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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 F. M. BOYD (1-31) MARCH

SUBORDINATE UNITS

(a) H&S Company	Capt S. G. BIHLER	(1-31) MARCH
(b) Company "I"	1stLt J. H. BENSON	(1-31) MARCH
(c) Company "K"	1stLt T. S. MCGRATH	(1-5) MARCH
	1stLt R. D. RITTER	(6-31) MARCH
(d) Company "L"	1stLt J. C. MAY	(1-31) MARCH
(e) Company "M"	Capt R. D. MULLINS	(1-6) MARCH
		ADCON/OPCON
		3rd Battalion,
		5th Marines
		(6-31) MARCH

B. LOCATION

1. Quang Nam Province, RVN

C. STAFF OFFICERS

1. Executive Officer	Major J. A. MARTIN	(1-31) MARCH
2. S-1 Adjutant	Capt N. C. CEFALL	(1-31) MARCH
3. S-1A	1stLt G. T. OLSZEWSKI	(1-31) MARCH
4. S-2	1stLt D. D. MILLER	(1-5) MARCH
	1stLt T. S. MCGRATH	(6-31) MARCH
5. S-3	Major R. C. GARTEN	(1-3) MARCH
	Major P. L. LEFEVRE	(4-31) MARCH
6. S-3A	Capt T. F. RAFFERTY	(1-3) MARCH
	1stLt J. A. GANGLOFF	(4-7) MARCH
	1stLt B. A. WARD	(8-31) MARCH
7. S-3 Liaison Officer	1stLt J. A. GANGLOFF	(8-31) MARCH
8. S-3 Liaison Officer	1stLt C. L. WOODLEY	(2-31) MARCH

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9. S-4	1stLt J. A. GANGLOFF	(1-3) MARCH
	Capt T. F. RAFFERTY	(4-31) MARCH
10. S-4A	CWO-2 J. J. CAMPBELL	(1-31) MARCH
11. S-5	1stLt C. J. BURCHAM	(1-31) MARCH
12. ALO	1stLt A. D. KIDDER	(1-31) MARCH
13. FAC	1stLt D. L. MOSER	(1-31) MARCH
14. Comm Officer	1stLt D. J. WALLISER	(1-31) MARCH
15. Supply Officer	1stLt R. E. BROOKS	(1-31) MARCH
16. MTO	2ndLt L. D. GEARHART	(1-31) MARCH
17. Special Services Officer	1stLt R. O. CARLOCK	(17-31) MARCH
18. Legal Officer	1stLt J. C. HOPKINS	(1-31) MARCH
19. Arty Officer	1stLt D. B. MACFARLANE	(1-8) MARCH
	1stLt P. T. BAHRY JR	(9-31) MARCH
20. Bn Chaplain	LtCmdr E. TAKESIAN	(1-31) MARCH
21. Bn Surgeon	Lt E. D. SUHRE	(1-31) MARCH
22. Asst Bn Surgeon	Lt R. P. KING	(1-31) MARCH

D. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC		USN	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
H&S Company	<u>21</u>	<u>343</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>47</u>
Company "I"	<u>6</u>	<u>218</u>		
Company "K"	<u>6</u>	<u>228</u>		
Company "L"	<u>6</u>	<u>221</u>		
Company "M" (1-6 MARCH)	<u>5</u>	<u>197</u>		
Battalion Average	<u>42</u>	<u>1102</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>47</u>

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## PART II

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIONA. PERSONNEL

## 1. Casualties

a. BattleNon-Battle

KIA	WIA	MIA	DOW	SERIOUS	NON-SERIOUS	DEATHS	TOTAL
1	6	0	0	3	8	0	11

## 2. Replacements Received

a. USMCUSNTOTAL

<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
9	307	0	1	9	308

## 3. Personnel Rotated to CONUS

a. USMCUSNTOTAL

<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
1	127	0	13	1	140

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## 4. Personnel Summary

a. At the close of the reporting period the personnel strength was as follows: forty (40) Marine Corps Officers, one thousand and fifteen (1015) Marine Corps Enlisted, three (3) Navy Officers, and forty (40) Navy Enlisted.

b. There was one (1) Marine Corps Officer promoted to First Lieutenant during the reporting period.

c. Enlisted promotions during the reporting period consisted of: six (6) Marines promoted to Sergeant, fifty-two (52) to Corporal, seventy-seven (77) to Lance Corporal, and twenty-nine (29) to Private First Class.

d. Awards recommended during the reporting period consisted of: six (6) Bronze Star Medal, one (1) Purple Heart, eight (8) NAM's, and five (5) NCM's.

e. Awards delivered during the reporting period consisted of: thirteen (13) Purple Heart Medals, one (1) NAM, and four (4) NCM's.

f. Awards readdressed and forwarded during the reporting period consisted of: one (1) Bronze Star Medal, six (6) Purple Heart Medals, four (4) NAM's, and three (3) NCM's.

B. LEGAL AND DISCIPLINE

1. NJP	12
2. SCM (Completed)	0
3. SCM (Pending)	0
4. SPCM (Completed)	1
5. SPCM (Pending)	2
6. GCM (Completed)	1
7. GCM (Pending)	1
8. Investigations (Completed)	3
9. Investigations (Pending)	4
10. Article 32 (Completed)	0
11. Article 32 (Pending)	0

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C. R & R PROGRAM

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

(a) Hawaii	23
(b) Australia	21
(c) Tokyo	7
(d) Bangkok	23
(e) Hong Kong	16
(f) Singapore	0
(g) Okinawa	5
(h) Taipei	14
(i) Manila	4
TOTAL	113

II. CHAPLAIN SUPPORT

1. Chaplain Attached: LtGmdr E. TAKESIAN (1-31) MARCH
2. Divine Services conducted by the Battalion Chaplain:
  - a. Sunday Services: (1) Number Held: 23  
(2) Number Attending: 341
3. Related Activities:
  - a. Assisted in arranging for sixteen (16) MARS calls to families.
4. Pastoral Activities:
  - a. ~~Personal~~ counseling cases: 65
  - b. American Red Cross messages handled: 6

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## INTELLIGENCE

## A. ENEMY

1. General. During this reporting period the 3rd Battalion made twenty-five (25) contacts with the enemy. There were five (5) daylight contacts, none of which were initiated by the enemy; and twenty (20) night contacts of which only one (1) was enemy initiated. The Battalion accounted for eight (8) enemy KIAs and two (2) detainees. Weapons captured included two (2) AK-47 Assault Rifles, and two (2) M-72 LAAWs.

2. Enemy Situation. The active enemy units operating in the 3rd Battalion's AO make up the Northern Wing, which is subordinate to the Front 44. Units of the Northern Wing are the:

(a) Hai Van Engineer Battalion. This unit has an estimated strength of one hundred twenty-five to one hundred fifty (125-150) personnel. It is operating out of the base camp areas in the northern part of the AO, vicinity AT8790.

(b) T-87 Sapper Battalion. This unit has an estimated strength of one hundred twenty-five to one hundred fifty (125-150) personnel. They are broken down into a headquarters section and two (2) companies. This unit also has an underwater sapper capability, estimated at fifteen to twenty (15-20) men. The sappers are probably operating out of a base camp area, vicinity AT9789.

(c) C-31 Independent (Doc Lap) Company. This unit has an estimated strength of seventy-five (75) personnel. They have probably moved north of the Song Cu De and are operating from the vicinity of the sapper battalion.

(d) C-7 Company. This unit, with an estimated strength of fifty to sixty (50-60) personnel, is also believed to have moved north with the C-31 Company and is now operating from the same general area.

(e) 573 Artillery Battalion. This unit, with a 122mm and 140mm rocket capability, is assigned the mission of providing the Northern Wing with artillery support, both rockets and mortars, in coordinated attacks against selected ground installations in the AO.

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3. Enemy Mission. The enemy's mission has reverted back to its previous mission before the aborted TET offensive, that of small reconnaissance patrols, supply runs, and proselytizing of the Vietnamese civilians in the populated areas of Hoa Lac, Hoa Vinh, and Hoa Hiep. The enemy still has the capability to launch sapper attacks, both ground and underwater, on selected targets in the AO. If these attacks were attempted they can be strongly supported by rocket and mortar attacks. Selected targets include Hill 190, Nam O Bridge, Northern Artillery Cantonment, and probably the highest priority target, the ARVN compounds and CUPP units in the AO.

