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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 (1-30) APRIL

SUBORDINATE UNITS

(a) H&S Company	Capt S. G. BIHLER	(1-30) APRIL
(b) Company "I"	1stLt J. H. BENSON Capt V. R. BURLINGAME	(1-23) APRIL (24-30) APRIL
(c) Company "K"	1stLt R. D. RITTER	(1-30) APRIL
(d) Company "L"	1stLt J. C. MAY 1stLt J. N. ETCHART	(1-27) APRIL (28-30) APRIL

B. LOCATION

1. Quang Nam Province, RVN

C. STAFF OFFICERS

1. Executive Officer	Major J. A. MARTIN	(1-30) APRIL
2. S-1 Adjutant	Capt N. C. CEFALL	(1-30) APRIL
3. S-1A	1stLt G. T. OLSZEWSKI 2ndLt J. J. YANTORN	(1-6) APRIL (7-30) APRIL
4. S-1B	1stLt G. T. OLSZEWSKI	(7-30) APRIL
5. S-2	1stLt T. S. MCGRATH	(1-30) APRIL
6. S-3	Major P. L. LEFEVRE	(1-30) APRIL
7. S-3A	1stLt B. A. WARD	(1-30) APRIL
8. S-3 Liaison Officer	1stLt J. A. GANGLOFF 1stLt G. L. WOODLEY	(1-18) APRIL (1-30) APRIL
9. ALO	1stLt S. G. KRANE	(1-30) APRIL
10. FAC	1stLt D. L. MOSER 1stLt J. P. SMITH	(1-8) APRIL (9-30) APRIL
11. ArtyO	1stLt T. R. BAHRY	(1-30) APRIL

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12. S-4

Capt T. F. RAFFERTY

(1-29) APRIL

Capt R. C. NORRIS

(29-30) APRIL

13. S-4A

CWO-2 J. J. CAMPBELL

(1-18) APRIL

1stLt J. A. GANGLOFF

(19-30) APRIL

14. S-4B

2ndLt A. R. STEWART

(1-30) APRIL

15. CommO

1stLt D. J. WALLISER

(1-30) APRIL

16. SuppO

1stLt R. W. BROOKS

(1-30) APRIL

17. MTO

1stLt L. D. GEARHART

(1-30) APRIL

18. Special Services Officer

1stLt J. G. HOPKINS

(1-30) APRIL

19. Legal Officer

1stLt J. G. HOPKINS

(1-30) APRIL

20. Bn Chaplain

LtCndr E. TAKESIAN

(1-30) APRIL

21. Bn Surgeon

Lt E. D. SUHRE

(1-30) APRIL

22. Asst Bn Surgeon

Lt R. P. KING

(1-30) APRIL

D. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
H&S Company	21	356	3	41
Company "I"	7	218		
Company "K"	6	208		
Company "L"	6	200		
Battalion Average	<u>40</u>	<u>982</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>41</u>

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PART II

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

A. PERSONNEL1. Casualties

<u>Battle</u>				<u>Non-Battle</u>		DEATHS	TOTAL
KIA	WIA	MIA	DOW	SERIOUS	NON-SERIOUS		
0	8	0	0	5	9	0	14

2. REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
2	11	0	0	2	11

3. Personnel Rotated to CONUS

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
2	33	0	0	2	33

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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, nine hundred and seventy-three (973) Marine Corps Enlisted, three (3) Navy Officers and forty (40) Navy Enlisted.

b. There was one (1) Marine Corps Officer promoted to Captain and five (5) Marine Corps Officers promoted to First Lieutenant.

c. Enlisted promotions during the reporting period consisted of: two (2) Marines promoted to Staff Sergeant, one (1) Marine promoted to Sergeant, twenty-five (25) Marines promoted to Corporal, sixty-eight (68) Marines promoted to Lance Corporal, and twenty-three (23) Marines promoted to Private First Class.

d. Awards recommended during the reporting period consisted of: two (2) Bronze Star Medals, eleven (11) NAM, one (1) Navy-Marine Corps Medal.

e. Awards delivered during the reporting period consisted of: five (5) NCM, three (3) CAR, two (2) Letters of Continuity.

f. Awards readressed and forwarded during the reporting period consisted of: two (2) Purple Hearts, seven (7) NCM, and one (1) Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

B. LEGAL AND DISCIPLINE

1. NJP	25
2. SOM (Completed)	0
3. SGM (Pending)	0
4. SPCM (Completed)	2
5. SPCM (Pending)	6
6. GCM (Completed)	1
7. GCM (Pending)	0
8. Investigations (Completed)	8
9. Investigations (Pending)	1
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 April 1970:

(a) Hawaii	25
(b) Australia	17
(c) Tokyo	5
(d) Bangkok	13
(e) Hong Kong	13
(f) Singapore	0
(g) Okinawa	6
(h) Taipei	8
(i) Manila	1
TOTAL	98

D. CHAPLAIN SUPPORT

1. Chaplain Attached: LtCmde E. TAKESIAN (1-30) APRIL

2. Divine Services conducted by the Battalion Chaplain:

a. Sunday Services: (1) Number Held: 20
(2) Number Attending: 223

3. Related Activities:

a. Assisted in arranging for 15 MARS calls to families.

4. Pastoral Activities:

a. Personal counselling cases: 45
b. American Red Cross messages handled: 6

E. INSPECTIONS

a. During this period the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines underwent a CMMI and an Administrative Inspection. The CMMI inspection received a rating of satisfactory with noteworthys in various areas of the inspection. The Division Administrative Inspection was satisfactory with noteworthys in Battalion and Company administration.

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INTELLIGENCE

A. ENEMY

1. General. During this reporting period the 3rd Battalion made twenty-four (24) contacts with the enemy. There were three (3) daylight contacts, one (1) of which was initiated by the enemy; and twenty-one (21) night contacts of which six (6) were enemy initiated. The Battalion accounted for six (6) enemy KIA's, five (5) detainees, and one (1) POW. Weapons captured included five (5) AK-47 Assault Rifles, and one (1) 7.62 millimeter Soviet K-54 pistol.

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 fifteen to twenty (15-20) men. The sappers are probably operating out of a base camp area, vicinity AT8789.

(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.

3. Enemy Mission. The enemy's mission remains the same as in the previous month, 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 are attempted they can be strongly supported by rocket and mortar attacks. Selected targets include Hill 190, Nam O Bridge, Northern Artillery Cantonment, the Lien Chieu Esso Plant, and probably the highest priority target, the ARVN compounds and CUPP units in the AO. Indications are the enemy has placed a greater emphasis on anti-air reconnaissance efforts. While he has met with little success it is expected that his efforts will continue.

