

# 3d BATTALION , 1st MARINES



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## COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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3d Battalion, 1st Marines  
3d Marine Amphibious Brigade  
FPO San Francisco 96602

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1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), (c), and (d), enclosure (1) is submitted.

  
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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

1. 3d Battalion, 1st Marines (15-30) Apr 1971 LtCol. M. A. MOORE

SUBORDINATE UNITS

(a) H&S Company	(15-30) Apr	Capt. J. R. WILLIAMS
(b) Company India	(15-30) Apr	Capt. E. J. EASTON, Jr.
(c) Company Kilo	(15-30) Apr	Capt. W. F. HARVEY
(d) Company Lima	(15-30) Apr	Capt. C. T. BEST
(e) Company Mike	(15-30) Apr	Capt. M. O. FLETCHER

2. LOCATION

(a) Quang Nam Province, RVN (15-30) April 1971

3. KEY BILLETS

(a) Executive Officer	(15-30) Apr	Major N. H. SMITH
(b) Adjutant	(15-30) Apr	1stLt. K. J. MCCANN
(c) S-2	(15-30) Apr	GySgt D. L. LOHMEIER
(d) S-3	(15-30) Apr	Major G. R. FRANK, Jr.
(e) S-3A	(15-30) Apr	1stLt. J. J. LANGDON
(f) S-4	(15-30) Apr	Capt. J. C. SHORT
(g) S-4A	(15-30) Apr	1stLt. W. K. JONES
(h) ALO	(15-30) Apr	Capt. T. R. EDMUNDS
(i) FAG	(15-28) Apr	1stLt. D. W. WINDSOR
(j) ArtyO	(15-30) Apr	1stLt. J. E. CLANCY

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1stLt. M. P. RANK

1stLt. G. C. ARMISTEAD

1stLt. J. W. CUMMINGS

1stLt. E. A. HOLCOMB

LCDR M. L. EYLER

Lt. W. S. THOM

(k) CommO	(15-30) Apr
(l) SupplyO	(15-30) Apr
(m) MTO	(15-30) Apr
(n) S-5	(15-30) Apr
(o) Battalion Chaplain	(15-30) Apr
(p) Battalion Surgeon	(15-30) Apr

4. Average Monthly Strength

	USMC		USN	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
H&S Company	20	331	2	53
Company India	5	185		
Company Kilo	5	191		
Company Lima	5	195		
Company Mike	6	205		
Battalion Average	41	1107	2	53

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PART II  
SECTION A  
PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

1. PERSONNEL

## a. Average Monthly Strength

UNIT  
3d Battalion, 1st Marines

USMC  
OFF ENL  
41 1107

USN  
OFF ENL  
2 53

## b. Casualties

KIA      BATTLE      MIA  
0          WIA          0  
            3

NON-BATTLE  
SERIOUS      MINOR      DEATH  
0                  8                  0

## c. Replacements received

USMC  
OFF ENL  
0      10

USN  
OFF ENL  
0      0

## d. Rotation During Month

USMC  
OFF ENL  
1      9

USN  
OFF ENL  
0      0

## e. Personnel Summary

(1) At the close of the reporting period the personnel strength was as follows: 40 Marine Corps Officers, 1094 Marine Corps Enlisted, two Navy Officers, and 53 Navy Enlisted.

(2) There were no Marine Corps Officer Promotions.

(3) Enlisted promotions during the reporting period consisted of one Marine promoted to Gunnery Sergeant, two Marines promoted to Sergeant, three Marines promoted to Corporal, 59 Marines promoted to Lance Corporal, and six Marines promoted to Private First Class.

(4) Awards recommended during the reporting period consisted of: one Silver Star Medal, 12 Bronze Star Medals, 29 Navy Commendation Medals, and 61 Navy Achievement Medals.

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

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NJP	9
SCM (COMPLETED)	3
SCM (PENDING)	2
SPCM (COMPLETED)	4
SPCM (PENDING)	6
GCM (COMPLETED)	0
GCM (PENDING)	1
INVESTIGATIONS (COMPLETED)	6
INVESTIGATIONS (PENDING)	9

3. R&R PROGRAM

BANGKOK	11
SYDNEY	7
TAIPEI	2
HAWAII	3
HONG KONG	6
OKINAWA	1

4. CHAPLAIN SUPPORT

a. Chaplain attached: LCDR M. L. EYLER

b. Divine Services conducted by the Battalion Chaplain.

- (1) Sunday Services: (a) Number held - 13  
(b) Number attended - 305

c. Pastoral Activities:

- (1) American Red Cross messages handled - 2  
(2) Personal counseling cases - 22  
(3) Hospital Visits - 27 persons  
(4) Leadership School - 48 students

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SECTION B  
INTELLIGENCEA. ENEMY

1. General. Overall enemy initiated activity within the 3/1 TACR continued at a low level during the last half of April. 3/1 units reported five contacts with the enemy, three of which were friendly initiated. Two contacts occurred during daylight hours and one at night. One sighting of one enemy was reported along with three URS reports which could not be associated with known enemy activity. A total of five bunkers/tunnels were destroyed. Intelligence reports indicate a new battalion has possibly infiltrated into Northwest Hoa Vang (D) with intentions of conducting attacks in the vicinity of Namo, Viking, and FIC. Captured equipment consisted of one AK-47 rifle, three M-33 Baseball grenades, one Chicom, and one M-26 grenade, plus approximately 50 rounds of caliber .30 U.S. carbine ammunition, seven carbine magazines, assorted non-critical medical supplies and U.S. web gear which were confiscated during a search and clear operation of Truc Dong (H) on 24 April 1971.

2. Enemy Situation. Remains essentially the same with the following exceptions.

a. Enemy units operating in the general vicinity of Hoa Vinh (V) probably number from 60-100 VC/NVA as evidenced by reports of as many as 60 men engaged in propaganda, terrorist and rice/tax collecting activities in the Hamlets of Van Duong and Truong Son on 27 April.

b. Analysis of agent reports and intelligence received from 1/25th RF S-2 indicates a new U/I Battalion may have infiltrated into Northwest Hoa Vang (D) during mid April with the mission of conducting attacks against FLC, Namo and the Namo Bridge, Viking Compound and RF Headquarters/compounds throughout that area.

