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3d Marine Division, (Rein), FMS
FPO San Francisco 96602

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 January to 31 January 1969

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PART I

Organizational Data1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDERS

1st Battalion, 3d Marines LtCol R. B. TWOHEY (1-31Jan69)

Subordinate Units

H&S Co	1stLt M. A. SELBY	(1-31Jan69)
Co A	1stLt A. BOIVIN	(1-31Jan69)
Co B	1stLt G. SEMLAR JR	(1Jan69)
	Capt G. A. SAMPSON	(2-31Jan69)
Co D	Capt G. A. KIESEL	(3-31Jan69)
Co D	1stLt W. C. JORDAN	(1-31Jan69)

2. LOCATION

1-31 January: AN HOA/ANTENNA VALLEY AO

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major B. A. PIFEL	(1-25Jan69)
	Major R. B. NIELSON	(25-31Jan69)
S-1	1stLt P. CHAVEZ	(1-31Jan69)
S-2	Capt J. M. MCADAMS	(1-31Jan69)
S-3	Major G. F. HUML	(1-31Jan69)
S-4	1stLt M. E. MCCLUNG	(1-14Jan69)
	1stLt W. J. CAMPBELL	(15-31Jan69)
S-5	Capt M. S. PIERSON	(1-31Jan69)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
<u>OFF/ENL</u>	<u>OFF/ENL</u>
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1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period of 1 January to 31 January 1969 the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines (Rein) operated in the AN HOA, ANTENNA VALLEY area. The Battalion during this period found numerous caches, complexes and a significant amount of weapons and equipment. During the later part of the month on search and destroy operations contact with NVA/VC units became numerous and set type firing devices were more prevalent.

Also during this period much experience in ambush and counter ambush techniques was gained. Due to the rotation of many of the experienced troops and the influx of new troops this experience will prove invaluable. The following events during this period are offered in chronological order:

At 011415H FL 6 and HM 5 visited BS 6

At 011530H Co D observed a forest fire in vicinity (ZC 0643). Fire appeared to be in a 50 meter by 50 meter area. Could not call in artillery mission to saturate area due to check fire's.

At 011800H L/3 assumed OPCON K/3/5

At 020745H Co B patrol in vicinity (ZC 187406) tripped a set type explosive device while traveling North on a trail going from South to North. Vini Device was on left side of trail and was marked by 2 C Ration cans placed on sticks approximately 8 feet from device on North side. Searched area and found nothing. Results 5 USMC WIA (med-evac).

At 021015H Co C found in vicinity (ZC 184390 to VC 186388) four old huts on old unused trail. The huts on East side of stream, one with shelter type bunker underneath and one hut on the West side of stream with shelter type bunker underneath also. Both bunkers contained water proof gear with documents, propaganda leaflets, photographs, flags, maps, training booklets and banners (silk flags which could be hung from walls). Destroyed area, turned in gear to S-2.

At 021030H Co C found in vicinity of (ZC 183396) two 4 by 8 feet bunkers containing documents and one large unservicable gasoline engine generator. Destroyed bunkers and generator and turned in documents to S-2.

At 021120H Flakely Snow-6 visited BS-6.

At 021515H Co B ambush in vicinity of (ZC 191410) opened fire on 5 NVA/VC. Three moving South on trail and two approaching from East through the bush. One was dressed in camouflaged utilities (similar to USMC issue) approximately 6 feet tall, deeply tanned and carrying an S&S rifle. He had a soft cover on like a jungle hat laced with a yellow or gold hat band. One

was wearing a camouflaged shirt and black trousers. The remaining three were dressed in black. Enemy ran to East then north. Searched area and found 1 U.S. type helmet, 1 thumb and 1 finger plus much blood on trail. Fired artillery mission on route of withdrawal. Results 1 NVA WIA.

At 021520H HM-6 visited BS-6.

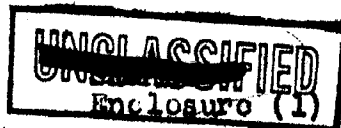
At 031030H Co D found in vicinity (ZC 143404) a natural cave with 4 by 4 foot opening. Cave was 10 feet deep, 3 feet wide and 3 feet high on the inside. A number of additional caves and passageways were found in the area. One (1) barefoot print was found in front of one cave. No other signs of activity in area. Reported to S-2.

At 050855H HM-6 visited BS-6

At 051500H Co A in vicinity (ZC 170406) found clothing and document which were being stored on an elevated platform. The platform was 3 feet by 4 feet and elevated 2 feet from the ground and located approximately 3 feet from the trail. It was not camouflaged. Found articles were one hundred and eighty (180) sets of utilities NVA in six (6) separate bundles, two (2) bundles of black cloth, one (1) bundle civilian clothing, one (1) NVA Khaki uniform, five (5) bundles of typing paper, two (2) plastic containers with diaries, notes, miscellaneous documents, four (4) letters, two (2) rice cutters, fifty (50) black sleeves for carrying rice and a few utilities (green) U.S. type. Turned into S-2.

At 051500H Co D found in vicinity (ZC 151409) fresh cuttings and trail. Followed trail on 230 degree azimuth and found a trash pit with tea in it a kitchen with three (3) cooking pots, one (1) small dish, two (2) spoons. Also found three (3) large bunkers with bunkers underneath and tunnel exits. Tunnels and small bunkers large enough for one (1) man. Banana leaves on floor of bunker fresh. Found flashlight battery, two (2) documents (manual form), bottle of fresh red paint in two (2) of the bunkers. Found one (1) grass hootch 6 feet by 8 feet containing a bench seat, 2 water containers with labels, home made camp, one (1) gray shirt, one (1) straw mat, one (1) set of black P.J. trousers, two (2) corn bags, one (1) NVA pitch helmet. Signs indicate activity within last week. Turned in gear to S-2 and destroyed rest.

At 060845H Co D found in vicinity (ZC 148415) a hootch and a cave on a trail (azimuth 165 degrees). Hootch was made of freshly cut branches, and cave had fresh green leaves on the floor. The hootch was large enough for two (2) men and the cave for three (3) men. Both appeared to have been used within 48



hours. No other signs of activity in area. Destroyed.

At 091100H Co D in vicinity of (ZC 114404) found several trails on 160 degree azimuth, 290 degree azimuth and 220 degree azimuth. All well used but not recently. Followed trail on 220 degree azimuth and found hootch complex with several streams in vicinity. Complex contained 14 grass hootches with bunkers underneath. Found in hootches one (1) hoe, two (2) shovels, three (3) 5 gallon tins of oil, five (5) flashlight batteries, one (1) pair black P.J. bottoms, two (2) mantinard knife blades, twenty five (25) pounds pack of rice, writing gear, 6 cation box full of papers and log book was found under rock. Documents included photos, maps, wallet, passport and a small sledge hammer. Turned in gear to S-2 destroyed hootches and bunkers.

At 091655H 1/3 conducted tactical lift to LZ ARIENE and continued work on LZ.

At 101330H Co C found in vicinity (ZC 096384) 8 destroyed hootches and an apparent grave yard with six (6) empty caskets, two (2) anti-personnel mines and four (4) graves approximately six (6) months old. The anti-personnel mines were the size of a cigar box approximately 5 inches by 3 inches by 2 inches. The top was removable disclosing two (2) cylindrical containers with pressure type devices on top. Turned in mines to S-2.

At 101340H Co C in vicinity (ZC 105377) received 30 to 40 rounds small arms fire from (ZC 104377) while traveling on trail going at 120 degree azimuth. Trail 4 feet to 5 feet wide was well traveled and sandal prints were found on trail. Estimated enemy to be two (2) snipers. Fired small arms, 81mm mortars, and artillery mission. Searched area found AK-47 cartridges which looked to be re-used. Results negative.

At 111000H Co A vicinity (ZC 096399) found fresh trail about 2 feet wide on a 300 degree azimuth. Found footprints, sandal prints running in both directions made within past 4 to 5 hours. Also found ten (10) fighting holes and two bunkers facing in Northwest direction. Destroyed all.

At 111005H HM-6 visited BS-6

At 111100H Co C in vicinity (ZC 096384) dug up suspected graves (see spot report at 101330H). Holes were trash pits and contained animal bones. Negative results.

At 111200H Co K/3/5 found in vicinity (ZC 182406) enemy base camp in valley along small stream. Camp contained nineteen (19) hootches made of wood and mud

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and were 20 feet by 10 feet by 10 feet about 6 to 8 months old. Also found twelve (12) bunkers with connecting tunnels. Camp had excellent overhead camouflage. Found one (1) roll of film and documents. Turned in film and documents to S-2, and destroyed rest.

