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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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HEADQUARTERS
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3d Marine Amphibious Brigade
FPO San Francisco, 96602

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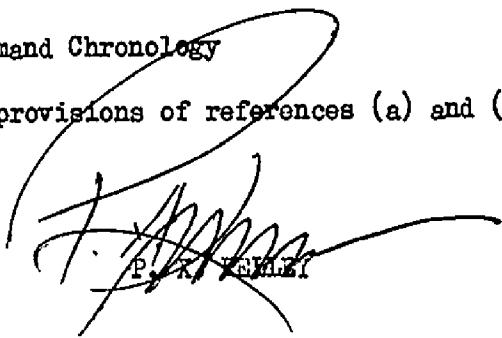
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1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b),
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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

1st Marines 14-30 April 1971 Col P. X. KELLEY

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Hq Co, 1st Marines 14-30 April 1971 Capt H. W. GARDNER

1st Bn, 1st Marines 14-30 April 1971 Lt Col R. P. ROSE

2d Bn, 1st Marines 14-30 April 1971 Lt Col R. E. MOSS

3d Bn, 1st Marines 14-30 April 1971 Lt Col M. A. MOORE

2. LOCATION 14-30 April 1971 Camp D. M. PERDUE, RVN

3. KEY BILLETS

Executive Officer 14-30 April 1971 Lt Col R. J. LYONS

S-1/Adjutant 14-30 April 1971 MSgt B. L. HEATON

S-2 14-30 April 1971 Maj J. S. GRINALDS

S-3 14-30 April 1971 Maj J. P. MONAHAN

S-4 14-30 April 1971 Maj E. P. LOONEY

Communications Officer 14-30 April 1971 Maj R. A. DECKER

Air Liaison Officer 14-30 April 1971 Maj H. T. BERMALD

Regimental Surgeon 14-20 April 1971 Lt H. R. RINDERKNECHT
21-23 April 1971 None
24-30 April 1971 Lt L. M. LAYCOB

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

OFFICERS

USMC

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144

3307

OFFICERS

USN

ENLISTED

10

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PART II
SECTION A
PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

1. PERSONNEL

a. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

UNIT	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
Hq Co	19	257	3	6
1st Bn	42	773	3	50
2d Bn	42	1170	2	58
3d Bn	41	1107	2	53

b. CASUALTIES

WIA KIA MIA DOW	BATTLE		NON-BATTLE	
	SERIOUS	MINOR	DEATH	TOTAL
24 0 0 0	0	21	0	21

c. REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED

USMC	USN		
	OFF	ENL	OFF
29	154	2	6

d. ROTATION DURING REPORTING

USMC	USN		
	OFF	ENL	OFF
14	394	1	1

e. PERSONNEL SUMMARY. At the close of the reporting period the personnel strength was as follows: 131 Officers and 2656 Enlisted Marine Personnel, and 7 Officers and 124 Navy Enlisted Personnel. Normal replacement procedures were in effect.

2. LEGAL AND DISCIPLINE

	Hq Co	1/1	2/1	3/1
NJP	3	23	50	9
SCM (COMPLETED)	0	3	5	3
SCM (PENDING)	0	0	2	2
SPCM (COMPLETED)	0	0	3	4
SPCM (PENDING)	0	3	7	6
GCM (COMPLETED)	3	0	0	0
GCM (PENDING)	0	0	0	1
INVESTIGATION (COMPLETED)	0	1	16	6
INVESTIGATION (PENDING)	0	2	17	9

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3. B&R PROGRAM

	Hq Co	1/1	2/1	3/1
Bangkok	1	0	12	11
Hawaii	1	1	11	3
Hong Kong	1	1	6	6
Okinawa	1	0	6	1
Sydney	2	1	9	7
Taipei	1	0	0	2

4. CHAPLAIN SUPPORT

a. Chaplains attached:

On April 14 two changes were made among the Regimental Chaplains. Chaplain J. W. ESSINGER was transferred from 2d Battalion to Regiment and Chaplain F. W. RYDER reported from 1st MAW to become the 2d Battalion Chaplain. Therefore the roster was as follows:

(1) Regimental Chaplain	14-30Apr71	LCDR J. W. ESSINGER, CHC, USN, L
(2) Assistant Regimental Chaplain	14-30Apr71	LT F. D. MINTJAL, CHC USNR, RC
(3) 1st Battalion	14-30Apr71	LT R. G. RUPP, CHC, USNR, EPIS
(4) 2d Battalion	14-30Apr71	LT F. W. RYDER, CHC USNR, RC
(5) 3d Battalion	14-30Apr71	LCDR M. L. EYLER, CHC, USN, UCC

Chaplain F. D. MINTJAL was transferred on 30 April 1971 to NSA SAIGON. He is to be highly commended for his dedication to his task and his eagerness to be with the troops as much as possible.

b. Divine Services conducted by Regimental Chaplains:

(1) Protestant

Sunday Services:	12	Attendance: 177
Weekday Services:	14	Attendance: 246
Total Services:	26	Attendance: 423

(2) Catholic

Sunday Services:	10	Attendance: 160
Weekday Services:	23	Attendance: 318
Total Services:	33	Attendance: 478

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c. Related Activities:

(1) Bible Classes: 4 Attendance: 17

(2) Moral Guidance Lecture: 1 Attendance: 500

d. Miscellaneous:

(1) Chaplain RUPP set up a "Coffee House" at the Chapel on Hill 34 with TV, coffee, doughnuts, games and books for 1/1 men in standdown days.

(2) Chaplains ESSINGER and MINTJAL visited the Catholic Sacred Heart Orphanage and Protestant China Beach Orphanage giving two boxes of clothes and 10 boxes of toys which were received from people in CONUS. Also there were three cartons of candy given each orphanage and two boxes of food.

(3) Chaplain RYDER was on a MED CAP and escorted the Freedom Hill USO manager out to see the men of the 1st and 2d Platoon of Company F. He also taught two English classes at Pope John XXIII and donated 75 pounds of school supplies.

(4) The Chaplains continued to develop their theological and spiritual insights by attending "Workshop On Ministry" sessions.

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SECTION B
ENEMY, WEATHER AND TERRAIN

1. Enemy. Enemy activity continued at a low level during the period 141200H April through 30 April throughout the 1st Marines TAOR.

a. There was a slight decrease in enemy initiated activity within the 1st Marines TAOR during the period, characterized by 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 infrastructure. The enemy continued his efforts at disrupting the GVN pacification program and avoiding contact with 1st Marines units whenever possible.

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

(1) On 26 April at 0255H and again at 0405H, a total of nine rockets were launched against DA NANG Air Base, Marble Mountain Air Facility and ASP-1 from vicinity of (AT896659) and (BT024672). The results of the attacks were seven U. S. WIA's and one bunker at Marble Mountain Air Facility was destroyed.

(2) On 27 April at 0210H, a total of four rockets were launched against DA NANG Air Base from vicinity of (AT952696). The results of the attack were two 150,00 gallon fuel tanks destroyed.

c. Significant events for the month of April were:

(1) On 18 April at 1645H, a patrol from I/3/1 made contact with two enemy at (AT892865) resulting in one enemy KIA and one WIA. As the patrol was pursuing the WIA, an additional seven enemy were observed moving east. The patrol engaged the enemy with small arms and an air strike was called. The unit observed the enemy firing at the aircraft and fired a LAAT resulting in one enemy KIA. A sweep of the area following the airstrike was conducted with no further findings.

(2) On 27 April at 0200H, the Special Liaison Team from 2/1 observed approximately 20 enemy at (AT984657). The unit fired M-60 and M-79 rounds and the enemy returned fire with small arms and two RPG rounds, and then fled to the southwest. The area was swept resulting in two enemy KIA's, one RPG machine gun, four individual weapons, six RPG rounds, five satchel charges, and miscellaneous documents captured.

