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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines	LTCOL R. C. SCHULZE 1-28 Feb 69
H&S Company	CAPT M. B. RILEY 1-12 Feb 69 CAPT B. J. WILLIAMSON 13-28 Feb 69
I Company	CAPT J. O. TROTT 1-28 Feb 69
K Company	CAPT J. J. RAPUANO 1-28 Feb 69
L Company	1stLT J. E. RITTER 1-21 Feb 69 1stLT A. J. PARUZYNSKI 22-28 Feb 69
M Company	CAPT B. J. WILLIAMSON 1-12 Feb 69 CAPT M. B. RILEY 13-28 Feb 69

2. LOCATION

- 1-15 Feb 69 - ZC093393, BEN GIANG, Map Sheet #6540 II
- 16-19 Feb 69 - Quang Tri Combat Base, YD 326542, QUANG TRI, Map Sheet #6442 IV
- 20-28 Feb 69 - YD128589, CAM LO, Map Sheet #6342 I

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	MAJ K. J. SKIPPER 1-28 Feb 69
S-3	MAJ C. E. DAVIS 1-28 Feb 69
S-3A	1stLT M. B. MAQUIRE 1-28 Feb 69
Adjutant	1stLT R. K. COULTER 1-28 Feb 69
S-2	1stLT M. B. MAQUIRE 1-28 Feb 69
S-4	CAPT G. H. PRESTON 1-18 Feb 69 1stLT B. B. HOLDRIDGE 19-26 Feb 69
Supply Officer	CAPT W. J. WHITE 1-28 Feb 69
Personnel Officer	1stLT P. P. SAUGER
Communications Officer	1stLT S. B. YATES 1-28 Feb 69
Artillery Liaison Officer	1stLT S. M. LUCAS 1-28 Feb 69
Forward Air Control Officer	1stLT G. R. MARTIN 1-10 Feb 69 1stLT B. B. CRAWFORD 11-16 Feb 69 1stLT G. W. KRALOVEC 17-28 Feb 69

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Air Liaison Officer

1st Lt B R GRIFFIN 1-10 Feb 69
1st Lt W M HATCH 11-28 Feb 69

Chaplain

Lt Cmdr R V BELLINGER 1-28 Feb 69

Battalion Surgeon

Lt W D ASHTON 1-28 Feb 69

Battalion Sergeant Major

Sgt Maj F E WESTARFF 1-28 Feb 69

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	UN
Officer 35	Enlisted 1129
Officer 3	Enlisted 53

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The Battalion continued assigned operations on Operation Taylor Common. Company patrol bases and Fire Support Bases were established and maintained. Small unit point contacts were frequent, but no large scale, organized resistance was encountered. Numerous bunker complexes and rest areas were discovered and were destroyed. These complexes were unoccupied and for the most part, had been so for several weeks. Numerous weapons and supply caches were also uncovered.

On the 15th of February, the Battalion commenced retrograde operation via An Hoa to Quang Tri Combat Base. On 20 February, the Battalion assumed 2d Bn, 3d Marines AO with the Battalion CP located in Cam Lo. Enemy contact was sporadic. There were several mortar and rocket incidents and the Engineers frequently located mines on Route #9.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. COMBAT MISSIONS ASSIGNED

- a. Continue Search & Destroy operation in the 112 Base Area.
- b. Regimental Operation Plan 1-69
 - (1) On order, close units to LZ's within 70A and retrograde men and material by helilift to An Hoa, subsequently board fixed wing aircraft and move from An Hoa to Quang Tri/Dong Ha. Be prepared to further deploy within 3d Marine Division Zone.
- c. Regimental Operation Plan 2-69
 - (1) Continue present mission until R-day.
 - (2) On R-day helilift two (2) companies to An Hoa.
 - (3) On R+1 day close remainder of Battalion on An Hoa by helilift.
 - (4) On arrival An Hoa, be prepared to deploy as directed.
 - (5) On arrival An Hoa, 3d Marines assumes responsibility for AO.
- d. Regimental Operation Order 3-69
 - (1) Effective 20 1100H Feb 69, assume responsibility of 2d Bn, 3d Marines AO.
 - (2) Effective 20 1100H Feb 69, assume OPCON two (2) companies 2d, Bn, 3d Marines.
 - (3) Provide security for fixed installations in AO.
 - (4) Provide security for the lines of Communication: Route 49 east to west in AO, Route 4561 south from M4, Route 4558 north from Mai Loc.
 - (5) Provide security for mine sweeps in AO.
 - (6) Assist in the pacification program of GVN by conducting operations in cooperation and coordination with RF and PF forces in Cam Lo and Muong Hoa Districts.
 - (7) Provide security for the 59th Engineer Land Clearing Company, USA in clearing of the area south of the road between C2 Bridge and C1 in Hoat Neck Square.
 - (8) Conduct search and destroy operations in AO.

