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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

2d Battalion, 4th Marines

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COMMANDER

CO - LTCOL J.E. HOPKINS 1-28 Feb
XO - MAJ W.L. KENT 1-28 Feb

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Co. 2d Bn, 4th Mar
Co. E, 2d Bn, 4th Mar
Co. F, 2d Bn, 4th Mar
Co. G, 2d Bn, 4th Mar
Co. H, 2d Bn, 4th Mar

1STLT E. BREZZE 1-28 Feb
CAPT A.H. HILL 1-28 Feb
1STLT G.E. HOLTZCLAW 1-28 Feb
CAPT J.M. DWYER 1-28 Feb
CAPT W.J. FLEMING 1-18 Feb
CAPT J.E. KNIGHT JR 19-28 Feb

ATTACHED UNITS

Co. E (-), 2/3
Co. A, 3d Tank Bn
3d Plt., Co. A, 3d Tank Bn
Bn Recon Teams
Co. D, 1/4

CAPT NICHOLMAN 1-15 Feb
CAPT PATTERSON 1-2 Feb
1STLT MCCARTHY 2-15 Feb
3-15 Feb
CAPT GYPTW 3-9 Feb
25-28 Feb

3d Plt., Co. C, 1/4
Co. A (-), 1/4
Co. K (-), 3/4

2DLT LEONE 9-12 Feb
CAPT RUSSOM 15-16 Feb
CAPT MONJEAU 15-17 Feb
22-28 Feb

Co. B, 1/3
2d Plt., Co. B, 1/4

CAPT SAMSON 22-26 Feb
2DLT CONVERSE 25-27 Feb

2. LOCATION

1-15 Feb:
15-28 Feb:
1-28 Feb:

Con Thien Area
VCB Area
2/4 Rear located at Quang Tri
2/4 Forward located at VCB

3. STAFF OFFICERS

S-1
S-2
S-3

1STLT W.R. BOGGS 1-28 Feb
2DLT L.L. BRISTLAND 1-28 Feb
MAJ D.A. CROWE 1-28 Feb
MAJ L.R. COLE 1-28 Feb
1STLT E. BREZZE 1-28 Feb
1STLT J.D. CLARKE 1-28 Feb
2DLT J.E. STIMPSON JR 1-28 Feb

S-4
Supply O
Comm O

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MT0
Medical O
Chaplain

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

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC
OFF ENL
32 1105.2

USN
OFF ENL
2 53

OTHER
OFF ENL
NONE

RECEIVED 1-28-53
1-28-53

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The Second Battalion, 4th Marines opened the month on a search and destroy operation in the Con Thien area, to include squad sized patrols in the southern half of the DMZ below the Ben Hai River. Aggressive ambush activity and patrolling accounted for a significant amount of enemy equipment being captured and thirty-three enemy KIA's during the period 1-15 February, while suffering only three friendly WIA's. The skill and leadership exhibited by squad leaders who led patrols of 3 to 5 days duration up to 12 kilometers in length into the DMZ was a highlight of this operation. Another feature of this operation was the use of Recon Teams of 6 to 8 men from the 3d Recon Battalion, inserted by helicopter into the DMZ, and opened to this Battalion. In the event of enemy contact, Recon Teams were reinforced and extracted by a platoon of this Battalion moving overland, or by helicopter-inserted platoons provided by Division in a quick-reacting role, referred to as "Sparrow Hawks". Extraction was accomplished by overland movement to Con Thien. On 4 February, 1st Plt., Co. D, 1/4, received three rounds of suspected 82mm mortar fire from the vicinity of YD 159679. Later, the same unit sighted seven NVA in the vicinity of YD 155775 and called in artillery and air on them as they fled north. On 5 February, elements of Co. H spotted two NVA and set up a hasty ambush, but met with negative results. Co. G exchanged small arms fire with an enemy unit of unknown size at YD 156776 with negative results on 6 February. Later that day 1st Plt, Co. D 1/4, reported receiving approximately twenty-five rounds of incoming 60mm mortar fire from the vicinity of YD 172788. Still later, Co. G reported receiving twelve to fifteen rounds of incoming mortar fire from the vicinity of YD 174773. At 0900, on 7 February, elements of Co. G reported seeing a holiday size NVA flag raising in the vicinity of YD 181788, north of the Ben Hai River. Later that day, artillery was called on three NVA sighted moving in the vicinity of YD 061718 with unknown results. On 8 February, elements of Co. H exchanged small arms fire with two to five NVA, resulting in one probable enemy WIA. Later, ten NVA were taken under fire by an OV-10 in the vicinity of YD 176764 with unknown results. On 9 February, a Recon Team reported firing on six NVA in the vicinity of YD 095763 with unknown results. Later, Co. F called artillery on ten NVA sighted in the vicinity of YD 166740. An AO later sighted an undetermined number of NVA and supplies in the vicinity of YD 183755. On 10 February, Co. G suffered one WIA when the point element of a patrol tripped a chicom booby trap at YD 111753. On 11 February, Co. H suffered two WIA's when small arms fire was exchanged with approximately three NVA at YD 053674. Co. H called artillery on three NVA sighted in the vicinity of YD 046695 on 13 February, and, later, on two NVA sighted in the vicinity of YD 024667. An AO spotted thirty NVA at YD 112748 and called in artillery which resulted in six enemy KIA's confirmed. That night an ambush from Co. H initiated contact with an enemy force of unknown size at YD 023667 which accounted for two enemy KIA's. On 14 February, one NVA fired upon an element of Co. H

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that was searching the area of the previous night's ambush. An AO called in artillery on ten NVA in the vicinity of YD 125750 which resulted in four enemy KIA's confirmed. On 15 February, Co. H received three rounds of incoming 60mm mortar fire from the vicinity of YD 135715. At 1730, the Battalion was relieved of its mission at Con Thien and moved to Vandegrift Combat Base to assume a defensive posture.