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4. Enemy Trends and Capabilities. The enemy retains the capability to conduct periodic stand-off attacks. Maximum employment of 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 pressure on the local populace by means of VC Infrastructure. During the coming month the enemy will place particular emphasis on the taxation and collection of agricultural produce. The VC Infrastructure will also play a primary role in these taxation and collection efforts.

5. Statistics

a. Booby Traps Found	1
b. Booby Traps Detonated	0
c. Captured Weapons	6
d. Detainees	5
e. POWs	1
f. KIAs	6
g. Bunkers/Tunnels Destroyed	10
h. VIP Funds Expended	3,450VN\$

B. WEATHER

1. The temperatures during this reporting period ranged from a high of ninety-five (95) degrees to a low of sixty-six (66) degrees. The mean temperature for the month was eighty (80) degrees. Rainfall for the month totaled one and sixty-four one-hundredths (1.64) inches.

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

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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 streambeds or trails are followed, 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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OPERATIONS

A. ORGANIZATION AND DISPOSITION

The 3rd Battalion continued its mission of protecting Nam O Bridge, the Lien Chieu Esso Plant, Hill 190, and the top of Hai Van Pass during April. Disposition of forces centered around squad-sized day and night patrols and night ambushes from the eastern portion of the AO to the foothills and ridgelines in the western portion. Activities were designed to cut enemy supply and infiltration routes and to secure that portion of the DaNang Rocket Belt located in the Battalion AO.

One rocket assault was launched from 3rd Battalion's AO on 1 April. Four (4) flashes were observed at coordinates AT900870, two (2) at AT863013, and eight (8) at AT870815. Counter-battery fire was delivered to the launch sites immediately and patrols dispatched to the areas as soon as possible.

Commencing 19 April one (1) platoon from Company "K" went under operational control of 1st Battalion. On 28 April operational control of the platoon was returned to Company "K".

Commencing 27 April an operation was begun with one (1) squad from Company "I" starting a three (3) day patrol of Marines and Regional Force troops in the area of Hill 1192 (AT914911). On 28 April the operation continued by heli-lifting one (1) platoon (rein) from Company "I" into the vicinity of AT854815 to conduct search and clear activities in that area. Simultaneously one (1) platoon (rein) from Company "K" was lifted into the vicinity of AT858791 for similar activities in this area. A combined unit of one (1) squad from Company "L" and one (1) squad of Regional Force troops from the 1/25th RF Company were lifted into the vicinity of AT896864 that same day for the purpose of setting up a combat patrol base/observation post in that vicinity.

On 29 April one (1) squad from Company "K" with one (1) squad from the 1/25th RF Company were lifted into the vicinity of AT898887 to establish a combat patrol base/observation post. The operation will continue throughout the high threat period extending into May and is designed to deny the enemy the use of the area of the DaNang Rocket Belt in 3rd Battalion's AO.

Emphasis was placed during the month of laying heavy H&I fires and air strikes on suspected or likely rocket launching sites and enemy infiltration/supply routes.

As of 30 April the forces under the tactical control of 3rd Battalion were disposed as follows:

Battalion CP was located at (AT940783)

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Company "I" was located on Hill 190 (AT896823), the company operating in the area of the Claw (AT910825) and in the area to the southwest of the Company CP.

Company "K" CP was located at and was providing security for the Lien Chieu Esso Plant (AT936866), with one (1) platoon (rein) located above and guarding Hai Van Pass (AT943921). The Company operated primarily in the northern portion of the Battalion AO.

Company "L" CP was located at Nam O Bridge (AT925845), the Company providing security for the bridge and operating on the northern side of the Cu De River to the west and northwest of the bridge.

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B. AIR SUPPORT

FIXED WING

The First Marine Aircraft Wing supported the Third Battalion with a total of seventy-one (71) fixed wing air missions. These consisted of sixteen (16) close air support missions; fifteen (15) A-6 Beacons; twenty-seven (27) TPQ-10; and thirteen (13) forward air controllers (Airborn) missions utilizing OV-10 aircraft. These aircraft dropped a total of one hundred and ninety-seven (197) tons of bombs and napalm; expended twenty-eight hundred (2800) rounds of 7.62mm; fifteen hundred (1500) rounds of 20mm ammunition.

ROTARY WINGED AIRCRAFT

Twenty-six (26) medevacs were completed which evacuated twenty-three (23) emergency, nineteen (19) priority, and one (1) routine. The average medevacs from time of request until time over the LZ was ten (10) minutes. The average time for an emergency medevac from initial request to mission completion was nineteen (19) minutes.

There was twenty-one (21) visual reconnaissance missions utilizing the CH-46 and HUEI aircraft.

During the month of April there were a total of five-hundred and twenty-six (526) passengers heli-lifted in support of the Third Battalion, First Marines. Company "I" heli-lifted two hundred and eighty-six (286) passengers from Hill 190 (AT897822) to OP-39 (AT848844) and Hill 124 (AT877788) on 28 April. Company "L" (AT924845) and Company (AT897821) changed personnel on all OP's. A total of two hundred (200) passengers were lifted to OP-39 (AT848844), Hill 124 (AT877788), and OP-T-2 (AT900866).

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C. ARTILLERY

11th Marine Regiment provided artillery support for the Battalion during April. Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 11th Marines provided the majority of the direct support fires with Battery "A" assisting. General support fires came from Battery "L" (155 self-propelled howitzer), 4th Battalion, 11th Marines and Platoon "A", 3rd 8 inch Howitzers. Extensive use was made of available naval gunfire from Task Force 70.8.9 which fired over two thousand (2,000) rounds. Direct fire from Company "C", 1st Tank Battalion and 3rd Battalion's organic 106mm recoilless rifle augmented the indirect harassing and interdiction fires. As can be seen in the summary, the 81mm mortar platoon fired over three thousand (3,000) rounds of observed fire which reflected the increase in enemy activity.

The Fire Support Coordination Center was manned by personnel from Battery "C" and the 81mm mortar platoon. Grid clearance in excess of two hundred (200) coordinates a day was processed by the FSOC. All companies were supported by both 81mm mortar and artillery forward observer teams. Many fire support classes for small unit leaders were conducted by the forward observers. In addition, Company "K" artillery forward observer team assisted in 4.2 inch mortar training for Regional Force personnel.

Most notable in the fire support picture for April was the activation of 3rd Battalion's sensor system on 12 April. Quick reaction to sensor activation places rounds on target in three (3) minutes or less.

