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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

MARCH 1971

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1st Marine Division (-), (Rein), FMF
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010001H March to 312400H March 1971

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

1st Marines 01-31 March 1971 Col. P. X. KELLEY

SUBORDINATE UNITS

HqCo, 1st Marines 01-31 March 1971 Capt H. W. GARDNER

1st Bn, 1st Marines 01-31 March 1971 Lt Col R. P. ROSE

2d Bn, 1st Marines 01-13 March 1971 Lt Col D. J. NORRIS

14-31 March 1971 Lt Col R. E. MOSS

3d Bn, 1st Marines 01-31 March 1971 Lt Col N. A. MOORE

2. LOCATION 01-31 March 1971 Camp D. W. PERDUE, RVN

3. KEY BILLETS

Executive Officer 01-31 March 1971 Lt Col R. J. LYONS

S-1/Adjutant 01-31 March 1971 MSgt B. L. HEATON

S-2 01-09 March 1971 Maj J. S. GRINALDS
10-31 March 1971 Maj J. A. STUEBE

S-3 01-31 March 1971 Maj J. P. MONAHAN

S-4 01-31 March 1971 Maj E. P. LOONEY

S-5 01-31 March 1971 1st Lt M. D. KOLAR

Communications Officer 01-31 March 1971 Maj R. A. DECKER

Air Liaison Officer 01-31 March 1971 Maj H. T. BERVALD

Regimental Surgeon 01-26 March 1971 Lt S. P. KERNER
27-31 March 1971 Lt H. R. RINDERKNECHT

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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>
144	3438	12	180

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PART II
SECTION A
PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

1. PERSONNEL

a. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

UNIT	USMC			USN		
	OFF	ENL		OFF	ENL	
HqCo	19	248		3	6	
1st Bn	44	1035		3	65	
2d Bn	40	1102		3	54	
3d Bn	41	1153		3	55	

b. CASUALTIES

BATTLE				NON-BATTLE			
KIA	VIA	MIA	DOW	SERIOUS	MINOR	DEATH	TOTAL
0	54	0	2	3	29	3	35

c. REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED

UNIT	USMC			USN		
	OFF	ENL		OFF	ENL	
	36	689		3	60	

d. ROTATION DURING MONTH

UNIT	USMC			USN		
	OFF	ENL		OFF	ENL	
	20	598		2	18	

e. PERSONNEL SUMMARY. At the close of the reporting period the personnel strength was as follows: 148 Officers and 3639 Enlisted Marine Personnel, and 11 Officers and 199 Enlisted Navy Personnel. Normal replacement procedures were in effect.

2. LEGAL AND DISCIPLINE

	HqCo	1/1	2/1	3/1
NJP	6	30	26	30
SCM (COMPLETED)	0	3	2	0
SCM (PENDING)	1	2	2	1
SPCM (COMPLETED)	0	0	3	1
SPCM (PENDING)	2	2	3	6
GCM (COMPLETED)	0	0	0	0
GCM (PENDING)	3	0	0	1
INVESTIGATIONS (COMPLETED)	0	13	17	10
INVESTIGATIONS (PENDING)	0	10	16	10

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

	<u>HqCo</u>	<u>1/1</u>	<u>2/1</u>	<u>3/1</u>
Bangkok	2	6	15	18
Hong Kong	1	3	4	8
Taipei	3	2	7	9
Okinawa	0	3	2	7
Hawaii	4	7	4	17
Sydney	2	5	11	17

4. CHAPLAIN SUPPORT

a. Chaplains Attached:

(1) Regimental Chaplain	01-31Mar71	CDR G. B. ANDRESS, CHC, USN, SB
(2) Assistant Regimental Chaplain	01-31Mar71	LT F. D. MINTJAL, CHC, USNR, RC
(3) 1st Battalion	01-31Mar71	LT R. G. RUPP, USNR, EPIS
(4) 2d Battalion	01-18Mar71 19-31Mar71	LT W. A. ROWLAND, CHC, USN, CB LCDR J. D. ESSINGER, CHC, USN, L
(5) 3d Battalion	01-26Mar71 27-31Mar71	LT Z. C. MITCHELL, CHC, USN, SB LCDR M. L. EYLER, CHC, USN, UCC

b. Divine Services Conducted by Regimental Chaplains:

(1) Protestant

Sunday Services:	24	Attendance:	342
Weekday Services:	23	Attendance:	396
Total Services:	47	Attendance:	738

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(2) Catholic

Sunday Services:	10	Attendance:	170
Weekday Services:	38	Attendance:	635
Total Masses:	48	Attendance:	805

(3) Memorial Services: NONE

Total Services:	95	Attendance:	1543
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c. Related Activities:

- (1) Indoctrination/Personal Response Lectures: 3 Attendance : 172
- (2) Bible Classes: 6 Attendance: 19
- (3) Moral Guidance/Drugs: 8 Attendance: 204

d. Miscellaneous:

- (1) Chaplain MITCHELL, on R&R, Hong Kong: 2-8 Mar 71.
- (2) Chaplain ROWLAND, visited Sacred Heart Orphanage and donated ten cases of food. He also visited China Beach Orphanage three times and donated 8250 piasters, a hot plate, a reefer, and several cases of food.
- (3) Chaplain MINTJAL visited Sacred Heart Orphanage and donated fifty cases of food.
- (4) Chaplain RUPP was hospitalized from 13-31 March with Dysentery.
- (5) Chaplain ROWLAND was Med-evacuated to CONUS, on 19 March with suspected gallstones.

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PART II
SECTION B
ENEMY, WEATHER AND TERRAIN

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

a. There was a slight decrease in enemy initiated activity within the 1st Marines TAOR during the month, characterized by limited attacks by fire, sniper/harrassing actions, mining/booby trap incidents and terrorist and propaganda activities. The contacts continued to be with small groups of enemy from local force units and the VC infrastructure. The enemy continued his efforts at disrupting the GVN pacification program and avoiding contact with 1st Marines units whenever possible other than by fire.

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

(1) On 04 March at 0432H, DA NANG Air Base received a total of 16 122mm rockets from vicinity (AT935688). The results of the attacks were one USAF WIA and four buildings severely damaged.

(2) On 29 March between 0157H and 0453H, DA NANG Air Base, Marble Mountain Air Facility and Hill 34 received a total of 20 122mm rockets. A number of launch sites were suspected however only one launch site at (AT903707) was confirmed. Results of these attacks were; one WIA (H), moderate damage to one UHIE aircraft, minor damage to one Air America aircraft, minor damage to two vehicles, one building destroyed, major damage to one building, minor damage to three buildings and minor damage to the DA NANG Runway.

c. Significant events for the month of March were:

(1) On 15 March at 0605H, a Vietnamese Seal Team operating with the Quick Reaction Force observed eight enemy in boats on the river at (AT999549). The Seal Team initiated contact with small arms resulting in eight enemy KIA; there were no friendly casualties.