For the remainder of the month, the Battalion assumed responsibility for the defense of FSB Russell, FSB Neville, FSB Cates, Hill 691, and Hill 950. From 1800 on 16 February to 1800 on 17 February, the Battalion ceased all offensive activity in accordance with MAC V directives. On 18 February, Co. E took one NVA under fire at XD 896594 with negative results. On 19 February, a patrol from Co. E exchanged small arms fire with an enemy unit in a bunker complex at XD 882532 - 880564 which resulted in one enemy KIA. Co. H reported receiving three rounds of incoming 60mm mortar fire at 0200, 20 February, from the vicinity of XD 820569. Later that day, Co. H called artillery on five NVA spotted in the vicinity of XD 805631 which resulted in four secondary explosions. A patrol from Co. G exchanged small arms fire with approximately five NVA at XD 927409. A platoon from Co. E reported receiving one incoming rocket at XD 880588. Later that day, Co. G took two to three NVA under fire at XD 936410. Two enemy POW's were taken. At 2135 that night, Co. E took three NVA under fire at XD 914591 with negative results. On 23 February, this unit reopened FSB Alpine and assumed responsibility for its defense. Co. H reported sighting one NVA in the vicinity of XD 803574. A fire mission on the area produced negative results. That night, Co. H heard two rockets go over their position at FSB Neville and impact about six kilometers to the west. At 1730, 24 February, Co. H reported sighting thirty NVA proceeding east towards their position at FSB Neville. They were fired upon with artillery with unknown results. At 2330 that night, FSB Neville came under attack by an enemy sapper unit of unknown size. The enemy utilized mortars, small arms, RPG's, and satchel charges. The enemy penetrated the perimeter and sporadic fighting continued until dawn. At 0350, Co. E, on FSB Russell, was attacked by an enemy sapper unit of unknown size, employing mortars, RPG's, satchel charges and small arms. Fighting continued at FSB Russell until dawn. The ammunition dumps at both locations were hit during the attack and continued to burn throughout the following day. Later it was determined that sapper units of about 200 NVA had attacked each position. Results of both actions were thirty-one friendly KIA, ninety-one WIA, and sixty-one enemy KIA confirmed by immediate body count on both positions. Co. H, on FSB Neville, continued to take incoming mortar fire throughout the day of the 25th and the 26th, resulting in two WIA. The night of 26 February, both FSB Neville and FSB Russell reported probing activity by the enemy which produced negative results. On 27 February, a patrol from Co. E found two recently dug graves with bodies that were two to three days old at XD 917597. Co. K (-), 3/4, called in mortars on two NVA sighted at XD 899590 with unknown results. On 28 February, Co. H reported receiving incoming mortar fire on two different occasions from a suspected enemy mortar site in the 8257 grid square. Co. H reported that a patrol discovered the remains of two enemy KIA at XD 828579.

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The end of the month found the Battalion still maintaining its defense of FSB Neville, FSB Russell and FSB Alpine, while two companies, Co. F (-) and Co. G, maneuvered toward FSB Neville to engage the enemy units attempting to seize FSB Neville, and Co. K 3/4 (-) was being maneuvered to prevent enemy units which had attacked FSB Russell. Intelligence reports revealed that FSB Russell had been attacked by elements of the 27th NVA Regiment, and FSB Neville had been attacked by elements of the 246th NVA Regiment, and that both enemy units had orders to continue to attack both FSBs. As of the end of the month, FSB Russell had been reinforced and was being rehabilitated, but FSB Neville was still surrounded by FVA units employing mortar fire from several positions to prevent helicopters from landing at Neville to deliver supplies or reinforcements. The supreme heroism and magnificent heights of valor to which Marines and Sergeants of the Battalion soared during the darkest moments of the defense of FSB Russell and FSB Neville were surely the highlight of this month's activities. Their aggressive and unyielding response to the enemy's supreme efforts and suicidal attack waves, by rising to meet and destroy fanatical supporters in hand-to-hand combat, shattered the momentum and will of the enemy to seize Russell and Neville, and ensured the security of both hills.

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A. SUMMARY OF EVENTS**1 Feb: Company Locations**

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

1. Conducted one platoon size patrol, three squad size patrols, and nine night ambushes.

2. Co. E reported finding enemy equipment at YD 063655 to 067657. (See Part III, B).

3. Elements of Co. E found one enemy grave at YD 085635.

4. Elements of Co. G reported finding enemy equipment at YD 093683 and YD 086705 (See Part III, B).

5. Elements of Co. E reported finding enemy equipment at YD 065647 and at YD 068658 to 070657 (See Part III, B).

2 Feb: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	YD 116731
Co. E	YD 072653
Co. F	YD 110753
Co. G (-)	YD 078668
2nd Plt., Co. G	YD 074691
Co. H (-)	YD 043680
1st Plt., Co. H	YD 032676
Co. E (-), 2/3	Combat Base A-4
3d Plt., Co. A, 3d Tank Bn	Combat Base A-4

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

2. At 1400, Co. A (-), 3d Tank Bn, was dropped opecn from this Battalion.

3. Co. G reported finding enemy equipment at YD 103669. (See Part III, B).

4. Elements of Co. E reported finding enemy equipment and six enemy graves at YD 085635. (See Part III, B).

5. Co. G reported finding the wreckage of one U.S. prop-type aircraft at YD 089669.

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6. Elements of Co. E reported finding enemy equipment at YD 054653 - 050657, at YD 069645, at YD 059657, and at YD 071642. (See Part III, B).

7. Elements of Co. H reported finding enemy equipment at YD 043695. (See Part III, B).

3 Feb: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	Combat Base A-4
Co. E	YD 072652
Co. F (-)	YD 109723
1st Plt. (-), Co. F	YD 135752
Co. G (-)	YD 095711
3d Plt. (-), Co. G	YD 088732
Co. H	YD 063680
Co. E (-), 2/3	Combat Base A-4
3d Plt., Co. A, 3d Tank Bn	Combat Base A-4
1st Plt., Co. D, 1/4	YD 144772
Recon Team	YD 144772

1. Conducted five squad size patrols and thirteen night ambushes.
2. Recon Team reported hearing possible 82mm mortars being fired in vicinity of YD 147768 at 0355. Co. F reported hearing rounds impact to the east of their position.
3. Co. F reported finding enemy equipment at YD 128727. (See Part III, B).
4. Co. G reported finding enemy equipment at YD 093714. (See Part III, B).
5. Co. E reported finding enemy equipment at YD 052692. (See Part III, B).
6. Assumed opcon of Recon Team at 1200.
7. Recon team reported in contact with IVA at 1500 in vicinity of YD 149774.
8. A reaction force, 1st Plt. Co. D, 1/4, (Sparrow Hawk), inserted at YD 149774 and chopped opcon to the Battalion at 1625.
9. Elements of Co. E reported finding enemy equipment at YD 062647-061641. (See Part III, B).
10. Co. F reported finding enemy equipment at YD 128727. (See Part III, B).

