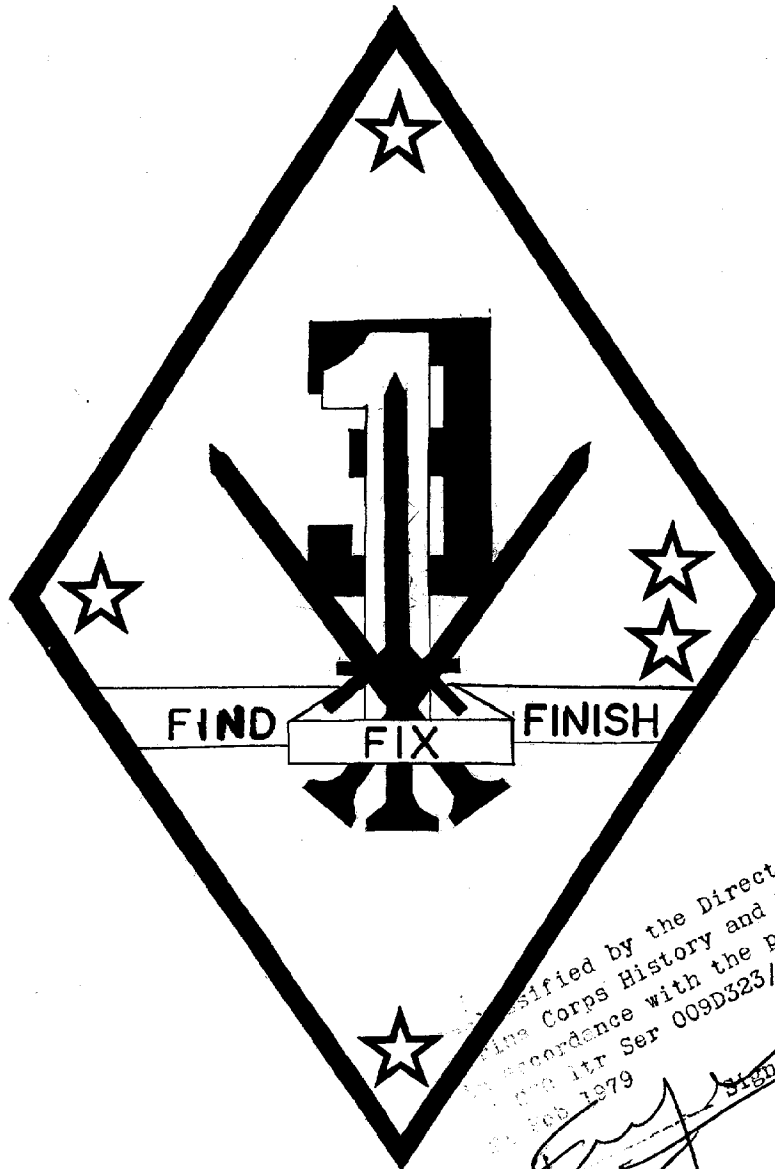


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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

1. 3d Battalion(-), 1st Marines (1-28) Feb 1971 LtCol M. A. MOORE

SUBORDINATE UNITS

(a) H&S Company	(1-28) Feb	Capt. B. W. DOCKERY
(b) Company India	(1-28) Feb	Capt. J. R. WILLIAMS
(c) Company Kilo	(1-02) Feb (3-28) Feb	Capt. J. C. SHORT, Jr. 1stLt J. D. ROBINSON
(d) Company Lima	(1-23) Feb (24-28) Feb	Capt. L. A. WALLACE 1stLt J. J. LANGDON

2. LOCATION

(a) Quang Nam Province, RVN (1-28) Feb 1971

3. KEY BILLETS

(a) Executive Officer	(1-11) Feb (12-23) Feb (24-28) Feb	Major P. L. LEFEVRE Major G. R. FRANK, Jr. Major N. H. SMITH
(b) Adjutant	(1-28) Feb	1stLt J. J. YANTORN
(c) S-1	(1-28) Feb	1stLt K. J. MCCANN
(d) S-2	(1-28) Feb	GySgt D. L. LOHMEIER
(e) S-3	(1-28) Feb	Major G. R. FRANK, Jr.
(f) S-3A	(1-28) Feb	1stLt G. C. PASCALE
(g) S-4	(1-02) Feb (03-28) Feb	1stLt G. M. POULOS Capt. J. C. SHORT, Jr.
(h) S-4A	(03-28) Feb	1stLt G. M. POULOS

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(i) ALO	(1-28) Feb	1stLt G. W. BENSON
(j) FAC	(1-28) Feb	1stLt J. E. BURCKHARD
(k) ArtyO	(1-28) Feb	1stLt G. R. CORN
(l) CommO	(1-28) Feb	1stLt M. P. RANK
(m) SupplyO	(1-05) Feb (06-28) Feb	1stLt J. W. JORDAN 2ndLt G. C. ARMISTEAD
(n) MTO	(1-28) Feb	1stLt J. W. CUMMINGS
(o) S-5	(1-07) Feb (08-28) Feb	1stLt J. P. HARRINGTON 1stLt R. C. WOOTEN
(p) Battalion Chaplain	(1-28) Feb	Lt Z. C. MITCHELL
(q) Battalion Surgeon	(1-28) Feb	Lt W. S. THOM

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u> <u>OFF</u> <u>ENL</u>	<u>USN</u> <u>OFF</u> <u>ENL</u>
H&S Company	15 291	2 47
Company India	7 238	
Company Kilo	6 195	
Company Lima	6 204	
Battalion Average	<u>34 928</u>	<u>2 47</u>

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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	OFF ENL	OFF ENL
	<u>34</u> <u>907</u>	<u>3</u> <u>47</u>

b. Casualties

<u>BATTLE</u>			<u>NON-BATTLE</u>		
<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>SERIOUS</u>	<u>MINOR</u>	<u>DEATH</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

c. Replacements received

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
<u>10</u>	<u>299</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12</u>

d. Rotation During Month

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
<u>3</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>

e. Personnel Summary

(1) At the close of the reporting period the personnel strength was as follows: 34 Marine Corps Officers, 931 Marine Corps Enlisted, two Navy Officers, and 47 Navy Enlisted.

(2) There were three Marine Corps Officer promotions.

(3) Enlisted promotions during the reporting period consisted of two Marines promoted to Sergeant, 42 Marines promoted to Corporal, 65 Marines promoted to Lance Corporal, and 14 Marines promoted to Private First Class.

(4) Awards recommended during the reporting period consisted of: seven Bronze Star Medals, eight Navy Commendation Medals, six Navy Achievement Medals, one Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, one Legion of Merit, one Armed Forces Honor Medal 1st Class, and one Civil Action Medal 1st Class.

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(5) There was one award delivered during the reporting period.

2. LEGAL AND DISCIPLINE

NJP	7
SCM (COMPLETED)	0
SCM (PENDING)	0
SPCM (COMPLETED)	1
SPCM (PENDING)	2
GCM (COMPLETED)	0
GCM (PENDING)	1
INVESTIGATIONS (COMPLETED)	4
INVESTIGATIONS (PENDING)	7

3. R&R PROGRAM

BANGKOK	8
SYDNEY	7
TAIPEI	5
HAWAII	12
HONG KONG	3
OKINAWA	4

4. CHAPLAIN SUPPORT

a. Chaplain attached: Lt. Z. C. MITCHELL

b. Divine Services conducted by the Battalion Chaplain.

- (1) Sunday Services: (a) Number held - 24
(b) Number attended - 377

c. Related Activities:

- (1) Assisted in arranging for 9 MARS calls to families.

d. Pastoral Activities:

- (1) American Red Cross messages handled - 8
(2) Personal counseling cases - 28

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SECTION B
INTELLIGENCEA. ENEMY

1. General. Overall enemy initiated activity in February increased slightly over the preceding month. During the reporting period, 3/1 made 17 contacts with the enemy, only one of which was initiated by friendly forces. Ten of these were nighttime contacts, with the remainder occurring in daylight along the Hai Van Pass. In addition, six sightings totaling 16 enemy were reported from which artillery fires accounted for six probable KIA's. 19 Vietnamese were detained by US/RF/PF forces during combined operations and subsequently turned over to GVN officials.

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

a. 31st NVA Regiment. Agent and detainee interrogation reports indicate elements of this regiment continue to operate in the western and southern portion of the AO. Exact locations are unknown as the enemy units remain dispersed in the heavily canopied mountainous terrain there.

b. 575th Rocket Battalion (Arty). Agent reports also indicate that up to company size units of this battalion continue to operate within the southern and possibly central portions of the AO, probably supported by the 31st Regiment. The 575th remains an independent unit subordinate to Front Four. Rocket launchings from the CACO area south and east of OP RENO on 1 February and again on the 21st were probably conducted by this unit.

c. Q-84 LF Armed Unit. Has an estimated strength of 50, a mortar capability and reportedly operates in the areas contingent to the Song Tuy Loan and south. It has also been reported to combine with elements of the Q-86 LF Armed Unit, which operates in southern Hoa Vang. When so combined for joint operations, these units form the Hoa Hieu LF Unit.

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 to company from battalion size in early 1970 and subordinated to the Q-85th.