At 120950H Gc B reported small arms fire in vicinity (ZC 103412) Northeast of its position. Gun ship on station reported taking small arms from this grid. Ran gun ship, 81mm mortar and artillery mission. Requested fixed wing. Results unknown.

At 121000H Gc B in vicinity (ZC 096408) found three (3) horizontal markings cut in a tree beside the trail. 150 meters further on the trail they found three (3) punji pits. 10 meters before the pits a tree was found split into a V with a stick in the center. Pits were 2 feet by 2 feet by 3 feet in size and covered with sticks in a cone shape. Two (2) of the pits had dirt covering sticks. Pits approximately two (2) months old were positioned with one (1) in center of trail and one (1) on each side 1 foot from the center one. Also found along side of trail numerous punji stakes. Area appeared to be ambush site. Destroyed all and thoroughly checked area.

At 121440H Gc C and Alpha Command on LZ ARLENE (ZC-108398) received eleven (11) rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Nine (9) rounds detonated two (2) were duds. Conducted artillery and 81mm mortar counter battery fire on suspected enemy position. Requested fixed wing. Results enemy guns silenced at 1520H. Negative casualties, enemy casualties unknown.

At 121620H BS Whiskey observed one (1) enemy at vicinity (ZC 116414) traveling south on trail. Fired artillery and 81mm mortar missions. Results unknown.

At 121630H Gc A and Gc B sniper teams in blocking position (ZC 097399) observed two (2) enemy moving along trail to the southeast. A friendly troop fired prematurely and the enemy turned and ran to the Northwest. This enemy team was traveling on same trail 20 meters behind Gc A patrol. Searched area and found one (1) pack containing three (3) sandals, one (1) gray uniform, one (1) rain suit, one (1) hammock, popped popcorn, small amount of rice and sweet potatoes and 1 pound of corn kernels. Turned into S-2, except popcorn.

At 131300H Gc A found in vicinity (ZC 106401) three (3) completed hatches capable of housing ten (10) men approximately two (2) months old, one (1) partially completed hatch approximately one (1) week old. On north side of the stream found two (2) fresh built

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bunkers which were in vicinity that a gun ship received small arms fire from (see spot report 120950H). Found two (2) page letter, one (1) booklet, twenty (20) rounds SKS, two (2) dud 105 rounds, two bloody bandages, various tools, one (1) straight edge, pliers, forceps, chisel and measuring device. Turned in equipment to S-2 and blew 105 duds in place. Destroyed area.

At 131315H Co B in vicinity (ZC 099408) 300 meters from their lines found a hootch and bunker complex. Complex contained seven (7) bunkers and five (5) hootches approximately six (6) months old. One (1) hootch was 30 feet by 10 feet and remainder were 10 feet by 5 feet. Also found along trail through area, trail approximately one (1) year old, three (3) horizontal lines cut in a tree. Two (2) of the lines were close together and up trail from this marker found punji pit with three (3) dozen bamboo stakes. Trail was 3 feet wide and well worn and leads from Hill 401 to hill 508. Also found drawings and diagrams which were turned in to S-2. Destroyed entire area.

At 131200H Co K/3/5 in vicinity (ZC 182396) found bunker complex containing 30 bunkers approximately 20 to 30 feet in between positions. Bunkers approximately 6 to 8 months old. Also found four (4) bodies in shallow graves, clothing, packs, tools, documents, printing plates, medical gear, blasting caps, AK-47 ammo and empty American lice bags. Estimated 50 more graves in area. Gear turned into S-2, destroyed complex. Results 4 NVA KIA.

At 131600H Co K/3/5 reported final count of bodies in graves was 14 NVA KIA. Gear found totals 100 uniforms, pay records and unit documents, 10 packs, 10 canteens, printing press and plates. The uniform shirts were gray and green, the trousers were black and some green. There was also navy blue sweatshirts. Turned in to S-2.

At 140925H HM-6 visited BS-6.

At 141236H Co B reported receiving small arms fire from vicinity (ZC 100415). Small arms estimated to be AK-47. Two (2) gun ships on station ran mission, also fired artillery and 81mm mortar mission. Results unknown.

At 141420H Co C in vicinity (ZC 102380) leading element engaged with estimated 8 NVA/VC armed with automatic weapons (AK-47's). Enemy withdrew to South-east. Returned small arms and called artillery mission with unknown results. Results 3 USMC WIA, 1 dog KIA (med-evac).

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At 141530H Cc G received approximately 12 rounds, 60mm mortar fire on LZ ARLINE (2C 094381) from vicinity (2C 108399). Gun ship ran mission, fixed wing ran mission, artillery and 81's fired missions. AO reported small secondary explosion from spotting round. Gun was silenced at 1753H. Results 1 USMC WIA (med-evac). Enemy results unknown.

At 151420H 1/3 reported that one (1) HUEY containing Colonel SPARKS and seven (7) other personnel was shot down by enemy automatic weapons fire. The bird went down in flames and crashed at (2C 105387) Cc G patrol arrived on scene of crash immediately but due to intense heat could not move in on craft. Recovered seven (7) bodies and searched and found eighth. Conducted search and destroy operation in area. Results 8 USMC KIA.

At 151520H Cc A sniper team observed one (1) enemy in vicinity (2C 087414). Enemy was in tree. Fired small arms and MG's and fired 81mm mortar mission. Enemy fled to the North. Negative results.

At 161000H Cc B reported that a re-supply bird (53) received small arms from sniper in vicinity of (2C 105403). Fired artillery mission in area and conducted patrol in same area. Results negative.

At 161230H Cc A found in vicinity (2C 105403) three hootches each capable of holding ten (10) people. Hootches made of wood and thatch were 15 feet by 10 feet. Also found five (5) bunkers and one (1) tunnel. Found in area was: 3 AK-50's, 1 SKS, 1 M-1 carbine, 10 boxes ChiCom grenades, 4 anti-tank missiles, 4 boxes 81mm mortar ammo, 3 M-56 fuzes, 40 round M-60 MG ammo, 1 small block TNT, 54-57mm recoilless rifle rounds, 4-82mm mortar rounds, 4 loose ChiCom grenades, 1 NVA/VC black uniform, 1 VA pack, 1 cartridge belt, 10 sets civilian clothes and 1 medical kit. Returned gear to B-2 including one type of each ordnance and destroyed the rest in the area. Area destroyed completely.

At 181040H Flakoy Snow-6 and 5 and Bowaro-6 visited AP-6.

At 181400H Cc B patrol in vicinity (2C 099425) received one (1) burst automatic weapons fire (AK) and one (1) grenade. Patrol was moving on trail at 120 degree azimuth. Trail approximately 6 months old, 4 feet wide and heavily traveled. Also found vicinity (2C 100425) a tree house OP. Area checked thoroughly negative results. Destroyed tree house. Results 1 USMC WIA (minor).

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At 181800H Co A in vicinity (ZC 120405) encountered and killed one (1) NVA who had Chinese Field Telephone with wire leading to the North. Many wires and trails were encountered in the area. One (1) village located at (ZC 121406) approximately two (2) months old. One (1) grave located at (ZC 121406) approximately two (2) months old. Many fresh holes in area. Equipment found 1 Chinese Field Telephone, 1 pack with assorted clothing and chew. Uniform on body gray shorts, green shirt and rubber sandals. Turned in gear to S-2. Results 1 NVA-KIA. Destroyed village.

At 191630H Co A in vicinities (ZC 113406-120408-122409) found four (4) fresh dug anti-aircraft positions. Positions were circular trenches with raised platform in the center 3 feet in diameter. Center platform had 3 slits at 120 degree angles that extended to bottom of the trench. All positions had fighting holes nearby and were freshly camouflaged. Destroyed after thorough search.

At 191645H Co B found in vicinity (ZC 103418) three very old hootches which were 4 feet by 6 feet, six (6) bunkers 3 feet by 6 feet, three (3) of which were approximately four (4) months old and three (3) fresh made but not completed. Two (2) trees had writing on them as follows: Tree #1 "TAC TQUNG TU TUONG HOC QUAN BUDE CHIEN THANG GIACHY" Tree #2 "CONCIO CON HOC GIAI DHONG MN". Equipment found 2 sets field glasses, 3 packs, 6 AK-47 magazines miscellaneous clothing, 2 cartridge belts and some U.S. sand bags. Turned in gear to S-2. Hootches which were partially destroyed by artillery were completely destroyed.