4 Feb: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	Combat Base A-4
Co. E (-)	YD 057653
1st Plt., Co. E	YD 071652

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2d Plt., Co. E	YD 042645
Co. F	YD 121735
Co. G	YD 093741
Co. H (-)	YD 063680
1st Plt., Co. H	YD 051675
Co. E (-), 2/3	Combat Base A-4
3d Plt., Co. A, 3d Tank Bn	Combat Base A-4
1st Plt., Co. D, 1/4 (Sparrow Hawk)	YD 157750
Recon Team	YD 157750

1. Conducted two company size patrols, three platoon size patrols, ten squad size patrols, and nine night ambushes.
2. At 1435, 1st Plt., Co. D, 1/4, received three rounds of suspected 82mm mortar fire outside their perimeter from the vicinity of YD 159679. Counter-mortar fire was fired by artillery.
3. Co. E reported finding enemy equipment at YD 055637. (See Part III, B).
4. 1st Plt., Co. D, 1/4, reported seeing seven NVA in the vicinity of YD 155775. Artillery and air were called in on the enemy as they fled north.
5. Elements of Co. F reported finding enemy equipment at YD 126753. (See Part III, B).

5 Feb: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	Combat Base A-4
Co. E (-)	YD 057654
2d Plt., Co. E	YD 034640
Co. F (-)	YD 123723
2d Plt., Co. F	YD 122771
Co. G	YD 093740
Co. H (-)	YD 063750
1st Plt., Co. H	YD 043747
Co. E (-), 2/3	Combat Base A-4
3d Plt., Co. A, 3d Tank Bn	Combat Base A-4
1st Plt., Co. D, 1/4	YD 157750
Recon Team	YD 157750

1. Conducted four platoon size patrols, eight squad size patrols, and twelve night ambushes.
2. Elements of Co. G reported finding enemy equipment at YD 148774. (See Part III, B).
3. Elements of Co. H reported seeing two NVA. A hasty ambush produced negative results.

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6 Feb: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	Combat Base A-4
Co. E (-)	YD 057654
1st Plt., Co. E	YD 040645
Co. F (-)	YD 121725
2d Plt., Co. F	YD 122729
3d Plt., Co. F	YD 141723
Co. G (-)	YD 085726
2d Plt., Co. G	YD 096734
Co. H (-)	YD 063680
2d Plt., Co. H	YD 050681
1st Plt., Co. D, 1/4 (Sparrow Hawk)	YD 157750
2d Plt., Co. D, 1/4 (Sparrow Hawk)	YD 172748
Co. E (-), 2/3	Combat Base A-4
3d Plt., Co. A, 3d Tank Bn	Combat Base A-4
Bn Recon Team	YD 157750

1. Conducted one company size patrol, six platoon size patrols, six squad size patrols, and thirteen night ambushes.
2. 2d Plt., Co. D, 1/4, chopped opcoh to this unit at 1333.
3. Elements of Co. G reported receiving small arms fire from YD 156776. Fire was returned with unknown results.
4. Elements of Co. F found enemy equipment at YD 127731. (See Part III, B).
5. Elements of Co. E reported finding one grave and enemy equipment at YD 038643. (See Part III, B).
6. Elements of Co. D (-), 1/4, reported finding enemy equipment at YD 157754. (See Part III, B).
7. 2d Plt., Co. D, 1/4, reported receiving approximately 25 rounds of incoming 60mm mortar fire from the vicinity of YD 172748.
8. Co. F reported finding enemy equipment at YD 127731. (See Part III, B).
9. Eight women were captured and detained in the vicinity of YD 145695 and turned over to GIT for questioning.
10. Elements of Co. G reported receiving 12-15 rounds of incoming 82mm mortar fire from the vicinity of YD 174773. Artillery was fired against the suspected mortar position.

7 Feb: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	Combat Base A-4
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Co. Y	YD 069636
Co. X (-)	YD 121726
2d Plt., Co. F	YD 123728
3d Plt., Co. F	YD 140720
Co. V	YD 090755
Co. U (-)	YD 050681
2d Plt., Co. H	YD 063680
Co. S (-), 2/3	Combat Base A-4
1st Plt., Co. D, 1/4	YD 157750
2d Plt., Co. D, 1/4	YD 172748
3d Plt., Co. A, 3d Tank Bn	Combat Base A-4
Recon Team	YD 157750

1. Conducted one company size patrol, four platoon size patrols, eight squad size patrols and ten night ambushes.
2. Elements of Co. G reported seeing a holiday size NVA flag raising at 0900 in the vicinity of YD 181788 north of the Ben Hai River.
3. Artillery was called in on three NVA seen moving in the vicinity of YD 061718 with unknown results.
4. Elements of Co. H reported finding enemy equipment at YD 033692. (See Part III, B).
5. Elements of Co. G reported finding enemy equipment at YD 148778. (See Part III, B).

8 FEB: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	Combat Base A-4
Co. E	YD 096665
Co. F	YD 141722
Co. G (-)	YD 090755
2d Plt., Co. G	YD 097704
Co. H (-)	YD 051682
1st Plt., Co. H	YD 063680
Co. E (-), 2/3	Combat Base A-4
1st Plt., Co. D, 1/4 (Sparrow Hawk)	YD 157750
2d Plt., Co. D, 1/4 (Sparrow Hawk)	YD 172748
3d Plt., Co. A, 3d Tank Bn	Combat Base A-4
Recon Team	YD 157750

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1. Conducted one company size patrol, two platoon size patrols, seven squad size patrols, and fifteen night ambushes.
2. Elements of Co. G reported finding enemy equipment at YD 085763. (See Part III, B).

3. Elements of Co. F reported finding enemy equipment at YD 151727.
(See Part III, B).

4. 1st Plt., Co. D, 1/4, dropped from this Battalion's opcon at 1500.

5. Artillery was fired at a bunker complex at YD 111757 which resulted in the destruction of two bunkers and one secondary explosion.

6. Elements of Co. H encountered two to five NVA while on patrol. They were taken under small arms fire at close range and one NVA was reportedly wounded. The enemy fled north and supporting arms were called in with unknown results. Enemy equipment was found in the area. (See Part III, B).

7. Two NVA, wearing black pajamas, were taken under fire by an OV-10 in the vicinity of YD 176764. Artillery was called in with unknown results.

