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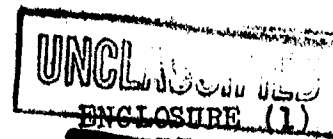
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 January 69 to 31 January 69

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

2d Battalion, 4th Marines	CO - LTCOL J.E. HOPKINS	1-31	Jan
	XO - MAJ W.L. KENT	1-31	Jan

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Co, 2d Bn, 4th Mar	1STLT E. BREEZE
Co. E, 2d Bn, 4th Mar	CAPT A.H. HILL
Co. F, 2d Bn, 4th Mar	1STLT G.E. HOLTZCLAW
Co. G, 2d Bn, 4th Mar	CAPT J.M. DWYER
Co. H, 2d Bn, 4th Mar	CAPT W.J. FLEMING

ATTACHED UNITS

Co. F, 2d Bn, 3d Mar	CAPT M.J. REILLY	3-8	Jan
Provisional Co	CAPT. KELLEY	9-11	Jan
Co K, 3d Bn, 4th Mar	CAPT C.R. HUDDLESTON	15-25	Jan
2d Plt. Co D, 1st Bn, 4th Mar	2NDLT M.J. DISMINGER	23-25	Jan
Bn Recon Team		24-25 Jan, 29-31	Jan
Co. E (-), 2d Bn, 3d Mar	CAPT K.W. NICEWANER	27-31	Jan
Co. A, 3d Tank Bn	CAPT PATTERSON	27-31	Jan

2. LOCATION

1-8 Jan:	Mai Loc Area
8-11 Jan:	VCB Area
11-15 Jan:	R and R Center, Cua Viet
15-17 Jan:	VCB Area
17-20 Jan:	Rockville Area
20-24 Jan:	LZ Sierra Area
24-31 Jan:	LZ Comet Area
1-31 Jan:	2/4 Rear located at Quang Tri
	2/4 Forward located at VCB

3. STAFF OFFICERS

S-1	1STLT W.R. BOGGS	1-31	Jan
S-2	2NDLT L.L. EASTLAND	1-31	Jan
S-3	MAJ D.A. CROWE	1-31	Jan
S-4	1STLT E. BREEZE	1-31	Jan
Supply O	1STLT J.D. CLARKE	1-31	Jan
Comm O	CAPT P.J. MCELHINNEY	1-17	Jan
	2NDLT J.E. SIMPSON JR	18-31	Jan

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- A. SUMMARY OF EVENTS
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MTO  
 Medical O  
 Chaplain

1STLT W.G. HODGSON  
 LT J.E. FRANGER  
 LT R.A. CRIST

1-31 Jan  
 1-31 Jan  
 1-31 Jan

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	
OFF	ENL
41.9	1070.6

USN	
OFF	ENL
2	53

OTHER	
OFF	ENL
NONE	

## PART II

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## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The Second Battalion, 4th Marines opened the month on a search and destroy operation in the eastern portion of the Mai Loc area. Extensive patrolling was conducted which accounted for the destruction of a number of bunker complexes. On 3 January, a night ambush from Company G captured an NVA soldier, in full uniform and carrying an AK-47. Company G also discovered two NVA graves. On 4 January, Company G suffered one KIA and two WIA's from a command-detonated claymore. A thorough search of the area for the person who set off the mine produced negative results.

On 8 January, the Battalion (-) assumed the defense of Wandegriit Combat Base and Calu. The following day, the defense of Elliot Combat Base was also assumed by 2/4 (-). On 11 January, the Battalion moved to the 3d Marine Division R and R Center at Cua Viet for Battalion R and R, where they stayed until 15 January. At that time, 2/4 returned to the VCR area where they took over the defense of VCR, Elliot Combat Base, FSB Fuller, and the Khe Gia Bridge with the help of Company K, 3/4 who was chopped upon to the Battalion. Security patrols and night ambushes were sent out daily at all positions.

On 17 January, while retaining responsibility for the defense of Elliot Combat Base, FSB Fuller, and the Khe Gia Bridge, 2/4 (-) began a two-company search and destroy operation to the east and northeast of Elliot Combat Base. Aggressive patrolling resulted in the destruction of many enemy bunker complexes and the discovery of a considerable amount of enemy equipment. On 20 January, the two sweeping companies lifted to LZ Sierra, with the Alpha Command Group, to conduct operations in that area. Company E, the first unit into the LZ, received small arms fire while flying into, and landing in, the LZ. Fixed wing strikes, gunships, and AO's suppressed the fire and no casualties were suffered. Company H, moving to its night position, found an enemy body at YD 937629. On 22 January, elements of the Alpha Command Group found two NVA bodies in a shallow grave. Large amounts of enemy gear were found in this area, as well as numerous bunker complexes.

On 24 January, Companies E and H, joined by Company F, heli-lifted to the LZ Comet area (YD 046636) to conduct a search and destroy operation. On 25 January, the Battalion was relieved of the responsibility of defending Elliot Combat Base, FSB Fuller, and the Khe Gia Bridge. That day, Company H found three NVA bodies. Elements of Company F fired upon three NVA who were spotted moving back into the foliage at YD 043675. Fixed wing and artillery were called in with unknown results. The next day Company F found two enemy graves at YD 066647. On 27 January, Company H discovered a cache of enemy equipment at YD 033572.