(3) On 27 April at 1925H, H/2/1 CP and the 157th RF Company observed three enemy at (AT992692) and fired small arms. A sweep of the area resulted in three enemy KIA's, two POW's and four weapons captured.

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(4) During the period 22-27 April, artillery fire missions were fired in the LA BONG area on suspected enemy rocket storage sites which resulted in 42 major and 139 minor secondary explosions.

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

e. The 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; HAL VAN Engineer Company; T-89th Sapper Battalion and the 140th and 150th Transportation Battalions.

f. Booby trap and mine incidents totaled 13 for the period. Of these, seven were discovered and six detonated for a 54 percent detection rate.

g. There was one attack by fire directed against 1st Marine positions during the period.

h. Incidents for period 14-30 April 1971:

(1) Enemy Initiated Contacts	<u>9</u>
(a) Sniper/Harrassing fire	<u>8</u>
(b) RPG attacks	<u>1</u>
(2) Bunkers/tunnels destroyed	<u>25</u>
(3) Mines/booby traps	<u>13</u>
(4) Enemy sightings	<u>15</u>
Total:	<u>62</u>

i. Enemy losses for period 14-30 April 1971:

(1) Personnel	
(a) Total detainees	<u>8</u>
1 POW's	<u>2</u>
2 Innocent Civilians	<u>6</u>
(b) KIA's	<u>7</u>

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(2) Weapons and Equipment

(a) IWC

1	AK-47	<u>5</u>
2	M-1 Carbine	<u>2</u>
3	M-79	<u>1</u>
4	7.62 Pistols	<u>2</u>

(b) CSWC

1	RPD Light Machine Gun	<u>1</u>
2	B-40	<u>1</u>
3	B-41	<u>1</u>

(c) Equipment (Bkts)

0

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

Regimental Hqs	<u>NONE</u>
1st Battalion	<u>NONE</u>
2d Battalion	<u>47,500\$VN</u>
3d Battalion	<u>400\$VN</u>
Total:	<u>47,900\$VN</u>

3. Weather. Rainfall during the period was light with a total of .05 inches of rain. The average high temperature was 88 degrees and the low was 73 degrees. Humidity averaged 76 percent.

4. 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 mountains 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 naviagable 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 moonson rains, when they are flooded in low spots.

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SECTION C
OPERATIONS

1. GENERAL

a. The ending of the month of April (14th-30th) saw a continued low level of 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. On 15 April 1971, the remaining Combined Unit Pacification Program (CUPP) activities in the 1st Marines Area of Responsibility were disestablished.

b. At 141200H April 1971 3d Marine Amphibious Brigade assumed OPCON of the 1st Marines.

c. On 26 April 1971, issued 1st Marines Frag Order (009-71) Redeployment of Forces. (TAH-1)

2. COMBAT SUPPORT OPERATIONS

a. ARTILLERY

(1) From 14 April to 30 April 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. The 3d 8" Howitzer Battery provided General Support/Reinforcing fires as required.

(2) Mission and Ammunition Expenditure Summary

<u>105mm</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Rounds</u>
Special Fires	20	65
Preparatory Fires	1	2
Confirmed Targets	12	142
Intelligence Targets	304	1414
Contact Missions	7	48
Pre-emptive Fires	<u>479</u>	<u>742</u>
Total	823	2413

<u>155mm</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Rounds</u>
Special Fires	1	1
Preparatory Fires	4	24

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	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Rounds</u>
Confirmed Targets	1	21
Intelligence Targets	59	490
Contact Missions	<u>3</u>	<u>65</u>
Total	68	601
 <u>107mm</u>	 <u>Missions</u>	 <u>Rounds</u>
Special Fires	1	1
Contact Missions	3	21
Pre-emptive Fires	7	9
Intelligence Targets	<u>1</u>	<u>18</u>
Total	12	49
 <u>8 Inch</u>	 <u>Missions</u>	 <u>Rounds</u>
Special Fires	1	2
Contact Missions	2	10
Intelligence Targets	81	451
Pre-emptive Fires	<u>242</u>	<u>343</u>
Total	326	806
Grand Total TAOR	1229	3869

b. NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT

(1) There was no Naval Gunfire Support available during this reporting period.

