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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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## PART 1

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

3d Marines (-)(Rein)

COMMANDERSCol M. M. SPARK 1-15 Jan  
Col P. D. LA FOND 16-31 Jan2. LOCATION. Republic of Vietnam3. SUBORDINATE UNITSUNITCOMMANDERSDATE OPCON

HqCo, 3d Marines

1stLt G. A. GREENFIELD 1-31 Jan

1st Bn, 3d Marines

LtCol R. B. TWOMEY 1-31 Jan

3d Bn, 3d Marines

LtCol R. E. SCHULZE 1-31 Jan

2d Bn, 5th Marines

LtCol T. W. STEPIE 1-31 Jan

3d Bn, 5th Marines

LtCol H. E. ATKINSON 1-31 Jan

4. DETACHED UNITS

2d Bn, 3d Marines

LtCol J. J. MCNAGLE 1-31 Jan

5. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

LtCol D. G. HERRON 1-31 Jan

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Capt B. B. PORTER 1-31 Jan

S-2

CWO-2 R. M. CONLEY 1-31 Jan

S-3

Maj E. E. EVANS 1-31 Jan

ALO

Maj P. F. ANGLE 1-31 Jan

S-3A/NBC Empl Off

1stLt M. W. SHEPARD 1-31 Jan

S-3A/In Off

2ndLt W. F. ENGELER 1-31 Jan

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Maj J. F. X. CONNOLLY 1-31 Jan

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1stLt D. E. MAGSDALE 6-31 Jan

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Regt Sup Off

MTO

Comm Off

Asst Comm Off

Regt Surgeon

Chaplain

HQ Commandant

1stLt R. G. HOWIE 1-31 Jan

SSgt M. V. EVERHEART 1-31 Jan

1stLt H. R. NOTTHAFT 1-2 Jan  
Maj J. H. HARTIS 3-31 Jan

2ndLt R. B. LUNGER 1-31 Jan

Lt G. W. GREGORY 1-31 Jan

LtCdr J. E. BELL 1-31 Jan

Capt B. B. PORTER 1-16 Jan  
1stLt C. A. GREENFIELD 17-31 Jan6. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMC  
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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

On January 01, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines (-), was helilifted to Hill 700 and commenced construction of Combat Base JAVELIN. Four (4) 155 Howitzers were helilifted from PBB LANCE to An Hoa. "W" battery (-), 3d Battalion, 11th Marines was helilifted to SOB DAGGER. The Mobile Strike Force initiated contact and pursued (30) Viet Cong toward Hill 327. The results were (7) Viet Cong killed, (9) individual weapons captured, (3) Viet Cong suspects, and (20) detainees.

On January 02, Company L, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, moved over land to Hill 734, and Company M, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, moved to Hill 728. Company L, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, found and destroyed, a messhall complex; consisting of (10) buildings, complete with running water, fireplaces, kitchens, and storage areas.

On January 03, Company H, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines seized and cleared Hill 462. One (1) platoon from Company E, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines, discovered a hospital site; consisting of (20) dwellings. Medical gear and surgical instruments were found. The complex was destroyed.

On January 04, an element, of the Mobile Strike Force, made contact with an estimated enemy squad in a fortified bunker complex. The enemy fled, leaving behind one (1) dead and a weapons cache, of (50) individual weapons and (18) RPG rocket rounds. Company H, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, found and destroyed an enemy training area; consisting of scaling walls, platforms, and concertina wire.

On January 05, Company H, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, commenced construction of a landing zone on Hill 462. Company F, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines, discovered and destroyed an enemy base camp of (5) dwellings, (5) huts, a bridge, a brig, and (8) bicycles. Continuing their patrol, Company F, discovered a weapons cache, of (166) bolt action rifles in cases, (1) light Machine gun, (2) 140 mm rocket launchers, (137) rounds of 82mm mortar, (232) 60mm mortar rounds, and (4) base plates for the 60mm mortar.

On January 06, due to inclement weather, all units conducted limited search and destroy operations in their areas of responsibility. Company I, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines, discovered and completely destroyed a village complex, which was heavily damaged by air and artillery missions. The complex consisted of (22) dwellings, each were capable of housing (50) people.

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On January 07, Company E, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, discovered an enemy base camp populated by an estimated platoon. After calling an artillery mission, a platoon from Company E, assaulted the complex and killed (9) of the enemy. The NVA soldiers fled, and were pursued by fire. The area was searched and destroyed.

On January 08, one (1) platoon from Company F, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, found (4) 82mm mortar tubes without baseplates or bipods, two (2) 75mm recoilless rifle mounts, (125) rounds of 82mm mortar, and (40) pull-friction type firing devices.

On January 09, Company K, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, was helilifted to FSB SPEAR, closing FSB LANCE. 1st Battalion, 3d Marines (-) was helilifted to Hill 728. The CIDG apprehended (90) indigenous personnel. The detainees were screened by the 13th ITP and (5) Viet Cong suspects were held.

On January 10, Company D, 1st Battalion 3d Marines, was helilifted to Hill 728. The 3d Marine Regiment assumed OPCON of two (2) companies from the Mobile Strike Force. While on patrol, a platoon from Company L, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, had a chance meeting, which was initiated by one (1) whistle blast. The enemy opened fire prematurely with automatic weapons before the platoon was in the killing zone. The platoon pulled back and called in an artillery mission on the enemy.

On January 11, Company A, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines, seized and cleared Hill 401. Company F, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, while on patrol, heard movement to their front. Company F, sprayed the area with small arms and M-79 fire before assaulting. Upon inspection of the area, two (2) dead NVA were found. An element of the Mobile Strike Force made contact with an estimated NVA company. The friendly unit deployed and called in a fixed-wing air strike. The enemy fled in all directions, leaving two (2) dead NVA.

On January 12, Company A, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines, commenced the construction of a landing zone on Hill 401. A platoon of Company L, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, while on patrol, had a chance meeting with enemy. One (1) canine was killed in the initial burst. The platoon pulled back and called in an artillery mission. Company E, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines, while

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searching a living complex, found one (1) detainee hiding in a cave. 13th IFF interrogation revealed him as one (1) NVA prisoner of war.

On January 13, Company L, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, seized and cleared Hill 396, GOB BROADSWORD. Company K, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, seized and cleared Hill 726. The Mobile Strike Force found a bunker-type cache of (39) individual weapons, (3) crew serve weapons, and miscellaneous ammunition. An element of the CIDG found a weapons cache of (4) crew serve weapons and (150) individual weapons. A unit from Company H, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines, encountered an unknown size enemy force in trenches. An aerial-lery mission was called, the trench line was assaulted and seized, resulting in (4) dead NVA and (2) weapons.

On January 14, the Command Post of 1st Battalion, 3d Marines, was helilifted to Hill 401. Company M, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, moved to GOB BROADSWORD. An element of the Mobile Strike Force found a weapons cache of (26) individual weapons and (22) crew served weapons. The Command Post of 2d Battalion, 5th Marines, received (35) rounds of 82mm mortar. Fixed wing was on station. Artillery, 81mm mortar and 106mm recoilless rifle missions were called. The enemy weapon was silenced.