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While moving the gear to an LZ, they received twenty-five rounds of incoming 60mm mortar fire from the vicinity of YD 033681. Immediate counter-mortar fire from 60mm mortars and artillery suppressed the fire, but Company H suffered one KIA and nine WIA's.

On 28 January, Company F discovered a grave site at YD 061647 which produced twenty-six bodies. The following day, Company H took thirty incoming 60mm mortar rounds at YD 045674. Counter-mortar fire silenced the enemy tube, and only two WIA's were taken. The Alpha Command Group also took two rounds of incoming artillery, which was believed to be friendly. No casualties were suffered.

On 30 January, a unit from Company E, 2/3, which was under this Battalion's opcon, suffered one WIA when they triggered a claymore tripwire. That same day, a squad patrol from Company G was fired upon at YD 082751 by friendly aircraft and artillery that resulted in 14 WIA's. The matter is now under intensive investigation.

On 31 January, a unit from Company F, while moving to a night ambush position around dusk, made contact with an enemy force of unknown size. 81mm mortars and artillery fire were called in, after which the unit set in to observe the area until it could be searched in the morning. Company F suffered one WIA.

During operations in this area, a significant number of bunkers were destroyed and large amounts of enemy equipment were captured due to aggressive and conscientious patrolling activities.

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~~DECLASSIFIED~~A. SUMMARY OF EVENTS

## 1 Jan: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	YD 162511
Co. E	VCB
Co. F	VCB
Co. G	YD 130492
Co. H	YD 137521

1. Conducted four platoon size patrols, nine squad size patrols, and twelve night ambushes.

2. Elements of Co. H reported finding enemy equipment at YD 138521 and YD 123511. (See Part III, B)

3. A patrol from the 106 RR Platoon destroyed a bunker complex found on 31 December.

4. The Bravo Command, Co. E, and Co. F were hel-lifted from the field to VCB and chopped opcon to 4th Marines, the Bravo Command and Co. F at 1200 and Co. E 1600.

## 2 Jan: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	YD 162511
Co. G	YD 146492
Co. H	YD 137521

1. Conducted nine squad size patrols and twelve night ambushes.

2. A patrol from Co. G reported finding enemy equipment at YD 135495. (See Part III, B)

3. A patrol from the 106 RR Platoon reported finding enemy equipment at YD 167518. (See Part III, B)

4. Co. G reported finding a well-used trail running north/south along a stream in the general area of YD 141473. They also found one chicom grenade.

## 3 Jan: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	YD 118544
Co. G	YD 142502
Co. H	YD 136536
Co. F, 2/3	YD 094517

1. Conducted four platoon size patrols, three squad size patrols, and fifteen night ambushes.

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2. At 0130, a night ambush from Co. G observed one NVA, in full uniform and carrying an AK-47, moving from north to south at YD 154465. A Marine moved from the ambush position, assaulted the NVA and captured him, along with the weapon. The POW was sent to the MAC V compound for questioning.

3. Co. F, 2/3, chopped OPCON to this unit at 0930.

4. A patrol from the 106 RR Platoon reported finding enemy equipment. (See Part III, B)

5. A unit from Co. G discovered two graves at YD 169529 while proceeding to an ambush position. Darkness prevented further investigation until morning.

#### 4 Jan: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	YD 118544
Co. G	YD 120520
Co. H	YD 136546
Co. F, 2/3	YD 094517

1. Conducted one company size patrol, two platoon size patrols, five squad size patrols, and fourteen night ambushes.

2. The two graves found by Co. G on 3 January contained two NVA bodies. (See Part III, B)

3. At 1210, Co. G suffered one KIA and 2 WIA's from a command-detonated claymore at YD 132504. A thorough search of the area for the person who set the mine off produced negative results.

#### 5 Jan: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	YD 118544
Co. G	YD 105553
Co. H	YD 136546
Co. F, 2/3	YD 094517

1. Conducted five platoon size patrols, two squad size patrols, and twenty-two night ambushes.

2. Co. G established two checkpoints to control and screen personnel on Route 558, placing blocks and OP's to the east and west of the road. The check points secured at 1500.

#### 6 Jan: Company Locations

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Co. G	YD 105553
Co. H	YD 129532
Co. F, 2/3	YD 094517

1. Conducted four platoon size patrols, eight squad size patrols, and eighteen night ambushes.

7 Jan: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	YD 118544
Co. G	YD 124554
Co. H	YD 129532
Co. F, 2/3	YD 094517

1. Conducted two platoon size patrols, seven squad size patrols, and nineteen night ambushes.

8 Jan: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	VCB
Co. E	VCB
Co. G	VCB
Co. H	VCB
Provisional Co.	Calu

1. Conducted move by truck convoy from field to VCB. All units arrived at VCB by 1800.

2. Co. F, 2/3, was dropped upon at 1530, and the Bravo Command, Co. E, and a Provisional Company were chopped upon to the Battalion at that time.