3. Summary of Enemy Activity. During the last half of April, overall enemy activity continued at a low level with regards to contacts and sightings involving U.S. Forces. Enemy attempts to disrupt the pacification program increased however, with primary emphasis being placed upon elimination of GVN Hamlet level officials, intimidation of the populace and Commo-Liaison/resupply activity. During early morning hours of 25 April, a force of 15 VC assassinated the Hamlet Chief of Kim Lien along with five local PSDF members. Three more were wounded. On the night of 27-28 April, an estimated 60 VC/NVA moved into the Hamlets of Van Duong (1) and Truong Son of Hoa Vinh (V) for the purpose of conducting propaganda and rice/tax collecting activities. The same night an undetermined number

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attempted to penetrate Hoa Thanh (V) but were repulsed by PF Forces there. Lesser numbers of VC operated in the Hoa Vinh (V) area the night of 26 April and again on 29 April. This activity is in accordance with standard VC practice of conducting the majority of their resupply/propaganda/persuading operations during periods of reduced lunar illumination. Throughout the remainder of the TACR enemy activity remained at a very low level with enemy units avoiding contact with U.S. Forces. No evidence of significant enemy presence or movement along the Song Tuy Loan was detected and it is believed extensive counter rocket spoiling patrols in that area have deterred enemy plans to conduct rocket attacks from there against the Da Nang Vital Area.

4. Enemy Mission. Remains basically unchanged. Commencement of the anticipated 2d Phase of the VC K-850 Campaign may have begun on 25 or 26 April, however, overall intensity of enemy-initiated activity within the 3/1 TACR did not evidence this.

5. Enemy Vulnerabilities, Capabilities, and Probable Courses of Action:

a. Vulnerabilities. No change.

b. Capabilities and Probable Courses of Action. Essentially unchanged. Although enemy attempts to conduct rocket attacks from the Song Tuy Loan lowlands SE of OP RENO may have been thwarted by extensive friendly counter rocket patrols, the enemy is expected to make use of that area as the opportunity presents itself. Overall enemy activity will probably be concentrated upon taking advantage of the void left by withdrawal of friendly units familiar with the TACR. In this respect, the enemy is expected to step up acts of terrorism in an effort to intimidate the populace and undermine GVN control. He will also probably make more extensive use of the well established infrastructure as U.S. Counter Intelligence Activities also begin to phase out.

6. Weather. Weather during the reporting period was characterized by average humidity (72%) and temperatures at normal levels (Mean high 96, Mean low 75). Friendly operations were not restricted or adversely affected by the weather conditions.

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

8. Statistics

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(1) Friendly Initiated	(Day - 02) (Night - 01)
(2) Enemy Initiated	(Day - 01) (Night - 01)
(3) Total Contacts	(Day - 03) (Night - 02)

b. Rocket Attacks	00
c. Mortar Attacks	00
d. LOB Bomb Attacks	00
e. LOC's	00
f. Booby Traps	00
g. Terrorist Incidents	01
h. KIA's (Enemy)	02
i. Detainees	03
j. Captured Weapons	01 AK-47 rifle
k. Bunkers/Tunnels Destroyed	05
l. VIP Funds Expended	400\$VN piasters
m. Sightings (In addition to contacts)	01 of 01 person
n. Secondaries	01
o. Anti-Aircraft Harassing Attacks	01

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SECTION C  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

A. During the period 15 to 30 April, the Battalion continued to saturate the TAOR with mobile, small unit activities. As the high rocket threat period approached these activities were concentrated in the rocket belt to protect the DaNang Vital Area from forecast rocket launchings. One company provided the Regimental Reserve and the Quick Reaction Force Platoon. On 20 April, one rifle company assisted forces of the 1/25th RF Group and intelligence, medical and personal response personnel in conducting a County Fair in Kim Lien Hamlet. On 25 April, Company A, 1st Engineers began to remove or destroy all of the fortifications and improvements on OP RENO. This work was completed on 30 April. On 27 April, the 4th Battalion of the 31st Infantry Regiment, U.S. Army moved a CP group onto Hill 350 and assumed the responsibility for an eight grid square area surrounding the hill. On 29 April, the 196th Infantry Brigade assumed control of that section of the Battalion TAOR west of the 86 north/south grid line.

Company I conducted small unit activities in the foothills west of Kim Lien Hamlet and in the mountains in the Ti Tou area. Many of these activities were run jointly with the 521st Regional Force Company to achieve better coverage of the AO and to compliment the RF training program. One platoon of Company I also manned the Battalion ridgeline. On 20 April, Company I cordoned off Kim Lien Hamlet while intelligence, medical and personal response personnel conducted a County Fair Operation.

Company K provided the Regimental Reserve and Quick Reaction Force Platoon until 19 April when the company was relieved of that mission by Company L. On 19 April, Company K moved into the Battalion's central AO and patrolled extensively the areas around Hill 190, the Claw and Hill 124. Company K acted as an interdiction force along traditional enemy infiltration routes and provided protection for local hamlets. During the high rocket threat period, Company K increased activities in the rocket ridge area and denied the enemy use of previously employed rocket launch sites in that AO. Company K also provided forces to occupy and defend OP RENO and the Dai La Outpost as security for the 1st Marines' Regimental CP.

Company L conducted small unit activities in the central section of the Battalion TAOR until 19 April. On 19 April, Company L assumed Company K's mission, providing two platoons to constitute the Regimental Reserve and one platoon for the Quick Reaction Force. On 24 April, in

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conjunction with the high rocket threat, operational control of Company L was transferred to 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines. Company L remained OPCON to 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines for the remainder of the reporting period.

Company M conducted platoon and squad-sized patrols throughout the southern section of the Battalion TAO. The company worked vigorously in the area of the Song Tuy Loan River and at one point directed Recon divers in a two-day underwater sweep of the river itself. On 24 April, Company M, reinforced by the 106 RR platoon, serving as an infantry platoon, and CIT, conducted a detailed sweep of Truc Dong Hamlet. The sweep completed, Company M continued to run small unit activities in the southern AO.

During the period 15 to 30 April, Company India conducted 64 day patrols and 69 night activities. Company Kilo conducted 62 day patrols and 74 night activities. Company Lima conducted 19 day patrols and 19 night activities. Company Mike conducted 83 day patrols and 161 night activities. Patrol man hours increased significantly over March as shown below:

Patrol Man Hours	Mar 71	1-14 Apr 71	15-30 Apr 71	Total Apr
	64,970	30,000	36,160	66,160

#### B. AIR SUPPORT

##### FIXED WING

The First Marine Air Wing supported the Battalion with a total of 16 fixed wing air strikes; 14 close air strikes and two TPQ's. There were 14 Forward Air Controllers utilizing OV-10 aircraft who flew in support of 3/1.

Fixed wing aircraft dropped a total of 86,700 pounds of ordnance. This broke down into 64,500 pounds of close air support and 22,200 pounds of TPQ's. There was also a total of three CBU-55's, 129 W.P. rockets, seven H.E. rockets, 5700 2.75mm rounds, 1105 20mm rounds, and 10,200 7.62 rounds expended. This ordnance was expended on targets throughout the 3/1 TAO and resulted in 600 meters of treeline and two hooches destroyed. Seven secondary fires were triggered by the air strikes.

##### ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT

Eleven medevacs were completed during the reporting period. There were two emergency, three priority, and six routine medevacs requested and completed. The average time for emergency medevacs from the initial call to the time the aircraft were on station was 14 minutes. On the

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average, it took approximately 24 minutes for the medevacs to be completed. These times varied due to different Landing Zone situations.

Rotary Wing Aircraft conducted 71 lifts, (internally or externally loaded) totalling 91,685 pounds to resupply the Battalion.

During this period a total of 612 passengers were transported on scheduled troop lifts, and/or VR missions in support of 3/1.

### C. ARTILLERY

For the period 15 April to 30 April 1971, "C" Battery (Rein), 1st Battalion, 11th Marines provided direct support for 3d Battalion, 1st Marines with six 105mm Howitzers and two towed 155 Howitzers. Battery "W", 1st Battalion, 11th Marines was in a reinforcing mission to Battery "C". Alpha and Charlie Platoons of 3rd 8" Battery, 1st Field Artillery Group provided General Support Artillery Fires for 3d Battalion, 1st Marines. Organic weapons of the Battalion were employed on targets of opportunity.

Pre-emptive fires were plotted from current target lists, S-2 intelligence reports, and grids received from the Forward Observer team.

Rocket suppression fires were plotted on known and suspected launching sites, with increased counter rocket fires during periods of low illumination and high threat.

The Battalion has three Officer Forward Observers, attached to Companies K, L, and M, and two scout observers attached to Company I and the QRF.

During the reporting period, the Artillery Liaison Section conducted 82 man-hours of training in Basic Artillery Support, adjustment of fires, fire support planning and artillery radio procedures.

### SUMMARY

<u>OBSERVED FIRES:</u>	<u>D/S ARTY</u>	<u>G/S ARTY</u>	<u>81mm MORTARS</u>
HE Targets Submitted	27	0	110
HE Targets Cleared/Fired	22	0	68
HE Rounds Expended	213	0	404
ILL Targets Submitted	11	0	18
ILL Targets Cleared/Fired	9	0	8
ILL Rounds Expended	84	0	83
106mm RR Rounds Expended	0	0	0
Total Observed Rounds Expended - 684			

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PRE-EMPTIVE FIRES:D/S ARTY   G/S ARTY

Targets Submitted	454	353
Targets Cleared/Fired	454	353
Rounds Expended	862	622
Naval Gunfire Rounds Expended	0	0
Time on Target Rounds Expended	0	0

Total Rounds Expended During 15 April to 30 April - 2108

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TRAINING1. THE BATTALION CONDUCTED THE FOLLOWING TRAINING FOR THE PERIOD 15 APRIL TO 30 APRIL 1971.

a. One Battalion NCO School was held with 25 Marines in attendance. The school ran for a nine day period totalling 72 classroom hours. Subjects covered were Leadership, Combat Intelligence, Techniques of Military Instruction, Close Order Drill, Physical Training, Inspection Procedures, Weapons Safety, Ambushes and Patrolling, Mines and Booby Traps, and Land Navigation.

b. A Contact Team from the 1st Engineer Battalion conducted three two-hour classes on Landmine Warfare. A total of 94 Marines from the Battalion attended the classes.

c. Company Training: All companies conducted training on a weekly schedule which included Familiarization Firing, Combat Intelligence, Leadership, Mines and Booby Traps, Ambushes and Patrolling, and Embarkation and Standdown Procedures.

d. The Battalion Rifle Range was utilized for personnel from various organizations to fam fire and place battle sights on their weapons. Test firing and familiarization firing was conducted for the .50 caliber machine gun, M-60 machine gun, M-16 rifle, and .45 caliber pistol. A total of 358 personnel utilized the range.

e. Quotas were received and filled for the following formal school:

(1) In Country School

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LOGISTICS

1. ENGINEER ASSISTANCE AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION

a. During the reporting period, one construction request was completed. This request was for the removal of one shower building.

2. SUPPLY

a. Supply support in the area of Class II, Type 2 is still difficult to obtain. Disconnectors for the .45 caliber pistol and Class IX spare parts for the M151A1 and M274A2 (IMIC) remain in short supply. Additionally, ISA and mosquito repellent are difficult to obtain in individual sized dispensers. Meals, combat, individual were furnished by FIC by drawing from U.S. Army sources, greatly decreasing responsiveness to need. Resupply requisition lead time was increased appropriately.

3. MAINTENANCE

a. The following tactical equipment repair orders were submitted to Maintenance Battalion, 1st FSR/FIC during 15-30 April:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>
Motor Transport	2	2
Ordnance	14	12
Comm-Elect	50	49
Engineer	0	0

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PART II  
SECTION F  
CIVIL AFFAIRS/CIVIC ACTIONS

1. PUBLIC WORKS

a. Hoa Vinh

(1) The new Village Headquarters of Hoa Vinh was provided with barbed wire and a book case.

b. Due to standdown, the Appropriated Workers and Club Girls employed by 3/1 were given their two week reduction-in-force notice. Also, the Gift Shop Concession at 3/1 was terminated. The Barber Shop Concession at 3/1 was expanded from two to five barbers.

2. WELFARE

a. Orphanages

(1) Phu Thuong was provided with a variety of unserviceable tools.

(2) A veterinarian treated a sick pig at Phu Thuong.

(3) A ModCap was provided at Phu Thuong.

b. Refugee Hamlet

(1) Mr. HOA, Hamlet Chief, was notified concerning incidences of malicious behavior displayed by a few hamlet children. Mr. HOA stated that he would take corrective action.

(2) Unserviceable tools were given to the hamlet at Hoa Minh.

c. Miscellaneous

(1) Unserviceable tools were given to Quan Nam, Hoa Vinh, Hoa Ninh, Phu Thuong, Loc Hoa, An Ngai Dong, and Phuoc Son.

(2) Salvage construction materials from OP RENO were given to 2ndLt. TAAN for use at Hill 190.

(3) Salvage construction materials were given to Capt. TAP.

(4) An investigation was made into the circumstances surrounding the loss of a water trailer, M49, dropped by a CH-53 near Da Phuoc.

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The water trailer landed in an open field. No damage to property or crops, nor injury to humans or animals occurred.

3. EDUCATION

a. Schools

(1) An Ngai Dong was provided with a table and mount-out boxes to use as book shelves.

(2) Loc Hoa students were given 20 pounds of school supplies, five pounds of personal hygiene supplies and 50 RVN flags.

b. Scholarships. Nothing to report.