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(9) From 20-28 Feb 69, provide daily convoy security between DHCB and VCB.

e. Regimental Frag Order 10-69

- (1) Effective 23 0630H assume OPCON C Troop, 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry and L(-), 3/3.
- (2) Effective 23 0700H, assume responsibility for new AO.
- (3) Continue to conduct search and destroy operations in AO.
- (4) Effective 24 1200H, assume OPCON L Co plt at Dong Ha Rmp.
- (5) DIRLAUTY CO, 1st Am Trac Bn.
- (6) Provide security for fixed installations in AO.
- (7) Provide security for lines of communication in AO.
- (8) Provide security for mine sweeps in AO.
- (9) Provide security for 59th Engineer Land Clearing Company, USA in clearing of the area south of the road between C2 Bridge and C1 in Leatherneck Square.
- (10) Screen north of Dong Ha City.
- (11) Conduct operations in cooperation and coordination with district RF and PF and CAC forces.
- (12) Be prepared to defend north of Dong Ha City along major avenues of approach.

2. SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS CONDUCTED

- a. 1-15 Feb 69 continue search and destroy operations in the 112 Base Area.
- b. Search and destroy operations in the Kentucky AO and pacification of Cam Lo and Huong Hoa Districts.

3. CASUALTIES INFILCTED ON THE ENEMY

KIA	KIA by Air/Artillery	POW
16	6	1

4. CASUALTIES SUSTAINED

	KIA	WIA	TOW	MI	WOC	VBC Killed	TOC
USMC	4	18	1	0	75	1	1
USN	0	0	0	0	5	0	0

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5. NEW TECHNIQUES EMPLOYED None during the month of February.

6. COMMAND RELATIONS

a. 1-28 Feb ADCON 3d Marine Division

1-15 Feb OPCON Task Force Yankee

15-28 Feb OPCON 3d Marine Division

b. Subordinate Units

(1) 10-15 Feb assume OPCON of Companies F and H, 2d Bn, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division

(2) 16-24 Feb CHOP Co L, 3d Bn, 3d Marines to 1st Bde, 5th Infantry (Mech) USA

(3) 17-20 Feb CHOP Co I, 3d Bn, 3d Marines to Senior Advisor Quang Tri Province

(4) 20-28 Feb CHOP Plt, Co I, 3d Bn, 3d Marines to 3d Marine Division.

(5) 20-28 Feb assume OPCON of Companies F and H, 2d Bn, 3d Marines

(6) 23-25 Feb assume OPCON of C Troop, 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry USA

(7) 27-28 Feb CHOP Companies K and M to 1st Bde, 5th Infantry (Mech) USA

7. EQUIPMENT

Combat Essential Equipment at 77.7% on 28 February 1969.

8. LOGISTICS

a. Supply

(1) Combat Essential Supplies on hand was 79.2% on February 1969. Critical shortages existed in the following items:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Shortage</u>
Flamethrower	3
Antenna, AS2236	2
Telephone, TA1PT	53
Gas Mask, M17	200
Antenna, RC292	2

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(2) During the month of February, the first 15 days Class V was drawn from the LSU 'n Hoa with no problems encountered. After the 15th, Class V was drawn from ASP at Quang Tri. A shortage of Claymore mines and M79 HE rounds was encountered.

b. Resupply

During the first 15 days of February, resupply was by helicopter. There were no problems concerning resupply during this period. From the 15th on, resupply was by ground transportation with no problems encountered.

c. Evacuation & Hospitalization

(1) Areas of operation during Taylor Common were mountainous terrain with double canopy. In the Kentucky 'O, terrain is flat with little to no cover.