On January 15, Company E, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines, reached Hill 506 and commenced the construction of FSB MAXWELL. Company L, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, constructed a landing zone on GOB BROADSWORD. The Command Post of 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, was helilifted to GOB BROADSWORD. The CIDG conducted a rehab at Nong Son, Coachman 18, (U. S. ARMY UH-1H), while on visual reconnaissance mission, for the command officers of the 3d Marine Regiment and 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, received automatic weapons fire from an unknown enemy force, causing the aircraft to crash. Company C, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines, arrived at the crash site, and accounted for seven (7) bodies. Intense heat discouraged further search. Company H, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines, discovered and destroyed (9) bunkers, a messhall, a trenchline, and (8) spider holes.

On January 16, Company G, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines, continued search operations in the area of the crash site. Company E, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, while on patrol, discovered (3) caves, (3) hootches, (5) bunkers, and a trench system. Further investigation revealed (3) AK-47 rifles, (1) SAS, (1) M-1 carbine, miscellaneous ammunition and clothing.

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On January 17, Company C, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines, constructed a landing zone and continued the search at the helicopter crash site. Company H, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, commenced construction of a landing zone on Hill 412. Company I, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, searched and cleared Hill 204, FSB DART. Company I, 3d Battalion 5th Marines, reached CCB BROADSWORD.

On January 18, Company C, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines, completed the search, and provided security for an investigation team at the crash site. Upon inspection by Graves Registration personnel, all (8) bodies were discovered and moved to An Hoa. The bodies were positively identified as; (1) L/Cpl HANSIC, F. B. USMC, (2) Spec. 4 SLAYTON, R. USA (3) Spec. 4 SOUVIN, F. USA, (4) Sgt Maj McINTOSH, T. E. USMC, (5) 1/Lt SWEDONWICH, N. J. USA, (6) Capt GURRANCE, W. A. USA, (7) LtCol WHISMAN, M. L. USMC, and (8) Col SPARK, M. M. USMC. Company L, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, while moving to their company objective, discovered and destroyed (8) dwellings by a stream. The area was concealed by a canopy and was unharmed by either artillery or air.

On January 19, Company C, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines, secured Hill 282. Company I, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, found and destroyed (109) fighting holes, (4) cooking hootches, and (4) living hootches, all of which gave evidence of recent activity. Company L, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, seized and secured Hill 347.

On January 20, Company A(-), 1st Battalion, 3d Marines, reached FSB MAXWELL. One platoon, of Company K, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, on FSB SPRAR, provided security for helilift of artillery pieces to FSB MAXWELL. Company B, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines, seized Hill 329. One platoon from Company H, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines, seized Hill 382, and constructed a landing zone. Company K(-), 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, made contact with an estimated NVA platoon, composed of (3) automatic weapons, small arms, and snipers in trees.

On January 21, the artillery pieces were helilifted to FSB MAXWELL and FSB SPRAR was closed. Company B, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines, attacked the enemy from the South, while Company K(-), linked up and seized the high ground, recently held by the enemy. The area was searched, revealing (12) fighting holes and (5) bunkers which were destroyed. Company D(-), 1st Battalion, 3d Marines, was helilifted to FSB MAXWELL. Company C, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines, seized Hill 513. Company I, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, found and destroyed a base camp of (2) twenty-five mai hootches, (3) fifteen man hootches with bunkers underneath, and miscellaneous amount of food and livestock.



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On January 22, Company C, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines, commenced construction of a landing zone on Hill 513. Companies L and M, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, commenced their move to FSB TOMAHAWK, Hill 225. Company D(-), 1st Battalion, 3d Marines, discovered a cache hidden in three pits. Investigation yielded (33) 75mm recoilless rocket rounds, (15) 81mm mortar rounds, (224) 82mm mortar rounds, (15) 122mm rocket rounds, (12) 60mm mortar rounds, (378) RPG rounds, and numerous small arms ammo. Company I, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, while moving with a Kit Carson Scout, discovered a hidden trail with steps cut in the ground. The trail led to a complex of (9) hootches, one of which was a messhall and (3) had bunkers underneath. Also found was miscellaneous medical gear and documents.

On January 23, Company D, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines, found a base camp of (11) hootches. The area was occupied by (1) NVA, who was killed. Miscellaneous weapons, ammunition, and food was uncovered. All were destroyed. Company M, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, found a base camp, and met resistance from two (2) NVA, both of whom, were killed. The area was searched resulting in; (6) SAs, 3000 pounds of rice, and (65) pigs. All were destroyed. Company A, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines, discovered a hootche and bunker complex with accompanying fighting holes. Company A also uncovered (14) graves, (7) of the graves were fresh, and the individuals had died from small arms; the rest were old, and killed by shrapnel. Company B, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines, received small arms fire from three enemy. Company B, returned fire with small arms, grenades, and then advanced upon the enemy, the results were (2) dead NVA.

On January 24, Company D(-), 1st Battalion, 3d Marines, moved to Hill 435. Company K, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, was helilifted to COB BROADSWORD. Company E, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines, was helilifted to Company H, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines, position. A platoon of Company H, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines made a reconnaissance by fire of a hillside before moving forward. Enemy returned small arms and automatic weapons fire. Artillery and fixed wing were called in. Company L, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, was helilifted to COB BATTLEAXIS. Company M, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, discovered a hamlet of (2) hootches. Numerous small arms were found at the hamlet.

On January 25, a unit from Company E, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines, spotted a caucasian, who was approximately 5' 9" tall, and of medium build, wearing jungle utilities. The man fled from the friendly unit leaving behind an M-26 grenade. A different unit from Company E, captured (3) unarmed NVA rice carriers. The three (3) NVA were sent to An Hoa for interrogation. Company A, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines, ambushed (7) NVA, killing two, wounding, and capturing one. The remaining (4) NVA fled to the North and into another ambush of the same unit, and three NVA were killed.

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On January 26, Company K(-), and the Command Post of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, were helilifted to COB BATTLEAXE. Company E, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines, while on patrol, spotted a squad of enemy moving East. The enemy were taken under fire upon investigation numerous blood trails were found. Company A, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines, initiated an ambush on three NVA. Three NVA were killed, Company D(-), 1st Battalion, 3d Marines, while on patrol, discovered (3) caches, one, of which was in boxes covered with leaves and two in holes. (246) rounds of 82mm mortar rounds and (32) B-40 rocket rounds were found.

On January 27, a resupply helicopter reported spotting an unknown type and color vehicle, North of FSB CUTLASS. Company C, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines, while on patrol, found an NVA body that appeared to have been killed by small arms fire. The body was approximately one day old. Company D(-) seized Hill 435. One platoon of Company K, arrived at Hill 452 for the construction of a landing zone.

On January 28, Company I, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, while on a search and destroy mission, discovered a small hamlet of (23) structures, 10 of which were destroyed. (4) pistols, (38) chi-con type grenades and (2) NVA land mines were found. Company I, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines, seized Hill 235. Engineers were helilifted to Hill 235 and began construction of FSB TOMAHAWK.

On January 29, Company H, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines, while on patrol discovered one NVA body, approximately one day old, killed by shrapnel. The 3d Marines passed OPCON of MSF/CIDG units to TF Hankes.

On January 30, Company C, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines, discovered a hootch and bunker complex. The complex appeared to contain a classroom, rest area, and hospital. Companies F and H, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines, continued to conduct search and destroy operations on the Ong Thu slope.

On January 31, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines (-), continued construction of FSB TOMAHAWK. Company F, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines, discovered what was believed to be a Battalion sized base camp. Company L, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, commenced a over land move to Hill 570. All units continued to conduct search and destroy operations in their tactical areas of responsibility.

## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Combat Missions Assigned:

a. During the period 1-31 January the 3d Marines (-) (Rein) continued to execute their assigned mission: "conduct S/D operations in AO". (Supporting Document #1, Tab A, 3d Marines FRAG O 1-69)(Supporting Document #2, Tab B, 3d Marines FRAG O 2-69)(Supporting Document #3, Tab C, 3d Marines FRAG O 4-69)

2. Significant Operations Covered:

See paragraph 1 above.

3. Casualties Inflicted on Enemy:

a. Confirmed NVA/VC KIA	80
b. NVA/VC POW	14
c. Detainees (unclassified)	196
d. Detainees Released as Innocent Civilians	143
e. NVA/VC MIA	52

4. Casualties Sustained:

<u>KIA</u>	<u>MIA (MEDEVAC)</u>	<u>MIA (MINOR)</u>	<u>MIA</u>
41	73	45	0

5. New Techniques Employed: None.6. Command Relations:

a. During the period 1-31 January, the 3d Marines (-) (Rein) were Opcon to Task Force Yankee.

7. Equipment: The current TIE supporting the Hq 3d Marine Regiment is considered to be adequate. There were no recommended changes of allowances received during this period.

8. Logistics:a. General

(1) All unit resupply during this month was held-

copter transported from the LSA at An Hoa. All units efficiently performed their duties at the LSA and no major resupply problems were noted.

(2) It was noted that Fire Support Bases (FSB) could be prepared on a more timely and efficient basis if Class IV (field fortification) supplies were located at LSA An Hoa vice FLC DaNang. FLC is currently determining the feasibility of having a Class IV dump at An Hoa.

b. Supply

(1) During the past month delivery of supplies from FLC to An Hoa has improved considerably. An item in short supply is the Handset H-189 for AN/PRC-25. The customer assistance office at FLC is taking action to insure adequate supply of this item are available at FLC.

c. Evacuation and Hospitalization

(1) During the month of January the 3d Marines (-) (Rein), experienced an unseasonably high malaria rate. In all other departments the non-battle casualties remained at normal predicted levels for this operation.

(2) The med-evac system continued to function in an outstanding manner with all field units doing an excellent job.

d. Transportation

(1) The limited amount of organic vehicles taken to An Hoa have proven to be adequate for administrative requirements.

(2) The First Marine Division has provided five trucks for use by 3d Regiment units at An Hoa. These trucks have been effectively used since their assignment.

e. Services

(1) Constructions: There has been no construction project completed or requested during this month.

(2) Laundry Services: Units have found the FLC laundry services an excellent means for insuring men in the field have serviceable utilities. All units have an active rotation program for clothing.

(3) Maintenance: The FLC maintenance facilities at An Hoa have given excellent service (especially ordnance maintenance section).

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(4) Sanitation: Sanitation surveys have found areas satisfactory with minor discrepancies. Correction program is still active to improve drainage conditions in the troop billeting areas.

9. Civic Action. None.

10. Administration

a. Discipline. There were five non-judicial punishments and one referral to trial by special court-martial during this period.

b. Special Services Provided:

(1) Regimental cigarette lighters and/or money clips were presented to personnel rotating to CONUS.

(2) Stationary Kits, ball point pens, sweat shirts and socks, and tennis shoes were issued to personnel.

c. Post Exchange facilities were available at Dong Ha and An Hoa. It carried basic health and comfort items and other luxury merchandise.

d. A postal unit from the 3d Marine Division and 1st Marine Division were in operation and served Regimental elements at Dong Ha and An Hoa respectively.

11. Personnel

a. Critical Shortage: One 8421, Career Advisor.

b. Summary:

(1) Gains: 3/MCOFF, 8/MCEnl, 0/USNOFF, 1/USNEEnl

(2) Losses: 3/MCOFF, 26/MCEnl, 0/USNOFF, 1/USNEEnl

(3) Monthly average strength: 17/MCOFF, 198/MCEnl, 2/USNOFF, 4/USNEEnl

(4) Net Loss/Gain: 0/0 MCOFF, 18/0 MCEnl, 0/0 USNOFF, 0/0 USNEEnl

c. Awards: During the reporting period, the following awards were presented:

- 1. Silver Star Medal
- 1. Purple Heart

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d. Morale is considered to be excellent to outstanding. The R&R program continues to be a major contributing factor to the high state of Morale. During this period there were 0 in-country and 10 out of country R&R quotas utilized during this period.

## e. Chaplain:

(1) Chaplain Assigned: LCDR John E. BELL, CHC, USN  
558036.

## (2) Divine Services:

(a) Sunday services in 3dMar Chapel	5
(b) Sunday services in other areas	11

(3) Red Cross cases handled by Chaplain 4

(4) Counseling cases handled by Chaplain 32

(5) Hospital visits made by Chaplain 20

## (6) Other significant activities:

(a) Memorial Service was conducted 18 January for 3d Marine Regiment personnel killed on 15 January.

(b) Toilet articles and books were made available to Battalion Chaplain for distribution to troops in the bush.

12. Intelligencea. Narrative Summary

(1) As the 3d Marines continued participation in Operation Taylor Common throughout the month of January 1969, the enemy continued to withdraw rather than defend in Base Area 112. There were 133 enemy contacts, but all were with an enemy platoon or smaller size force. Many were with single snipers. Most of the contacts appeared to be unintentional on the part of the enemy, or intended to delay and harass friendly sweeping elements.

(2) The contacts were scattered throughout the area of operations. They were most severe on the Ong Thu Slope and in the vicinity of Fire Support Base Maxwell. However, one major ambush was perfectly executed by an estimated 15-20 enemy in the vicinity of Fire Support Base Battle Ax.

(3) Grenade incidents were common at night, especially during periods of rain, fog, and low lunar illumination. Hidden by the reduced visibility, the enemy was able to throw

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grenades into battalion and company positions on 17 occasions. In the morning after each of these attacks, no trace of the enemy was found. Some coordination of enemy activity was demonstrated by similar grenade attacks at widely separated locations at approximately the same time.

(4) Mine and booby trap incidents increased during January, and they were not limited to any particular area as they were in December. This was one indication that the enemy no longer considered any part of Base Area 112 safe from our incursions. Another indication of this realization was that the enemy was caught unaware less frequently. Enemy troops walked trails at sling arms and talking during December. For most of January, he moved quietly and at the ready.

(5) Enemy withdrawal became more orderly as January progressed. Fewer and smaller caches were left behind by him. Ambushes and mortar attacks delayed our advances, particularly in the area of Fire Support Base Maxwell. While exhibiting some planning and organization in his withdrawals, the pace of the enemy's withdrawal continued to be about the same. As the month ended, only Front 44 Headquarters was definitely known to remain east of the Song Cai River.

(6) Based on captured documents and the statements of a prisoner, it is believed that the delaying action on the Ong Thu Slope was fought by an element of the 70th Battalion, 21st Regiment, 2nd NVA Division. A prisoner captured after the major ambush in the vicinity of Fire Support Base Battle A<sub>x</sub> told of "special ambush squads" established to operate against our sweeping elements in Base Area 112, and he claimed to be a member of such a squad. This ambush was sprung by three or four of the enemy along the route of our approach. The remainder of the ambush was sprung on the element attempting to envelope the three or four who initiated the contact. The choice of site for the ambush, the tactic used, and the discipline with which it was executed evidenced a well-trained and experienced enemy infantry unit.

