

3d BATTALION(-), 1st. MARINES



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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

DESIGNATION

1. 3d Battalion(-), 1st Marines (1-31) Dec 1970

COMMANDER

LtCol. M. A. MOORE

SUBORDINATE UNITS

(a) H&S Company	(1-31) Dec	Capt. B. W. DOCKERY
(b) Company India	(1-31) Dec	Capt. J. R. WILLIAMS
(c) Company Kilo	(1-31) Dec	Capt. J. C. SHORT
(d) Company Lima	(1-31) Dec	Capt. J. D. STEEL

2. LOCATION

(a) Quang Nam Province, RVN (1-31) Dec 1970

3. KEY BILLETS

(a) Executive Officer	(1-31) Dec	Major P. L. LEFEVRE
(b) Adjutant	(1-31) Dec	1stLt J. J. YANTORN
(c) S-1	(1-31) Dec	1stLt K. J. MCCANN
(d) S-2	(1-31) Dec	GYSGT D. L. LOHMEIER
(e) S-3	(1-13) Dec (14-25) Dec (26-31) Dec	Major T. E. CAMPBELL Capt. J. C. SHORT Major G. R. FRANK, Jr.
(f) S-3A	(1-31) Dec	1stLt J. M. LOWRY
(g) S-4	(1-31) Dec	Capt. L. A. WALLACE
(h) S-4A	(1-31) Dec	1stLt G. M. POULOS
(i) ALO	(1-31) Dec	1stLt J. ROBILLARD

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(j) FAC	(1-31) Dec	1stLt G. A. ZAHN
(k) ArtyO	(1-6) Dec (7-31) Dec	1stLt J. B. WILLIAMS 1stLt G. R. CORN
(l) CommO	(1-9) Dec (10-31) Dec	1stLt R. L. KAPPEL 1stLt M. P. RANK
(m) SupplyO	(1-31) Dec	1stLt J. W. JORDAN
(n) MTO	(1-7) Dec (8-31) Dec	1stLt G. M. POULOS 2ndLt J. W. CUMMINGS
(o) S-5	(1-31) Dec	1stLt J. P. HARRINGTON
(p) Battalion Chaplain	(1-31) Dec	Lt. Z. C. MITCHELL
(q) Battalion Surgeon	(1-31) Dec	Lt. T. D. SMITH
(r) Asst. Surgeon	(1-31) Dec	Lt. W. S. THOM

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
H&S Company	13	315	3	43
Company India	5	194		
Company Kilo	6	190		
Company Lima	5	198		
Battalion Average	29	897	3	43

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PART II
SECTION A
PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

1. PERSONNEL

a. Average Monthly Strength

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
3d Battalion(-), 1st Marines	<u>OFF</u> <u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u> <u>ENL</u>
	32 897	3 43

b. Casualties

<u>KIA</u>	<u>BATTLE</u> <u>MIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>NON-BATTLE</u>
<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>SERIOUS</u> <u>MINOR</u> <u>DEATH</u>
			2 1 0

c. Replacements received

<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
<u>OFF</u> <u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u> <u>ENL</u>
5 56	0 3

d. Rotation During Month

<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
<u>OFF</u> <u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u> <u>ENL</u>
1 47	0 2

e. Personnel Summary

(1) At the close of the reporting period the personnel strength was as follows: 31 Marine Corps Officers, 902 Marine Corps Enlisted, three Navy Officers and 43 Navy Enlisted.

(2) There was one Marine Corps Officer promotion.

(3) Enlisted promotions during the reporting period consisted of: four Marines promoted to Sergeant, three Marines promoted to Corporal, 44 Marines promoted to Lance Corporal, and eight Marines promoted to Private First Class.

(4) Awards recommended during the reporting period consisted of: three Bronze Star Medals, two Navy Commendation Medals, one Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, and one Armed Forces Honor Medal.

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(5) There were no Awards delivered during the reporting period.

(6) There were two Awards readdressed and forwarded during the reporting period.

2. LEGAL AND DISCIPLINE

NJP	14
SCM (COMPLETED)	0
SCM (PENDING)	0
SPCM (COMPLETED)	0
SPCM (PENDING)	4
GCM (COMPLETED)	0
GCM (PENDING)	1
INVESTIGATIONS (COMPLETED)	5
INVESTIGATIONS (PENDING)	5

3. R&R PROGRAM

BANGKOK	10
SYDNEY	17
TAIPEI	16
HAWAII	19
HONG KONG	7
OKINAWA	10

4. CHAPLAIN SUPPORT

a. Chaplain attached: Lt Z. C. MITCHELL

b. Divine Services conducted by the Battalion Chaplain.

1. Sunday Services: (a) Number held - 20
(b) Number attended - 414

c. Related Activities:

1. Assisted in arranging for 18 MARS calls to families.
2. Coordinated Orphanage Christmas Party for 40 children.

d. Pastoral Activities:

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1. American Red Cross Messages handled - 13
2. Personal Counseling cases - 26

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INTELLIGENCEA. ENEMY

1. General. During this reporting period the 3d Battalion made 10 contacts with the enemy. There were three daylight contacts, one of which was enemy initiated; and seven night contacts, of which one was enemy initiated. The battalion accounted for three enemy KIA, and no PW's. There were two weapons captured during the reporting period.

2. Enemy Situation. Active enemy forces operating within the 3d Battalion TAOR are made up of units subordinate to the Northern and Central Wings which are subordinate to the Front Four. Units believed to be operating within the AO are:

a. 31st NVA Regiment. Numerous Agent reports indicate elements of the 31st NVA Regiment are operating in the western and southern portion of the AO. While a PW report in June of this year placed the Regimental Headquarters vicinity AT8062, the 31st's operating area extended as far north as Da Nang during TET of 1968.

b. 575th Rocket Battalion (Arty). This unit, with 122mm and 140mm rocket capability, has an estimated strength of 150. According to recent reports, operating areas for up to company size elements of the Battalion include the southern and possibly central portion of the 3/1 TAOR. Further, the 575th Rocket Battalion has operated with the 31st NVA Regiment since October 1969. Therefore, it is probable that up to company size units of the Battalion are located and operating jointly with elements of the 31st NVA Regiment in the central, southern, and western portions of the 3/1 TAOR. The 575th Rocket Battalion is independent and subordinate to Front Four.

c. Q-84 Armed Unit. This unit, with mortar capability (NFI), has an estimated strength of 50. It was reported operating in the vicinity AT9069 by a PW in April 1970.

d. Q-85 Armed Unit. This unit has an estimated overall strength of 200. It consists of headquarters elements plus the T-87 Sapper Company and the Hai Van Engineer Company, both of which were downgraded from battalion to company size in early 1970 and subordinated to the Q-85th.