c. AIR SUPPORT

(1) Statistics

(a) Helicopters

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Trooplift	14	4421 Passengers
Logistics	34	304,270 Pounds Cargo
Med Evac	52	77 Evacuees
Visual Recon	21	51 Hours
Gunships	12	10 Hours
Administration	28	667 Passengers

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Average medical evacuation reaction times for 14-30 April were:
Emergency 17 minutes; Priority 20 minutes; Routine 22 minutes.

(b) Fixed Wing

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
CAS	18	105,900 Pounds of Ordnance
Beacon	2	12,640 Pounds of Ordnance
TPQ-10	3	22,000 Pounds of Ordnance
Aerial Observation	67	80 Hours
Shadow	1	2 Hours, 18,500 Rounds

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

<u>ORDNANCE</u>	<u>AMOUNTS</u>
7.62mm	40,450
20mm	1,965
40mm	1,375
2.75 Rockets	271

(3) Operational Discrepancies. None.

d. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS

(1) HB Teams were employed in 18 different villages making anti VC/NVA broadcasts.

(2) HE Teams showed movies to approximately 1000 Vietnamese in PHUOC SON and QUANG NAM, LA BONG (2), LE SON and THAI CAM.

(3) Early Word broadcasts were employed 17 times primarily in the CUPP AO's.

(4) A total of approximately 146,000 leaflets were air dropped in the Regimental AO.

(5) An Armed Propaganda Team was employed in the following hamlets: LE SON (1), YEN NHE, YEN NHE (3), LA BONG (2), LA BONG (1), AN TRACH (1), with extensive results of a total of 40 VC/VCI identified.

(6) Psychological Operations in conjunction with the VIP program continued to be effective as various pieces, 294, of ordnance were turned in during the reporting period.

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SECTION D
TRAINING

1. Formal school quotas during April 14 to 30 1971:

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>QUOTAS</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Land/Mine Warfare Course	12	RVN

2. 2d & 3d Battalions conducted normal QMS training with emphasis on FAM Firing, Drug Abuse, Venereal Disease Lectures and Marksmanship Training.

3. Headquarters Company had no QMS training due to future stand down.

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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 9% of the Combat Essential Equipment rated by T/E and Special Allowances. 9% of this authorized Combat Essential Equipment is operationally ready. Greater emphasis was exerted on 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 reporting period.

(2) Resupply to Company's assigned area of operations was performed mainly by helicopters. Sufficient resources were provided for 263 lifts for a total of 478539 lbs.

2. Lines of Communication. An adequate road network in good condition currently exists within the 1st Marines Tactical Area of Responsibility.

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 were allocated within the Regiment as follows:

HqCo	4
1st Bn	5
2d Bn	5
3d Bn	5

In addition to this regular motor transport augmentation, CG, 3d MAB provided general motor transport support for requirements beyond the capability of the Regiment.

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 the reporting period:

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<u>Category</u>	<u>Submitted</u>	<u>Completed</u>
Comm-Elect	23	23
Ordnance	0	3
Motor Transport	0	0
Engineer	0	0

b. Common Service Support rendered by the U.S. Army Contractor, Philco-Ford, during the reporting period was responsive.

c. Cantonment rehabilitation efforts increased during the reporting period to ensure that the cantonments of the Regiment remained in acceptable condition for turn over to other Free World Forces.