(2) All medevacs were by helicopters and no problems were encountered.

d. Transportation

(1) Total mileage on organic vehicles during February was 6167 miles.

(2) Truck support in the An Hoa area was adequate.

(3) Truck support in the Kentucky 'O was adequate.

e. Service

(1) During Operation Taylor Common and until 15 February, one platoon of Co B, 3d Engineer Battalion rendered assistance in all engineering tasks. Heavy equipment was unobtainable.

(2) During the rest of the reporting period, the same platoon conducted road sweeps in the Kentucky 'O for the Battalion.

(3) During the first 15 days of February, the Battalion was supported by 4 HST's from 3d Shore Party Battalion.

9. CIVIC ACTION 7/A

10. ADMINISTRATION

a. During the month of February, 2 SPCM were held and 5 Court Martials are pending. The Battalion Commander held 6 Office Hours and 3 are pending. There were 11 Company Commander Office Hours held and 8 are pending.

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- b. R&R continued to be a major morale factor. The Battalion received and used 81 Out Of Country R&R quotas. There were no In Country R&R quotas received.
- c. The morale was considered excellent.
- d. Postal Service was fair.
- e. No liberty was authorized during the reporting period.
- f. Marine Exchange facilities were not available to the Battalion as a whole. Limited Exchange was available for the rear area personnel at Nam O and An Hoa for 1-15 February.
- g. The Battalion administration moved back to Quang Tri from Nam O on the 15th of February.

11. PERSONNEL

Gains: 8 USMC Officer 172 USMC Enlisted 0 USN Officer 4 USN Enlisted
Losses: 10 USMC Officer 152 USMC Enlisted 0 USN Officer 5 USN Enlisted

12. INTELLIGENCE

- a. During the first half of the month, the Battalion continued to participate in Operation Taylor Common. As reported in the previous reporting period, enemy contact continued to be point contacts with units of 4-6 men and no all out resistance was encountered. Several bunker and hut complexes were found along with numerous weapons, food and supply caches. These caches indicated that the enemy probably intended to return to the area. There were two (2) incidents of FSB's and units getting hit by mortar, but it is believed that the enemy could not sustain such attacks because of loss of supplies. On the 19th of the month, the Battalion returned north to operate Quang Tri, Cam Lo, and Mai Loc areas during T&T. During this period, one (1) heavy contact indicated that possibly they were preparing for a major offensive. This was substantiated by numerous agent reports and radio intercepts. There were several instances of rocket and mortar attacks indicating the possibility of numerous amounts of supply in the area. Mine sweep teams have uncovered many mines being laid on the MSR's by the enemy in the area.
- b. Scout/Sniper Teams could not be used effectively in the area of An Hoa because of the heavy foliage. In the Cam Lo area, they could be put to better use because of large fields of fire.
- c. Kit Carson Scouts were considered a big help in patrolling, however, the quality of KCT received during Operation Taylor Common was very poor.
- d. Interpreters were considered a big help during the reporting period, however, the Battalion was unable to obtain a sufficient number to put to optimum use.

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e. Dog Teams helped the Battalion greatly during the reporting period. But, like interpreters, are in short supply.

UNITS IDENTIFIED BY BATTALION

3d Plt, 7th Co, 27th Bn, 31st Ind NVA Regt in the area of YD1668
 DZ (Possible 2d Bn, 36th Regt NVA or 2d Bn, 368th B Regt NVA) in the area ZC0344
 Y2 (2d Bn, 3d Regt, 2d NVA Div) in the area ZC0344
 V20 (Possible R-20 Bn NVA, Dated 30 Apr 68) in the area of ZC0344
 LBN Dt 192 (Possible Viet Cong V25 Local Force Bn) in the area of ZC0344

CAPTURED BY BATTALIONWeapons

Knife 1	M29 French Automatic Rifles 2
RPD Light Machine Gun 1	AK47 Assualt Rifles 7
Czechoslovakian Rifle 1	SKS Rifles 3
K44 Rifles 18	9mm Rusien Submachine Gun 4
Carbines 3	Chicom Pistol 1

