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1st Marine Division (-)(Rein) FMF  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 January 1971 to 31 January 1971

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PART I  
ORGANIZATION DATA

1. DESIGNATION

1st Battalion, 1st Infantry 1-31 Jan 1971 LtCol. R. P. ROSE

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Co "A", 1st Bn 1st Mar	1-31 Jan 1971	Capt. C. E. DENNIS
Co "B", 1st Bn 1st Mar	1-31 Jan 1971	Capt. B. E. FELLENGER
Co "C", 1st Bn 1st Mar	1-31 Jan 1971	Capt. W. S. DEFOREST
Co "D", 1st Bn 1st Mar	1-31 Jan 1971	Capt. S. W. LEACH
Co "M", 1st Bn 1st Mar	1-31 Jan 1971	Capt. H. W. GARDNER
H&S Co, 1st Bn 1st Mar	1-31 Jan 1971	1st Lt. P. L. JONES

2. LOCATION

1-31 Jan 1971 1st Bn 1st Mar Mobile  
Combat Base, Hill 37,  
Quang Nam Province

3. KEY BILLETES

Commanding Officer	1-31 Jan 1971	LtCol. R. P. ROSE
Executive Officer	1-26 Jan 1971	Major P. D. SLACK
	27-31 Jan 1971	Major R. H. SMITH
Sergeant Major	1-31 Jan 1971	SgtMaj. C. E. OPTO
S-1/Adjutant	1-9 Jan 1971	2nd Lt. S. B. EDWARDS
	10-31 Jan 1971	1st Lt. A. W. SPITTLER II
S-2	1-31 Jan 1971	1st Lt. N. B. LOOMIS
S-3	1-31 Jan 1971	Major T. E. HEMINGWAY
S-4	1-9 Jan 1971	1st Lt. A. W. SPITTLER II
	10-31 Jan 1971	1st Lt. J. M. THOMAS
S-5	1-31 Jan 1971	1st Lt. N. E. LOOMIS

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CEO

1-31 Jan 1971

Capt. T. A. FARLEY

ALO

1-31 Jan 1971

1stLt. T. R. WHITE

Chaplain

1-31 Jan 1971

LCDR. J. D. MORITZ

Surgeon

1-03 Jan 1971

Lt. J. L. CARRICK

4-31 Jan 1971

Lt J. M. LAYCOB

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>		<u>ENLISTED</u>
45		1240

	<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>		<u>ENLISTED</u>
3		58

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PART II  
SECTION A  
PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

1. Personnel

a. Average Monthly Strength

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
1st Bn 1st Mar	45	1240	3	58
Company "A"	5	198		
Company "B"	6	180		
Company "C"	6	185		
Company "D"	5	194		
Company "M"	5	219		
H&S Company	18	264		

b. Casualties

<u>KIA</u>	<u>BATTLE</u>			<u>DOW</u>	<u>NON BATTLE</u>		
	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>SERIOUS</u>		<u>MINOR</u>	<u>DEATH</u>	
5	37	0	0	19	41	0	

c. Replacements Received

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
10	389	1	24

d. Rotation During Month

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
6	274	0	1

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2. Legal and Discipline

	<u>H&amp;S</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>M</u>
NJP	11	5	4	4	5	9
SCM (COMPLETED)	0	0	2	0	0	0
SCM (PENDING)	0	1	0	1	0	1
SPCM (COMPLETED)	0	1	2	0	1	0
SPCM (PENDING)	0	0	3	0	0	1
GCM (COMPLETED)	0	0	0	0	0	0
GCM (PENDING)	0	0	0	0	0	1
INVESTIGATION (COMPLETED)	0	0	0	0	0	1
INVESTIGATION (PENDING)	0	0	0	0	0	1

3. R&R Programs

	<u>H&amp;S</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>M</u>
Bangkok	5	3	3	3	3	3
Hong Kong	2	1	1	1	2	1
Taipei	4	2	2	2	1	1
Sydney	4	2	2	2	2	2
Hawaii	6	4	4	4	4	5
Okinawa	3	2	2	2	2	2

4. Awards

a. The following awards were recommended to members of this battalion during the month of January 1971.

(1) Silver Star	1
(2) Bronze Star	2
(3) Navy Commendation	7
(4) Navy Achievement Medal	20

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b. The following awards were presented to members of this battalion during the month of January 1971:

(1) Purple Heart

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5. Promotions

a. The following promotions were effective within the battalion during the month of January 1971:

(1) Master Sergeant

1

(2) Gunnery Sergeant

1

(3) Sergeant

1

(4) Corporal

3

(5) Lance Corporal

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(6) Private First Class

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SECTION B

INTELLIGENCE

1. During the month of January, the battalion participated in the Voluntary Informant Program with purchase totaling 16,290 VN Piasters. All purchases were made for ordnance brought out of the field by local Vietnamese.

