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1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b) and
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

010001H to 292400H February 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATION DATA

<u>1. DESIGNATION</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
2nd Battalion, 3rd Mar	LtCol J. W. DAVIS	1-29Feb 68

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Co	Capt G. N. COOPER	1-29Feb68
Co E	Capt I. J. CANNILL	1-29Feb68
Co F	Capt W. R. SMITH	1-29Feb68
Co G	1stLt F.M. HESSER	1-13Feb68
	1stLt C.B. SCHMALZ	14-29Feb68
Co H	Capt K. R. GREEN	1-29Feb68

2. LOCATION

HOA VANG, HIEU NHON and DIEN BAN DISTRICTS, QUANG NAM PROVINCE,
 RVN 1-26Feb68: PHU LOC DISTRICT, THUA THIEN PROVINCE 27-29Feb68

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj R. N. BOGARD	1-1Feb68
	Maj J. P. GAGLIARDO Jr	2-29Feb68
S-1/ADJ	1stLt K. N. MCLEMORE	1-29Feb68
S-2	1stLt C. L. WOODARD	1-29Feb68
S-3	Capt V. M. SMITH	1-1Feb68
	Maj R. N. BOGARD	2-29Feb68
S-4	Capt K. G. FOWSFORD	1-5Feb68
	Capt W. E. RUSSELL	6-29Feb68
S-5	1stLt M. P. CHERVERAK	1-29Feb68
CommO	1stLt K. L. LOVE	1-6Feb68
	1stLt W. T. GEORGE Jr	7-29Feb68

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
37	1026	3	52

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period 1-10 February, the TET offensive launched in late January rose to peak intensity. The enemy's major attempt to gain access to the DANANG complex via the 2/3 TAOR resulted in very heavy contact on 9 and 10 February along the eastern bank of the South Vietnam Dong River. From 6-8 February, elements of the Second Battalion, Third Marines had been chopped OPCON to Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, and First Battalion, Sixth Infantry, 198th Light Infantry Brigade to engage enemy units threatening DANANG from the southwest. From 11-27 February, 2/3 initiated two to three company size search and destroy operations on a daily basis. In late February, Third Battalion, Twenty-Seventh Marines moved into the 2/3 TAOR and units up to platoon size commenced terrain familiarization operations under the control of 2/3 units.

On 22 February, Second Battalion, Third Marines chopped OPCON from First Marine Division to Twenty-Seventh Marines. At 0930 hours, 27 February, Second Battalion, Third Marines were relieved of their TAOR by Third Battalion, Twenty-Seventh Marines and chopped OPCON to Fifth Marines for participation in Operation HOUSTON. Combat elements departed north on 27 February and a new CP was established within the Operation HOUSTON TAOR on 28 February. Company H, Second Battalion, Third Marines remains OPCON to First Battalion, Seventh Marines.

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANTEVENTS1. Personnel and Administration

a. Awards. Three silver stars, two Bronze stars, one Navy, Marine Corps Medal and one Navy Commendation Medal were awarded during February 1968.

b. Quota. A total of 67 quota were utilized during February 1968.

c. Personnel losses and gains for February 1968.

USMC

<u>OFFICERS</u>		<u>ENLISTED</u>	
<u>JOINED</u>	<u>DROPPED</u>	<u>JOINED</u>	<u>DROPPED</u>
5	8	194	148

USN

<u>OFFICERS</u>		<u>ENLISTED</u>	
<u>JOINED</u>	<u>DROPPED</u>	<u>JOINED</u>	<u>DROPPED</u>
0	0	3	3

d. Casualties for February 1968

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
KIA	1	19	0	0
WIA	5	106	0	0
DOW	0	0	0	0
MIA	0	0	0	0

e. Promotions. First Lieutenant - 2; First Sergeant - 1; Sergeant - 1; Corporal - 1.

f. Legal and Discipline. A total of 8 Battalion Office Hours were held during February 1968. Articles violated were article 86 (5), Article 92 (2), and Article 134 (2). Four of these office hours were referred to Courts-Martial. Special Court-Martials awarded during February 1968 and pending at this time are three special Court-Martials (article 86) and one special Court-Martial (articles 92 and 134).