SUMMARYHARRASSING/INTERDICTION FIRES

	<u>D/S Artillery</u>	<u>G/S Artillery</u>
Targets Submitted	1102	195
Targets Cleared	1175	186
Rounds Expended	13807	866
Artillery Time on Target Rounds	857	
Naval Gunfire Rounds	2440	
90mm Tank Fire Expended	98	
106mm Recoilless Rifle Fire Expended	346	
TOTAL HARRASSING/INTERDICTION FIRES	18,411	

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OBSERVED FIRE

	<u>81mm Mortar</u>	<u>D/S Artillery</u>	<u>G/S Artillery</u>
HE Targets Submitted	135	165	10
HE Targets Cleared	124	148	8
HE Rounds Expended	2294	3337	174
ILL Targets Submitted	43	8	
ILL Targets Cleared	42	8	
ILL Rounds Expended	1124	159	

TOTAL OBSERVED FIRE 7,028

Total 81mm Mortar, 90mm Tank, D/S Artillery, G/S Artillery, Naval Gunfire for April. 25,442.

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1. THE BATTALION CONDUCTED THE FOLLOWING TRAINING DURING APRIL.

a. Staff/Officers School. Types of Discharges were discussed on 23 April and a class on Racial harmony was held 28 April 1970.

b. Drug Abuse. A class was given in each company area and also in the Battalion area on the 6th and 7th of April, approximately 75% of all personnel in the Battalion received the class.

c. XM-191. A class was given to twenty-seven (27) personnel at the Nam O Bridge (AT925845) on Care, Cleaning, Handling, and Firing of the XM-191 Multi-Shot Portable Flame weapon by a Division contact teams. The personnel came from each rifle company, the flame section, and H&S Company Armory.

d. A Battalion NCO School was held for a period of four (4) days. Fifteen (15) personnel attended.

e. Company Training. All companies conducted training on a weekly schedule which includes supporting arms, ambushes, leadership, racial problems, and rules of engagement. Division contact teams were used for Drug Abuse and the XM-191 class.

f. The Battalion Rifle Range was used to instruct all incoming personnel in the quick fire/quick kill method of engagement. A total of forty-seven (47) were instructed in this method. There were no new personnel this month. ~~Furthermore~~ all personnel who desired, were given the opportunity to FAM fire and place battle sights on their weapons.

g. g. Quotas were received and filled for the following formal Schools:

(1) IN COUNTRY SCHOOLS

Land Mine Warfare	40
Officers Leadership	2
SNCO Leadership	2
NCO Leadership	8
16mm Projectionist	2
Multi-Channel Radio Equipment PCC/VCC	8

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PART II
LOGISTICS

A. ENGINEER ASSISTANCE AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION

1. During this reporting period five (5) engineer assistance requests were submitted, two (2) for construction of mount-out-boxes; one (1) for bunker construction; one (1) for LZ improvement; and one (1) for installation of a grease trap and drainage system in the messhall at Nam O Bridge.

2. As of this report work has been completed on the messhall at Nam O Bridge and work is under way on the remainder of the above projects. The perimeter lighting has been moved outside the berm wall and is functioning.

3. Construction materials for the volleyball court and a tennis court are on hand. The basketball court has been completed.

B. SUPPLY. Class I, III and IV supply has been sufficient during this reporting period for the Battalion's operational commitments. Class I supply items have been a problem area throughout the period covered by this report. Green undershirts were a class II problem area but as of this report present only a minor problem.

C. MAINTENANCE. The following tactical equipment repair orders were submitted to Maintenance Battalion, 1st FSR/FIC during April.

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>
Motor Transport	22	19
Ordnance	75	41
Comm Elect	296	196
Engineer	3	0

D. INSPECTION. During this period this unit received a Command Maintenance Material Inspection by the Division which resulted in an overall satisfactory rating. The results of the inspection by area were as follows:

- a. Motor Transport - Satisfactory with minor discrepancies
- b. Supply - Satisfactory with discrepancies
- c. Communications - Satisfactory with major discrepancies
- d. Ordnance - Satisfactory with discrepancies

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| e. Embarkation | - Satisfactory with discrepancies |
| f. Food Services | - Satisfactory with discrepancies |
| g. Engineering | - Satisfactory with discrepancies |
| h. Mares Reporting | - Satisfactory |

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COMMUNICATIONSA. PERSONNEL

As of 30 April 1970, the Communications Platoon consisted of one (1) officer and ninety-seven (97) enlisted personnel.

B. EQUIPMENT

Radio Section's allowance of KY-38's was increased from twenty-two to twenty-eight (22 to 28), the AN/PRC-77's allowance was increased from nineteen to twenty-three (19 to 23) and the AN/PRC-93's increased from four to six (4 to 6). Message Center received one (1) teletypewriter AN/GGC-3 to fill an existing T/E deficiency. The Message Center processed one thousand three hundred and thirty-two (1332) incoming and ninety-two (92) outgoing messages during the month of April. One (1) generator PU-348 was turned into FSR for repair. The tech shop processed four hundred and eighty-two (482) pieces of equipment. Wire Section turned in one (1) switchboard SB-22 for R&E and received one (1) in return.

C. OPERATION/TRAINING

The Communications Platoon participated in several short range patrols, ambushes and company size operations. The perimeter lights were all moved to new positions by the platoon and wire section installed one (1) 10-pair cable and a 5-pair cable for perimeter communications. Training on Security continues to improve with a vast drop in violations noted. The results of the Command Maintenance Material Inspection was as follows:

- a. Radio - Satisfactory with discrepancies
- b. Wire - Satisfactory with Noteworthy
- c. Message Center - Satisfactory
- d. Administration - Satisfactory
- e. Engineers - Satisfactory with discrepancies
- f. Tech Shop - Satisfactory with discrepancies
- g. Comm Supply - Unsatisfactory

Overall rating was Satisfactory with major discrepancies. A reinspection is scheduled for 15 May 1970.

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MEDICAL/DENTAL AFFAIRS

A. PERSONNEL

1. On 30 April 1970, the total strength was two (2) Medical Officers, one (1) Chaplain, and forty (40) corpsmen. During this period one (1) corpsman was transferred to other command for separation. There were negative WIA and negative KIA for this period.

B. PATIENT LOAD

1. For this period three hundred seventy-five (375) patients were seen at the Battalion Aid Station Sick Call for an average of thirteen (13) patients per day.

2. There were fourteen (14) diagnosed with V.D., thirty-nine (39) with diarrhea, fifteen (15) with upper respiratory infection, eight (8) with FLU, sixty-three (63) with skin disorders and three (3) with malaria.