2. During the past month infrastructure activity by local Viet Cong included loudspeaker broadcasts, pamphlet drops, and the masting of numerous Viet Cong and Communist Party flags in various villages. Indoctrination/recruiting meetings have continued. Terrorist activities have persisted throughout the period reported on with the continued emplacement of mines and booby Traps, the assassination of 01 Vietnamese Civilian, and the abduction of 30 others. Reports of enemy main forces units in the western portion of the Battalion TAOR continue but this threat is being neutralized by a heavy concentration of bombings and artillery strikes.

3. Small scale hit-and-run attacks in conjunction with active propaganda and terrorist tactics are expected to continue as local force guerrillas and cadre teams emphasize the solidification of their infrastructure.

4. Recapitulation of enemy activities during the month of January 1971.

(1) Sightings and contacts	21
(2) Small arms and harassing fire attacks	13
(3) Grenade attacks	2
(4) Booby Traps found and destroyed	28
(5) Booby Traps detonated	8
(6) Mines found and destroyed	4
(7) Mines detonated	0

5. Recapitulation of enemy equipment and personnel losses for January 1971.

(1) Fighting holes, caves, bunkers	27
(2) Detainees	41
(3) AK-47 Rifles	7

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(4) 7.62mm Pistols	3
(5) SKS Rifles	8
(6) BAR's	4
(7) M-16 Rifles	3
(8) M-1 Carbines	3
(9) 75mm Recoiless Rifle	1
(10) 60mm Mortar Tube	1
(11) RPG Rocket Launcher	1
(12) 82mm Mortar Bipod	1
(13) Barrel and Mount for Soviet MG	1
(14) B 40 RKT	1
(15) B 40 RKT Boosters	25
(16) Chi Com Grenade	15
(17) 140mm Fuses	9
(18) Rice	430 pounds
(19) Corn	50 pounds
(20) Salt	25 pounds
(21) Tobacco	30 pounds
(22) Medical Supplies	100 pounds
(23) Hammocks	4
(24) Sewing Machines	4
(25) Telescope	1
(26) Booby Trap Wire	12 rolls
(27) Clothing	105 pounds
(28) NLF Flags	2

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(29) VC Flags

1

(30) Documents

15 pounds

(31) KIA's

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SECTION C  
OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

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1. Operations

a. Mission. From 1-31 January 1971, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines was assigned the mission of conducting unilateral and combined offensive operations in cooperation/coordination with Vietnamese Forces within our designated TAOR in order to search out and eliminate enemy forces and his logistical installations. The primary emphasis was placed on those elements and base areas posing the greatest hazards to the Government of Vietnam's control of significantly populated areas and to the security of friendly installations, as well as the task of denying the enemy access to rocket sites against the Danang Vital Area.

b. Tasks. From 1-31 January 1971, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines was assigned the following tasks:

(1) To occupy and defend the USMC portion of Hill 37, vic. AT 916581.

(2) To occupy and defend Hill 65, vic. AT 880580.

(3) To provide security for OP located on Hill 270, vic. AT 865681.

(4) From 1-31 January 1971; to provide security for Engineers and Seabee projects within our TAOR, to include daily mine sweeps along common ~~access routes~~.

(5) To be prepared to provide a reaction force capable of relieving the Hieu Duc, Dai Loc, and Thuong Duc District Headquarters and Combined Action Company units within the TAOR.

(6) To deny the enemy access to probable rocket launch sites against the Danang Vital Area.

c. Special Operations

(1) From 1-31 January 1971, Company "M" CUPP units conducted combined tactical, civil, medical and psychological operations with local RF/PF Forces in their assigned TAOR.

(2) From 1-6 January 1971, Company "M" provided day security and extensive night ambushes along Route 4 east to ensure safe passage of convoys by interdicting avenues of approach.

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(3) From 7-31 January 1971, Company "D" provided day security and extensive night ambushes along Route 4 east to ensure safe passage of convoys by interdicting avenues of approach.

(4) From 1-12 and 24-31 January Company "D" provided a reinforced platoon with two 81mm mortars with the mission of establishing and providing security for a safe haven for recon teams working in the vicinity of ZC 199581.

(5) On the 5, 13, 15, 17, & 18 of January Companies "A", "C", & "M" provided road security for 1st platoon Company "A", 1st Engineer Battalion's road sweep from Hill 65 to Hill 52. (SEE TAB A)

(6) From 13-23 January Company "B" & Company "K" conducted a "Recon in Force" operation, in the vic. of Hill 383, vic. ZC 199581, concentrating on interdiction of enemy lines of communication and location/destruction of enemy bases and equipment. (SEE TAB B)

(7) On the 23 & 24 of January Company "A" and Company "M" provided road security for 1st platoon Company "A" 1st Engineer Battalion's road sweep from Hill 65 to Hill 52. (SEE TAB C)

## 2. Training

a. A mine/booby trap contact team from 1st Engineer Battalion held instruction on land mines and booby traps. Five classes were held with a total attendance of 150 personnel.

b. During the month of January, 399 personnel joining the Battalion received the Battalion Orientation Course.

c. Twenty-two personnel attended the one week Resident Land Mine Warfare School conducted by 1st Engineer Battalion.

d. Three enlisted personnel attended NCO School in Okinawa. One enlisted man attended the Basic Infantry Weapons Repair Course in Okinawa. Six enlisted personnel attended in-country Vietnamese Language School.

e. Company level training was mission orientated and placed emphasis on Land Navigation, Map and Compass Reading, Night Firing, Ambush Techniques and Mine/Booby Traps Countermeasures.