At 200940H Co K (-)/3/5 leading element received small arms fire and engaged with estimated 4 to 6 NVA in vicinity (ZC 097460). Enemy fled to the South. Estimated 6 NVA on high ground at (ZC 098456) which took leading elements under fire at 1045H. Fired artillery, and 81mm mortar missions. Closing on area. Results unknown.

At 201220H Co K (-)/3/5 engaged in vicinity (ZC-098456) estimated reinforced NVA platoon with 3 automatic weapons, and small arms. Enemy on high ground and snipers up in trees. Terrain extremely thick and after 3 attempts to dislodge enemy from high ground Co K (-) consolidated and maintained contact. Fired artillery, 81mm mortar missions, used gunships, fixed wing and Phycops. Enemy results unknown. Results 2 USMC KIA, 2 USMC WIA (med-evac).

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At 201450H Bowers-6, Solby-6 visited AP-6 at FSB MAXWELL.

At 201550H Flakey Snow-6 visited AP-6.

At 210940H 1/3 reported that artillery battery (Solby A) firing out of FSB Pike fired six (6) rounds on grid (ZC 0951 4582) with results that friendly casualties were taken. Check-fired the battery. Further information through administration channels. Results 3 USMC KIA, 16 USMC WIA.

At 210940H Co B in vicinity (ZC 100450) found two (2) hootches with trails in area. Personnel detonated 2 set type firing devices, constructed of Chico grenades with short fuzes. Trip wire was of surgical string. Equipment found 90,000 rounds AK ammo in large cases, 108 rounds of 82mm mortar and 16 rounds of 60mm mortar. Destroyed ordnance in area. Results 4 USMC MIA. (med-evac).

At 211435H 1/3 reported that (53) re-supply bird coming into FSB MAXWELL received 1 burst AK-47 fire from vicinity (ZC 110417). At 1445 another (53) re-supply bird received 1 burst from light machine gun approximately same vicinity. Fired artillery, 81mm mortar, 60mm mortar and silenced guns. Results unknown.

At 211530H Bowers-6 visited AP-6.

At 211900H Co B/1/3 and Co K/3/5 secured high ground vicinity (ZC 098456) formerly occupied by NVA. Found 12 fighting holes and 5 bunkers. Also found blood trail, 1 pack, 1 AK-47 magazine. Still receiving small arms fire from estimated 2 to 3 snipers in area. Results unknown.

At 211900H 1/3 reported FSB SPARROW closed.

At 221235 Co A in vicinity (ZC 102421) found six (6) hootches. Found three (3) additional hootches during search 50 meters to the East. Five (5) enemy were observed and taken under fire resulting in one (1) being killed. At 1430H a CH-46 went down due to mechanical failure and Co A provided SPARROW HAWK. At (ZC 110417) while reconning by fire they came under fire from village at this location. After taking the village they moved and seized hill at (ZC 111413). At this time they were engaged by small arms and 2 automatic weapons. They closed with the enemy. After CH 46 was extracted SPARROW HAWK, one (1) platoon of Co A moved to rejoin platoon of Co A. At 2000 H this platoon made contact with enemy and consolidated in position for night. Searched area and moved on. Results 3 USMC KIA, 2 USMC WIA, 1 NVA KIA.

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At 221355H Co D in vicinity (ZC 085431) found cache in 3 pits camouflaged with sticks and leaves. Found 30 fin stabilized 75mm Recoilless Rifle rounds (good condition), 6-81mm mortar rounds, 126-82mm mortar rounds, 225 rounds RPG 40's, 5-122mm rocket rounds in cannisters with fuzes. Reported to S-2. Sent one piece of each ordnance to rear. Destroyed rest.

At 221400H 1/3 reported that med-evac CH-46 went down in vicinity (ZC 112412) due to mechanical failure. At 1537H recovery team was dropped in area. At 1518 SPARROW HAWK from Co A secured area around bird. Recovery helo was requested also gun ships. At 1745 a CH-54 lifted down helo out, SPARROW HAWK returned to position. Results 3 USMC WIA (non hostile).

At 221430H Co B found cache in vicinity (ZC 101-451). Additional to cache found in this area previously. Also found one (1) fresh grave with one (1) body. NVA was killed by artillery due to numerous shrapnel wounds in body. Equipment found: 136-82mm mortar rounds, including fuzes and increments, 55,200 AK-47 rounds, 8,000 rounds .50 caliber, 20 rounds 60mm mortar, 30 lbs C-4, 6 rounds 75mm Recoilless rifle. Reported to S-2, blow ordnance in place.

At 221500H Co D reported additional cache found in vicinity (ZC 085431) same area spot report 221335H. This cache contained 9-81mm mortar rounds, 98-82mm mortar rounds, 10 complete 122mm rocket rounds, 153 RPG-8 40's, 9 cases 7.62 rounds, 2 cases .50 caliber rounds, 1 case SKS rounds. Returned one type each ordnance to S-2, destroyed rest in place.

At 221600H Co D in vicinity (ZC 079433) surprised 2 NVA in bunker which was apparent OP. The NVA were in tan uniforms. NVA fired small arms rounds and then were taken under fire by small arms and 1 frag grenade. Captured gear 1 SK, 1 AK-47, 1 bolt, 1 canteen, 1 magazine pouch and 4 AK magazines. Results 2 NVA, KIA. Returned gear to S-2.

At 221800H Co D loading elements in vicinity (ZC-079436) heard movement to their front. Surprised 2 VC and killed one (1). One (1) fled area. VC carried orders to report to a person at the hospital who would be from the command bunker. His projected date of arrival on orders was 22 January. Note book on body mentioned that mortars and positions were located near the large river to the west. Also note book mentioned an uncle he had that lives near the same river. The uncle reportedly has a couple of B-40 rocket rounds.

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Captured 3 AK-47's, 3 magazines, 1 pack, 1 canteen, 1 bolt rice, 1 knife, VC I.D. card orders and note book. Turned in gear to S-2. Results 1 VC KIA.

At 221900H Co B patrol moving to ambush site was ambushed 15 feet outside of perimeter in vicinity (ZC 096459). Estimated 3 enemy used AK-47's and frag grenades. Returned fire and moved back to perimeter. Results 3 USMC WIA.

At 222030H Co B perimeter (ZC 096459) was probed by estimated 4 to 6 enemy, who throw grenades and fired some AK-47 rounds from distance of 15 feet. Returned small arms fire and grenades. Seven (7) grenades were found in area next morning. Grenades were home-made cannister type with wooden handles and friction type string fuze. Also found large blood trail going to Southwest. Results 4 USMC WIA.

At 230845H Co D in vicinity (ZC 078436) found complex of 11 hootches 20 feet by 20 feet with underground living quarters. Four (4) enemy in area were fired on. Weapons were found lying on floor in hootch. Ammo and food cache were in small hole in ground. Also found ammo cache on East side of stream. Ammo was in a hole of rocks, camouflaged with leaves. Equipment captured 1 M-16 rifle serial #929412, 6 SK's, 1 AK-47, 224-82mm mortar rounds, 96-RPG-8 40 rounds, 17-75mm Recoilless Rifle rounds, 4 cans incinerants, 1 can primers, 1 can fuzes, 18-gallon cans fish oil, 1-1 gallon can salt, 1-1 gallon can gasoline, 1-1 gallon can cooking oil, 1 pig, 2 green uniforms, 10 ponchos, 2 canvas helmets, 8 packs, pills iodine, pots and pans and 6 spades. Gear turned into S-2. Destroyed everything. Results 1 NVA KIA.

At 231030H Co C in vicinity (ZC 109422) found one (1) .50 caliber position and one (1) smashed SKS. At (ZC 109421) found four (4) bunkers and two (2) destroyed hootches about 2 months old. At (ZC 107424) fresh footprints were found near stream leading to Northwest and were about 2 days old. Also fresh footprints and fresh blood at (ZC 116420). Returned smashed SKS to S-2.

At 231200H Co D in vicinity (ZC 077436) surprised two (2) VC moving South on a trail. They were carrying weapons but no packs. One (1) man had AK-47 and magazine bandolere. They wore green uniforms but wore no shoes. Took enemy under fire. One (1) VC killed the other fled North. Equipment captured 1 AK-47, 4 magazines, wallet, papers, canteen belt, rice pouch, and magazine bandolere. Result 1 VC, KIA. Turned in gear to S-2.

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At 231215H Co B patrol in vicinity (ZC 091460) received small arms fire 200 meters outside their perimeter from estimated two (2) enemy. Returned fire and withdrew to perimeter. Called artillery mission and continued on patrol after enemy broke contact. Results 1 USMC WIA (med-evac)

At 231400H Co A in vicinity (ZC 109420) observed and fired on three enemy advancing along trail from the North. One (1) armed with M-16 rifle and one (1) with AK-47. The enemy fled North leaving distinct blood trail. Searched area and call artillery mission on their route of withdrawal. Results unknown.