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e. Guerilla Units and Local security forces from Hoa Hiep, Hoa Vinh and Hoa Lac villages, normally numbering no more than 20-40 personnel are probably 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) probably operates in the Ti Tou Mountain area west of Kim Lien with the mission of providing security for movements of rice and other supplies to Base Camps in the Hoa Hiep/Hoa Lac Mountains. Unconfirmed reports have also been received of an U/I company sized NVA unit operating in the northwest portion of the Hoa Hiep/Hoa Lac (V) mountains. The Hieu Duc C-1 Unit of 20-30 personnel is thought to be operating from base areas in the foothills west of Hoa Vinh (V). 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. Enemy activities in February occurred in two major increments, both of which coincided with agent reports of a Spring - Summer or K-800 Campaign scheduled to begin subsequent to the TET Holidays. The first period occurred during 1-10 February and was highlighted by an attack on 1 February by an estimated two platoons, probably of the C-1 Company operating west of Hoa Vinh (V), on the RF Compound near Hill 190 and site of the former CUPP-42. Also on 1 February, a rocket attack against DaNang Airfield was launched, probably by elements of the 575th Rocket Battalion, from positions near Truc Dong (H) south and east of OP RENO within the CACO area of operations. On 2, 3 and 4 February, a small force of VC/NVA probably consisting of no more than 20-30 personnel, conducted a total of four daylight attacks against convoys moving through the northern portion of Hai Van Pass and against U. S. Marine security elements posted there. Those attacks were probably designed to interdict the flow of supplies to the northern part of the country. Enemy activity slacked off around the 10th of the month and did not resume its former intensity until the 19th, which coincided with the reported 2nd phase of the K-800 Campaign. During this last part of the month, another rocket attack was launched from the Truc Dong (H) area (within a temporary 1st Battalion, 1st Marines AO extension), three more attacks were directed against convoys transiting the Hai Van Pass, and an increase in enemy nighttime activity was noted in the Kim Lien area where several small groups of three to six VC/NVA were encountered as they attempted to evade friendly ambushes and patrols while moving into the Hamlet. Elsewhere in the TAOR, the enemy continued his previously established pattern of avoiding meeting engagements, particularly with U. S. forces, and concentrated upon harassment of OP's and patrols while conducting resupply/commo-Maison activity and operations designed to increase the effectiveness of his infrastructure. A number of sightings of enemy moving along infiltration routes north of Hill 190 substantiates previous indications that the enemy still makes use of established supply routes in that area. Supplies probably originate in the market places of Xuan Thieu (H), Hoa Hiep (V) and Hoa Khanh (V).

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4. Enemy Mission. The enemy's mission appears essentially unchanged with primary emphasis continuing to be on avoiding direct contact while conducting limited harassing attacks and improving the effectiveness of 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 significant progress within the 3/1 TAOR during the reporting period. Captured documents and agent reports indicate the VC plan to continue intensification of their overall efforts begun in February as the initial phase of their Spring - Summer Campaign. Emphasis is expected to be on increased terrorism in the form of assassinations of key GVN officials, harassment of OP's and GVN installations and interdiction of major routes at critical points such as bridges and congested areas.

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 TAOR. 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 campaign as suggested in paragraph 4 above it is well known that his expectations frequently exceed his capabilities and/or actual accomplishments. Based upon this and other intelligence reports, it is considered probable that the Spring - Summer offensive will consist primarily of an intensification of the enemy's previously established pattern of isolated, widespread small scale attacks by fire directed against FVMAF installations and headquarters, harassment of patrols and OP's, and increased terrorist activity designed to intimidate the populace and discredit the GVN and its Pacification Program. An increased emphasis upon

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interdiction of main supply routes is also possible. As always, the enemy retains the capability of attacking in the manner and at times and places of his own choosing. The most effective, and least costly, means available to him of achieving his expressed goals remains the rocket, which he can be expected to make frequent use of.

6. Weather. Weather during the reporting period was characterized by lower than normal rainfall totalling .53 inches compared to the yearly average of 1.6 inches. Humidity averaged 75 percent compared to the yearly figure of 81 percent. Temperatures were normal with a mean high of 72 degrees and a mean low of 62 degrees. Friendly operations were not restricted by weather conditions.

7. Terrain. Configuration of terrain and man-made features remained unchanged.

8. Statistics

a. Contacts

(1) Friendly Initiated	(Day - 00)	(Night - 01)
(2) Enemy Initiated	(Day - 07)	(Night - 09)
(3) Total	(Day - 07)	(Night - 10)

b. Rocket Attacks 00 (Within current 3/1 TAOR's)

c. Mortar Attacks 03

d. LOB Bomb Attacks 00

e. LOC's 00

f. Booby Traps 00

g. Terrorists Incidents 00

h. KIA's (Enemy) 06 (Confirmed by Arty)

i. Detainees 19

j. Captured Weapons 00

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k. Bunkers/Tunnels Destroyed	02 (CIT Operations)
l. VIP Funds Expended	None
m. Sightings (in addition to contacts)	06 (Totaling 16 enemy)
n. Secondaries	12
o. Anti-Aircraft Harassing Attacks	02

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SECTION C
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

A. During the month of February, the battalion concentrated on protecting the DaNang Vital Area from forecast rocket launching activity. A concept of mobility was continued placing emphasis on small unit day and night patrols/ambushes in vital areas throughout the TAOR. Activity concentrated on interdicting enemy routes of supply and infiltration, suspected enemy rocket/mortar sites and suspected enemy harboring sites. Fixed strategic positions were also occupied by the battalion on Highway QL-1 to provide security for convoys in support of Operation Dewey Canyon II. Contact was most intense in the vicinity of Hai Van Pass where continual harassing attacks occurred against military convoys passing through the area.

On 9 February, Company Alpha, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines came under operational control of 3d Battalion, 1st Marines. They operated for a period of eight days in the southern portion of the battalion's TAOR, west of OP RENO. Their mission was to employ saturation patrolling in their assigned area in order to protect the DaNang Vital Area from predicted rocket activity. Emphasis was placed on coverage of vital infiltration routes and rocket launching sites within their area of operation.

On 25 February, Company Bravo, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines came under operational control of 3d Battalion, 1st Marines for a period of four days in order to saturate the Rocket Ridge area. Their mission was to search out rocket launching and enemy base locations and provide further security against rocket attacks aimed at the DaNang Vital Area.

During the month, company areas of operations were reassigned to maintain the battalion's mobility concept.

Company India assumed responsibility of OP 190 and operational control of CUPP 4-2. On 12 February, CUPP 4-2 was officially disestablished and the personnel relocated to the vicinity of Kim Lien Hamlet (AT925856), in order to carry out the Population Control Program progressing in that area. The majority of Company India patrolled the regions southwest of OP 190 in attempts to uncover enemy rocket launching sites, infiltration routes, and to provide protection of local hamlets from enemy infiltration.

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Company Lima assumed responsibility of Hai Van Pass and strategic bridge positions along Highway QL-1. The majority of Company Lima's activity centered on providing for convoys in support of Operation Dewey Canyon II. Company Lima also conducted joint Marine/RF patrols in the vicinity of Hai Van Pass in order to interdict enemy infiltration into the area.

Company Kilo assumed responsibility of OP RENO and the Dai La outpost region providing security for the 1st Marines Regimental CP. The majority of Kilo Company's activity was conducted on a small unit basis, west of OP RENO in order to carry out the battalion's mission in the rocket belt. Prior to assuming control of OP RENO, Company Kilo, then occupying the Hai Van Pass area, conducted a joint Marine/RF reconnaissance-in-force in the vicinity of Ti Tou Mountain (AT888862). Two RF Companies (Rein), and one platoon of Company Kilo conducted the operation. Numerous unoccupied sites were located.

During the period 1-28 February, Company India conducted 82 day patrols and 135 night activities. Company Lima conducted 113 day patrols and 113 night activities. Company Kilo conducted 43 day patrols and 43 night activities. Total patrol man hours continued on an upward trend from the previous month in the following table:

	<u>Dec 70</u>	<u>Jan 71</u>	<u>Feb 71</u>
Patrol Man Hours	42,080	46,080	59,000

The above represents a 24 percent increase in patrolling activity over the preceeding month and a 29 percent increase over December.

B. AIR SUPPORT

FIXED WING

The First Marine Air Wing supported the Battalion with a total of 23 fixed wing air strikes. These break down into 17 close air strikes and six Beacon's. There were 17 Forward Air Controllers utilizing OV-10 aircraft who flew in support of 3/1.

Fixed wing aircraft dropped a total of 192,000 pounds of ordnance. This breaks down into 94,000 pounds of Close Air Support and 98,000 pounds of Beacon's. There were also a total of 800 20mm and 3,000 50 cal rounds expended on targets throughout 3/1 TAOR. This ordnance resulted in four secondary explosions and 700 meters of tree line destroyed.

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There was no significant decrease in the air support received during the month of February from that of January.

ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT

23 Medevac's were completed during the month of February which evacuated ten emergency, eight priority and five routine casualties. The average time for emergency medevac's from initial call until the time the helicopters were on station was 14 minutes. It took an average of 10 minutes once the helicopter was on station to get the casualty on board and complete the mission for an average of 24 minutes from the time the mission was called until completion.

Rotary wing aircraft lifted a total of 87,743 pounds of cargo both internal and external loaded in conjunction with resupply of the Battalion.

During the month of February the First Marine Air Wing helilifted 266 passengers in support of 3/1.

C. ARTILLERY

For the period 1 February to 28 February 1971, 3d Battalion(-), 1st Marines was supported by "C" Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines for 105mm howitzer direct support, and by "L" Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines for 155mm howitzer general support fires. Reinforcing fires were provided by "A" Platoon, 3d Eight Inch Howitzer Battery. The Battalion's organic weapons fired on targets of opportunity.