## 3. Air Support

a. During the month of January 1971, 17 flights of fixed wing from MAC 11, were flown in support of the battalion. The aircraft expended a

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total of 168,500 lbs. of bombs, 34,000 lbs. of napalm, 0 pods of 2.75 rockets and 400 rounds of 20mm ammunition. The damage assessment was as follows: A total of 10 secondary fires were noted, 01 structure destroyed, 03 caves destroyed, and 04 fighting holes were uncovered.

b. OV10A Bronco air craft from VMQ-02 amassed 35 hours of flight time in aerial observation, artillery spotting missions and close air support. The aircraft expended 22 pods of rockets and 35,700 rounds of 7.62 ammunition.

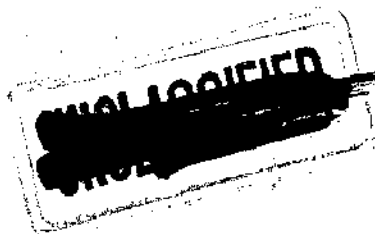
c. In support of combat operations within the TAOR a total of 44 sorties for 23 emergency, 34 priority and 25 routine med-evacs were flown. Also 5 sorties were flown by CH-46D and CH-53 helicopters lifting and extracting 1,170 troops. A total of 15 hours flight time was flown by "Cobra" gunships. They expended 16 rocket pods and 26,000 rounds of 7.62 ammunition. Twenty three visual recon missions were flown for a total of 21 hours 10 minutes, flight time. Twelve (12) re-supply missions with a total weight of 149,596 pounds were flown.

#### 4. Artillery Support

a. During the month of January 1971 "A" Battery 1st Battalion 11th Marines continued to fire in support of the 1st Battalion 1st Marines. Batteries "B", "L" and "WZ" 1st Battalion 11th Marines provided general support for the 1st Battalion 1st Marines.

b. A total of 10,685 rounds were fired in support of 1st Battalion 1st Marines. There were 4 contact missions fired expending 65 rounds, 48 targets of opportunity fired upon expending 966 rounds and 40 intelligence targets which expended 330 rounds. Three hundred and sixty seven preemptive targets were fired upon expending 647 rounds. Batteries "A", "AX", and "L" of 1st Battalion 11th Marines combined to fire 8,677 rounds on the confirmed base camp of the NVA 575th Artillery Battalion, vicinity 8064.

c. Artillery is credited with 3 KIA's, 1 probable, and 3 secondary explosions.



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SECTION D  
LOGISTICS

1. During January a major emphasis has been placed on embarkation readiness. All companies UCI's have been up dated. The Battalion NEEDS deck is in the process of being up dated. At this date the Battalion is being furnished with enough 4 cubic feet boxes to meet our embarkation requirement.

2. Approximately 150,000 lbs of supplies, munitions and equipment were flown out of LZ 452 the last thirty days in support of the Battalion's operations.

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SECTION E  
PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS/CIVIL AFFAIRS

1. Public Works. Negative report for the month of January 1971.
2. Welfare. This Battalion distributed approximately 400 health and comfort items to students throughout the CAAOR.
3. Education. Distributed 450 school kits to the students of the Dai Loc High School and grade schools in the District.
4. Health. A total of 679 Vietnamese Civilians were treated at our Battalion's daily Med-Caps. No Mobile Med-Caps were conducted during the month of January.
5. Social. This Battalion provided 05 Vietnamese civilians with transportation to hospitals in Da Nang. A check in the amount of 27,5000VNN was donated to the Dai Loc Catholic Church for the TET HOLIDAY by G-5.
6. Security. An MB Team was utilized in the promotion of ordnance turn in and Chieu Hoi messages in the CAAOR.
7. Personal Response. Twelve Personal Response Classes were held for the new arrivals in country.
8. Solatum Payments. Negative report for this month.

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SECTION F  
COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS

1. Highlights of activity for communications during the month of January 1971 include the rotation of the Battalion Radio Chief (with no replacement) and the rotation of the Battalion Message Center Chief. Highlights of separate sections are listed below.

A. Radio

1. During the month of January the Radio Section supported the Battalion with reliable communications on all nets.

2. The Radio Section maintained re-transmission sites on Hills 65,270 and 37 in support of the Battalion operating in the vicinity of Hill 383 on Charlie Ridge from 13 to 23 January 1971.

3. During the month of January, 703 incoming messages and 590 outgoing messages were processed through the GOC.

B. Wire

1. During the month of January the Wire Section provided wire support for the operation on Hill 383 from 13 to 23 January 1971.

