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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATAA. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

- | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 1. 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines | LtCol T. P. GANEY | (1-9) JANUARY |
| | LtCol F. N. BOYD | (9-31) JANUARY |

SUBORDINATE UNITS

- | | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| (a) H&S Company | Capt R. H. MULLEN | (1-6) JANUARY |
| | 1stLt J. B. REESIDE | (7-27) JANUARY |
| | Capt S. G. BIHLER | (28-31) JANUARY |
| (b) Company "I" | 1stLt D. D. MILLER | (1-6) JANUARY |
| | Capt R. H. MULLEN | (7-31) JANUARY |
| (c) Company "K" | Capt S. G. BIHLER | (1-27) JANUARY |
| | 2ndLt T. S. MCGRATH | (28-31) JANUARY |
| (d) Company "L" | Capt T. F. RAFFERTY | (1-31) JANUARY |
| (e) Company "M" | Capt D. J. ROBINSON | (1-31) JANUARY |

B. LOCATION

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|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Quang Nam Province, RVN | (1-31 JANUARY 1970) |
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C. STAFF OFFICERS

- | | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Executive Officer | Major J. A. MARTIN | (1-31) JANUARY |
| 2. S-1 Adjutant | Capt N. C. CEFALL | (1-31) JANUARY |
| 3. S-1A Asst. Adjutant | 1stLt W. C. AGER | (1-8) JANUARY |
| | 2ndLt W. D. BAINES | (9-31) JANUARY |
| 4. S-2 | 2ndLt M. D. QUINN | (1-7) JANUARY |
| | 1stLt D. D. MILLER | (8-31) JANUARY |
| 5. S-3 | Major R. C. GARTEN | (1-31) JANUARY |
| 6. S-3A | 1stLt J. C. MAY | (1-31) JANUARY |
| 7. S-3B | 2ndLt J. H. BENSON | (9-31) JANUARY |
| 8. S-4 | 1stLt R. W. SPRUELL | (1-26) JANUARY |
| | 2ndLt J. A. GANGLOFF | (27-31) JANUARY |

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9. S-5

1stLt M. S. GOLDRICK (1-7) JANUARY
2ndLt G. J. BURCHAM (8-31) JANUARY

10. Embarkation Officer

1stLt R. W. SPRUELL (1-26) JANUARY
2ndLt W. D. BAINES (26-31) JANUARY

11. ALO

Capt J. W. DANSKIN (1-31) JANUARY

12. FAC

1stLt D. R. MATTHEWS (1-5) JANUARY
1stLt A. D. KIDDER (1-31) JANUARY

13. Comm Officer

2ndLt D. J. WALLISER (1-31) JANUARY

14. Supply Officer

1stLt R. E. BROOKS (1-31) JANUARY

15. MTO

2ndLt K. C. DIXSON (1-31) JANUARY

16. Chaplain

LCDR E. TAKESIAN (1-31) JANUARY

17. Battalion Surgeon

Lt E. D. SUHRE (1-31) JANUARY

18. ARTY Officer

1stLt D. B. MACFARLANE (1-31) JANUARY

19. Legal Officer

1stLt T. B. TRAMMELL (1-28) JANUARY
2ndLt J. C. HOPKINS (29-31) JANUARY

D. AVERAGE-MONTHLY STRENGTH

a. UNIT	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
H&S Company	<u>19</u>	<u>312</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>53</u>
Company "I"	<u>5</u>	<u>190</u>		
Company "K"	<u>6</u>	<u>193</u>		
Company "L"	<u>6</u>	<u>188</u>		
Company "M"	<u>5</u>	<u>197</u>		
Battalion Average	<u>41</u>	<u>1080</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>53</u>

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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PART II

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIONA. PERSONNEL

1. Casualties

a. Battle

KIA WIA MIA DOW

4 50 0 0

Non-Battle

SERIOUS NON-SERIOUS DEATHS TOTAL

12 0 0 66

2. Replacements Received

a. USMCOFF ENL

4 67

USNOFF ENL

0 2

TOTALOFF ENL

4 69

3. Personnel Rotated to CONUS

a. USMCOFF ENL

4 75

USNOFF ENL

0 3

TOTALOFF ENL

4 78

4. Personnel Summary

a. At the close of the reporting period the personnel strength was as follows; forty-one (41) Marine Corps officers, one thousand and forty-one (1041) Marine Corps enlisted, two (2) Navy officers, and fifty-four (54) Navy enlisted.

b. There was one (1) Marine Corps officer promoted, the ALO 1stLt DANSKIN to Captain on 3 January 1970 with date of rank 1 December 1969.

c. Enlisted promotions consisted of; two (2) Marines promoted to Corporal; seventy-six (76) to Lance Corporal; and eight (8) to Private First Class.

d. Awards recommended during the reporting period consisted of; one (1) Navy Cross Medal, five (5) Bronze Star Medals, four (4) NCM's, and seven (7) NAM's.