(2) On 26 March at 1700H, elements of 2/1 in conjunction with 134th RF Company made contact with six enemy at (BT030688) resulting in two VC KIA: two pistols, one M-79 and one 81mm mortar tube captured.

(3) On 29 March at 0240H, approximately 60 enemy entered TU CAU (H) (BT063658), killed two civilians, maimed six others, killed one RF and wounded four. The enemy burned several hooches and seized 20 weapons from the security force. No action was taken by RF's.

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d. Units of the 1st Marines, in conjunction with FWMF units operating within the 1st Marines TAOR, accounted for 18 KIA's.

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 Battalions, 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 69 during this month. Of these 51 were discovered and 18 detonated for a 74 percent detection rate.

g. There were 17 attacks by fire directed against 1st Marines' positions during March.

h. Incidents for period 1-31 March 1971:

(1) Enemy Initiated Contacts	<u>61</u>
(a) Sniper/Harrassing	<u>44</u>
(b) Rocket attacks	<u>0</u>
(c) Mortar attacks	<u>6</u>
(d) RPG attacks	<u>10</u>
(e) Lob Bomb attacks	<u>1</u>
(2) Bunkers/tunnels destroyed	<u>64</u>
(3) Lines/booby traps	<u>69</u>
(4) Enemy sightings	<u>80</u>
Totals:	<u>274</u>

i. Enemy losses for period 1-31 March 1971:

(1) Personnel	
(a) Total detainees	<u>52</u>
1 POW's	<u>3</u>
2 Hoi Chanh's	<u>0</u>
3 Civil Defendants	<u>12</u>
4 Innocent Civilians	<u>37</u>
(b) KIA's	<u>18</u>

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(2) Weapons and Equipment

(a) IWC

<u>1</u>	AK-47	<u>10</u>
<u>2</u>	SKS	<u>1</u>
<u>3</u>	M-16	<u>3</u>
<u>4</u>	M-79	<u>1</u>
<u>5</u>	M-14	<u>1</u>
<u>6</u>	22 Rifle	<u>1</u>
<u>7</u>	7.62 Pistols	<u>3</u>

(b) CSWC

<u>1</u>	Type 53 AA MG	<u>1</u>
<u>2</u>	81 Mortar	<u>1</u>
<u>3</u>	82 Mortar	<u>1</u>
<u>4</u>	B-40 Launcher	<u>1</u>

(c) Equipment (Rkts)

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2. Volunteer Informat Program. VIP expenditures increased 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 March:

Regimental Hqs	<u>503VN</u>
1st Battalion	<u>13,820VN</u>
2d Battalion	<u>16,950VN</u>
3d Battalion	<u>1,500VN</u>

Total: 32,320VN

3. Ground Surveillance. There were a total of 130 metallic and 4,921 seismic activations recorded during the month of March. No fire missions were called on these activations.

4. Weather. Rainfall during the month was moderate with a total of 1.0 inches of rain. The average high temperature was 81 degrees and the low was 70 degrees. Humidity averaged 85 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.

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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.

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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PART II
SECTION C
OPERATIONS

1. GENERAL

- a. The month of March saw a continued 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. 1st Marines effected Frag 0 005-71 (Tab 1), (QUE SON Mountains Operation) in response to 1st Marine Division Operation Order 1-71 (Tab 2) (QUE SON Mountains Operations Mar-Apr 71).
- c. Effected 1st Marines Frag 0 006-71 (Tab 3) (Operations 20 Mar to 13 Apr 71) (assumption of 1st Marine Division Area of Operation).
- d. On 27 March 1971, from 0920 to 1040 hrs, RADM H. J. ROTRIGE, (CHC), USN Pacific Fleet Chaplain visited OP REHO and OP 270 in the 1st Marines area of operation, receiving an operational brief from Col P. X. KELLEY, 1st Marines CO.
- e. Operation UPSHUR STREAM terminated at 281550H March 1971.

2. COMBAT SUPPORT OPERATIONS

a. ARTILLERY

- (1) Throughout the month of March the 1st Battalion, 11th Marines continued its assigned mission of providing direct support fires for Marine and other Free World Forces operating in the 1st Marines' TAOR. Battery L, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines provided reinforcing fires as required. The forward Battalion Command and Control Group continued tactical and limited technical control from Hill 34 (AT989706) with the 1st Battalion, 11th Marines Command Post (-) located at the Northern Artillery Cantonment (AT925795). At 0800 on 3 March Battery L ceased combat operations and commenced stand-down for re-deployment to CONUS.

(2) Displacements

- (a) At 1025H on 2 March, four 107mm mortars displaced via helicopter from Hill 381 to Combat Support Base BALDY.

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(b) At 1115H on 2 March two 105mm howitzers displaced from Battery B on Hill 55 to the Northern Artillery Cantonment to form Battery CZ which gave 105mm support for 3d Battalion 1st Marines.

(c) At 1310H 2 March two 105mm howitzers displaced from Battery A on Hill 65 to the Northern Artillery Cantonment to form Battery CZ and were laid on 5500 mils azimuth of fire by 1530H 2 March.

(d) At 1100H on 5 March, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines received two 155mm howitzers at the Northern Artillery Cantonment from 2d Battalion, 11th Marines. These two weapons were designated Platoon CZX.

(e) At 1000H on 6 March two 155mm howitzers were displaced via helicopter from Hill 218 to Hill 510 to form Platoon CX for artillery support in the QUE SON area of operations.

(f) At 1000H on 7 March Platoon C, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery displaced from Combat Support Base BALDY to the Northern Artillery Cantonment with a mission of General Support of 1st Marine Division (-), (Rein), and Reinforcing fires for 1st Battalion, 11th Marines.

(g) At 1000H on 11 March, Mortar Battery (-) displaced four 107mm mortars from Combat Support Base BALDY to Sea Anchor and were laid on 2900 mils azimuth of fire by 1205H 11 March.

(h) At 0900H on 22 March, Mortar Battery (-) displaced four 107mm mortars from Sea Anchor to the Northern Artillery Cantonment and were laid on azimuth of fire 5800 mils by 1250H 22 March.

(3) Total Surveillance for March 1971

(a) Casualties: VC/NVA KIA 7
VC/NVA KIA 2

(b) Damage Assessment: Bunkers Destroyed 6
Bunkers Damaged 10
Secondary Explosions 4

(4) Mission and Ammunition Expenditure Summary

<u>105mm</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Rounds</u>
Contact Missions	20	639
Intelligence Targets	479	

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Preparatory Fires	13	235
Pre-emptive Fires	988	1231
Special Fires	190	894
Confirmed Targets	82	1557
Counter-Battery Fires	<u>6</u>	<u>60</u>
Total:	1778	5959

<u>107mm</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Rounds</u>
Contact Missions	3	68
Intelligence Targets	12	58
Preparatory Fires	3	121
Pre-emptive Fires	12	12
Confirmed Targets	5	90
Special Fires	<u>18</u>	<u>195</u>
Total:	53	544

<u>155mm</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Rounds</u>
Contact Missions	4	123
Intelligence Targets	334	712
Pre-emptive Fires	151	151
Confirmed Targets	24	385
Special Fires	<u>21</u>	<u>66</u>
Total:	534	1437

<u>8 Inch</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Rounds</u>
Confirmed Targets	11	62
Pre-emptive Fires	207	323
Special Fires	<u>4</u>	<u>14</u>
Total:	222	399

Grand Total TAOR	2587	8039
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b. NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT

(1) The USS TURNER JOY (DD-951) was the only naval gunfire support ship on station during March.