9 Feb. Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	Combat Base A-4
Co. E	YD 096665
Co. F	YD 141722
Co. G	YD 091741
Co. H (-)	YD 051682
1st Plt., Co. H	YD 063680
Co. E (-), 2/3	Combat Base A-4
3d Plt., Co. C, 1/4	YD 157750
3d Plt., Co. A, 3d Tank Bn	Combat Base A-4
Recon Team	YD 157750

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

2. Elements of Co. G reported finding one dud 250 pound bomb at YD 142728 on a tank trail.

3. Elements of Co. H reported finding enemy equipment at YD 032699.
(See Part III, B).

4. Recon Team reported firing upon six NVA in the vicinity of YD 095763. Artillery was called in on the fleeing enemy with unknown results. Enemy equipment was found in the area. (See Part III, B).

5. Elements of Co. F reported observing ten NVA in the vicinity of YD 166740. Artillery was called in with unknown results.

6. An AO spotted an undetermined number of NVA and supplies moving in the vicinity of YD 183755. Artillery was called in with unknown results.

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7. At 1410, 3d Plt., Co. C, 1/4, was chopped opcon to the Battalion.

8. At 1630, 2d Plt., Co. D, 1/4, was dropped from the opcon of the Battalion.

10 Feb: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	Combat Base A-4
Co. E	Combat Base A-4
Co. F	YD 153733
Co. G	YD 113717
Co. H	YD 052683
3d Plt., Co. A, 3d Tank Bn	Combat Base A-4
Co. B (-), 2/3	Combat Base A-4
3d Plt., Co. U, 1/4 (Sparrow Hawk)	YD 092746
Recon Team	YD 092746

1. Conducted sixteen patrols and eleven night ambushes.
2. Enemy equipment was discovered at YD 088763. (See Part III, B).
3. Co. F reported finding enemy equipment at YD 143733. (See Part III, B).
4. Co. H reported finding enemy equipment at YD 038690. (See Part III, B).
5. Co. G suffered one WIA when the point element tripped an enemy claymore booby trap at YD 111753; the main charge missed friendly personnel, but the backblast caused one minor wound.
6. Elements of Co. H reported finding twenty graves and enemy equipment at YD 052693. (See Part III, B).
7. Enemy equipment was found at YD 038690. (See Part III, B).

11 Feb: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	Combat Base A-4
Co. G	YD 113733
Co. H	YD 052683
3d Plt., Co. C, 1/4 (Sparrow Hawk)	YD 092746
Recon Team	YD 092746
Co. E (-), 2/3	Combat Base A-4
3d Plt., Co. A, 3d Tank Bn	Combat Base A-4

1. Conducted eight patrols and six night ambushes.

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2. Co. H reported finding two graves and one skeleton at YD 049693.

3. Enemy equipment was found at YD 093749. (See Part III, B).

4. A squad from Co. H made contact with three NVA at YD 053674. Two squads were sent to reinforce the squad in contact, but the enemy broke contact and fled to the southeast. Fixed wing and artillery were called on likely avenues of escape. A thorough search of the area produced negative results. There were two friendly WIA's.

5. At 1505, Co. H was chopped opcon to 1/4.

6. At 1700, Co. F was chopped opcon to 4th Marines.

12 Feb: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	Combat Base A-4
Co. H	YD 052683
Co. E (-), 2/3	Combat Base A-4
3d Plt., Co. A, 3d Tank Bn	Combat Base A-4

1. Conducted six patrols and three night ambushes.

2. At 0925, a patrol from 3d Plt., Co. E, 2/3, came upon a group of indigenous personnel who immediately began to run away from the patrol. The incident occurred in an area that is off-limits to RVN personnel (YD 132694). The patrol shouted commands to halt which were ignored. While pursuing the suspects, one male Vietnamese was shot and killed. The remainder of the group were captured and turned over to CIT for interrogation.

3. At 1330, 3d Plt., Co. C, 1/4, was dropped from this unit's opcon.

4. Co. H reported finding enemy equipment at YD 054690. (See Part III, B).

5. At 1630, Co. G was chopped opcon to 3/4.

13 Feb: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	Combat Base A-4
Co. H	YD 052683
3d Plt., Co. A, 3d Tank Bn	Combat Base A-4
Co. E (-), 2/3	Combat Base A-4

1. Conducted three patrols and three ambushes.

2. Co. H reported spotting three enemy at YD 046695. They were not close enough to determine if they were armed. Artillery was called in with unknown results.

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3. Elements of Co. H reported spotting two enemy at YD 024667. Supporting arms were called in on their position and the area was thoroughly searched with negative results.

4. Elements of Co. H reported finding enemy equipment at YD 020664.
(See Part III, B).

5. An AO spotted thirty NVA and called in artillery on their position (YD 112748). The AO received small arms fire from the enemy position and again called artillery onto the enemy position. Artillery fire accounted for six enemy KIA's confirmed.

6. A night ambush from Co. H initiated contact with an enemy force of unknown size at YD 023667 and accounted for two enemy KIA's with AK-47's.

14 Feb: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	Combat Base A-4
Co. H	YD 123722
Co. E (-), 2/3	Combat Base A-4
3d Plt., Co. A, 3d Tank Bn	Combat Base A-4

1. Conducted three patrols and three night ambushes.

2. While searching the area of the previous night's ambush, elements of Co. H were fired upon by one NVA who then fled. Supporting arms were called in with unknown results.

3. An AO spotted ten enemy in the vicinity of YD 125750. Artillery was called on their position and four enemy KIA's were confirmed, as well as the destruction of a bunker complex.

4. Elements of Co. H reported finding enemy equipment at YD 122734.
(See Part III, B).

15 Feb: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	VCB
Co. E (-)	ISB Russell
Co. G (-)	ISB Cates
3d Plt., Co. G	Hill 691
Co. H	VCB
Co. A (-), 1/4	ISB Neville
1st Plt., Co. K, 3/4	Hill 950

1. Co. H reported receiving three rounds of incoming 60mm mortar fire from YD 135715. Counter mortar fire suppressed further enemy fire.

2. Elements of Co. H reported finding more enemy equipment at YD 122734.
(See Part III, B).

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3. Co. H and the Alpha Command Group moved by convoy from Combat Base A-4 to Vandegrift Combat Base. Move was completed by 1730.

4. Co. E (-), 2/3, 3d Plt., Co. A, 3d Tank Bn., and all Recon teams were dropped from this unit's opcon at 1500.

5. At 1900, Co. G, Co. E (-), Co. A (-), 1/4, and 1st Plt., Co. K, 3/4, were chopped opcon to this unit and the Battalion assumed a defensive mission.

