Aerial observers provide reconnaissance coverage over and beyond the rocket threat area, with emphasis on the enemy main avenues of approach and subsidiary routes.
- (4) Establish supplemental OP's in TAOR as requested by the 11th Marines.
- (5) Units make maximum use of all surveillance devices, illumination, and any other mechanical means that will assist in the detection of launch sites within the rocket threat area and its approaches.
- (6) The Vital area of the DA NANG complex is centered on two points: Grids MT998763 and BT007737.
- (7) The rocket threat area is defined as that area that falls between the radius drawn 12,000 meters from the two points identified in (6) above. It is further expanded on the southeast by a radius drawn 11,000 meters from the southern end of ICAF Marble Mountain BT066734 and the known high density launch sites to the west and southwest of the DA NANG Vital Area.
- (8) Reference DivO 3120.16 establishes an SOP for the 1st Marine Division GOC and FSCC during mortar, artillery and/or rocket attacks. It remains in effect and supplements the provisions of this order.
- (9) The locating, observing, or finding of any rockets or rocket sites will be sent by flash message to this headquarters.

4. (U) Administration and Logistics. No Change.

5. (U) Command and Communications-Electronics. No Change.

- a. CODE NAME. The code name "Fire Arrow" is used to identify message traffic dealing with enemy rocket threat. The words "Fire Arrow" follow the subject of such a message.

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ATTACHMENT: A AFTER ACTION REPORT OF ENEMY ACTIVITY

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Annex A (After Action Report of Enemy Activity) to Frag Order OC(-71)

1. CHARACTERISTICS OF ROCKET ATTACK

- a. Where? (Installation/area name). What target or apparent target of rocket attack?
- b. When? Duration?
- c. Number of rounds by types.
- d. Were rockets fired singly, in salvo, or in ripples?
- e. Were mortars or other weapons fired in conjunction with rockets?
- f. Did enemy follow up rocket attack with ground attack? Describe.
- g. Did enemy launch any diversionary (or apparent diversionary) attacks in conjunction with rocket attack? Describe.

2. FRIENDLY DEFENSIVE POSTURE AT TIME OF ATTACK.

- a. Command responsible for rocket defense of area attacked by rockets?
- b. Does command have an integrated defense plan to detect/prevent counter rocket attack? In writing.
- c. Describe patrol activity within 2000 meters of rocket position areas or 3 day period preceding attack.
- d. At what level is patrol activity coordinated? At what level is the night patrol activity within the command approved?
- e. What route of ingress into rocket position was most probably used? Describe reconnaissance activity along this route over week preceding attack.
- f. What coordination arrangements were in effect with province/district/FWE/RVNAF and US Forces in area surrounded rocket firing position?
- g. Were routes of ingress interdicted prior to attack? By artillery? By air? Evaluate effort.
- h. What measures were in effect to obtain rocket information from villages, ARVN/RF/PF, other sources in rocket belt and approaches thereto?

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- i. What countermeasures were in effect in area of rocket positions at time of attack? Towers, observation posts (OP's), air observers (AO's), electronic/seismic/acoustic detection devices, night vision devices, countermortar/counterbattery (CM/CB) radar, searchlight (White light and infrared), sidelooking airborne radar/infrared (Slar/IR) detection, minefields, barriers, ambushes, etc.
- j. What offensive operations were conducted in area of rocket positions over month preceding attack? Size, type and location each operation?
- k. Ground reaction

- (1) Battalion controlling area_____.
- (2) Were Marine Troops within 1000 meters of launch site_____.
- (3) Did infantry attack site?_____. If answer is negative and the answer to preceding question was in the affirmative explain reasons for not assaulting.
- (a) Grid_____.
- (b) Results_____.
- (4) Did infantry sweep area?_____.
- (a) Results?_____.

3. FRIENDLY REACTION

a. Initial location

- (1) Time?_____.
- (2) OP's reporting:_____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____.
- (3) Initial suspect grid(s): (1)_____, (2)_____, (3)_____.

b. Counter fire

- (1) Time preclared counter-rocket targets fired?_____.
- (2) Time initial suspect grid(s) fired(1)_____, (2)_____, (3)_____.

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(3) Fire delivery means _____ (Air, Arty, Mortars, etc.)

c. Clearance

(1) Grids Requested-Time

(a) _____

(b) _____

(c) _____

(d) _____

(e) _____

(2) Grids Cleared-Time*by

(a) _____

(b) _____

(c) _____

(d) _____

(3) Grids Fired-Time-Unit

(a) _____

(b) _____

(c) _____

(d) _____

(1) _____ 4.2" Mortar

(4) _____ 8Inch

(2) _____ 105mm

(5) _____ 175mm

(3) _____ 155mm

(6) _____ Total rounds

(4) Rounds Expended

4. ROCKET POSITION AREA ANALYSIS

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- a. Was on the ground inspection of rocket position made? _____
By designated rocket position inspection team? _____
- b. Number of rocket positions? _____
Number of launch sites at each position? _____
- c. Grid of rocket positions _____
How determined? _____
- d. Direction of fire? _____
- e. Description of position areas:

- f. Prior preparation.
- (1) Length of time to prepare position? _____
- (2) Evidence of storing equipment or ordnance? _____
- g. Probable mode of transportation to site? _____
- h. Enemy discarded ordnance? _____ Enemy discarded equipment? _____
- i. Effect of Counter-fire? _____
- j. Any prior indications of attack? _____
- k. Number of enemy involved in attack? _____
Special personnel: _____
Special Forces: _____

5. IMPACT AREA ANALYSIS

- a. On the ground inspection of impact area made? _____
By designated team? _____
- b. Number of craters located? _____

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- c. Center of impact? _____°
d. Back azimuth of craters? _____°
e. Size of craters? _____°
f. Type and caliber of round _____; Type of fusing? _____°
g. Damage?

(1) Personnel: KIA _____ WIA _____
 MIA _____

(2) Equipment: _____

(3) Structural: _____
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(4) Significant problems resulting from damage: _____

6. OTHER OBSERVATIONS (AS APPROPRIATE).

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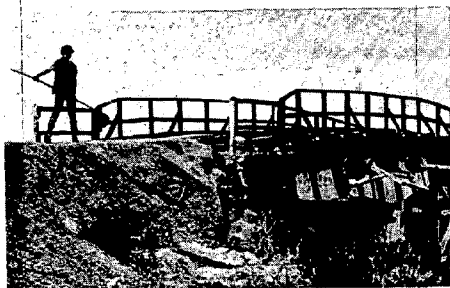


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