5. Embarkation. With the successful stand down of the 1st Battalion on 13 April 1971, preparations continued for the redeployment of the unit aboard the USS TULARE on 3 May. Headquarters Company and 3d Battalion are scheduled for redeployment on the USS OGDEN on 12 May. Third Battalions Embarkation Officer has been designated as the Team Embarkation Officer and will coordinate the efforts for all units redeploying on the USS OGDEN. The Second Battalion continued to place emphasis on the preparation of supplies and equipment for redeployment in early June. Both units are well ahead of schedule, with approximately 40% of the equipment processed before stand down.

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

7. Medical

a. During the reporting period, 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 three Medical Officers, two Dental Officers, 149 Medical Corpsman and two Dental Technicians.

c. The following is a break down of the patient load examined/treated during the reporting period:

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(1) Sick Call Patients:	1316
(a) Skin Disorders	97
(b) Diarrhea	48
(c) Evacuation	9
(d) New VD Cases	34
(e) Upper Respiratory Infections	21
(f) Malaria	4
(g) Fever of Unknown Origin	22
(h) Total Patients Seen	1316
(2) Dental Patients	146
(3) Immunizations	746
(4) Total MedCap and DentCap Patients	4313

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SECTION F
CIVIL AFFAIRS-CIVIC ACTION

1. HEALTH

During the past month a total of 1313 people were treated at Field Med Caps and Daily Med Caps held at the Battalions and the Regimental Aid Clinic in the DA SON Village.

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SECTION G
COMMUNICATIONS**

1. During the period of 1200, 14 April through 30 April 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, 2d and 3d Battalions were via the 3d Marine Amphibious Brigade cable.
2. The Communication Center processed a total of 788 messages, 206 outgoing and 582 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. Communications/Crypto guard was maintained for 11th Motor Transport Battalion and 1st Battalion 11th Marines.
3. The Tech Shop completed and processed a total of 27 TERO's during the period 14-30 April 1971. A total of 13 items required 2d echelon repair, all of which were completed. The remaining 15 items required 3d echelon repair and were evacuated to 1st FSR. Of these 15 items were completed and returned.

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PART III
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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

14 April 1971 - 140400H 1st Marines assumed OPCON/ADCON Co A (Rein), 1st Recon Battalion.

- 141200H OP 190 was turned over to RF Forces.

15 April 1971 - 151200H All 1st Marines CUPP activities were terminated

- 151530H Turned over CROWS NEST and CHIN STRAP to U. S. Army units.

16 April 1971 - 160015H LIMA Liaison (2/1) reported that a VC/NVA platoon attacked the 37th PF Platoon compound (BT016684) resulting in four PF WIA and four PF KIA.

17 April 1971 - 171315H An E/2/1 platoon patrol tripped a grenade type booby trap resulting in one USMC WIA(E) and two WIA(P).

18 April 1971 - 181645H An I/3/1 patrol initiated contact on two VC/NVA (AT892865) carrying AK-47 rifles. Resulted in one VC KIA, one AK-47 rifle captured and two USMC WIA(K). The patrol spotted a heavy blood trail, following the trail a short distance, six-seven VC/NVA were spotted. Contact was initiated resulting in one additional VC/NVA KIA.

19 April 1971 - 191210H A H/2/1 squad size patrol stepped on a toe popper type B/T at (AT973660) resulting in one USMC WIA(P).

21 April 1971 - Evacuated and abandoned Hill 785.

22 April 1971 - Evacuated and turned over to U. S. Army Forces OP 270.

- 222000H Co H/2/1 initiated Arty fire mission in a Box Fire (AT983681) - (AT967617) - (AT966664) - (AT963660). A total of thirty-seven small and thirteen major secondary explosions resulted.

23 April 1971 - 232130H Co H/2/1 initiated Arty fire mission on grids (AT9868 - AT9666). A total of twenty-four small and medium secondary explosions and twelve major secondary explosions resulted.

24 April 1971 - 241825H A Recon patrol (OPCON 1st Marines) initiated a fire mission on three VC/NVA at (AT860855) resulting in three VC/KIA (Probables).