Ordnance

7.75 Rocket 1	57mm RR Rounds 7
AT Mines 3	Type 56 Machine Gun Rounds 1400
82mm Mortar Rounds 2	Chicom Grenades 23
75mm Rockets 2	Booby Traps 3
7.62 Rounds 327	
30cal Rounds 156	

Miscellaneous

Bunkers 105	VC Flag 1
Huts 166	Fuse Trip Covers 9
AK47 Magazines 21	Fuse Well Cap 1
Base Plate, 82mm Mortar 1	Graves 5
VC Cartridge Belt 1	Man's Hat 1
Roll of Detonation Cord 100ft	Jungle Utilities 1pr
Cooking Pans 4	Truck Spring 1
Hoes W/O handles 6	Solid Type Wheel 1
Picks W/O handles 45	Chicom Voltage Meters 2
Bicycle Chains 2	Fishing Net 1
Radio Antennas 3	NVA Maps 213
Gas Masks 38	Grease 4 cans
Communication Wire 3 rolls	Transformers 30
Bandages 1000	Ammunition Pouches 11
Batteries 55	5' Strips of Telegraph Wire 350
Live Pigs 28	Drum Magazine 1
Sandals 1pr	Map Cases 2
Canoe 1	Poncho 1
Cart 1	Pith Hats 3
Hammock 1	Jungle Boots 1pr
Rice 3 tons	Ambush Site Sketch 1
NVA Packs 4	Cultivated Banana Trees 1000
Typewriter Ribbons 6	Various Clothing
E-Tools 3	Miscellaneous Documents

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13. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. From 1-15 February, during Operation Taylor Common, communication over difficult terrain was excellent using the Antenna, AS-2236. The AS-2236 provided FM, VHF communications from the Alpha Command Group in the field direct to the Battalion Rear at Nam O Bridge, 40 miles away.
- b. Over the flat lands of our new AO, communications were good using the AS-2236 and RC-292 antennas. Switchboards and telephones were installed in the Alpha Command's new CP at Cam Lo District Headquarters and the Battalion Rear at Quang Tri. The wire section, also installed wire systems at Con Thien and C2 until the US Army moved into these positions at the end of the month.
- c. At the end of the month, plans were formed to establish more direct telephone communications with the Battalion Rear in Quang Tri using the TRC-27B and existing trunks between Dong Ha and Quang Tri.
- d. One of the main problems encountered in the new AO has been that of numerous overides. Often different battalions have been assigned the same frequencies. Normally, cooperation between the overriding stations permitted continued operation on these frequencies. In rare cases frequencies were changed. Mutual interference between the 27 antennas in the Cam Lo CP was common. Remoting antennas using the AN/GRA-39 or shifting frequencies within the Battalion seemed to be the only solutions to this problem.

14. AVERAGE WEATHER

The weather during the reporting period was mild and unseasonably dry.

An Hoa

High	81°
Low	71°
Humidity	79%

Cam Lo

High	82°
Low	68°
Humidity	89%

15. FIRE SUPPORT

- a. Units providing direct and general support:

- (1) Btry A, 1st Bn, 12th Marines
- (2) Btry B, 1st Bn, 12th Marines
- (3) Btry C, 1st Bn, 12th Marines
- (4) Btry K, 4th Bn, 12th Marines
- (5) Btry L, 4th Bn, 12th Marines
- (6) Btry M, 4th Bn, 12th Marines
- (7) Btry D, 2nd Bn, 11th Marines

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- (8) Btry F, 1st Bn, 11th Marines
- (9) Btry WT, 3d Bn, 4th Marines
- (10) Btry LY, 4th Bn, 11th Marines
- (11) Plt B, 1st 8" Howitzer Btry
- (12) Plt C, 1st 8" Howitzer Btry
- (13) 2d Provisional
- (14) 1st Field Artillery Group
- (15) 1st Amfrac IWT H-6
- (16) Btry C, 8th Bn, 4th Artillery (USA)
- (17) Btry A, 1st Bn, 40th Artillery (USA)
- (18) Btry C, 1st Bn, 40th Artillery (USA)

b. Missions Fired

(1) Artillery

- (a) Preparatory Fires 37
- (b) Night Defensive Fires 63
- (c) Live Missions 23
- (d) Suspected Enemy Positions 72
- (e) Ammunition Expended