At 231400H Co A in vicinity (ZC 119420) found hootch and bunker complex. One (1) hootch was 15 feet by 25 feet with three bunkers underneath capable of holding twenty (20) people. Also thirteen (13) smaller hootches approximately 13 feet by 7 feet and forty (40) fighting holes surrounding complex and along trail running North to South. Hootches were old but there was much fresh digging in the area. Seven (7) fresh shallow graves approximately 24-36 hours old. The seven (7) bodies were riddled with

all arms wounds and shell fragments. Also seven (7) older deeper graves with bodies estimated several months old cause of death unknown. Capture 2 AK's. Results 14 NVA KIA (7 by the battalion).

At 231710H Co B in vicinity (ZC 096461) received small arms fire from outside their perimeter from three (3) enemy personnel with AK's. Also some small arms from unknown area. Returned fire with small arms, grenades and 60mm mortars. Advanced on enemy and killed two (2). One (1) fled North leaving a blood trail. One (1) dead man had documents, including orders detaching him from D company 150th to be attached to B 47th. Had miscellaneous personal letters but no ID card. Captured 2 AK 50's. Results 2 NVA/VC KIA.

At 231955H Co D received one (1) incoming grenade in vicinity (ZC 088432) also at 2020H received one (1) incoming grenade in vicinity (ZC 084429). Fired artillery illumination, 81mm mortars and small arms. Searched area, negative results. Results 2 USMC WIA.

At 241035H Co B vicinity (ZC 092463) reported re-supply hole by AK. Helo reported he had been hit and was returning to base. Fired artillery mission controlled by AO. Results unknown.

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At 241230H Co D in vicinity (ZC 088425) followed trail on azimuth of 180 degrees and found ten (10) bunkers and ten (10) fighting holes. Bunkers were 4 feet by 5 feet with log overhead. Fighting holes were 2 feet by 2 feet by 4 feet and very old. Also found fourteen (14) old punji pits covered with bamboo sticks. In same area found trees with three (3) parallel cuts. In vicinity (ZC 086428) found two (2) foot bridges made of tree logs 20 feet long by 2 feet wide. They were 30 feet apart, recently constructed across stream running Northwest to Southeast. Destroyed everything. Reported to S-2.

At 241720H 1/3 reported that re-supply hole (53) received 2 bursts of AK fire when leaving FSB MAXWELL. Fired artillery mission on suspected enemy location. Results unknown.

At 242330H Co B perimeter received four (4) Chi-Con grenades from estimated 3 to 4 enemy from 50 meters outside lines. Grenades did no damage. Fired 81mm mortar and 60mm mortar missions. Results unknown.

At 250900H Co D in vicinity (ZC 085433) found three caches. Each cache was in a hole approximately 6 feet by 4 feet, covered with logs, dirt and leaves. Found 3 new AK-47's in camouflaged, 36 bores 82mm mortar round s/3 per box, 5-122mm rockets with heads, 16-75mm recoilless rifle rounds in cannisters and 30 RPG rounds. Returned to S-2.

At 251145H Co D reported that 6-15 enemy with weapons were observed moving on FSB SPEAR (closed) to Southwest. AC requested fired artillery missions on FSB SPEAR with unknown results.

At 251200H 1/3 intercepted NVA traffic on frequency (49.30). The message was copied as translated by ARVN interpreter as follows: "We have to move far from the hill due west because many bunkers have been destroyed". Later a commander was talking to 82mm mortar positions telling them not to shoot because of clear weather and they are afraid of airplanes. In the conversation there was mention of 122mm rockets. At 1320 on frequency (50.00) Co C net the following message was intercepted. Someone called #70, #80 and #90 and told them to be careful. Orders were given that "any action would be on order". Reported and sent text to S-2.

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At 251130H Bowgro-6 visited ~~SP-4~~

At 251200H Co D in vicinity (ZC 082432) found an old trail 2 feet wide heading to high ground on 270 degree azimuth. On trail found two (2) set traps with pull type devices. Traps were 50 feet apart. 1st trap was ChiCom grenade in 1 foot by 1 foot hole with wire across trail, trap covered with twigs and leaves marked by two (2) crossed twigs 5 meters from trap and same 10 meters beyond it. 2nd trap was identical as first with same markings. Blew both in place.

At 251240H 1/3 reported that FSB MAXWELL received eight (8) rounds 60mm mortars from enemy position in vicinity (ZC 119420). Utilized A.O. gun ships, fixed wing, artillery missions to silence enemy. One plane took hits from AK-47, confirmed by pilot. Results unknown.

At 251415H Co B in vicinity (ZC 088458) discovered numerous trails all about 3 feet wide and approximately 4 months old. Leading element made contact with approximately 10-12 enemy with 2-30 caliber MG's and AK-47's. The enemy fired from the trees and bunkers. Flanked enemy on the high ground forced him to withdraw. In this area found seven (7) hatches and seven (7) bunkers. Hatches were 12 feet by 8 feet and approximately 10 years old. One (1) fresh grave was found 3-5 days old. Documents found and turned in to S-2. Destroyed everything in area. Results 1 USMC, KIA, 2 USMC WIA, 2 USMC WIA (non med evac) and 1 NVA/VC KIA.

At 251430H Co B in vicinity (ZC 094461) observed and fired on 2-3 enemy coming from South toward lines. Enemy fled to South leaving 4 ChiCom grenades and old trail. Fired artillery on withdrawal route, results unknown. Blew grenades in place.

At 251545H Co A in vicinity (ZC 111417) observed seven (7) NVA dressed in green uniforms moving from North to South on trail. The rear of column was ambushed killing two (2) wounding and capturing one (1). Remainder fled and ran into another Co A ambush which killed three (3) more. One (1) escaped. Results captured 6 AK-47's, 3 M-26 grenades, 5 ChiCom grenades, assorted 782 gear, 1 wallet and assorted personal papers. Casualties 1 USMC WIA (non med evac) 5 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA-POW (med-evac) sent gear to S-2.

At 251650H 1/3 reported re-supply hole (53) leaving FSB MAXWELL was fired on by one (1) sniper with AK-47. Hole reported being fired on from vicinity (ZC 105390). Fired artillery and 81mm mortar missions. Results unknown.

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At 251700H Co D in vicinity (ZC 085434) found enemy ammo and grenades along side of small trail heading on 90 degree azimuth. Ammo returned to position. Captured 2 boxes 7.62 ammo, 480 rounds per box, 2 ChiComs made of 0 Ration cans and 2 ChiCom grenades.

At 251945H Co B received 2 ChiCom grenades and 1 burst of AK-47 fire in lines. Returned fire, results unknown. Results 2 USMC WIA (non med-evac).

At 260820H Co A in vicinity (ZC 110418) observed seven (7) NVA moving South on trail. All were wearing green uniforms. Enemy was in two (2) groups, three (3) walking on point and four (4) 10 to 15 meters to the rear, carrying packs. Took enemy under fire killing two (2) point men. The rear group opened fire and withdrew to the North. Fired artillery and 81mm mortar missions deep and on both flanks of withdrawal. 24 missions in all. Results: captured 1 AK-47, 1 AK-50, 4 packs, assorted maps, documents and papers. 4 USMC WIA (mod-evac) 2 NVA KIA. Returned gear to S-2.

At 260915H Beware-6 visited AP-6.

At 261105H Co A engaged two (2) enemy in vicinity (ZC 11417). Enemy withdrew to North. Fired 81mm mortar mission on route of withdrawal with unknown results.

At 261300H Co D in vicinity (ZC 084434) found 3 caches. One (1) was in boxes stacked on the ground, camouflaged with leaves. The remaining two (2) were each found in 6 foot by 6 foot by 4 foot holes covered with dirt logs and leaves. Caches were blown in place. Captured were 246 rounds of 82mm mortar, 3 cases 7.62 480/box, 33 RPG rounds, 3-75mm recoilless rifle rounds.

At 262005H Co A sent follow up report to their spot report of 260820H. Captured gear and equipment: 2 AK-47's, 2-9mm pistol (Chinese). One NVA KIA was officer carrying a pistol and map case with maps and assorted documents and papers. One (1) captured map was 100S sheet 6539 IV series, L 7041, 1:50,000 scale. A possible artillery position was plotted in LAOS grid (YB 76739721). Additionally, possible firing tables for DK-75's and DK2-82's were found along with a diary and assorted papers. Sent to S-2.