C. MEDCAP/DENCAP

1. Medical aid was given to three hundred sixty (360) Vietnamese civilians by the BAS.

2. Dental care was given to twenty-six (26) Vietnamese civilians by the BAS.

3. Seven (7) MEDCAPS and one (1) DENCAP were held in the month of April.

D. SANITATION

1. Weekly sanitation inspections were conducted throughout the Battalion area and the outlining areas during the month of April. The Battalion and the outlining areas were found to be overall satisfactory. There is a problem with head barrels not being burned thoroughly and drop bars not being used to keep barrel compartments tightly closed. The Battalion continues to take measures and has replaced the nonfunctional urinals and replaced many head barrels. Nam O Bridge CP had a drainage problem at the mess area but engineer assistance has corrected this situation.

2. The Medical Department is continuing its efforts to insure there is no rodent problem by setting poison baits and setting traps throughout the areas.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS1. PUBLIC WORKS

a. Buildings

(1) Construction of Hoa Thanh dispensary underway. Twenty (20) bags of cement donated from the Battalion.

2. WELFARE

a. Orphanages

(1) Five(5) truck loads of scrap lumber were gathered and donated to Hoa Thanh Ophanage.

(2) Clothing for seventy (70) children was donated during the month.

3. EDUCATION

a. Schools (constructing)

(1) Fifty bags of cement were delivered to Loc Hoa Hamlet for use in finishing the one room school.

b. Scholarships

(1) Forty-two (42) General WALT Scholarships were presented to students at two (2) schools within the CAAOR.

4. HEALTH

a. MedCap

(1) MedCaps treated eight hundred and twenty (820) civilians during April. This figure includes those treated by mobile MedCaps as well as the daily MedCaps conducted at the Battalion Aid Station.

b. Den/Caps

(1) Den/Caps treated seventy-two (72) civilians during this report g period.

5. AGRICULTURE

a. No animal projects are supported at this time; an IR-20 experimental rice project was begun in Loc Hoa village.

ENCLOSURE (1)

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6. SOCIAL

a. Social Meals

(1) Members of this section attended five (5) social meals this period.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING
OF
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

ENCLOSURE (1)

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

010115H. Third Squad, Third Platoon, Company "I" sighted two (2) rocket flashes at coordinates AT863813. First Squad, First Platoon, Company "I" sighted eight (8) flashes at coordinates AT870815. 81mm mortar and artillery mission fired on area of sightings, area checked with negative results.

010235H. Second Platoon, Company "K" received a report from 522 PF Company of four (4) rockets fired from coordinates AT900870. Artillery and 81mm mortar mission fired on area of sightings. Checked area with negative results.

020215H. Company "I", CUPP unit engaged an unknown number of VC/NVA at coordinates AT904834, enemy returned small arm fire. Activity began sweep of area and received one (1) enemy grenade resulting in one (1) USMC WIA emergency medevac.

042055H. Company "I", CUPP unit sighted three to six (3-6) VC/NVA moving southeast at coordinates AT917831. Activity engaged enemy with small arms fire resulting in one (1) VC/NVA KIA and assorted clothing captured.

090100H. An RF unit ambush site in Kim Lien Village received hostile small arms fire at coordinates AT921858. The RF unit called on Company "I" to provide illumination and also an emergency medevac for one RF hit by the enemy fire. Company "I" called in the illumination and the medevac helicopter, then call in an artillery fire mission on grid AT918866, where the RF's reported seeing the enemy flee to the west. At first light one platoon from Company "I" was moved to the western edge of the village to act as a blocking force, while one platoon of RF's from Hai Van Pass were brought down and moved in a sweep through the village from east to west. The results of the sweep were fifteen (15) detainees. Liaison was made with the RF commander (Dai Uy Tap) at 0930H at Kim Lien Village; he reported that the contact had been against one of two groups of a total of 40 NVA coming to the village to meet with members of the local Viet Cong Infrastructure, for the purpose of making plans for collecting rice from the village. The detainees were being held on suspicion of being part of this infrastructure. Further plans are for platoon of each of Companies "I" and "K" combining with a squad of RF's for day and night patrols to deny the enemy entry into the rice collection point in the village, and one squad of RF's to guard the area in the immediate vicinity of the collection point.

092040H. Company "I" reported RF unit set in ambush sighted twenty (20) VC/NVA at coordinates AT908813. Enemy taken under fire and returned extensive fire. Contact resulted in one (1) RF WIA.

092125H. Company "I" CUPP unit engaged three (3) VC/NVA with small arms at coordinates AT912825. Enemy return fire with small arms. Area swept revealing one (1) heavy blood trail.

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092145H. Third Platoon, Company "L" sighted fifteen (15) VC/NVA in a tree-line at coordinates AT914829. Company "I" contacted and called in 81mm mortar and artillery fire mission. Area swept with negative results.

092230H. Observation Post from Company "L" sighted seven (7) VC/NVA crossing river and then move into tree line at coordinates AT904829. Artillery and 81mm mortar mission called in on sighting, resulting in one (1) large secondary explosion.

100330H. Third Squad, Second Platoon, Company "I" sighted two (2) VC/NVA at coordinates AT888802. Enemy taken under fire resulting in one (1) VC/NVA KIA one (1) AK-47 rifle and miscellaneous gear captured.

101030H. Third Platoon, Company "I" received three (3) rounds of automatic weapon fire from a tree line at coordinates AT890830. Returned fire with small arms and swept area with negative results.

100757H. Third Platoon, Company "I" while sweeping area of contact (10030) found one pool of blood leading to one (1) VC/NVA KIA at coordinates AT890822.

111010H. 1/25 ARVN Battalion reported what appeared to be an enemy hiding place and approximately fifteen (15) enemy moving up hill 1192 (AT920918). Third Platoon, Company "K" notified with a request for a fire mission. 107mm mortar mission fired into area. A reaction force from third platoon Company "K" and 1/25 ARVN Battalion swept area of sighting with negative results.

111530H. Air Liaison Officer while on a visual Recon spotted two (2) enemy pushing heavily loaded bicycles on a trail at coordinates AT898883. Fire mission called on area of observed movement and helicopter gunship delivered on board ordnance into target area. Checked area with negative results.

171530H. Second Platoon, Company "K" found miscellaneous clothing and food at coordinates AT905832. One shirt was heavily blood stained and had fragment holes in it. It appeared that at least one (1) VC/NVA had been harbored in area before being evacuated.

191200H. Second Platoon Company "K" under OPCON 1st Battalion, 1st Marines.