(7) In addition to the 70th Battalion, 21st Regiment almost every enemy unit carried in the order of battle for Quang Nam Province was identified by prisoners or documents captured in Base Area 112 during January. However, the prisoners were generally logistical troops or troops in the area for a logistical or training reasons. The documents pertained to headquarters, logistical, training, or propaganda activity.

(8) Incidents of automatic weapons and small arms fire at aircraft showed a pronounced increase during January. They become almost daily occurrences near Fire Support Bases Maxwell and Javelin and frequent occurrences near Fire

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(9) Caches found were generally not concealed. As was the case in December, enemy supplies and equipment were found in hootches and bunkers, located most often where trails ran near streams. Some were on hilltops and sides of hills, however. All were concealed from the air by tree canopy, and from long-distance ground observation by vegetation. Building materials appeared usually to have been cut some distance away in order to preserve natural concealment. Within hootches and bunkers, a few caches were concealed under floors, behind false walls, and inside roofs.

b. Statistics

(1) For Operation Taylor Common

(a) Contact Incidents: SA/Sniper	<u>Day</u>	<u>Night</u>	<u>Total</u>
(1) 1st Bn, 3d Mar	31	3	34
(2) 3d Bn, 3d Mar	29	0	29
(3) 2d Bn, 5th Mar	30	0	30
(4) 3d Bn, 5th Mar	8	0	8
(5) CIDG	13	1	14
(6) Recon	<u>18</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>18</u>
Totals	129	4	133

(b) Contact Incidents: Grenades

(1) 1st Bn, 3d Mar	1	5	6
(2) 3d Bn, 3d Mar	1	1	2
(3) 2d Bn, 5th Mar	5	4	9
(4) 3d Bn, 5th Mar	0	6	6
(5) CIDG	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
Totals	8	17	25



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(c) Mines and Booby Traps Discovered	<u>Day</u>	<u>Night</u>	<u>Total</u>
(1) 1st Bn, 3d Mar	22	0	22
(2) 3d Bn, 3d Mar	4	0	4
(3) 2d Bn, 5th Mar	6	0	6
(4) 3d Bn, 5th Mar	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Totals	33	0	33

(d) Mortar/Arty/Rocket Fire			
(1) 1st Bn, 3d Mar	3	0	3
(2) 2d Bn, 5th Mar	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
Totals	4	1	5

(e) Miscellaneous Sightings			
(1) 1st Bn, 3d Mar	44	1	45
(2) 3d Bn, 3d Mar	20	2	22
(3) 2d Bn, 5th Mar	35	1	36
(4) 3d Bn, 5th Mar	29	4	33
(5) CIDG	8	0	8
(6) Recon	54	2	56
(7) AO	<u>14</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14</u>
Totals	204	10	214

(f) Enemy Personnel Losses

(1) NVA KIA - 66 - as result of USMC  
 VC KIA - 5 - as result of USMC  
 NVA KIA - 4 - as result of CIDG  
 VC KIA - 7 - as result of CIDG  
 NVA KBA - 124 - as result of USMC  
 VC KBA - 7 - as result of USMC

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(2) NVA POW - 7 - as result of USMC  
 VC POW - 0 - as result of USMC  
 NVA POW - 1 - as result of CIDG  
 VC POW - 5 - as result of CIDG  
 NVA RETURNEE - 1 - as result of CIDG

## (g) Weapons Captured

## (1) Crew-Served Weapons

22 RPD's

2 RPG-2's

1 60mm Mortar Tube

5 82mm Mortar Tubes

2 140mm Rocket Launchers

1 RP-46 MG

2 M-60 MG's

2 75mm RR

1 57mm RR

1 30 cal LMG

## (2) Individual Weapons

75 AK-47's

181 SKS's

213 F-44's

27 Sub-MG's

73 US Carbines

5 M-16's

17 U/I Bolt Action Rifles

2 Shotguns

1 M-79 GL

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1 M-72 LAAM  
6 PPSH-42's  
4 BAR's  
3 German Luger Pistols  
1 AR-15  
6 Mauser-36's  
2 45 cal US Pistols  
2 9mm Pistols

(h) Ammunition Captured

192,740 Rounds of 7.62mm

55 9mm rounds  
315 60mm Mortar rounds  
1603 82mm Mortar rounds  
50 81mm Mortar rounds  
607 RPG-2 Rockets  
100 Rounds M-16 ammo  
98 75mm RR rounds  
61 57mm RR rounds  
11 M-79 rounds  
2705 30 cal rounds  
74 RPG-2 Boosters Charges  
21 75mm Artillery rounds  
2 122mm Rocket War Heads  
21 122mm Rockets complete  
8186 12.7mm rounds  
52 50 cal rounds

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(i) Explosives Captured

- 305 CHICOM Grenades
- 914 Blasting Caps
- 58 Pounds of TNT
- 7 US M-26 Grenades
- 24 Rifle Grenades
- 9 US 3.5 Rockets
- 3 US Mark-6 Rockets
- 26 Homemade Grenades
- 6 Anti-personnel Mines
- 16 Anti-tank Mines
- 4000 Friction Firing Devices
- 12 Claymore Mines
- 1 Bangalor Torpedo
- 250 U/I New Type Frag Grenades
- 11 81mm Mortar Fuses
- 13 60mm Mortar Fuses

(j) Weapons Accessories Captured

- 88 AK-47 Magazines w/8 pouches
- 21 Carbine Magazines
- 15 M-16 Magazines
- 1 US 45 cal Magazine
- 4 Base Plates for 60mm Mortar
- 2 75mm RR Mounts
- 26 Sub-MG Magazines
- 4 Drum Magazines

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- 1 Anti-aircraft Sight (Gun Mount Type)
- 2 CHICOM Sophisticated Sights
- (K) 782 Gear Captured
  - 85 NVA Packs
  - 32 Canteens
  - 15 Gas Masks
  - 11 Ponchos
  - 4 Pith Helmets
  - 4 Hard Helmets
  - 29 E-Tools
  - 19 Cartridge Belts
  - 10 Mosquito Nets
  - 2 Hammocks
  - 350 lbs of Misc Clothing (uniforms, utilities)
- (1) Medical Supplies Captured
  - 2 Corpamen Kits
  - 30 Battle Dressings
  - 500 100 Vials of Ether
  - 4 Larynoxscopes w/lights
  - 3 Malecot Cathethers
  - 1 Robinson Urethral Cathether
  - 1 Foley Cathether
  - 280 Bottles of Pills, Powders, and Liquids  
(medicine, narcotics, and vitamins)

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## (m) Documents Captured

Approximately 600 lbs of assorted letters, papers, medical text books, diaries, EVA maps, log books, photos, propaganda sheets, and film.

## (n) Food Captured

31,420 lbs of rice

325 lbs of corn

20 gallons of fish sauce

250 lbs of salt

45 lbs of sugar

73 pigs

6 chickens

45 lbs misc spices, pepper, etc.