At 270945H Co A in vicinity (ZC 085434) observed one (1) enemy moving south on trail. Took under fire. Returned fire and was killed. Results captured 1 AK-47, assorted 782 gear. 1 USMC WIA (mod-evac) 1 NVA/VG KIA.

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At 271115H Co A in vicinity (ZC 117417) observed seven (7) enemy proceeding south on trail. Took enemy under fire, fired artillery and 81mm mortar missions. Captured 3 AK-47's, assorted papers, 782 gear and 1 diary. Casualties 2 USMC WIA (med-evac) 1 USMC WIA (non med-evac), 2 NVA/VC KIA. Turned in gear to S-2.

At 271240H Co C in vicinity (ZC 112431) discovered very fresh grave. Dug up grave and found corpse which had bullet holes in back. Time of death placed at within last 12-24 hours. Results 1 NVA/VC KIA.

At 271400H Co C in vicinity (ZC 122441) while moving North found hootch and bunker complex. The five (5) hootches were 10 feet by 20 feet capable of housing 10 people each. The five (5) bunkers were 10 feet by 5 feet with log overhead. Two (2) old graves found in area. Dug up graves and found 2 AK-47's, 1 SKS, 1 home made grenade made from MCI applesauce can, also 1 regular ChiCom grenade, 15 packs with clothing, 200 pounds rice, 1500 rounds AK ammo, 113-82mm mortar rounds, and 6 RPG rounds. Bunkers, hootches, food ammo destroyed. Turned in rest to S-2.

At 271400H Boware-6 visited AP-6

At 271530H Co C in vicinity (ZC 123443) observed four (4) enemy moving Northwest on trail. When taken under fire enemy returned fire and withdrew to the West dragging wounded enemy. Called in artillery and 81's on method of withdrawal. Captured 1 AK-47, 1 pack and 1 M-16 grenade. Casualties 2 USMC WIA, 1 NVA/VC KIA.

At 280945H Co A in vicinity (ZC 115401) found one (1) hootch 10 feet by 20 feet recently abandoned. Bunker was found underneath capable of holding 5-8 people. Found the following gear 4 SKS, 1 bolt action rifle (classification unknown), 1 submachine gun type 50 were wrapped in leaves outside. Medical supplies, assorted pills, bandages and 500-cc vials oather found in hootch. Destroyed hootch, turned in gear to S-2.

At 281100H Co A in vicinity (ZC 11399) found two weapons, five (5) red and blue flags with gold star (VC), flag material and blank note books. Also found cultivated field with ripe plants. Weapons 2 SK's and 5 VC flags and rest of material turned in to S-2. Destroyed the plants.

At 281330H Co C in vicinity (ZC 123461) leading elements made contact with estimated 4-6 enemy with 1 MG and small arms. Fired artillery, used gun ships, results unknown. Casualties 2 USMC WIA (med-evac).

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At 281420H Co B in vicinity (ZC 098450) ambushed 1 NVA going South on trail and killed him. 15 minutes later another enemy going South entered same ambush and was killed. At about same time 2 enemy entered another ambush 500 yards away, they were going South. They were killed. Captured 1 SKS, 3 AK-47's, 2 Chi Com grenades, documents, money. One document indicated individual to be transferred from C-70 unit to D 140 unit effective 2 February 1969. Second document mentions CIV-433 unit field translation capability exceeded at this point. 4 NVA KIA. Gear turned into S-2.

At 281500H Bowaro-6 visited AP-6

At 290310H Co B in vicinity (ZC 0944661) was probed by estimated 6-8 enemy who fired 10 RPG rounds and threw 4 grenades plus small arms fire. Enemy approached from South. Fired artillery, 81mm mortar missions, results unknown. Results 1 USMC KIA, 2 USMC WIA (med-evac) 4 USMC WIA (non med-evac).

At 290805H Co D in vicinity (ZC 077453) three (3) enemy entered ambush two (2) coming from the North and one (1) from the West. Opened fire on two (2) coming from the East. One (1) of the two, possibly an officer dropped a pistol and fled East. Shortly after another enemy was taken under fire as he advanced from the West. Captured 1-9mm pistol, 2 AK-47's, 2 ChiComs, various documents, 1 knife, 1 belt, 1 helmet, 1 pistol magazine. Casualties 1 USMC WIA, 2 NVA KIA.

At 291140H Co B observed in vicinity (ZC-114500) 15 individuals moving to the South towards 5 san pans in the river. Fired artillery controlled by A0. Results unknown.

At 291200H Co C in vicinity (ZC 132448) found hootch and bunker complex. Complex appeared to be class room and rest area. Ten (10) hootches of bunkers 20 foot by 30 foot. In hootches found chalk and blackboard. Found one (1) messhall with stools and tables. Messhall was 20 foot by 30 foot also in several hootches found mosquito testing gear, surgical gear, nurse clothing and notebooks. Area appeared to be a hospital. Found 1 bolt action carbine (Russian made), 900 blasting caps, 1 60mm mortar round, 4 RPG 6 rounds and medical gear. Destroyed hootches and bunkers turned in gear to S-2.

At 291530H Bowaro 6, Selby 6 visited AP-6

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At 301030H Co C in vicinity (ZC 133450) two (2) enemy approached ambush from the North both carrying AK-47's. One (1) enemy was killed, estimated 19 years old wearing a green uniform. The remaining enemy fled to the North. Captured 1 AK-47 and 1 NVA KIA.

At 301000H Co C in vicinity (ZC 143461) found eight (8) hootches eight (8) bunkers and five (5) fighting holes. All approximately 6 months old. The hootches were 10 feet by 15 feet capable of housing seven (7) people. Bunkers same size. Destroyed bunkers and hootches, assorted 782 gear, 2 cases 7.62mm ammo/1000 rounds, and one (1) ChiCom grenade.

At 301430H Co D in vicinity (ZC 075445) received burst of AK fire from four (4) enemy. Returned fire and killed one (1). Captured one (1) AK-47. 1 NVA KIA.

At 301600H Co B in vicinity (ZC 075449) heard voices and chopping sounds coming from high ground. Attacked area. Captured 20 pounds of rice, medical supplies, 1 wallet with ID card, 2 note books, 1 blanket, 1 pair socks, 4 AK magazines, 2 ponchos, 1 comb. Casualties 1 NVA KIA.

At 301715H Co D in vicinity (ZC 075444) made contact with 3-4 snipers. Closed with enemy from the East. Lateness of day forced Co D to break contact. Fired artillery and 81mm mortar missions. Casualties 1 USMC KIA, 4 USMC WIA.

At 301725H Co D sent final report on action in vicinity (ZC 075444) 1 USMC KIA body was left in area of contact during withdrawal 1 USMC KIA-MIA.

At 310725H Co D moved to area of previous contact (ZC 075444) recover body. Marine body was gone but snipers again engaged Co D. Fired artillery and 81mm mortar missions. Casualties 1 USMC WIA (med-evac).

At 310950H Beware-6 visited AP-6

At 311405H Co B reported that re-supply helo (53) received fire from AK from vicinity (ZC 095461). Helo spotted 2-3 enemy at this location. Fired 81mm mortar missions on area, results unknown.

At 311435H Co C in vicinity (ZC 131451) found small hootch and bunker complex. When landing element entered they received fire from estimated 6-8 enemy with 1 light machine gun. Ordered to withdraw and area was saturated with artillery missions. Casualties 5 USMC KIA, 5 USMC WIA (med-evac).

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At 311500H Co A in vicinity (ZC 094418) found 1500 pounds of rice in an old thatched baskets on an old wood raised platform. The platform was approximately 2 feet off the ground and 6 feet by 6 feet in size. The baskets, rice and platform were all 3 to 4 months old. Sample of rice to S-2 rest of area destroyed.

At 311750H Co B received from vicinity (ZC 094466) received approximately 12 rounds of small arms fire from estimated 6 enemy. The enemy was south of Co B position. Fired artillery and 81mm mortar missions, results unknown.

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PART III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events1. Combat Missions Assigned

Basic Mission:

1-9 January 1969

Continue present mission as outlined in FragO
65-68.

Ref: CO, 3rd Marines FragO 65-68 21 Dec 1968

Ref: CO, 3rd Marines FragO 66-68 23 Dec 1968

9-24 January 1969

Continue present mission as outlined in FragO
65-68.