On 10 February 1971, "C" Battery displaced from this TACR to the Que Son Mountains to provide support for the 5th Marines while the 2d Battalion, 11th Marines commenced standdown operations. Since that date, "L" Battery has answered all calls for fire from the Battalion with fast and accurate support.

The program of preemptive fires was continued with targets plotted on suspected enemy troop concentrations and suspected rocket sites, based on intelligence supplied by the Battalion's S-2. The extensive coverage by artillery fires assisted in the prevention of enemy rocket launches from the TACR during the month.

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Artillery forward observers accounted for six confirmed enemy KIA during the reporting period. The first two occurred on 22 February at AT892850, and four more on 26 February at AT888845. All kills resulted from 155mm fire missions.

During the month, the Artillery Liaison Section conducted 60 man-hours of training on the call for fire, adjustment techniques, and fire support coordination. Forward Observers in the field held classes in fire planning and adjustment procedures.

The Battalion has two Officer Forward Observers, attached to Companies "K" and "I", and an artillery scout observer attached to Company "I".

SUMMARYOBSERVED FIRES:

	<u>D/S ARTY</u>	<u>G/S ARTY</u>	<u>81mm MORTARS</u>
HE Targets Submitted	14	47	156
HE Targets Cleared/Fired	8	36	140
HE Rounds Expended	71	521	1514
111 Targets Submitted	1	3	16
111 Targets Cleared/Fired	1	3	15
111 Rounds Expended	15	77	263
106mm RR Rounds Expended	37		
Total Observed Rounds Expended -	2497		

PRE-EMPTIVE FIRES:

	<u>D/S ARTY</u>	<u>G/S ARTY</u>
Targets Submitted	177	535
Targets Cleared/Fired	158	527
Rounds Expended	163	668
Naval Gunfire Rounds Expended	0	0
Time on Target Rounds Expended	0	60
Total Pre-Emptive Rounds Expended -	891	

Total Rounds Expended During February - 3388

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SECTION D
TRAINING

1. THE BATTALION CONDUCTED THE FOLLOWING TRAINING DURING FEBRUARY.

a. Three Battalion Indoctrination classes were held for periods of four days each. A total of 138 personnel attended. 140 Marines reporting from the 5th Marine Regiment were put through a one day accelerated Indoctrination Class. Subjects covered in the one day class were Weapons Safety, Fam Firing of Weapons, and Command Policy.

b. A Contact Team from the 1st Engineer Battalion conducted one two hour class on Landmine Warfare. A total of 41 Marines from the Battalion attended the class.

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, Leadership, Combat Intelligence, Mines and Booby Traps, Ambush and Patrolling, 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 278 replacement personnel were instructed in this method. A total of 15 replacement personnel fired the .45 caliber pistol for familiarization. The range was utilized for personnel to fam fire and place battle sights on their weapons. A total of 608 personnel from various organizations utilized the range. Also 278 Marines fam 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 School

Landmine Warfare School 4

(2) Out of Country School

Weapons Repair School 1

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SECTION E
LOGISTICS1. ENGINEER ASSISTANCE AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION

a. During the reporting period, one engineer assistance request was submitted. This engineer assistance was the construction of 12 urinal barrels, which was completed.

2. SUPPLY

a. Supply support in the area of Class II, Type 2 is difficult to obtain. Disconnectors for the .45 caliber pistol and Class IX spare parts for the M151A1 and M274A2 (LMIC) remain in short supply.

3. MAINTENANCE

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

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>
Motor Transport	8	3
Ordnance	32	17
Comm-Elect	43	30
Engineer	0	0

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SECTION F
CIVIL AFFAIRS/CIVIC ACTIONS1. PUBLIC WORKS. Nothing to report.2. WELFAREa. Orphanages. Nothing to report.b. Refugee Hamlet. Nothing to report.c. Miscellaneous

(1) An HB team, in response to injuries sustained by Vietnamese civilians from a dud M-79 round on 16 February, circulated throughout Quang Nam Province warning the population of the hazards of dud ordnance.

(2) Investigated damages to a temple in Kim Lien hamlet resulting from the detonation of dud ordnance.

3. EDUCATIONa. Schools. Delivered one truckload of construction materials for building of a school in Ap Van Duong.b. Scholarships. Nothing to report.4. HEALTH

a. MedCaps/DentCaps treated over 260 Vietnamese during February.

b. Pamphlets on personal hygiene were distributed.

5. AGRICULTURE

a. Paid 1000\$VN for one large goose killed while crossing the road by a truck in Huong Phouc (H).

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57506. PSYOPS

a. An APT team operated in the Kim Lien and Namo areas. They distributed 5100 hand leaflets, posted 1500 Affix paper, and visited 560 families to explain the Chieu Hoi program and present Government policies.

7. SOCIAL

a. Conducted two Culture Tours of the Da Nang area for Battalion personnel.

b. Members of this command attended four social meals.

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SECTION G
MEDICAL/DENTAL AFFAIRS

A. PERSONNEL

1. On 28 February 1971 the total strength was two Medical Officers, one Chaplain, and 47 corpsmen. During this period there were 10 corpsmen transferred to other commands for duty and/or separation.

B. PATIENT LOAD

1. For this period 387 patients were seen at the Battalion Aid Station for an average of 13 patients per day.

2. There were 17 diagnosed with V.D., 14 with Diarrhea, four with Upper Respiratory Infection, four with Fever of Unknown Origin, 25 with skin disorders, and none with Malaria.

C. MEDCAP/DENTCAP

1. There were four MEDCAPS and three DENTCAPS held during the month of February.

D. SANITATION

1. Weekly sanitation inspections were conducted throughout the Battalion and outlying areas during the month of February. The Battalion and outlying areas were found in an overall satisfactory condition.

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PART II
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COMMUNICATION

A. PERSONNEL

As of 28 February, the Communication Platoon consisted of one Officer, and 81 Enlisted Marines.

B. EQUIPMENT

The Tech Shop processed 92 TEROS, 23 were evacuated to FSR. 42 TEROS were returned from FSR, five of which were left over from January 1971 and 14 from December 1970.


C. OPERATIONS/TRAINING

The radio section trained eight new operators as secure voice radiomen.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 01 February 1971 - 0030H. CUPP 4-2 at (AT906817) was attacked by an estimated force of two platoons of VC/NVA from the southeast and northwest. The enemy fired 30 82mm mortars, all of which detonated. The enemy also fired 11 B-40 rockets, nine of which detonated, and numerous small arms (AK-47) rounds. CUPP 4-2 initiated small arms and M-79 H.E. fire. The unit (Lima) on Hill 190 provided 60mm and 81mm illumination. Basketball illumination was called in on grid AT905824. Under illumination, the enemy was seen fleeing to the east and northeast. CUPP 4-2 swept the area under illumination without further contact. Two B-40 rockets were found during sweep. Contact resulted in two RF KIA's, one emergency, one priority, and three routine medevacs which commenced at 0230H and ended at 0250H. Security for medevacs was provided by a squad from Hill 190.
- 0400H. India on OP RENO (AT884727) spotted what appeared to be five large rocket flashes from grid AT906724. Flashes traced a line over the Regimental OP lines and seemed to impact far beyond it. This information was sent immediately by Flash message to Regiment.
- 0545H. OP Robin (AT897822) spotted one flashing light at grid (AT894842). Light appeared to be some type of signal. 81mm mortar (H.E.) was called on grid sightings. Results were not determined due to location of target.
- 0555H. Second Squad, Second Platoon, Company Lima (AT878828), while in ambush site, detected movement and received one incoming Chicom from west of their position at an estimated distance of 20 meters. Unit opened fire with small arms and M-79. 81mm illumination was called. One enemy was seen fleeing to the west. The unit started sweep of area and spotted two enemy fleeing north towards river. The unit fired a second time with small arms. Swept area with no further findings. One USMC received minor lacerations of the right eye resulting from an enemy grenade, was treated in the field and returned to duty.

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- 2000H. First Platoon, Company Kilo on Outpost at Engineer Pass (AT937773), received one incoming round from a westerly direction. Round believed to be a 60mm mortar, exploded 40 feet in front of center bunker. Unit fired one M-79 illumination and detected no movement.
- 02 February 1971 - 1315H. Approximately 35 VC/NVA in dark green uniforms, attacked the Second Platoon, Company Kilo security position (AT916934) on Highway QL-1. Enemy fired 60mm mortars, B-40 rockets, and small arms fire. All fire came from the high ground to the south. USMC and RF troops returned fire with M-79, M-60, and M-16. Called for and directed OV-10 and Huey Aircraft in support. Sweep of area revealed negative findings.
- 03 February 1971 - 1610H. Kilo CP and Second Platoon, Company Kilo at Hai Van Pass (AT937915) compound received four RPG rounds, two B-40 rockets and undetermined amount of small arms from approximately 15 enemy dressed in black pajamas. The incident lasted for approximately 20 minutes. RF unit manning positions around the Hai Van Pass returned fire with organic weapons. Marines positioned themselves in assigned defensive positions and called 155mm Fire Mission. Upon breaking contact, enemy fled west. RF's swept area with no further signs of the enemy. One civilian received shrapnel wounds in the back from an RPG round. One RF received a .50 caliber wound in the leg from friendly RF fire. Two priority medevacs were required by Kilo. Medevac completed at 1625H.
- 04 February 1971 - 1010H. Second Platoon, Company Kilo (AT918932) received one RPG round near its position. The round was a dud. Direction of incoming round was undetermined. No enemy was sighted and no casualty resulted from incident. Squad increased security to 100% to thwart any further incident.
- 1458H. Second Platoon, Company Kilo (AT912930) received three RPG rounds and small arms fire from five enemy in black pajamas (AT912932). Contact lasted approximately 20 minutes. At 1545H, unit received burst of automatic weapons fire from grid (AT913933).