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e. Guerrilla Units and Local security forces from Hoa Hiep, Hoa Vinh and Hoa Lac villages, normally numbering no more than 20-40 personnel are believed operating from mobile bases in the mountains north of the Song Cu De. In addition, a tentatively identified 1st Independent Company (Possibly subordinate to VC Area 1 Headquarters) is thought to be operating in the Ti Tou Mountain area just west of Kim Lien with the mission of providing security for movements of rice and other supplies to base camps in the Hoa Hiep Mountains. VC Infrastructure, local security forces, and squad size elements of main force units are probably operating in the CACO area and foothills east of OP Reno.

3. Summary of Enemy Activities. During December, the enemy continued to avoid engagements with friendly forces while conducting rice collection and resupply activities in Kim Lien (H) of Hoa Hiep (V), Hoa Vinh (V), Truc Dong (H), and nearby areas of Hoa Phu (V), and possibly the Quan Nams (H) of Hoa Loc (V). Overall enemy activity decreased to less than 50 percent of that reported during November. This is believed mostly attributable to extended friendly counter operations north and east of Hill 190; Population Control measures in the Quan Nams (H); wide ranging patrols south of Hill 190 and in the Rocket Ridge Area; extended patrolling west and south of OP Reno; and PF operations in the Hoa Phu (V) area. Agent reports during early and mid December indicated a possible step up of enemy activity to correspond with the VC Commemorative dates of 19, 20 and 22 December. However, this did not materialize. Enemy activity reached its lowest ebb during the last week of the month which corresponded to the Christmas and New Year's Holiday periods. No violations of the two 24 hour cease fire periods were reported, which may be related to the large number of Vietnamese Catholics who reside in the populated areas of the TAOR.

4. Enemy Missions. The enemy's mission appears essentially unchanged with primary emphasis continuing to be on avoiding contact while replenishing supplies and improving his infrastructure. Proselytizing and propagandizing continue but no large scale efforts in this respect have been noted, possibly because of continued U.S. and GVN pacification activities in the populated areas. The enemy still has the mission of disrupting and discrediting the pacification program but has made little if any progress within the 3/1 TAOR during the reporting period. No direct evidence is available indicating VC plans to commemorate the TET Holiday Season with stepped up attacks on isolated FVMAF positions, or a general offensive as has happened in the past. However recent agent reports referring to a "Winter Offensive" (no date given), and discovery of

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additional cache sites in proximity to Northern Artillery Cantonment strongly suggest the VC plan some manner of increased activity in the near future. The TET Season could logically serve as a focal period for peak activity during conduct of such an offensive campaign.

5. Enemy Vulnerabilities, Capabilities and Probable Courses of Action

a. Vulnerabilities. The enemy remains vulnerable to detection and destruction of massed forces and interdiction of supply/commo-liaison routes. His morale frequently reported as low at the local level, remains vulnerable to friendly psychological operations. The VC Infrastructure, while well organized and effective, remains vulnerable to friendly counter-intelligence efforts.

b. Capabilities and Probable Courses of Action. The enemy retains the capability of conducting multi-company and possibly battalion size attacks utilizing forces located within the 3/1 TACR. Employment of large masses of troops and supporting arms is severely limited however, due to friendly observation and interdiction. The enemy is expected to continue moving in small units to avoid detection, and at the same time maintain token pressure on friendly forces by limited harassment of U.S. and RF/PF Units. Food and supply replenishment, as well as taxation, propagandizing and proselytizing will continue through intimidation of the local populace by the VC Infrastructure. While the enemy may have every intention of implementing a general offensive as suggested in paragraph 4 above, it is well known that his expectations frequently exceed his capabilities and/or actual accomplishments. It is therefore considered unlikely that anything further than isolated small scale attacks will be conducted especially in view of continued friendly counter operations and activities as described in paragraph 3 above.

6. Weather. Weather during the reporting period was characterized by higher than normal rainfall totaling 11.2 inches compared to the yearly average of 8.8 inches. Humidity averaged 89 percent compared to the yearly figure of 82 percent. Temperatures were normal with a mean high of 73 degrees and a mean low of 71 degrees. Except during brief periods of heavy precipitation, friendly operations were not unduly restricted by weather conditions. Flooding occurred along the Song Tuy Loan during these periods, temporarily restricting foot movement in the river lowlands.

7. Terrain. Configuration of terrain and man-made features remains unchanged. Brief periods of flooding brought about by seasonal rains and high tides temporarily restricted foot movement in the lowlands and paddy areas of the Song Tuy Loan.

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8. Statisticsa. Contacts

(1) Friendly Initiated	(Day- 02) (Night- 06)
(2) Enemy Initiated	(Day- 01) (Night- 01)
(3) Total	(Day- 03) + (Night- 07) = 10

b. Rocket Attacks 00

c. Mortar Attacks 01 probable

d. LOB Bomb Attacks 00

e. LOC's 03 probable

f. Booby Traps 01

g. Terrorist Incidents 00

h. KIA's (Enemy)	02 confirmed
	01 probable (Arty)

i. Detainees 16

j. Captured Weapons 02

k. Bunker/Tunnels Destroyed 02

l. VIP Funds Expended 2540VN\$

m. Sightings (In addition to contacts) 03

n. Secondaries 05

o. Anti-Aircraft Harassing Attacks 04

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

A. During the month of December, the Battalion continued its emphasis on Company and Platoon mobility and small unit day and night combat patrols/ambushes. Activities were focused on known/suspected enemy rocket/mortar sites and enemy infiltration routes. The majority of contact was made in the Ti Tou area of the northern AO west of Kim Lien Hamlet.

On 23 December, in two separate contacts in the Ti Tou area, elements of Company India inflicted two VC KIA on the elusive enemy. Numerous other sightings were made in the area near the close of the month and by 31 December Company India had established a protective cordon around the village of Kim Lien in an attempt to deny enemy access for food collection and propagandizing purposes. On 16-21 December, two platoons of Company India conducted a sweep in the northern Arizona Territory south of Hill 37. Numerous caches containing supplies and documents were discovered and twelve detainees were turned over to higher headquarters for further interrogation. During the month of December, Company India also provided one platoon as the Regimental quick reaction force for a period of 15 days.