4. Enemy Trends. The enemy retains the capability to conduct periodic stand-off attacks. Artillery, air, naval gun fire, and extensive night time patrolling have prevented the enemy from infiltrating sufficient numbers of troops into the populated areas to support any large scale attack from the mountains in the western and northwestern portions of the AO. The enemy must move in small size units in order to avoid detection. He will continue to do so and at the same time maintain constant pressure on the local populace by means of the VC Infrastructure.

#### 5. Statistics

a. Booby Traps Found	4
b. Booby Traps Detonated	0
c. Captured Weapons	4
d. Detainees	2
e. POWs	0
f. KIAs	8
g. Bunkers/Tunnels Destroyed	4
h. VIP Funds Expended	1,900\$VN

#### B. WEATHER

1. The temperatures during this reporting period ranged from a high of eighty-nine (89) degrees to a low of sixty-three (63) degrees. The mean temperature for the

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month was seventy-five (75) degrees. Rainfall for the month totaled three one-hundredths (.03) of one inch.

### C. TERRAIN

1. In the Hoa Lac, Hoa Vinh, Hoa Thanh area the terrain is mostly covered by rice paddies. The hamlets and villages are on higher dry ground. There are several uninhabited hamlets with the remains of a few concrete houses. These areas provide good cover and concealment and storage sites for the enemy.

2. The area south and southwest of Hill 190 and Hill 124 is characterized by low, rolling hills. Vegetation consists of low trees and bushes. Movement in this area is fairly easy. The ability to maneuver troops in this area is very good.

3. The major portion of the AO (Northwestern area) consists of extremely rough, steep, mountainous terrain. Movement in this area is greatly restricted, especially for large units. Unless it is along streambeds or trails, movement is reduced to one hundred to three hundred (100-300) meters per hour. Cover, concealment, and water is in abundance.

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## PART II

## OPERATIONS

A. ORGANIZATION AND DISPOSITION

The 3rd Battalion moved to its new AO on 1 March, relieving the 2nd and 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines of the responsibility for Hai Van Pass, the Lien Chieu Esso Plant, Nam O Bridge, Hill 190, and OP Reno. During this reporting period 3rd Battalion saturated its new AO with squad-sized day and night patrols and night ambushes in order to secure its area of the DaNang rocket belt and to interdict enemy supply and infiltration routes.

On 6 March, command of Company "M" went to 5th Marines, to be used as a Combined Unit Pacification Program (CUPP) company.

After assuming control of OP Reno, work was begun immediately to build up the position and improve its living conditions and defenses. The tactical wire, landing zone, bunkers and the fighting positions were worked on continuously until control of the OP was relinquished to the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines on 28 March. During the month several spottings were made from OP Reno, including one on 18 March when two (2) civilians carrying bundles were observed meeting two (2) VC/NVA. Small arms, 81mm mortar fire and 5H 1E on-board ordnance were delivered onto the target.

A two company (-) operation took place on 25 March with one reinforced platoon from Company "L" conducting a reconnaissance in force up the Cu De River Valley ("Elephant Valley") on the north side of the river, and one reinforced platoon from Company "I" conducting a simultaneous movement on the south side. The results of the operation indicated that no large-sized enemy forces had occupied the area in recent weeks, although the discovery of trails and numerous harbor sites indicated that small groups of two (2) to five (5) enemy were using the valley as an infiltration route. The operation was supported by an airborne observer, close air and artillery.

On 28 March, a second operation took place with Company "I" (-) being inserted by helicopter into grid AT855815 and conducting a two-day operation to search that area for possible rocket caches and launching sites. Simultaneously, one reinforced platoon of Company "K" was inserted into AT876788 to conduct a similar search and clear operation for three days around Hills 124 (AT876788) and 112 (AT860773). The insertion LZ's received prep fires from helicopter gunships at Company "I"'s LZ and artillery fire in the form of heavy H&I fire at Company "K"'s LZ. The operation resulted in negative indications of rocket sites in these areas at that time.

Throughout the month of March emphasis was placed on conducting heavy H&I fires and air strikes on suspected or likely rocket sites within range of the DaNang vital areas

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On 28 March the southern boundry of the AO was ~~readjusted~~ giving 1st Battalion, 1st Marines operational control of OP Reno.

As of 31 March the disposition of forces under the tactical control of the 1st Battalion was as follows:

Battalion CP was located at AT940783.

Company "I" CP was located on Hill 190 (AT896823), the company operating primarily in the claw area AT910825 and in the area to the west and south of their position.

Company "K" CP was located at the Lien Chieu Esso Plant (AT936866), with one reinforced platoon located above Hai Van Pass at coordinates AT943921, the company operating in the northern portion of the Battalion AO.

Company "L" CP was located at Nam O Bridge (AT925844), the company providing security for the bridge and operating to the west and north of that position.

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## A. AIR SUPPORT

FIXED WING

The First Marine Aircraft Wing supported the Third Battalion with a total of thirty-eight (38) fixed-wing air missions. These consisted of eleven (11) close air support missions; five (5) A-6 Beacons; one (1) C-130 "Basketball" flareship mission; eight (8) TPQ-10 missions; and thirteen (13) forward air controller (airborne) missions utilizing OV-10 aircraft. These aircraft dropped a total of eighty-eight (88) tons of bombs and napalm; expended twenty-five hundred (2500) rounds of 7.62mm; twenty-five hundred (2500) rounds of 20mm ammunition and forty-one (41) illumination flares.

ROTARY WINGED AIRCRAFT

Eleven (11) medevacs were completed which evacuated nine (9) emergencies, three (3) priorities, three (3) routines and nine (9) emergency medevacs for civilians. The average time for the arrival of an emergency medevac from time of request until time over LZ was ten (10) minutes. The average time for an emergency medevac from initial request to mission completion was nineteen (19) minutes.

There were twenty-two (22) Visual Reconnaissance Missions utilizing the CH-46 aircraft.

On 1 March a total of five hundred and ninety four (594) passengers were helo-lifted in support of Third Battalion, 1st Marines movement to their new positions. Company "I" helo-lifted one hundred and fifty three (153) passengers from Golden Gate Bridge (AT904604) to Nam O Bridge (AT924845); Company "K" had one hundred and fifty seven (157) passengers helo-lifted from Hill 37 (AT916582) to the Esso Plant (AT938867); Company "I" had twenty four (24) passengers helo-lifted from Hill 22 (AT953667) to OP Reno (AT 883744) and one hundred and sixty (160) passengers to Hill 190 (AT897821); and H&S Company had one hundred (100) passengers helo-lifted from Hill 37 (AT916582) to LZ 460 (AT938783).

On 28 March Company "I" (-), consisting of ninety two (92) passengers was lifted from (AT897821) to (AT856814) and one platoon (rein) from Company "K" consisting of fifty six (56) passengers was lifted from (AT924845) to (AT877788).

On 29 March Company "I" (-), consisting of ninety two (92) passengers was lifted from (AT875815) to (AT897821).

On 30 March Company "K" (-), consisting of fifty two (52) passengers, was lifted from (AT869769) to (AT924845).

OP Reno and the other OP's were resupplied throughout the month using CH-53's and CH-46's.

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## G. ARTILLERY

11th Marine Regiment provided artillery support for the Battalion. The Battalion's 81mm Mortar platoon was attached out by sections to each Company and provided supporting mortar fire. Two (2) tanks were attached to Company "L" for the protection of Nam O Bridge. The 106mm Recoilless Rifle platoon also provided battalion support to each company.

During March, artillery fire was credited with three (3) known enemy KIA and one individual weapon captured. Many Time-on-Target (TOT) and prep-fires were fired for the Battalion in addition to the normal support provided. Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 11th Marines provided direct support artillery with reinforcing fires being provided by Battery "L", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines. General Support was provided by the 11th Marine Regiment and Naval Gun Fire.

In addition to firing for the Battalion, indirect fire support was provided certain GACO, PF, and RF units.

Forward Observer Teams conducted fire support classes during the month with emphasis on the adjustment of fire. The Fire Support Coordinator conducted instruction for new arrivals.