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04 February 1971 - 1458H. (Continue) Unit returned fire with 20 60mm rounds, 1000 M-60 rounds and 460 M-16 rounds. Called 155mm Fire Mission of four WP, 25 H.E. rounds, and ARVN 105mm Fire Mission of ten H.E. rounds. Enemy withdrew to west.

- 1630H. Third Platoon, Company Kilo while moving to night position (AT924901), found two RPG rounds and one Chicom type directional mine in shallow hole covered with brush. Check of area revealed no further findings.

- 1800H. Fourth Platoon, Company Lima (AT908784). Two Vietnamese children found one M-79 H.E. round. They threw it into a fire and it exploded resulting in amputation of one child's right arm. The other child received shrapnel in the left arm and left eye. One emergency and one priority medevacs were called in at 1800H and completed at 1825H.

05 February 1971 - 1600H. Third Platoon, Company India while on patrol at grid (AT890732) discovered one 500 pound bomb. Ordnance not blown due to lack of adequate demolitions. Assistance was requested.

- 0900H. Third Platoon, Company Kilo (AT924908) was accompanying an RF unit on a joint sweep. An RF attempted to destroy a captured Chicom directional mine by burning it. Shortly afterwards the mine exploded injuring two USMC personnel. Emergency medevac was called at 0900H. Medevac not complete until 1130H due to poor visibility caused by heavy fog. One Marine died of wounds at 1045H. The body was taken to Kilo CP (AT938916) and the other Marine was medevaced to First Med.

- 2255H. Lima 4-2, Special Activity (AT908784). While set in PF ambush position, one PF had an accidental discharge with his M-16. The round went through his right foot. The wounded PF was brought to CUPP 4-2 Compound and a medevac was called for in the morning.

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- 06 February 1971 - 1645H. 3rd CIT SUB TM "B" (AT917813). While conducting search operation, came across one cache containing miscellaneous documents and a K-54 pistol with two loaded magazines. While completing search of cache area, team received three to five rounds from cave/tunnel approximately 15 meters to the north. Team responded with grenades and small arms fire. Tunnel appeared to be approximately two meters deep and approximately 1½ x 1½ meters in width. Approximately 40 pounds of C-4 and shaped charges were used to destroy the position. No exits to tunnel were found indicating one VC/NVA KIA (probable).
- 1845H. Two Vietnamese children brought one B-40 rocket to Lima's Company CP (AT897822). Round was reported to have been found in a rice paddy and not camouflaged. Round appeared to have been in rice paddy for approximately one week. EOD was notified to dispose of ordnance.
 - 1915H. Company Kilo (AT936867). One RF was injured by a frag grenade and brought to the ESSO Plant. The RF had been on patrol with his own unit in the RF Area Operations I. Unit called for an emergency medevac but the RF died at 1925H before the medevac started. Medevac request was cancelled.
 - 1935H. CP ROBIN (AT897822) spotted two lights at grid AT895845 with definite movement of lights from side to side and moving south down a trail. A 105mm mission was called at 1940H and completed at 2045H. Four 105mm WP and 30 H.E. rounds were expended. The lights were then extinguished. No further movement detected.
 - 2125H. First Platoon, Company Lima, with PF's and RF's, while setting in night position (AT936822) received incoming small arms fire from the east. Unit returned small arms fire. Three VC/NVA were sighted wearing black pajamas and carrying M-16 rifles. One VC/NVA fled to the northeast. The others remained in area. A sweep of the area produced nine detainees that the RF's held for interrogation. One PF was wounded in stomach. One emergency medevac was called in at 2120H and completed at 2205H.

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- 06 February 1971 - 2215H. First Platoon, Company Kilo, SATAN 8 on Battalion OP (AT937773) received one grenade from the southwest, landing 15 meters from CP. Unit fired M-79 H.E. rounds, and threw three M-26 grenades. Unit will search at first light.
- 07 February 1971 - 0001H. Negative Contact.
- 08 February 1971 - 2145H. First Platoon, Company Lima, while set in night ambush (AT932816) received two AK-47 rounds from the northeast. Unit returned small arms fire and one hand pop-up illumination was fired. A visual recon of area provided no signs of further activity.
- 09 February 1971 - 1730H. Lima (AT897822). Two Vietnamese children found one 105mm round which appeared to be quite old. Children's names were obtained and told to report to Lima's CP on 10 February 1971, for V.I.P. Payment, but did not returned.
- 2025H. First Platoon, Company Lima (AT925814), while set in night ambush received small arms fire from an estimated four enemy located approximately 50 meters north of friendly position. Unit returned small arms fire. Enemy broke contact and fled eastward apparently into the ville. Unit together with PF/RF unit cordoned off the ville, and conducted a house to house search under 81mm and artillery illumination. The actual search of houses was conducted by Vietnamese personnel only. Search resulted in ten detainees, nine of which were questioned and released. One detainee had ten carbine rounds and a battle dressing in his home. He was kept for further questioning by RF.
- 10 February 1971 - 1130H. CP RENO (AT882742). An inspection of the lines at CP RENO revealed one claymore used as part of the perimeter's defense was missing. Claymore was replaced. Investigation could not reveal how the Claymore mine was removed.
- 2230H. First Platoon, Company Lima in ambush site (AT934815), received small arms fire from grid AT934817. The fire came from the north and the enemy fled to the northeast. Two VC/NVA were sighted fleeing the area. Enemy were dressed in black pajamas and carrying rifles. Unit returned fire with small arms only, then swept area with no further sightings.

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- 11 February 1971 - 0001H. Negative Contact.
- 12 February 1971 - 0001H. Negative Contact.
- 13 February 1971 - 0810H. 7th Engineers at grid (AT890825) found one 60mm round on road sweep. The round was not booby trapped and was blown in place with C-4.
- 2230H. First Platoon, Company Lima (AT935821), while in ambush site saw three enemy moving to their west. Unit called for illumination and enemy ducked down until illumination died out. Enemy moved again and unit opened fire with small arms. Enemy stopped and unit received two rounds of return fire. Enemy wore no helmets or packs. Unit swept the area with no positive findings. Unit could not determine direction enemy fled due to terrain.
- 14 February 1971 - 0830H. "S-3, 3/1", while on VR of Battalion TACR, helicopter received six to eight rounds small arms fire from a group of 20-25 personnel scattered along ridgeline at grid AT898884. Enemy then fled to the west. VR returned to 3d Battalion(-), 1st Marines and requested aerial observation. OV-10 on station at 0910H observed woodcutters in area of grid AT912883. Observed no weapons. Off station at 0935H.
- 15 February 1971 - 0001H. Negative Contact.
- 16 February 1971 - 1050H. Lima (AT908812). Six Vietnamese personnel while working in fields, found one M-79 round. One of the personnel picked the round up in order to bring it to Lima's position. The round exploded causing serious injuries to himself and two other Vietnamese personnel. One priority medevac was called. The other two Vietnamese personnel were taken to 3/1 BAS by vehicle with minor injuries.
- 1530H. Third Platoon, Company Lima (AT903828), while on their day patrol route found some old gear, which was laying among some thick bushes and cover, off to side of trail. Unit picked up the gear and searched the area. The items were one glass tube, one pay roll list, one

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- 16 February 1971 - 1530H. (Continue) sock, one grass cutting tool, one knife, one clay vase, one battle dressing, three feet of detonating cord, and two blasting caps. The gear was turned over to S-2.
- 17 February 1971 - 2400H. Fourth Platoon, Company India (AT922863) spotted four enemy moving from east to west. The enemy were observed by means of a starlite scope. One of the enemy was carrying a weapon and the others were not. Type of clothing could not be determined. One M-79 illumination and six M-79 H.E. rounds were fired at the enemy. No return fire was received. Unit attempted to sweep the area, but was stopped by deep water. No further signs of the enemy were obtained.
- 18 February 1971 - 1000H. First Platoon, Company Kilo (AT896865), located a base camp large enough to hold approximately one company sized enemy force. S-2 Scout personnel estimated it had not been used for approximately six months. Area was searched finding ten hut frames, one cooking pot, and approximately 100 used mackerel cans.
- 19 February 1971 - 1530H. A Marine in the First Platoon, Company Golf (AT864806), chewed on elephant grass and developed swollen tongue and mouth. 3/1 Battalion Aid Station was contacted and it recommended a routine medevac. Medevac was called at 1530H and completed at 1547H.
- 2300H. Third Platoon, Company India at Outpost Four (AT936758), and Gate 12 at Dai La Pass (AT939754) received 80 to 90 rounds incoming small arms fire followed by sporadic small arms fire for a period of approximately 40 minutes. Positions observed four enemy with packs moving toward Dai La outpost from the east. Positions returned small arms fire and called 81mm illumination. Enemy moved within defensive wire and eventually withdrew toward the west. Positions pursued by fire and continued observation under illumination. Sweep of area at Dai La Pass revealed no significant findings.