## (o) Fortifications Discovered

535 Bunkers

528 Hootches

Numerous fighting holes

## (p) Communication Equipment Captured

1 CHICOM Microphone

8 Land Phones w/1 extra hand set

9 500' rolls of comm wire

## (q) Secondary Explosions - 9

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(r)	Enemy Units Sighted	Coordinate	Day
1	VC	174306	1
1	NVA	179507	1
2	NVA	184512	1
6	NVA/VC	190410	2
5	NVA/VC	191410	2
5	NVA	142386	3
10	NVA/VC	187306	3
1	NVA/VC	095375	3
2	VC	036319	4
10	NVA	040313	4
3	NVA/VC	074383	6
25	NVA/VC	177495	6
1	NVA	179488	7
1	NVA	077382	9
2	NVA/VC	086374	9
2	NVA	166449	11
7	NVA/VC	064335	11
1	NVA/VC	116414	12
2	NVA/VC	097399	13
6	NVA/VC	143382	13
6	NVA/VC	097456	13
8	VC	197240	14
1	VC	087414	15
5	NVA/VC	066236	16
2	VC	206531	16
8	NVA/VC	135284	16

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2	NVA/VC	200531	17
1	NVA/VC	193539	17
7	NVA	123407	17
5	NVA	153460	19
1	VC	200531	18
1	VC	055485	18
2	VC	046483	19
3	NVA/VC	097268	21
2	NVA/VC	097268	21
2	NVA/VC	097268	21
27	NVA/VC	097268	21
1	NVA/VC	097268	21
2	NVA/VC	097268	21
1	NVA/VC	097268	21
2	NVA/VC	097268	21
2	NVA/VC	097268	21
3	NVA/VC	097268	21
2	VC	079436	22
30	NVA/VC	086254	22
3	NVA/VC	109420	23
2	NVA/VC	187406	24
2	VC	208544	24
1	NVA/VC	158427	25
2	NVA/VC	184401	25
7	NVA	111417	25
3	NVA	094461	25



10	NVA	166497	26
3	NVA	051407	27
1	NVA	011405	27
1	NVA/VC	011411	27
1	VC	060225	28
3	NVA/VC	077453	29
1	NVA/VC	080454	29
2	NVA/VC	142416	30
2	NVA/VC	133450	30
3	NVA/VC	095461	31
1	NVA/VC	071328	31
1	NVA/VC	142293	31

### 13. Communications

a. Ground Surveillance. Employed sonic and magnetic devices on evacuated COB Spear (ZC 182400) and COB Lance (ZC 792405). Readout device located on COB Dagger (ZC 141418). Five readings of positive movement indicated, 3 fire missions employed with good target coverage.

b. Returned MRC 110 retransmission unit on 27 January 1969 from COB Dagger (ZC 141418) to An Hoa Combat Base for complete rehabilitation prior to employment at COB Battle AX (ZC 085315).

c. Continued to provide communication support for operation Taylor Common.

### 14. Weather

a. Periods of clear, sunny skies and hot weather dominated the month of January in the 3d Marines' AO. Temperatures were warmer than in December and the humidity was slightly higher. Each night, fog reduced visibility, but it almost always was completely burned off by 0900 the following morning.

b. There was one period of inclement weather. During the four days it lasted, helicopter and air operations were limited by low ceilings and poor visibility, and foot movement was slowed by the slipperiness of the slopes of the mountains as a result of the rain.

c. Weather statistics were as follows:

- (1) Mean high temperature - 81 degrees
- (2) Mean low temperature - 70 degrees
- (3) Mean humidity - 79%

#### 15. Fire Support

##### a. Units Providing Artillery Support

###### (1) Direct Support

A 1/12  
C 1/12  
F 2/11  
LY 4/11  
2nd Prov.  
W 3/11  
D 2/11

###### (2) General Support

K 4/13  
T 2/11  
3rd 155 guns  
3rd 8" How.  
175" How.

##### b. Displacements

20 Jan - C 1/12 from LZ SPEAR to LZ MAXWELL  
23 Jan - D 2/11 from An Hoa to LZ DART  
29 Jan - W 3/11 from LZ DAGGER to Hill 327

##### c. Missions

##### Opn Tayler Common

Obs.	1095
Unob.	560
Harassing	998
Total	2653

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d.	<u>Ammunition Expended</u>	<u>Opn. Taylor Common</u>
105	HE	31,485
	WP	1,449
	ILL	344
	OTHER	12
155	HE	9,177
	WP	497
	ILL	124
107	HE	2,411
	WP	113
	ILL	97
"8"	HE	186
	WP	1
175	HE	289
	WP	5
	TOTALS	46,190

e. Control and Coordination

(1) 1st Bn, 12th Mar with its Opcon and organic units provided direct support and reinforcing fires to units of the 3d Marines.

(2) Tactical fire direction was centralized at An Hoa, however as the Batteries occupied the fire bases a portion of the technical fire direction was relinquished for ease of handling and speed of response. Fire support coordination was performed from An Hoa, with direct communications between higher and lower echelons.

16. Air Support

a. During the month of January 3d Marines received air support from 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, 7th Air Force and U. S. Army. Rotary wing support was provided by MAG-16, MAG-36, and MAG-39. Fixed wing support was provided by MAG-11, MAG-12, MAG-13 and 7th Air Force. Observer flights were provided by MAG-16 and 7th Air Force.

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b. The types of missions flown were command and control, resupply, medical evacuation, observation, photo reconnaissance, illumination, psychological warfare, troop and logistical lifts, as well as close air support, both conventional and radar controlled.

c. MEDEVACS:	US MIA	US ILL	US NEG	US KIA	CIVIL	VC/ANAMIA	TOTAL
0/3	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
1/3	47	43	15	14	0	0	119
3/3	31	34	19	0	0	0	84
2/5	22	103	10	11	0	0	146
3/5	25	41	29	8	0	0	103
CIDG	3	0	1	0	0	1	5
TOTALS	128	221	74	36	0	1	456

d. GAS: 141 FLTS 225 a/c 909750#  
 GSS: 175 FLTS 210 a/c 1,004,500#

e. R/S 1/3 1,122,058  
 3/3 1,021,150  
 2/5 764,579  
 3/5 634,216  
 STB TOTAL 3,541,002  
 1/12 3,297,162  
 TOTAL 6,839,165

f. A/O: 1st Mar Div: 84 FLTS 170 1/2 hrs  
 TOTAL 84 FLTS 170 1/2 hrs

g. G/S: 1 FLT 2 a/c NEG CRD EXP

h. G&C:	22 FLTS	40 a/c	V/R	PAX	MEDEVACS
	0/3	12	132	0	
	1/3	6	47	0	
	3/3	4	53	0	
	2/5	5	29	0	
	3/5	2	34	0	
	TOTAL	29	295	0	

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1. Control Functions: 2,895  
Average Control Functions per day: 93.4  
High: 173 on 25 Jan  
Low: 0 on 07 Jan  
7 Flareships 12 hrs.  
2 Spookys 2 3/4 hrs.  
2 Bn Troop lifts  
4 Gun Battery lifts  
5 Company Troop lifts  
2 Photo MSNS 1 hr.