2. During the month of January the switchboard on Hill 37 handled approximately 18,500 calls.

C. Tech Shop

1. During the month of January the Tech Shop processed the following amount of equipment for 2nd and 3rd Echelon Repair.

a. Pieces turned in	196
b. Pieces sent to DX	55
c. Pieces received from DX	50
d. Pieces to FSR	15
e. Pieces received from FSR	7
f. Pieces repaired by Shop	115
g. Pieces awaiting repair by Shop	11

D. Generators

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11. Jobs completed for the month of January were:

- a. Rephased load on generators
- b. Rquired electrical service for the messhall refrigerators.
- c. Installed a 500 gallon fuel tank for the generators.

2. During the month of January, down time for the camp Electrical System was 15 hours.

E. Messago Center

1. During the month of January 1971 the Message Center processed 1100 incoming messages and 33 outgoing messages for a total of 1133 messages.

2. Circuit outages for January was approximately 40 hours and were as follows:

- |                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| a. Radio relay                 | 1 hour 20 min.   |
| b. Camp power                  | 1 hour 10 min.   |
| c. Equipment                   | 2 hours 30 min.  |
| d. Outage not due to equipment | 35 hours 20 min. |

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SECTION C  
MEDICAL

1. Personel: The battalion has one Medical Officer, 1 Chief Hospital Corpsmen and 21 Hospital Corpsmen assigned to Hill 37 BAS. The battalion also has one Medical Officer, 2 Hospital Corpsmen assigned to Hill 65 BAS, 10 Hospital Corpsmen assigned to CUPP Units and 30 Hospital Corpsmen assigned to rifle Companies. Two Hospital Corpsmen are on emergency leave and 6 Hospital Corpsmen on Hill 37 are in the process of indoctrination.

2. Facilities: The Battalion Aid Station on Hill 37 consists of 4 buildings and 1 bunker which are utilized for the baggage storage of attached personnel, supply, health records, laboratory, administration, immunization clinic, sick call, living quarters and emergency bunker. The Battalion Aid Station on Hill 65 consists of 2 buildings and 1 bunker which are utilized for sick call, health records, immunization clinic and living quarters.

3. Daily Activities:

a. Sick Call is held from 0830 to 0930 and 1300 to 1400 daily. Emergencies are taken care of anytime.

b. A total of 1202 USMC, USN and USA personnel were seen during the month of January. Ailments were catagorized as follows:

(1) Fever Unknown Origin	01
(2) Urinalysis	119
(3) Influenza	35
(4) Skin Disorders	185
(5) Gonorrhea	15
(6) Diarrhea, Acute	89
(7) Consults	99
(8) Physicals	11

c. Transportation is provided for patients referred to other medical activities. The BAS ambulance is utilized for emergencies as required and administrative runs. Medical evacuation by helicopter is used when transportation time is vital to the patient, or the roads are closed.

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d. A total of 396 Vietnamese civilians were treated by MEDCAP personnel.

e. A total of 598 immunizations were given in January.

4. Weekly Activities: Sanitation inspections of the contonment and its messing facilities are conducted on a weekly basis.

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SECTION H  
RELIGIOUS SERVICES

1. There were 48 Protestant services conducted for the battalion during the month of January. The total attendance was 1010. The total receiving communion was 910.
2. There were 4 services conducted by the Battalion Chaplain for other units. The total attendance was 38.
3. There were 15 Catholic masses conducted for the Battalion Chaplain by other Chaplains. The total attendance was 125.
4. There were 112 visited in the hospital. Brig visits totalled 17.
5. One Division Chaplain's meeting was attended.
6. Four men of the Battalion were notified regarding their Red Cross cases.
7. There were 215 men that received private counseling by the Battalion Chaplain.
8. There were 2 Bible Classes held with 14 persons in attendance.
9. The Chaplain went on operation Upshur Stream with the Jump CP for 2 days.
10. The Chaplain assisted S-5 in presenting money and gifts to the local village priest.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 071315H D/11, while on patrol, found an EVA/VC cache at ZC 198586 consisting of 500 pounds of rice, 25 pounds of salt, numerous cooking utensils, 5 pounds of documents, assorted small arms ammunition, blasting caps, booby trap wire, and rifle magazines.
- 072150H C21, while set in night ambush position vic AT954630, sighted 04 VC. One VC fired upon C21 with an AK 47 and C21 returned fire with small arms, M-60 machine gun and claymore mines. Action resulted in 02 VC KIA and capture of 01 AK-50 rifle, assorted equipment and ordnance.
- 110020H D35, while set in night ambush position vic AT951635, heard noise in the river 50-70 meters to their east. They opened fire with small arms and M-79. Action resulted in 03 VC KIA.
- 140930H K-Co Opcon to 1/1 found Enemy Base Camp Area vic ZC195585, the following weapons and material was found in caves/tunnels; 6 AK-47 rifles, 8 SKS rifles, 4 BAR's 3 M-16 rifles and 3 M-1 carbines. All were rusty but majority were in serviceable condition. Also found were 65 lbs of medical supplies 2 sewing machines, 5 commercial type, Sony transistor radios, 100 lbs of large cooking utensils, 30 assorted documents, 100 lbs of rice and assorted clothing. All weapons and materials evacuated to 1st Marines.
- 141140H B-Co searching in vic ZC192590 found one (1) 75mm Recoilless Rifle with mount. The weapon was hidden in a small cave with the entrance camouflaged, also 2 expended Recoilless Rifle casings were found in the cave along with 10 lbs of clothing and documents. Weapon and equipment were evacuated to 1st Marines.
- 151100H C-31 while on patrol, point man detonated a pressure release booby trap, vic AT810569, resulting in 01 USMC WIA emergency medevac.
- 151115H While attempting to land at C31's position, vic AT810569, a medevac helicopter set off a pressure type booby trapped 81mm round resulting in 03 USMC WIA and extensive damage to the helicopter.
- 151130H K-2 (Opcon to 1/1) vic ZC203601 found an abandoned base camp area was approximately 75 meters wide 200 meters long. A search of the base camp area resulted in finding 2 SKS rifles,