Ref: CO, 3rd Marines FragO 1-69 7 January 1969

24-31 January 1969

Continue present mission as outlined in FragO
65-68

Ref: CO, 3rd Marines FragO 2-69 21 January 1969

CO, 3rd Marines FragO 3-69 31 January 1969

2. Significant Operations Conducted

1-9 January 1969

Seize objective 3 FSB MAXWELL by helicopterborne assault. If single bird zone not developed on Hill 508 by 090800H January heli-lift to initial LZ of PPS-278 and move overland to secure Hill 508. Develop FSB MAXWELL for "D" battery. Initial S/D operations are directed to the south and Northwest Hill 513.

Ref: CO, 3rd Marines FragO 1-69 7 January 1969

9-24 January 1969

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On 24 January 1969 chap K/3/5 to 3/5 on completion of K/3/5's helilift to Combat Base BROADSWORD. Continue to conduct S/D operations in AO (see overlay). C/1/12 helilift to Hill 570 vicinity (ZC 025345) on 3 February 1969. Seize COB SCHIMITAR and prepare for operations West of river in AO. On order conduct S/D operations to West of SONG CAI River.

Ref: CO, 3rd Marines FragO 2-69 21 January 1969

24-31 January 1969

Secure BDA of X-M/S package from (ZC 142458) Northeast to (ZC 150477). Report damage assessment of suspected hospital and storage area in this area.

Ref: CO, 3rd Marines FragO 3-69 31 January 1969

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4. Casualties Inflicted

NVA/VC KIA's	66
POW's	1

5. Casualties Sustained

	USMC
KIA's	24
WIA's	78
MIA	1

6. Supply Some items are not in stock that are needed but during the month of January, we experienced no major difficulties. The availability of bird and tactical positions of our units at times makes re-supply difficult. We are sending needed items of clothing and equipment from NAM O base camp to AN HOA for transfer to field.

7. Motor Transport The month of January and our location provided us the opportunity to bring our vehicles up to par. At present we are in excellent shape and when some items on order come in we will be able to bring the section close to 100% effectiveness. Truck support at NAM O area has been outstanding. Of the trucks assigned to our battalion we have had no break downs and very few flats giving the battalion continuous use of these vehicles.

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8. Administration

a. The usual administrative problems were encountered during this time, however, overall administration was considered to be satisfactory.

(1) Awards Recommended

117 Navy Achievement Medals
6 Navy Commendation Medals
6 Bronze Star Medals

(2) Awards Presented

1 Bronze Star Medal

(3) Promotions Effected

15 Corporals
70 Lance Corporals
4 Private First Class

b. Postal Due to the move of our personnel and Battalion Mail Room to AN HCA, the administrative rears mail service has been considerably inadequate.

9. Personnel**a. Administrative Gains**

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Officers	7	1
Enlisted	149	8

b. Administrative Losses

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Officers	5	1
Enlisted	142	11

10. Intelligence In early January the Battalion was involved in search and destroy operations in the vicinity of ZC 183401 (Hill 558). The enemy appeared to have abandoned his positions, leaving behind equipment and arm caches, the most notable items being 122mm Rockets hand operated generators, a gasoline engine, NVA utilities, passports, diaries, maps, and a bundle of news release type photographs. One surprise firing device was tripped, and several others found, but we encountered no organized resistance.

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On 10 January, the Battalion moved West into the vicinity of 40 096419 (Hill 508).

From 10-12 January, hootch and bunker complexes, including a base camp, were found. The areas appeared to be approximately 6 months old. Many well worn, and several freshly cut trails were found, and one sniper incident was reported.

On 12 January, Co B found 3 punji pits and numerous punji stakes along a trail in an apparent ambush site. The area had been marked by horizontal slashes on trees.

The Battalion command group received 11 rounds of incoming 82mm mortars. Our own mortars countered to silence the enemy.

From 13-14 January, several large bunker complexes and caches were found. Among the items captured were 100 NVA uniforms and a printing press. 13 bodies were recovered from shallow graves, with 2 incidents of contact and 1 incoming mortar being reported.

On 15 January, a helicopter carrying several high-ranking persons was downed by automatic weapons fire after leaving the Battalion Command's position.

From 16-21 January, several anti-aircraft positions were discovered, along with hootch and bunker complexes, one of which appeared to be a Way Station. Caches were found which included mortar and recoilless rifle ammunition. Contact was light, with scattered instances of sniper fire reported.

On 22 January, additional complexes were found, and 6 incidents of contact resulted in 6 enemy KIA. Co D found a series of caches containing (75) recoilless rifle rounds, (5,986) mortar rounds, (537) RPG rounds, (20) 122mm rockets (136) 12.7mm rounds, (8,000) .50 caliber rounds, and (66,000) 7.62mm rounds.

On 23 January, Co A found a large complex of hootches and bunkers surrounded by fighting holes. Inside the complex were 14 graves, 7 of which appeared to have been approximately 24 hours old. The bodies had small arms and fragment wounds.

From 24-25 January 6 sniper incidents, 3 contacts, 2 surprise firing device incidents, and one report of 60mm mortar incoming. An Co A ambush killed 5 enemy, and captured 1. A .50 caliber anti-aircraft position, and 14 punji pits (marked in the same manner as the ones previously found) were also discovered.

On 26 January Co A killed 2 enemy, one of which was carrying a new 9mm Chinese Pistol, maps, documents and papers, indicating that he was an officer.

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From 27-29 January, 7 contacts were reported and several small caches found.

On 29 January, Co C found a hootch and bunker complex composed of a mess hall, living quarters, and classrooms containing surgical and mosquito testing equipment. Co B lines received 10 RPG rounds.

Between 29 January and the end of the month, numerous sniper incidents and 2 contacts occurred. Co A found a hootch and bunker complex which contained 1500 pounds of rice.

During the month of January, the battalion accounted for 66 enemy KIA's and 1 POW.

17 KIA as a result of contact (including enemy initiated actions)

15 KIA resulting from friendly ambushes.

34 bodies in graves (including 21 estimated 24-48 hours old, 8 of which were attributed to small arms).

The majority of caches were in bunkers, several buried in or around complexes, and 2 were found on raised platforms.

Contacts were generally sporadic, usually involving between 2 and 6 enemy, and several times, enemy sub-machine or machine guns.

The enemy was generally more aggressive this month, as evidenced by the increased number of contacts and sniper incidents; and fairly well supplied according to the amount of gear and equipment captured. (The following pages list enemy gear and equipment captured during the month of January).

Individual Weapons

AK-47	32
Sub-machine gun	7
M-1 Carbine	1
CKS	17
M-16	1
9mm Pistol	2
Bolt action Russian rifle	2

Documents

Propaganda leaflets, Photographs, maps, banners, training books, rolls of film, letters, drawings, diagrams, I.D. cards, notebooks, orders, and diaries.

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Positions Destroyed

Huts	148
Bunkers	130
Fighting holes	66
Messhall	1
Classroom	1
Hospital	1
Caves	3
Punji pits	17
Anti-aircraft positions	4
Bridges	2

Captured Equipment

Generator w/gasoline engine	1
Flashlight batteries	10
Printing press assorted	
printing plates	1
Blasting caps	950
M-56 fuses	3
Block TNT	1
Chinese telephone	1
Field glasses	2
Cans of increments	4
Cans of primers	1
Backs	25
Canteen belts	4
Medical kits	4
lbs. of G-4	30
AK-47 magazines	15
Helmets	5
Cartridges	14
Knives	3
Green uniforms	2
Set of utilities (NVA)	280
Bundles of black cloth	2
Set of civilian clothing	1
Khaki uniforms	2
Sets of gray trousers and	
shirt combinations	2
Straw hat	1
Black uniforms	11
Blue sweat shirts	20
Belts	3
Various items of 782 gear	
Gallons of fish oil	20
Gallons of salt	1
Gallons of gas	1
Gallons of cooking oil	1

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Captured Equipment continued

Ponchos	12
Bundles of typing paper	5
Bottle of red paint	1
Rice cutters	2
Hoe	1
Shovel	1
Spades	6
Hammer	1
Straight edge	1
Pliers	2
Forceps	3
Chisel	1
122mm Rockets	20
75mm Recoilless Rifle	75
57mm Recoilless Rifle	54
82mm mortar rounds	1057
81mm mortar rounds	27
60mm mortar rounds	33
APG rounds	548
.50 caliber rounds	8,020
12.7mm rounds	132
81mm ammunition	65,090
40mm grenades	333
2.2 inch mines	2
2.2 inch mines	4
155mm rounds	2
M-16 grenade	4

Food and Livestock

Corn	25 lbs.
Rice	1,723 lbs.
Pig	1

1. Fire ReportMissions Fired

Unobserved	-	0
Registration	-	32
Navigation	-	4
Prep	-	208
Observed	-	271
H&I	-	294
Total		809

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Ammunition Expended

<u>Type</u>	<u>No. Fired</u>
HE	18,036
WP	931
Smoke	45
Illum	140
Total	19,152

12. Air Support During January the usage of helicopter support was for troop lifts with re-supply missions being the next in priority. There were no significant helicopter problems during this period except for a few times when due to mechanical failure they had to make an emergency landing.