SUMMARY

	<u>Artillery</u>	<u>81mm</u>
Observed Targets Submitted	1791	
Unobserved Targets Fired	1498	
Unobserved Rounds Expended	15474	
Observed Fire Missions Submitted	142	146
Observed Fire Missions Fired	105	121
Observed Rounds Expended	2955	2179
Illumination Rounds Expended	505	1912
SUB-TOTAL ROUNDS EXPENDED	<u>18934</u>	<u>4091</u>
Tank Rounds Expended	45	
106mm Recoilless Rifle Rounds Expended	139	
Naval Gun Fire Rounds Expended	2213	
TOTAL ROUNDS EXPENDED DURING MARCH	<u>25122</u>	

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1. THE BATTALION CONDUCTED THE FOLLOWING TRAINING DURING MARCH

a. Indoctrination/Orientation. Ninety one (91) enlisted Marines completed a five (5) day Indoctrination/Orientation Course prior to being deployed to units in the field. Scheduled classes included lectures by the Battalion CO, all Executive Staff Sections, Air and Artillery Liaison Officers, Medical Section and Communications Officer. Special emphasis was placed on Mines and Booby Traps, Personal Response, orders which govern the action of individual Marines, Drug Abuse and the goals and missions of the Battalion.

b. Company Training. All Companies conducted training on a weekly schedule which included Supporting Arms, Squad Tactics, Mines and Booby Traps, NCO Leadership and Rules of engagement. Division Contact Teams were used whenever possible and emphasis in training is placed on areas of weakness as determined by the Company Commanders and approved by the Battalion Commander.

c. The Battalion Rifle Range was used to instruct all incoming personnel in the quick fire/quick kill method of engagement. A total of ninety one (91) Marines were instructed in this method. Furthermore, all new personnel, and others who desired, were given the opportunity to FAM fire and place battle sights on their weapons.

d. Quotas were received and filled for the following formal schools:

(1) IN COUNTRY SCHOOLS

Landmine Warfare	40
Officer Leadership	2
SNCO leadership	2
NCO Leadership	8
16mm Projectionist	1
Registered Publications System	1

(2) OUT OF COUNTRY SCHOOLS

Basic Infantry Weapons Repair	1
Embarkation (OFF)	1

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## PART II

LOGISTICSA. ENGINEER ASSISTANCE AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION

During this reporting period two engineer assistance requests were submitted. One was for moving perimeter lighting outside of the defensive perimeter and the other request was for technical assistance and advice to construct recreational facilities within III MAF Camp # 14.

As of this report, work has commenced on both projects. The necessary materials for moving the perimeter lighting is on hand and work has begun to dig holes for the new pole positions.

The materials for the constructions of the recreational facilities have been drawn and are ready for use. The form for a basketball court has been laid. Concrete has been poured and as of this report the basketball court is half completed.

B. SUPPLY

Class I, III and IV supply support has been sufficient during this reporting period to meet the battalion's operational commitments. General purpose soap and paper plates were Class II problem areas, initially. As of this report they are no longer problem areas.

C. MAINTENANCE

The following number of Tactical Equipment Repair Orders were submitted to Maintenance Battalion, 1st FSR/FLC during March.

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>
Motor Transport	28	24
Ordnance	77	55
Comm/Elect	40	12
Engineer	10	6

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COMMUNICATIONSA. PERSONNEL

As of 31 March 1970 the Communications Platoon consisted of one (1) officer and one hundred and one (101) enlisted personnel.

B. EQUIPMENT

Radio Section received four (4) AN/PRC-47's in exchange for four (4) AN/PRC-47's that were turned in for R & E. Also invoiced over to radio section were three (3) battery chargers PP-4567/U which brings the Battalion up to T/E on this item. Wire Section received twenty-two (22) telephone sets TA-1/PT which have been declared in excess of the T/E. Message Center turned in two (2) AN/TGC-14V teletypewriters for R & E and was invoiced two (2) AN/TGC-14V as T/E items. One (1) AN/TGC-14V is presently at FSR for repair. One (1) AN/TGC-14V was invoiced to Message Center and declared excess. One (1) PU-482/U generator was turned into FSR for repair. The PU-348 generator continues to be deadlined due to non-availability of 1st and 2nd echelon repair parts. The usage of batteries BA-386 has dropped considerably due to the installation of the HYP-2.

C. OPERATION/TRAINING

The Communications Platoon participated in several short range patrols, ambushes, and one (1) company size operation.

Training in Communications Security has been emphasized on numerous occasions. Classes have been presented to all companies by radio section personnel with Division presenting one (1) class to all staff officers and company commanders. Presently the Communications Platoon is preparing for the Command Maintenance Material Inspection which is schedule for 15 April 1970.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OFSIGNIFICANT EVENTS

012100H. Third Squad, First Platoon, Company "I" received small arms fire from enemy located at coordinates AT950689, activity returned fire with organic weapons and swept area with negative results.

021100H. Vietnamese dump truck heading south on Route 540 hit a forty (40) pound rock mine at coordinates AT922553 resulting in two (2) VN civilians and one (1) ARVN KIA and two (2) VN civilians WIA.

021205H. First Squad, Second Platoon, Company "G" found one (1) VN male body at coordinates AT952621. VN has been KIA by friendly ambush.

021935H. Marine from Third Platoon, Company "L" detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade at coordinates AT953582 resulting in one (1) USMC WIA routine medevac.

021945H. Second Platoon, Company "I", engaged enemy with small arms fire at coordinates AT966696 and received small arms fire and ChiCom grenades in return resulting in four (4) VC/NVA KIA.

031130H. A Marine from Third Platoon, Company "L" tripped a booby trapped M-26 grenade at coordinates AT950582 resulting in one (1) USMC WIA priority evac.

031140H. Second Platoon, Company "L" sighted two (2) VC/NVA at coordinates AT963591. The patrol took the enemy under fire with small arms resulting in one (1) VC/NVA KIA and one (1) AK-47 rifle captured.

032015H. Second Platoon, Company "I" while moving to their night ambush site sighted three (3) VC/NVA at coordinates AT965693. Activity engaged enemy with small arms fire resulting in two (2) VC/NVA KIA.

032345H. Patrol from Company "I" sighted four (4) VC/NVA at coordinates AT948588, engaged enemy with small arms fire and grenades. The contact resulted in one (1) USMC WIA non-evac.

041600H. Third Platoon, Company "L" spotted two (2) VC/NVA with rifles at coordinates AT957588, took enemy under fire with small arms resulting in one (1) VC/NVA KIA.

050025H. First Squad, Second Platoon, Company "L" while on patrol spotted four (4) VC/NVA with rifles in rice paddy at coordinates AT959589, engaged enemy with organic weapons resulting in two (2) VC/NVA KIA and one (1) M-16 rifle captured.

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050035H. First Platoon, Company "I" observed three (3) VC/NVA at coordinates AT963688, took enemy under fire with organic weapons resulting in three (3) VC/NVA KIA.

051600H. First Squad, Third Platoon, Company "L" apprehended two (2) VN who fled from the patrol, one (1) was a civilian and one (1) Chieu Hoied.

061430H. First Squad, Third Platoon, Company "L" engaged three (3) VC/NVA in a treeline at coordinates AT943583 resulting in one (1) VC/NVA KIA and one (1) VC/NVA WIA POW.

061900H. A patrol from First Platoon, Company "L" while moving to ambush site was taken under small arms fire and received two (2) ChiCom grenades at coordinates AT942588. Patrol returned fire and swept area. The encounter resulted in three (3) USMC WIA, one (1) emergency medevac and two (2) prior medevacs.

081000H. First Squad, Second Platoon, Company "G" found a cave complex at coordinates AT920632 containing twenty (20) 60mm mortar HE rounds, one (1) VC/NVA KIA and miscellaneous ordnance.

082050H. Second Platoon, Company "K" apprehended one (1) VN male. Unit was interrogating detainee when they observed one (1) VC/NVA with a weapon at coordinates AT913547. Patrol and VC/NVA opened fire on each other, resulting in one (1) emergency and one (1) USMC WIA non-evac.

112030H. First Platoon, Company "K" set in night defensive position observed movement in a treeline at coordinates AT914547. Called and adjusted Artillery and mortar missions resulting in one (1) VC/NVA KIA.

121027H. Second Platoon, Company "L" found suspected mine field at coordinates AT951588. Fired artillery, mortars and M79 into area resulting in in seventeen (17) secondary explosions.

150200H. Patrol from Second Platoon, Company "L" while in ambush site at coordinates AT952591 received three (3) RPG rounds resulting in two (2) emergency WIA USMC evac and one (1) USMC WIA non-evac.

151505H. Third Platoon, Company "K" while conducting a platoon sweep had a booby trapped 155mm artillery round detonate at coordinates AT 938601 resulting in one (1) KIA and two (2) USMC WIA emergency medevacs and one (1) scout dog WIA routine evac.

161320H. Third Squad, First Platoon, Company "L" had Marine detonate a 60mm mortar round set as booby trap at coordinates AT977595 resulting in two (2) USMC WIA emergency medevacs.