Type	HE	WP	ILL	FC
105mm	4627	260	42	30
107mm	511	61	50	
155mm	520	37	21	
175mm	6			
8"	74			

(2) 81mm Mortars

- (a) Preparatory Fires 35
- (b) Targets of Opportunity 12
- (c) Counter Mortar Fires 4
- (d) Suspected Enemy Positions 53
- (e) Night Defensive Fires 19
- (f) Illumination 76
- (g) Ammunition Expended

HE	WP	ILL
8784	558	891

16. AIR SUPPORT

- a. During the month of February, the Battalion was lifted by fixed wing from An Hoa to Quang Tri. Four company size helicopter lifts were completed from the Taylor Common 60 to An Hoa.
- b. 1 flight of fixed wing was requested and 2 were received.
- c. 3 flights of UH-1E gunships were requested and 2 were received.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

JOURNAL SUMMARY

01 Feb 69 1415H In the area of ZC061315, a patrol of Co L found 12 huts and several spider traps and tunnels. A search of the area uncovered scraps of paper that were sent to S-2. The area had not been used for 3-4 weeks and was destroyed.

1520H In the area of ZC061316, a patrol of Co L found 15 huts with bunkers underneath and several fighting holes. The area had eating facilities and was near a stream and after searching was destroyed.

02 Feb 69 1130H In the area of ZC060308, a patrol of Co L found the 3 Recon bodies and assorted gear left in the area.

03 Feb 69 0955H In the area of ZC171298, a patrol of Co I made point contact with 4 enemy, who fired on patrol wounding 1. Fire was returned and artillery was called in with negative results.

04 Feb 69 1800H In the area of ZC147285, FSB Dart and Co I received 6-7 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. All rounds landed outside the perimeter. Counter mortar fire was used with unknown results.

05 Feb 69 1330H In the area of ZC168284, a patrol of Co I found 4 fighting holes and the impression left by an 82mm mortar base plate. Area was destroyed.

1500H In the area of ZC081254, a patrol of Co K found a complex of 22 huts and 21 bunkers that were about $1\frac{1}{2}$ years old. Also found a grave with a fence around it, whose occupant had died of natural causes. There were footprints 3 weeks old, but the area had not been used for about 6 months. The area was destroyed.

06 Feb 69 1005H In the area of ZC071241, a patrol of Co K found 8 fighting holes set in a 360° perimeter and assorted NVA equipment. The holes were about a week old and were destroyed.

1115H In the area of ZC075247, a Marine of Co K patrol set off a booby trap made from an M26 grenade resulting in 3 medevacs.

1345H In the area of ZC140297, a patrol of Co I found 10 huts with bunkers underneath. Two were messhalls containing cooking utensils. Also found were enemy weapons, ammunition, and medical equipment. The weapons and equipment was sent to S-2 and the rest destroyed.

07 Feb 69 1030H In the area of ZC170287, a patrol of Co I made point contact with 3 enemy with automatic weapons. Returned fire with unknown results. Searched area and found NVA equipment.

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1600H In the area of ZC105347, a patrol of Co M found a complex of 4 huts and 4 bunkers with many trails leading from the area. The complex was 8 months old and had not been used within the last month. The area was destroyed.

08 Feb 69 In the area of ZC185310, a Marine on patrol with Co I sat on an enemy mine and was killed.

0915H In the area of ZC097399, a patrol of Co M made point contact with 5 enemy heading in the opposite direction. Fired on the enemy, killing 1. Searched the area and found enemy weapons and equipment.

1200H In the area of ZC093346, a patrol of Co M found a complex of 9 huts, 1 messhall hut, 13 bunkers, and 3 latrines. The area was 5 months old and had been used within the last week. The complex was destroyed.

1600H In the area of ZC184316, a patrol of Co I found 33 pits for cooking. The pits could be covered to smoke food. The area had not been used recently and was destroyed.

1700H In the area of ZC184316, a patrol of Co M found a complex of 7 huts with bunkers underneath. 1 hut was a messhall and 1 was an aid station. In the huts were found enemy ammunition, farming tools, communications equipment, and other articles. Everything was destroyed.