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1 expended 76mm Recoiless Rifle casing of Chinese manufacture and approximately 100 expended 50cal casings.

- 151700H K-3 (Oceon to 1/1) via ZC201597 found two (2) 76mm Recoiless Rifle rounds of Chinese manufacture. The rounds were in excellent condition and were packed in a metal carrying case with a carrying strap attached. Rounds were blown in place with C-4.
- 160900H B-3 via ZC198603 found a bunker complex consisting of 8 bunkers approximately size 5 X 6. Area was devoid of enemy equipment. All bunkers were destroyed with C-4.
- 161100H B-1 via ZC187589 found a bunker complex consisting of 10 bunkers approximately size 6 X 6 X 5. Each bunker had cooking and sleeping areas. The area appeared to have been vacated approximately 6-8 months prior. Assorted individual equipment, cooking utensils and a few rounds of assorted small arms ammo were found in the bunkers. All bunkers were destroyed with C-4.
- 161400H K-1 (Oceon to 1/1) via ZC192590 found a cache consisting of the following items: 1 barrel and mount for a 7.62mm Soviet machine gun, 1 sewing machine, 1 telescope, two (2) 82mm mortar rounds, seven (7) 60mm mortar rounds, 9 fuses for 140mm rocket, 12 Chi-com grenades, 1 M-26 fragmentation grenade, 10 rounds of 50cal tracer ammo, ten (10) M-16 magazines, 5 AK-47 magazines, 1 magazine for Soviet LMG, 300 lbs rice unpolished, 50 lbs corn 30 lbs assorted spices and seasonings, 30 lbs tobacco, 100 lbs clothing, 20 lbs of documents 35 lbs of medical supplies including Cocaine and Heroin, and 12 rolls of booby trap wire. The ordnance was blown with C-4. Remaining equipment was evacuated to 1st Marines.
- 161932H Hill 37, via AT916581, received ten (10) 82mm mortar rounds. 01 round impacted within the perimeter resulting in 01 USMC KIA priority medevac.
- 171100H K-1 (Oceon to 1/1) via ZC192592 found enemy Harbor site in a cave. A search of the area disclosed 1 M-1 carbine, 4 RPG boosters, 220 SMS rounds, three (3) 50cal rounds, 1 sewing machine, various size cooking utensils and 3 NVA flags. All gear evacuated to 1st Marines.
- 171515H U.S. Army convoy was proceeding east along route 4 when a tracked personnel carrier struck a suspected command detonated mine at vic ATG32559 resulting in 02 USL KIA, and 06 USA KIA, 03 emergency medevac, 01 priority, 01 routine and 01 nonevac.
- 190220H Hill 37, via AT916581, received six (6) 82mm mortar rounds.

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impacting approximately 100 meters outside the perimeter. Negative casualties were sustained.

- 201100H B1 while on a combat patrol, had point man detonate a booby trap, vic ZCL75575, resulting in 04 USMC WIA. While establishing security for the medevac, rear element detonated another booby trap resulting in 04 USMC WIA. When the medevac helicopter arrived, the prop wash detonated 04 booby traps resulting in 03 USMC WIA. Entire incident resulted in 11 USMC WIA; 04 emergency medevac.
- 201400H D2, while on patrol, had 01 USMC detonate a toe popper booby trap resulting in 01 USMC WIA emergency medevac.
- 210400H While in night ambush position, vic AT947578, D24 opened fire on 02 VC resulting in 01 VC KIA.
- 211515H A CH-46, while inbound to "B" Company's position vic ZCL72583, crashed resulting in 04 USMC KIA, 01 USN KIA, 01 Kit Carson scout KIA, and 16 USMC WIA suffering varying degrees of burns, lacerations and injuries.
- 261930H B12, while moving into their night ambush position, vic AT894-709, sighted 06 VC/NVA. Enemy opened fire with small arms; B12 returned fire with small arms. Action resulted in 01 VC/NVA KIA.
- 302035H M-33B, while set in night time ambush position, vic AT913560, received small arms and machine gun fire. M33B returned fire with small arms, LAW's, M-79 and M-26 fragmentation grenades. Action resulted in 01 PF WIA emergency medevac.