191300H. Air Strike held on grid coordinates AT882835, resulted in one (1) very large, six (6) medium and two (2) small secondary explosions. Air strike controlled by Air Observer.

240600H. Elements of Company "I", Company "L", and Provisional Rifle Company, FLC in cooperation, coordination with 153rd Regional Forces Company conducted cordon and search of Quan Nam 2 (AT907818, utilizing POW to screen village population 276 persons screened, resulting in three (3) male detainees. Transferred to 5th CIT for processing and further transfer to district.

260315H. First Platoon Company "L" sighted three (3) VC/NVA at coordinates AT900839. Enemy taken under fire resulting in one (1) VC/NVA KIA, one (1) AK-47 rifle and miscellaneous gear captured.

271600H. Third Platoon, Company "L" activity discovered one (1) VC/NVA body at coordinates AT913835. Man had been dead between twenty-four (24) and thirty-six (36) hours. Killed by fragmentation wounds, apparently from M-79. Body was found stripped and covered with poncho. One (1) pair green trousers lying near body.

282050H. Third Squad, Second Platoon, Company "L" received several enemy grenades and automatic small arms fire while sitting in ambush site. Resulting in one (1) USMC emergency medevac. Activity returned small arms fire; called in 81mm and 105mm fire mission, swept area with negative results.

281100H. Second Platoon, Company "K" returned OPCON to company "K".

292130H. Company "L" called in 105mm mission on nine (9) VC/NVA in open at coordinates AT913860 for regional forces. Activity swept area of previous fire mission and found numerous blood trails, other wise negative results.

292015H. Observation Post at coordinates AT900864 of Second Platoon, Company "I" while set in night defensive position received several enemy grenades and small arms fire, resulting in two (2) USMC routine medevac. Activity returned fire and called in 81mm and 105mm HE fire missions.

292340H. Company "I" CUPP unit engaged three (3) VC/NVA at coordinates AT 36-820. Activity initiated ambush resulting in one (1) VC/NVA KIA, one (1) AK-47 rifle and miscellaneous gear captured.

300130H. Company "I" CUPP unit engaged two (2) VC/NVA moving towards ambush site at coordinates AT909817. Activity engaged enemy with small arms and M-79 fire. Contact resulted in one (1) VC/NVA POW medevaced and one (1) AK-47 rifle and miscellaneous gear captured.

301129H. First Squad, Third Platoon, Company "I" found booby trapped B-40 rocket at coordinates AT911827. Rocket was in tree with pull friction fuse and tripwire. Rocket blown in place.

302110H. Company "K" perimeter at coordinates AT937867 received one (1) incoming 60mm or 81mm HE round. Resulting in one (1) USMC emergency medevac. Mortar flash was seen at coordinates AT928879. Called 81mm and 105mm HE fire mission on sighted mortar flash. Area swept with negative results.

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I33, I11 ACT obsv'd rockets being fired from
AT863813, AT870815, AT855815. Called 105mm
and 81mm Fire mission. Swept area w/neg
results.

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K2 rec'd report from 522 Co ARVN of 04
rockets fired from at AT900870. Called
fire mission, checked area w/neg results.

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JOURNAL CLOSED

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DANANG

020001H Apr 70

022400H Apr 70

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0250 0305 1JOURNAL OPENED
1428 est engaged unknown # of VC/NVA
(AT904834). Swept area finding only boot
prints.S,F
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JOURNAL CLOSED

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DANANG

030001H Apr 70

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JOURNAL OPENED

KCP generator stopped. Fog lights for 05
minutes.

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DANANG

040001H Apr 70

042400H Apr 70

0001			JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
0825	0840	1	I CP rec'd 01 M-26 from VN child AT897822. Paid child 300P's. Dest'd w/C-4.	S,F
1505	1520	2	I CP rec'd 01 81mm HE dnd from VN civ. Paid 500P's. Dest'd dnd w/C-4.	S,F
2200	2215	3	142A ACT obsv'd 06 VC/NVA AT917831. Opened fire w/s/a resulting in 01 VC/NVA KIA.	S,F
2400			JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F

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DANANG

050001H Apr 70

052400H Apr 70

0001			JOURNAL OPENED	S.F
0905	0920	1	K CP had a man wound himself in lower right leg w/.45/ Man medevaced to BAS, incident under investigation.	
1445	1500	2	I31 act found 01 105mm dud (AT098888), neg bebbby trap, dest'd w/C-4.	S.F
1620	1635	3	I31A act called 81mm fire man on suspected enemy infiltration route (AT885833) resulting in 01 secondary.	S.F
2400			JOURNAL CLOSED	S.F

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JOURNAL OPENED

L CP had approx 25 m of shoreline at S. E.
corner of bridge collapses into water, and
the bridge was checked by Engre, Seabees,
and Divers. Considered safe for traffic.

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1740 1755 2

I3 Had 02 W.P. rds impact at (AT866794)

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1/11 Marines had 01 gas fire out.

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070001H Apr 70

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JOURNAL OPENED

K2 reported VN vehicle swerved off road
 AT 915896, killing 03, injuring 06. Medevac
 called and completed.

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2030 2045 2

142 ACF apprehended 01 VC/NVA suspect AT
 913817. Detained at 142 compound to be
 picked up by 3rd CIT.

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JOURNAL CLOSED

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080001H Apr 70

082400H Apr 70

0001			JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
2115	2130	1	I23 ACT opened fire on 02 VC/NVA AT886802. Swept area w/neg result.	S,F
2155	2210	2	I3 ACT detected movement and rec'd 01 frag AT871782. Opened fire swept area w/neg results.	S,F
2400			JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F

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DANANG

090001H Apr 70

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0001			JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
0325	0340	1	RF unit in Kim Lien Ville reported unknown number of VC/NVA in ville. 01 RF WIA (E). A platoon each from "I" Co and "K" Co provided blocking force for RF sweep of hills. Sweep resulted in 15 detainees.	S,F
0820	0835	2	IL0 ACT fd 01 spider hole w/tunnel leading toward river AT889826. Neg results, dest'd with C-4.	S,F
0925	0940	3	IL0 fd spider hole w/tunnel on south side of road AT877826. Checked tunnel w/neg results.	S,F
1705	1720	4	I CP rec'd 02 M-26 from VN woman. Paid woman 500P's. Dest'd w/C-4.	S,F
1935	1950	5	K CP while firing 81mm on call grids, unit had 01 large secondary AT906873. Fired repeat w/neg results.	S,F
2140	2155	6	IL2A ACT opened fire on 03 VC/NVA AT912805. Swept area found 01 heavy blood trail.	S,F
2215	2230	7	IL2A ACT providing LZ security for medevacs. Halo opened fire on unknown number of VC/NVA. Checked area, neg results. (AT907816)	S,F
2345	2400	8	L Reject ACT obsv'd 07 VC/NVA crossing river AT904829. Called 1105mm mission resulting in 01 large secondary.	S,F
2345	2400	9	L3 ACT obsv'd 15 VC/NVA in treeline AT914829. Called ARTY fire mission, area to be swept	S,F
2400			JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F