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## PART II

MEDICAL/DENTAL AFFAIRSA. PERSONNEL

1. On 31 March 1970, total strength was two (2) Medical Officers and forty (40) Corpsmen. During this period twenty-four (24) Corpsmen were transferred to other commands: eighteen (18) for duty, three (3) for separation, and three (3) for temporary duty under treatment. There were two (2) WIA and zero (0) KIA for this period.

B. PATIENT LOAD

1. For this period five hundred ninety (590) patients were seen at the Battalion Aid Station Sick Call for an average of nineteen (19) patients per day.

2. There were twenty-one (21) diagnosed with V.D., twenty-five (25) with diarrhea, eight (8) with upper respiratory infection, six (6) with FUO, thirty-two (32) with skin disorders and three (3) with malaria.

C. MEDCAP/DENCAP

1. Medical aid was given to five hundred twenty-five (525) Vietnamese Civilians by the BAS.

2. Dental care was given to sixty-five (65) Vietnamese Civilians by the BAS.

3. BAS Corpsmen held two (2) MEDCAP/DENCAPS in the month of March.

D. SANITATION

1. Weekly inspections were made throughout the Battalion and surrounding areas for the month of March. The Battalion was overall satisfactory. There remains a problem with empty burned barrels from the heads. The Battalion is in the process of replacing urinals that are non-functional and also are replacing old head barrels. The Medical Department is continuing its efforts to reduce the rodent population.

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## PART II

CIVIL AFFAIRS1. PUBLIC WORKS

## a. Buildings

(1) Grading of market place at Quan Nam completed. Awaiting building materials to complete improvement of market place.

(2) Work on road west from Hill 190 has been started.

2. WELFARE

## a. Orphanages

(1) Eight truck loads of scrap lumber were donated to Hoa Khanh orphanage to use for firewood and construction.

3. EDUCATION

## a. Schools (constructing)

(1) 109 bags of cement were delivered to Loc Hoa Hamlet for use in construction of a one room school.

## b. Scholarships

(1) Ninety (90) General WALT Scholarships were presented to students within the C.A.A.O.R.

4. HEALTH

## a. MedCaps

(1) MedCaps were responsible for treating 880 civilians during March. This figure includes those treated by mobile MedCaps as well as the daily MedCaps conducted at the Battalion Aid Station.

## b. DenCaps

(1) DenCaps were responsible for treating 138 civilians during this reporting period.

5. AGRICULTURE

a. Animals--No animal projects are supported at this time.

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6. SOCIAL

a. Social Meals

(1) Members of this section attended three social meals during this reporting period.

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PART III  
- SEQUENTIAL LISTING  
OF  
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF  
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

010720H. Responsibility of that portion of the Battalion AO in Dai Loc and Dien Ban Districts was assumed by Company "I", 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

010815H. Company "L" commenced airlift from Golden Gate Bridge (AT965604) to their new location at the Nam O Bridge (AT925825).

010930H. Company "B", 1st Battalion, 1st Marines assumed responsibility of that portion of the Battalion AO in Hieu Duc District.

010945H. Company "K" commenced airlift from Hill 37 (AT916582) to their new position at Esso Plant (AT935869) and Hai Van Pass (AT944918).

011015H. Company "I" commenced airlift from Hill 22 (AT953667) to Hill 190 (AT957822).

011211H. H&S Company (-) commenced airlift from Hill 37 (AT916582) to their new position at Camp 14 (AT940783).

011300H. Responsibility for the Combat Base at Hill 37 passed to 3rd Battalion, 1st ARVN.

011400H. OPCON of the Battalion was assumed by the 26th Marines.

011635H. The Battalion assumed command and control of the new AO and opened its Command Post at Camp 14 (AT940783).

021840H. Company "I" CUPP unit sighted five (5) VC/NVA at coordinates AT908832. The enemy was taken under fire with small arms and mortar fire with unknown results.

041500H. Third Squad, Second Platoon, Company "L" found an enemy base camp and observation post at coordinates AT906856. All avenues of approach and egress to the OP were camouflaged with jungle grass and rocks. Miscellaneous equipment, food and clothing were found in the base camp.

060830H. First Squad, Third Platoon, Company "K" while on patrol found the wreckage of one (1) UH 1-E aircraft at coordinates AT923909. No useable materials were found and the serial number of the helicopter was unidentifiable. Miscellaneous personal papers were found and turn over to the Battalion S-2.

061335H. OPCON of the Battalion was assumed by the First Marines.

070000H. Second Platoon, Company "I", while set in ambush, sighted ten (10) VC/NVA through the starlight scope at coordinates AT885827. Enemy taken under fire with s/a fire and 105mm artillery mission called. Search of area revealed three (3) drag marks.

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071835H. 1st Plt, Co "I" uncovered a bunker that was buried on OP Reno (AT884746). The bunker contained one (1) case of 5.62mm ammunition, one (1) case of CS gas grenades, one (1) ammunition can filled with detonating cord strips with blasting caps, two (2) US gas masks, and five (5) M-79 CS gas rounds.

082030H. Second Plt, Co "I" while set in ambush site, spotted five (5) VC/NVA through the starlight scope at coordinates AT897826. The enemy was taken under fire with organic weapons and artillery mission was called on routes of escape. The enemy returned small arms fire. The contact resulted in one (1) VC/NVA KIA and a search of the area revealed three (3) heavy blood trails.

092000H. Second Plt, Co "I" sighted three (3) VC/NVA at coordinates AT904808. Enemy taken under fire with small arms fire and one (1) was observed to fall. Enemy withdrew through heavy vegetation and search of the area was made with negative results.

092000H. Co "I" CUPP unit sighted two (2) VC/NVA moving from west to east at coordinates AT914831. Unit took enemy under fire and received fire in return. The contact resulted in one (1) VC/NVA KIA.

101215H. 3rd Sqd, 3rd Plt, Co "L" conducting a riverine patrol with a Hoi Cham supplied by 5th CIT detained two (2) VW females at coordinates AT905828. One (1) was listed on the black list as a VC and the other was a suspected rice carrier. The detainees were taken to 5th CIT for interrogation.

112015H. Patrol from the Second Plt, Co "I" while set in ambush, sighted three (3) VC/NVA at coordinates AT896826. Enemy taken under fire and observed fleeing to the northwest. While sweeping the area of contact, two (2) VC/NVA were sighted entering a treeline across the river. Enemy taken under fire with small arms fire and artillery fire mission called in on area. Activity continued sweep of area and received small arms fire and grenades. Contact resulted in one (1) USMC WIA non-evac.

122242H. Co "I" CUPP unit set in ambush, sighted three (3) VC/NVA at coordinates AT914836. Enemy engaged with small arms fire resulting in one (1) VC/NVA KIA and miscellaneous gear captured.

132345H. Activity from the Second Plt, Co "I" while in ambush site spotted two (2) to three (3) VC/NVA moving east through heavy vegetation at coordinates AT899825. Enemy was taken under fire with small arms fire and during sweep of the area, one (1) chicom grenade was received. The contact resulted in one (1) USMC WIA routine medevac.

181220H. Marines from the 1st Plt, Co "I" on OP Reno (AT884746) observed two (2) Vietnamese in civilian clothing carrying large bundles. Personnel made liaison with two (2) VC/NVA with weapons and wearing green uniforms at coordinates AT867756. Enemy taken under fire with small arms and 81mm mortar fire and UH 1E aircraft on station fired into target area.

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182100H. Patrol from Third Plt, Co "I" while set in ambush site ~~observed~~ two (2) VC/NVA at coordinates AT900826. Activity fired LAAW and small arms at the enemy and swept the area with negative results.

202110H. Patrol from Second Plt, Co "I" set in ambush site at coordinates AT882809 received one (1) enemy grenade. Activity open fire and swept area. During sweep a second grenade was received. The contact resulted in one (1) USMC WIA emergency medevac.

241600H. A CH-53 helicopter had made a resupply to the 1st Plt, Co "I" and then picked up a sleeve of concertina wire in a draw. As the helicopter passed over a ridge line the rotor wash set off what appeared to be a booby trapped M-26 grenade. Fragments hit the helicopter but the amount of damage was not determined.

242040H. Co "I" CUPP unit sighted six (6) VC/NVA moving south at coordinates AT915824. Activity engaged enemy with small arms fire resulting in one (1) NVA KIA and miscellaneous personal items and documents captured.