4. HEALTH

a. MedCaps/DentCaps

(1) Approximately 580 Vietnamese were treated and approximately 160 pounds of minor medical supplies were issued in the villages and hamlets of Kim Lien, An Ngai Dong, Loc Hoa, Phu Thuong, and Nam-O.

(2) No DentCaps were held.

(3) The HB Team was employed to announce the MedCaps a day in advance.

5. AGRICULTURE. Nothing to report.

6. PSYOPS

a. HB Team

(1) Rice denial broadcasts were made in Quan Nam, Hoa Vinh, Hoa Thanh, Kim Lien, and Nam-O.

(2) Propaganda posters and anti-VC/NVA broadcasts were made in Tung Son, Hoa Ninh, Phu Thuong, Loc Hoa, Khe Lam, Quan Nam, An Dinh, Nam My, Huong Phuoc, An Ngai Tay, Phuoc Song, Thanh Vinh, An Ngai Dong, Kim Lien, Xuan Dong, Nam-O, and Xuan Thieu.

(3) The team was used to announce MedCaps.

(4) The team was used to announce movies.

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5750b. HE Team

(1) Movies were shown in An Ngai Dong, Nam-O, and Phuoc Son, with a total attendance of approximately 700 people.

c. Leaflets/Aerial Broadcasts

(1) Scheduled nine aerial broadcasts for the CAAOR. The broadcast themes were Chieu Hoi, anti-VG/NVA, and the improved fighting ability of the ARVN.

d. County Fair

(1) A County Fair was conducted at Kim Lien. Approximately 200 Vietnamese were treated at the medical station with 30 pounds of medical supplies given out. 100 pounds of hand soap, 50 pounds of laundry soap, 60 pounds of candy, and 1,000 personal hygiene leaflets were given out.

7. SOCIAL

a. Culture tours of the Da Nang area were conducted with 70 members of the Battalion attending.

b. A class in Personal Response was given for the Battalion NCO School.

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SECTION G  
MEDICAL/DENTAL AFFAIRS

A. PERSONNEL

1. On 30 April 1971, the total strength was one Medical Officer, one Chaplain, one Dental Officer, one Dental Technician and 53 corpsmen.

B. PATIENT LOAD

1. For this period 560 patients were seen at the Battalion Aid Station for an average of 33 patients per day.

2. There were 14 diagnosed with V.D., 20 with diarrhea, 14 with Fever of Unknown Origin, and 45 with skin disorders.

C. MEDCAP/DENTCAP

1. There were four MedCaps and DentCaps held during the period 15-30 April.

D. SANITATION

1. Weekly sanitation inspections were conducted throughout the Battalion and outlying areas during 15-30 April. The Battalion and outlying areas were found to be in overall satisfactory condition.

E. IMMUNIZATIONS

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SECTION H  
COMMUNICATIONA. PERSONNEL

As of 30 April, the Communications Platoon consisted of one Officer, and 82 enlisted Marines.

B. EQUIPMENT

The Tech Shop processed 52 TEROS, 28 were evacuated to FSR. 28 TEROS, were returned from FSR, one of which was left over from March 1971, one from February 1971, and one from November 1970.

C. OPERATIONS/TRAINING

The Communications Platoon continued to support the Battalion in its assigned mission. Training of personnel has been restricted to O.J.T. in preparation for redeployment to CONUS.

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Operations

Section A

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SECTION ASEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 15 April 1971 - 1130H. First Platoon Bravo, Company Mike while on patrol at (AT870705) found two bunkers approximately 3'x1'. One bunker contained two cooking pots and one water can. The second bunker appeared to have been a sleeping area for two personnel. Unit destroyed bunkers.
- 1545H. Third Platoon, Company India found a platoon sized harbor site at grid (AT898886). Harbor site appears to be a month old. One 60mm mortar base plate was found in a pit next to trail. Base plate sent to 3/1, S-2.
- 16 April 1971 - 1125H. First Platoon Zulu, Company Mike while on patrol at grid (AT887705), found three baseball-type grenades and one empty assault pouch on trail. Grenades were destroyed in place.
- 17 April 1971 - 1300H. Company India. A patrol from Company India CP found one non-US type grenade in stream bed at (AT893867). Grenade appeared to be approximately two months old. Grenade was detonated in place.
- 18 April 1971 - 1520H. Third Platoon, Company India while on patrol at grid (AT893866) found several eating utensils and a Vietnamese document. A further search of the area revealed two reinforced fighting holes, particles of rice, empty rice bags, pieces of water-proof material, and many Vietnamese cigarette butts. Fresh footprints indicated enemy had used area recently. Equipment and document turned over to 3/1, S-2.
- 1645H. Third Platoon, Company India while on patrol at (AT892865) made contact with two VC/NVA carrying AK-47 rifles. Unit initiated M-16, M-79, and LAAM fire, resulting in one VC/NVA KIA and one enemy WIA. The VC/NVA WIA fled to the southwest leaving a heavy blood trail. Unit pursuing enemy WIA spotted seven more VC/NVA moving east. Unit received and returned small arms fire. Unit requested an OV-10 aircraft. Two OV-10's and two A-4 aircraft came on station and took AK-47 ground fire. Patrol spotted enemy firing on aircraft and fired a LAAM killing one additional enemy. Aircraft fired on-board ordnance at enemy. Patrol swept area with no further findings.

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- 19 April 1971 - 1135H. First Platoon, Company India while on sweep of area at (AT893873) sighted two enemy moving east along streambed. One enemy was dressed in light khaki and the other a dark green uniform. Both seemed significantly taller than the average Vietnamese. Unit initiated M-16 rifle and M-60 machine gun fire. Enemy returned AK-47 fire and retreated to the southwest down a streambed with unit in pursuit. Unit requested fixed wing aircraft on station and air craft expended on-board ordnance. Unit swept area with no further findings.
- 1800H. Company India at (AT899874) requested two Cobra gunships to work over area of recent contact, gunships took AK-47 fire from grid (AT899863). Guns on one gunship apparently jammed and both aircraft left the area. Unit requested artillery fire mission to cover area.
- 20 April 1971 - 0001H. Negative Contact.
- 21 April 1971 - 2330H. Kilo CP, Company Kilo while set in night position (AT870801) received one round of unknown ordnance which impacted 400 meters north northwest of their position. A check with friendly units indicate no friendly unit fired at that time.
- 2345H. India Cp, Company India while in night position (AT900864) received one round of unknown ordnance approximately 400 meters to their north. Unit observed flash and explosion that were similar to a 105mm round impacting. A check with friendly units indicate no firing at that time.
- 22 April 1971 - 2305H. First Platoon Alpha, Company Kilo while in ambush site (AT869812) sighted four VC/NVA at (AT869813) moving east to west. Unit initiated small arms fire, the enemy returned fire and fled to the east. Unit requested 81mm mortar fire mission. Unit relocated their ambush site 60 meters west. Unit swept area at first light. Unit found two burned battle dressings, one tennis shoe, blood spots, and footprints moving west to east.