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TAB A

FRAG 0 01-71

FM: 1ST BATTALION, 1ST MARINES

TO: A, M, H&amp;S, B, C, D

INFO: 1ST MARINES

FRAG ORDER 01-71

## 1. SITUATION

## A. ENEMY FORCES

1) THE ENEMY HAS PREVIOUSLY MINED ROUTE #4, BETWEEN HILL 65 VIC AT 880580 AND HILL 52 VIC AT 214552

2) MANY LOCAL CIVILIANS OF THE AREA ARE KNOWN TO BE V.G.S. WHICH IS EVIDENCED BY THE RECENT INCREASE IN TERRORIST ACTIVITIES.

## B. FRIENDLY FORCES

1) ARVN SATURATION OPERATION CONTINUE ALONG ROUTE #4

2) 1ST PLATOON "A" COMPANY 1ST ENGINEERS TO PROVIDE SWEEP TEAM FROM HILL 65 TO HILL 52

2. MISSION: TO EXECUTE A COORDINATED ROAD CLEARING OPENING OPERATION AND PROVIDE PHYSICAL SECURITY ON ROUTE #4 BETWEEN GRIDS AT 880580 AND ZC 214552

## 3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATION: 3 PLATOONS (-) MOVE FROM RESPECTIVE AREAS OF OPERATION TO ESTABLISH SECURITY POSITIONS ALONG ROUTE #4 TO ACT IN CONJUNCTION WITH ENGINEER ROAD SWEEP FOR A PERIOD OF 01 DAY.

B. ALPHA COMPANY PROVIDE 01 PLATOON AS ROAD SECURITY FROM THE 88 NORTH/SOUTH GRID LINE TO HILL 85

C. CHARLIE TO PROVIDE ROAD SECURITY NORTH/SOUTH GRID LINE 85 TO GRID LINE 82

D. B, D, H&amp;S COMPANY - NO CHANGE

E. MIKE COMPANY PROVIDE 1 PLATOON (-) AS ROAD SECURITY FROM HILL 65 TO THE 85 NORTH/SOUTH GRID LINE. M-4 PROVIDE 1 PLATOON (-) AS ROAD SECURITY FROM THE 82 TO THE 21 NORTH SOUTH GRID LINE

## F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

1) ALL SECURITY ELEMENTS TO BE IN POSITION BY 130800H APPROXIMATE TERMINATION TIME 131800H, EXCEPT SECURITY FROM H 65 TO 85 GRID LINE - TO BE IN POSITION BY 130700H.

2) START TIME FOR SWEEP 0700

3) CHECK POINTS #1 AT 880580. #2 THE 85 GRID LINE. #3 THE 82 GRID LINE #4 - AT 214552

4) CHANGE TO SCHEDULED ACTS TO BE SUBMITTED BY 122200H

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- 5) SECURITY WILL RETURN TO BASE POSITIONS ON ORDER FROM PADDLE BOAT
- 6) COMPANIES WILL PROVIDE 6 MAN LOCAL SECURITY FOR ENGINEERS SWEEP TEAM WITHIN ASSIGNED SECTORS
- 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS
  - A. CARRY 1 DCS
  - B. CARRY 1 BLA PER MAN
- 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS
  - A. ALL UNITS REPORT WHEN SECURITY IS IN PLACE.
  - B. ALL UNITS REPORT WHEN CONVOY PASSES THEM
  - C. THE MINE SWEEP TEAM WILL HAVE RADIO ON BN ADMIN (1)(PLAIN)
  - D. ALL SECURITY ELEMENTS WILL HAVE ONE RADIO ON BN ADMIN (1)
  - E. CONVOY C/S TO BE SENT LATER

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TAB B

FRAG 0 03-71

FM: 1ST BATTALION 1ST MARINES

TO: A, B, C, D, K, M, H&amp;S

SUBJ: FRAG ORDER 03-71

## 1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY: RECENT HOI CHANH AGENT REPORTS AND RECON REPORTS CONFIRM ENEMY ACTIVITY UNITS IDENT./LOC AS FOLLOWS: 9TH BATTALION 31ST REGT. (790633), 575 RKT. BN. (ZC 195605) FRONT FOUR HQTRS (814650).

- 1) BATTALION STRENGTHS APPROX. 1" ASSIGNED WITH 80 MAN EFF. STRENGTH.
- 2) SUSPECTED BASE CAMP AREA LOCATED VIC. AT (ZC 194586).
- 3) U. R. S. INDICATES ENEMY ACTIVITY ON NORTH SLOPES OF HILL 1235.

## B. FRIENDLY:

- 1) RECON HAS BEEN OPERATING IN THE BOX DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS UL (1861) LR (8057).
- 2) 51ST ARVN OPERATES ON CHARLIE RIDGE.
- 3) 1ST RANGER GROUP OPERATES NORTH OF CHARLIE RIDGE, WEST OF HILL 10.
- 4) ONE R. F. CO. FM THUONG DUC DIST. IS LOCATED AT GRID ZC (190560).

## C. IN SUPPORT

1) IN DIRECT SUPPORT 2 X 4.2" MORT. BN. "C" BATTERY 1/11 TO BE LOCATED AT F. S. B. ON HILL 383 OR D+ 2.