g. Pay and Allowances. Satisfactory

h. Postal. Satisfactory

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i. Post Exchange. A small exchange was available at the 2/3 Fire Base. The Battalion CP was serviced by a mobile PX run twice a week from 1-26 February. Exchange facilities in the DANANG Complex were also available depending upon operational commitments and transportation availability. Since 27 February no PX facilities have been available. Supplementary packs are being obtained thru resupply channels.

j. Religious Services. Weekly Protestant services were conducted by the Battalion Chaplain in the Battalion CP Chapel, at TU CAU Bridge, and in the 2/3 Fire Base Chapel. Catholic Mass was celebrated by visiting chaplains in the same areas. Arrangements have been made for Jewish personnel to attend services in DANANG.

2. Enemy, Weather and Terrain

a. Summary of Enemy Activity. Enemy contact showed an overall decrease over last month with the exception of the 9th and 10th respectively. The first portion of the month included the Tet Offensive, during which this unit engaged an estimated two NVA/VC battalions on the above dates. This constitutes the unusual amount of VC KIA for the month. Enemy contact for the latter portion of the month consisted of 20 VC initiated incidents as opposed to 51 for the month of January. There have been 28 mining/explosive device incidents this month, of which 17 were destroyed and 11 detonated. The total enemy personnel and equipment losses were:

(1) Personnel

VC KIA (C)	192
VC MIA	0
POW'S	7
Detainees: 93; 85 IC's, 8 Civil Defendants	

(2) Equipment

- 3 - M1 Carbines
- 14 - AK47 assault rifles
- 1 - VC 7.62mm submachine Gun (modified MAT-49) Ser. No. B14384
- 2 - Chicom Carbines SKS
- 1 - Chicom Type-56 light machine gun w/4 ammo drums and rounds Ser. No. 927978
- 2 - M-16 5.56 rifles serial no's 61651, 543775
- 1 - M-14 7.62 rifle serial no 646373
- 1 - VC B-40 rocket launcher
- 1 - 75mm recoilless rifle
- 1 - 60mm mortar Base Plate
- 59 - Chicom Grenades
- 10 - B-40 rocket rounds
- 2 - B-40 rocket Boosters
- 14 - 60mm mortar rounds
- 25 - AK47 Magazines w/rounds
- 8 - M-26 Grenades
- 9 - M-16 Magazines w/rounds
- 4 - M-14 Magazines w/rounds

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300 - Rounds 7.62 Submachine Gun ammo Type-P
 1 - Chicom Field Phone
 1 - M-16 Bayonet
 1 - PKC-10 Radio
 1 - Pop-up US
 8 - Radio Tubes
 2 - W-Tools US
 4 - NVA W-Tools
 12 - NVA Mess Kits
 1 - Medical Kit w/bandages, pills
 11 - Ponchos
 3 - NVA Picks
 200 - Ft Time Fuze
 6 - NVA Hammocks
 10 - AK47 Magazine Belts
 5 - US Cartridge Belts
 8 - NVA Cartridge Belts
 12 - NVA Canteens
 7 - US Canteens
 12 - NVA Packs
 5 - NVA Protective Masks
 Assorted articles of NVA uniforms
 Numerous Documents

b. Surveillance and Reconnaissance. Surveillance and reconnaissance sources were employed with good tactical results. There was 70 hours of aerial reconnaissance flown over the TAOB.

c. Weather and Terrain. Weather for the month was for the most part fair. High and low temperatures were 82 and 59 degrees respectively while the humidity ranged in the 80's. Visibility remained generally from 5 to 7 miles. Total precipitation for the month was .48 inches. The terrain remained generally good for foot and vehicular traffic.

3. Operations

011745H Co G chopped OPCON from First Battalion, Seventh Marines to Second Battalion, Third Marines.

011800H Co G designated First Marine Division Reserve.

020805H Co H commenced a platoon size search and destroy operation.

021000H Co A commenced a platoon size hole hunting operation.

021100H Co H completed a platoon size search and destroy operation.

021157H Co F commenced a company minus search and destroy operation.

021310H Co A completed a platoon size hole hunting operation.

021400H Co F completed a company minus search and destroy operation.

021600H One squad of Co A chopped OPCON to Third Battalion, Fifth Marines.

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030925H Co [redacted] commenced a company minus [redacted] operation.