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(a) Observed Missions: 7 March 3 Targets 6 Rounds 5"/54 HE/PD
16 Rounds 5"/54 WP/PD

(b) Unobserved Missions: 6 March 15 Targets 45 Rounds 5"/54 HE/PD
7 March 20 Targets 60 Rounds 5"/54 HE/PD

(c) Total Targets Engaged and Ammunition Expended:

38 Targets 127 Rounds 5"/54

c. AIR SUPPORT

(1) General. Fixed Wing support for the Regiment decreased once again during March. This was due mainly to Regimental requested air strikes being pre-empted by Division for higher priority targets. Upon acceptance of the expanded TAOR, helicopter operations increased significantly. The Black Hammer, a combination of a HUE carrying the light and two gunbirds, was utilized extensively during high threat periods and proved extremely valuable during the enemy attack on DUC DUC being credited with 27 KBA.

(2) Statistics

(a) Helicopters

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Trooplift	85	5393 Passengers
Logistics	93	1,413,443 Pounds of Cargo
Med Evac	180	337 Evacuees
Visual Recon	30	104 Hours
Gunships	25	43 Hours
Administration	89	2229 Passengers

Average medical evacuation reaction times for March were: Emergency 21 minutes; Priority 20 minutes; Routine 22 minutes.

(b) Fixed Wing

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
CAS	27	160,010 Pounds of Ordnance
Beacon	15	173,120 Pounds of Ordnance
TPQ-10	4	40,000 Pounds of Ordnance
Aerial Observation	296	354 Hours
Flareships	7	8 Hours/282 Flares

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

<u>ORDNANCE</u>	<u>AMOUNTS</u>
7.62mm	23,850
20mm	1,660
40mm	470
50 Cal.	150
2.75 Rockets	156

(d) BDA for the month included 28 KBA, one bunker destroyed; eight secondary explosions; five living structures destroyed; 500 meters of tree line, and 30 meters of trench line destroyed and two caves closed.

(3) Operational Discrepancies. None.

d. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS

(1) HB Teams were employed in conjunction with three (3) cordon and search operations and made eighteen (18) other anti VC/NVA broadcasts.

(2) HE Teams showed movies to 1,000 Vietnamese.

(3) Early Word broadcasts were employed six (6) times during the month in conjunction with ground operations.

(4) Airdrop of leaflets totalled one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) and seventeen thousand five hundred (17,500) were hand distributed.

(5) One (1) Armed Propaganda Team was employed during the month.

(6) Psychological Operations consisting of broadcasts and leaflet drops were used in conjunction with the VIP program resulting in one hundred thirteen (113) pieces of ordnance being turned in.

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SECTION D
TRAINING

1. Formal school quotas during March 1971:

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>QUOTAS</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Basic Infantry Weapons Repair	2	Okinawa
Basic Ammo Tech	2	Okinawa
Projectionist School	1	RVN
Land Mine Warfare Course	51	RVN
QRF Training	44	RVN
CBR/NBC	2	Okinawa

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 instruction from the 1st Engineer Battalion Mine/Booby Trap Contact Team as follows:

<u>BATTALION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
1st Bn	314
2d Bn	272
3d Bn	161

4. Headquarters Company conducted normal GMS Training during the month with special emphasis on Venereal Disease Lectures.

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PART II
SECTION E
LOGISTICS

1. 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. 94% 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 to assist in alleviating excesses. Emphasis is being exerted on the logistical preparations 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 for Companies' assigned areas of operations was performed mainly by helicopters. Sufficient resources were provided for 617 lifts of a total of 815,238 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:

HqCo	3
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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4. 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 March 1971.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Submitted</u>	<u>Completed</u>
Comm-Elect	142	76
Ordnance	0	0
Motor Transport	3	4
Engineer	0	0

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

c. Cantonment rehabilitation efforts were increased during the reporting period to ensure that the cantonments of the Regiment remained in acceptable condition for turn over to the Government of Vietnam. During the reporting period, Camp LAUER was turned over to I Corps for use by the Mayor of DA NANG as a Regional Force training center.

5. Embarcation. The embarkation readiness of the Regiment remained at its previous high level. At present, all units within the Regiment have adequately trained embarkation personnel. In view of the forthcoming redeployment actions, emphasis is being placed on preparation of supplies and equipment for retrograde.

6. Sanitation. Conscientious sanitation programs continue 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 March 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 6 Medical Officers, 1 Dental Officer, 197 Medical Corpsman and 2 Dental Technicians.

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c. The following is a break down of the patient load examined/treated during the month of March 1971:

(1) Sick Call Patients:

(a) Skin Disorders:	271
(b) Diarrhea:	182
(c) Evacuation:	55
(d) New VD Cases:	53
(e) Upper Respiratory Infections:	48
(f) Malaria:	6
(g) Fever of Unknown Origin:	26
(h) Total Patients Seen:	3,062

(2) Dental Patients: 708

(3) Immunizations: 2,495

(4) Total MedCap and DentCap Patients: 1,895

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PART II
SECTION F
CIVIL AFFAIRS-CIVIC ACTION

1. PUBLIC WORKS

Public works for the month of March primarily consisted of the providing of various building materials by the 2d and 3d Battalions within their CAAOR. Villages and Hamlets receiving materials from the 2d Battalion were KHAI TAY (1), XUAN TRA, HOA LONG and BINH KY. Villages and Hamlets receiving materials from the 3d Battalion were HOA VINH, HOA THANH, KIM LIEN, HOA LOC and QUANG NAM. The two most significant contributions were six thousand (6,000) feet of sewer pipe and three hundred (300) feet of $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch steel pipe provided to HOA VANG District Headquarters for construction of an irrigation project by the 2d Battalion and salvage materials from Hill 190 provided to the PF's in QUANG NAM for construction of a school by the 3d Battalion.

2. WELFARE

The 3d Battalion provided approximately two hundred fifty (250) pounds of food, personal hygiene items, toys and school supplies to the orphanage at PHU THUONG and a trailer load of lumber to the orphanage at PHUC THUONG.

3. EDUCATION

The 2d Battalion used an H. E. Team to show movies to a total of 930 school children in the hamlets of LE SON, XUAN TRA, HOA PHUC and PHONG BAC. Additionally, forty (40) school kits were distributed to the school children in HOA PHUOC.

4. HEALTH

A total of one thousand eight hundred twenty-five (1,825) Vietnamese Civilians were treated by MedCaps another 70 received DentCaps. A high intensive Air Force MedCap at LO GIANG treated 101 civilians for medical problems and another 38 for dental problems.