Company Kilo continued Operational control of CUPP 4-2 concentrating the majority of the CUPP activities in the Area of "The Claw" (AT9183). The majority of Company Kilo patrols began penetrating into the mountainous regions to the west of Hill 190 in an attempt to uncover enemy base camps and harbor sites.

Company Lima continued patrolling of the foothills south and west of OP Reno with continued emphasis on uncovering rocket sites and caches near the Song Tuy Loan.

During the period 1-31 December, Company India conducted 64 day patrols and 97 night activities. Company Kilo conducted 76 day patrols and 119 night activities. Company Lima conducted 67 day patrols and 103 night activities.

The Population Control Program within Quan Nam (1) and (2) of Hoa Lac(V) became fully operational as the census was completed on 20 December. Its effectiveness has been clearly demonstrated by the lack of significant sightings or contacts in the Quan Nam(H) and Claw areas since mid-November.

Due to the success of the Population Control Program in Hoa Lac, action has been initiated to effect similar control measures within Kim Lien(H) of Hoa Hiep(V), a known supply distribution point for VC units operating out of the Hoa Hiep Mountains.

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The First Marine Air Wing supported the Battalion with a total of 38 fixed wing air strikes, which breaks down into ten close air support strikes, and 28 TPQ-10 strikes. 16 Forward Air Controllers (Airborne) utilizing OV-10A aircraft flew in support of 3/1. Fixed wing aircraft dropped a total of 269,750 pounds of ordnance, (94,750 pounds CAS, and 175,000 pounds TPQ-10). There were a total of 18-2.75 inch rockets, 1,500 rounds of 20mm ammunition, and 2,000 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition expended on targets throughout 3/1's TAOR. This ordnance resulted in five secondary explosions, four secondary fires, one bunker destroyed, one hut destroyed, one 50 cal. pit partially destroyed, and 700 meters of treeline destroyed. TPQ-10 strikes were used on S-2 intelligence targets in areas not covered by the Battalion ground forces. The marked decrease in the air support received during the month of December from that received during November reflects a general reduction in all supporting arms during the month.

ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT

32 medevacs were completed during the month of December which evacuated 21 emergency, six priority, and five routine casualties. Of the 32 medevacs, 12 were Marines, and 20 were Vietnamese Military and civilians. The average time for emergency medevacs from initial call until the time the helicopter was on station over the LZ was 12 minutes. It took an average of nine minutes once the helicopter was on station to get the casualty aboard and complete the mission for an average time of 21 minutes from the time the mission was called until completion. This is a 25 minute improvement over the month of November. Good weather and fewer night medevacs accounted for the marked improvement over the month of November.

Rotary wing aircraft lifted 88 loads totaling 110,875 pounds of cargo both internally and externally loaded in conjunction with resupply of the Battalion. During the month of December, the First Marine Air Wing helilifted 576 Marines in support of 3/1

C. ARTILLERY

From 1 December to 31 December 1970, 3d Battalion(-), 1st Marines received direct support from Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 11th Marines. General support was provided by Battery "L", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, "A" Platoon, 3rd Eight Inch Howitzer Battery, and Naval gunfire. The Battalion's organic weapons, 81mm mortars and 106mm recoilless rifles,

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attacked targets of opportunity and intelligence targets.

Supporting arms accounted for one enemy KIA, occurring on 7 December 1970 at grid (AT894849). Two to three VC/NVA were observed near a stream. The Forward Observer called a 105mm fire mission on the three personnel resulting in the spotting of one enemy KIA lying in the stream.

Rocket suppressive fires were directed on known and suspected rocket sites during the month, with increased round expenditures during high threat periods. No rocket launches occurred within the Battalion's TAOR.

Reconnaissance teams observed heavy damage by artillery in enemy base camp areas in the vicinities of grids (AT818835) and (AT810880).

During the month, the Division Fire Support Coordinator inspected the Battalion FSCC and found no discrepancies. A total of 170 man-hours of training were conducted, including Forward Observation Techniques, Use of Supporting Arms, and Fire Direction Procedures. The latter was given to the 81mm mortar platoon's Fire Direction personnel. Forward Observers in the field instructed infantry small unit leaders in the use and adjustment of mortar and artillery fire.

The Battalion now has two Officer Forward Observers. The Officers operate with the two mobile companies, while a corporal scout observer mans Hill 190.

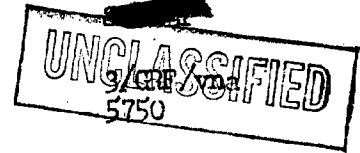
SUMMARY

<u>OBSERVED FIRES</u>	<u>D/S ARTY</u>	<u>G/S ARTY</u>	<u>81mm MORTARS</u>
HE Targets Submitted	90	13	109
HE Targets Cleared/Fired	63	8	90
HE Rounds Expended	1064	52	854
ILL Targets Submitted	4	2	25
ILL Targets Cleared/Fired	4	2	25
ILL Rounds Expended	74	119	257
106mm RR Rounds Expended	17	-	-
Total Observed Rounds Expended - 2437			

<u>PRE-EMPTIVE FIRES:</u>	<u>D/S ARTY</u>	<u>G/S ARTY</u>
Targets Submitted	632	204
Targets Cleared/Fired	417	198
Rounds Expended	1470	752
Artillery TOT Rounds Expended	70	70
Naval Gunfire Rounds Expended	-	223
Total Pre-Emptive Rounds Expended - 2585		
Total Rounds Expended During December - 5022		

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SECTION D
TRAINING

1. THE BATTALION CONDUCTED THE FOLLOWING TRAINING DURING DECEMBER:

a. Two Battalion Indoctrination classes were held for a period of four days each. A total of 58 personnel attended.

b. A contact team from the 1st Engineer Battalion conducted three, two hour classes on Landmine Warfare. A total of 88 Marines from the Battalion attended the classes.

c. The Battalion held one NCO class for a period of seven days. A total of 19 Marines attended.

d. Company Training: All companies conducted training on a weekly schedule which included familiarization firing, handling of POW's, conduct of patrols, patrol leader's orders, and weapons safety.