031230H Co F completed a company minus [redacted] operation and moved two platoons toward Grid square BT 0563 along the east bank of SONG VINH BINH river to provide a block for Third Battalion, Fifth Marines operation.

031245H Co F(-) block vicinity BT 063627 over ran an enemy position killing one VC and capturing 4 POW's and 4 individual weapons.

031435H Two platoons Co B chopped OPCON to Co F for blocking position.

031635H Co B platoon OPCON to Co F spotted 8 VC vicinity BT 056643 carrying a mortar tube, packs and individual weapons. Enemy was dressed in khaki uniforms and black pajamas. Enemy fled into tree line. Co B fired artillery, machine guns, mortars and small arms and called in air. Unable to search area due to water barrier.

031800H Co F block spotted 5 VC dressed in khaki vicinity BT 058635. Received 40 rounds automatic fire and returned 14 rounds 90mm M4. Searched area with negative results.

040955H One squad Co B returned OPCON to Second Battalion, Third Marines.

041800H Co F block completed, Co B platoons OPCON to Co F returned OPCON to Co B.

050955H Co H commenced a platoon size search and destroy operation.

051300H Co B commenced a platoon size hole hunting operation.

051535H Co A completed a platoon size hole hunting operation.

051615H Co H completed a platoon size search and destroy operation.

060830H Co F composed of two platoons Co F and one platoon Co H, chopped OPCON to Third Battalion, 5th Marines.

061230H Co B placed a platoon block vicinity coordinate AT 995655 in support of 51st ARVN Regiment.

061305H Co G, First Marine Division Reserve chopped OPCON to Third Battalion Fifth Marines.

061430H Co E platoon in blocking position received 100 rounds of semi-automatic and M-79 fire. Returned fire with small arms, 60mm and 81mm mortar, and artillery resulting in 6 VC KIA.

061730H Co B platoon block in support of 51st ARVN Regiment completed.

070705H Co H commenced a platoon size search and destroy operation.

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- 071100H Co H completed a platoon size search and destroy operation.
- 071545H Co F (compisite) and Co G chopped OPCON from Third Battalion, Fifth Marines to Second Battalion, Third Marines.
- 071546H Co G designated First Marine Division reserve.
- 071710H Lead elements of First Battalion, Sixth Infantry, 198th Light Infantry Brigade arrived Second Battalion, Third Marines CP.
- 081100H Co G dropped as First Marine Division reserve back to control of Second Battalion, Third Marines.
- 081230H Co G chopped OPCON from Second Battalion Third Marines to First Battalion, Sixth Infantry, 198th Light Infantry Brigade.
- 081800H Co G chopped OPCON from First Battalion, Sixth Infantry, 198th Light Infantry Brigade to Second Battalion, Third Marines.
- 081900H Command Group of 196th Light Infantry Brigade and Second Battalion, 1st Infantry, 196th Light Infantry Brigade closed on Second Battalion, Third Marines CP.
- 090700H Second Battalion, Third Marines command group with Co B, D and G commenced a three company search and destroy operation.
- 090800H Co F vicinity BT 035683 discovered 157 fighting holes and 6 NVA bodies. Equipment discovered with bodies included 1 AN/PAC-10 radio, a Chinese field telephone, packs and miscellaneous 782 gear.
- 091145H Co F vicinity BT 035685 noted movement vicinity BT 033647. Fired 4 rds. 90mm HE and swept through area capturing one 75mm recoilless rifle and killing 11 NVA.
- 091200H Co F supported by amtracs vicinity BT 034685 received 100-200 rounds automatic weapons fire from vicinity BT 033686. Returned 200 rounds of M-16 and swept area resulting in 13 NVA KIA and the capture of 6 individual weapons.
- 091310H Co F vicinity BT 035685 received sniper fire from vicinity BT 033686 resulting in one USMC WIA. Fired two rounds 90mm cannister and swept area resulting in 4 NVA KIA and the capture of one individual weapon and 15 Chicom grenades.
- 091410H Co F vicinity BT 033686 spotted one NVA leaving a spider hole. Threw one grenade resulting in one NVA KIA. Search of hole revealed one 60mm mortar base plate.