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20 February 1971 - 2055H. Fourth Platoon Alpha, Company India (AT921861) received 100 rounds (AK-47) fire from five enemy, 400 meters to the northeast (AT924859). Fourth Platoon Bravo, Company India (AT921852) received 50-60 rounds (AK-47) fire from 300 meters west (AT917853). First Platoon, Company Lima (AT925866) received sporadic fire (AK-47) from 250 meters to the south (AT923864). Positions returned small arms fire and M-79 fire and called 155mm illumination. Fourth Platoon, Company India displaced to the southeast upon termination of contact and a sweep was conducted by Fourth Platoon Bravo, Company India, and First Platoon, Company India. Enemy withdrew to northwest and west. Estimated enemy strength 15. Sweep of area resulted in no further findings. OV-10 Aircraft was requested to accompany detailed search in the morning.

21 February 1971 - 1045H. Fourth Platoon, Company India (AT920852, AT922863). Fourth Platoon, Company India completed search in area of 20 February contact. Found several AK-47 cartridge casings, but no further signs of enemy activity. Unit found and destroyed three dud 81mm mortar rounds.

- 1345H. First Platoon, Company Kilo (AT879750), while on patrol found one dud 60mm round in a semi-clearing on their patrol route. Unit destroyed round in place with C-4.
- 1620H. A 32 U.S. Army and 13 civilian vehicle convoy proceeding from south to north on Highway QL-1 between (AT917934) and (AT928924) received four to five incoming 82mm mortar rounds fired from (AT912928) and small arms fire from (AT912920). Third Platoon Bravo, Company Lima (AT917934) and Third Platoon Charlie, Company Lima (AT917934) bridge positions simultaneously received small arms fire and four RPG rounds from the west (AT912928). Third Platoon Bravo and Third Platoon Charlie, Company Lima returned fire with M-79, M-16, and 60mm mortar. A platoon from the 134th RF Company swept south from (AT917934) toward Third Platoon Bravo, Company Lima position with no positive findings of the enemy. An OV-10 Aircraft assisted in the sweep.

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21 February 1971 - 2005H. First Platoon, Company Kilo (AT863765), Listening Post reported sound of movement 200 meters north of their position. One 60mm mortar H.E. round was fired to recon the area. Sound continued and one hand-illumination pop-up disclosed single human silhouette withdrawing to the north. Five M-79 rounds were fired to position of silhouette and surrounding area. Search disclosed no further sign of enemy. Listening Post displaced area to be checked by day patrol.

22 February 1971 - 0730H. First Platoon, Company Kilo (AT863765), on the sweep of the area where they had movement the night of 21 February 1971, found one claymore unconnected and thrown down the hill and another upturned and still connected. Claymores were taken back to position.

- 1600H. Third Platoon, Company Lima (AT927923) occupying bridge positions received small arms fire and two RPG rounds from the south of their position. One enemy was observed fleeing southward. More small arms fire and two more RPG rounds were again received minutes later, damaging one ARVN jeep causing minor damages and no casualties. Unit and RF's initiated small arms fire on the observed fleeing enemy. A sweep of the area conducted by RF's provided no further signs of the enemy.

- 1715H. FO Team 61 (AT895821) spotted three enemy wearing tan clothes moving northwest from (AT892850). Two enemy were observed carrying weapons. FO Team 61 called 155mm Fire Mission, firing 38 H.E. rounds on the enemy. Two enemy were observed taking direct hits. Third enemy was observed fleeing to the northwest and out of sight.

- 2035H. Fourth Platoon, Company India (AT921852), spotted two VC/NVA wearing khaki uniforms or utilities, moving toward a trench line (AT921852). At 2047H, unit spotted five to six more VC/NVA. Unit conducted a sweep toward the trench and received SKS or M-16 fire from the south and east. Unit returned fire with M-16, M-60 and M-79. After the firing had ceased a thorough sweep of the area was completed with no further findings.

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23 February 1971 - 0001H. Negative Contact.

24 February 1971 - 1200H. First Platoon, Company India (AT889803) day patrol found one skeleton wrapped in a poncho. Remains consisted of bones, no skull, and no clothing. Incense and flowers had been placed near the remains. Report made to higher headquarters.

- 2240H. RF Compound (AT907816) was attacked by an estimated three to five enemy with small arms and grenades. Enemy (AT907816) approached from the east and returned to the east after contact. RF returned small arms, M-60, and M-79 fire. Contact lasted approximately 10 minutes. RF used organic illumination. Will sweep at first light. RF Commander thinks enemy received one KIA, negative friendly casualties. No USMC personnel or assets involved.

25 February 1971 - 0001H. Negative Contact.

26 February 1971 - 1125H. Lima Three Bridge Security Positions at grids (AT918933) and (AT927923) received small arms fire from the west. A U.S. Army Convoy moving north between above grids, took B-40 and small arms fire from five to ten enemy. B-40 rockets struck one Army jeep, one Army five ton truck, and one Army five ton tractor. All vehicles were disabled and the five ton truck caught fire. Marines and convoy personnel returned small arms and M-79 fire. Enemy broke contact and fled to west after ten minutes. Sweep by elements of Lima Company resulted in no significant findings.

- 1830H. FO Team 61. Forward Observer (AT891823) attached to India Company observed four VC/NVA at grid (AT888845) with packs and rifles. Forward Observer called 155mm Fire Mission. 11th Marines observation tower ROBIN called another fire mission 800 meters to the east at grid (AT894846). 78 rounds of 155mm H.E. were fired. Four enemy KIA were confirmed by India-6.

27 February 1971 - 0001H. Negative Contact.

28 February 1971 - 0001H. Negative Contact.

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CUPP 4-2 AT906817. An estimated force of two platoons of VC/NVA attacked CUPP 4-2 from the southeast and northwest. Enemy fired five B-41 rockets, one round 82mm mortar H.E. and approximately 45 rounds of small arms (AK-47). Contact resulted in two RF KIA'S, one emergency, one priority, and three routine medevacs. No USMC personnel were injured. CUPP 4-2 opened fire with s/a and M-79 H.E. Hill 190 provided 60mm and 81mm illumination. Under illumination, enemy was seen to flee east and northeast. Investigation determined that 30 82mm mortars were received, all of which detonated. This is instead of the reported one 82mm mortar round. Also, 11 B-40 rockets were received, nine of which detonated. Basketball illumination was called in on grid 905824. CUPP 4-2 swept area of contact and found two B-41 rockets that were believed to have been dropped by fleeing enemy. Will sweep at first light. OP RENO INDIA AT884727. OP watch spotted what appeared to be a large flash AT906724. Flashes traced a line over Regimental OP lines and seemed to impact far beyond it. Estimated seeing five rocket flashes. This info was passed to Regiment immediately by Flash message.

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OP ROBIN AT897822. OP ROBIN spotted one flashing light at grid 894842. Light appeared to be of white color and appeared to be some type of signal. 81mm H.E. mission called on grid of sightings. Results of mission were not determined due to location of target.

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L-2B AT878828. L-2B while in ambush site, detected movement and received one incoming Chicom from the west of their position at an estimated distance of 20 meters. Unit opened fire with s/a and M-79. 81mm illumination was called. One person was seen fleeing west. A unit started sweep of area and spotted two persons fleeing north towards river. L-2B fired s/a a second time.

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Swept area with no further findings. L-2B suffered one USMC minor WIA. Minor lacerations of the right eye resulting from enemy grenade. Treated and returned to duty.

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K-1 AT937773. Outpost at Engineer pass received one incoming round, from a westerly direction. Believed to be a 60mm mortar round. Exploded 40 feet in front of center bunker. Fired one M-79 illumination. Detected no movement.

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K-2 AT916934. Approximately 35 VC/NVA in dark green uniforms, attacked squad's security position on Highway Q11. Enemy fired 60mm mortars, B-40 rockets, and small arms fire. All fires came from the high ground to the south. Enemy withdrew to South after 25 minutes of contact. USMC and RF troops returned fire with M-79, M-60 and M-16. Called for and directed OV-10 and Huey Air-craft in support. Sweep of area revealed negative findings.

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K-2 AT928922. Approximately 15 VC/NVA dressed in dark green uniforms attacked K-2 platoon CP and Security position located on Q11 Highway. Unit received four incoming RPG rounds, automatic weapons fire and small arms fire. One marine received shrapnel wounds from incoming RPG rounds. Enemy broke contact and fled to the west. Marine unit returned M-16, M-60 machine gun fire, 60mm mortar fire and called 155 Fire Mission. Marines conducted sweep with no positive findings.

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LIMA RELAY AT938821. At approximately 2130, two wounded's PF's were brought to Lima Relay. They reported that while in ambush, vicinity south of NAMO, they received small arms and possible grenades from U/K size VC/NVA force. One PF was shot through the wrist and the other suffered shrapnel wounds in the back and left knee. A medevac was requested at 2245 and was complete at 2315. Language Barrier precluded obtaining any further details.

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OP RENO AT924755. Personnel at gate 12, DAI LA PASS while firing weapon received return fire westerly direction. Personnel did not return fire. Incident could not be substantiated.

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K CP K-2B AT937915. Hai Van Pass compound received four RPG rounds, two B-40 rockets and undetermined amount of S/A fire from approximately 15 enemy dressed in black pajamas. The incident lasted for approximately 20 minutes. RF unit manning positions around the Hai Van Pass returned fire with organic weapons. Marines positioned themselves in assigned defensive positions and called 155 fire mission. Upon breaking contact, enemy fled west. RF's swept area with no further signs of the enemy. One civilian received shrapnel wounds in the back from an RPG round, one RF received a .50 cal wound in the leg from friendly RF fire. Two priority medevacs were required by Kilo. Medevac complete at 1625H.

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K-2A AT918932. UNK squad sized position received one RPG round near its position. The round was a dud. Direction of incoming round was undetermined. No enemy were sighted, no casualties resulted from incident. Squad increased security to 100% to thwart any further incident.