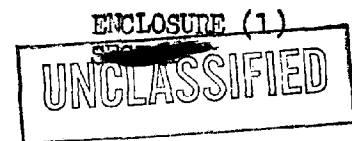
e. The Battalion Rifle Range was used to instruct replacement personnel in the Quick Fire/Quick Kill method of engagement. A total of 58 replacement personnel were instructed in this method. A total of 16 replacement personnel fired the .45 caliber pistol for familiarization. The range was utilized for personnel to fan fire and place battle sights on their weapons. A total of 345 personnel from various organizations utilized the range. Also 26 Marines fan fired the M-60 machine gun. Replacement personnel fired the M-16 with a starlight scope mounted.

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

(1) In Country Schools

Landmine Warfare School	15
Vietnamese Language School	3

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SECTION E
LOGISTICS

1. ENGINEER ASSISTANCE AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION

a. During the reporting period one Engineer Assistance request was submitted. This request pertained to the construction of a new COC. Storm damage repair has continued to be delayed for lack of sufficient materials.

2. SUPPLY

a. Supply support in the area of Class II, type 2, i.e. administrative supplies and undershirts continued to be difficult to obtain. Class IX spare parts for the M274A2 (LINC) remain in short supply.

3. MAINTENANCE

a. The following tactical equipment repair orders were submitted to Maintenance Battalion, 1st FSR/FIC during December.

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>
Motor Transport	10	4
Ordnance	68	24
Comm - Elect	54	31
Engineer	1	1

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SECTION F
CIVIL AFFAIRS/CIVIC ACTIONS

1. PUBLIC WORKS. Nothing to report

2. WELFARE

a. Orphanages. Approximately 350 pounds of assorted clothes were given to Phuoc Thanh Orphanage. A Christmas Party was held in Phu Thuong Thon Orphanage on 23 December 1970.

b. Hoa Loc (V). Approximately 65 pounds of gifts (Toys) were given to Hoa Loc (V).

c. Miscellaneous. 500 pounds of cement were given to Hoa Thanh Village to repair a church damaged by an EOD explosion.

3. EDUCATION

a. Schools. 41 School Kits were given to Loc Hoa.

b. Scholarships. Nothing to report.

4. HEALTH

a. MedCaps/DentCaps treated over 350 Vietnamese civilians during December 1970.

b. Approximately 41 tooth brushes and tubes of tooth paste were given to Loc Hoa Hamlet.

5. AGRICULTURE. Nothing to report

6. PSYOPS

a. Ground Broadcast Team (HB) attended three MedCaps.

b. There was one movie shown with approximately 350 in attendance.

7. SOCIAL. Members of this command attended three social meals.

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SECTION G
MEDICAL/DENTAL AFFAIRS

A. PERSONNEL

1. On 31 December 1970, the total strength was two Medical Officers, one Chaplain, and 41 corpsmen. During this period there were four corpsmen transferred to other commands for duty and/or separation. There were no WIA/KIA for this period.

B. PATIENT LOAD

1. For this period 529 patients were seen at the Battalion Aid Station for an average of 17 patients per day.

2. There were nine diagnosed with V. D., 14 with Diarrhea, 19 with Upper Respiratory Infection, five with Fever of Unknown Origin, 40 with skin disorders, and three with Malaria.

C. MEDCAP/DENTCAP

1. There were five MEDCAPS and four DENTCAPS held during the month of December.

D. SANITATION

1. Weekly sanitation inspections were conducted throughout the Battalion and outlying areas during the month of December. The Battalion and outlying areas were found to be overall satisfactory.

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SECTION H
COMMUNICATIONA. PERSONNEL

As of 31 December 1970, the Communication Platoon consisted of one Officer and 77 Enlisted Marines. On 2 December 1970, 1stLt. M. P. RANK reported in as the Communication Officer, replacing 1stLt. R. L. KAPPEL. 1stLt. KAPPEL departed the Communication Platoon on 9 December 1970 for duty at CLNC.

B. EQUIPMENT

One PU-651 60 kw generator was turned into FSR for repair. One PU-699/G generator set, 19kw, 120/208 VAC, 60 Hz, 3 phase; skid mounted; air cooled; diesel was picked up by the generator section. One PU-651 60 kw generator was returned from FSR. The Tech Shop processed 116 TERO's. 54 were evacuated to FSR and 31 returned completed. Of the 31, 19 were of TERO's submitted during the month of November. 23 TERO's were completed at 2d echelon. The Message Center processed 1136 incoming messages and 34 outgoing.

C. OPERATIONS/TRAINING

The Communication Platoon conducted 14 hours of Communication classes to newly assigned Marines of the Platoon. The Tactical Air Control Party net to the Companies provided secure voice capabilities. The Communication and Engineer portion of the CMMI Inspection received a satisfactory with minor discrepancy rating. The Engineer portion of the CMMI was conducted on 1 December 1970.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 01 December 1970 - 1245H. Led by 3d CIT informant, a tunnel search and clear operation was conducted at vicinity (AT916804) by 3d CIT elements supported by a Company Kilo Squad and Engineers. Unit found one tunnel camouflaged with foliage and a lid type door similar to a spider hole. In the tunnel was one U.S. semi-automatic carbine with magazine and 30 rounds. Also found in tunnel were one NLF flag, 35 propaganda (VC) leaflets written in Vietnamese and English, one rice ration, and one rain cape. In adjacent area (50 meters west) unit found two food buckets, one rain cape and miscellaneous eating utensils. Unit destroyed tunnel. Documents and equipment along with the weapon were retained by 3d CIT.
- 02 December 1970 - 1320H. Company Kilo CP received one small arms round believed to have been fired from a carbine. Round was fired from 250-300 meters to the northeast of Company Kilo position at grid (AT885772) and impacted approximately 20 meters from the friendly position. One squad swept area temporarily detaining 15 civilians for questioning. All civilians carried valid I.D. cards and had no weapons. All detainees were released.
- 03 December 1970 - 2035H. First Squad, First Platoon, Company India, while in ambush site at (AT879857) heard movement approximately 25 meters to the west. Unit waited until enemy was within ten meters then threw four M-26 frag grenades. One enemy was seen fleeing to the west. Moaning and screaming was heard as though enemy was wounded. Shortly after throwing the grenades, unit received one incoming round, believed to be an M-79, from the east. Unit called for basketball illumination and an HE fire mission. A reaction force was sent out from India's position to aid in sweep of area with negative findings.
- 04 December 1970 - 1125H. First Squad, First Platoon, Company India while on patrol at (AT885860) located a harbor site 30 feet by 15 feet which probably accommodated 10-12 personnel. Unit checked area thoroughly finding two cooking areas, Chieu Hoi Pamphlets, empty C-4 packets, and one empty tin foil container. Three well used trails were leading from harbor site toward the southeast. Equipment found was turned over to S-2.