5. SECURITY

One case of hand illumination canisters was delivered to the PSDF at XUAN TRA.

6. PERSONAL RESPONSE

Personal Response lectures were given to all new arrivals in country. Culture tours of the DA NANG area were conducted with one hundred ten (110) personnel attending.

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7. **SOLATIUM**

Three (3) solatium payments were made totalling \$10,000.00.

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PART II
SECTION G
COMMUNICATIONS

1. During the month of March 1971, 1st Marines' Communications Platoon continued to provide radio, telephone and teletype circuits from Camp Perdue to the Battalions. Telephone and teletype circuits to the 1st and 2d Battalions were via intergrated wire/radio relay, and via the 1st Marine Division cable to the 3d Battalion.
2. The Communication Center processed a total of 2035 messages, 367 outgoing and 1668 incoming. No significant circuit outages occurred, although some disruptions in service were encountered due to power failures and equipment malfunctions. During outages back up guard was provided by courier service. Communication/Crypto guard was maintained for 1st and 11th Motor Transport Battalion; guard for the 1st Battalion, 11th Marines was commenced as of 22 March.
3. Two AN/TRC-27 links were maintained by the Radio Relay section. One provided telephone/teletype service to the 2d Battalion at Camp LAUER, the other provided telephone service between 1st Battalion and the cantonment at Hill 65. On 22 March a new link was set up at Hill 34 to provide telephone/teletype communications for the 2d Battalion upon their move on 23 March. An outage period of three hours was noted to reestablish telephone/teletype communications during this move. Overall operational time for the two links 99.99 percent and 99.98 percent respectively.
4. The Tech Shop completed and processed a total of 142 TERO's during the month. A total of 38 items required 2d echelon repair, all of which were completed. The remaining 104 items required 3d echelon repair and were evacuated to 1st FSR. Of these 76 items were completed and returned, while 28 still remain at 1st FSR. Electricians performed numerous repair work throughout the cantonment. The most noteworthy being the use of emergency power for a two day period when a forklift hit the pole carrying commercial power to the cantonment.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

01 March 1971 - 0015H a G/2/1 patrol (BT045721) received S/A/F and M-79 fire resulting in one USMC MIA(E).

- 0205H AN HOA nad DUC DUC received a large number of 82mm mortars resulting in three RF KIA, two civilians KIA, three RF MIA and four civilians MIA.
- 1515H a recon unit (AT803649) spotted two VC/NVA at (AT803645). An 81mm fire mission was initiated from 1/3/1 on Hill 785 resulting in one VC KIA.

02 March 1971 - 2120H a C/1/1 night ambush (AT908710) initiated contact with approximately eight VC/NVA resulting in one USMC MIA(E).

03 March 1971 - 0905H a F/2/1 day position (BT065694) received S/A/F from unknown VC (BT064695) resulting in one USMC MIA(E).

- 0930H a K/3/1 patrol (AT807650) found 47 60mm HE rounds, four M-79 rounds, one ammo can filled with black powder and nails with trip wire set up as a booby trap. All ordnance was blown in place.
- 1330H one Marine from C/1/1 drowned while swimming near London Bridge (AT915587). Body wasn't recovered at this time.
- 1400H a "1/5, (OPCON 1st Marines), patrol found enemy bunker/quarters at (AT975437). Bunker contained miscellaneous gear including AK-47 and M-16 ammo, magazines, cooking utensils, medical supplies, and booby trap material.

04 March 1971 - 0230H sixteen rockets were fired from vicinity (AT935688) on the DA NANG Vital Area, resulting in one USAF MIA and four buildings damaged.

- 0920H a B/1/5, (OPCON 1st Marines), patrol tripped a chicom trip wire type booby trap resulting in one USMC MIA(E).
- 0940H a B/1/5, (OPCON 1st Marines), patrol found an enemy base camp at (AT978430) and (AT973432). A search of the camps revealed one heavy machine 7.62mm, one AK-47, assorted small arms rounds, personnel gear, and documents.

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04 March 1971 - 1100H a surprize firing device detonated 30 meters from G/2/1 Platoon CP resulting in one USMC WIA(M). Type device was unknown.

- 2110H a F/2/1 squad patrol (BT089681) spotted four unidentified personnel at (BT089682). While moving towards personnel, F/2/1 received S/A/F and grenades resulting in two USMC WIA(E) and one USMC WIA(M).

06 March 1971 - 0145H a C/1/1 squad ambush (AT904703) initiated contact on two VC/NVA. Contact resulted in one USMC WIA(E).

- 1315H a recon unit observed two VC at (AT805638). Recon called in fire mission from 3/3/1 on Hill 785 resulting in two VC KIA.

- 1935H a B/1/5 patrol (AT975434) spotted two VC/NVA at (AT975434). B/1/5 initiated contact resulting in one VC/KIA, one VC WIA and the capture of one AK-47, two grenades, and personal items.

07 March 1971 - 1100H a B/1/1 patrol found a cave complex and base camp (AT974434) and (AT976434). Search revealed one AK-47, one .22 cal rifle, various items of 782 gear, clothing, small arms ammo, food, chicons, booby trap material, medical supplies, and one directional antenna with channel selector.

- 1645H a CUPP Malcolm patrol (AT994628) tripped a trip-wire M-26 grenade type booby trap resulting in two USMC WIA(E).

08 March 1971 - 2030H a K/3/1 patrol (AT883723) received sniper fire from unknown position resulting in one USMC WIA(M).

09 March 1971 - 2330H a G/2/1 patrol tripped a trip wire M-26 grenade type booby trap resulting in one USMC WIA(R).

10 March 1971 - 2050H a B/1/1 ambush initiated contact on one VC/NVA at (AT844561) resulting in the capture of one VC WIA, medical gear, two chicons, food, and personal gear.

11 March 1971 - 1320H G-2 (QRF) 2/1 was inserted at (AT962522) in an effort to locate suspected site of VC Hq/liaison station. Received some small arms fire from (AT962518). G-2 returned fire resulting in one VC KIA. One VC was killed by air during the contact also. The HCA was shot down during the insertion and landed at PHU LOC (AT930522). No casualties.

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11 March 1971 - 1640H G-2 (QRF) 2/1 was extracted and returned to 1st Marines CP.

12 March 1971 - 0800H a Marine of K/3/1 on gate guard at DAI LA Pass was policing the area. Marine picked up a cylindrical object which exploded resulting in one USMC WIA(E).

- 1450H the QRF platoon (G-2/2/1) and company (G(-) 2/1) were inserted vicinity of (AT985544) to seek out enemy Headquarters Buildings/liaison Station.
- 1530H a Marine of D/1/5 (OPCON 1st Marines) at BALDY Combat Base was playing with a partially destroyed 60mm mortar round. The round detonated resulting in five USMC WIA(E) and one USMC WIA(R).
- 1705H K/3/1 squad patrol (AT885711) tripped a 60mm mortar booby trap resulting in one USMC WIA(E).