262340H. Marines from Company "I" on OP Reno (AT884745) observing thru night observation device sighted three (3) VC/NVA, two (2) with rifles, and one (1) with RPG at coordinates AT883743. Enemy engaged with organic weapons and 81mm mortar mission fired. Sweep of area revealed one (1) battle dressing.

271700H. 1st Sqd, Second Plt, Co "I" observed six (6) VC/NVA with packs and helmets and carrying rice at coordinates AT895836. Patrol called artillery fire mission on enemy resulting in two (2) VC/NVA KIA and one (1) AK-47 rifle and miscellaneous equipment captured.

281200H Operational control of OP Reno (AT884745) passed to the 1st Bn, 1st Marines.

292125H. 1st Plt, Co "K" at coordinates AT874775, sighted five (5) VC/NVA through the starlight scope, approaching their perimeter on their hands and knees from the southwest. Enemy taken under fire with organic weapons and observed retreating. Artillery mission called on avenues of egress. Searched area with negative results.

301600H. A patrol from Company "I" found one (1) VC/NVA KIA, and miscellaneous equipment at coordinates AT895845. Enemy KIA by artillery fire.

302040H. Company "I" CUPP unit, while set in ambush, sighted two (2) VC/NVA at coordinates AT903822. Enemy engaged with small arms fire resulting in one (1) VC/NVA KIA and one (1) AK-47 rifle captured.

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Time Zone: HOTEL

1. SITUATIONa. Enemy Forces.

- (1) Current Intsums and perintreps

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) No change

c. Attachments and Detachments

- (1) No change

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2. MISSION

- a. Third Battalion, (-), First Marines, conducts reconnaissance in force of Cu De River Valley from AT885830 to vicinity AT860850, commencing on or about 250630H March 1970.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operations. Elements of Companies "I" and "L" conduct reconnaissance of river valley area north and south of Cu De River, establish harboring sites vicinity AT854834 and AT868846, and conduct squad size reconnaissance patrols.

b. Company "I" (-)

- (1) Commencing on or about 250630H, on order, conduct reconnaissance of Route 545 from AT895824 to AT856845 with one (1) platoon (rein).  
(2) Provide one (1) reaction platoon (rein) on Hill 190.  
(3) Provide CP security.  
(4) Be prepared to support by fire the movements of Company "L" (-).  
(5) Insure flank security by covering high ground to the south.

c.

c. Company "L"

- (1) Commencing on or about 250630H, on order, conduct reconnaissance of northern portion of Cu De River Valley, from AT892828 to AT867849 with one (1) platoon (rein).

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- (2) Be prepared to support by fire the movements of Company "I" (-).
- (3) Insure flank security by covering high ground to the north.

d. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) See Operation Overlay (Annex 4).
- (2) Report crossing of all phase lines.
- (3) Boats will follow in trace of units.
- (4) Fire Support in accordance with current Battalion SOP.
- (5) OV LOA on station 250900H CAS available 251500H.
- (6) Be prepared to assume normal night defensive missions 251930H.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. No change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

- a. CP forward location will be Hill 190.
- b. Companies draw one (1) extra KY38 for this operation.
- c. Primary frequency is Battalion Tactical Frequency (36.35).

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- ✓ A. Operation Overlay
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0720	0735	1	Responsibility of that portion of the Battalion AO in Dai Loc and Dien Ban Districts was assumed by Company "I", 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.	S,F
0815	0830	2	Troop airlift commenced	S,F
0815	0830	3	Company "I" commenced airlift from Golden Gate Bridge (AT965604) to their new location at the Nam O Bridge (AT925825).	S,F
0930	0945	4	Company "H", 1st Battalion, 1st Marines assumed responsibility of that portion of the AO in Hieu Duc District.	S,F
0945	1000	5	Company "K" commenced airlift from Hill 37 (AT916582) to their new position at Esso Plant (AT935869) and Hai Van Pass (AT944918)	S,F
1045	1100	6	Company "I" commenced airlift from Hill 22 (AT953667) to Hill 190 (AT897822).	S,F
1215	1230	7	BHS Company (-) commenced airlift from Hill 37 (AT916582) to their new position at Camp 14 (AT940783).	S,F
1300	1315	8	Airlift complete	S,F
1300	1315	9	Responsibility for the Combat Base at Hill 37 passed to 3rd Battalion, 51st ARVN.	S,F
1400	1415	10	OPCON of the Battalion was assumed by the 26th Marines.	S,F
1635	1650	11	The Battalion assumed command and control of the new AO and opened its command Post at Camp 14 (AT940783).	S,F
1500	1515	12	During fire mission on suspected enemy movement five (5) HL, 81mm mortar rounds landed in the vicinity of the 7th ENOC Battalion resulting in six (6) Marines receiving superficial wounds and damaging QL truck. Investigation revealed that the grid coordinates were improperly written on fire mission request form by the Fire Support Coordinator, resulting in rds being one thousand (1000) meters off.	S,F
1840	1855	13	Company "I" CUPP unit sighted five (5) VC/NVA at coordinates AT908832. The enemy was taken under fire with small arms and mortar fire with unknown results.	S,F
2025	2040	14	HL/CUPP AGT while conducting fan fire with M-79 AT896778. QL man was injured by ricochet round.	S,F
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05 81mm HE rds fired by 3/1 landed in 7th  
Eng area resulting in 06 personnel injured  
and damaging 01 jeep and 01 truck. Invest-  
igation revealed that coordinates were  
improperly written on fire mission request  
form by 3/1 FSOC personnel.

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0030	0345	1	Pest #23 heard approx 06 s/a rds AT935770 above pest. 81mm illum called, neg results.	S,F
2023	2040	2	142A ACT while in PPB spotted 05 VC/NVA moving S-E AT908832. ACT opened fire with small arms, called in 60mm & 81mm fire mission with neg results.	S,F
2025	2040	3	141 ACT fd 01 beoby trap AT897777 consisting of 01 LAAW casing with rocket intact. Appeared to have elec blasting cap in rear. Dest'd in place.	S,F
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0910	0925	1	Maj LEFEVRE to 26th Marines	S,F
1130	1145	2	Maj LEFEVRE ret'd	S,F
1345	1400	3	LtCol BOYD & Maj LEFEVRE on VR	S,F
1430	1445	4	LtCol BOYD & Maj LEFEVRE ret'd	S,F
1620	1635	5	123 AGT fd en base camp & OP AT906856.	S,F
			All avenues of approach were well camouflaged	
			Fd 01 chicon, 01 AK mag w/20rds.	
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1320 1335 1JOURNAL OPENED  
K31 ACT had 01 ARVN medevac resulting from  
a blasting cap exploding in fire while ARVN  
was cooking chow.  
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K31 AGT fd wreckage of vbie (AT923909) fd  
no usable material and ser# of hole was  
unreadable ARVNS w/ACT said hole had been  
there for over a month searched area w/neg  
results. Fd some personal items in wreckage.  
OPCON of Bn assumed by 1st Marines.

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0020	0035	1	K42 ACT RF contingent obsv'd 01 VC/NVA	S,F
			AT912819. ACT opened fire w/neg results	
1435	1450	2	135 ACT obsv'd 03 VC/NVA AT894848. Called	S,F
			ARTY mission, swept area w/neg results.	
2110	2135	3	While airstrike was being conducted AT906856	S,F
			ACT heard S/A fire from AT905855. Requested	
			ARTY mission following airstrike.	
2050	2105	4	124 ACT obsv'd 10 VC/NVA AT885827. Opened	S,F
			fire w/s/a and called ARTY mission. Swept	
			area fd 03 drag marks.	
2230	2245	5	I OF Reno ACT fd 01 bunker AT884746	S,F
			Bunker contained 01 case green star flares,	
			01 case red star flares, 01 case white star	
			flares, 01 case M-16 ammo, 01 case CS grenades,	
			01 ammo cans filled w/det cord strips with	
			blasting caps, 01 ammo case filled w/claymores.	
			Ordinance dest'd.	
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Flotilla 3-2 obsv'd craft in water AT930835.

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Checked craft, found it to be USN vessel.

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Craft was operating in area w/o clearance from Kilo.

2315 2330 2

124 AGT obsv'd 05 VC/NVA AT897826. Opened fire w/s/a and called 105mm fire men.

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Swept area found 01 VC/NVA KIA and 03 heavy blood trails.