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- 05 December 1970 - 1130H. A team from 1st Engineers was led by a Vietnamese youth to the location of one 81mm illumination dud round at (AT939791). Engineers destroyed round in place and paid youth 100 VN\$. Engineers were then approached by two Vietnamese children at (AT938788), who directed them to one M-26 grenade, and one M-79 high explosive round. Ordnance was destroyed in place and youths were paid 200 VN\$.
- 06 December 1970 - 0810H. A team from 1st Engineers (Road Sweep Team) located one ten pound metallic mine laying along south shoulder of road on top of ground at (AT934793). Unit destroyed the mine in place with C-4.
- 07 December 1970 - 1400H. Second Squad (Rein), Second Platoon, Company India while on patrol at (AT888863) sighted one VC/NVA at (AT894847). Enemy was wearing black pajamas and was running southeast towards a ravine. Unit called a fire mission (105mm) at grid (AT894847). One round was observed impacting directly on fleeing enemy. After end of mission, one body was observed through sniper scope lying face down in streambed.
- 08 December 1970 - 0001H. Negative contact.
- 09 December 1970 - 0315H. First Squad, First Platoon, Company Lima at (AT858734), received one incoming chicom landing approximately five meters southwest of the unit's position. One USMC personnel received minor injuries. Personnel was treated by corpsman and returned to duty. Unit swept area without further sightings or contact.
- 0745H. Led by 3d CIT informant, a search operation was conducted by First Platoon, Company Kilo and 3d CIT elements at grid (AT918794). Unit located three cache sites approximately three feet by two feet and covered by sand. Two were empty and the other contained one M-79, four M-79 rounds, and two M-26 grenades. Ordnance was blown in place and M-79 was sent to Battalion Armory.
 - 1615H. One Vietnamese child brought five 50 caliber rounds to the Battalion rear gate at (AT940783). Child was paid 40 VN\$ for ordnance which was turned over to S-4 to be destroyed.
- 10 December 1970 - 0001H. Negative contact.
- 11 December 1970 - 0001H. Negative contact.

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- 12 December 1970 - 1755H. Third Platoon, Company Kilo CP at (AT858785) observed an explosion 600 meters to their east and believed it to be 81mm or 82mm mortar round. Check of all friendly units revealed no rounds expended in that area. Unit had no indications as to the origin of the rounds.
- 13 December 1970 - 0001H. Negative contact.
- 14 December 1970 - 0740H. Road Sweep Team from 1st Engineers located one ten pound metallic mine laying off road at grid (AT925794). Wires ran from cannister to rice paddy. Engineers destroyed mine in place with C-4. Explosion caused a two foot by two foot by one foot crater.
- 15 December 1970 - 1500H. Seven Vietnamese children approached a squad from Company Lima (AT875722) and turned in 200 rounds of 50 caliber ammunition, 150 rounds of 5.56 ammunition, 18 rounds M-79 illumination, seven rounds M-79 HE, one M-26 grenade, and one trip flare. Youths said they would return to same place to be paid and to turn in more ordnance on the next day at 1500H. In view of recent intelligence report of sapper trained Vietnamese children, unit exercised extreme care in handling the ordnance which was blown in place immediately. Unit reported that children did not return to area on the next day.
- 16 December 1970 - 0515H. A special unit from Third Platoon, Company Kilo at (AT917828) observed six enemy through starlight scope at a distance of 500 meters to the west. Four enemy were carrying weapons. Squad leader brought enemy under small arms fire and called 81mm mortar fire mission. Two enemy were observed wounded or killed by mortar fire and were being dragged to the west by companions. Unit swept area under 81mm illumination with no findings and again swept area at first light finding drag marks. No further signs of enemy were found.
- 17 December 1970 - 1230H. First Platoon, Company Kilo, while on patrol at (AT847817) found a base camp area for 50-60 personnel. Within the base camp, unit found ten huts, and one bunker. Area appeared to have been abandoned for one month. Majority of area had been destroyed by artillery and three damaged AK-47 magazines were found and sent to S-2.

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- 17 December 1970 - 2010H. Company Kilo CP while firing 106 RR beehive rounds from (AT897822) and at grid (AT875834) observed one secondary explosion. 81mm mortar and 105 Artillery fire missions were called with no further observations of secondary fires.
- 18 December 1970 - 1715H. Third Platoon, Company India at (AT903867) received six small arms rounds from the northeast approximately 150 meters away. Unit observed four enemy fleeing to north and wearing dark clothing. Unit opened fire with small arms and M-79 rounds. An immediate search revealed numerous blood trails and one VC bush cover damaged by small arms fire.
- 19 December 1970 - 2130H. One squad from the Second Platoon, Company Kilo (AT915821) observed movement 400 meters west of ambush site and estimated eight persons were moving east towards killing zone. When personnel came closer, the squad leader noticed that none were carrying weapons and directed squad to attempt to detain personnel rather than open fire. Marines detained three male adults and one male youth aged 11 years at (AT912808). A second squad from the Second Platoon, Company Kilo positioned nearby maneuvered to assist and they observed four boats in flooded rice paddies moving west at (AT914807). Boats were ordered to stop and two did stop while the other two fled to the west. Four male and three female youths were detained from boats and squad did not fire on fleeing personnel due to the fact that none had weapons, but notified Popular Force troops in the Village of Hoa Vinh. An estimated 15-20 persons avoided detention. Detainees were sent to Regiment for interrogation.
- 20 December 1970 - 0001H. Negative contact.
- 21 December 1970 - 0030H. First Squad, First Platoon, Company Lima, while set in ambush site at (AT881715) heard movement approximately 100 meters to the unit's northeast. Unit initiated ambush with small arms fire and M-79. No return fire was received from the suspected enemy who fled to northeast. Unit called an 81mm illumination mission and swept area without further evidence of enemy in the area.