- 2) CH 46, 4 X CH 53, 1 X OV-10, 1 X F16 F. W. AIR. 1 X H. C. A. 4 X GUNS TRA
- 3) ENGR SQD A CO. 1ST ENGRS.
- 4) ALPHA BATTERY 1/11 AND "C" BATTERY 2/94TH USA REMAIN IN GENERAL SUPPORT.

2. MISSION: TO CONDUCT A BN. SIZE RECONNAISSANCE IN FORCE, TO INTERDICT ENEMY LINES OF COMMUNICATION IN THE WESTERN CHARLIE RIDGE AREA. TO LOCATE AND DESTROY THE ENEMY, HIS BASE AREAS AND MATERIAL.

## 3. EXECUTION:

A. ON D DAY LAND 2 CO'S PLUS BN. JUMP C. P. IN TWO LZ'S AFTER SECURING AND PREPARING THE TERRAIN ESTABLISH A FIRE SUPPORT BASE ON HILL 383. ON D + 1 COMMENCE RIP. (SEE OPN OVERLAY).

## B. ALPHA CO.

- 1) CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION.
- 2) BE PREPARED TO MOVE TO BLOCKING POS'N ON ORDER.
- 3) BE PREPARED TO MOVE AT SHORT NOTICE (ONE HOUR) BY HELICOPTER OR FOOT IN SUPPORT OF OPN.

## C. BRAVO CO.

- 1) BE PREPARED ON D-1 TO RECEIVE ENGR. SQD. YOUR POSN.

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- 2) BE PREP TO RECEIVE RESUPPLY BY 0800H ON D-1.
  - 3) ON D-DAY LAND IN LZ SEMINOLE BY HELICOPTER ASSIT.
  - 4) ON ORDER CONDUCT RECON IN FORCE OF YOUR AREA ASSIGNED VIC HILL 633 (SEE OPN OVERLAY).
- D. CHARLIE CO.
- 1) ON D-2 MOVE TO "B" CO. A.O. BY HELICOPTER.
  - 2) ON D-1 ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR "B" CO. A.O.
  - 3) BE PREP TO PROVIDE COUNTERATTACK AND REINFORCEMENTS TO HILL 52 AND M-4 ON ORDER.
- E. DELTA CO. (REIN)
- 1) PROVIDE OI PIT AS SECURITY FOR C.P. AND F.S.B. AT HILL 383.
  - 2) CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION: WITH REMAINDER OF CO.
  - 3) ASSUME OPCON C-1 ON D-2.
- F. KILO CO.
- 1) ON D-DAY LAND IN LZ MODOC.
  - 2) CONDUCT LOCAL PATROLS TO DISCOVER TRAILS VIC OF HILL 383
  - 3) BE PREP TO MOVE NIT 0800H ON D+1 AND COMMENCE R.I.F. OF ASSIGNED AREA (SEE OPN OVERLAY)
- G. MIKE CO. CONT. PRES MISSION.
- H. HAS CO.
- 1) BE PREP TO SUPPORT OPN LOGISTICALLY
  - 2) BE PREP TO COMMIT JUMP C.P. ON D-DAY
  - 3) 81MM MORTARS AT HILL 383 TO REMAIN.
- I. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:
- 1) D-DAY 13 JANUARY 1971
  - 2) L-HOUR 1300H
  - 3) ALL OPCONS EFFECTIVE D-DAY 1100H OR AS SPECIFIED.
  - 4) LZ SEMINOLE (ZC178585) LZ MODOC (ZC199580) LZ BLACKFOOT (ZC204592)
  - 5) ARTY SUPPORT AVAIL FM: HILL 65 ON D-DAY.
  - 6) ARTY SUPPORT AVAIL FM: HILL 383 AND HILL 65 ON D+2
  - 7) ALL UNITS TO PAY MAX ATTN. TO LAND NAV. POSN. REPORTS REQ'D DAILY AT 1000H, 1400H, 1800H.
  - 8) ALL MANEUVER CO'S TO HAVE OI SQD (-) 04 MEN) ENGINEERS ATTACHED.
  - 9) MAINTAIN PIT. INTEGRITY FOR NIGHT ACTS WITH PLTS. MUTUALLY SUPPORTING.
  - 10) ALL FIRES BY SUPPORTING ARMS IN OPERATIONS AREA TO BE CLEARED BY FORWARD C.P. ONLY.
  - 11) OPN. DRATION ANTICIPATED IN EXCESS OF 10 DAYS.
  - 12) LIFT SEQUENCE: 1) B CO. TO HILL 633. 2) K CO. TO HILL 383. 3) C.P. TO HILL 383. 4) LOG LIFTS TO 383.