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K-2A AT912930. Unit received three RPG rounds and small arms fire from five enemy in black pajamas, AT912932. Contact lasted approximately 20 minutes, at 1545, Unit received burst of automatic weapons fire from grid 913933. Unit returned fire with 20 60mm rounds, 1000-M-60 rounds, and 460 M-16 rounds. Called 155mm mission of four WP, 25 H.E. rounds and ARVN 105mm fire mission of ten H.E. rounds. Enemy withdrew to west.

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K-3B AT924901. While moving to night position K-3B found two RPG--seven rounds and one Chicom type directional mine in shallow hole covered with brush. Check of area revealed no further findings. Took photos of ordnance, ^{to be} blown in place the next morning.

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L-4 AT908784. Two Vietnamese children found one M-79 H.E. round. They threw it into a fire and it exploded resulting in amputation of one child's right arm. The other child received shrapnel in the left arm and left eye. One emergency and one priority medevacs were called in at 1800 and completed at 1825.

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I-3A AT980732. I-3A while on patrol discovered one 500 pound bomb AT890732. Ordinance not blown due to lack of adequate demolitions. Assistance will be requested.

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K-3B AT924908. K-3B was accompanying an RF unit on a joint sweep. An RF soldier attempted to destroy a captured chiem directional mine by burning it. Shortly afterwards the mine exploded injuring two USMC personnel. Emergency Medevac was called at 0900. Medevac not complete until 1130 due to poor visibility caused by heavy fog. One ~~body~~ died of wounds at 1045. Body being taken to Kile Cp, the other ~~body~~ was medevaced to First Mcd.

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L-4-2 AT908784. While setting in PF ambush position, one PF had an accidental discharge with his M-16. The round went through his right foot. The wounded PF was brought Cupp-42 compound and a med-evac was called for in the morning.

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3rd CIT SUB TM "B" AT917813. While conducting search operation, came across one cache containing miscellaneous documents and a K-54 pistol with two loaded magazines, while completing search of cache area, team received three to five rounds from cave/tunnel approximately 15 meters to North. TM responded with grenades and small arms. Tunnel appeared to be approximately two meters deep and approximately 1 1/2 x 1 1/2 meters in size. Approximately 40 pounds of C-4 and shaped charge were used to destroy the position. No exits to tunnel were found indicating one VC/NVA KIA (preable).

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KILO AT936867. One RF was injured by a frag and brought to ESSO Plant. The man had been on patrol with his own unit in the RF Area Ops I. Called for emergency medevac but the RF personnel died at 1925H before the medevac started. Medevac request cancelled.

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LIMA AT897822. OP ROBIN spotted two lights at 895845 with definite movement of lights from side to side and moving south down a trail. An arty mission was called at 1940 and completed at 2045. During this time four 105mm WP and 30 H.E. 105mm rounds were expended. The lights were then extinguished. No further movement detected.

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K-1 SATAN 8 AT937773. Satan 8 on Battalion CP received one grenade from the southwest, landing 15 meters from Satan 8 CP. Fired five M-79 H.E. and three M-26 frags. No further developments. Will search area at first light.

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L-16 AT936822. L-16 along with PF's and RF's while setting in night ambush sites received incoming small arms fire from the East. Three VC/NVA were sighted wearing black pajamas and carrying M-16 rifles. L-16 returned fire. One VC/NVA fled to the northeast. The others remained in area. The sweep produced nine

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detainees, that the RF's are holding for
interrogation. One Emergency medevac was
called in at 2120 and completed at 2205.
L-1A and L-1C returned to initial position.
LEMA CP AT897822. Two Vietnamese child-
ern brought one B-40 rocket to Lima's
Company's CP. Round was reported to have
been found in a rice paddy and not cam-
ouflaged. Round appeared to have been
in rice paddy for approximately one week.
EOD notified and will proceed to Hill 190
on 08 Feb 1971 to dispose of ordnance.
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L-1A AT932816. L-1A, while set in night ambush, received two AK-47 rounds from the northeast. L-1A returned small arms fire and one Pop-up was fired. A visual recon of area provided no signs of further activity.

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Lima AT897822. Two Vietnamese children reported they had found one 105 round at the above grid. Ordnance appeared to be quite old. Children's names were obtained and told to report to Lima's CP 10 Feb, 71 for V.I.P. Payment.

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L-1C AT925814. While set in night ambush L-1C received small arms fire from estimated four enemy located approximately 50 meters from friendly position. L-1C returned fire with small arms fire. Enemy broke contact and fled eastward apparently into the ville. L-1C and PF/RF cordoned off ville and conducted house to house search under 81mm and arty illum. Actual search of houses conducted by Vietnamese personnel only. Search resulted in ten detainees, nine of which were questioned and released. One detainee had ten carbine rounds and a battle dressing in his home. He is being kept for further questioning. India Afe-RF Compound received two B-40 type rounds from UNK size enemy force. No enemy sighted. No action taken by RF. No Marines involved. No casualties reported.

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OF RENO AT882742. An inspection of the lines at OF RENO revealed one claymore used as part of the perimeter defense was missing. Claymore was replaced. Investigation could not reveal how the claymore mine was removed.

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L-1A in ambush site (AT934815), received small arms fire from grid AT934817. The fire came from the north and the enemy fled to the northeast. Two VC/NVA were sighted fleeing the area. Enemy were dressed in black and carrying rifles. L-1A returned fire with small arms only, then swept area with no further sightings.

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7th Engineers AT890825, found one 60mm round on road sweep. The round was not booby trapped. Blown in place with C-4. L-1C AT935821, while at ambush site, saw three persons moving to their west. L-1C called for illumination and persons ducked down until illumination died out. Persons moved again and L-1C opened fire. Persons stopped and L-1C received two rounds of return fire. No more movement was seen. Enemy wore no helmets or packs. L-1C swept the area with no further positive findings. Could not determine direction enemy fled due to terrain. L-1C moved ambush site 300 meters south.

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Petrify AT098884. While on VR of Battalion
TACR Helicopters received 6-8 rounds small
arms fire from a group of 20-25 people
scattered along ridgeline at 898889. Per-
sons then fled to the west. VR returned
to 3/1 Battalion area and requested aerial
observation. OV10 on station at 0910H
observed woodcutters in area of 912883.
Observed no weapons. Off station 0935H.
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L-3A AT903828. L-3A while on their day patrol route found some old gear, which was laying among some thick bushes and cover, off to the side of the trail. L-3A picked up the gear and searched the area finding no more gear. The items one glass tube, one pay roll list, one sock, one grass cutting tool, one knife, one clay vase, one battle dressing, three feet of det cord, two blasting caps.

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Lima AT908812. Six Vietnamese personnel while working in fields found one M-79 round. One of the personnel picked the round up in order to bring it to Lima's position. The round exploded causing serious injuries to himself and two other Vietnamese personnel. One priority message was called.

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I-4B AT922863. I-4B spotted four enemy moving from east to west. The enemy were observed by means of a starlite. One of the enemy was carrying a weapon, the other individual was not observed carrying a weapon. Type of clothing could not be determined. One M-79 illumination and six M-79 HE rounds were fired at the enemy. No return fire was received. I-4 attempted to sweep but was stopped by deep water. No further signs of the enemy were obtained.

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K-1A AT896865. A Base camp large enough to hold approximately one company sized enemy force was found at the above grid. S-2 Scout personnel estimated it had not been used for approximately six months. Area was searched finding ten hoech frames, one cooking pot and approximately 100 used mackerel cans.

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L-2 AT882822. While on patrol E-2M 8041 suffered severe heat exhaustion which included momentary unconsciousness. A priority medevac was called after examination by a platoon corpsman.

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I-31 AT864806. Marine in G-1 chewed on elephant grass and soon developed swollen tongue and mouth. Marine was E-2B 3671. Battalion Aid Station was conducted and it recommended a routine medevac.

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I-3 AT936758, AT939754, AT935756. Outpost Four and Gate 12 at Dai La Pass received 80 to 90 rounds incoming small arms fire followed by sporadic small arms fire for period of approximately 40 min. Positions observed four enemy with packs moving toward Dai La outposts from east. Positions returned small arms fire and 81mm mortar illumination. Enemy moved within defensive wire and eventually withdrew toward west. Positions pursued by fire and continued observation under illumination. Personnel manning gate reestablished position 30 meters to south. On sweep of area of Dai La Pass revealed no significant findings.

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I-4A AT921861, I-4B AT921852, IL AT925866
 ENEMY AT921859, AT917853, AT923864. At
 2055H I-4B received 100 rounds AK-47 fire
 from 85 enemy 400 meters northeast; At
 2110H I-4B received 50-60 rounds AK-47
 fire 300 meters west; I-4A was still
 receiving sporadic fire. At 2125H IL
 received sporadic AK-47 fire from 250 meters
 to the south; I-4B was still receiving sporadic
 fire; contact with I-4A had terminated at
 that time. Positions returned small arms
 and M-79 fire and called 155mm illumination.
 I-4A displaced to the southeast upon
 termination of contact and sweep was
 conducted by I-4B and IL, terminating at
 2220H. Enemy withdrew to the northwest and
 west. Estimated enemy strength 15. Sweep
 resulted in negative findings. 07-30
 Aircraft has been requested to accompany
 detailed search in the morning. I-4A & I-4B
 displaced to new ambush sites.
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I-4 AT920032, AT922863. I-4 completed search in area of 20 Feb contact. Found several AK-47 cartridge casings, but no further signs of enemy activity. Located and destroyed 03 old and 08mm rounds. I-1B AT879730 While on patrol I-1B found 01 and 60mm round in a semi-clearing on their patrol route. I-1B blew the round in place with G-4.