3. Battalion assumed defense of VCB and Calu.

9 Jan: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	VCB
Co. E	YD 002464 & Signal Hill
Co. G	Elliot Combat Base
Co. H	Calu
Provisional Co.	VCB

1. Co. E (-) moved into the area west of VCB to conduct patrolling and ambushing activity.

2. The remaining companies continued with their defensive mission.

10 Jan: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	VCB
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Co. E  
Co. G  
Co. H  
Provisional Co.

YD 001509 & Signal Hill  
Elliot Combat Base  
Galu  
VCB

1. Co. E (-) continued its patrolling and ambushing activity west of VCB.

11 Jan:

1. Co. F was chopped upon back to the Battalion at 1730 and the Provisional Co. was dropped upon at that time.

2. The Battalion moved to the 3d Marine Division R and R center at Con Viet for Battalion R and R.

12 Jan:

Battalion R and R

13 Jan:

Battalion R and R

14 Jan:

Battalion R and R

15 Jan: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	VCB
Co. E	VCB
Co. F	VCB
Co. G	Elliot Combat Base
Co. H	VCB
Co. K (-), 3/4	FSR Fuller
Co. K (-), 3/4	Khe Gia Bridge

1. The Battalion moved from the R and R Center to VCB area.

2. Co. K, 3/4, chopped upon to the Battalion at 1115.

16 Jan: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	VCB
Co. E	VCB
Co. F	VCB
Co. G	Elliot Combat Base
Co. H	VCB
Co. K (-), 3/4	FSR Fuller
Co. K (-), 3/4	Khe Gia Bridge

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1. Conducted three squad size patrols and six OP's.

## 17 Jan: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	Elliot Combat Base
Co. E	XD 998543
Co. G	Elliot Combat Base*
Co. H	YD 008555
Co. K (-), 3/4	FSB Fuller
Co. K (-), 3/4	Khe Gia Bridge

1. Conducted two company size patrols, one platoon size patrol, two squad size patrols, and seven night ambushes.
2. Companies E and H began a search and destroy operation to the east and northeast of VCB. Co. H secured objectives 1 (YD 003552) and 2 (YD 015557). Co. E secured objective 3 (XD 996544).
3. Co. F was chopped opcon to 3d MarDiv at 1400.
4. Co. G sent one platoon on a search and destroy mission in the area of the Rockpile. They reported finding enemy equipment at XD 987454. (See Part III, B)

## 18 Jan: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	Elliot Combat Base
Co. E	XD 017548
Co. G	Elliot Combat Base
Co. H	YD 008555
Co. K (-), 2/4	FSB Fuller
Co. K (-), 3/4	Khe Gia Bridge

1. Conducted one platoon size patrol, nineteen squad size patrols, and seven night ambushes.
2. Co. E secured objective 4 (YD 017548). A patrol from Co. E reported finding enemy equipment at XD 999547. (See Part III, B)
3. A patrol from Co. G reported finding enemy equipment in the "Little Rockpile" area. (See Part III, B)
4. The third platoon of Co. A, 1/9 was chopped opcon to the Battalion at 1815.

## 19 Jan: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	YD 034558
Co. E	YD 017548

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Co. G	Elliot Combat Base
Co. H	YD 030541
Co. K (-), 3/4	FSR Fuller
Co. K (-), 3/4	Khe Gia Bridge

1. Conducted one platoon size patrol, five squad size patrols, and two night ambushes.

2. Elements of Co. K (-), 3/4, reported finding an old footpath, two feet wide, running north and south, at YD 023567. A thorough search of the area revealed no signs of enemy use.

3. The third platoon of Co. A, 1/9, was dropped upon at 1815.

#### 20 Jan: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	XD 946625
Co. E	XD 943633
Co. G	Elliot Combat Base
Co. H	XD 938628
Co. K (-), 3/4	FSR Fuller
Co. K (-), 3/4	Khe Gia Bridge

1. The Alpha Command Group, Co. E, and Co. H heli-lifted to LZ Sierra (XD 946625) to begin search and destroy operations in that area. Co. E lifted in first and received moderate automatic weapons fire going into the LZ from XD 953629, XD 946631, and XD 939625. Gunships and AOs suppressed the fire. No casualties were suffered.

2. Moving out of the LZ to its night position, Co. H discovered enemy booby traps at XD 937622. (See Part III, B). All booby traps were blown in place.

3. Co. H reported finding an enemy body at XD 937629. (See Part III, B)

4. Conducted eight night ambushes.

#### 21 Jan: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	XD 946625
Co. E	XD 943633
Co. G	Elliot Combat Base
Co. H	XD 938628
Co. K (-), 3/4	FSR Fuller
Co. K (-), 3/4	Khe Gia Bridge

1. Conducted four platoon size patrols, seven squad size patrols, and eight night ambushes.

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2. Co. E reported finding enemy equipment at XD 943633 - 943642. (See Part III, B). Bunkers were destroyed.

3. Co. H reported finding enemy equipment at XD 938628. (See Part III, B). All ordnance was blown in place.

4. A patrol from Co. E reported finding two trails at grids XD 954638 to XD 954643, and XD 954647 to XD 954643. Trails led to a stream and contained multiple footprints by three to four people which appeared to be about 48 hours old. They also found five expended rounds of U.S. 7.62mm caliber.