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- 22 December 1970 - 0715H. 1st Engineers Road Sweep Team located one metal cylinder with cone shaped top at (AT939791). Device was laying on top of the ground in the center of the road. Engineers carefully probed the area, moved the device off the road, and destroyed it with C-4. The explosion caused a one foot by one foot by one and one-half foot crater.
- 23 December 1970 - 0545H. First Squad, Third Platoon, Company India, while in ambush site at (AT908837), observed four enemy with packs and rifles approaching ambush site from east at approximately 20 meters. Squad initiated small arms fire on enemy. Enemy returned 15-20 rounds of AK-47 fire and fled to east. Unit swept area under 81mm mortar illumination and found no signs of enemy. Search was again conducted at first light finding one dead VC with AK-47 and assorted equipment and documents. A search also revealed bags of rice, tobacco, and some equipment that had been discarded by fleeing enemy. Footprints indicated total enemy strength of 20 to 30 personnel. Chieu Hoi appeal was made by loudspeaker at 1000H with negative results.
- 1800H. First Squad, Second Platoon, Company India, while enroute to ambush site at (AT903865), spotted two enemy carrying rifles and wearing dark clothing approximately 50 meters to the unit's southeast. Enemy spotted Marine unit and fled into brush to northeast before unit was able to initiate small arms fire. Unit swept area but was unable to close with the enemy.
 - 2000H. Company India CP (AT906848) observed four enemy approaching from south at approximately 100 meters. Enemy wore black clothing and were carrying rifles. Company lines initiated contact with M-16 and M-79 fire and enemy returned approximately 15 rounds AK-47 fire and fled to south. With aid of 81mm illumination the Marines swept area and found one dead enemy with AK-47 and equipment. Area was reswept at first light finding numerous blood trails leading to the south.
- 24 December 1970 - 0230H. Company India CP at (AT906848) heard movement 30 meters to their south. No enemy were spotted so unit called an 81mm illumination fire mission and swept the area finding numerous footprints in the mud, but could not make contact with the enemy.

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- 25 December 1970 - 1500H. Company India, Special Activity, at (AT882851) while on patrol found two well used foot trails. One trail ran from (AT882851) to (AT885851), the other trail ran from (AT894843) to (AT896843). On first trail unit found fresh footprints, several small rest sites and 15 empty mackerel cans. On the other trail unit found several bootprints, one pack (Non-U.S. Manufacture), and several bloodsoaked bandages. The area was thoroughly searched without any further findings.
- 26 December 1970 - 1230H. Company India, while enroute to resupply, was approached by Vietnamese civilians who turned in one chicom grenade at (AT922851). Vietnamese were paid and the chicom was turned over to S-2.
- 27 December 1970 - 0001H. Negative contact.
- 28 December 1970 - 0001H. Negative contact.
- 29 December 1970 - 0001H. Negative contact.
- 30 December 1970 - 1910H. Second Squad, First Platoon, Company Kilo, at grid (AT874800) initiated contact with two enemy at (AT870800) that were wearing black pajama type clothing and were carrying rifles. Unit received one burst of AK-47 fire from enemy who then split up with one fleeing west and one fleeing southeast. Unit fired 20 M-79 illumination rounds, one W.P. and seven H.E. 60mm mortar rounds. Company Kilo CP fired five 81mm illumination rounds to aid the unit. Unit called 105mm fire mission on routes of escape and swept the area at first light without further sightings or contact with the enemy.
- 31 December 1970 - 0001H. Negative contact.

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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PART IV
SECTION A
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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A tunnel search and clear operation conducted by 3d CIT, 01 security squad and Engineers (AT916804) uncovered 01 tunnel, 01 meter diameter, 1 1/2 meters deep and 2 meters long at bottom. Within tunnel was 01 NLF flag, 35 VC propaganda leaflets, 01 U.S. semi-automatic Carbine with 30 rounds in magazine and 01 soaked rice ration. In adjacent area found 02 food buckets, 01 rain cape and miscellaneous eating utensils. Tunnel was destroyed by Engineers.

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2045 2100 2

106 PF unit (AT935822) received small arms fire from estimated 05 enemy to the south west. During contact 01 civilian female 01 infant and 01 PF received minor injuries from small arms fire. An artillery Illum mission was called and 03 personnel were medevaced to FLC.

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K-1 CP (AT885772) received 01 small arms round believed fired from Carbine, approx 250-300 meters to the northeast, impacting approx 20 meters from position. One squad swept area questioning 15 civilians. Civilians all had valid I.D. cards and had no rounds or weapons and were released to return to field.

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CUPP 4-A (PF patrol) found 01 booby trapped 61mm mortar round (AT897796), along trail. Booby trap was pressure release type, buried nose down in ground and prepped up with bamboo sticks. Round was blown in place.

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CAS on grid (AT884797) resulted in 01 secondary explosion, 01 uncovered and partially destroyed bunker. K-2 is scheduled to patrol area on 04 December 1970.

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K-1 while on daytime patrol (AT892772), observed the word "HEHE" scratched in dirt along trail. Unit searched area finding 01 ammo box recently buried in mud puddle. Unit made no attempt to open box. Box was blown in place with TNT, resulting in larger explosion than expected.

1905 1920 2

L-3 (AT871761) observed 01 secondary explosion resembling white phosphorus at grid AT843758. Delayed secondary explosion was a result of air strike conducted at same grid at 031145H.

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While set in ambush site (AT879857), I-11 heard movement approx 25 meters to west. Unit waited till enemy was within 10 meters and threw four M-26 frag grenades. 01 enemy was seen fleeing to the west and moaning and screaming was heard as though enemy was wounded. Shortly after throwing grenades, I-11 received 01 incoming round, believed to be M-79, from the east. Unit called for basketball illumination and an HE fire mission. A reaction force was sent out from India's position to aid in sweep which netted no signs of enemy wounded or weapons.

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Post #23 reported hearing 05 shots (AT938788) and seeing 01 personnel fall from motor bike. Officer of the Day went to the scene. 02 hand illuminations were fired. No movements or un-usual sightings were observed. No sightings of fallen bike or personnel were observed.

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Road sweep team located 01 10 lb metallic mine laying along south shoulder on top of ground (AT934793). Engineers destroyed mine in place with C-4.

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PF Activity received small arms fire from approx 12 VC/NVA 100 meters to 150 meters to units west-northwest(AT899794). PF unit returned small fire and enemy fled to west-northwest. Unit swept area. No further contact with the enemy was made. A 105mm fire mission was called on enemy's suspected escape route.

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Forward observer with India Company sighted GI VC/NVA at grid AT894847 wearing black pajamas and running southeast toward ravine. Unit called 105mm fire mission. One round impacted directly on fleeing enemy. After end of mission GI body was observed through sniper scope lying face down in stream bed.