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2055	2110	1	121 ACT obsv'd 03 VC/NVA AT904828. ACT opened fire w/s/a obsv'd 01 body fall, Swept area w/neg results.	S,F
2140	2155	2	142A ACT obsv'd 03 VC/NVA AT914831. ACT opened fire w/s/a and obsv'd 01 VC/NVA KIA.	S,F
2340	2355	3	142A ACT obsv'd 03 VC/NVA AT9214832. ACT opened fire w/s/a. Swept area w/neg results.	S,F
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L35 Riverine ACT detained 02 VM females  
AT905828. One was on Blacklist, other was  
suspected VC rice carrier. Both females  
taken to 5th CIT.

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II reported 01 Marine accidentally rec'd  
1st & 2nd degree burns while burning brush  
w/diesel fuel. Man medevaced to 1st Med  
Bn by ambulance.

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OP Rene obsv'd light on DANANG border rd  
AT870750. Called 81mm & 105mm fire msn  
resulting in 81 secondary.

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0601			JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
1700	1715	1	K3 requested medevac for RF who was wounded in lower abdomen by accidental discharge by another RF.	S,F
2145	2200	2	I24 ACT obsv'd Q3 VC/NVA AT896826. ACT opened fire w/s/a and called fire mission. Swept area fd 01 drag mark and a heavy blood trail. 01 USMC WILANE.	S,F
2300	2315	3	3A ACT obsv'd Q6 VC/NVA AT924824. ACT opened fire w/s/a and 81mm HE. Swept area, fd 01 VC/NVA KIA and 01 AK-47 w/mag.	S,F
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0130	0145	1	CAP 2-8-4 reported unknown number of VC entered Nam Velle AT934833 and shot 01 VN civ. 5th CIT is investigating.	S,F
0615	0630	2	Lima Co personnel acting as liaison w/PT's unit in Kim Lien Velle. Reported 03 incoming HE rds wounding 01 PF 1/11 reported that their 155mm gun plt had 01 gun fire out causing rds to impact in ville.	S,F
1635	1650	3	K21 AOT was led to LAAN by VN child AT923865 Paid child 100P's. Dest'd LAAN.	S,F
2330	2345	4	1A2A AOT obs'd 03 VC/NVA AT914836. AOT opened fire w/s/a resulting in 01 VC/NVA KIA	S,F
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1240	1255	1	OP Reno obsv'd 10 VN (07 male; 03 female).	S,F
			Digging along DaNang barrier AT86187459	
			Pers were digging and gathering wood and engineer stakes. ACT fired popups & s/a to clear area.	
			Pers left area and returned later unable to detect if en or friendly.	
2035	2050	2	CAGO 2-8-2 obsv'd 02 VC/NVA AT895801.	S,F
2400			Opened fire w/s/a. Swept area w/neg results.	
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I24 ACT obsv'd 03 VC/NVA AT899825. Opened  
fire w/s/a. ACT rec'd 01 chiecm resulting  
in 01 USMC WIA. Swept area w/neg results.

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1720	1735	1	OP Reno obsv'd 02 VC/NVA w/wpns AT837734	S,F
			Requested arty fire msn, clearance denied.	
1725	1740	2	OP Reno obsv'd 04 VC/NVA AT856765.	S,F
			Requested arty fire msn, clearance denied.	
2055	2110	3	YZB perimeter guard reported loud explosion	S,F
			AT936788. Other posts also heard or saw	
			explosion but could not determine cause.	
2100	2115	4	India Co began receiving music on Co.	S,F
			Freq. Music was continuous but transmissions	
			were not interrupted. Music ceased at 2330.	
2400			JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F



3rd Battalion, 1st Marines

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160001N Mar 70

162400H Mar 70

0001

1700 1715 1

2400

JOURNAL OPENED

H42A ACT found 01 M-26 booby trap w/trip-  
wire (AT909832).

JOURNAL CLOSED

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S,F

S,F

3rd Battalion, 1st March 70

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170600H Mar 70

172400H Mar 70

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2045 2100 1

JOURNAL OPENED

KCP obsvd a moving bright light (AT921890)  
for approx 45 min. Called 81st HE mission  
w/neg results

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S,F

2100

JOURNAL CLOSED

S,F

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DANANG

180000H Mar 1970 182400H Mar 70

0001			JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
1345	1400	1	OP Base obsv'd Ch VC/NVA 02 w/weapons (AT867756). Called arty mission, AO fired on target area w/en board ordnance w/neg results.	S,F
2220	2235	2	12h ACT heard movement in rice paddy (AT888811) opened fire w/small arms, swept area, fd 02 drag marks.	S,F
2240	2255	3	13h ACT obsvd 02 VC/NVA (AT900826). Fired LAAM, swept area w/neg results.	S,F
2400			JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F

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DANANG

190002H Mar 70

192400H Mar 70

0001

2300

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JOURNAL OPENED

CAGO 2-8-4B obsv'd 7-10 VC/NVA (AT927830)

Called 60mm HE fire mission. Swept area  
with neg results.

JOURNAL CLOSED

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S,F

2400

S,F

3rd Battalion, 1st Marines

DANANG

200001H Mar 70

202400H Mar 70

0001

2220 2235 1

JOURNAL OPENED

124 ACT rec'd 01 chi-com while in amb site  
(#2882809). Resulting in 01 USMC WIA (E).Opened fire w/s/a. Swept area with neg  
results.

JOURNAL CLOSED

S,F

S,F

2400

S,F

3rd Battalion, 1st Marines

DANANG

210001H Mar 70

212400H Mar 70

0001

1425 1440 1

2400

JOURNAL OPENED

K21 ACT fd OL LAAW (AT918872). Neg booby  
trap. Best'd in place w/C-4.

JOURNAL CLOSED

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220001H Mar 70

222400H Mar 70

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2400

JOURNAL OPENED  
JOURNAL CLOSED

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S,F

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DANANG

230001H Mar 70

232400H Mar 70

0001			JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
0040	0055	1	KIA ACT heard 03 unknown explosions	S,F
			(AT944917). Swept area w/neg results.	
0045	0050	2	KICP Rec'd 01 grenade (AT944920) resulting	S,F
			in 01 USMC WIA (R). Neg movement obsv'd.	
1900	1915	3	I CP rec'd 01 chi-com from VN child (AT897822)	S,F
			Paid child 100P's.	
2305	2320	4	I41 ACT PF had accidental discharge	S,F
			(AT907785). Resulting in 01 PF WIA (E).	
2400			JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F



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240001H Mar 70

242400H Mar 70

0001			JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
1350	1405	1	L31 ACT obsv'd suspected enemy OP (AT893857)	S,F
			Called arty msn. Swept area w/neg results.	
1600	1615	2	IL CP had rec'd resupply by CH-53 (AT93257820)	S,F
			As helo passed over ridge line, rotor wash	
			set off 01 SFD. Helo rec'd minor fragmentation.	
2400			JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F

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250001H Mar 70

252400H Mar 70

0001			JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
1700	1715	1	I CP (AT896823) had man wound himself in chest w/M-16 investigation is being conducted.	S,F
1950	2005	2	L3 ACT fd 01 bunker 5x5x5 (AT873834) while on sweep. Bunker dest'd w/C-4.	S,F
1951	2006	3	I CP ehile on sweep fd 02 harbor sites (AT877828-AT872823). Fd fresh bananas, straw mats and fresh foot prints. ACT spotted movement (AT874829) from boat went ashore Swept area with neg results. Arty and CAS were used to destroy area of harborsites and suspected enemy activity.	S,F
2210	2225	4	CACO 2-8-3A ACT heard 01 explosion (AT899806) opened fire w/s/a swept area w/neg results.	S,F
2400			JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F

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260001H Mar 70

262400H Mar 70

0001			JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
1225	1240	1	K GP reported 02 motorcycles collided (AT929867). Injuring 01 arvn, 01 vn civ. Medevac called and completed.	S,F
1225	1240	2	K GP reported 02 motorcycles collided (AT937915). Injuring 02 arvns. Medevac called and completed.	S,F
1600	1615	3	L30 while set in OP had 02 vn bring in 01 60mm HE rd. Dest'd in place w/C-4.	S,F
2230	2245	4	H2A ACT obsv'd 06 VC/NVA (AT915824). Opened fire s/a/. Resulting in 01 VC/NVA KIA.	S,F
2400			JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F

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270001H Mar 70

272400H Mar 70

0001			JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
0055	0110	1	OP Reno obsv'd 03 VC/NVA w/rifles and RPG (AT883743). Opened fire w/M-79 & M-60. Called 81mm HE mission. Swept area w/neg results.	S,F
1045	1100	2	I1 detained 14 vn civilians (AT932781). Checked ID cards and confiscated 06 sandbags full of C-Rations.	S,F
1240	1255	3	I3 ACT fd 01 cave (AT917837). Checked cave w/neg results. Also found 01 81mm HE dud, neg booby trap. Dest'd cave and dud w/C-4.	S,F
2110	2125	4	I21 ACT obsv'd 06 VC/NVA (AT895836). Called fire msn. Swept area & fd 01 pack, 01 log. Both appeared to be booby trapped. Dest'd w/C-4.	S,F
2400			JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F