16 Feb: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	VCB
Co. E (-)	FSB Russell
Co. G (-)	FSB Cates
3d Plt., Co. G	Hill 691
Co. H (-)	FSB Neville
3d Plt., Co. H	Hill 950
1st Plt., Co. K, 3/4	VCB

1. Conducted five patrols, five OP's, and three night ambushes.

2. Co. H heli-lifted to FSB Neville and Hill 950 to assume a defensive mission.

3. At 1600, Co. A (-), 1/4, dropped from this unit's opcon.

4. At 1800, the Battalion ceased all offensive activity in accordance with directives from MAC V.

17 Feb: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	VCB
Co. E (-)	FSB Russell
Co. G (-)	FSB Cates
3d Plt., Co. G	Hill 691
Co. H (-)	FSB Neville
3d Plt., Co. H	Hill 950

1. Conducted five patrols, five OP's, and three night ambushes.

2. At 0910, 1st Plt., Co. K, 3/4, was dropped from this unit's opcon.

3. Resumed offensive actions at 1800.

18 Feb: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	VCB
Co. E (-)	FSB Russell

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Co. F
Co. G (-)
3d Plt., Co. G
Co. H (-)
3d Plt., Co. H

VCB
FSB Cates
Hill 691
FSB Neville
Hill 950

1. Conducted five patrols, three OP's, and three night ambushes.
2. At 1056, Co. F chopped opeen back to this unit to assume Sparrow Hawk/Bald Eagle Mission.
3. Co. E reported sighting one NVA at XD 896594. Enemy was taken under fire with negative results.
4. Co. H reported finding enemy equipment at XD 828578. (See Part III, B).
5. While searching the area where the one NVA was observed, Co. E reported hearing movement going in a westerly direction. A 81mm mortar mission was fired on grid XD 892593 north to XD 892598.

19 Feb: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group
Co. E (-)
Co. F (-)
1st Plt., Co. F
Co. G (-)
3d Plt., Co. G
Co. H (-)
3d Plt., Co. H

VCB
FSB Russell
VCB
XD 881583
FSB Cates
Hill 691
FSB Neville
Hill 950

1. Conducted three patrols, five OP's, and four night ambushes.
2. A patrol from Co. E took small arms fire from a bunker complex at XD 882582 - 880584. Fire was returned and supporting arms were called with excellent coverage. A sparrow hawk platoon from Co. F was inserted at 1745 and linked up with the patrol which had already been reinforced by its parent platoon. A search of the area turned up one enemy KTA and enemy equipment. (See Part III, B). Ambushes were set up in the vicinity of the bunker complex.

20 Feb: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group
Co. E (-)
Co. F (-)
1st Plt., Co. F
Co. G (-)

VCB
FSB Russell
VCB
XD 881583
FSB Cates

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3d Plt., Co. G
Co. H (-)
3d Plt., Co. H

Hill 691
FSB Neville
Hill 950

1. Conducted six patrols, three OP's, and three night ambushes.
2. At 0200, Co. H reported receiving three rounds of incoming 60mm mortar fire from the vicinity of XD 820569. Counter mortar fire suppressed further incoming.
3. Co. H reported finding enemy equipment at XD 820572. (See Part III, B).
4. Elements of Co. F reported seeing three flashlights moving in the vicinity of XD 874584 - 876587. 81mm mortar fire resulted in the extinguishing of lights.
5. Co. H reported sighting five enemy in the vicinity of XD 805631. Artillery and air strikes uncovered one large cave and five small ones, and caused four secondary explosions. AO observed muzzle flashes that might have been small arms fire.
6. Co. F provided one platoon as security for a downed CH-46 at YD 116406. Platoon half-lifted back to VCB at 1340.

21 Feb: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group
Co. E (-)
Co. F (-)
1st Plt., Co. F
3d Plt., Co. F
Co. G (-)
3d Plt., Co. G
Co. H (-)
3d Plt., Co. H

VCB
FSB Russell
VCB
XD 912591
XD 938409
FSB Cates
Hill 691
FSB Neville
Hill 950

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1. Conducted four patrols, three OP's, and four night ambushes.
2. Co. E reported finding enemy equipment at XD 875595. (See Part III, B).
3. A patrol from Co. G exchanged small arms fire with approximately five NVA at XD 937409. Artillery and 81mm mortar fire were called in on the enemy position. Gunships then strafed the area. A platoon from Co. F was requested to reinforce the patrol.
4. A platoon from Co. E reported receiving one incoming rocket at XD 880588. No injuries were sustained. Artillery was fired at suspected enemy position (XD 875583).

5. Company G reported sighting two - three FVA at XD 936410. They were taken under fire with small arms, M-79's, and LAW's. Supporting arms and gunships were called in on the enemy. Third Platoon, Company F was inserted and began sweeping towards XD 938405. Two FVA with various items of enemy equipment were captured.

6. Elements of Company B reported observing three hippos moving along trail at XD 914591 around 2135. They were engaged with small arms, followed by artillery and 81mm mortars. The area will be checked at first light.

22 Feb: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	VCS
Company E (-)	FSB Russell
Company F	VCS
Company G (-)	FSB Cates
3d Platoon, Company G	Bill 691
Company H (-)	FSB Neville
3d Platoon, Company H	Bill 950
Company K (-), 3/4	VCS
Company B, 1/3	VCS

1. Conducted four patrols and five night ambushes.
2. Company K (-), 3/4, chopped open to the Battalion at 0930.
3. Company E reported no active results from their search of the area of last night's engagement.
4. Company G reported finding enemy equipment at MG 1 Shepherd (XD 936410). (See Part III, B).
5. Company E reported finding enemy equipment at XD 875593 and at XD 872596. (See Part III, B).
6. At 1400, Company B, 1/3, chopped open to the Battalion.

23 Feb: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	VCS
Company E (-)	FSB Russell
Company F	FSB Alpine (D 755530)
Company G (-)	FSB Cates
3d Platoon, Company G	Bill 691
Company H (-)	FSB Neville
3d Platoon, Company H	Bill 950
Company K (-), 3/4	VCS
Company B, 1/3	VCS

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1. Conducted four patrols, three OP's, and two ambushes.
2. Company F heli-lifted to FS Alpine (XD 755530) to begin construction of a fire support base.
3. Company H reported sighting one NVA in the vicinity of XD 803571 moving from north to south along stream. An 81mm mortar mission was called on the area, but a thorough search produced no active results.
4. At 2140, Company F reported hearing two rockets go over their position at FSB Neville and impact approximately six kilometers to the west.