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- 23 April 1971 - 0145H. Second Platoon, Company India while in night position at (AT899874) heard movement to their southwest moving along their perimeter. Unit initiated small arms fire and received negative return fire. One hour later unit again heard movement to their northwest. Unit initiated small arms fire with negative return fire. Unit put on 100 per cent alert. Unit swept area under illumination with no further findings. Unit again swept area at first light with no further sightings.
- 24 April 1971 - 1800H. Fourth Platoon, Company Mike while in day position at (AT903724) received from local children two M-26 frag grenades (Lot #LS48-6) and two non-U.S. type grenades. Grenades were destroyed.
- 0730H to 1700H. Company Mike (Rein) commenced sweep of Truc Dong (H) with nine squads on line and three squads in blocking positions. Results of sweep; unit found a large quantity of 782 equipment in huts along the northern end of village. Approximately 150 carbine rounds, several magazines, lower part of a non-U.S. type grenade, and one ammo can containing medical supplies were found. Medical supplies were Atropine, Lomotil, Benedril, Tigan and other supplies common to a corpsmen's unit. Medical supplies were turned over to CIT. There was a noticeable lack of village inhabitants in the area. Those present were very cooperative. There were three detainees turned over to Hieu Duc District Officials.
- 25 April 1971 - 1200H. Second Platoon Charlie, Company India while on patrol found one non-U.S. type pineapple-shaped grenade on trail at (AT903866). Grenade was wrapped in black plastic and appeared to have been in place for about two to three weeks. Grenade was detonated in place.
- 26 April 1971 - 0400H. OP RENO (AT884746). IOD personnel at OP RENO sighted approximately six to seven rockets fired from a position which is approximately 3035 directional miles at an unknown distance south of 3/1 AO. Regimental COC was notified immediately.

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- 26 April 1971 - 0105H. Mike Company while set in night position (AT891711) heard three possible rocket launchings and saw flashes from approximate grid of (AT8966) to the south. Regimental COC was notified immediately.
- 27 April 1971 - 0001H. Negative Contact.
- 28 April 1971 - 0045H. OP-4 (Kilo), while set in night position at (AT927727), took one incoming grenade from the trail to the south of their position. Area was searched and fresh, bare footprints were found.
- 0730H. Third Squad Charlie, Company Mike swept area north of river at (AT917712) in response to Black Hammer sightings. Patrol found several burned sticks and ashes, remains of three small campfires about two to three feet apart. Nothing further was discovered in the area.
  - 1015H. Second Squad Alpha found one tunnel in cluster of banana trees at (AT887702). Tunnel was two feet deep, four feet long and about three days old. Structure was destroyed by patrol.
  - 1315H. While expending on-board ordnance, one OV-10 controlled by K-14 at AT864803, crashed 200 meters south of K-2's position. Company Kilo reported the crash and dispatched Second Platoon, Company Kilo to the site. A medevac was called at 1320H. At 1350H, Second Platoon, Company Kilo found one body near wreckage. Unit called permanent routine medevac which was completed at 1355H. Second Platoon, Company Kilo reached plane wreckage at 1356H but could not get through intense heat and flames. Rescue helicopters dropped extinguishers and at 1426H, Second Platoon Kilo began to clear a path through the flames to the main section of the wreckage. At 1450H, Second Platoon, Company Kilo found second body in fuselage of plane. The second body was removed from aircraft wreckage at 1740H and medevaced. Preliminary investigation team completed their inspection of the crash. Second Platoon, Company Kilo provided security at crash until additional instruction received.

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29 April 1971 - 0045H. Gate 12 (Kilo), while set in night position at (AT939754), received seven to eight rounds of automatic rifle fire from the hillside 75 meters to their north at (AT939755). Gate 12 returned fire with 10 rounds of M-16, 50 rounds of M-60, two rounds of M-79 H.E. Swept area with no positive findings.

30 April 1971 - 0001H. Negative Contact.

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PART IV  
SECTION A  
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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TAB 1 S-3 JOURNAL from 15 April to 30 April 1971.

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## JOURNAL OPENED

I-30P at AT901872. One USMC suffered from 103.6 degrees fever, stomach and leg cramps. Routine medevac called and was taken to 1st Med.

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M-1B at AT874705. While on patrol, unit found two bunkers approx 3'x4'. One bunker contained two cooking pots and one water can. The other bunker appeared to have been a sleeping area for two people. Bunkers were destroyed.

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M-3B at AT871724. While on patrol, unit had one USMC tear ligaments in right knee. Requested routine medevac at 1125H, completed at 1155H. Taken to Sanctuary.

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1545 1600 4

I-3 at AT898886. Patrol found evidence of a platoon sized harbor site at AT898886. Does not appear to have been occupied in the last month. 60mm mortar base plate found in pit off nearby trail. Base plate being returned to S-2.

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JOURNAL OPENED  
M-12 at AT887705. While on patrol, unit  
found three baseball-type grenades and one  
empty M-60 assault pouch on trail. Ord-  
nance blown in place. Ammo pouch returned  
to CP.

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I-CP at AT893867. Patrol found one non-  
U.S. type grenade in stream bed. Appeared  
to have been in approximately two months.  
Grenade blown in place.  
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M-1 at AT899709. Unit had one USMC with 103 degrees with Fever of Unknown Origin and one USMC with fractured right foot by a fall. Routine medevac called at 1520H. Completed at 1540H.

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I-3/1 at AT893866. Platoon patrol discovered eating utensils and Vietnamese document. Further search of area revealed two reinforced fighting holes, particles of rice, empty rice bags, pieces of water proofing material and recently smoked Vietnamese cigarette. Fresh footprints seemed to indicate enemy still using area. All equipment returned to CP. Patrol dispatched to further search area.

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I-3/1 at AT892865. Patrol made contact with two enemy at AT892865 who were carrying AK-47's. Engaged enemy with M-16, M-79, and LAAW's resulting in one enemy KIA and one enemy WIA. Enemy WIA fled southwest leaving heavy blood trail. AO on station. Patrol followed blood trail. While pursuing one enemy WIA, I-1 spotted an additional six to seven enemy moving east from above grid. I-1 took small arms fire and returned fire. One OV-10 was called in. OV-10 took AK-47 fire and another OV-10 and two A-1's came on station. I-1 spotted enemy firing on aircraft and fired LAAW killing one additional enemy. Fixed wing air dropped all on-board ordnance and I-1 swept area with no further findings.