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BANANG

280001H Mar 70

282400H Mar 70

0001			JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
1200	1215	1	Operational control of OP Reno (AT884745) passed to 1st Bn, 1st Mar.	S,F
1205	1220	2	L ACT resweeping area of previous contact (AT899843) fd 02 VC/NVA KBA fd 01 AK-47, 01 chi-com, 01 NVA canteen, 04 AK-47 magazines w/120 rds, 08 M-16 magazines w/130 rds, 01 VS gas mask, 02 hammocks, 01 camouflaged parachute, 02 jungle utility jackets, 01 pr utility trousers, 03 rain jackets, 02 NVA belts, 01 US cart belt, 02 RPG boosters.	S,F
2100	2115	3	K11 ACT while on patrol fd 05 trails and 10 clearings AT854774. Area has been used within past week.	S,F
2400			JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F

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290000L Mar 70

292400H Mar 70

0001			JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
0030	0045	1	K32B obsv'd bright light (AT922875). Called arty mission and light went out. Swept area w/neg results.	S,F
2310	2325	2	K1 spotted O5 VG/NVA approaching perimeter wire (AT874775). Opened fire w/s/a, M-79 and M-26's. Called 105HE msn. Swept area w/neg results.	S,F
2400			JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F

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DANANG

300001H Mar 70

302400H Mar 70

0001			JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
1720	1735	1	L reject while sweeping area of arty fire mission found 01 VC/NVA KBA (AT895845).	S,F
2149	2159	2	IL42B ACT obsv'd 02 VC/NVA (AT903822). Opened fire w/s/a swept area, fd 01 VC/NVA KIA, 01 AK-47 magazine, 01 ammo pouch, 01 Khaki uniform.	S,F
2400			JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F

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310001H Mar 70

312400H Mar 70

0001	-		JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
0143	0158	1	L reject ACT obsv'd 07 VC/NVA (AT901839) Called 105mm HE msn. Swept area fd shell craters and foot prints.	S,F
0640	0655	2	L CP reported both primary & alternate generators inoperative. Contact team requested	S,F
0710	0715	3	L CP while firing 60mm illum msn, 01 USMC cut his hand. Medevac called and completed	S,F
1030	1045	4	Bn CP had 03 vn boys turn in 40.50cal rds & 75 M-16 rds. Children were paid 150P's and ordnance dest'd.	
1820	1835	5	L39 ACT fd 02 grass hootches and 04 caves along well used trail. Searched area w/neg results. Hootches & caves dest'd.	S,F
2137	2152	6	L42 ACT obsv'd 01 VC/NVA (AT915827). Opened fire s/s/a. Swept area w/neg results.	S,F
2400			JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F



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Ref: (a) Maps: DaNang, Sheet 6641 III; Series L 7014

Time Zone: HOTEL

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1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces.

(1) C-7 Company known to be in area, consisting of 50 individuals, well-armed, with light mortar and sapper capabilities. Other units with strengths ranging from 75 to 150 are believed to be in area.

(2) Enemy has capability to rocket DaNang and carry out sapper attacks any place in this AO. He is familiar with the terrain and has good organization.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) No change.

c. Attachments and Detachments.

(1) 1st Platoon (rein), Company K, detached to operational control of Third Battalion, First Marines, effective 280600H March 1970.

2. MISSION.

a. During period 28 March to 30 March 1970 Third Battalion, First Marines, conducts search and clear operation in the vicinity of suspected rocket sites in Battalion AO.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations. One (1) company (-) conducts search and clear operations vicinity Upper Left AT848824, Lower Right AT865800. One platoon (rein) under operational control Third Battalion conducts search and clear operation vicinity Upper Left AT850795, Lower Right AT880765.

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b. Company "I" (-) (rein).  
 (1) Commencing on or about 280730H March 1970 conduct helicopter lift to LZ Sparrow (AT855815).

(2) Conduct search and clear operation in assigned AO. Annex B (operations overlay).

(3) On or about 291800H March 1970 conduct helicopter extraction from LZ Hawk (AT872804) to LZ Hill 190 (AT897821).

c. 1st Platoon (rein), Company "K".

(1) Commencing 280600H March 1970 operational control passes to Third Battalion, First Marines.

(2) Commencing on or about 280900H March 1970 conduct helicopter lift to LZ Wren (AT876788) from LZ at NamO Bridge (AT924845).

(3) Conduct search and clear operation in assigned AO. Annex B (operations overlay).

(4) On or about 301600H March 1970 conduct helicopter extraction from LZ Parrot (AT867764) to LZ NamO Bridge (AT924845).

d. 2nd Platoon (rein), Company "L"

(1) On order act as reaction platoon for units of Third Battalion, First Marines.

(2) Be prepared to assume or support the mission of either Company "I" (-) (rein) or 1st Platoon (rein) Company "K".

e. R&S Company.

(1) Provide provisional rifle platoon to assume duty as Battalion CP outer perimeter defense.

f. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Units in field will have members of Tactical Air Control Party and Artillery Forward Observer teams with them.

(2) See Annex B (Operations Overlay).

(3) See Annex C (Air Support).

(4) See Annex D (Artillery Support).

#### 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Each man carries sufficient M&Cs for duration of operation.

b. Each man carries normal arms, ordnance and equipment.

c. Each unit in field carry flashlights, CS grenades and crystals, and C-4 for inspection and denial/destruction of caves or bunkers.

d. Units carry Starlight Scopes.

e. Each unit to be helilifted divide into 15-man heliteams. Accurate manifests will be written and heliteam leaders exchange manifests.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION/ELECTRONICS.

- a. Companies I, K, and L draw one (1) extra KY-38 for the operation.
- b. Battalion CP at AT940783.
- c. See Annex E (Communications/Electronics).

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ANNEXES:

- A. Task Organization.
- B. Operation Overlay.
- C. Air Support.
- D. Artillery Support.
- E. Communication/Electronics.
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Annex A (Task Organization)

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Company "I" (rein)

1stLt Benson

Company "I" (-)

1st Platoon

2nd Platoon

Detachments H&S Company

TAC Party team

F.O. team, 81mm mortar platoon

Medical corpsmen

S-2 Scout Team

Detachment Scout Sniper team, Headquarters Company, 1st Marines

F.O. Team, Battery C (rein), 1st Battalion, 11th Marines

1st Platoon, Company "K" (rein)

1stLt Murray

1st Platoon

Detachments H&S Company

Medical Corpsmen

S-2 Scout Team

TAC Party Team (-)

Detachment Scout Sniper team, Headquarters Company, 1st Marines

F.O. Team, Battery C (rein), 1st Battalion, 11th Marines

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2nd Platoon, Company "L" (rein)