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0001			JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
0525	0540	1	I23 ACT opened fire on 02 VC/NVA AT888802. Resulting in 02 VC/NVA KIA, 01 AK-47, assorted clothing and food.	S,F
1205	1220	2	I38 ACT rec'd 03 rds automatic weapon fire AT890630. Retn'd fire, swept area w/neg results.	S,F
1210	1225	3	I38 ACT swept area of previous fire mission AT890630. Ft spider hole 4x3 w/thatched cover, also evidence of enemy movement. Ft 2 small blood trails and 1 large blood pool.	S,F
1405	1420	4	L reject had 01 heat casualty AT925845 man medevac to BAS.	S,F
1415	1430	5	L reject while moving to day pos, had 01 heat casualty AT898848. Man suffered from heat exhaustion, emergency medevac called and completed.	S,F
2400			JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F

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DANANG

110001H Apr 70

112400H Apr 70

0001			JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
0210	0225	1	L ACT had movement AT927856. Called fire mission, swept area w/neg results.	S,F
0250	0305	2	I CP reported 15 10, 11 activations AT884014. Called fire mission, swept area w/neg results.	S,F
1205	1220	3	K3 reported RF spotted 15 VC/NVA AT920918. Called fire mission, swept area w/neg results.	S,F
1750	1805	4	K CP reported 3/1 14 Actual spotted 02 VC/NVA pushing heavily loaded bicycles AT898883. Called fire mission, also AHIG gunship fired on board ordnance. Area swept w/neg results.	
2120	2135	5	141 obv'd PF unit engage a VC/NVA force. Obv'd 01 VC/NVA AT896780. Opened fire w/s/a. Swept area, neg results.	S,F
2400			JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F

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DANANG

120001H Apr 70

122400H Apr 70

0001			JOURNAL OPENED	
1050	1105	1	I GP reported that on 11 Apr a truck carrying crude oil ran off road (AT900805). Truck had to dump oil in stream to get back on road, VN civ set fire to oil damaging bridge to Hill 190.	S,F
1210	1235	2	L10 while leaving P80 (AT909838) act fd 01 chi-com, neg booby trap, dest'd w/C-4.	S,F
1309	1324	3	L12 ACT fd 01 spider holes (AT910859). Neg findings, dest'd w/C-4.	
1330	1345	4	I GP rec'd 01 8mm HE dud from VN child, paid child 50CP's dest'd dud w/C-4.	S,F
1624	1640	5	Cp "A", 1st Engr Bn evaluated bridge damage AT900805. Recommend that bridge be removed and rebuilt. Bridge is useable to vehicles of 5 tons or less.	S,F
2245	2300	6	I GP MFS-10 70 activations AT888814. Called fire mission, neg results.	S,F
2400			JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F

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130001H Apr 70

132400H Apr 70

0001			JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
0020	0035	1	I CP BFS-14, 51 activations (AT882815), called fire mission, neg results.	S,F
0110	0125	2	K CP 01 hut collapsed, 01 roof blown off due to high winds, all troops on lines for safety.	S,F
1355	1410	3	K33 while returning from combined act w/RF's 1/25 Arvn Bn. fd 10 fighting holes and 08 caves (AT928891AT928889), caves searched w/neg results.	S,F
355	1410	4	141 rec'd Pre-88 transmitter & receiver from village chief. Paid chief 500P's for radio.	S,F
2200	2215	5	K3 att20800H, two seprate combined patrols left K3 pos., K33 having 6 USMC, 1 corpsman, and 15 RF's. K34 had 6USMC, and 15 RF's. K33 left Hai-Van Pass and moved toward Hill 1192, stopping at AT918911 for their Ambush site on 12 Apr., while K34 left from AT916931, and stopped at AT904927 for their Ambush site on 12 Apr. On 13 Apr., K34 moved north and worked their way down to AT900955 where they were picked up and driven back to their CP. K33 split into 2 groups, 9RF's going to AT916931, and the 6USMC, Corpsman, and remaining 6RF's went to AT932894. Both were picked up by vehicles and returned to their CP at 131015H. K33 discovered 10 fighting holes, and 08 natural caves vic. AT928889. Both patrols had returned by 131600H.	S,F
2400			JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F

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K3 liaison reported 02 explosions via
AF942903. Neg fire missions in this area,
believed to be RF's firing M-79.

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2205 2220 4

K2 moved out to join 1/1.

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K2 dropped OFCON to 1/1.

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OP 39 reported camp fire at AT870854.

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Called arty fire mission, neg results.

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JOURNAL CLOSED

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JOURNAL OPENED

K3 reported ARVN M151 overturned AT912945.
Resulting in 02 emergency and 02 priority
medevacs. All personnel were ARVN. Med-
evac called and completed at 1610.

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2255 2310 2

124 while in ambush site obs'd 01 VC/NVA
AT885783. Opened fire w/s/a. Swept area
w/neg results.

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170001H Apr 70

172400H Apr 70

0001			JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
0028	0043	1	0939 obsv'd 02 lights (AT070854), called arty fire mission, lights were no longer obsv'd.	S,F
1625	1640	2	12 special act sweeping grid at AT905832 fd 02 NVA ponches, 02 NVA shirts, One shirt had subrapnel holes and heavy blood stains, 01 USMC cover, 03 battle dressings, 01 pkg of tea, 01 pr. of sandals, 01 piece of paper w/VN writing. All gear sent to Lt. Col. 0939 obsv'd 02 NVA (AT057845) through HOB. Called in arty fire mission, swept area w/neg results.	S,F
300	2315	3	JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F
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JOURNAL OPENED

L CP reported truck from FLC collided with
train AF925844. Lead car of train derailed
resulting in traffic being blocked. Wrecker
placed car back on track, bridge open.