#### 22 Jan: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	XD 946625
Co. E	XD 968628
Co. G	Elliot Combat Base
Co. H	XD 948603
Co. K (-), 3/4	FSP Fuller
Co. K (-), 3/4	Khe Gia Bridge

1. Conducted two company size patrols, two platoon size patrols, five squad size patrols, and nine night ambushes.

2. Elements of Co. K, 3/4, found an enemy tunnel at YD 010555. (See Part III, B).

3. Elements of the Alpha Command found two NVA bodies in a shallow grave. (See Part III, B).

4. Co. E reported finding an old fighting hole at XD 966634. (See Part III, B).

5. Co. K, 3/4, reported finding a trail along following points: YD 022590 - 024587 - 026584 - 021585 - 018587 - 017591. There was no sign of recent use. Elements of Co. K, 3/4, also found enemy equipment at YD 023594. (See Part III, B)

#### 23 Jan: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	XD 981611
Co. F	XD 982623
Co. G	Elliot Combat Base
Co. H	XD 955598
Co. K (-), 3/4	FSP Fuller
Co. K (-), 3/4	Khe Gia Bridge
Co. D, 2nd Plt., 1/4	YD 012692

1. Conducted two company size patrols, six squad size patrols and ten night ambushes.

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2. 2nd Platoon, Co. D, 1/4 chopped opcon to the Battalion at 1330.
3. Co. H reported finding enemy equipment at XD 939611. (See Part III, B).
4. Elements of Co. H reported finding a trail from XD 943613 to 944610. Fresh human waste was found on the trail and an odor of fish was perceived. A check of the area produced negative results.
5. Co. H reported finding enemy equipment at XD 937603. (See Part III, B).
6. Co. H reported finding enemy equipment at XD 943614. (See Part III, B).
7. Co. B reported finding enemy equipment at XD 973623. (See Part III, B).
8. Co. D, 1/4, reported finding enemy equipment at YD 012692. (See Part III, P).
9. Elements of Co. H reported finding equipment at XD 956599. (See Part III, B).
10. Co. E reported finding enemy equipment at XD 987626. (See Part III, B).
11. Co. K, 3/4, reported finding enemy equipment at YD 023596. (See Part III, B).

## 24 Jcn: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	YD 046636
Co. E	XD 989629
Co. F	YD 045651
Co. G	Ellist Combat Base
Co. H	YD 035631
Co. K (-), 3/4	FSB Fuller
Co. K (-), 3/4	Khe Gia Bridge
2d Plt., Co. D, 1/4	YD 016676
1st Recon Team	YD 014691

Companies F and E, and the Alpha Command heli-landed to conduct operations in the area around YD 046636.

A Battalion Recon Team and Co. F were chopped opcon to this Battalion at 1030.

Co. E reported finding enemy equipment at XD 987626. (See Part III, B)

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4. Elements of Co. E reported hearing movement at XD 989629. A thorough search of the area produced negative results.
5. Co. F reported finding a trail, running NE/SW, and old enemy bunkers. (See Part III, F).
6. Co. H reported finding a 250 lb. bomb at YD 039649 among some old bunkers. Bomb was destroyed.
7. At 1945, elements of Co. K, 3/4, reported hearing voices and movement in the vicinity of YD 023595. They also had override on their net by two stations, one French, one Vietnamese. 60mm mortars and artillery were fired into the area, after which screams were heard.
8. Fourteen night ambushes were established.

#### 25 Jan: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	YD 046636
Co. E	XD 989629
Co. F	YD 066653
Co. H	YD 038648

1. Bn Recon Team chopped opcon at 0945; Co. G and Co. K, 3/4, chopped opcon at 1130. 2d Plt., Co. D, 1/4 chopped opcon at 1520.
2. Elements of Co. H reported finding an old enemy position with trails in the area. Area was checked thoroughly with negative results and the bunkers were blown.
3. 2d Platoon, Co. D, 1/4, reported finding enemy equipment at YD 19676 around 0930. (See Part III, F).
4. Elements of Co. H reported finding enemy equipment at YD 043641. (See Part III, B).
5. Elements of Co. H reported finding bunkers at YD 037637. Bunkers were destroyed.
6. Elements of Co. H reported finding enemy gear at YD 042650. (See Part III, B).
7. Co. H reported finding a bunker complex at YD 037631. Bunkers were destroyed.
8. Elements of the Alpha Command Group reported finding enemy equipment at YD 050625. (See Part III, B).

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9. Elements of Co. H reported finding two NV bodies and enemy equipment at YD 045651. (See Part III, B).

10. Co. H reported finding NVA body in grave at YD 044652.

11. Elements of Co. H reported finding enemy equipment at YD 029636. (See Part III, B).

12. Co. F reported firing seven rounds at NVA seen moving back into foliage at YD 043675. A trail located at YD 059657 showed numerous footprints. Fixed wing and artillery were called in with unknown results.