24 Feb: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	VCR
Company E (-)	FSB Russell
Company F (-)	FSB Alpine
Company G (-)	FSB Cotes
3d Platoon, Company G	Call 691
Company H (-)	FSB Neville
3d Platoon, Company H	Call 950
Company K (-), 3/4	VCR
Company L, 1/3	VCR

1. Conducted four patrols, three OP's and four night ambushes.
2. Second Platoon, Company F was chopped upon to Division at 1100.
3. At 0855, one man from Company F was injured when an explosion occurred while trash was being burned on FSB Alpine.
4. Company H reported one man injured when a container of gas with which victim was burning trash caught fire, causing 1st and 2d degree burns.
5. At 1730, Company H reported sighting thirty NVA proceeding east towards FSB Neville in the vicinity of XD 816572. The enemy appeared to be carrying S&S's, AK-47's and light machine guns. Supporting arms were fired and a platoon (-) set up a blocking position. No contact was encountered by the blocking force and the area will be searched at first light. A night ambush was established in the area of the sighting.
6. At 2330, Company H reported receiving small arms fire from the southeast at FSB Neville.

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25 Feb: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	VCB
Company E	FSB Russell
Company F (-)	FSB Alpine
2d Platoon, Company F	FSB Russell
Company G (-)	FSB Cates
3d Platoon, Company G	Hill 691
Company H (-)	FSB Neville
3d Platoon, Company H	Hill 950
Company K (-), 3/4	FSB Russell
Company B, 1/3	VCB
Company D (-), 1/4	VCB
3d Platoon, Company D, 1/4	FSB Alpine
2d Platoon, Company B, 1/4	Hill 950

1. Conducted six patrols and four night ambushes.

2. At 0001, Company H was attacked on FSB Neville. They took 82mm mortar incoming, followed by an attack by an enemy force of unknown size at 0100. Enemy fired small arms, RPG's and chicombs into the friendly positions from the south and east after trying to draw fire by making a great deal of noise outside the perimeter with wooden sticks and metal banging against rock. Company H returned only small arms fire, exhibiting excellent fire discipline. At 0215, contact between Company H CP and the artillery battery CP within the perimeter was lost. At 0255, the enemy began the brunt of their assault on the western side of the perimeter. As the incoming mortar fire died, the enemy assaulted the perimeter, throwing satchel charges as they progressed. At 0300, the company CP lost contact with the First Platoon. At 0325, the action died down until 0400 when Company H began receiving sporadic small arms fire which continued until 0700. At that time, Company H began to consolidate, gathering wounded, re-distributing ammunition, and re-establishing a perimeter. MIA bodies were found carrying satchel charges strapped to their backs, and with opium in their possession. The enemyappers were apparently prepared to destroy themselves in a suicidal attempt to accomplish seizure of the hill. Two wounded MIA deliberately blew themselves up to avoid capture. At 0800, Company H discovered that the radio direction unit had destroyed all their gear and equipment with a thermite grenade. At 0855, the medevac of KIA's and MIA's commenced. During the night, counter mortar fire was provided by 60mm mortars, 81mm mortars, and artillery. A flare ship and SP00KY were utilized continuously during the contact. Company H suffered eleven KIA and forty-two MIA, twenty-nine of whom were medevaced. Thirty-four enemy bodies were found in and around the perimeter at dawn. Also, two wounded MIA in the perimeter wire deliberately exploded satchel charges strapped to their backs when Marines attempted to capture them at dawn. One chopper took three AK-47 rounds on an approach to the LZ on FSB Neville for medevac at 0915. At 0930, one 82mm mortar round landed outside the

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perimeter. Counter mortar fire was delivered at possible enemy mortar sites.

3. At 0350, Company E reported receiving incoming mortars at FSB Russell, followed by a sapper attack on the northeastern portion of the perimeter with satchel charges. The enemy breached the perimeter slightly under cover of mortars and hit all the main CP's at once (company CP, 81mm mortar FDC, artillery FDC, and the platoon CP's). All communication with FSB Russell was lost until 0415 when it was re-established with the company commander. When communications was re-established at 0415, a heavy artillery cordon was called in around the perimeter and illumination was provided until daybreak. At about 0500, communication was also established with the First platoon. At 0535, the enemy was dislodged throughout half the inside of the perimeter and the fighting consisted of hand-to-hand combat on an individual basis. At daybreak, the few surviving enemy withdrew from the perimeter. At that time, Company E began to consolidate, redistribute ammunition, and gather wounded. Air came on station and TPQ's and artillery were placed on all possible avenues of enemy escape. Company E suffered eighteen KIA and thirty-six MIA. Twenty-five enemy bodies were found within the perimeter at dawn.

4. At 1000, Company D, 1/4, was chopped opcon to this unit.

5. Company G reported that a wire check at Hill 950 revealed two trip flare wires cut and numerous fresh footprints in the vicinity of RD 929443.

6. At 1100, 2d Platoon, Company B, 1/4, 2d Platoon, Company F, and 2d Platoon, Company E, were chopped opcon to this unit.

7. Second Platoon, Company F, 2d Platoon, Company E and Company K (-), 3/4 were helilifted to FSB Russell to reinforce that position. Attempts to reinforce FSB Neville were aborted due to enemy mortar fire on the LZ. Third Platoon, Company D, 1/4, was lifted to FSB Alpine, and 2d Platoon, Company B, 1/4, dislodged to reinforce Hill 950.

8. At 1045, FSB Neville received three rounds of 60mm mortar fire. Counter mortar fire was directed towards suspected enemy mortar sites. At 1246, the ambushes from the previous night returned to the perimeter. At 1600, Company H took three rounds of 82mm mortar fire from the northeast. At 1650, the position took three more rounds from the same direction. The ammunition dump was hit resulting in 81mm mortar cook-offs. Personnel continued to work on positions for the night. All movements were completed and resupply was accomplished.

9. The ammunition dump at FSB Russell was hit during the night attack and continued burning all day. Cook-offs resulted in two KIA and eleven MIA at 1430. Company E, reinforced and resupplied, worked on defensive positions for the night.