13 March 1971 - a K/3/1 platoon patrol and Sub Team 3 from 3d CIT acting on intelligence conducted an operation along the SONG TUY LOAN (AT890708) to (AT864706). Duration of operation 101300H Mar 71 to 131200H Mar 71. Operation resulted finding two M-16 rifles, one M-14 rifle, documents, small arms ammo, and clothing.

- 1035H a B/1/1 patrol (AT802552) stepped on a pressure type booby trap resulting in one USMC WIA(P) and one USMC WIA(M).
- 1045H the body of the missing drowned Marine (3 Mar 71) was found by the 11th Marines LOH at (AT952641).

14 March 1971 - 0805H G-2 (QRF) 2/1 while being extracted from (AT960525) received unknown number of M-79 rounds resulting in 12 USMC WIA (R). G-2 (-) 2/1 was extracted without incident.

- 1825H G-2 (QRF) 2/1 was inserted at (AT985544) to support a Seal Team which was attempting to locate a VC liaison station. Resulted in eight VC KIA.

15 March 1971 - G-2 (QRF) 2/1 was extracted and returned to 1st Marines CP.

16 March 1971 - 0700H a C/1/5 CP (OPCON 1st Marines) (AT972437) initiated contact with three VC/NVA resulting in one VC/NVA KIA, the capture of one AK-47 w/magazines and ammo, two grenades, and personal gear.

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16 March 1971 - 0900H G-2 (QRF) 2/1 was inserted at (AT901836). G-2 conducted sweep of the area. Resulted in one USMC WIA(E), one probable VC KIA, captured one AK-47, AK-47 ammo, two chicom, and personal gear.

- 1705H G-2 (QRF) 2/1 was extracted and returned to 1st Marines CP.

17 March 1971 - 0750H a D/1/1 platoon patrol (AT949643) tripped a pressure type booby trap resulting in one USMC WIA(E).

18 March 1971 - 0945H a E/2/1 squad (AT975657) was being led by a Vietnamese to site of several booby traps when one Marine tripped an M-26 type booby trap resulting in one USMC WIA(E).

19 March 1971 - 1430H a B/1/5 (OPCON 1st Marines), platoon patrol found a fresh grave site which contained one AK-47, one box ammo, and assorted medical supplies.

21 March 1971 - 1300H D/1/1 found a cave complex (AT963425) which yielded one SKS rifle, cooking utensils, and personal gear.

- 1730H F/2/1 X0 while moving from service road to company CP (BT072684) tripped a M-26 booby trap resulting in one USMC WIA(E).

22 March 1971 - 2040H a H/3/1 ambush initiated contact on five VC/NVA. Contact resulted in one VC KIA, captured six M-26 grenades and documents.

- 2150H C/1/1 night ambush initiated contact with unknown number of VC/NVA. Contact resulted in two USMC WIA(E).

24 March 1971 - 0915H a CUPP CARLOS activity (AT976628) stepped on a toepopper booby trap device resulting in one USMC WIA(E).

- 1030H a M/3/1 patrol (AT908825) stepped on a pressure type booby trap resulting in one USMC WIA(R).

- 1200H a L/3/1 patrol (AT960428) found a VC/NVA base camp. Search of the area revealed four chicom, three AP mines, two NVA flags, and assorted documents.

- 2200H E/2/1 platoon CP received eight grenades resulting in one USMC WIA(E).

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25 March 1971 - 1645H a L/2/1 day patrol found a base camp at (AT958428). Search of the area revealed three 122mm rockets and one B-40 rocket launcher.

- 1930H a N/3/1 squad ambush while moving into a night position (AT862833) stepped on a pressure type booby trap resulting in two USMC WIA(E) and one USMC WIA(R).
- 2040H C/1/1 (AT808650) Hill 785 received incoming chicom hand grenades. C-1 returned fire with S/A/F and grenades. A sweep of the area at first light revealed one VC KIA.
- 2300H a CUPP TAPPER 2/1 night ambush (AT991629) initiated contact with 15 to 20 VC/NVA. Contact resulted in one USMC WIA(N).

26 March 1971 - 0100H a C/1/1 night ambush (AT921621) initiated contact on four VC/NVA. Contact resulted in capturing seven bags of rice (80-100 lbs).

- 0405H A C/1/1 ambush (AT921621) initiated contact with four VC/NVA resulting in one VC/NVA KIA.

27 March 1971 - 1220H an A/1/1 patrol (AT953646) detonated one grenade type booby trap resulting in two USMC WIA(P).

- 2150H C/1/1 Hill 785 (AT807650) received one incoming chicom resulting in one USMC WIA(M).
- 2210H C/1/1 (AT888650) received one incoming chicom resulting in one USMC WIA(M).

29 March 1971 - 0200H CUPP TAPPER 2/1 (AT993633) received incoming M-79 rounds and RPG rounds resulting in one USMC WIA(M).

- 0200H rockets were fired from vicinity (AT9866) grid square into the DA NANG Vital Area resulting in one WIA(M) and one JHIE Aircraft destroyed.
- 0455H rockets were fired from (AT903707) into the DA NANG Vital Area damaging one aircraft, five buildings, two vehicles and minor damage to DA NANG Airfield Runway.

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29 March 1971 - 0600H received final report on DUC DUC District Headquarters, attacked at 0500H by large force of VC/NVA. DUC DUC Cantonment was hit by mortars, sappers, and small arms fire. 15 RF's KIA, 46 RF's and civilians WIA, numerous homes destroyed.

30 March 1971 - 0825H the VC/NVA conducted a diversionary attack against USMC forces and RF's at (AT915934). At 0830H interdicted the railroad at (AT927937) with RPG and 60mm mortar fire as well as command detonating a mine under the engine of a passing train resulting in eight RF and one USMC WIA. A reaction force of U. S. Marines and RF's were dispatched to the scene. A medevac was called in and shot down by an RPG round when attempting to land resulting in one USMC KIA, seven USMC WIA(E), and eight RF WIA.

- 2005H I/3/1 bridge guard at (AT927923) were taken under fire by AK-47 small arms fire and one grenade resulting in two USMC WIA(M).
- 2110H CUPP CP (AT968618) received four incoming rounds of 105 LOB bombs resulting in one USMC WIA(E) and two USMC(R).
- 2130H CUPP TAYLOR night ambush (AT985657) engaged an unknown VC/NVA force resulting in one USMC KIA and one PF WIA. Medevac chopper called was shot down vicinity (AT985663) resulting in two USMC WIA (CUPP) and two PF WIA. Lost equipment in crash included one PRC-25 radio, two M-16's, one .45 cal pistol and one medical kit.

31 March 1971 - 1430H H/2/1 (Rein), CUPP TAYLOR, and one PF conducted cordon and search of YEN NE (AT985664). All gear reported missing in crash (302130H) was recovered.