13. Co. H reported finding a bunker complex and a grave site containing one NVA body at YD 029655.

14. Elements of Co. F reported finding enemy equipment at YD 062647. (See Part III, B).

15. Elements of Co. H reported finding enemy equipment at YD 045651. (See Part III, B).

16. Seven night ambushes were established.

#### 26 Jan: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	YD 046636
Co. E	YD 014637
Co. F	YD 067647
Co. H	YD 037670

1. Co. F reported finding two bodies in graves, along with enemy equipment at YD 066647. (See Part III, B).

2. Elements of the Alpha Command Group found two graves, along with enemy equipment, at YD 050630 - 051633. (See Part III, B).

3. Co. E reported finding enemy equipment at YD 996632. (See Part III, B).

4. Elements of the Alpha Command Group reported finding enemy equipment at YD 053627. (See Part III, B).

5. Elements of Co. H reported finding enemy equipment at YD 039674. (See Part III, B).

6. Elements of Co. H reported finding footprints of five-six enemy in vicinity of YD 043675.

7. Twelve night ambushes were established.

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## 27 Jan: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	YD 046636
Co. E	YD 025640
Co. F	YD 067647
Co. H	YD 037670
Co. E (-), 2/3	Combat Base A-4
Co. A, 3d Tank Bn	Combat Base A-4

1. Conducted one Company size patrol, one platoon size patrol, seven squad size patrols, and ten night ambushes.
2. Co. E (-), 2/3, chopped opcon to the Battalion at 1100. Co. A, 3d Tank Bn was also chopped opcon at that time.
3. Co. F reported finding enemy equipment at YD 069647. (See Part III, B).
4. Elements of Co. H reported finding enemy equipment at YD 042676, at YD 041669, and at YD 044666.
5. Co. H reported finding enemy equipment at YD 033572. (See Part III, B). While moving the captured enemy cache to an LZ, Co. H received approximately twenty-five rounds of incoming 60mm mortar fire from the vicinity of YD 033681. Immediate counter-mortar fire from 60mm mortars and artillery was called in and further enemy fire was suppressed. Co. H suffered one KIA and nine WIA's.

## 28 Jan: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	YD 057667
Co. E	YD 035637
Co. F	YD 067647
Co. H	YD 037670
Co. E (-), 2/3	Combat Base A-4
Co. A, 3d Tank Bn	Combat Base A-4

1. Conducted three platoon size patrols, six squad size patrols, and thirteen ambushes.
2. Co. F reported finding twenty-six graves at YD 061647 complete with headstones.
3. Co. H reported finding enemy equipment at YD 036674. (See Part III, B).
4. Co. F reported finding enemy equipment at YD 062647.

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## 29 Jan: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	YD 057667
Co. E	YD 035637
Co. F	YD 097737
Co. H	YD 052745
Co. E (-), 2/3	Combat Base A-4
Co. A, 3d Tank Bn	Combat Base A-4
Bn Recon Team	YD 082763
1st Plt, Co. G, 2/4	YD 082763

1. At 1325, Co. H reported receiving thirty rounds of 60mm mortar incoming at YD 045674. 81mm mortar and artillery counter-mortar fire was called in and the incoming ceased. Co. H suffered two WIA's.

2. The Alpha Command reported receiving two rounds of incoming artillery from the east. They were believed to be friendly and all artillery units were requested to check fire.

3. Co. H reported finding enemy equipment at YD 043674, and YD 041677.

4. At 1525, a Battalion Recon Team and 1st Platoon, Co. G, 2/4, was chopped upon to this unit.

5. Co. A, 3d Tank Bn reported finding enemy equipment at YD 110690. (See Part III, B).

## 30 Jan: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	YD 057667
Co. E	YD 058657
Co. F	YD 097737
Co. H	YD 052745
Co. E (-), 2/3	Combat Base A-4
Co. A, 3d Tank Bn	Combat Base A-4
Co. G, 2/4	YD 105684

1. Co. E reported finding enemy equipment at YD 033639. (See Part III, B).

2. Co. H reported finding enemy equipment and one NVA body at YD 0353673. (See Part III, B).

3. Co. G (-), 2/4, was chopped upon back to the Battalion at 1445.

4. A unit from Co. E, 2/3, detonated a claymore with a tripwire which resulted in one WIA. A thorough search of the area produced negative results.

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5. 1st Platoon, Co. G, reported that a patrol was fired upon by friendly aircraft and artillery. Co. G suffered 14 WIA's. The matter is now under intensive investigation.

6. Co. F reported finding enemy equipment at YD 048675. (See Part III, B).

7. Twelve night ambushes were established.

#### 31 Jan: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	YD 116731
Co. E	YD 072653
Co. F	YD 110753
Co. G (-)	YD 092729
2d Plt. Co. G	YD 093721
Co. E (-), 2/3	Combat Base A-4
Co. A, 3d Tank Bn	Combat Base A-4

1. At 1426, the Battalion Recon Team was dropped upon from this unit.

2. Conducted one company size patrol, two platoon size patrols, eight squad size patrols, and thirteen night ambushes.

3. Elements of Co. E reported finding enemy equipment at YD 063655, 063665 and at YD 062644. (See Part III, B).

4. Co. F reported finding enemy equipment at YD 111723.

5. Co. E reported finding enemy equipment at YD 066650. (See Part III, B).

6. A unit from Co. F, while moving to a night ambush position, made contact with an enemy force of unknown size. 81mm mortars and artillery fire were called in, after which the unit set in to observe the area until it could be searched in the morning. Co. F suffered one WIA.