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- 091515H Co F supported by Tanks vicinity BT 035685 received one RPG rocket round from vicinity BT 033687 resulting in 6 USMC WIA. Returned 100 rounds 30 caliber machine gun, 100 rounds M-60 and 2 rounds 90mm Hq. Swept area resulting in 6 NVA KIA and the capture of one RPG rocket launcher, 2 rounds and 6 bangalore torpedoes.
- 091545H Co F squad vicinity BT 035659 sighted 60-70 NVA dressed in green uniforms and flak jackets vicinity BT 035660. Squad called for mortars, artillery, UH-1H gunships and a reaction force and then initiated contact. Enemy forces fired approximately 2000 rounds of automatic and semiautomatic fire. As squad was extracted, they fired 100 rounds of automatic fire, 800 rounds of semiautomatic fire, 45 rounds of M-79 and called in 61 rounds of 60mm mortar fire. UH-1H gunships flew a strike against enemy troops and then counted a total of 37 NVA KIA laying in the open.
- 091640H Co F vicinity BT 034684 received 1000 rounds automatic weapons fire from vicinity 032682 resulting in two USMC KIA and 2 USMC WIA. Assaulted area after firing 20 rounds 60mm mortar and 50 rounds M-79. Assault resulted in 12 NVA KIA and the capture of 1 crew served weapon, 3 individual weapons, 1 RPG round and 18 Chicom grenades.
- 092000H Search and destroy operation consisting of command group, and Co's E, F and G completed and block of area set in.
- 100700H Three company search and destroy operation continued, Co B replaced Co G.
- 101130H Co H vicinity BT 035687 discovered one VC KIA and sixteen graves. Graves will be examined by other units.
- 101230H Co F vicinity BT 037686 discovered the remains of 6 NVA KIA by artillery. Dug up graves discovered vicinity BT 035687 by Co F finding 16 more NVA KIA.
- 101330H Three company search and destroy operation began sweep south toward TU CAU BRIDGE.
- 101430H Co F patrol vicinity BT 035659 dug up 13 VC KIA dressed in green uniforms and black pajamas who had been buried with much of their gear. Search of the area revealed 5 individual weapons, 1 RPG rocket round, 10 Chicom grenades and 782 gear to include one NVA gas mask.
- 101710H Co H vicinity BT 045657 discovered one VC KIA dressed in khaki trousers. VC apparently killed by artillery.
- 101800H Three company sweep completed.

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- 110715H Co B commenced a company size search and destroy operation against a two company block supplied by Co F and Co G.
- 111240H Co B completed a company size search and destroy operation against a two company block.
- 120705H Co B commenced a company size search and destroy operation in conjunction with Third Battalion, 51st AVN Regiment.
- 121000H Co B shipped ORCON to First Battalion, Seventh Marines.
- 121003H Co G commenced a company size search and destroy operation.
- 121330H Co G completed a company size search and destroy operation.
- 121630H Co B completed a company size search and destroy operation in conjunction with Third Battalion, 51st AVN Regiment.
- 130800H Co B commenced a company size search and destroy operation.
- 130845H Co F with one platoon of the Fourth Battalion, 51st AVN Regt commenced a company reinforced search and destroy operation.
- 131034H Co B completed a company size search and destroy operation.
- 131610H Co F completed a company reinforced search and destroy operation with one platoon of the Fourth Battalion, 51st AVN Regiment.
- 140805H Co F commenced a company size search and destroy operation.
- 140945H Co G commenced a company reinforced search and destroy operation with a platoon from the Fourth Battalion, 51st AVN Regiment.
- 141235H Co F completed a company size search and destroy operation.
- 141600H Co G completed a company reinforced search and destroy operation with a platoon from the Fourth Battalion, 51st AVN Regiment.
- 150800H Co G commenced a company minus search and destroy operation.
- 150805H Co F commenced a company reinforced search and destroy operation with one platoon from the Third Battalion, 51st AVN Regiment.
- 150807H Co G commenced a company size search and destroy operation.
- 151237H Co B completed a company minus search and destroy operation.