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I-1 at AT893873. While on sweep of area of yesterday's contact, I-1 spotted two enemy at AT893873 in green uniforms moving east along stream bed. I-1 opened fire with M-16 and M-60. Enemy returned AK-47 fire and retreated to west down stream bed with I-1 in pursuit. AO and fixed wing on station. Patrol made contact with two enemy at 1135H. One wore light khaki uniform, the other a dark green uniform. Both seemed significantly taller than average Vietnamese. Enemy fled southwest and I-1 conducted extensive sweep of contact area with no further findings. Five fixed wing aircraft expended on-board ordnance and ground troops moved in to sweep after air had finished.

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1100 1815 2

MCV at AT899874. Two cobra gunships, called in to work area of recent contact, took AK-47 fire from (AT899863). Guns on one gunship apparently jammed and both helos left area. Artillery fire mission being called in by India.

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K-3A at AT863812. While on patrol, one USMC suffered heat cramps. Priority med-evac called at 1340H. Completed at 1405H. Taken to First Med.

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1200 1215 2

I-CP at AT912822. Info from Vietnamese sources (1/25 RF Group) indicates RF's had contact with enemy at AT912822 resulting in five enemy captured and six enemy KIA. One detainee had in his possession a picture of a man he claimed was one of the enemy killed by India Company 18 Apr 71. Sweep of area after contact produced no further findings. Detainees turned over to CO 1/25 RF Group.

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RF 522 Co. at AT920830. While on patrol made contact with three enemy. Enemy opened up with small arms and RF's returned small arms fire. RF's swept area and found three enemy KIA and one AK-47.

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Kilo at AT870801. While set in night position observed one round of unknown ordnance impact. The round hit 400 meters northwest of the CP. Appeared to be a 81mm mortar round. A check of friendly units showed no indication of any firing at that time.

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2345 2400 2

ICP at AT900864. At 2345H one round of unknown ordnance exploded approximately 400 meters north of India CP. The CP group observed the flash and explosion that were similar to a 105mm round impacting. A check of friendly units showed no indication of any firing at that time.

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India at AT883870. One USMC slid approx six feet down hill resulting in broken right leg. Priority medevac called at 1300 and completed at 1342H.

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Playboy at AT928812. RF 521 Co. positioned at Nam-O-Bridge observed a squad of VC and initiated contact. Due to darkness, unable to identify type of clothing worn by enemy. RF 521 Company fired illumination upon contact. Enemy was observed fleeing to the west.

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2305 2320 3

K-1A at AT869812. While set in ambush, K-1A saw four VC/NVA to their north moving east to west along a trail 100 meters away. K-1A initiated contact with small arms. VC/NVA returned approx ten rounds and fled to the east. 81mm fire mission was called in to block fleeing enemy. K-1A moved their ambush 60 meters and will sweep at first light.

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I-CP at AT899874. I-2 heard movement to their southwest along their perimeter and about the same time I-CP heard voices and movement to their south. I-2 engaged enemy and received negative return fire. I-2 had to stop firing because movement was between their position and an ambush site. About one hour later I-CP had movement to their northwest. Engaged enemy with negative return fire. I-2 and I-CP on 100% alert. Patrol sent to area of movement under arty illumination and checked area with no further findings. Will sweep area at first light, they did with no further findings and no sign of enemy activity.

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CP JONES at AT932761. One USMC injured when grass fire detonated unsuspected M-26 frag, located within defensive wire. Fragmentation wounds to neck and face.

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Priority medevac called at 0905H and completed at 0930H. Taken to First Med. K-1A at AT878815. (Follow-up to 222250H). Patrol swept area of 81mm mortar fire mission called 222250H approx AT878815. Patrol found two burned battle dressings and one tennis shoe. Blood prints and footprints in area moving from west to east.

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I-CP at AT899874. One USMC suffered with 104.8 degrees temperature and other symptoms of Malaria. Emergency medevacs called at 1225H and completed at 1235H. Taken to 1st Med.

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1800 1815 2

M-4 at AT903724. While set in day position unit had two M-26 frags (Lot #1948-6) and two non-US type grenades turned in by local children. Three C-rats were given to children. Grenades blown in place.

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1825 1840 3

Road Test (Recon) at AT860855. Three VC/NVA with packs and rifles spotted by Recon at above grid. Battery "C" fire mission. One W.P., H.E. in EFF. Enemy in small bushy area where all rounds impacted in area the VC went into. Bushy area destroyed no visible confirmation of bodies.

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M Company (Rein) commenced sweep shortly after 240730H with nine squads on line and three squads in blocking positions. Findings included a large quantity of 7.82 gear in hootches along northern end of village. Approx 150 carbine rounds, several magazines and the lower part of a non-US type grenade were found in the same area at AT912713. One ammo can containing medical supplies was found. Supplies included atropine, loxotil, benedril, tigan and other supplies common to a corpsman's unit. CIT took medical items. There was a noticeable lack of village inhabitants in the area. Those present were most cooperative. Three detainees were turned over to Ben Duc District Officials.

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I-2C at AT903866. Patrol found one non-US  
pineapple-shaped grenade on trail. Grenade  
was wrapped in black plastic and appeared  
to have been in place two-three weeks.  
Grenade was blown in place.

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 OP RENO at AT884746. IOD personnel at OP  
 RENO spotted approximately six to seven  
 rockets fired from a position which is  
 approximately 3035 directional miles south  
 from OP RENO at an unknown distance south  
 of 3/1 AO. Notified 1st Mar Regiment  
 immediately.

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Mike Co. at AT891711X while set in night  
 ambush M-2 actual heard possible three  
 rocket launchings and saw flashes from  
 approximate grid of AT8966 to the south.  
 Informed First Mar Regt COC immediately.  
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 E-2 at AT967795. Marine suffered a severe  
 laceration of the forehead. Treated by unit  
 corpsman and determined that stitches were  
 required. Man was medevaced to 9589 1770.  
 Medevac complete at 271250H Apr 71.

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RF 121 Co. at AT927910. An unknown number  
 of enemy made contact with RF force at  
 above grid. Enemy fired small arms and  
 approximately six B-40 rockets, two RF's  
 were wounded. RF's returned small arms  
 fire. RF's could not describe uniforms the  
 enemy wore. RF Co 523 requested and rece-  
 ived 01's and 105 fire support onto enemy's  
 position. Also returned fire with M-16  
 machine guns, M-16's and M-79. Enemy fled  
 in northwest direction. The two RF's  
 wounded were one civilian girl and one  
 senior advisor (US Army, Capt Hall) who  
 received shrapnel wounds. RF's swept area  
 with no positive findings.