09 Feb 69 0930H In the area of ZC189303, a patrol of Co I was taken under fire by an unknown number of enemy, while crossing a stream. Returned fire with negative results.

1015H In the area of ZC087346, a patrol of Co M found 8 huts with bunkers underneath, 1 hut was a messhall and 1 was an aid station. The area was 6-8 months old and had used within the last 3-4 days. The complex was destroyed.

1200H In the area of ZC050314, a patrol of Co L found 3 huts containing a large amount of food and some clothing. The huts were destroyed.

1245H In the area of ZC174285, a patrol of Company I was taken under fire by an automatic weapon and sustained 3 medevacs. Returned fire and called in artillery with unknown results. Searched area and found 6 freshly dug fighting holes.

1430H In the area of ZC171284, a patrol of Co I made point contact with 1 enemy, who opened fire on patrol killing 2 Marines. Patrol returned fire killing 1 NV and capturing his rifle.

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1730H In the area of ZC177288, a patrol of Co I sighted 5 enemy moving along a trail. Called in artillery with unknown results.

1930H In the area of ZC171283, Co I received 5-6 60mm mortar rounds from an unknown position. The rounds caused no injury.

2150H In the area of ZC092337, an EP of Co M heard movement in front of the lines. Marines threw grenades with negative results other than 1 bouncing off a tree and injuring 2 Marines.

10 Feb 69 No significant events.

11 Feb 69 1300H In the area of ZC027255, a patrol of Co L made point contact with 2 enemy. Fired upon enemy with unknown results.

1330H In the area of ZC064265, a patrol of Co K found a cultivated area with corn, banana trees, potatoes, and other assorted vegetables. Also found were 28 pigs that were being raised. The had been used recently and was destroyed.

12 Feb 69 0930H In the area of ZC064265, a patrol of Co K found 2 huts containing Chinese maps and documents. The maps and documents were sent to S-2 and the huts destroyed.

1130H In the area of ZC064269, a patrol of Co K found 3 huts and 2 bunkers. They also found 1 bamboo canoe, 5 empty 82mm mortar boxes, bicycle parts, and a cultivated area. Everything was destroyed.

1430H In the area of ZC058316, a patrol of Co L found 3 graves with 1 female and 2 males. The graves were 3-6 months old.

1600H In the area of ZC061323, a patrol of Co M found a complex of 8 huts with eating facilities. Searching the area uncovered 35 knapsacks, 13 maps, ammunition pouches, Chicom voltage meters, a whip antenna, 4 cans of grease, telegraph cable, 30 transformers, 3 MVA cartridge belts, 20 heavy duty fuses, and a small amount of food. The equipment was sent to S-2 and the rest destroyed.

13 Feb 69 1300H In the area of ZC990344, a patrol of Co G, 2/5 found a grave with 1 body killed by artillery.

1545H In the area of ZC025272, a patrol of Co F, 2/5 found 5 huts. One was a messhall and two had bunkers underneath. Also found was miscellaneous medical equipment and documents. The complex was destroyed.

1630H In the area of ZC061289, a patrol of Co L found a small trail, 3 very old huts, and a small footbridge. Also found a bicycle seat in one hut. Area was destroyed.

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14 Feb 69 0900H In the area of ZC065287, a patrol of Co L found several trails and bridges capable of handling 4 wheel vehicles. It had not been used recently.

1215H In the area of ZC04829, a patrol of Co L made contact with 1 enemy. Enemy broke contact and fled NW. Artillery was called with unknown results.

1219H In the area of ZC05393, a patrol of Co L found a very old bridge made of concrete and steel. The bridge was destroyed.

1400H In the area of ZC074283, a patrol of Co L found 3 huts with bunkers underneath. Also found were 16 K44 rifles, 7 9mm machine guns, 1 Chicom LMG, 2 Chicom BAR's, and several assorted magazines and rounds of ordnance. The complex was destroyed.

1750H In the area of ZC041300, a patrol of Co M found a grave with 1 body that was killed by artillery.