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JOURNAL CLOSED

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192400H Apr 70

0001			JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
1500	1515	1	1 CP obsv'd 09 secondary explosions resulting from A/S AT882835. Called arty mission on grid awaiting further air strikes.	S,F
2230	2245	2	12th AOT obsv'd 01 VC/NVA AT892825. Opened fire w/s/a. Called 81mm fire mission. Mortars were right on target.	S,F
2400			JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F

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0001			JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
0022	0037	1	OP 39 observed 01 HE air burst approx 200 meters west of their pos AT84884. All missions placed in check requested knowledge of any firing near grid. Checked w/division and regt. w/neg results.	S,F
1000	1015	2	L OP while controlling beacon air strike pilot detected bogus beacon AT895850. Called arty fire mission. Swept area w/neg results.	S,F
1000			JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F

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210000H Apr 70

212400H Apr 70

0001			JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
1355	1410	1	3/1 14 reported FAC (A), while controlling air strike, obsvd O2 secondaries AT864850.	S,F
2100	2115	2	1 reject obsvd O2 lights moving down hillside AT873844. Called fire mission. Swept area fd O1 blood trail.	S,F
2135	2150	3	I CP had O1 USMC fall and injure ankle. Man taken to BAS.	S,F
2400			JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F

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0001			JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
0440	0455	1	I CP reported sensor 21 activation, called fire mission, swept area w/neg results. (AT880809)	S,F
1445	1500	2	3/1 14 Actual while on VR obsvd foxholes and trenches on hilltop AT898862. Requested TOT and TPQ.	S,F
1950	2005	3	K CP obsvd G2 WP rds impacting in AT9289 grid square. Source of rds unknown.	S,F
1950	2005	4	142 reported VN civilian cut his wrist while working in field. Emergency medevac. Called and completed.	S,F
2400			JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F

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0001			JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
0200	0215	1	L CP 61mm mortar PO spotted 01 light (AT901843), called arty mission, checked area w/neg results.	S,F
1000	1015	2	Elements of Co. "I" and Co. "L" and Provisional Rifle Co. from PLO, in cooperation/coordination with 153rd RF's Co. conducted GROUND & SEARCH of Quan Nam2, utilizing POW to screen village population, from 240600H to 240915H. 276 persons were screened resulting in 3 female detainees. Detainees were transferred to 5th GIF for processing and further transfer to district.	S,F
1115	1130	3	L CP - While tending cows 03 VN children found dud M-79 rd. Rd was dropped and it exploded, injuring all 3 children. Med-evac called and completed.	
1900	1915	4	KI reported man from 1st Bn 44th Arty Regt U. S. A., received 2nd degree burns on face neck and arms. Med-evac called and completed.	S,F
2130	2145	5	I CP - Hav'd Intell Report about suspected Rocket Cache (AT872822), Called Air Strike and Arty TOT. Swept area w/neg results.	S,F
2400			JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F

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0001			JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
1030	1045	1	I GP rec'd 01 M-26 grenade from Vn child.	S,F
			Paired child 200P's. Dest'd grenade.	
1310	1325	2	I GP rec'd and 105mm rd from Vn children.	S,F
			Paired children 750P's. Dest'd rd.	
1415	1430	3	Lt Gen McCUTCHEN arrived	S,F
1435	1450	4	Lt Gen McCUTCHEN departed.	S,F
2230	2245	5	KI rec'd word that RF amb. had 05 Ho rds	S,F
			impact 200 meters from their pos AT956901.	
			RFI had been cleared for at AT956901 by	
			RF's. RFI was cancelled.	
2315	2330	6	I33 obsv'd 01 VC/NVA AT001793. Opened fire	S,F
			w/s/a could not sweep due to neg comm, neg	S,F
			illum, and elephant grass.	
2400			JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F

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260001H Apr 70

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0001			JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
0435	0450	1	11h obsv'd 03 VC/NVA AT908839. Opened fire w/s/a swept area fd 01 VC/NVA KIA, 01 AK-47 w/mag, misc clothing, and food.	S,F
1100	1115	2	3/1 11h Actual reported FAC (A) obsv'd 02 secondaries AT880840. Called arty fire mission	S,F
1524	1539	3	112A detained 01 VC/NVA suspect AT904819. Insufficient ID man was questioned by village chief and released on chief's recommendation.	S,F
2120	2135	4	L reject had P-sid activation AT893868. Called 81mm fire mission. Swept area w/neg results.	S,F
2400			JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F

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270000LH Apr 70

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1145	1200	1	141 med-evaced VN women to BAS with blood poisoning. Women was from Hoa Thanh catholic village.	S,F
1246	1301	2	L Reject swept area of previous fire mission AT893848. Found blood trails, followed trails w/neg results.	S,F
1326	1346	3	I GP had VN child bring 60mm dud to front gate. Paid child 200P's, dud destroyed.	S,F
1410	1425	4	L Reject obsvd 01 VC/NVA AT859862. Called 81mm fire mission. Swept area w/neg results.	S,F
1800	1815	5	13 AGF fd 01 VC/NVA KIA body was stripped and wrapped in a poncho AT913835. Body believed to be from previous contact in same area.	S,F
2400			JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F

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L. Rejet had P-Sid sensor activation AT901868
 Called 1850m fire mission area checked w/neg
 results.

S,F

2315 2330 2

183 rec'd several chi-coms and automatic s/a.
 Fire Resulting in 01 USMC KIA (E). Called
 arty fire mission. Swept area w/neg results.

S,F

2400

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S,F

3rd Battalion, 1st Marines
DAKANG

290000H Apr 70

292400H Apr 70

0001			JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
2040	2055	1	L GP While directing traffic, HF detained 03 WL. Individual was wounded, in shock, and had no I. B. Individual turned over to 5th C.I.G.	S,F
2230	2245	2	L Liaison called arty fire mission for HF* (AT913866), swept area, 21 numerous blood trails, otherwise neg results.	S,F
2240	2255	3	RT2 Rec'd several Chi-Coms & S/A fire (AT900665) resulting in 02 USMC WIA(R). Called fire mission, swept area w/neg results.	S,F
2400			JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F