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CP-4 (Kilo) at AT927727. While set in night position CP-4 took one incoming grenade from down the trail to the south. Area was checked out. Fresh footprints were found, believed to be thrown by Vietnamese youth. (Note: has been a significant increase in night movement along ridge-line, believed to be Vietnamese civilians, reason unknown).

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M-30 at AT917712. Unit swept area north of river in response to Black Hammer sightings. Patrol found several burned sticks and ashes, remains of three small camp fires about two to three feet apart. Nothing further was discovered in the area.

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M-2A at AT887702. Patrol found tunnel in cluster of banana trees. Tunnel was two feet deep and four feet long and about three days old. Structure destroyed by patrol.

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K-CP at AT864803. While expending on-board ordnance, one OV-10 controlled by K-14, crashed 200 meters south of K-2 position. K Co. reported crash and dispatched K-2 to the site. Medevac called at 1320H. AT 1350H, K-2 found one body near wreckage. Permanent routine medevac completed at 1355H. K-2 reached plane wreckage at 1356H but could not get through intense heat and flames. Rescue helo's dropped extinguishers and at 1426H, K-2 began to clear a path through the flames to the main section of the wreckage. At 1450 K-2 found second body in fuselage of plane. K-2 providing security at crash site. Second body removed from aircraft wreckage at 1740 and evaced. Preliminary investigation team completed their inspection of crash site and left the area.

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M-2 at AT893702. Unit reported three USMC with suspected food poisoning. Requested routine medevac at 1725H, completed at 1745H. Personnel taken to 1st Med.

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Gate 12 (Kilo) at AT939754, while set in night position, Gate 12 received 7 to 8 rounds automatic burst from hillside 75 meters to their northwest. Gate 12 returned fire with 10 rounds of M-16, 50 rounds of M-60, two rounds of M-79 H.E. Swept area with no positive findings.

1345 1400 2

While on patrol, one USMC from K-2 at AT860794 displayed symptoms of heat stroke; hot, dry, skin and unconsciousness. Emergency medevac called at 1345H and completed at 1415H. Taken to Sanctuary.

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1520 1535 3

768th RF Co. at AT929923. 768th RF Co. received seven B-40 rockets from treeline to their west. Number of enemy unknown. RF's returned small arms fire and called 81mm and 105mm fire mission. 81's fired 55 rounds H.E., 105's fired eight H.E. RF's swept area with no further findings.

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M-2 at AT912713. One USMC suffered possible S,F  
shoulder dislocation. Routine medevac  
called at 1350H and completed at 1411H.  
Taken to First Med.  
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TAB 2 Third Battalion, First Marines Frag Order 05-71.

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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TO THIRD S1: FIRST WAR  
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SECRET 080930Z APR 71

RMG ORDER 05-71

1. (S) SITUATION

4. (S) SITUATION: SINCE USMC ASSISTANCE TO POPULATION CONTROL PROGRAM IN KIN LIEH HARBOR WAS DISCONTINUED 1 APRIL 1971, IT IS BELIEVED (S) ENEMY LIAISON AND RECONNAISSANCE ACTIVITIES HAVE RESULTED IN ENEMY AREA.

3. (S) FRIENDSHIP NO CHANGE.

3. (S) ATTACHMENTS AND DETACHMENTS: NO CHANGE.

2. (S) POSITION

4. (S) POSITION: 1ST MARINES PROVIDE SECURITY FOR 1ST LIAISON AND POPULATION CONTROL OPERATION IN KIN LIEH HARBOR (080930Z APR 71).

3. (S) EXECUTION

4. (S) CONCEPT OF OPERATION: ONE USMC COMPANY AND 100 USMC STAFF BLOCKING FORCES AROUND KIN LIEH HARBOR (080930Z APR 71).

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RECAP AND PERSONNEL RESPONSE TEAM MOVE INTO KIN LIEH HARBOR TO RECAP AND GIVE MEDICAL AID TO LOCAL RESIDENTS.

3. (S) COMPANY DUTY

(1) BY 080930Z APR 71, ESTABLISH BLOCKING FORCES WITH TWO PLATOONS AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH 1ST LIAISON AND POPULATION CONTROL PREVENT ANY INFILTRATION OF ENEMY RECONNAISSANCE AND INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL INTO THE PORT OF KIN LIEH HARBOR.

(2) UPON COMPLETION OF OPERATION, 100 USMC STAFF MOVE TO KIN LIEH HARBOR AND 100 USMC STAFF.

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3. (S) COMPANY DUTY: 100 USMC STAFF

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- (2) FROM 220530H APR 71 TO 220630H APR 71, PERSONAL RESPONSE TEAM DISSEMINATE INFORMATION VIA AERIAL BROADCAST LOUD-SPEAKERS. MESSAGE WILL BE PROVIDED BY CO, 1/25TH RF GROUP.
- (3) AT 220630H APR 71, INTELLIGENCE AND PERSONAL RESPONSE TEAMS MAKE LIAISON WITH CO, 1/25TH RF GROUP AT KIM LIEN SCHOOLHOUSE AND ESTABLISH REGISTRATION POINTS AT WHICH ALL HAMLET RESIDENTS WILL BE REGISTERED BEFORE CONTINUING TO THE MEDICAL AID STATION.
- (4) AT 220700H APR 71, MEDCAP TEAM ESTABLISH MEDICAL AID STATION AT KIM LIEN SCHOOLHOUSE AND TREAT VILLAGERS AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN REGISTERED BY INTELLIGENCE TEAM.
- (5) UPON COMPLETION OF OPERATION, PERSONAL RESPONSE INTELLIGENCE AND MEDCAP TEAMS RETURN TO BATTALION CP.
3. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS
- (1) OPERATIONAL CP WILL BE IN THE VICINITY OF THE KIM LIEN SCHOOLHOUSE.
- (2) ALL COORDINATION WITH IGVN FORCES WILL BE MADE THROUGH CO, 1/25TH RF GROUP.

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- (3) POW HANDLING IN ACCORDANCE WITH DIVISION SOP. ALL POW'S WILL BE TURNED OVER TO GVN PERSONNEL FROM HOA VANG DISTRICT.
- (4) REPORT COMPLETION OF MEDCAP AND NUMBER OF PERSONNEL TREATED TO BATTALION CP.
- (5) RETROGRADE ALL CAPTURED CLASSIFIED MATERIALS TO BATTALION CP.
- (6) USMC PARTICIPATION IN OPERATION WILL TERMINATE AT ABOUT 221300H APR 71.
4. (U) ADMIN & LOGISTICS
- 4.1 (S) PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR PERSONAL RESPONSE, INTELLIGENCE AND MEDCAP PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT.
- PROVIDE ONE GP ITEM.
5. (S) COMMAND AND COMM-ELECT
- 5.1 FREQUENCIES AND CALL SIGNS: NO CHANGE.
- 3.4 USMC COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL COLOCATE WITH RF HQ.