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26 Feb: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	VCB
Company E	FSB Russell
Company F (-)	FSB Alpine
2d Platoon, Company F	FSB Russell
Company C (-)	FSB Gates
3d Platoon, Company C	Hill 691
Company E (-)	FSB Neville
3d Platoon, Company H	Hill 950
Company K (-), 3/4	XD 903578
Company B (-), 1/4	VCB
3d Platoon, Company D, 1/4	FSB Alpine
2d Platoon, Company B, 1/4	Hill 950

1. Conducted seven patrols and eight ambushes.
2. At 0125, Company E reported movement on the southwestern and southeastern portion of their perimeter. Area was covered with small arms fire and artillery with negative results.
3. Company E, at FSB Neville, reported taking incoming mortars at 0900, 1000, 1045, 1112, and 1134. Counter mortar fire was delivered at the suspected enemy mortar site at XD 832565 throughout the morning, resulting in one secondary explosion at XD 831578 at 1134. Company E suffered two KIA. Attempts to land helicopters at Neville for resupply and to move the Battalion CP to that location were made impossible by heavy mortar fire on each approach.
4. At 1700, Company B, 1/3, was dropped from this unit's opcon.
5. At 2000, Company E reported hearing the enemy creating artificial noise outside the perimeter by banging rifle stocks, tapping sticks, and hitting metal against metal. 60mm mortar and 60mm mortar were fired at the suspected enemy positions. At 2305, Company E received ten chicom and two satchel charges on the southwestern portion of the perimeter, and five satchel charges and many chicom on the northwestern portion of the perimeter. Mortars, with small arms, and grenades were fired at the suspected enemy positions. At 2335, movement was heard on the eastern portion of the perimeter. Hand illumination was fired and three enemy were sighted in a draw. They were engaged with M-79's and grenades.
6. At 2130, Company E reported hearing movement in the vicinity of XD 902590. Two enemy were sighted and engaged with small arms and grenades with unknown results.

27 Feb: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	VCB
Company E	FSB Russell
Company F	XD 777547
Company C	VCB

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Company L (-)	FSB Neville
Company K (-), 3/4	FSB Russell
Company B, 1/4	FSB Alpine

1. Conducted six patrols and five ambushes.
2. Company H and Company E consolidated all enemy gear captured at their respective positions. (See Part III, B).
3. Company C was heli-lifted from their defensive positions to VCB.
4. Company I was relieved at FSB Alpine by Company D, 1/4, and began to move overland towards FSB Neville to relieve enemy pressure on that position.
5. At 1200, 3d Platoon, Company H, and 2d Platoon, Company B, 1/4, were dropped from this unit's opcon.
6. Company K, 3/4, reported finding enemy equipment at XD 897588. (See Part III, B).
7. A patrol from Company E, while checking on movement heard in a gully at XD 917597, discovered two shallow NVA graves with the bodies wrapped in body bags. The bodies appeared to be two-three days old. A suspected assembly area was discovered in the area.
8. Company K reported sighting two NVA moving in the vicinity of XD 892590. Mortars were called in with unknown results.

28 Feb: Company Locations

Alpha Command Group	VCB
Company E	FSB Russell
Company I	XD 780561
Company G	XD 774764
Company H (-)	FSB Neville
Company K (-), 3/4	FSB Russell
Company B, 1/4	FSB Alpine

1. Conducted five patrols, three OP's, and nine night ambushes.
2. Company E reported finding enemy equipment at XD 913592. (See Part III, B).
3. AT 1543, Company E reported receiving mortar fire on the LZ as a helicopter attempted to land. Gunships fired automatic weapons and rockets at the suspected enemy position (XD 830567), after which artillery and mortar fire were delivered on the position.
4. Company H reported finding enemy equipment at XD 822577. (See Part III, B). They also reported finding the remains of two NVA.

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5. Company X reported receiving 60mm mortar incoming on the LZ as a helicopter attempted to land. Counter mortar fire was delivered at the suspected enemy mortar site (XD 628579).

6. Due to the hazards of reinforcing FSB Neville by helicopter under mortar fire, Company C was heli-lifted to an LZ secured by Company B at XD 776577. Lift was completed by 1710 and Company C was also ordered to move overland to relieve enemy pressure on FSB Neville.

B. INTELLIGENCE

1. Introduction: The mission of the 2d Battalion, 4th Marines for the first half of the month of February was to conduct search and destroy operations around the Con Thien area, and to conduct search and recon in the DMZ south of the Ben Hai River. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines also assumed opcon of reinforcement and extraction elements for recon patrols that met with enemy contact in the DMZ. These extraction elements, inserted by helicopter, were platoon sized units, furnished by Division, that were called "Sparrow Hawks." During the latter half of the month of February, 2d Battalion, 4th Marines had the mission of security for FSB Russell, FSB Neville, FSB Cates, Hill 621, and Hill 950, with the Alpha Command Group located at Vandegrift Combat Base. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines was under the operational control of the 4th Marine Regiment.

2. Weather: For the first seven days, the weather was cold with scattered rain. The temperature dropped as low as 50 degrees. Visibility was limited to one quarter mile with fog. In the days that followed the temperature went up and the weather cleared up in general. There was a high of 92 degrees and a low of 64 degrees. Cloud cover was scattered up to 3000 feet with visibility up to 3 miles with haze. During the last few days, the weather again became cold with temperatures of 65-70 degrees. There was light rain during this period also.

3. Enemy Killed In Action:

Feb 2	Co. F	7 NVA	XD 085635
Feb 6	Co. E	1 NVA	YD 083645
Feb 9	Bn Recon Tm	1 NVA	YD 095763
Feb 12	AO	6 NVA	YD 112748
Feb 13	Co. H	1 NVA	YD 023667
Feb 14	AO	4 NVA	YD 125750
Feb 19	Co. E	1 NVA	XD 881583
Feb 20	Co. H	1 NVA	XD 805631

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Feb 25	Co. B	36 NVA	XD 825579
Feb 25	Co. F	25 NVA	XD 911591
Feb 27	Co. E	2 NVA	XD 917597
Feb 28	Co. H	2 NVA	XD 822577

4. Enemy Sightings:

Feb 4	Co. C	7 NVA	YD 155775
Feb 5	Bn Recon Tn	2 NVA	YD 105760
Feb 6	Co. C	2 NVA	YD 152779
Feb 8	Co. H	2-5 NVA	YD 034685
Feb 9	Co. F	10 NVA	YD 176764
Feb 10	Co. F	2 NVA	YD 148734
Feb 13	Co. H	3 NVA	YD 046695
Feb 14	AO	10 NVA	YD 125750
Feb 18	Co. E	1 NVA	XD 896594
Feb 21	Co. G	5 NVA	XD 937409
Feb 21	Co. E	3 NVA	XD 914591
Feb 23	Co. H	1 NVA	XD 803574
Feb 24	Co. H	30 NVA	XD 813572
Feb 26	Co. H	5 NVA	XD 825577
Feb 26	Co. E	2 NVA	XD 909590
Feb 27	Co. K (-), 3/4	2 NVA	XD 899590