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While set in ambush site (AT858734), L-11 received 01 incoming CHICOM 05 meters south west of unit's position. 01 USMC personnel received minor injuries, was treated by corpsman, and returned to duty. Area swept at first light with unit finding no further sign of enemy.

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Led by 3rd CIT informant, a search operation was conducted by K-1 and 3rd CIT element VIC (AT918794). Unit located 03 cache sites covered with sand. 02 proved empty. Third cache contained 01 M-79 grenade launcher #164273 in serviceable condition, 04 M-79 HE rounds and 02 M-26 fragmentation grenades. Ordnance was blown in place and M-79 was sent to Battalion Armory.

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1615 1630 3

01 Vietnamese child brought 05 50 caliber rounds to battalion rear gate (AT940783). S-2 paid child 40\$ VN for ordnance. Ordnance was turned over to S-4 to be destroyed.

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K3 CP at (AT858785), observed an explosion approximately 600 meters to their east. Believed to be an 81mm or 82mm mortar round. Check of all friendly artillery and mortar positions revealed no round expended in this area. Search of area revealed no indication as to the cause of explosion.

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While on daytime patrol (AT880850) India
3 Special found 01 U.S. Cargo net. Net will
be returned to the Battalion rear later by
helicopter.

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While on daytime patrol (AT885860), I-11
located enemy harbor site, dimensions 30
feet by 15 feet large enough to accommodate
10-12 personnel. Unit checked out area
finding 02 cooking areas, 02 KOI pamphlets,
empty G-4 packets, and 01 empty tin foil
containers. 03 well used trails were
leading from harbor site going northwest
to southeast.

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One Vietnamese youth led Engineers to location of one 81mm illumination dud round AT939791. Engineers destroyed round in place and paid youth 100\$ VN. Engineers were then approached by two Vietnamese Children who directed them to one M-26 fragmentation grenade and one M-79 high explosive round. The ordnance was destroyed in place and children were paid 200\$ VN.

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K3, while on patrol (AT883806), had CI USN
personnel who slipped breaking his right an-
kle. Medevac was called and completed.

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JOURNAL OPENED

Road sweep team located 01 ten pound metallic mine laying off road approximately 05 feet from south shoulder at grid (AT925794). Wires ran from cannister to rice paddy. Engineers destroyed mine in place with C-4 and explosion caused a 2 foot by 2 foot by 1 foot crater.

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A squad from Company Lima, while on patrol at (AT875722) was approached by 07 Vietnamese youths who turned in 200 50 Cal rounds, 150 rounds of 5.56 ammo, 18 M-79 illumination rounds, 07 M-79 HE rounds, 01 M-26 grenade, 04 M-16 magazines, 02 smoke grenades and 01 trip flare. Numbers of ordnance was taken and ordnance was destroyed in place.

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K1, while on patrol (AT847817), found large base camp area for approximately 50-60 enemy. Camp contained 10 huts five feet by seven feet and one bunker two feet by three feet. Area appeared to have been abandoned for one month. Three AK-47 magazines were in area and were turned over to S-2.

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Kilo CP (AT897822), while firing 106 beehive rounds across river at grid (AT875834), observed Q1 secondary explosion. 105 Artillery and 81mm mortar fire mission was called on area with no further secondary explosions being observed.

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L-13 at (AT875727) reported one USMC personnel as being stung by scorpion resulting in unconsciousness and convulsions. Emergency medevac was called and completed.

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RFs in convey (AT912943 to AT888954) received 20 B-40 rounds and a large number of mortar rounds. Rounds hit 05 trucks killing 01 person and wounding 02. RFs returned fire with small arms and 60mm mortars at (AT909953). Duster mission fired in support of convey. 02 personnel were medevaced by truck.

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K1, while on patrol found 01 two gallon water can, assorted blue clothing, and several small food cans at grid (AT839813). All gear was destroyed.

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I3, while moving to ambush site (AT903867), received 06 small arms rounds from 150 meters to the northeast. Unit returned small arms fire and 04 enemy wearing dark clothing were seen fleeing to the north. Sweep of area resulted in the finding of numerous blood trails and 01 bush cover damaged by small arms.

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K3C, while returning from night ambush site, located 01 circular grass tunnel 07 ft. in diameter and 09 ft. in height. Unit destroyed the tunnel which was located at (AT888809).

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K2 observed movement 400 meters west of ambush site and waited for personnel to approach well into killing zone. When persons approached to 200 meters, it was noticed that none were armed and squad leader directed that persons be detained rather than brought under fire. 02 fire teams left ambush and approached the persons who fled to south. Marines pursued and detained 03 male adults and 01 male youth at (AT912808). A second squad positioned nearby maneuvered to assist and they discovered 04 boats in paddies moving west at (AT914807). Boats were ordered to halt and 02 stopped while 02 fled. 04 male and 03 female youths averaging 10 years of age were detained. Since all detainees had been unarmed marines did not fire on escaping boat but notified Popular Forces in village of Hoa Vinh. An estimated 15-20 persons avoided detention. Detainees sent to Regiment for interrogation.

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L-11, while set in ambush (AT881715) heard movement approximately 100 meters to the unit's northeast. Unit initiated ambush with small arms and M-79 fire. Unit received no return fire from suspected enemy which fled to northeast. An 81mm illumination mission called and L-11 swept area finding no sign of enemy or weapons.

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1st Engineer Road Sweep Team at (AT939791)
located 01 metal cylinder with cone shaped
top lying on top of ground near center of
road. Device was 4 inches in diameter, 06-08
inches in length, and had 03 wires located
on cones. After carefully probing area, en-
gineers moved device off south side of road
and destroyed with C-4. Positive results ob-
served as explosion left a 01 ft. X 01 ft.
X 1 1/2 ft. crater.

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I-3A observed 04 VC/NVA with packs and with rifles approaching ambush site (AT908837) east approximately 20 meters away. Unit initiated contact with small arms. Enemy returned 15-20 rounds AK-47 fire and fled to east. Unit swept area under 81mm illumination without findings. At first light search of area was conducted and 01 dead VC with AK-47 and assorted equipment and documents were found. Battlefield also contained bags of rice, tobacco, and equipment that had been discarded by fleeing enemy. Footprints indicated the total enemy strength of 20-30. Ghieu Noi appeal was made by loudspeaker at 1000H with negative results.

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L-12 found 01 60mm mortar sighting device at grid (AT892715). Device was M-4 type with broken traversing bubble and was found just off side of trail. Area was searched with no further findings.