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B. INTELLIGENCE

1. Introduction: The mission of the 2d Battalion, 4th Marines for the month of January was to conduct search and destroy operations in the Mai Loc TAOR, and in the areas around the Rockville, Foxtrot Ridge and Con Thien. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines also provided security for Vandegrift Combat Base, FSB Fuller, Elliot Combat Base, Calu, Signal Hill, and the Khe Gia Bridge. During the month of January, 2d Battalion, 4th Marines was under the operational control of the 4th Marine Regiment, Task Force Hotel and Task Force Bravo.

2. Weather: The weather for the month of January was variable. The first ten days of the month saw rain showers and cold weather. The ceiling was 100 to 1000 feet. The average temperature was 60 to 75 degrees. The next few weeks brought warmer weather with ceiling unlimited; the temperature was 85 to 90 degrees.

3. Enemy Killed In Action

January 3 Co. G	2 NVA	YD 145499
January 20 Co. H	1 NVA	XD 937622
January 22 106 RR Plt.	2 NVA	XD 945624
January 25 Co. H	2 NVA	YD 045651
January 25 Co. H	1 NVA	YD 046652
January 26 106 RR Plt.	2 NVA	YD 052633
January 26 Co. F	2 NVA	YD 066647
January 28 Co. F	26 NVA	YD 061647

4. Enemy Sightings

January 25 Co. F	3	YD 043675
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5. Enemy Equipment

Jan 1 Co. H	1 Chinese Claymore	YD 123514
Jan 1 Co. H	1 82mm rd., 9 fuses	YD 138521
Jan 2 Co. G	15 bunkers, 1 NVA uniform 1 record player	YD 135495
Jan 2 106 RR Plt.	6 Living bunkers, 1 mess- hut	YD 165518
Jan 2 Co. G	1 Chicom grenade	YD 141473
Jan 3 Co. G	1 AK-47	YD 153464

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Jan 3	106 RR Plt.	12 bunkers, 1 Chicom grenade	YD 169529
Jan 4	Co. G	2 NVA bodies with uniforms wrapped in ponchos	YD 169529
Jan 17	Co. G	8 fighting holes	XD 987565
Jan 18	Co. E	1 fighting hole	XD 999547
Jan 20	Co. H	1 Chicom booby trap, 2 M26 booby traps, 1 RPG booby trap, 1 Chinese claymore, 1 NVA body in grave	XD 937622
Jan 21	Co. E	13 fighting holes, 2 bunkers	XD 943643
Jan 21	Co. H	6 Chicom grenades, 1 M26 booby trap, 1 Chicom Claymore	XD 938628
Jan 22	Co. K	1 underground tunnel 10'x4'	YD 010555
Jan 22	106 RR Plt.	2 NVA bodies	XD 946625
Jan 22	Co. E	1 fighting hole	XD 966635
Jan 23	Co. H	6 NVA bunkers	XD 939611
Jan 23	Co. H	1 M16 Rifle	XD 937603
Jan 23	Co. H	1 82mm rd.	XD 943674
Jan 23	Co. D, 1/4	1 RPG rd., 2 Rockets, 500 50 Cal rds., 500 AK-47 rds. 112 61mm rds., 26 82mm rds.	YD 012692
Jan 23	Co. E	20 bunkers, 6 82mm rds.	YD 010555
Jan 23	Co. K, 3/4	1 plotting board, 1 diary 1 notebook, medical gear	YD 023594
Jan 24	Co. E	50 bunkers, 6 82mm rds.	XD 987626
Jan 24	Co. F	4 bunkers	YD 043653

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Jan 25 Co.D, 1/4	3 bunkers, 2 hooches, 1 field telephone, 1 RPG, 4 chicom claymore, 2 books, 2 RPG rds., 2 chicom grenades 10 lbs. of rice, 10-12 blasting caps, 5-10 lbs of TNT	YD 019676
Jan 25 Co. H	2 AK-47 magazines, 1 pouch 1 tennis shoe, 1 moss cup	YD 043641
Jan 25 Co. H	5 bunkers	YD 037637
Jan 25 Co..H	2 ponchos, 1 chicom grenade 1 tennis shoe, 1 spoon, 1 dental kit, 2 packs, 1 ration pack, 1 e-tool, 1 bush hat, 1 chicom grenade, 1 60mm rd	YD 042650
Jan 25 Co. H	2 bunker	YD 023665
Jan 25 106 RR Plt	11 bunkers, 11 82mm rds, 12 electrical caps, 24 blocks TNT 1/4 lb, 1 82mm base plate, 1 RPG rd, 1 chicom grenade	YD 050625
Jan 25 Co. H	7 bunkers, 2 e-tool, 2 helmets, 2 chicom grenades	YD 029636
Jan 25 Co. H	1 chicom 60mm rd.	YD 029636
Jan 25 Co. F	1 mortar pit, 2 gun pits, 20 bunkers, 4 Russian mines	YD 062647
Jan 25 Co. H	1 120mm mortar rd.	YD 045651
Jan 26 Co. F	2 anti-personnel mine, 50 cal. ammo, RPG rds.	YD 061647
Jan 26 106 RR Plt.	20 bunkers, 140 AK-47 rds 6 60mm rds, 1 RPG launcher, 2 RPG rds, 2 NVA helmets, 1 grave marker	YD 050630
Jan 26 Co. E	1 7.62 Drum, 1 ammo box 7.62	XD 996632
Jan 26 106 RR Plt	12 bunkers, 12 rockots, 1 chicom claymore, 1 chicom grenade, 1 AK-47 mag	YD 053627