17. Psychological operations. None

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## PART IV

Supporting Documents

- ✓ 1. TAB A - 3d Marines Frag Order 1-69
- ✓ 2. TAB B - 3d Marines Frag Order 2-69
- ✓ 3. TAB C - 3d Marines Frag Order 4-69
- Tab D - Statistics on 3rd Marines Results in Operation Taylor Common,  
5-11 Jan 1969, Dated 12 Jan 1969
- Tab E - Msg 151035Z Subj: OPCON of 3rd Marines
- Tab F - Statistics on 3rd Marine Results in Operation Taylor Common,  
19 - 25 Jan 1969, dated 26 Jan 1969

FM: THIRD MARINES

TO: 1st Bn, 3d MARINES  
 3d Bn, 3d MARINES  
 2d Bn, 5th MARINES  
 3d Bn, 5th MARINES

INFO

ATTN: YANKEE

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FRAG 0 1-69

1. SITUATION: Add (2) Companies MSF

2. MISSION: No Change

3. EXECUTION:

- a. Concept of operations (See Frag 0 65-68)
- b. 1/3 (See Frag 0 65-68)
  - (1) Sieze obj 3 (Fire Support Base MAXWELL) by heliassult. If single bird zone not developed on hill #508 by 090800H JAN 1969, Helilift to initial LZ OF 3/5, hill #728 and move overland to secure Hill #508.
  - (2) Develope FSB MAXWELL.
  - (3) Initail S/D opns are directed to South and NE (hill #513)
- c. 3/3 (See Frag 0 65-68)
  - (1) On order secure obj D Hill #1143 and move to interdict route #14.
  - (2) Secure hill #204 (ZG148284) and develope a FSB to assist movement of CIDG and MSF in valley and lowland to your South.
  - (3) Conduct S/D opns to SW in your AO in conjunction with MSF and CIDG opns to your South.
- d. 3/5 (See Frag 0 65-68)
  - (1) Cease work on FSB JAVELIN.
  - (2) Commence movement overland to sieze obj C. Frag 0 65-68
  - (3) Be prepared to sieze obj 6, hill #481 and develope it into a FSB Frag 0 65-68
  - (4) Conduct S/D opns to NW in AO.
- e. 2/5 (See Frag 0 65-68)
  - (1) Sieze obj 4 Frag 0 65-68
  - (2) Secure and block trailrunning E-W over escarpment in 1546 grid.
  - (3) Continue S/D opns to North to secure obj A

## f. MSF and CIDG

- (1) Upon insertion (2) MSF Companies after completion FSB 204 conduct S/D ops to West Sw in A0.  
(2) Insure (1) Company remains on hill #531 in A0 to block Southern route of approach in A0.

## g. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) 1/3 expedite closing of FSB LANCE and movement K/3/5 to FSB SPEAR.  
(2) 1/3 expedite development FSB MAXWELL and closing of FSB SPEAR.  
(3) 1/3 upon closing FSB SPEAR Shop K/3/5 to 3/5  
(4) Upon closing FSB SPEAR, 3/5 assume opcon of K/3/5

4. ADMIN & LOG: No Change

5. COMD & COMM: No Change

Released By: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_



FM: 3D MARINES

TO: 1st Bn, 3d MARINES  
 3d Bn, 3d MARINES  
 2nd Bn, 5th MARINES  
 3d Bn, 5th MARINES

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FRAG 0 4-69

1. SITUATION: (NO CHANGE)

2. MISSION: (NO CHANGE)

3. EXECUTION:

A. 1/3 continue assigned mission of Frag 0 2-69

B. 3/3

a. continue mission assigned in Frag 0 2-69

b. On or about 7 Feb. establish physical contact with 2/5 at ZC058234. Guide on 2/5 as they clear river valley to North. Direct liaison authorized.

C. 2/5

a. Insert zone preparation team on Hill 435 on 5 Feb. 69

b. On 6 Feb close remainder of Bn on Hill 435.

c. On or about 7 Feb establish physical contact with 3/3 at ZC058234. 3/3 guides on 2/5. Direct liaison authorized with 3/3.

d. Continue mission assigned by Frag 0 2-69

D. 3/5

a. Continue mission assigned by Frag 0 2-69

E. Coordinating Inst. (NO CHANGE)

4. ATTN & LOG: (NO CHANGE)

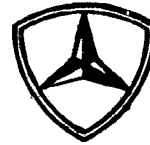
5. COM & COMM: (NO CHANGE)

RELEASED BY:

*E E Evans*

TIME:

HEADQUARTERS  
3D MARINE DIVISION FMF



**MEMORANDUM**

FOR

*OPNS*

SUBJ:

*Here are some  
statistics for Taylor's  
for use in our weekly  
Briefings.*

*[Signature]*

HEADQUARTERS  
3d Marine Regiment  
3d Marine Division, FMF  
FPO San Francisco, 96602

MS/rwb  
12 Jan 1969

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division

Subj: Results of 3d Marines in Operation Taylor Common.

<u>Enemy Personnel Losses</u>	<u>5 - 11 Jan 69</u>	<u>Cumulative Total</u>
NVA KIA	16	40
VC KIA	0	24
NVA POW	0	4
VC POW	0	6
DETAINEES	0	1
INN CIV	88	913
CIV DEF	2	11
NVA KBA (DISCOVERED)	1	77
VC KBA (DISCOVERED)	0	7
VC SUSPECTS	0	11

Enemy Weapons Captured

IWC	189	387
CSWC	7	13

Weapon Totals Included:

IWC	AK-47	6	27
	SKS	20	87
	Sub MG	2	25
	US CARBINES	0	19
	M-16	1	4
	CZECH 22 Cal. RIFLE	0	1
	K-44	160	221
	UNKNOWN BOLT ACTION RIFLE	0	3
CSWC	RPG-2	0	2
	RPD	0	2
	7.62mm HVY MG	0	1
	60mm MOTAR COMPLETE	0	1
	82mm MOTAR TUBES	4	4
	140mm ROCKET LAUNCHERS	2	2
	RP-46 MG LIGHT	1	1

<u>Weapons Accessories Captured</u>	<u>5 - 11 Jan 69</u>	<u>Cumulative Total</u>
AK-47 MAGAZINES	31	116
AK-47 MAGAZINE POUCHES	0	22
M-16 MAGAZINES	6	15
CARBINE MAGAZINES	5	9
B.A.R. MAGAZINES	0	1
BIPOD FOR 82mm MOTAR	0	1
BASE PLATE FOR 82mm MOTAR	0	1
BASE PLATE FOR 60mm MOTAR	4	4
MOUNTS FOR 75mm RR	2	2
FRENCH GREASE GUN MAGAZINES	2	2
LIGHT MG MAGAZINES	6	6
DRUM MG MAGAZINES	4	4
 <u>Ammunition Captured</u>		
7.62mm ROUNDS	29,070	146,530
M-16 ROUNDS	0	100
9mm ROUNDS	0	20
38 Cal ROUNDS	0	85
60mm MOTAR ROUNDS	232	272
82mm MOTAR ROUNDS	302	397
81mm MOTAR ROUNDS	27	27
75mm RR ROUNDS	15	15
57mm RR ROUNDS	2	2
M-79 ROUNDS	8	8
30 Cal ROUNDS	2000	2000
BOOSTER CHARGES FOR RPG	6	13
RPG-2	15	61
75mm ARTILLERY ROUNDS	21	21
122mm ROCKET WAR HEAD	1	1
 <u>Captured Explosives</u>		
CHICOM GRENADES	57	133
60mm FUSES	0	30
BLASTING CAPS	3	19
TNT IN POUNDS	0	2
US M-26 GRENADES	6	6
RIFLE GRENADES	6	6
3.5" ROCKETS	4	4
HOME/MADE GRENADES	15	15
ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES	2	2
FRICTION FIRING DEVICES	4000	4000
81mm MOTAR FUSES	1	1
U/I SMALL FRAG. GRENADES	250	250