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25 April 1971 - 251015H Co H/2/1 patrol detonated one trip-type 60mm mortar B/T resulting in one USMC WIA(E). As the medevac helicopter landed, a Marine detonated another B/T resulting in two USMC WIA(P), one USMC WIA(R) and one USMC WIA(M).

- 252000H E/2/1 CP initiated fire mission on Arty box (AT9666) resulting in eleven major secondaries and forty-four small and medium secondary explosions.

26 April 1971 - 260310H A rocket attack hit the DA NANG Vital Area. (See Intelligence, Part II, Section A).

- 262000H Co H/2/1 initiated arty fire mission on following grids: (AT968668, AT965662, AT967671, AT971662, and AT965660) resulting in thirty-four minor secondary explosions, and three major secondary explosions.

27 April 1971 - 270200H S-2 scouts 2/1 (AT986657) initiated contact on ten VC/NVA (AT984657). Sweep of area at first light revealed two VC/NVA KIA, captured three AK-47 rifles, one K-54 pistol, six B-40 rockets, ten Chicoms, eight AK-47 magazines, five 15lb shape charges, and one Russian light machine gun magazine.

- 270205H A rocket attack hit the DA NANG airfield. (See Intelligence Part II, Section A).
- 271925H Co H/2/1 with elements of 159th RF Co chased three VC/NVA into a bunker vicinity (AT992682). After engaging the enemy with S/A/F, the bunker was checked revealing three VC/NVA KIA, two VC/NVA POW, captured one AK-47, one M-79, one M-2 carbine, one K-54 pistol, and one M-26 grenade.

29 April 1971 - DONG DEN (AT8382) was disestablished.

30 April 1971 - OP RENO was disestablished.

- 301200H OPCON/ADCON of Co A (Rein), 1st Recon Battalion was passed to 3d Marine Amphibious Brigade.

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29 April Radio Section presented class on Radio Procedure to QRF.

30 April Communications Platoon continued to prepare for embarkation.

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FIRST MARINES FRAG ORDER (009-71) REDEPLOYMENT OF FORCES (S)

A. OG THIRD MAB 222051Z APR 71

1. (S) SITUATION

A. ENEMY. SEE CURRENT INTSUMS AND PERINTREPS AS ISSUED.

B. FRIENDLY:

(1) RVN FORCES CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW HOANG DIEU 106.

(2) ROKMC FORCES CONTINUE OPERATIONS IN ASSIGNED AC.

(3) 196TH INF BDE PHASES IN AND ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FIRST MARINES FO.

(4) MAG 11 AND MAG 16 PROVIDE FIXED WING AND HELC SUPPORT AS REQ.

(5) FIRST BN, ELEVENTH MARINES PROVIDE ARTY SUPPORT FOR FIRST MARINES.

2. (S) MISSION

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FIRST MARINES CONTINUES REDEPLOYMENT OF THEIR FORCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH III MAF/3D MAB OP ORDER 183-71. CONTINUES COMBAT OPERATIONS IN AC WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON KNOWN ROCKET LAUNCH SITES, AND EXECUTES PHASED REDEPLOYMENT OF COMBAT FORCES.

3. (S) EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT. FIRST MARINES EXECUTES STANDDOWN AND REDEPLOYMENT OF FORCES IAW REF A. UPON INCREMENTAL TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR GROUND OPERATIONS WITHIN CURRENT AC, FIRST MARINES REDEPLOYS REMAINING COMBAT FORCES TO AN AC WHOLLY WITHIN THE HOA VANG DISTRICT BOUNDARY, CONDUCTS COMBAT OPERATIONS IN THIS AC, AND AS FIRST MARINES MOVE INIC BOUNDARY OF HOA VANG DISTRICT TERMINATE ALL RECON ACTIVITIES.

B. 1ST BN

(1) CONTINUE STANDDOWN

(2) BON VOYAGE

C. 2D BN

(1) CONTINUE PRESENT COMBAT OPERATIONS WITH EMPHASIS ON KNOWN ROCKET LAUNCH SITES.