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HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

PART I ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>1. DESIGNATION</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>		
Headquarters Company, 1st Marines	Capt H. W. GARDNER 092542/0302		
<u>2. LOCATION</u>	1-31 March 1971		
Camp PERDUE Grid Coordinates	948751		
<u>3. STAFF OFFICERS</u>			
Security Platoon Commander	SSgt James A. TRICE 1666414/0369		
S/Sniper Platoon Commander	SSgt James A. TRICE 1666414/0369		
Supply Officer	1stLt Berl B. OLSWANGER 0113203/3002		
Motor Transport Officer	Capt James E. QUINN 097676/3510		
Company First Sergeant	1stSgt William E. GOODSON 1412450/9999		
<u>4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH</u>			
Officers	<u>USMC</u>	Officers	<u>USN</u>
19	248	3	6

PART II NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. PERSONNEL. One officer and eleven enlisted Marines participated in R & R to Bangkok, Hawaii, Hong Kong, Sydney, and Taipei during the month of March. One officer and thirty-two enlisted personnel completed tours in WESTPAC and rotated to CONUS. One Naval officer also rotated to CONUS. Four officers and one hundred four Marines joined Headquarters Company during March. There was one request for an overseas extension which was subsequently disapproved by the Commanding General.
2. COMBAT OPERATIONS AND TRAINING. Classes were held on Drug Abuse. Members of Headquarters Company actively participated in the defense of Camp PERDUE. Classes were also held on Venereal Disease.

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3. MOTOR TRANSPORT. Vehicles were driven a total of 15, 414 miles with one accident. There were no vehicles deadlined for III, IV, or V echelon maintenance.

PART III SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

None.

PART IV SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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FRAG ORDER (005-71) QUE SON MOUNTAINS OPERATION (01-24 MARCH 1971)
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B. FIRST MAR OP 0 301-70
C. CG, FIRST MAR DIV 281217Z FEB 71
D. ANNEX A: OPN OVERLAY ISSUED SEPARATELY **ATTACHED**
1. (S) SITUATION
A. ENEMY. SEE CURRENT INTSUMS & PERIODIC INTELLIGENCE REPORTS.
B. FRIENDLY
(1) 1ST MAW PROVIDES FIXED WING AND ROTARY AIR SUPPORT AS REQ.
(2) 1/11 DIRECT SUPPORT OF 1ST MARINES.

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(3) 1ST RECON BN CONDUCTS RECON OPERATIONS FM PLT PAT BASE AT HILL 510.

(4) 196TH INFANTRY BRIGADE OPERATES TO THE SOUTH. (ANNEXED A)

(5) ROKMC OPERATES IN ASSIGNED AO TO THE EAST. (ANNEXED A)

(6) ARVN AND RF'S/PF'S CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN ASSIGNED AO'S UNDER CONTROL OF QUE SON DISTRICT.

2. (S) MISSION

(1) FIRST MARINES ASSUME RESPONSIBILITIES FOR EXPANDED AO, TO INCLUDE CURRENT 5TH MARINES AO AND CONDUCT CATEGORY III OPNS WITHIN EXPANDED AO; PROVIDE SECURITY FOR BALDY COMBAT BASE.

3. (S) EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT. FIRST MARINES TAKES OPCON OF TWO INFANTRY COMPANIES AND A COMMAND GP FROM 1/5, DEPLOYS THIS FORCE REINFORCED BY A INFANTRY COMPANY FROM 2/1 FOR CATEGORY III OPERATIONS IN THE QUE SON MOUNTAINS AND SECURITY OF BALDY COMBAT BASE.

B. 1ST BN

(1) CONTINUE PRESENT MISSIONS

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(2) ON D-1 PROVIDE QRF COMPANY WITH ONE PLT OPCON TO REGIMENT AND THE QRF CO (-) ON 60 MINUTE ALERT FOR RELIEF OF UNITS OPERATING IN THE QUE SONS AND FOR OTHER MISSIONS AS DIRECTED.

C. 2ND BN

(1) CONTINUE PRESENT MISSIONS

(2) ON D-1 CHOP OPCON OF ONE RIFLE CO TO 1/5 FOR OPERATIONS IN THE QUE SON MOUNTAINS.

D. 3D BN

(1) CONTINUE PRESENT MISSIONS

E. HQ CO

(1) CONTINUE PRESENT MISSIONS

(1) ON D-2 PROVIDE TWO RADIO OPERATORS W/RADIOS FOR LIAISON DUTIES AT QUE SON DISTRICT, DUY XUYEN, AND NOC BIA (TOTAL OF SIX).

F. FIRST BN FIFTH MAR

(1) ON D-2 ASSUME OPCON OF A/1/5 AND B/1/5 FM THE FIRST MARINES.

(2) ON D-1 ASSUME OPCON OF ONE RIFLE CO FM THE FIRST MARINES.

(3) ON D-1 REDEPLOY TWO COMPANIES PLUS REINFORCEMENTS AND

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A CMD GRP TO HILL 510 FOR CATEGORY III OPNS IN QUE SON MTS & SECURITY OF HILL 321.

(4) ON D-1 ESTABLISH BN (-) CMD GRP ON HILL 510 W/FSCC FOR FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION IN THE QUE SON MTS: ESTABLISH A PLT PAT BASE ON HILL 510 FOR RECON TEAMS.

(5) ON D-DAY REDEPLOY ONE REIN COMPANY FOR SCITY OF BALDY COMBAT BASE.

G. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) D-DAY 3 MARCH 71

(2) 1ST MARINES ASSUMES 5TH MAR TAOR 031200H MARCH 71

(3) ALL HELICOPIOR SUPPORT BOTH FOR ADMIN AND TACTICAL MOVES WILL BE FRAGGED THROUGH 1ST MAR.

(4) DIRECT LN AUTH

A. ADMIN & LOG

A. ADMIN

(1) SPOT/INTELLIGENCE/MINE/E/T REPORTS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THIS HQQTS ASAP.

(2) PLANNED OPNS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THIS HQQTS 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE.

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(3) CP LOCATIONS OF COMPANIES WILL BE SUBMITTED TO
REGIMENTAL COC BY 2000HRS EACH NIGHT.
(4) UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL TROOPS BE MOVED BY TRUCK TO
QUE SON/BALDY UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY THIS HDQTRS.

B. LOGISTICS

- (1) 1/5 WILL ESTABLISH LSA ON HILL 34. SUPPLY AND ADMIN
RUNS WILL BE COORDINATED THROUGH 1/5 (REAR) ON HILL 34.
- (2) 2/1 WILL PROVIDE CLASS II AND IV SUPPLY TO RIFLE CO
OPCON 1/5 THROUGH THE LSA ON HILL 425.
- (3) RESUPPLY OF UNITS IN THE QUE SON MTS WILL BE CONDUCTED
ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND FRIDAY.