<u>Captured 782 Gear</u>	<u>5 - 11 Jan 69</u>	<u>Cumulative Total</u>
NVA PACKS	5	293
CANTEENS	5	28
E-TOOLS	4	27
PONCHOS	4	37
GAS MASKS	1	90
PITH HELMETS	1	8
HARD HELMETS	0	4
COMPASSES	0	3
CARTRIDGE BELTS	1	15
MOSQUITO NETS	0	7
HAMMOCKS	0	16
FIELD GLASSES	0	1
MACHETTES	0	14
HAND TOOLS	7	7
CLOTHING (MISC. AND IN LBS.)	50lbs	550lbs

Captured Food

RICE	175 lbs	11,745 lbs
NOODLES	0	101 lbs
CORN	0	250 lbs
PIGS	1	1
FISH SAUSE (CANS)	0	5
SOYBEAN OIL	0	40 Gal
POWDERD MILK (GALLONS)	0	2
SALT	0	0
MISC. (OTHERS SUCH AS SPICES, PEPPER ETC.)	0	25

Captured Documents

Assorted papers, letters, medical text books, plastic containers w/diaries, NVA maps, log books, photos, passports, (Propaganda Sheets (800) in English that were loaded in an 81mm round) and film.	150 lbs	950 lbs
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Communications Equipment Captured

CHICOM MICROPHONE	0	1
GAS GENERATOR	0	1
CHICOM RADIO TRANS/REC SET	1	2
US AN/CRC 9 RADIO TRANS/REC SET	0	1
ANTENNA TUNING UNIT	0	2
LAND PHONES	7	7
EXTRA HAND SET	1	1
ROLLS OF COMM WIRE	8 Rls	8 Rls

<u>Fortifications and Positions Discovered.</u>	<u>5 - 11 Jan 69</u>	<u>Cumulative Total</u>
BUNKERS	116	695
HOOTCHES	117	795
NUMEROUS FIGHTING HOLES	---	---

Captured Medical Gear

STRETCHERS	0	15
FIRST AID PACKS	0	4
SYRINGES	5	15
CORPSMAN KITS	0	3
BANDAGES	3	213
VIALS OF PENICILLIN	0	3
BOTTLES OF QUININE	10	13
MALARIA TABLETS	0	4000
OTOSCOPE	0	1
OPHTHOMOSCOPE	0	1
NEEDLE STERILIZER	0	10
SURGICAL PANS	0	3
SPINAL TAP SET	0	1
RUBBER TUBING	0	200 Feet
VIALS OF VACCINE	0	314
CASE CUTTERS	0	5
JAR OF VASILINE	0	1
AMY NITRATE (BOXES)	0	2
PACKS OF ORTHOPEDIC PINS	0	2
ENAMA SET	0	1
BAGS OF COTTON	0	4
BOTTLES OF UNKNOWN ACIDS	0	20
SULPHUR (LBS)	0	4
SMALL HEATERS	0	2
BLOOD DRAWING TUBES	0	200
HEMOSTAT	0	1
PACKS OF STERILE CAT GUT	3	5
COUGH SYRUP (BTLs)	0	2
PLASMA (BTLs)	0	1
TEST TUBE STERILIZER	0	1
SURGICAL THREAD (BTLs)	2	5
BOTTLES OF MEDICINES, NARCOTICS, VITAMINS...	1	601
STETHOSCOPE	2	2
CLAMPS (MISC.)	19	19
FORCEPS (MISC.)	14	14
MILLER-ABBOE TUBE	1	1
BLOOD TRANSFUSION LINES	4	4

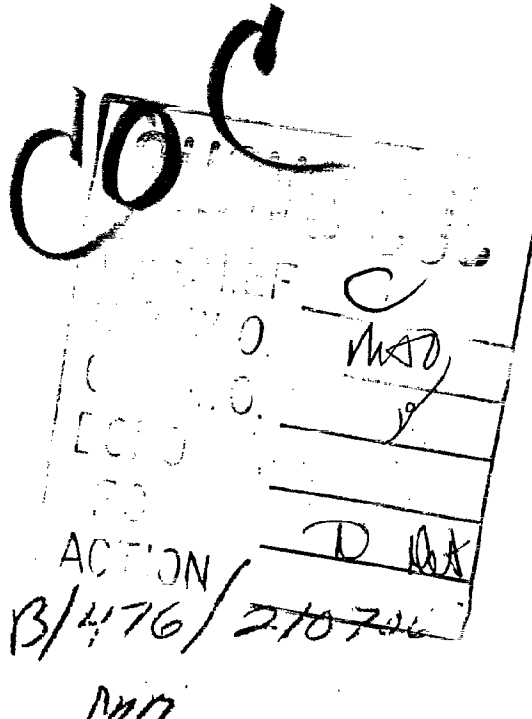
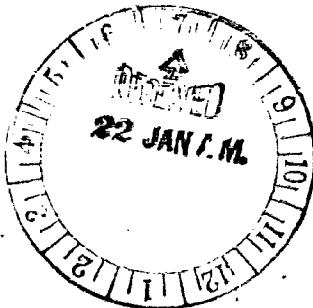
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RUBBER TOURNIQUETS	1	1
DOUCHE NOZZLE	4	4
SURGICAL GLOVES (SET)	3	3
GAUZE (ROLLS)	1	1
CRYSTALLINE MATERIAL (BAGS)	1	1
CHLORAPHENICAL (BOTTLES)	8	8
DISSECTING SCISSORS (LONG)	1	1
ALLIS (LARGE)	4	4
ALLIS (SMALL)	3	3
SNAKE VENOM (Btl)	1	1
ASSORTED DENTAL EQUIPMENT	---	---
VAGINAL SPECULUM	1	1
GIGILI SAW BLADE	1	1
LONG KNIFE AMPUTATION	1	1
SMALL KNIFE AMPUTATION	1	1
SKIN HOOKS	2	2
LARYNXSCOPE W/LIGHT	4	4
FLAT PERIOSTAL ELEVATOR	2	2
SCOOP PERIOSTAL ELEVATOR	2	2
FLAT BURRS	2	2
DRILL BITS	4	4
BANANA SCAPPLE BLADES	2	2
SUTURE INSTRUMENTS (UNKNOWN)	2	2
MALECOOT CATHETERS	3	3
ROBINSON URETHRAL CATHETERS	3	3
FOLEY CATHETERS	1	1

Miscellaneous Captured Gear

BICYCLE	8	8
COOKING STOVES	0	2
SPOONS	2	152
FLASHLIGHT BATTERIES	1 box	3 1/2 bx
LARGE BATTERIES	3	21
HOES	1	1
SHOVELS	2	2
CORN BAGS	2	2
TAPE RECORDERS	0	1
TRANSISTOR RADIOS	2	11
SEWING MACHINE	0	1
TYPEWRITERS	0	3
35mm CAMERA	0	1
SLEDGE HAMMER	1	1
PRINTING PRESS	0	1
KODAK CAMERA	0	1
MENDING KITS	0	5
B-40 CANNISTERS	5	5
PICKS	3	3
MISCELLANEOUS WRITING GEAR	---	---
HAND DRILL	0	1

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R 151030Z JAN 69

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TO RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV  
INFO RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV  
ZEN/CG TF YANKEE  
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**S E C R E T**

~~OPCON OF THIRD MAR (-) (REIN) (U)~~

- A. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 100922Z JAN 69
- B. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 201400Z DEC68
- C. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 080654Z JAN 69

1. (U) REF A. REFERS.