2nd Platoon

Detachments H&S Company

Medical Corpsmen

F.O. Team, Battery C (rein), 1st Battalion, 11th Marines

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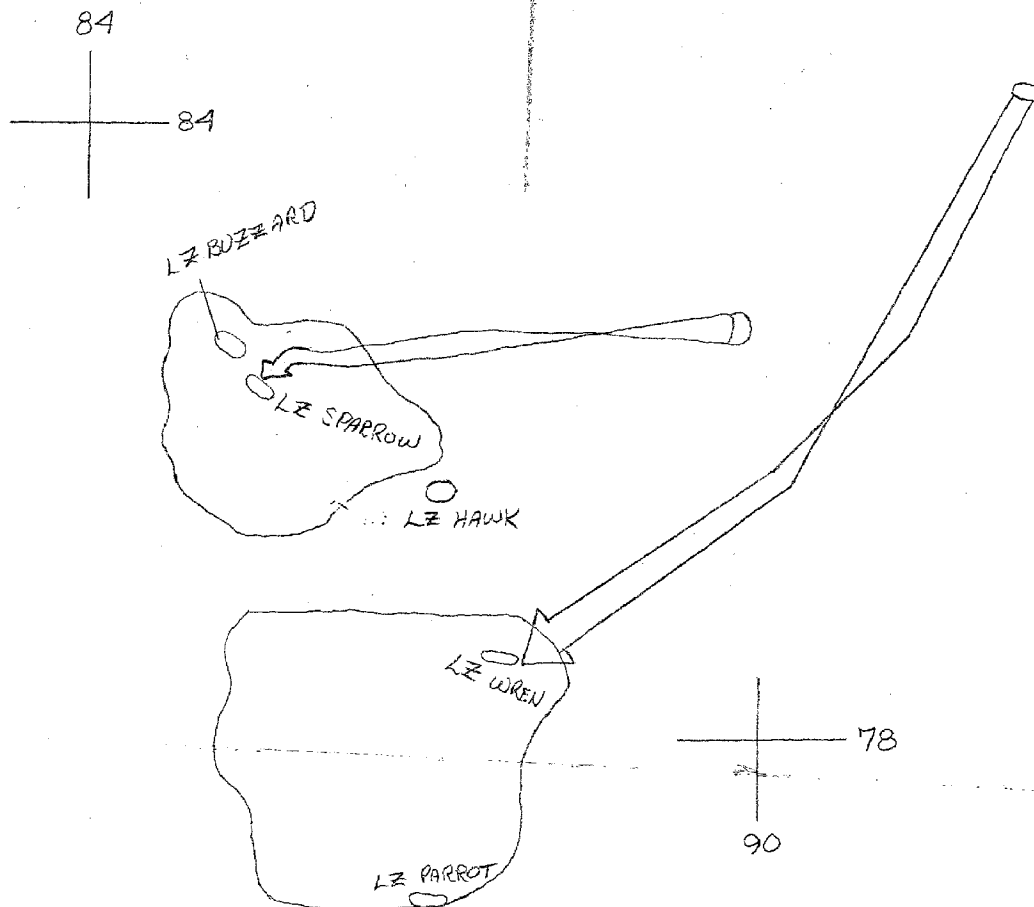
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Annex C (Air Operations) to Operation Order 4-70

Ref: (a) Verbal instruction from 3/1 S-3  
(b) FMFM 7-3  
(c) 3/1 Air Liason SOP

Appendix (1) Pre planned air schedule

Time Zone: HOTEL

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. See Operation Order ..
- b. Friendly Forces. See Operation Order.

2. AIR OPERATIONS.

- a. Pre-Planned. See Appendix (1).
- b. During Operation. By 3/1 SOP.

3. COMMAND, CONTROL, AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- a. Operation Tactical Commander has final control of all Air Support.
- b. All air support will be directly controlled by ASRT, FAC(s), or FAC.
- c. India X-Ray TACP will consist of one FAC and two radio operators, call sign "India X-Ray 14". Equipment will be one PRC-25 and one PRC-93 set on VHF "Scarlet".
- d. Kilo X-Ray TACP will consist of one radio operator, call sign "Kilo X-Ray 14". Equipment will be one PRC-25.
- e. Responsibility for coordination of air support remains with 3/1 Air Liason Officer in Battalion Operations Center.

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f. TACP frequencies will be: FM; A-89 (45.80) primary, A-13 (33.10) secondary. TAR net (43.50) to request medevac. Button "Red" (35.50) to control medevac; VHF; "Scarlet" (250.1).

g. Communication security (shackle sheets, etc) will be at the discretion of the TACP.

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Appendix (1) (Pre-Planned Air Support) to Annex C (Air Support) to operation Order 4-70

Time Zone: HOTEL

1. 280600H. One A-4/A-6/F-4 with D-3 (DC). TPQ-10. Landing zone prep. coordinates AT855815 (LZ Sparrow) or AT852818 (Buzzard).
2. 280700H. One section A-4/F-4 with D2A and D9. DAS with FAC(A). LZ prep at LZ Sparrow/Buzzard. FAC(A) to remain on station for helo lifts.
3. 280700H-280830H. Three CH-46 escorted by one section VH-1E/AH-16 with D3 and D20. Tactical insert of India X-Ray. Lift from Hill 190 to LZ Sparrow/Buzzard (AT855815). Lift to be accomplished by two shuttles. Selection of LZ to be at discretion of flight leader and tactical commander. Approach and retirement lanes at discretion of flight leader.
4. 280830H-280930H. Three (3) CH-46 escorted by one section VH-1E/AH-1G with D5 and D20. Tactical insert of Kilo X-Ray. Lift from NamO Bridge to AT876788 (LZ Wren, Hill 124). Approach and retirement lanes at discretion of flight leader.
5. 291700H-291830H. Three (3) CH-46 escorted by one section VH-1E/AH-1G with D5 and D20. Tactical extract of India X-Ray. Lift from LZ Hawk (AT872804) to Hill 190.
6. 301500H-301600H. Three (3) CH-46 escorted by one section VH-1E/AH-1G with D5 and D20. Tactical extract of Kilo X-Ray. Lift from AT867764 (LZ Parrot) to NamO Bridge.

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Annex D (Artillery/Mortar Fire Support Plan) to Operation Order 4-70

1. Mission.

Provide artillery and mortar support for offensive operations during period 28-30 March.

2. Concept.

a. The area of operation continues to be heavily H&I'd with artillery and Naval Gun Fire.

b. Prior to the helo-lift, artillery and mortar prep-fires will be fired in the vicinity of the LZ's. A target list of pre-planned fires will be issued separately.

c. Prep-fires will be planned and conducted by the Battalion FSCC.

3. Organization.

Indirect fire support will be provided by:

6 105mm Howitzers (NAC)  
6 155mm Howitzers (NAC)  
2 8" Howitzers (NAC)  
2 81mm Mortars (Hill 190)

4. Coordinating Instructions.

a. The FSCC continues normal operations.

b. Prep-Fire targets will be on-call thru-out the operation.

c. WP will be used in the initial adjustment of all Fire Missions. Initial adjusting rounds will be a minimum of 600 meters from friendly positions.

d. 81mm mortars will not be fired over friendly positions except in extreme emergencies and upon clearance of the Battalion FSCC.

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e. Rules of engagement will be strictly adhered too.

5. Communications.

Standard procedures remain in effect.

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Annex E (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Order 4-70

Ref: (a) 1st M&A Div COI

Time Zone: HOTEL

# 1. SITUATION

## a. Enemy Forces.

- (1) Annex B (Intelligence) to OpPlan 4-70
- (2) The enemy has the capability to:
  - (a) Conduct electronic-countermeasures and electronic counter-countermeasures
  - (b) Insert deceptive traffic and jamming on any clear communication circuit
- (3) Abandoned enemy communication electronic equipment may be booby-trapped

## b. Friendly Forces

- (1) Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Order 4-70
- (2) Command Posts
  - (a) All units report command posts when established

# 2. MISSION

Commencing 280730H March 1970, "I" Company (-) and 1st Platoon "K" Company provide communications for the operation

# 3. EXECUTION

## (a) "I" Company (-)

- (1) Establish communications in vicinity AT8581

## (b) 1st Platoon "K" Company

- (1) Establish communications in vicinity AT8778

## (c) Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Appendix 1 (Radio Plan)
- (2) Appendix 2 (Call Signs)

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## Appendixes:

- ✓ 1 - Radio Plan
- ✓ 2 - Call Signs

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Appendix 1 (Radio Plan) to Annex E (Communications - Electronics) to  
 Operation Order 4-70

Time Zone: HOTEL

Legend X - denotes Guard	A-30 Covered	A-323 Uncovered	A-89 Uncovered	A-152 Uncovered
	36.35	71.55	45.8	59.95
3/1	X		X	X
Co. "I"(-)	X	X		
1st Plt.		X		
2nd Plt.		X		
1st Plt. Co.K	X			
FAC Team			X	
81mm FO Team				X

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Appendix 2 (Call Signs) to Annex E (Communications-Electronics) to  
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Time Zone: HOTEL

CALL SIGNS

3/1	Hanover Sue
Co. "I" (-)	Hanover Sue India X-ray
1st Plt.	Hanover Sue India One
2nd Plt.	Hanover Sue India Two
1st Plt. "K" Co.	Hanover Sue Kilo One
"I" Co. FAC Team	India X-ray One Four
"I" Co. 81mm FO	Whiskey India
"K" Co. FAC Team	Kilo X-ray One Four
Arty FO "I" Co.	Hanover Sue 61
Arty FO "K" Co.	Hanover Sue 62

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CO, 3/1	1
XO, 3/1	1
S-1	1
S-2	1
S-3	4
S-4	1
S-5	1
Medical	1
CO, Co I	3
CO, Co K	3
CO, Co L	1
CO, H&S Co	1
81mm Plt Cmdr	1
File	5
TOTAL	<u>31</u>

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