5. COMMAND & COMM-ELEC

- (1) 1/5 REPORT ASSUMPTION OF FSCC FM 5TH MAR TO THIS HDQTRS.
- (2) 1/5 WILL USE D-1 AS REGIMENTAL TAC NET.
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OPERATION ORDER 1-71 (QUE SON MIN OPNS MAR-APR 71) (S)

A. FIRST MARDIV OPO 301-70 (S)

B. FIRST MARDIV OP PLAN 183-69 (SNF)

C. FIRST MARDIV FRAG O 4-71 (S)

D. ANNEX A: OPN OVERLAY (ISSUED SEPARATELY) : ATTACHED

E. FIRST MARDIV ADMIN O 301-70 (C)

TIME ZONE: HOTEL

TASK ORGANIZATION:

(1) REF A AS MODIFIED BY IMPLEMENTATION OF REF B.

1. (S) SITUATION

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A. ENEMY. THE QUE SON MOUNTAINS HOUSE THE HEADQUARTERS, LOGISTIC

AND REAR BASES FOR THE PRINCIPAL ENEMY FORCES WHICH OPERATE IN THE LOWLANDS OF QUANG NAM PROVINCE. LOCATED IN THE MOUNTAINOUS AREAS ARE THE FORWARD HEADQUARTERS FOR FRONT 4, THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE FOR FRONT 4, (QUANG DA SPECIAL ZONE), THE REAR BASES OF THE R-29TH BN, THE V-25TH BN, T-89TH SAPPER BN AND THE 3D INF BN. ELEMENTS OF THE 260TH TRANSPORTATION REGIMENT AND THE 150TH TRANSPORTATION BN OPERATE IN THE WESTERN MOUNTAIN AREA AND MAINTAIN MAJOR STORAGE FACILITIES IN THE AREAS. SEE CURRENT INTELLIGENCE REPORTS FOR

RECENT ENEMY LOCATIONS.

B. FRIENDLY

(1) GVN FORCES CONTINUE OPERATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT CAMPAIGN PLANS AND DIRECTIVES.

(2) XXIV CORPS CONTINUES OPERATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT CAMPAIGN PLANS AND DIRECTIVES.

(3) III MAF CONTINUES TO SUPPORT COMBAT OPNS.

(4) ROKMC BDE CONTINUES OPNS IN ASSIGNED TAOR AND AO EXT.

(5) FIRST MAW PROVIDES SUPPORT AS REQUESTED.

2. (S) MISSION: FIRST MARINE DIVISION CONTINUES TO REDEPLOY SPECIFIED FORCES; CONTINUES OPERATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT

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CAMPAIGN PLANS AND DIRECTIVES. FIRST MARINES ASSUME RESP FOR EXPANDED AO, TO INCLUDE CURRENT FIFTH MARINES AO; COND COMBAT OPNS WITHIN EXPANDED AO; AND PROVIDE FOR CONTINGENCY MISSIONS AS DIRECTED.

3. (S) EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT:

(1) FIRST MARDIV EXECUTES STANDDOWN IN ACCORDANCE WITH RSF B. FIRST MARINES ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXPANDED AO (ANNEX A, OPN OVERLAY); CONTINUES PRESENT MISSION WITHIN CURRENT AO, CONDUCTS COMBAT OPNS IN QUE SON MTNS AND ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURITY OF THE DIVISION RIDGE AREA. RECONNAISSANCE BN CONT COND RECON ACTS IN QUE SON PPE AND AS DIRECTED.

B. FIRST MARINES

- (1) CONTINUE PRES MSN.
- (2) ON 2 MAR 71 REC OPCON 1 FWD CMD GROUP 1 INF CO FROM 1/5.
- (3) ON 2 MAR 71 ESTABLISH FORWARD COMMAND POST ON H-510. EMPLOY 2 CO COND COMBAT OPNS VIC H-510.
- (4) ON 2 MAR 71 PROVIDE 1 SECURITY PLT LOC H-381. MAINTAIN SECURITY UNTIL COMPLETION DISMANTLE/VACATE H-381.
- (5) ON 3 MAR REC OPCON 1 INF CO (REIN) FROM 1/5.
- (6) ON 031200H MAR 71 ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR FIFTH MARINES AREA

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OF OPNS. PROVIDE SECURITY FOR BALDY COMBAT BASE UNTIL RELIEVED BY ORDER THIS HQ.

- (7) ON 23 MAR 71 CHOP 1 FWD CMD GROUP AND 2 INF CO BACK TO 1/5.
- (8) ON 241200H MAR ASSUME RESP FOR 1/5 AREA OF OPERATION AND ASSIGNED TASKS.
- (9) ON 13 APRIL IN COORD W/CO ELEVENTH MAR VACATE H-510.
- (10) ON 13 APRIL RETURN ALL UNITS TO BASES LOCATED WITHIN CURRENT FIRST MARINES AO.
- (11) ON 13 APRIL ON ORDER THIS HEADQUARTERS RESP FOR CURRENT

FIFTH MARINES AO CEASES.

C. FIFTH MARINES

- (1) CONTINUE PRES MSN.
- (2) ON 1 MAR CHOP 1 CO TO 1/5.
- (3) ON 2 MAR, IN COORD W/CO FIRST MAR AND ELEVENTH MAR VACATE H-381. MAINTAIN 1 PLT SECURITY H-381 UNTIL REL BY 1 PLT FROM FIRST MAR ON 2 MAR.
- (4) ON 2 MAR IN COORD WITH CO ELEVENTH MAR COMMENCE VACATE/DISMANTLE H-218.
- (5) ON 031200H MAR 71 PASS RESPONSIBILITY FOR FIFTH MAR AO TO CO FIRST MAR AND COMPLETE STANDDOWN ACTIVITIES.

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(G) ON 3 MAR VACATE COMBAT BASE BALDY.
D. FIRST BATTALION, FIFTH MARINES
(1) CONTINUE PRES MSN.
(2) ON 1 MAR REC 1 CO CHOP FROM FIFTH MAR.

(3) ON 2 MAR CHOP 1 FWD CMD GRP AND 1 INF CO TO FIRST MAR.
(4) ON 3 MAR CHOP 1 INF CO TO FIRST MAR.
(5) ON 23 MAR REC 1 FWD CMD GRP AND 2 INF CO CHOP FROM FIRST MAR.
(6) ON 24 MAR COMMENCE STANDDOWN ACTIVITIES.
E. ELEVENTH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE PRES MSN.
(2) ON DATE TBA, PASS OPCON FIRST BN, ELEVENTH MAR TO CG FIRST MAR DIV.

(3) RELOCATE TWO 155MM HOW FROM H-218 TO H-510 CONCURRENT WITH VACATION OF H-381 ON OR ABOUT 4 MAR. RELOCATE IOD FROM H-218 TO H-55.
(4) ON 2 MAR IN COORD WITH CO FIFTH MAR VACATE H-381. RELOCATE FOUR 4.2 INCH MORTARS TO BALDY COMBAT BASE.
(5) ON 3 MAR BE PREPARED TO DISPLACE PLT 8 INCH HOW FROM COMBAT BASE BALDY TO POS TBA.
(6) ON 15 MAR VACATE/DISMANTLE HILL 119 AND HILL 250.

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(7) ON 20 MAR VACATE/DISMANTLE HILL 425.
(8) ON 15 APR IN COORD W/ CO FIRST MAR VACATE HILL 510.