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L-3A/L-3B AT917934, AT927924. KERRY AT917928 AT922925. About 15 enemy initiated small arms fire at a US Army convoy and road security positions. Convoy continued on highway QL-1 north to south and departed area. L-3A & L-3B returned small arms and M-79 fire, contact lasted 10 minutes. Sweep now being conducted by LP and assistance of OV-10 aircraft. Follow-up will be submitted.

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L-3A/L-3B AT917934, L-3B AT928924. KERRY AT912920, AT917934. A,32 US Army and 13 civilian vehicle, convoy proceeding on highway QL-1 between AT917934 and AT928924 received 04-05 incoming 82mm mortar rounds. Fired from 912928 and small arms fire from 912920. L-3B and L-3C bridge positions simultaneously received small arms fire and 04 RPG rounds from the west AT912928. L-3B returned fire with M-79, M-60, M-16, and 60mm (16 H.E. & 08 W.P.). L-3C returned fire with M-79, M-60, M-16, and 160mm. 60mm rounds. 01 platoon from 13th RF Co. swept south from 917934 toward L-3B position with no positive finding of enemy. 04-10 aircraft assisted in sweep.

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KI AT863765. KERRY AT863768. Listening post reported sound of movement 200 meters south of position. 01 60mm H.E. round was fired to recon the area. Sound continued and 01 hand-film disclosed single human silhouette withdrawing to the north. 05 M-79 rounds fired to position of silhouette and surrounding area. Search disclosed no further signs. LP displaced area to be checked by day patrol.

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K-1 SPECIAL AT863765. K-1 special swept the area where they had movement on the night of 21 Feb 71. They found GI claymore set up by one of K-1's defensive positions unconnected and thrown down the hill and another upturned and still connected. K-1 special took both claymores to K-1's position for inspection.

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L-3B AT932818. L-3B was set in on bridge security when they received small arms fire and 02 RPG's from the south of their position. The RF's with L-3B spotted GI VC fleeing to the south. About 20 minutes later a few more RPG rounds were taken. GI civilian vehicle was hit with minor damage and no injuries. When GI VC was spotted L-3B and RF's opened fire VC was seen fleeing to the south. A sweep of the area is being organized at this time.

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Additional information will follow. L-3B AT927923 (follow-up). ENEMY AT932918 L-3B occupying bridge security positions at grid 927923 received small arms fire and 02 RPG rounds from the south of their position. GI enemy was observed fleeing southward, more small arms fire and 02 more RPG rounds were again received minutes later. Damaging GI ARVN jeep causing minor damage and no casualties. L-3B and RF's administered small arms fire on the observed fleeing enemy.

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A sweep of the area conducted by RF's provided no further signs of the enemy. INDIA-AT895821. ENEMY-AT892850. Petrifly 6/1 spotted 03 enemy wearing tan clothing moving northwest from 892850. 02 enemy were observed carrying weapons. Petrifly 6/1 called 15mm fire mission. Firing 38 M.I. rounds on the enemy. 02 enemy were observed taking direct hits from impacting artillery rounds. Third enemy was observed fleeing to the northwest and out of sight.

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I-4B AT921853. ENEMY AT921852. I-4B spotted
02 VC/NVA wearing khaki uniforms or utilities
The VC/NVA were moving toward a trench line,
AT 2047 I-4B spotted approx. 05-06 more
VC/NVA. I-4B commenced a sweep toward the
trench and received SKS or M-16 fire from
the south and east. I-4B returned fire
with M-79. After the firing had ceased a
thorough sweep of the area was completed
at 2220 with no further findings. I-4B es-
tablished a new ambush site at 920855.
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INDIA - AT889803. I-1A Day Patrol found GI skeleton wrapped in a poncho. Remains consisted of bones, no skull, nor clothing. Incense and flowers had been placed near the remains. Reported to higher headquarters.

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INDIA - AT907816. ENEMY - AT907816. RF Compound attacked by estimated OJ to O5 enemy with small arms and grenades. Enemy approached from the east and returned to the east after contact. RF returned small arms, M-40, and M-79 fire. Contact lasted approximately 10 minutes. RF used organic illumination. Will sweep at first light. RF Commander thinks enemy received GR KIA, negative friendly casualties. No USMC personnel or assets involved.

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LINA -AT928913 -AT927923. Line-3 bridge security positions at above grids received small arms fire from the west. An ARVN vehicle convoy was passing through the area during the time of contact. L-3 returned small arms fire. Further details to follow. Aerial surveillance requested.

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LINA -AT928913 -AT927923. Follow final report. U.S. Army Convoy moving north between the above grids took 2-40 and small arms fire from 05-10 enemy. 2-40 vehicles struck GI Army jeep, GI Army 05 ton truck, and GI Army 05 ton tractor. All vehicles were disabled and 05 ton truck caught fire. Marine positions received small arms fire. Marines and convoy returned small arms and M-79 fire. Enemy broke contact and fled to west after 10 minutes. Sweep by elements of Line Co., resulted in no significant findings. 11th Motor Transport Bn, 1st Mar Div, withdrew assisted disabled vehicles after F-35 fire truck extinguished the burning truck.

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SVK -AT927769. Unit set in bunker after found what appeared to be a mine planted in the center of their position. Object was blown in place and examined. Investigation revealed object to be a transistorized sound device. Object measured 12" by 6" by 6" with an 8" antenna. Interior consisted of transistor components. Device totally destroyed.

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FMPTF-4/1 (forward observer) -AT921823. HMMT -AT928915 -AT928916. Forward observer attached to India company observed GI 82mm with pack and rifle. Forward observer called 15mm fire mission. 11th Marine observation team Robin called another fire mission 800 meters to the east. 78 rounds of 15mm H.E. were fired. Enemy KIA were confirmed by India-6.

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TAB 2 Third Battalion(-), 1st Marines Frag Order 03-71 (071000Z Feb 71)

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BRAC ORDER 03-71 (AD REASSIGNMENTS)

1. (S) SITUATION

A. ENEMY: THE ENEMY IS CAPABLE OF MASSING AND EMPLOYING MULTIPLE UNIT ATTACKS WITHIN REGIMENTAL TAOR. RECENT ACTIVITY INDICATES THE ENEMY IS MOVING BN UP TO PLATOON SIZED UNITS TO CARRY OUT HARASSING ATTACKS ON SELECTED TARGETS. THE RECENT ROCKET LAUNCHINGS ON THE DANANG VITAL AREA INDICATE A STRONG CAPABILITY IN THIS REGARD. FURTHER ROCKET ACTIVITY CAN BE EXPECTED.

B. FRIENDLY: NO CHANGE

2. (S) MISSION: REMAINING SAME. BUT RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPANY AREAS OF OPERATION REMAIN BATTALION TAOR REASSIGNED.

3. (S) EXECUTION (SEE OPERATION OVERLAY)

A. COMPANY INDIA

(1) EFFECTIVE 11 FEB 71, COMMENCE OPERATIONS IN CENTRAL AO.

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CONCENTRATE SHORT RANGE PATROLS AND AMBUSHES IN VICINITY OF POPULATED AREAS TO PREVENT ENEMY INFILTRATION/RESUPPLY, AND LONG RANGE PATROLS TO WESTERN PORTION OF AO TO DENY ENEMY MOVEMENT THROUGH AO AND NEUTRALIZE ENEMY ACCESS TO AND USE OF ROCKET BELT.

(2) DISPLACE FROM PRESENT AO IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

(A) 11 FEB 71, ONE PLT DISPLACE BY VEHICLE FROM NORTHERN AO TO BATTALION REAR FOR STAGING AND REFURBISHING.

(B) 12 FEB 71, ONE PLT DISPLACE BY VEHICLE FROM BATTALION REAR AND RELIEVE IN PLACE ONE PLT OF LIMA IN CENTRAL AO. ONE PLT DISPLACE BY AIR FROM SOUTHERN AO TO BATTALION REAR FOR STAGING AND REFURBISHING UPON BEING RELIEVED BY ONE PLT OF Kilo.

(C) 13 FEB 71, ONE PLT DISPLACE BY VEHICLE TO CENTRAL AO TO CONDUCT COMBAT OPERATIONS IN THAT AREA. ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR CENTRAL AO. ONE PLT DISPLACE BY AIR TO BATTALION REAR FOR STAGING AND REFURBISHING UPON BEING RELIEVED BY ONE PLT Kilo ON 14 FEB 71 AND REASSIGNED TO OTHER AREA.

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(D) 11 FEB 71, ONE PFC DISPLACE BY VEHICLE TO CENTRAL AO IN ORDER TO COMBAT OVERWATCH IN THIS AREA.

2. COMPANY LIMA

(1) EFFECTIVE 11 FEB 71, COMMENCE OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN AO. CONTINUE POPULATION CONTROL OPERATIONS IN KIM LUEN HILL AREA. DENY ENEMY ACCESS TO KIM LUEN BY ESTABLISHING STRONG URBAN AMBUSHES AND INTERRUPT ENEMY LINES OF COMMUNICATION. NO. 10 AND DESTROY ENEMY VEHICLE AREAS. PROVIDE SECURITY ON HIGHWAY 90-1 WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION DIRECTED TOWARD 1ST MAJOR BR DOCS ALONG QL-1 IN AO. PRIMARY EMPHASIS DIRECTED TOWARD NAM O B LITTLE VIL (AF938915) AND HAI VAN PASS VIL (AF938915). POSITION FORCES ON CRITICAL BRIDGES IN COORDINATION WITH ARVN TACTICAL FORCES. PROVIDE EXTENSIVE SECURITY FOR 3D BN (1) 1ST MARINES CP.