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Jan 26	Co. F	3 50 Cal. posit., 1 mortar pit, 60 bunkers, 15 fighting holes, 2 cages, 11 anti-tank mines, 12 lbs, 9 anti-tank mines, 18 claymore, 10", 10 claymore, 8", 4080 rd. 50 cal., 50 RPG rds., 125 lbs TNT 1/4, 50 82mm fuses, 25 chicom 61mm rds., 900 AK rds. 17 cans 60mm increments 23 cans 82mm increments 24 cans 82mm fuses 90 82mm fuses, 3 chicom grenades, 8 e-tools, 1 pick, 2 ammo belts, cooking pots	YD 066647
Jan 26	Co. H	10 AK rds, 15 50 cal. rds 1 120mm rd	YD 039674
Jan 27	Co. F	Several bunkers, compass, blasting caps, packs, watch & pictures, shoes, money	YD 069647
Jan 27	Co. H	2 bunkers, 100 rds. 50 cal., 3 50 cal. sites	YD 042676
Jan 27	Co. H	1 50 cal. pos, 140 50 cal. rds.	YD 044669
Jan 27	Co. H	5 bunkers	YD 044666
Jan 27	Co. F	3 anti tank mines (26101) 6 10" Russian claymores 11 8" Russian claymores 64 1 82mm rds, 65 61mm rds, 1 RPG rd. 62 82 RR rds.	YD 064626
Jan 27	Co. F	20 bunkers, 500 blasting caps, 9 82mm gas rds., 1 voltage meter, 1 unknown electrical device, 10 e-tools 100 lbs rice, 200 lbs TNT, 16 AK-47 magazines loaded, 5 RPG boosters, 1000 ft. dot cord, 25 mines, 5 chicom grenades, 1500 ft. of wire, 3 gas masks, assorted medical and personnel gear	YD 064626

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Jan 28	Co. H	1 bunker, 18 RPG rds., 31 82mm rds., 165 boxes 50 cal. ammo	YD 036674
Jan 28	Co. F	41 mosquito nets, 41 sleeping bag liners, 4 complete sets of utilities, 8 bags dried vegetables, 4 ponchos, 1 RPG booster, 56 blasting caps, 1 chicom hand generator, assorted documents	YD 067646
Jan 28	Co. F	1 U.S. starlight scope 21 RPG rds., 1 12 lb Russian mine, 1 chicom grenade	YD 062647
Jan 29	Co. H	Numerous bunkers, a rocket site, 1 120mm rocket as- sembly with stabilizing fins, 5 120mm warheads, 1 140mm rocket warhead	YD 043674
Jan 29	Co. H	Numerous bunkers, 500 50 cal rds., 1600 7.62 rds., 10 120mm mortar rds., 6 RPG rds., 1 chicom claymore	YD 041677
Jan 29	Co. A, 3d Tank Bn.	3 over-night huts	YD 110690
Jan 30	Co. E	5 bunkers, 2 NVA cart- ridge bolts, 1 NVA gas mask, 3 AK-47 magazines, 50 rds AK-47 ammo, 1 chicom grenade pouch, cooking gear, and 1 U.S. army pack	YD 033639
Jan 30	Co. H	Numerous bunkers	YD 053673
Jan 30	Co. H	Bunker complex, 1 SK 50, 41 RPG rds., 2 60mm rds., 2 chicoms, several loose AK-47 rds., 41 helmets, 12 e-tools, 1 battle dressing, 1 bottle clorine tabs, 12 rice bowls, several utilities	YD 048675

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Jan 30 Co. H	4 bunkers, 28 61mm rds, 26 61mm fuses, 1 can of increments	YD 048675
Jan 31 Co. E	20 partially destroyed bunkers, 1 partially des- troyed 36" rocket in case, 2 anti-tank mines, 6 82mm rds., 200 meters of green comm wire, 2 RPG rds., and empty rice bags	YD 063655- 063665
Jan 31 Co. E	13 partially destroyed bunkers, 2 50 cal positions, 1 recoilless rifle position, 1 NVA e-tool, 100 ft. det cord with fuse, 1 Russian anti-tank mine	YD 062644
Jan 31 Co. F	2 fully armed claymores fixed up for command detonation via comm wire	YD 111723
Jan 31 Co. E	25 partially destroyed bunkers, 3 NVA gas masks, 25 lbs. of rice, 3 U.S. e-tools, 1 U.S. rainjacket, 1 M-72 LAAW	YD 066650