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1. (S) SITUATION

A. ENEMY. TRUC DONG (H) (910720) LOCATED IN THE SONG TUY LOAN LOWLANDS SOUTH-EAST OF OF RENO, IS THE NEAREST HAMLET UNDER NOMINAL GVN CONTROL TO VC BASE AREAS IN THE WESTERN HIEU DUC MOUNTAINS. IT SERVES AS A BASE OF OPERATIONS FOR VC RELATED ACTIVITIES AND AS A COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION POINT FOR FOOD AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES. IN ADDITION, RPV ROCKET ATTACKS AGAINST THE DANANG VITAL AREA HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED FROM THAT VICINITY WITHIN THE PAST SIX MONTHS. RECENT INTELLIGENCE REPORTS INDICATE ENEMY UNITS ARE AGAIN MOVING INTO THE AREA AND PREPARING FOR ANOTHER ATTACK.

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REPORTS ALSO STATE THAT GROUND ATTACKS ARE IMMINENT AGAINST GVN UNITS AND HEADQUARTERS FORMERLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE RECENTLY DISESTABLISHED ICAC'S, AND AGAINST THE DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ANTICIPATED 2D PHASE OF THE VC K-850 CAMPAIGN.

3. FRIENDLY

(1) 2ND BN, 1ST MAR NOW OPERATING IN AREA SOUTH OF 3D BN BOUNDARY.

(2) VIETNAMESE NATIONAL POLICE FROM HIEU DUC DISTRICT ASSIST AS REQUIRED FOR SEARCH OPERATIONS.

C. ATTACHMENTS AND DETACHMENTS. EFFECTIVE 19 APR 71, 106RR PLT ATTACHED TO COMPANY A FOR USE AS INFANTRY PLATOON FOR DURATION OF OPERATION.

2. (S) MISSION. 3D BN, 1ST MAR CONDUCT COUNTER-ROCKET OPERATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF TRUC DONG HAMLET (AF910720) FOR THE PURPOSE OF LOCATING ROCKET STORAGE POINTS AND CONDUCTING COUNTER-ROCKET SPOILER (CRSP) OPERATIONS TO PRECLUDE ROCKET LAUNCHINGS INTO THE DANANG AREA.

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3. (S) EXECUTION: (SEE OPERATION OVERLAY)

4. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS: CRSP OPERATIONS CONDUCTED BY ONE COMPANY KREIN WITH 106RR PLT SERVING AS INFANTRY PLT IN TRUC JONG AREA FROM 20 APRIL TO 1 MAY 71 TO INCLUDE DETAILED SEARCH OF HAMLETS ON 25 APRIL 71.

3. COMPANY II. CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION. BE PREPARED TO REINFORCE COMPANY M OPERATIONS AS REQUIRED.

2. COMPANY K. CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION.

1. COMPANY L. CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION. BE PREPARED TO REINFORCE COMPANY M OPERATIONS AS REQUIRED.

5. COMPANY M (REIN)

(1) EFFECTIVE 13 APRIL 71, 106RR PLT ATTACHED FOR USE AS INFANTRY PLT OPCON COMPANY M.

(2) DURING PERIOD 120-24 APRIL 71, CONDUCT CRSP OPERATIONS IN HOA PHU AND HOA THUONG VILLAGE AREAS. THE EMPHASIS WILL BE TO CAREFULLY SEARCH ALONG NORTH AND SOUTH BANKS OF THE SONG TUY LOAN FOR ROCKET STORAGE POINTS AND POSSIBLE LAUNCHING SITES. ON THE NIGHT OF 24 APRIL MOVE THREE PLATOONS TO SECURE LZ AS SHOWN ON OVERLAY AND MOVE TO ASSEMBLY AREAS NORTH OF LOO.

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MOVE ONE PLATOON TO BLOCKING POSITIONS ON SOUTH BANK OF SONG TUY LOAN IN AREA SOUTH OF COMPANY LOA.

(3) AT 1 HOUR ON 25 APRIL, NATIONAL POLICE, BN S-2 PERSONNEL AND ICI TEAM ELEMENTS WILL BE LIFTED INTO LZ TO BE PLACED WITH SEARCH PLATOONS. AT 1 HOUR COMMENCE HAMLET SEARCH FOR ROCKET CACHES AND UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL IN THE HAMLETS. SEE OPERATION OVERLAY.

(4) IN THE LATE AFTERNOON ON 25 APRIL SECURE LZ ON NORTH BANK OF SONG TUY LOAN TO EXTRACT NATIONAL POLICE AND S-2 PERSONNEL. PLATOONS MOVE TO AREAS OF CRSP OPERATIONS AND CONDUCT SEARCH OPERATIONS UNTIL 0100Z 26 MAY 71. OPERATE IN GENERAL AREA UH8873 LR9172 WITH TWO PLATOONS NORTH OF SONG TUY LOAN AND TWO PLATOONS TO THE SOUTH.

6. HAS COMPANY I

(1) CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION.

(2) EFFECTIVE 13 APRIL 71 CHOP 106RR PLT TO COMPANY M.

5. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) HELMETS AND FLAK JACKETS WORN AT ALL TIMES DURING COMBAT OPERATIONS.

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- (3) MAX USE CS GREN WHEN OPERATING IN BUNKER/DAVE COMPLEXES.
- (4) EVERY EFFORT DIRECTED TOWARDS CAPTURE OF POW'S.
- (5) REPORT BY FLASH MESSAGE TO THIS HQRS ANY ROCKET LAUNCH SIGHTINGS. INCLUDE AZIMUTH FROM OBSERVER TO LAUNCH SITE.
- (6) L HOUR AND H HOUR TO BE ANNOUNCED.
- (7) MAX USE STARLITE SCOPES.
- (8) CLOSE COORDINATION OF NIGHT ACTIVITIES.
- (9) MAX DAYLIGHT PATROLLING TO SEARCH FOR ROCKET CACHES AND LAUNCH SITE PREPARATION.
- (10) S-2 ARRANGE FOR VIETNAMESE NATIONAL POLICE PARTICIPATION. VOI ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE UNTIL DIRECTED.
- 1. (U) ADMIN & LOG
- 2. ALSO ARRANGE FOR AIR TRANSPORTATION AS REQUIRED.
- 3. SPOT REPORTS IAW CURRENT INSTRUCTIONS.
- 4. (S) COMMAND AND COMM-ELECT
- 5. FREQ IAW CURRENT CEOI.

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