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e. Awards delivered consisted of; nine (9) Bronze Star Medals, four (4) NCM's and seven (7) NAM's.

f. Awards readdressed and forwarded consisted of; one (1) NCM, and nine (9) NAM's.

B. LEGAL AND DISCIPLINE

1. NJP	19
2. SCM (Completed)	0
3. SCM (Pending)	0
4. SPCM (Completed)	0
5. SPCM (Pending)	8
6. GCM (Completed)	0
7. GCM (Pending)	1
8. Investigations (Completed)	0
9. Investigations (Pending)	4
10. Article 32 (Completed)	1
11. Article 32 (Pending)	2

C. R&R PROGRAM

1. The following is a recapitulation of R&R quotas for January 1970.

(a) Hawaii	22
(b) Australia	24
(c) Tokyo	7
(d) Bangkok	26
(e) Hong Kong	15
(f) Singapore	4
(g) Okinawa	5
(h) Taipei	12
(i) Manila	7
TOTAL	(122)

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1. Chaplain Attached: LCDR E. TAKESIAN (1-31) JANUARY
2. Divine Services Conducted by the Battalion Chaplain:
 - a. Sunday Services (1) Number held: 20
(2) Number Attending: 721
3. Related Activities:
 - a. Assisted in arranging for twelve MARS calls to CONUS.
4. Pastoral Activities:
 - a. Personal counseling cases: 60
 - b. American Red Cross messages handled: 8

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PART II

INTELLIGENCE

A. ENEMY

1. General. During this reporting period the 3rd Battalion made ninety-one (91) contacts with the enemy. This is an increase of thirty-nine (39) incidents over the previous month. There were forty (40) daylight contacts, fourteen (14) of which were initiated by the enemy; and fifty-one (51) night contacts of which twenty-eight (28) were enemy initiated. The Battalion accounted for sixty (60) enemy KIA's, three (3) POWs, and forty-five (45) detainees. Weapons captured included ten (10) AK-47 Assault Rifles, two (2) 7.62 millimeter Tokarev Pistols, one (1) 9mm Tokarev 58 Pistol, one (1) .45 Caliber Pistol, and one (1) LAAW.

Enemy units reported moving in, near, or through the Battalion's AO included elements of the Q-83rd Battalion, elements of the 141st Regiment, the 22nd Transport Company of the 31st Regiment, the 575th Artillery Battalion, one (1) company of the 3rd Battalion, 368B Regiment, and one (1) company from the 150th Transport Battalion.

Rice denied and redistributed during the month amounted to seven thousand, seven hundred seventy-five (7,775) pounds.

During this reporting period, a total of eight thousand Vietnamese piastres (8,000\$VN) was spent for ordnance purchased under the Voluntary Informant Program (VIP).

2. Items of Significance

a. On 4 January 1970, at 0015H, elements of a Company "I" CAP unit observed ten (10) VC/NVA moving from south to north in the vicinity of coordinates AT947692. The activity opened fire with organic weapons, killing ten (10) VC/NVA and capturing three (3) AK-47 Assault Rifle, two (2) 7.62 millimeter Tokarev Pistols, fourteen (14) ChiCom Grenades, and miscellaneous documents. All captured items were turned over to the Popular Forces.

b. On 4 January 1970, at 0030H, a large explosion occurred seventy-five (75) meters north of a Company "K" Platoon Patrol Base located at coordinates AT929577. A crater analysis conducted by the Battalion's Artillery Liaison Officer revealed the explosion was the result of a two hundred fifty (250) pound "Lob Bomb" launched from approximately one thousand (1,000) meters NE of the Platoon Patrol Base.

c. On 4 January 1970, at 1030H, elements of Company "I" found a homemade "Bangalore Torpedo" at coordinates AT957665. It was three (3) feet long, filled with C-4, and had a pull friction type fuze.

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d. On 24 January 1970, at 1500H in the vicinity of coordinates AT942582 two (2) local Viet Cong rallied to elements of Company "I" under the provisions of the Chieu Hoi Program. The Hoi Chanhs were interrogated by ITT personnel and released to the custody of Dai Loc District Headquarters.

3. Statistics

a. Booby Traps Found	40
b. Booby Traps Detonated	16
c. Captured Weapons	15 *
d. Detainees	45
e. POWs	3
f. KIA's	60
g. Bunkers/Tunnels Destroyed	54

* Eleven (11) of the captured weapons were retained by the RF/PF's operating with units of 3/1.

B. WEATHER

The temperatures for this month ranged from an average high of eighty-six degrees to an average low of sixty-six (66) degrees. Rainfall for the month totaled three and seventy-seven hundredths (3.77) inches, whereas rainfall for the last reporting period was three and one one-hundredth (3.01) inches.

C. TERRAIN

The 3rd Battalion's Area of Operations consists primarily of flooded rice paddies and scattered treelines except for the mountainous portion known as "Charlie Ridge". The monsoon season has now ended and troop movement has improved greatly in many areas. Over-all terrain conditions are rated as good.

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