2. (S) REF B INTERPRETED TO CHOP ADCON 1ST PLT, CO B, 1ST RECON BN TO CG, THIRD MARDIV AS OF 31DEC68.

3. (S) REF C ADDED OPCON 1ST PLT (REIN), CO "E", 1ST RECON BN AND 1ST PLT (REIN), CO "A", 5TH RECON BN, 1ST FORCE RECON OC, 3D RECON BN WAS DELETED FROM OPCON THIRD MAR. 4. (S) SUBSEQUENT TO 31DEC68 1ST PLT (REIN), CO "A"

5TH RECON BN ONLY RECON SPT OPCON THIRD MAR.

5. (S) SECT, COMM CO, HQ BN NEVER OPCON THIS CMD IN CONNECTION W/OPERATION TAYLOR COMMON.

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## DECLASSIFIED

HEADQUARTERS  
3d Marines  
3d Marine Division (Rein), MAF  
APO San Francisco, 96602

PDL/xll  
26 January 1969

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division

Subj: Results of 3d Marines in Operation Taylor Common.

<u>Enemy Personnel Losses</u>	<u>19-25 Jan 69</u>	<u>Cumulative Total</u>
NVA KIA	26	73
VO KIA	2	30
NVA KBA DISCOVERED	17	119
VO KBA DISCOVERED	0	7
NVA POW	5	11
VO POW	2	9
NVA RETURNED	0	1
VO SUSPECTS	0	6
DETAINERS	0	229
INN CIV	0	936
CIV INF	0	4
<u>Enemy Weapons Captured</u>		
IWO	49	709
CSMO	1	44
<u>Weapons Captured Include:</u>		
IWO - AK-47'S	25	67
SKS'S	9	193
Sub-MC'S	0	48
US Carbines	0	89
M-16'S	1	7
K-44'S	7	268
U/I Bolt Action Rifles	1	15
Shotguns	0	1
M-79 GL	0	1
M-72 LAAM	0	1
FRSL-41'S	0	5
BAR'S	0	4
Czech .22 cal Rifle	0	1
German Luger Pistol	0	1
AR-15	0	1
Mauser-36'S	6	8

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	<u>19-25 Jan 69</u>	<u>Cumulative Total</u>
OSWC - RPG-2's	0	4
RPG's	0	23
7.62mm Hvy MG	0	1
60mm Mortar	1	2
82mm Mortar Tubes	0	5
140mm Rocket Launchers	0	2
RP-46	0	1
M-60 MG	0	2
75mm RR	0	2
57mm RR	0	1
50 cal LMG	0	1

Weapons Accessories Captured

AK-47 Magazines	19	144
AK-47 Magazine Pouches	0	25
M-16 Magazines	0	15
Carbine Magazines	8	17
BAR Magazines	0	1
Bipod for 82mm Mortar	0	1
Base Plates for 82mm Mortar	0	1
Base Plates for 60mm Mortar	0	4
Mounts for 75mm RR	0	2
Sub-MG Magazines	0	26
Drum Magazines	0	4
Anti-Aircraft Gun Sight	0	1
CHICOM Sophisticated Sights	0	2

Ammunition Captured

7.62mm rounds	154,510	301,720
M-16 ammo	0	100
6mm rounds	20	75
38 cal rounds	0	85
60mm Mortar rounds	48	320
82mm Mortar rounds	516	1232
82mm Mortar rounds	22	50
75mm RR rounds	72	94
57mm RR rounds	2	61
M-79 rounds	0	11
50 cal rounds	580	2990
Boosters for RPG-2's	20	74
RPG-2 ROCKETS	504	577
75mm Artillery rounds	0	21
122mm Rocket War Heads	1	2
122mm Rockets Complete	20	20
12.7mm rounds	5136	8136
50 cal rounds	52	52

	<u>10-25 Jan 69</u>	<u>Cumulative Total</u>
<u>Explosives Captured</u>		
CHICOM Grenades	36	285
81mm Mortar Fuses	0	45
Blasting Caps	0	29
TNT in pounds	30	35
US M-26 Grenades	4	6
Rifle Grenades	9	24
3.5 Rockets	0	9
Bombade Grenades	9	24
Anti-Personnel Mines	0	3
Friction Firing Devices	0	4000
81mm Mortar Fuses	0	4
U/I New Type Frag Grenades	0	250
Anti-Tank Mines	0	16
Claymore Mines	0	12
Bangalore Torpedos	0	1
<u>782 Gear Captured</u>		
NVA Packs	22	323
Canteens	7	46
E-Tools	0	31
Bananas	0	38
Gas Masks	2	99
Pith Helmets	0	10
Hard Helmets	1	6
Compasses	0	3
Cartridge Belts	11	28
Mosquito Nets	9	16
Hammocks	0	18
Field Glasses	2	3
Machetes	0	14
Hand Tools	0	17
Machetes	2	6
Clothing (misc in pounds)	100	750
<u>Food Captured</u>		
Rice	25,450 lbs	39,850 lbs
Noodles	0	101 lbs
Corn	125 lbs	373 lbs
Pigs	71	75
Fish Sauce (gallons)	20	25
Soybean Oil (gallons)	0	40
Powdered Milk (cans)	0	2
Salt	50 lbs	75 lbs
Onions	6	6
Misc (spices, paper, etc)	25 lbs	73 lbs

19-25 Jan 69Cumulative TotalDocuments Captured

Assorted letters, papers,  
medical text books, diaries,  
BVA maps, log books, photos,  
a passport, propaganda sheets,  
and film.

100 lbs

1200 lbs

Fortifications and Positions Discovered

Bunkers  
Batches  
Numerous Fighting Holes

121

933

190

1022

Medical Gear Captured

Syringes  
Corpsman Kits  
Malaria Tablets  
Otoscope  
Ophthalmoscope  
Needle Sterilizers  
Spinal Tap Set  
Vials of Vaccine  
Cast Cutters  
Bypass Set  
Haemostat  
Test Tube Sterilizer  
Stethoscope  
Surgical Gloves (sets)  
Assorted Dental Equipment  
Long and Small Aspiration Knives  
Laryngoscope w/light  
Maloney Catheters  
Robinson Urethral Catheters  
Foley Catheters  
Also bottles of pills, powders,  
and liquids (medicines, narcotics,  
and vitamins)  
Other items of Medical Gear

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595

<u>Miscellaneous Gear Captured</u>	<u>19-25 Jan 69</u>	<u>Cumulative Total</u>
Bicycles	0	0
Cooking Stoves	0	2
Spoons	0	155
Rice Bowls	0	17
Flashlight Batteries	0	34 boxes
Large Batteries	0	21
Hoes	0	2
Shovels	0	2
Tape Recorders	0	1
Transistor radios	1	12
Sewing Machines	0	4
Typewriters	0	3
35mm Camera	0	1
Sledge Hammer	0	1
Printing Press	0	1
Kodak Cameras	0	3
Mending Kits	0	6
Picks	2	54
Hand Drill	0	1
Bamboo Baskets	75	75
Cross Bow	1	1
Cycles	12	12
<u>Captured Communication Equipment</u>		
GH100M Microphone	0	1
GH100M Gas Generator	0	1
GH100M Hand Crank Generators	0	1
US Hand Crank Generators	0	2
US AN/GRC 9 Radio Trans/Rec	0	1
GH100M Radio Trans/Rec	0	2
Land Phones	0	8
Extra Hand Set	0	1
500' Rolls of Comm Wire	0	9

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