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- 151246H Co F completed a company reinforced search and destroy operation with one platoon from the Third Battalion, 51st ARVN Regiment.
- 151507H Co G completed a company size search and destroy operation.
- 160815H Co E commenced a company size search and destroy operation.
- 160853H Co F commenced a company minus search and destroy operation.
- 160936H Co G commenced a company size search and destroy operation.
- 161430H Co G completed a company size search and destroy operation.
- 161705H Co F completed a company minus search and destroy operation.
- 161706H Co E completed a company size search and destroy operation.
- 170810H Co F commenced a company minus search and destroy operation with a platoon from the Fourth Battalion, 51st ARVN Regiment.
- 170818H Co G commenced a company size search and destroy operation.
- 170825H Co E commenced a company size search and destroy operation.
- 171455H Co G completed a company size search and destroy operation.
- 171635H Co E completed a company size search and destroy operation.
- 171730H Co F completed a company minus search and destroy operation with a platoon from the Fourth Battalion, 51st ARVN Regt.
- 180800H Co F commenced a company minus search and destroy operation against a company size block provided by Co G.
- 180800H Co E commenced a company size search and destroy operation.
- 181010H Co E completed a company size search and destroy operation.
- 181730H Co F completed a company minus search and destroy operation against a company size block by Co G.
- 190815H Co F commenced a company size search and destroy operation.
- 190900H Co E commenced a company size search and destroy operation.
- 190900H Co G commenced a company size search and destroy operation.
- 191605H Co F completed a company size search and destroy operation.
- 191627H Co E completed a company size search and destroy operation.
- 191635H Co G completed a company size search and destroy operation.

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- 200800H Co B commenced a company minus search and destroy operation.
- 200905H Co G commenced a company size search and destroy operation.
- 201045H Co B completed a company minus search and destroy operation.
- 201755H Co G completed a company size search and destroy operation.
- 210846H Co F commenced a company minus search and destroy operation.
- 210851H Co G commenced a company size search and destroy operation.
- 210855H Co B commenced a company size search and destroy operation.
- 211355H Co F completed a company size search and destroy operation.
- 211545H Co B completed a company size search and destroy operation.
- 211550H Co G completed a company minus search and destroy operation.
- 220713H Co G commenced a company size search and destroy operation.
- 220910H Co F commenced a company minus hole hunting operation.
- 220943H Co B commenced a company size search and destroy operation.
- 221501H Co B completed a company size search and destroy operation.
- 221505H Co G completed a company size search and destroy operation.
- 221700H Co F completed a company minus hole hunting operation.
- 221800H Second Battalion, Third Marines chopped OPCON from First Marine Division to Twenty-seventh Marines. Co H remains OPCON First Battalion, Seventh Marines.
- 230645H Co B commenced a company size search and destroy operation.
- 230830H Co G commenced a company size hole hunting operation.
- 230840H Co G commenced a company minus hole hunting operation.
- 231115H Co B completed a company size search and destroy operation.
- 231320H Co G completed a company minus hole hunting operation.
- 231540H Co F completed a company size hole hunting operation.
- 240745H Co B(-) with two platoons of Co K, 3/27 commenced a search and destroy operation.

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- 240835H Co G commenced a company minus search and destroy operation.
- 240845H Co F commenced a company size search and destroy operation.
- 241207H Co B(-) with two platoons of Co K, 3/27 completed a search and destroy operation.
- 241417H Co G completed a company minus search and destroy operation.
- 241800H Co H completed a company size search and destroy operation.
- 250850H Co G commenced a company minus search and destroy operation.
- 250855H Co F commenced a company minus search and destroy operation.
- 251510H Co G completed a company minus search and destroy operation.
- 251550H Two platoons of Co G chopped OPCON to Second Battalion Twenty-Seventh Marines. One platoon Co G chopped OPCON to Twenty-Seventh Marines.
- 251810H Co F completed a company minus search and destroy operation.
- 260850H Co F commenced a company size search and destroy operation.
- 261115H Co F completed a company size search and destroy operation.
- 270930H Co G chopped OPCON from Second Battalion, Twenty-Seventh Marines and Twenty-Seventh Marines to Second Battalion, Third Marines.
- 270930H Third Battalion, Twenty-Seventh Marines assumed TAOR from Second Battalion, Third Marines.
- 270930H Second Battalion, Third Marines less Co H chopped OPCON from Twenty-Seventh Marines to Fifth Marines and commenced participation in Operation HOUSTON. Co H remained OPCON Fifth Battalion, Seventh Marines.
- 271510H Co G and H and S Co elements departed Battalion CP by convoy.
- 271600H Co E, Co F and command elements departed 2/3 Fire Base by convoy.
- 271800H Co G and H&S Co elements arrived in new TAOR in the Operation HOUSTON area.
- 271910H Co B, F, and command elements arrived in new TAOR in the Operation HOUSTON area.
- 280930H Co G tripped a surprise explosive device vicinity AU 815008 resulting in 2 USMC WIA evacuated and 1 USMC WIA non-evacuated.