3rd Battalion, 1st Marines

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0300L	0315	1	JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
0300			142A obs'd 03 VC/NVA (AT906820) opened fire w/s/a resulting in 01 VC/NVA KIA, 01 AK-47, 01 pr shorts, 01 long sleeve shirt, 01 pr sandals, 02 rice packs, rain trousers, and jackets, 01 can meat, 01 CHI-CON, and 01 NVA belt.	S,F
0342	0357	2	142A obs'd 02 VC/NVA (AT909817) opened fire w/s/a resulting in 01 VC/NVA MIA, 01 AK-47, 03 AK-47 magazines. 01 pack w/rice, 01 CHI-CON, 02 ponchos.	S,F
1129	1144	3	131 1st rd Booby-Trapped B-60 Rocket. Rocket was in tree w/pull-friction fuse & tripwire. Rocket was blown in place. (AT911827)	S,F
1325	1340	4	133 1st sustained 01 Heat Casualty (AT903861) Emergency MEB-NVMS called and completed.	S,F
2035	2050	5	142 had movement in bush (AT903861), opened fire w/s/a. Called fire mission neg results.	S,F
2110	2125	6	Co "K" perimeter AT937867, received 01 HE rd. Saw mortar flash at grid AT928879. Called in 105mm and 81mm fire mission.	S,F
2330	2345	7	One (1) USMC WIA (E) medevac. 142A obs'd 03 VC/NVA moving from N.W. AT912820. Engaged with s/a/f, swept area w/neg results.	S,F
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FRAG ORDER 005-70

A. MAPS: DANANG SHEET 6641 III, SERIES L7011

TIME ZONE: HOTEL

1. (C) SITUATION

A. EN FOR.

(1) DURING HIGH THREAT PERIOD NVA/VC UNITS MAY ATTEMPT TO ROCKET DANANG VITAL AREAS AND
CONDUCT SAPPER ATTACKS AGAINST NAM O BRIDGE AND ESSO PLANT FROM WITHIN BATTALION AO.

(2) SEE CURRENT INTSUMS AND INTREPS.

B. FRIENDLY FOR.

(1) NO CHANGE.

C. ATTACHMENTS AND DETACHMENTS.

(1) NO CHANGE.

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2. (C) MISSION

A. DURING HIGH THREAT PERIOD THIRD BATTALION CONDUCTS OPERATIONS TO COUNTER ENEMY ROCKET AND SAPPER ATTACKS.

3. (C) EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATION. THIRD BATTALION ESTABLISHES COMBAT PATROL BASE/OBSERVATION POSTS IN AO AND CONDUCTS AGGRESSIVE PATROLLING IN KNOWN AND SUSPECTED ROCKET SITES AND ENEMY INFILTRATION ROUTES.

B. COMPANY "I"

(1) COMMENCING ON ORDER, CONDUCT PLATOON SIZED HELI-LIFT TO LZ VICINITY AT854815. CONCENTRATE ON DAYLIGHT ACTIVITIES OF SEARCHING ASSIGNED AO FOR ROCKET SITES AND FIRING SITES. ON ORDER CONCENTRATE ACTIVITIES ON NIGHT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES IN ASSIGNED AO. OPERATION OVERLAY (ANNEX A).

(2) CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN OP39.

(3) CONTINUE CURRENT OPERATIONS VICINITY HILL 190 AND CLAW.

C. COMPANY "K"

(1) ON ORDER, CONDUCT PLATOON SIZED HELI-LIFT TO VICINITY AT862789, AND ESTABLISH COMBAT PATROL BASE/OBSERVATION POST ON HILL VICINITY AT858791. OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF PLATOON ASSUMED BY THIRD BATTALION. CONDUCT SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION IN ASSIGNED AO. OPERATION OVERLAY (ANNEX A). CONCENTRATE ACTIVITIES ALONG AT83, NORTH/SOUTH GRID LINE UNTIL 29 APRIL, THEN IN FOOTHILLS VICINITY AT86, NORTH/SOUTH GRID LINE.

(2) COMMENCING ON OR ABOUT 1000, 28 APRIL, ON ORDER, IN COOPERATION/COORDINATION WITH 1/25 RF COMPANY GROUP, PROVIDE ONE (1) SQUAD FOR HELI-LIFT TO AND ESTABLISHMENT OF COMBAT PATROL BASE/OBSERVATION POST VICINITY AT898887. OPERATION OVERLAY (ANNEX A). CONDUCT ACTIVITIES TO DETECT AND DESTROY ANY ENEMY IN VICINITY CFB/OP.

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(3) COMMENCING ON OR ABOUT 27 APRIL, ON ORDER PROVIDE ONE (1) SQUAD (-) TO CONDUCT THREE (3) DAY PATROL IN COOPERATION/COORDINATION WITH ONE (1) SQUAD 1/25 RF COMPANY GROUP. PATROL OVERLAY (ANNEX B).

(4) COMMENCING ON OR ABOUT 1 MAY 1970, ON ORDER PROVIDE ONE (1) SQUAD (-) TO CONDUCT FOUR (4) DAY PATROL WITH ONE (1) SQUAD 1/25 RF COMPANY GROUP. PATROL OVERLAY (ANNEX B).

(5) CONTINUE DEFENSE OF ESSO PLANT.

COMPANY "L"

(1) COMMENCING ON OR ABOUT 0930, 28 APRIL 1970, ON ORDER, IN COOPERATION/COORDINATION WITH 1/25RF COMPANY GROUP, PROVIDE ONE (1) SQUAD FOR HELI-LIFT AND OCCUPATION COMBAT PATROL BASE/OBSERVATION POST VICINITY AT896864. OPERATION OVERLAY (ANNEX A). CONDUCT ACTIVITIES TO DETECT AND DESTROY ANY ENEMY IN VICINITY CPB/OP.

(2) COMMENCING 25 APRIL 1970, PROVIDE ONE (1) PLATOON (REIN) AS REACTION FORCE FOR DEPLOYMENT ANYWHERE IN BATTALION AO.

(3) CONTINUE DEFENSE OF NAM O BRIDGE.

COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) ARTILLERY FIRE SUPPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT BATTALION SOP.

(2) AIR SUPPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT BATTALION SOP.

(3) OPERATION OVERLAY (ANNEX A).

(4) PATROL OVERLAY (ANNEX B).

(5) STRESS RULES OF ENGAGEMENT TO ALL PERSONNEL.

(6) DIRLNAUTH.

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4. (C) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. ALL CPB'S CARRY FIVE (5) DAYS ALLOWANCE OF ORDNANCE AND SUPPLIES.

B. SUBMIT REQUEST FOR LONG-RANGE-PATROL RATIONS TO THIS HEADQUARTERS ASAP.

C. MEDEVAC PROCEDURES LAW CURRENT SOP.

5. (C) COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS

A. ALL CPB'S EQUIPPED WITH 292 ANTENNAS.

B. STRESS COMMUNICATION SECURITY AT ALL TIMES.

C. COMPANY "K" DRAW ONE (1) EXTRA KY-38.

D. BATTALION COMMAND POST LOCATED AT 940783.

E. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

ANNEXES:

A. OPERATION OVERLAY (PASEP)

B. PATROL OVERLAY (PASEP)

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