(2) DISPLACE FROM PRESENT AO IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

(A) 10 FEB 71, ONE PFC DISPLACE BY VEHICLE FROM HILL 190 TO BATTALION REAR FOR STAGING AND REFURBISHING.

(B) 11 FEB 71, ONE PFC DISPLACE ONE PLT OF KILO ON BATTALION REARLINE. ONE PFC AND CP DISPLACE FROM HILL 190 BY VEHICLE TO BATTALION REAR FOR STAGING AND REFURBISHING.

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(C) 12 FEB 71, ONE PFC DISPLACE BY VEHICLE AND REMOVE ONE PFC OF KILO COMPANY IN NORTHERN AO. ONE PLT DISPLACE BY VEHICLE TO BATTALION REAR FOR STAGING AND REFURBISHING UPON BEING RELIEVED BY ONE PLT OF INDIA.

(D) 13 FEB 71, ONE PLT AND CP DISPLACE TO NORTHERN AO BY VEHICLE AND RELIEVE REMAINING PLT OF KILO. ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY OF NORTHERN AO UPON REMOVING KILO COMPANY.

3. COMPANY KILG

(1) EFFECTIVE 11 FEB 71, COMMENCE OPERATIONS IN SOUTHERN AO TO DENY ENEMY MOVEMENT THROUGH THIS AREA AND TO OBSERVE AND NEUTRALIZE ENEMY ACCESS TO AND USE OF ROCKET BELT. PROVIDE EXTENSIVE SECURITY AND DEFENSE OUTPOSTS FOR 1ST MARINES CP.

(2) DISPLACE FROM PRESENT AO IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

(A) 11 FEB 71, ONE PFC DISPLACE BY VEHICLE TO BATTALION REAR FOR STAGING AND REFURBISHING UPON BEING RELIEVED ON BATTALION REARLINE BY ONE PFC OF INDIA.

(B) 12 FEB 71, ONE PFC DISPLACE BY AIR TO SOUTHERN AO. RELIEVE ONE PFC OF INDIA. ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR SOUTHERN AO. ONE

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PLT DISPLACE BY TRUCK TO BATTALION REAR FOR STAGING AND REPAIRS
BISHING UPON BEING RELIEVED BY ONE PLT OF LIMA.

(C) 13 FEB 70, ONE PLT DISPLACED BY AIR TO OP RENO AND BATTALION
OUTPOSTS AND RELIEVE ONE PLT OF INDIA. ONE PLT DISPLACED TO
BATTALION REAR BY TRUCK FOR STAGING AND REPAIRS UPON
BEING RELIEVED BY ONE PLT OF LIMA.

(D) 14 FEB 70, ONE PLT DISPLACE BY AIR TO SOUTHERN AD AND COMBAT
MAKE COMBAT OPERATIONS IN THIS AREA.

4. (U) ADMIN & LOG

(A) S-L SCHEDULE AND PROVIDE MOTOR VEHICLE TRANSPORTATION AS
REQUIRED.

(B) ALSO SCHEDULE AIR TRANSPORTATION AS REQUIRED.

5. (U) COMMAND & COORDINATING

(A) LAY CURRENT C&C


(B) ADVISE THIS HEADQUARTERS UPON LOCATION OF COMMAND POSTS
IN NEW AC'S.

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TAB 3 1st Marines Passage of OPCON A/1/5 to 3/1 (090550Z Feb 71)

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TAB 4 Third Battalion(-), 1st Marines, Cancellation of Dn Frag Order
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CANCELLATION OF BN FRAG ORDER 03-71

(A): BN FRAG ORDER 03-71

1. DUE TO TACTICAL REQUIREMENTS PLACED UPON THIS BATTALION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CURRENT HIGH THREAT PERIOD AND ROAD SECURITY ALONG QL-1, REFERENCE (A) IS CANCELLED.

2. THE PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED ROTATION OF COMPANY AO'S SET FORTH IN REFERENCE (A) WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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TAB 5 Third Battalion(-), 1st Marines, Joint Operation Planned with
RF Forces (131210Z Feb 71)

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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P 131210Z FEB. 71
FM: THIRD BN(-), FIRST MAR
TO: FIRST MAR
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C O N F I D E N T I A L //NO3100//
JOINT OPERATION PLANNED WITH RF FORCES

1. FOLLOWING DETAILS PROVIDED FOR JOINT OPERATION WITH ONE PLATOON, KILO COMPANY, AND TWO COMPANIES RF'S FROM 15-18 FEB 71.
 - A. FORCES: 1ST PLATOON, KILO COMPANY - 45 MEN
789TH RF COMPANY AND 522 RF COMPANY - 200 MEN.
 - B. MISSION: ASSIST IN TRAINING OF RF FORCES IN RECON IN FORCE TO LOCATE SUSPECTED VC STAGING AREAS IN AO.
 - C. CONCEPT (OVERLAY ATTACHED):
 - (1) FORCES HELILIFTED ON MORNING OF 15 FEB FROM VICINITY WHITE BRIDGE (AT927867) TO LZ VICINITY (AT897886).
 - (2) FORCE SPLITS INTO 03 ELEMENTS: A, B, AND CP. MOVEMENTS 15-18 FEB AS SHOWN ON OVERLAY.
2. REQUEST FOR HELO SUPPORT AND LZ PREP PROVIDED SEPARATELY.
- #. REQUEST FIRST MARINES COORDINATE WITH RECON TO CLEAR RECON HAVEN #266 ON 16 FEB 71.

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TAB 6 Third Battalion(-), 1st Marines, Disestablishment of CUPP 4-2
(171115Z Feb 71)

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TAB 7 1st Marines, Property Disestablishment - OP 190 (190600Z Feb 71)

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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 P 100000Z FEB 71
 FM FIRST MAR
 TO CG FIRST MARIV
 AND THIRD BN FIRST MAR

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 PROPERTY DISESTABLISHMENT - OP 190 (U)
 AS CG FIRST MARIV 021145Z FEB 71 (C)
 1. (S) LIAISON MADE WITH LTCOL HAU, HOA VANG DIST CHIEF,
 DURING LATE JANUARY INDICATED HIS DESIRE TO OCCUPY HILL 190
 WITH A UNIT FROM TERRITORIAL FORCES DURING EARLY FEBRUARY.
 SINCE THE FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY, LTCOL HAU HAS DRAGGED HIS
 FEET AND MADE LAME EXCUSES AS TO WHY HE COULD NOT HONOR THIS
 COMMITMENT. HIS LATEST EVASIVE DEVICE WAS TO INFORM US THAT
 CG 1 CORPS HAD TOLD HIM MARINES WOULD REMAIN ON HILL 190.
 THIS HEADQUARTERS HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY INFORMATION TO SUPPORT
 THIS CONTENTION.
 2. (S) IN A MEETING WITH LTCOL HAU ON 18 FEB 71, I INFORMED
 HIM THAT UNLESS HE OCCUPIED HILL 190 BY 26 FEB 71, IT WAS MY
 INTENTION TO RAZE ALL STRUCTURES THERE EXCEPT THOSE ON THE

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 MILITARY CREST. AT THAT TIME HE AGAIN INFORMED ME THAT CG
 1 CORPS HAD STATED THAT MARINES WOULD REMAIN ON HILL 190.
 RATHER THAN BECOME INVOLVED IN A CONTENTIOUS DISCUSSION, I
 INFORMED HIM THAT WE WOULD OCCUPY HILL 190, BUT ONLY AS A
 SQUAD SIZE OBSERVATION POST ON THE MILITARY CREST, AND THAT
 ALL OTHER STRUCTURES WOULD BE REMOVED COMMENCING 26 FEB 71.
 I LEFT NO DOUBT IN LTCOL HAU'S MIND THAT I HAD NO INTENTION
 OF TYING A REINFORCED RIFLE PLATOON TO A FIXED POSITION AFTER
 THAT DATE. LTCOL HAU INDICATED THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT
 FURTHER WITH COL TIN, QUANG NAM PROVINCE CHIEF.
 3. (S) IT IS MY OPINION, SUPPORTED BY THE VIEWS OF THE DIST
 SEN ADV, THAT LTCOL HAU WILL DRAG HIS FEET INDEFINITELY UNTIL
 HIS HAND IS CALLED. THEREFORE, UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED IT
 IS THE INTENTION OF THIS HEADQUARTERS TO REDUCE HILL 190 TO A
 SQUAD SIZE OBSERVATION POST COMMENCING 26 FEB 71. THIS WILL
 INVOLVE REMOVING ALL STRUCTURES EXCEPT THOSE ON THE MILITARY
 CREST.

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 (C) COLONEL KELLEY SENDS

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TAB 8 1st Marines Passage of OPCON B/1/5 to 3/1 (250830Z Feb 71)

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 P 250830Z FEB 71
 FM FIRST MAR COC
 TO FIRST MAR DIV COC
 INFO THIRD BN FIRST MAR
 FIRST BN FIFTH MAR

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1. (C) FIRST MAR ASSUMED OPCON B/1/5 FM 1/5 EFFECTIVE
 21500H FEB 71 & SIMULTANEOUSLY PASSED OPCON TO 3/1.

END

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SECTION D
3D BATTALION COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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