15 Feb 69 0800H Started to helilift from Base Area 112 to return to Quang Tri Combat Base.

16 Feb 69 0800H Co L under OPCON of 1st Bde, 5th Mech Div USA deployed north of Dong Ha

17 Feb 69 0800H Co I under OPCON of Senior Advisor, Quang Tri Province deployed to Quang Tri City.

18 Feb 69 0800H Co M deployed to Con Thien.

19 Feb 69 0800H The Battalion started to deploy to the Cam Lo and Huong Hoa Districts.

20 Feb 69 1200H Assumed the 2d Bn, 3d Marines AO and began operations.

1500H In the area of YD1268, a patrol of Co K apprehended one civilian. He turned out to be a civilian hunter. He was turned over to MCV personnel and was released.

2240H In the area of YD182587, elements of the 106 Plt received small arms fire from the village Thou Dinh Ya. They fired illumination and the firing stopped.

2320H In the area of YD182587, elements of the 106 Plt heard movement under the bridge. They threw 2 M26 grenades. Checked area with negative results.

21 Feb 69 0915H In the area of YD073573, the engineers received an unknown number of mortar rounds, believed to be 82mm.

1010H In the area of YD037564, a jeep in a convoy from VCB hit a mine and the jeep following it received automatic weapon fire.

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Also mortar fire was received from the YD0558 area. A platoon with section of tanks was sent to check out the area and found 25 Montagards, who were released.

1410H In the area of YD096613, a patrol of Co H, 2/3 discovered 13 60mm rounds, 1 empty can of increments, and 1 battle dressing wrapper.

1730H In the area of YD133670, the engineers were destroying a 250 pound bomb when the charge set off a secondary explosion. It was believed that the bomb was booby trapped.

22 Feb 69 1030H In the area of YD188615, a bulldozer of Co C, 14th Engr, USA hit a mine disabling it. It was sent to the rear for repair.

1645H In the area of YD188615, Co C, 14th Engr, USA had a road grader strike a mine. It was sent to the rear for repair.

23 Feb 69 1300H In the area of YD174687, elements of Co K with a tank and 2 APC's and an AO on station, were taken under fire by 16 NVA, who were taken under fire by 90mm, rockets, artillery, and small arms. Another platoon of Co K with 6 tanks and 4 APC's was dispatched. The units linked up and swept the area finding 4 NVA KIA, 1 NVA POW, and 17 fighting holes. Further searching discovered 2 AK47's, 1 AK50, 5 NVA magazines, 1 poncho, 3 NVA helmets, 1 belt, 1 map and a sketch of the ambush site, 1 canteen, 4 Chicom grenades, and 2 pens.

1400H In the area of YD183614, an Army 10 ton truck hit a mine on the road. The truck was retrieved for repair.

1530H In the area of YD165685, elements of 3d Squadron, 5th Mech, USA discovered 2 bodies which appeared to have been killed by an air strike. Also found 1 Chicom grenade.

1830H In the area of YD085618, elements of Co H, 2/3 received 10-12 60mm mortar rounds. Artillery mission was called on suspected area with unknown results.

2045H In the area of YD103522, elements of Co F, 2/3 sighted figures moving near a villa. Challenged them and received fire. Returned fire and call in an 82mm mortar mission. Searching the area after uncovered 1 AK47, 1 bloody sandal, 1 bloody walking stick. Another search will be made at first light.

24 Feb 69 In the area of YD103522, a patrol of Co F, 2/3 continued their search of the area and found 2 NVA KIA, 1 AK47, 4 Chicom grenades, 5 magazines, and other assorted gear.

1030H In the area of YD095616, a patrol of Co H, 2/3 discovered 1 T mine, and a cooking bunker constructed so the smoke couldn't be seen. The bunker was 6 months old and had not been used for 3 months. It was destroyed.

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1915H In the area of YD131529, an ambush of Co F, 2/3 using a SID in conjunction with a chain of claymores, detected movement. The claymores were detonated killing 1 NVA/VC. Searching the area discovered a Chicom battle dressing and 100 piasters.

25 Feb 69 0255H In the area of YD094503, Co H, 2/3 received a probe by an unknown number of enemy using small arms and grenades. Fire was returned and a 81mm mortar mission was called with unknown results.