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- 280940H Co F discovered a bouncing type surprise explosive device in a rice paddy vicinity AU 809017. Device destroyed.
- 281030H Second Battalion, Third Marines CP established at AU 810016.
- 281335H Co B discovered two chicom grenades and one 105mm round rigged as surprise explosive devices vicinity AU 808016. Devices destroyed.
- 281400H Co F and Co G commence movement to secure Fifth Marines Objectives.
- 281625H Co F secured Fifth Marines Objective # 30.
- 281710H Second Battalion, Third Marines CP security vicinity AU 810016 discovered three punji pits and eight M-16 AF mines in a rice sack. Mines and punji sticks destroyed.
- 281800H Fourth Platoon, Co A, First Engineer Battalion joined Second Battalion, Third Marines in direct support.
- 290550H Second Battalion, Third Marines CP security vicinity AU 810016 received one incoming sniper round. Illuminated area and spotted one man moving into treeline vicinity AU 840017. Fired 40 rounds M-16 and searched area with negative results.
- 291315H Co F vicinity AU 820990 discovered a M-26 grenade along a trail. Grenade was not rigged as a surprise explosive device. Grenade destroyed.
- 291620H Co A vicinity ZC 17 377 tripped an unknown type of surprise explosive device resulting in two UNMO wia.

4. Training. The command has continued intensive training in familiarization, care and cleaning and safety of the M-16 rifle. Additionally all weapons are fired for familiarization at least once every two weeks. A bi-weekly officers school, a bi-weekly staff non-commissioned officers school and a 2 day weekly NCO school is conducted in addition to a normal weekly training schedule. A week long intensive indoctrination program is conducted for the training of all replacement personnel. Technical training was accomplished through both attendance at schools and on-the-job training. During the month of February the following schools were utilized:

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NO. ATT.</u>
Basic Ammo Tech.	Okinawa	1
Basic Organic Supply Accounting	Camp Bocks, Danang	1
Basic Infantry Repair	Okinawa	2

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<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NO. APL</u>
Carrier Advisory Course	Okinawa	1
Communications Crypto Security	Yokosuka, Japan	1
Officer Leadership	1st Mar Div - 1st Eng Bn	2
Staff NCO Leadership	1st Mar Div - 1st Eng Bn	2
NCO Leadership School	1st Mar Div - 1st Eng Bn	6
Embarkation School	Danang	2
Demolitions, Mine warfare and Boby Traps	1st Mar Div - 1st Eng Bn	12
Vietnamese Language	Danang	1
Vietnamese Language	Okinawa	1

5. Artillery Support

a. During the month of February 1968, Battery B, First Battalion, 12th Marines was in direct support of this Battalion.

b. An intensive H&I program was conducted utilizing Battery B, and Battalion organic 81mm mortars to deny the enemy ease of movement during hours of darkness, and especially to restrict his program of mining and attempted interdiction of lines of communication. During Operation HOUSTON, H&I fires were utilized to deny enemy units the use of known ambush sites, staging areas and routes of approach to friendly positions.

c. A total of 13,960 rounds were expended on fire missions and H&I fires during February 1968.

(1) H&I

155mm HE-Q:	208
105mm HE-Q:	1,947
105mm HE-VT:	276
105mm ILL:	385
81mm HE-Q:	1,545
81mm ILL:	370
Total	4,731

(2) Fire Missions within Task in support of 2/3

105mm HC:	185
105mm HE-Q:	2,715
105mm HE-VT:	575
105mm WP:	280

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81mm AB-Q:	321
81mm WP:	157
81mm ILL:	160
Total	4,393

(3) Fire Missions within TAOR in support of ARVN Units:

2,882 rounds of 105mm mixed.