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- 13) BN. A.O. DEFINED AS UL 1761 LR 8057
- 4. ADMINISTRATION & LOGISTICS:
  - A.) CARRY 5 DOS CLASS I
  - B.) 1 x 2½ GAL CONTAINER PER FIRE TEAM (NEED NOT BE FULL)
  - C.) AMMUNITION: 1 BASIC LOAD PLUS 2 DOS
  - D.) 81'S MAINTAIN 5 DOS.
  - E.) RESUPPLY TO BE BASED ON 5 DAYS BUT MAX. FLEXIBILITY WILL PERMIT.  
RESUPPLY AS LZ AVAILABLE.
  - F.) PRISONER EVAC. DIRECT TO 1ST MARINES.
  - G.) MEDEVAC TO BE BY HELICOPTER WHERE POSSIBLE DIRECT TO BAS HILL 37 OR  
FURTHER AS APP.
  - H.) MINIMUM OF 50FT. ROPE PER SQD. & GRAPPLING HOOKS.
  - I.) 60MM WILL NOT BE CARRIED.
  - J.) FLAK JACKETS, HELMETS AND GAS MASKS REQUIRED.
  - K.) RAIN GEAR WILL BE CARRIED.
  - L.) ENGR. PKG FOR LZ CONST. AVAIL ON CALL HILL 37.
  - M.) EXTRA SET OF UTILITIES RECOMMENDED
  - N.) INSURE USE OF HALAZONE/MOSQUITO REPELIANT
  - O.) MACHETS AND E TOOLS CARRIED: ONE FOR EVERY TWO MEN
  - P.) CARRY OI DEMO KIT PER SQD.
  - Q.) CARRY OI ORDNANCE LOCATOR WAND PER PLATOON
- 5. COMMAND AND ELECTRONICS:
  - A.) C.P. LOC HILL 383
  - B.) COMM. I.A.W. CURRENT C.E.O.I. EXTRACTS
  - C.) REPORT WHEN TROOP LIFTS COMPLETE
  - D.) SIT REP REQUIRED 0800H AND 1800H DAILY.
  - E.) WHEN OPCON ASSUMED ACKNOWLEDGE
  - F.) REPORT NIGHT POSN'S BY 1700H DAILY
  - G.) KILO CO G/S PERTIFY KILO FREQ: 65:80 D-189

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## TAB C

FRAG 0 05-71

FM: PF  
TO: A, M

INFO: 1ST MARINES

FRAG ORDER 05-71

## 1. SITUATION

## A. ENEMY FORCES

1) COMMUNIST INSURGENTS HAVE PERSISTED IN MINING ROUTE #4 BETWEEN HILL 65 AND HILL 52. THIS HAS BEEN DRAMATIZED BY THE RECENT MINING INCIDENT INVOLVING AN ARMY ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER.

2) MANY LOCAL CIVILIANS OF THE AREA ARE KNOWN VCS

## B. FRIENDLY FORCES

1) ARMY COUNTER MORTAR RADAR, C/2/94 AND ARVN ARTILLERY ARE TO BE MOVING OFF HILL 52.

2) MISSION: TO EXECUTE A COORDINATED ROAD CLEARING OPERATION AND PROVIDE PHYSICAL SECURITY ON ROUTE #4 BETWEEN THE AT878 N/S GRIDLINE TO THE ZC214 N/S GRIDLINE.

## 3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATION: 3 PLATOONS MOVE FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS TO ESTABLISH SECURITY POSITIONS ALONG ROUTE #4 AND TO ACT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ENGINEER ROAD SWEEP TEAM UNTIL COMPLETION OF THE MOVEMENT OF CONVOYS OFF HILL 52, A PERIOD OF 01 DAY

B. "A" CO. PROVIDE 01 PLATOONS AS ROAD SECURITY FROM THE AT82 N/A TO THE 85 N/S GRIDLINE.

C. "M" CO. PROVIDE 02 PLATOONS AS ROAD SECURITY 01 PLATOON FROM HILL 65 TO THE 85 N/S GRIDLINE AND M4 FROM THE 82 N/S GRID TO HILL 52.

## D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

1) ALL SECURITY ELEMENTS TO BE IN POSITION BY 230800H APPROXIMATED TERMINATION TIME 231800, EXCEPT SECURITY FROM HILL 65 TO THE 85 N/S GRIDLINE THEY ARE TO BE IN POSITION BY 230700H.

2) START TIME FOR SWEEP 0700.

3) CHECK POINTS. #1 878573 #2 THE 85 GRIDLINE #3 THE 82 GRIDLINE #4 HILL 52.

4) CHANGES TO SCHEDULED DAY ACTIVITIES TO BE SUBMITTED ASAP.

5) SECURITY WILL RETURN TO BASE POSITIONS ON ORDER FROM PADDLE BOAT.

6) COMPANIES WILL PROVIDE 6 MAN LOCAL SECURITY FOR ENGINEERS SWEEP TEAM WITHIN ASSIGNED SECTORS.

## 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. CARRY 01 DOS PER MAN

B. CARRY 01 BLA PER MAN

## 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. ALL UNITS REPORT WHEN SECURITY IS IN PLACE

B. ALL UNITS REPORT WHEN CONVOY PASSES THEM

C. MINE SWEEP TEAM AND SECURITY ELEMENTS WILL UTILIZE BN. TAC (1) (PLAIN)

D. ALL SECURITY ELEMENTS WILL HAVE 01 RADIO ON BN TAC (1) (PLAIN)

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