(2) IN COORDINATION AND COOPERATION WITH HOA VANG AND KIEU DUC DISTRICTS PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR HOANG DIEU 106.

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(3) BY 011200H MAY 71 ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR FIRST MARINES AO (HOA VANG DISTRICT).

(4) BY 011200H MAY 71 ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENTIRE BRIGADE RIDGE LINE.

(5) BY 071200H MAY 71 STANDDOWN ALL UNITS TO HILL 34. RELIEF OF UNITS ON BRIGADE RIDGE LINE WILL BE AN IN PLACE RELIEF WITH THE 196TH BRIGADE.

(6) ON 01 MAY 71 PROVIDE ONE 81MM MORTAR AND SQUAD FOR RIDGE LINE DEFENCE N. W. OF DAI LA PASS.

(7) EST QRF PH ON HILL 34.

D. 3D BN

(1) ON 27 APR 71, 196TH BRIGADE WILL MOVE FORCES INTO HILL 35C.

(2) BY 29 APR 71, MOVE ALL OPERATIONS EAST OF THE 86 N. S. RIDGE LINE.

(3) BY 011200H MAY 71 MOVE ALL FORCES TO WITHIN THE HOA VANG DISTRICT BOUNDARY.

(4) COMMENCE STANDDOWN ON 01 MAY 71.

(5) PROVIDE ONE COMPANY (~) FOR RIDGE LINE SECURITY FROM DAI LA PASS NW TO CAMP 14.

(6) PROVIDE ONE PLT (MINIMUM 30 TROOPS) TO FIRST MARINES,

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(7) BY 071200H 196TH BRIGADE WILL RELIEVE IN PLACE UNITS ON RIDGE LINE FROM DAI LA PASS. TO ENGINEER PASS. BE PREPARED TO SUPPLY RIDGE LINE DEFENSE OF CAMP 14 UNTIL LAST UNIT DEPARTS CAMP 14.

E. CO A (REIN) FIRST RECON BN

(1) BY 271200H APRIL 71 EXTRACT RECON TM FROM HAVEN 285.

(2) BY 29 APRIL 71, CLOSE RECON HAVEN 284P AND MOVE ALL FORCES TO CAMP REASONER.

(3) ON 30 APRIL 71 FIRST MARINES WILL PASS OPCON, ADCON OF CO A (REIN) FIRST RECON BN TO 3D MAB.

F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) HIGH THREAT PERIOD 241800H APRIL 71 TO 260800H APRIL 71.

(2) UNITS LEAVING OP RENG AND DONG DEN WILL INSURE THAT AREAS ARE LEFT IN NATURAL STATE.

(3) FIRST MARINES WILL HAVE OPCON OF 2/1 UNTIL 071200H MAY 71.

(4) DIRECT LIAISON AUTHORIZED BETWEEN 2/1 AND 3/1 REGARDING RIDGE LINE SECURITY.

(5) REGIMENTAL FSCC WILL TERMINATE 011200H MAY 71.

(6) RESUPPLY OF ALL RIDGE LINE UNITS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY 2/1.

(7) ALL HELCS WILL BE FRAGGED THROUGH FIRST MARINES 14.

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4. (U) ADMIN & LOGISTICS NO CHANGE.

5. (U) COMMUNICATION AND ELECTRONICS

A. FROM 011202H TO 271222H MAY 71 FIRST MARINES COC WILL OPERATE REGIMENTAL TAC NET, BRIGADE TAC NET, AND 14 NET ONLY.

B. ON CR ABOUT 100202H MAY 71 ALL LAND LINES WILL BE DISCONNECTED IN THE FIRST MARINES COC. DIAL PHONES WILL REMAIN IN USE.

C. 2/1 UPON ASSUMING THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE REGIMENTAL FSCC WILL INSURE THAT THE APPROPRIATE FSCC NETS AND LAND LINES ARE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN 2/1 FSCC, BRIGADE FSCC, AND FIRST BN, ELEVENTH MARINES FDC.

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