(4) Fire Missions outside of TAOR:

1954 rounds of 105mm mixed.

6. Air Support

a. General air support within 2/3 TAOR'S was satisfactory.

b. A total of 92 missions were flown in support of the battalion.

(1) Med-evac:	29
(2) Flare ships:	11
(3) Visual recon:	19
(4) Admin:	7
(5) Logistics:	9
(6) MO:	17

c. No tactical fixed wing air strikes were conducted within the Battalion TAOR's.

7. Logisticsa. General

(1) The overall logistical support of the Battalion is satisfactory.

(2) On 28 February the Command Group and Companies B, F and G moved to the new Battalion TAOR. Logistical support is now provided by Task Force X-Ray.

b. Supply

(1) On 28 February Battalion supply began to move supply gear to a storage area assigned by the First Marine Division.

c. Motor Transport

(1) On 28 February motor transport moved one M109, one M83, three M422's and three M274's with three mechanics (3516) to the new Battalion CP at AU 810016.

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Engineers

- (1) Engineer support and equipment are satisfactory.

8. Civic Action

a. General. Throughout the month of February Civic Action/Civil affairs activities were greatly hampered by the TET offensive. G.V.N. roadblocks kept civilian traffic to an absolute minimum and many hamlet areas were inaccessible because of enemy activity.

b. Public Health. The monthly attendance at the battalion medcaps for the month of February was 989. It is believed that the TET offensive kept the civilians away from the medcaps thereby lowering the monthly average considerably.

c. Civil Affairs Assistance.

- (1) On 11 February 90 bags of cement were donated to the village of Hoa Hai for the building of 6 wells in the hamlet of Tra Khe.

- (2) A request for a new school for Nui Kim Son was hand carried to the District Chief at Hoa Vang.

- (3) The cleanup campaign in Nui Kim Son showed progress as twenty-one 55 gallon drums were donated to the village to be used as trash receptacles.

- (4) A bypass was built on the MSA that went through Nui Kim Son so that vehicle traffic now goes around the village and avoids the crowded main street of the village.

d. Miscellaneous

- (1) Propaganda leaflets were hand carried to the Vietnamese in the TAOR on a daily basis. An average of 300 leaflets were handed out daily covering all subjects from village sanitation to the Chieu Hoi program. A ground broadcast team from the 7th PsyOps Battalion was extensively employed throughout the TAOR during the month of February.

- (2) Movies were shown on three different occasions to the Vietnamese within the TAOR. The average attendance at these movies was 200-250. The movies were well received and extensive use of the movie program is highly recommended.

9. Communications

a. From 8-10 February, the 196th Light Infantry Brigade Headquarters utilized Second Battalion, Third Marines facilities to accomplish required communications.

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b. On 7 February 1968, Lt LOVE was relieved as communications Officer by Lt W. T. GEORGE.

c. On 15 February 1968, a First Marine Division contact team inspected Second Battalion Third Marines Communications Section.

d. On 27 February 1968, the Communications Section moved to the new Battalion CP location at AU 910016.

10. Medical

a. First echelon care consisted of first aid and the treatment of minor medical and surgical illnesses. This was provided by corpsmen serving with the four letter companies. Seven corpsmen were employed with each company.

b. Second echelon care was provided the battalion by the Battalion aid stations, one at the Battalion CP and the other at the 2/3 Fire Base. Each Base was composed of a medical officer and his staff of eight corpsmen. At each facility, a triage area, treatment room, ward, pharmacy and administrative section were maintained. Furthermore at the 2/3 Fire Base a laboratory providing blood, urine, stool and gram stains was in operation basically serving the personnel at that base.

c. Third echelon care was provided by the 1st Medical Battalion and Station Hospital in Da Nang. Wide coverage of both surgical and medical specialties was readily available. Transportation to these facilities was accomplished by helicopter med-evacuation for emergencies or either helicopter or tracked vehicles for less seriously wounded.

d. Statistics (February 1968)

Patients treated, outpatients	1223	URI	55
Patients treated, inpatients	21	Dermatology	250
Immunizations	376	Bar & Bye	52
MedCap	215	Immersion foot	14
Fever of unknown origin	60	Strep throat	23
Diarrhea	32	Miscellaneous	185

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