F. FIRST RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION (-) (REIN).

(1) CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSIONS.
(2) IN COORD WITH FIRST MAR AND ELEVENTH MAR MAINTAIN PLATOON

G. PATROL BASE LOC HILL 510 UTILIZING A MINIMUM OF 3 TEAMS WITHIN PPB
G. FIRST ENGINEER BATTALION (REIN)

(1) CONTINUE PRES MSN.
(2) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE ENGR SPT AS REQ AND AUTH BY THIS HEADQUARTERS FOR DISMANTLE OPERATIONS.

H. HEADQUARTERS BATTALION (REIN)

FIRST MOTOR TRANSPORT BATTALION (-)

FIRST MEDICAL BATTALION (-)

ELEVENTH MOTOR TRANSPORT BATTALION (-)

(1) CONTINUE PRES MSN.

(2) BE PREPARED TO REDEPLOY ELEMENTS AS DIRECTED BY REF B.

I. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

FOR ALL:

(1) STANDDOWN SCHEDULE CONTAINED REF B.
(2) STANDDOWN LOCATION CONTAINED REF B.

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- (3) UTILIZE STANDARD CONVOY CONTROL PROCEDURES IAW REF E.
- (4) DIRLAUTH ALCON.
- (5) SUBMIT REPORTS IAW ANNEX L TO REF B.
- (6) SUBORDINATE UNITS WILL ASSUME RESP FOR MISSIONS/TASKS ASSIGNED

TO PARENT UNIT ON STANDDOWN OF PARENT UNIT, IE; 1/11 ASSUME RESP LISTED FOR ELEVENTH MAR.

FOR FIRST MAR:

- (7) EST LIAISON TEAMS AT MOC BAI, DUY XUYEN AND QUE SON DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS FOR PURPOSE OF FSC/POLITICAL/MILITARY CLEARANCE.
- (8) EST FSCC ON H-510. IN COORD WITH FIFTH MAR. ASSUME FSC RESP AT A TIME MUTUALLY AGREED TO BY BOTH CO.

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4. (S) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. ADMINISTRATION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF E.

(1) FIRST MARINES

(A) ON 23 MAR 71 RELOCATE 2/1 TO HILL 34.

(B) ON OR ABOUT 12 APR 71 TRANSFER HILL 65 TO AN APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY AS DIRECTED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS.

C) ON 13 APRIL RELOCATE 1/1 TO HILL 34.

C) ON 13 APRIL TRANSFER HILL 37 TO AN APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY AS DIRECTED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS.

(2) FIFTH MARINES

(A) ON 1 MAR RELOCATE 2/5 REAR TO HILL 34.

(B) ON 3 MAR RELOCATE FIFTH MAR HEADQUARTERS AND 2/5 TO HILL 34.

B. LOGISTICS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF E.

(1) FIRST EN, FIFTH MAR WILL PROVIDE ALL LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR ITS COMMAND GROUP AND COMPANIES OPCON TO FIRST MARINES.

2) ELEVENTH MARINES CONDUCT AMMUNITION/RESUPPLY FOR ELEMENTS LOCATED IN QUE SON MOUNTAINS DIRECT FROM ASP 1.

5. (S) COMMAND AND COMM-ELEC

A. COMMAND: IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANNEX C TO REF B.

(1) FIRST MAR

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(A) ON 2 MAR RELOCATE A BN CMD GRP TO HILL 510.

(B) ON 23 MAR RELOCATE 2/1 CP TO HILL 34.

(C) ON 13 APRIL RELOCATE 1/1 CP TO HILL 34.

(2) FIFTH MAR

(A) ON 1 MAR RELOCATE HEADQUARTERS COMPANY (-) TO HILL 34.

(B) ON 3 MAR RELOCATE FIFTH MAR CP AND 2/5 CP TO HILL 34.

B. COMMUNICATIONS: IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANNEX F TO REF B.

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CO A (REIN) 1ST RECON BN
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FRAS-ORDER (ZDS-71) OPERATIONS 22 MAR TO 13 APR (S)

A. CG FIRST MARDIV 281317Z FEB 71
B. FIRST MAR 013645Z MAR 71

1. (S) SITUATION

A. ENEMY. SEE CURRENT INTSUMS & PERIODIC INTELLIGENCE REPORTS
B. FRIENDLY

(1) 1ST MAW PROVIDES FIXED WING AND ROTARY AIR SUPPORT AS REQ.
(2) 1/11 DIRECT SUPPORT OF 1ST MARINES.
(3) CO A (REIN) 1ST RECON BN CONDUCTS RECON OPERATIONS FM PLAT BASES AND RECON HAVENS.
(4) 195TH INFANTRY BRIGADE OPERATES TO THE SOUTH.
(5) ROKMC OPERATES IN ASSIGNED AO TO THE EAST.
(6) ARVN AND RF'S/PF'S CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN ASSIGNED AO'S
2. (S) MISSION
(1) FIRST MARINES ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ENTIRE DIVISION TAOR.

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3. (S) EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT. FIRST MARINES RETURNS OPCON OF 1/0 COMPANIES AND THE CMD CP TO 1ST BN, FIFTH MARINES; DEPLOYS ONE RIFLE COMPANY (REIN) & CMD CP TO THE QUESON MINS; DEPLOYS ONE BATTALION TO HILL 34 TO TAKE OVER 1ST BN, FIFTH MARINES TAOR.

B. 1ST BN

(1) CONTINUE PRESENT MISSIONS
(2) ON 23 MAR RETURN ADCON AND OPCON OF M/S/1 TO 3/1.

C. 2D BN

(1) CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION
(2) ON 23 MAR MOVE BN CP FM CAMP LAUER TO HILL 34 & TAKE OVER RESPONSIBILITY OF 1ST BN, FIFTH MARINES TAOR AS OF 241200H MARCH 1971.
(3) MAINTAIN SECURITY OF CAMP LAUER UNTIL RELIEVED BY GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM FORCES-TURNOVER OF CAMP LAUER ON OR ABOUT 23 MAR.

D. 3D BN

(1) CONTINUE PRESENT MISSIONS

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(2) ON 23 MAR DEPLOY CMD GRP & ONE REIN RIFLE COMPANY TO
THE QUE SON MINS VIC HILL 510. MAINTAIN POSTURE IN THE
QUE SONS UNTIL 13 APR.

E. 1ST BN, FIFTH MARINES

(1) ON 23 MAR FWD CP & TWO COMPANIES RETURN OPCON TO 1ST
BN, FIFTH MARINES FR 1ST MARINES.

(2) SECURITY FOR BALDY COMBAT WILL BE TERMINATED ON
20 MAR 71. SECURITY FORCES RETURN TO PARENT UNITS.

F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) ALL TROOPS MOVEMENT WILL BE BY HELO UNLESS OTHERWISE
DIRECTED BY THIS HQIR.

4. (U) ADMIN & LOG. NO CHANGE.

5. (U) COMMAND & COMM-ELEC. NO CHANGE.

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