0815H In the area of YD148681, elements of Co K while in an ambush position observed 1 NVA. The ambush opened fire as another one appeared. 2 tanks and duster were called in to assist. Also called in artillery to block escaped routes. The units linked up and swept the area killing 4 NVA out of an estimated 10-15 enemy. Also found were pairs of utilities and jungle boots.

0902H In the area of YD094593, a patrol of Co H, 2/3 continued the search of the area after the 0255H. They found 10 huts partially destroyed by satchel charges and 2 AK47's, 1 32mm pistol, 11 AK magazines, 10-45 TNT blocks, Chicom grenades, and 5 NVA KI's.

1240H In the area of YD119710, OP#2 of Con Thien observed a sniper. The enemy was fired upon by dusters with unknown results.

1450H In the area of YD136645, elements of Co K received 8 122mm rockets. Artillery was called in on the suspected enemy positions of YD060650, YD056668, and YD070636 with unknown results.

1745H In the area of YD127655, elements of Co K observed 8 140mm rocket rounds landing between C2 and C2 Bridge. Artillery fire was called in with unknown results.

1745H In the area of YD118603, elements of Co H, 2/3 received 8-10 rounds of 60mm mortar. Used counter mortar fire with unknown results.

2030H In the area of YD084519, elements of the USA CIDG received 2 rounds of B10 from the northwest. Also small arms fire. Returned fire with unknown results.

26 Feb 69 0830H In the area of YD128643, Co K had 15 rounds of 82mm mortar land 200-700m outside their perimeter from unknown sources.

0910H In the area of YD088602, elements of Co C, 3d Engr and MCB58 found an exploding device consisting of a blasting cap and 3 1/2 lb blocks of TNT. The device was destroyed.

1100H In the area of YD041565, elements of Co C, 3d Engr on a road sweep found 2 indigenous personnel. One had an ID card and the other was turned over to the District Police after finding out he was an ex-NVN.

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1315H In the area of YD119714, OP# 2 had 6 rounds fired at him by a sniper. Artillery was called in on the position with unknown results.

1430H In the area of YD086597, a patrol of Co H, 2/3 found 5 TNT charges, surettes of unknown substance, and 1 bottle of dehydrated food on a trail. The items were destroyed.

1600H In the area of YD170620, a patrol of Co K found a 250lb bomb at the land clearing site. Engineers blew it in place.

1915H In the area of YD128512, an ambush of Co F, 2/3 received 7 60mm mortar rounds while sitting in for the night. Counter mortar fire was called with unknown results.

27 Feb 69 0430H In the area of YD128643, a patrol of Co K observed 15 rounds of crew served weapons fire.

1530H In the area of YD025525, elements of CIDG had contact with a platoon of NVA/VC. Returned fire and called in artillery with negative results.

1900H In the area of YD09196161, elements of Co H, 2/3 received 15-18 rounds of 60mm mortar. Fire was returned with tanks and artillery with unknown results.

28 Feb 69 1000H In the area of YD080578, elements of Co B, 3d Engr, while sweeping the road, had a small boy give them 19½ pounds of TNT. The boy was given a VIP payment.

1030H In the area of YD064571, elements of Co C, 3d Engr found an AT mine, but failed to find the second one, 50-75m down the road. A truck following the sweep set off the second mine rendering it inoperable. The mine was believed to be a Russian plastic AT mine.

1100H In the area of YD062571 to YD070571, Road Sweep Team 307 found 3 AT mines approximately 50-75m apart. The mines were blown in place.

1520H In the area of YD0962, elements of Co H, 2/3, Co B Tanks, and 1st Bde USA made contact with an enemy force of about a reinforced platoon. Two tanks were disabled in the contact by RPG. After contact was broken, fixed wing and artillery was called in with unknown results.

1600H In the area of YD095615, a tank hit an AT mine and was disabled. Elements of Co H, 2/3 provided security until the tank was returned to Co B, Tanks CP.

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26 Feb 69 1930H In the area of YD181778, Spec 4 Tom STEARMES US53526116
stationed at OP# 2 of Con Thien sighted 2 fires by BC
scope.

2115H In the area of YD187785, Spec 4 Ron KARNOVSKI US56502887
stationed at OP# 2 of Con Thien sighted 3 stationary
lights by a Night Observation Device.