6. Results

Enemy KIA: 38  
POW: 1

Enemy Weapons: Individual, 2  
Crew served, 0

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C. AIR SUPPORT

	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>
TPQ'S	13	5
AO	71	69
Medevac	80	80
Gunship	7	7
Fixed Wing	47	47
CAP	3	2
C&C	14	12
VIP	21	21
Troop Lift	8	8
Recon	0	0
Photo	0	0
Evacs	1	1
TACP	0	0
TACA	47	47
CAS	0	0
Flare Ship	0	0

D. FIRE SUPPORT

	<u>MISSIONS</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>TOT.RDS.</u>	<u>HEI's</u>	<u>ENEMY CONF.</u>	<u>ORDNANCE</u>
Arty	72	413	2587	3000	14,526 rds	2	3
61mm	312	998	1512	2510	252	0	3

E. COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS

1. Wire: The wire section encountered no problems during the month of January. Communications were generally good. Wire crews were involved, for the most part, in maintenance work.

2. Radio: Radio communications have been generally satisfactory despite the frequent moves made by the Battalion. Communication with 2/4 Rear and 2/4 Forward had been rather poor because of the distance involved. This problem was solved by the use of improved antennas.

3. Message Center: No significant events.

F. LOGISTICS

1. During the month of January, the Battalion moved several times and was at the RAR site for four days. Normal resupply problems were encountered due to a shortage of transportation, i.e., trucks and helicopters. Rifle cleaning gear and helmets are still a critically short item. The continued shortage of helmets and body armor creates a large problem in that newly joined personnel cannot be moved forward without them. BA 386 radio batteries are no longer in a critically short supply status.

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G. MEDICAL AFFAIRS

1. Significant Events: On 29 January 1969, HM3 Raymond DIPPER was awarded a Bronze Star with Combat "V" and HM2 Jon HINZ was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal by General CARNEY. These awards were received for outstanding action while serving with a line company.

2. New Developments: An all out program is well under way to bring our immunization program up to date. We are in the process of giving immunizations in the field to up-date each individual's immunization record. Immunizations are available daily now at the Rear BAS, and this overall improved program is achieving desired results.

The Battalion Medical Resupply has been made available at the FBAS, which is presently located at Vandegrift. This makes it possible for a faster, more efficient resupply of medical supplies to each individual line company.

Dr. J.E. FRANGER LT MC UNSR, Battalion Surgeon, has set up a medical ward at the FBAS with the help of a very capable staff working with him. This makes it possible to give better individual care to the patients, which in turn makes it possible to return men to duty much faster, since they need not be sent further to the rear at Quang Tri as in the past.

3. Problem Areas: At the present time, we lack adequate space at the Rear BAS for Supply and Living Quarters. Supply is now located in a tent, making many security items susceptible to theft. A work request has been submitted to provide SEA huts to improve this situation.

The Rear BAS is in need of a typewriter to handle the work loads of Administration, Health Records and Supply Departments. At the present time a privately owned portable typewriter is being used.

4. AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS SEEN DAILY	<u>31</u>
5. TOTAL NUMBER OF PATIENTS SEEN FROM 1 Jan 69 THRU 31 JAN 69	<u>984</u>
6. NUMBER OF REFERRALS TO NSA, USS REPOSE, USS SANCTUARY, 3RD MEDICAL BATTALION, ETC...	<u>161</u>
7. <u>ROUTINE COMPLAINTS</u>	
(a) <u>DIARRHEA</u>	<u>24</u>
(b) <u>URI</u>	<u>62</u>
(c) <u>DERMATITIS</u>	<u>179</u>
(d) <u>EENT</u>	<u>46</u>
(e) <u>VENEREAL DISEASE</u>	<u>16</u>
(f) <u>IMMERSION FOOT</u>	<u>01</u>
(g) <u>OTHERS</u>	<u>301</u>
8. <u>SIGNIFICANT DISEASE AREAS</u>	
(a) <u>MALARIA</u>	<u>12</u>
(b) <u>FUO</u>	<u>07</u>

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	9. NUMBER OF EMERGENCIES	TOTAL	EVAC	KIA	DOW	
(a)	BURNS	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	
(b)	LACERATIONS	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	
(c)	HEAT CASUALTIES	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	
(d)	SHRAPNEL WOUNDS	<u>26</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>—</u>	
(e)	GUNSHOT WOUNDS	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	
(f)	OTHERS	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	
10.	IMMUNIZATIONS AND PROPHYLACTICS ADMINISTERED					<u>1551</u>
11.	DENTAL REFERRALS					<u>77</u>
12.	OFFICERS SPEN AT SICK CALL					
(a)	OFFICERS SICK CALL					<u>20</u>
(b)	EVACUATED WITH SHRAPNEL AND GUNSHOT WOUNDS					<u>01</u>

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

✓ No operation orders were issued during the month of January to this Battalion. All operations were initiated by a frag order. MESSAGES ARE BUNDLED UP.

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