Re-supply	455
CC bird	150
Troop lifts	102
Med-evac	51
Gunships	81
V.R.	1
AO	31
Flag ship	10
Spooky	2
Fixed wing	51
FPQ	110

13. Communications Major problem this month was the re-supply of batteries due to the lack of helicopters. We were hindered some re-supply but mainly tactical situation dictated slow input due to locations of units and enemy fire. Use of ho AT 2236 has improved communication in that greater range can be obtained with the 2236. The use of the 47 and HF capabilities in the field has been useful in passing administration traffic thereby relieving the tactical net and enabling us also to reach our rear at NAM O BRIDGE.

14. Training

a. Objective To maintain and improve the high state of combat efficiency of the battalion.

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b. Highlights

During the month of January 9 in country Troop Indoctrinations were held. During this indoctrination previously troops just fired their M-16 rifle for zoning. As of this month the new troops now fire the LAW's, M-79, and receive class on and demonstration of Claymore mines. Demonstrations also include 106's (live firing), 81mm mortars and 60mm mortar (live firing). As soon as a safe area is constructed throwing of grenades will be conducted to go along with class now being conducted. Troops also receive a lecture/demonstration on M-60 machine gun.

Ref: DivO 1510.30

General training was conducted throughout January in the battalion rear at NAM O BRIDGE and in the field. Emphasis was placed in the field on ambushes, offensive tactics, patrolling. Intense training on ambushes has finally shown results in this month.

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PART IV

Supporting Documents

- ✓1. CO, 3d Marines FragO 65-68 21 December 1968
- ✓2. CO, 3d Marines FragO 66-68 23 December 1968
- ✓3. CO, 3d Marines FragO 1-69 7 January 1969
- ✓4. CO, 3d Marines FragO 2-69 21 January 1969
- ✓5. CO, 3d Marines FragO 3-69 31 January 1969
- ✓6. CO, 1st Bn, 3d Mar Annex B (overlay) 29 December 1968

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B. FRIENDLY FORCES (NO CHANGE)							
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3. EXECUTION							
A. CONCEPT OF OPERATION.							
(SEE ANNEX OVERLAY)							
B. 1ST BN 3 RD (REIN.)							
1. OMOR ABOUT 23 DEC 68							
SECURE HILL 1050 WITH CO.							
HELILIFT. FOREST AB. OF REG.							
RELAY AND BATTERY (-) 4.2 MORTARS							
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1. SECURE OBJ. 1. (2C.134358) HILL 551) ON OR ABOUT 23 DEC. 68. AND EST. FSB FOR BATTERY(-) 105 (4(BATT) TUBES) AND BATTERY(-) 155 (4 TUBES) 2. BE PREPARED TO SIEZE OBJ. 5. ON ORDER 3. BE PREPARED TO SIEZE OBJ. 7 ON ORDER. 4. BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT ONE					
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COMPANY HELICOPTER ASSAULT ON OBJ 41 ZC 091311 Hill 1143 5. CONDUCT S/D OPERATIONS IN AO D. 2/5 (REINF.) 1. BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT ONE COMPANY HELILIFT TO HILL 1050 AND PASS 10. THROUGH CO OF 1/3 TO SIEZE OBJ. 4. ZC. 155476, Hill 1028 2. BE PREPARED TO SIEZE OBJ. A. ON ORDER.					
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3. CONDUCT S/D IN AO E. 3/5 (REINF.) 1. BE PREPARED TO SEIZE OBJ 2 (ZC 080378) Hill 734 BY HELICOPTER ASSAULT ON ORDER 2. BE PREPARED TO SIEZE OBJ 6 (ZC 064365) Hill 481 AND EST FSR FOR 105'S ON ORDER 3. BE PREPARED TO EST. RECON SCREEN ON R1 & R2 ON ORDER					
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4. BE PREPARED TO SEIZE OBT. (C) ON ORDER BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT S/D IN AO F. MOBILE STAKE FORCE SOUTH ALONG AXIS RED 6. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS NO CHANGE EXCEPT BOUNDARIES SEE ANNEX OVERLAY 4. ADMIN LOGISTICS N/C 5. COMMAND & COM. THE ELECTRONICS					
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N/C THROST PTS EMPHASIZED CANALS 7947 HOLIDAYS 1446 HORSES 8945 INDIAN TRIBES 1242 PACIFIC ISLANDS 1841 MOTORCYCLES 8141 BASEBALL TEAMS 1643 BOYS NAMES 8938 FOREIGN CARS 1535					
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2. ASSUME OPCON OF K_{1/5} ON FSB LANDS UPON COMPLETION OF 3₅(-) HELILIFT TO OBJECTIVE 2. ONLY COMMIT COMPANY K TO EXTENDED S/O OPERATION WITH PRIOR APPROVAL OF THIS HEAD-QUARTERS 3₅ AND SEE FRAG. ORDER 65-68. ① CONTINUE PREPARATION TO RECEIVE 4/55 MM ON FSB CUTLASS ON 31 DEC. 68. ② SIZE OBJECTIVE NUMBER 5. ③ 3₅ NO CHANGE FRAG. ORDER 65-68. ④ 3₅ FRAG ORDER 65-68 ① execute my					
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FRAG. ORDER 65-68, SIZE OBJECTIVE NUMBER 2 AT 010800H. JAN 69. DEVELOP FSB JAVELIN FOR 6/05 MM, AND 4/55 MM HOWITZERS ① ASSUME PCON L_{1/5} AT 301800H. AND CHOP TO 1₅ ON COMPLETION OF 3₅ HELILIFT TO FSB JAVELIN. 3. EXECUTION CONTINUED ① M&F ① CONTINUE S/O OPERATIONS IN EXTENDED R.O. AS FOLLOWS: FROM TFX BOUNDARY/SON THU BON RIVER AT (793309)					
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FROM SOUTH ALONG WEST BANK OF SON THU BOW RIVER TO INTER- SECTION OF SON THU BOW / 1ST MAR DIV BOUNDARY AT (818273); THEN SOUTH ALONG 1ST MAR DIV BOUNDARY TO (AT 814261); THEN WEST ALONG 1ST MAR DIV BOUNDARY TO INTERSECTION OF 1ST MAR DIV BOUNDARY / SON CHAI RIVER AT (CZC 037216); THEN					
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SECRET Hm INFO-Y; FRAG. ORDER 1-69			B5, C6, PP, LL, FL, 1. SITUATION ADD 2 GOMSE 2. MISSION - NO CHANGE 3. EXECUTE. (1) CONCEPT OF OPERATION (SOP) FRAG ORDER 65-68) (1) SEIZURE OF 3 FSB MAXWELL BY HELI - ASSAULT, IF SINGLE BIRD ZONE NOT DEVELOPED ON HILL 508 BY 090800 JAN HELI - LIFT TO INITIAL 2.2 OF PP 5728 AND MOVE OVER LAND TO SECURE HILL 308.		
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FROM		TO		☒ SEND MOD CLEAR	☐ SEND CLEAR
① DEVELOPE FSB MAXWELL FOR "D" BATTERY ② INITIAL S/D OPERATION ARE DIRECTED TO SOUTH AND N. WASH HILL 5123. C. 3/5 (SEE FRAG ORDER 65-68) ③ ON ORDER SECURE ADJECTIVE "D". HILL 1143 AND MOVE TO INTERDICT ROUTE 14. ④ SECURE HILL 204 (ZC 14828) AND DEVELOPE A FSB FOR "C" BATTERY, TO ASSIST MOVEMENT OF C106 AND MSE IN VALLEY AND LOW-LAND TO YOUR-					
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FROM		TO		☐ SEND MOD CLEAR	☐ SEND CLEAR
SOUTH. ③ CONDUCT S/D OPERATIONS TO SW IN YOUR AO IN CONJUNCTION WITH MSE AND C106 OPERATION TO YOUR SOUTH ④ 3/5 (SEE FRAG ORDER 65-68) ⑤ CEASE WORK ON FSB JAVULIN. ⑥ ON 9 JAN COMMENCE MOVEMENT OVER LAND TO SEIZE OBJ. "C" FRAG. ORDER 65-68 ⑦ BE PREPARED TO SEIZE OBJ. 6 HILL 481 AND DEVELOPE IT INTO A FSB FRAG ORDER 65-68					
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FROM				TO					
① CONDUCT $\frac{5}{0}$ OPERATION TO N.W. IN AO. ② $\frac{2}{5}$ SEC FRAG. ORDER 65-68. ① SEIZE OBT 4 SEC. FRAG 65-68 ② SECURE AND BLOCK TRAIL RUNNING E-W OVER ESCARPMENT IN GRID 1546. ③ CONTINUE $\frac{5}{0}$ OPERATIONS TO NORTH TO SECURE OBT. "A". E. MSF AND CIDG ④ UPON INSERTION OF FSB 209 CONDUCT $\frac{5}{0}$ OPERATIONS TO INTER S-W IN AO.									
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FROM				TO					
② INSURE 1 COMPANY REMAIN HILL 513 IN AO TO BLOCK S ROUTE OF APPROACH IN AO. G. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS ① $\frac{1}{3}$ EXPEDITE CLOSING FSB LANCE AND MOVEMENT $\frac{1}{3}$ TO FSB. ② $\frac{1}{3}$ EXPEDITE DEVELOPMENT $\frac{3}{5}$ FSB MAXWELL AND CLOSING FSB SPEAR. ③ $\frac{1}{3}$ UPON CLOSING FSB SPEAR CHOP $\frac{1}{3}$ TO $\frac{3}{5}$. ④ UPON CLOSING FSB SPEAR $\frac{3}{5}$ ASSUME									
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OPCON 136 4. ADMIN IN LOG - NO CHANGE. 5. CMD AND COMPT - NO CHANGE.					
DB 1309 H. JAN 69 / NM / CXB					
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3rd Bn, 3d Marines
2nd Bn, 5th Marines
3rd Bn, 5th Marines
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12th Marines
1st MAG
1st Bn, 12th Marines