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I-2A while reconing night ambush site at (AT908863), spotted 02 enemy with weapons and wearing dark clothing while moving southeast at approximately 50 meters to the unit's southwest. Enemy spotted Marine unit and fled into brush to northeast before unit was able to initiate contact. Unit swept area but was unable to observe or make contact with enemy.

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04 VC/NVA were observed approaching India CP at (AT906848) from south, at 100 meters. Enemy were wearing black shirts and shorts and were carrying rifles. Unit initiated contact with small arms and M-79 while receiving 15 rounds fire from enemy who then fled to south. Unit swept area finding 01 dead VC/NVA with AK-47 rifle and a search the following morning revealed numerous blood trails. Kilo CP (AT897822) spotted flashing light at (AT884820) and called 60mm fire mission. One squad swept the area without further signs of enemy in area.

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JOURNAL OPENED

While set in night defensive position at grid
(AF906848), Company India heard movement 30
meters to their south. Called an 81mm mortar
illumination mission and swept area finding
numerous footprints but could not make contact.

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JOURNAL OPENED

While on patrol (AT882851), I-4 found 02 well used trails containing numerous footprints, several small rest areas, and 15 mackerel cans. On second trail unit found 01 non-U.S. manufacture pack and several blood soaked bandages. Area was thoroughly searched and unit continued on patrol.

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JOURNAL OPENED

Company India (AT922851) while enroute to resupply was approached by Vietnamese civilians who turned in 01 chicom grenade. The personnel were paid and the chicom grenade was turned over to S-2.

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While set in ambush site at grid (MT915853),
01 USMC personnel from Company India was
wounded by another member of the ambush who
mistook him for the enemy when he moved to
assist his relief. Victim received 01 .45
caliber gunshot wounds. Emergency medevac
called and promptly completed.

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Personnel at OP RENO (AT884746) obsv'd 08 rocket flashes. The flashes were estimated to be 5,000-6,000 meters southeast of OP RENO, on an azimuth of 150 degree. Rockets appeared to be heading in a northeasterly direction. OP RENO advised the Battalion COG of the above information which was passed on to Regiment at 0620H.

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While enroute to ambush site (AT874800), K-12 initiated contact with 02 VC/NVA dressed in black pajamas and carrying rifles. Unit received one burst of AK-47 fire. One enemy fled to West and other fled to the southeast. K-12 fired M-79 and 60mm mortar illumination. 105 Fire Mission called and completed. Will sweep at first light.

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1. (S) SITUATION

A. ENEMY: NO CHANGE EXCEPT RECENT INTELLIGENCE INDICATES INCREASE VCI ACTIVITY VICINITY KIM LIEN VILLAGE AT 923855.

B. FRIENDLY: NO CHANGE

C. ATTACH/DETACH: 81MM MORTAR PLT BE PREPARED TO ATTACK ONE (1) SECTION ON ORDER TO COMPANY INDIA. EFFECTIVE 021500H JAN 71, 106 RR PLT IS DETACHED FROM COMPANY INDIA AND IS DESIGNATED JOINT ACTION PLATOON FOR KIM LIEN VILLAGE.

2. (S) MISSION

A. THIRD BN(-), FIRST MAR PROVIDE SECURITY AND CONDUCT JOINT RVN/USMC POPULATION CONTROL OPERATIONS COMMENCING 020400H JAN 71 IN KIM LIEN VILLAGE.

3. (S) EXECUTION

A. COMPANY INDIA

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(1) PHASE ONE. CONTINUE CURRENT SECURITY AND AMBUSH OPERATIONS VIC KIM LIEN VILLAGE. BY 020400H JAN 71 ESTABLISH BLOCKING POSITIONS AROUND KIM LIEN VILLAGE TO PREVENT ALL INFILTRATION AND EXFILTRATION WHILE VIETNAMESE FORCES INITIATE POPULATION CONTROL MEASURES IN THE VILLAGE.

(2) PHASE TWO. UPON COMPLETION OF INITIAL REGISTRATION OF VILLAGERS BY RVN TEAMS ON 2 JAN UO AT ABOUT 021500H JAN 71 DETACH 106 RR PLT FOR JOINT POPULATION CONTROL OPERATIONS WITH RVN FORCES. ONE PLATOON REMAIN VIC KIM LIEN CONDUCTING VILLAGE AMBUSHES AT NIGHT. ONE PLATOON MOVE WEST TO THE FOOTHILLS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING DAYTIME PATROLS TO SEARCH FOR CLOSE-IN ENEMY HARBOR SITES.

(3) PHASE THREE. AT A TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED ONE PLT MOVES TO PATROL RIDGELINE ABOVE KIM LIEN AND FURTHER WEST WHILE ONE PLT CONDUCTS PATROLS AND AMBUSHES IN FOOTHILLS.

B. COMPANY KILO. CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION.

C. COMPANY LIMA. CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION.

D. JOINT ACTION PLATOON. EFFECTIVE 021500H JAN 71 AND UPON COMPLETION OF INITIAL REGISTRATION OF VILLAGERS BY RVN TEAMS ON 2 JAN UO AT ABOUT 021500H JAN 71 DETACH 106 RR PLT FOR JOINT POPULATION CONTROL OPERATIONS WITH RVN FORCES IN KIM LIEN VILLAGE.

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(1) ESTABLISH AND MAN CHECK POINTS WITH RVN FORCES

(2) CONDUCT CENSUS OF VILLAGE

(3) CONDUCT DAYTIME LOCAL JOINT SECURITY PATROLS AND JOINT NIGHT AMBUSHES.

(4) FURTHER POPULATION CONTROL MEASURES WILL BE AS DIRECTED BY THIS HQ.

ED COORDINATION INSTRUCTIONS

(1) VIETNAMESE FORCES ARRIVE KIM LIEN @2050MH JAN 71 TO INITIATE POPULATION CONTROL MEASURES.

(2) DURATION OPERATION INDEFINITE

(3) LOCAL POINT OF CONTACT FOR ALL VIETNAMESE FORCES KIM LIEN VILLAGE AREA WILL BE PLT LDR 39TH PF PLT.

4. (S) ADMIN / LOGISTICS

A. NO CHANGE

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5. (S) COMMAND/COMM/ELEC

A. STRESS COMM SECURITY; COMM LAW CURRENT COI.

B. JOINT ACTION PLATOON HQ COLOCATE WITH PF HQ.

C. FREQUENCIES AND CALL SIGNS; NO CHANGE

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