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1. SITUATION: (NO CHANGE)

2. MISSION: (NO CHANGE)

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operations (See overlay)

b. 1/3

(1) On 24 Jan, 1969, corp K/3/5 to 3/5, on completion of heliborne at Combat Base BROADSWOOD.

(2) Continue to conduct S/D ops in AO. (See overlay).

(3) C/1/12 heliborne to PSE _____, Hill #570, via ZC025(15) on 3 Feb, 1969.

(4) Seize COB SCHMITZ and prepare for ops West of the river in AO.

(5) On Order conduct S/D ops to West of SOMU CAT River.

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c. 3/3

- (1) On 24 Jan, 1969, secure COB BATTLE AXE, hill #1143, by helilift, and conduct S/D ops along slopes to West and South.
- (2) Recover Reccn bodies at (ZC063313).
- (3) MLT 30 Jan, 1969, seize hill #452, vic(ZC076292) and establish a FSB.
- (4) On 01 Feb, 1969, F/2/11 helilift to hill #452 from FSB JUTAH3.
- (5) On 02 Feb, 1969, LY 4/11 helilift to hill #452 from FSB JUTAH3.
- (6) Continue to conduct S/D ops in AO. (See overlay).
- (7) On 04 Feb, 1969, helilift 2/2/11 to FSB hill #452 vic(ZC025345) from FSB DART.

3. 2/5

- (1) Continue attack toward Song Cai River.
- (2) Continue retrograde movement of FSB PIKE to An Hoa.
- (3) On 30 Jan, 1969, helilift 1/1/12 to FSB TOMAHAWK from FSB PIKE.
- (4) On 31 Jan, 1969, helilift 2nd PROV 1/12 to FSB TOMAHAWK from FSB PIKE.
- (5) On 31, Jan, 1969, FSB PIKE closed; Company helilift to An Hoa.
- (6) About 03 Feb, 1969, attack and seize hill #435, vic(ZC021235); helicopter assault.
- (7) On Order conduct S/D ops to North in new AO.
- (8) Insure LZ's are cut on each piece of high ground along ridge line West of SONG CAI River.

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e. 3/5

(1) Assume Opcon K/3/5 upon completion of helilift to COB BROAD-SWORD, on 27 Jan, 1969.

(2) ~~ALT 3 Jan~~ ^{81 JAN} 1969, seize Obj "C" and establish FSB TOMAHAWK, hill #235, vic(ZO015419).

(3) On 7 Jan, 1969, receive A/1/12 at FSB TOMAHAWK.

(4) On 1 Jan, 1969, receive 2nd PROV 1/12 at FSB TOMAHAWK.

(5) By 32 Feb, 1969, seize hill #570, vic(ZO025345) and establish a FSB _____.

(6) Improve hill #929, vic(ZO038344) is outpost when hill #570 is developed into a FSB.

(7) On 03 Feb, 1969, receive C/1/12 on FSB _____, hill #570.

(8) On 04 Feb, 1969, receive D/2/11 on FSB _____, hill #570.

(9) Continue S/D opns in AO.

f. MOP/IDG

(1) Continue S/D opns in AO.

g. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

(1) Overlay (Pass Sep).

(2) Thrust Points effective 250600H Jan 1969, all other Thrust points cancelled same DTG.

4. ADMIN & LOG: (NO CHANGE)

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5. COM & COMM:

a. Thrust Points

ICE CREAM	0950	TREES	9636
COLORS	1450	FLOWERS	0436
MONTHS	0148	LAKES	0637
PRESIDENTS	0945	GAMES	9734
ENLISTED RANKS	1745	FRUITS	1233
CARS	1240	BEER	1534
CONTINENTS	0541	SOFT DRINKS	1732
DOG FOOD	0043	DANCES	0829
COOKIES	0240	STATES	0129
TOYS	9738	GIRLS NAMES	0325
BIRDS	0121	OFFICERS RANKS	1226

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FROM (1) BW		TO AP, LL, AP SP					
310030H JAN 69							
FRAG ORDER 3-69							
PARA LT2 NO CHANGE							
3 EXECUTION SUB L.A. (AP)							
① CONTINUE MISSION ASSIGNED							
AP 1/3 FRAG ORDER 2-69							
② secure BDA of X-MAS ¹³⁴⁵ ₁₃₄₅							
PACKAGE FROM ZC 142458							
NETO 150477 REPORT DAMAGE							
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				FM PRIVATE L2.8 ¹³⁴⁵ ₁₃₄₅			
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FROM (2)		TO 109-69					
ASSESSMENT of SUSPECTED							
HOSPITAL & STORAGE AREA, IN							
THIS AREA.							
B. 3/3 smitty							
1. LIFT 1 company (-)							
TO SECURE FSB BOLO,							
HILL 545 ON 31 JAN							
INITIAL INSERTS TO BE MADE							
BY RECON & ENGINEERS.							
2. CONTINUE MISSION							
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FROM (3)		TO			
ASSIGNED FRAG ORDER 2-69					
(2) 2/5 LLAW					
1. HELI-LIFT 2/5(-)					
FROM PRESENT POS TO AULHOA					
ON 1 FEB 69					
2. HELI-LIFT 1 COMPANY					
FROM FSD PIKE ON 2 FEB					
69 AND PASS CONTROL TO					
MSF					
3. PREPARE HELI -					
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FROM (4)		TO			
ASSAULT Hill 435 ON					
5 FEB 69					
(4) CONT. ASSIGNED MSN.					
FRAG 2-69					
D. 3/5 PARKER PEN					
1. CONT. MSN ASSIGNED					
BY FRAG ORDER 2-69 AFTER					
CONDUCTING S/D OPERATIONS					
AROUND ZC 039454					
E CO-ORDINATING INSTR.					
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FROM (31)		TO			
1. BOUNDARY CHANGE FRM. FRAG 2-69 A. BETWEEN 1/28315 from RIVER AT 2C036460 EAST TO 050460 SOUTH TO 050433 AT PRESENT BOUNDARY B. BETWEEN 3/3 & M SF DELETE PRESENT BOUNDARY 3/3 AO EXTENDS TO SOUTHEAST BOUNDARY YAO C. OTHER BOUNDARIES FRAG ORDER 2-69					
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FROM (31)		TO			
2. ARTILLERY 1 FEB W-Y 3/11 B/1/13 TO COB BATTLE AXE A/1/11 FSB PIKE TO TOMAHAWK 2-FEB 2 nd PROV FSB PIKE TO TOMAHAWK 3 FEB F/2/12 F/2/12 FSB CUTLASS TO BOLO 4 FEB L-Y FSB CUTLASS TO BOLO 7 FEB C/1/11 FSB MAXWELL TO SABER					
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