5. Enemy Equipment:

Feb 1	Co. E	15-20 bunkers, 4 82mm rds., 2 50 cal. pos. 33 82mm rds., 1 recoilless rifle rd., 3 mines 2 60mm rds., 17 chicom grenades	YD 063655
Feb 1	Co. E	6 bunkers, 6 graves, 1 helmet, 1 chicom grenade, 1 bag of rice, 1 pick	YD 065635

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Feb 1	Co. G	1 bunker with hooch, 6 bars soap	YD 03683
Feb 1	Co. G	1 tunnel complex	YD 086707
Feb 1	Co. E	10 bunkers, 160mm rd., 1 first aid kit, 1 pr. NVA boots, 2 soft covers, 1 50 cal. bolt	YD 065647
Feb 1	Co. E	2 bunkers, 1 50 cal. pos. 3 60mm rds. 1 grenade belt, 3 AK-47 rds.	YD 070657
Feb 1	Co. G	2 82mm rds.	YD 103669
Feb 2	Co. E	3 bunkers, 6 graves, 30 82mm rds., 3 AK-47 mag., 1 chicom grenade, 1 helmet, 1 MG	YD 085635
Feb 2	Co. E	4 bunkers, 3 50 cal. pos.	YD 066645
Feb 2	Co. E	98 bunkers, 1 155 rd.	YD 050657
Feb 2	Co. G	1 L shaped trench line, 150' long	YD 069645
Feb 2	Co. E	1 tunnel	YD 059657
Feb 2	Co. E	10 fighting holes, bunkers, 1 grenade belt 2 mag. pouches	YD 071642
Feb 2	Co. H	14 bunkers, 15 82mm rds.	YD 043698
Feb 3	Co. F	3 bunkers, 35 60mm rds., 15 82mm rds. 100 AK-47 rds., 6 chicom grenades 1 AT mine, 1 RPG rd.	YD 128727
Feb 3	Co. G	1 AT mine	YD 093714
Feb 3	Co. H	2 bunkers, 1 RPG rd.	YD 052692
Feb 3	Co. E	31 bunkers, 2 50 cal. pos.	YD 062647
Feb 3	Co. F	16 chicom grenades, 70 60mm rds., 20 82mm rds. 2 AT mines, 4 RPG rds., 5 gas masks, 500 AK-47 rds., numerous 60mm and 82mm fuzes	YD 128727
Feb 4	Co. F	30 bunkers, 17 boxes 50 cal. rds., 42 60mm rds., 2 60mm base plates, 2 82mm rds. 3 chicom grenades	YD 126753
Feb 4	Co. F	4 RPG rds.	YD 055637
Feb 5	Co. G	6 SKS rifles, 2 sniper rifles, 1 chicom MG 1 30 cal. MG, 2000 AK-47 rds., 1 chicom claymore, 1 AT mine, 6 packs, 1 helmet	

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3 hammocks, 2 canteens, 1 gas mask, 1 ammo belt,
1 AK-47 mag., 2 30 cal. mag., 1 set skivvie
drawers, 3 ammo pouches, 4 E-tools, 1 4 oz.
bag black powder, 1 blanket, 1 med. kit
2 syringes, 2 bags cotton, 2 bags rice, 4 bars
soap, 1 hoe, 1 hatchet, 1 axe, 2 vases, 1 belt
6 rice bowls, 1 canteen, 8 shirts, 10 baskets
1 demo bag, 35 blasting caps, 34 fuzes, 10
percussion fuse lighters, 25 ft. time fuse, 1/2
lb. TNT, assorted documents, 1 live cat,
2 live pigs, 3 dead pigs

YD 155775

Feb 6 Co. F 4 bunkers, 40 boxes 50 cal. ammo., 16 RPG
rds. YD 127731

Feb 6 Co. E 6 chicom grenades, 3 AK-47 mag., 34 50 cal. rds.
1 grave marker, 3 helmets, 1 canteen, 9 AK-47 rds.
1 toothbrush w/paste, 1 can of chow, 1
plastic packet w/Christmas card, notebook
6 60mm rds. YD 038643

Feb 6 Co. D, 1/4 2 tunnels, 1 bunker, assorted med. gear
3 AK-47 mag. w/rds., 2 gas masks, 1 pack
w/clothes (male & female), rice bowls and
blankets YD 157754

Feb 6 Co. F 10,000 sticks of TNT (1/2 blocks), 89 82mm
rds., 8 mines, 21 recoilless rifle rds.
26 RPG rds., 56 chicom grenades, 58
cases AK-47 ammo, 30 cans 82mm increments
40 cans 60mm increments. YD 127731

Feb 7 Co. G 2 bunkers, 1 aid station, 1 tunnel, 500
AK-47 rds., 1 chicom, 1 chicom claymore
2 50 cal. rds. YD 148778

Feb 7 Co. H 50 bunkers, 1 tail fin assembly for 122mm
rocket, 300 50 cal. rds., 1 chicom claymore YD 033692

Feb 8 Co. G 400 60mm rds., 200 82mm rds., 70 RPG rds. YD 085763

Feb 8 Co. F 20 bunkers, 52 82mm rds., 15 82mm fuzes
6 60mm fuzes YD 151727

Feb 8 Co. G 9 RPG rds., 20 B-40 rockets, 2500 AK-47 rds.,
50 chicom grenades, 250 60mm rds. YD 085763

Feb 8 Co. H 1 pith helmet, 1 pack YD 034685

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Feb 9	Co. H	6 A-frame bunkers, 1000 AK-47 rds., 5425 50 cal. rds., 160 60mm rds., 274 82mm rds., 1 57mm recoilless rifle rd. 96 RPG rds., 20 lbs. TNT	YD 032699
Feb 9	Escon	1 AK-47 rifle, 3 chicom grenades, 1 grenade belt	YD 095763
Feb 10	Co. F	15 60mm rds.	YD 143733
Feb 10	Co. F	27 recoilless rifle rds., 6000 AK-47 rds., 42 chicom grenades, 45 82mm rds.	YD 088763
Feb 10	Co. H	12 bunkers, 4 boxes 50 cal. rds., 3 AK-47 mag.	YD 038690
Feb 10	Co. H	2 boxes 50 cal. rds., 1 box AK-47 rds. 2 chicom grenades	YD 052693
Feb 11	Co. F	32 60mm rds., 200 50 cal. rds., 2 AT mines	YD 094750
Feb 11	Co. H	1 pack, 1 optical device case	YD 053674
Feb 12	Co. H	6 bunkers, 5 60mm rds., 3 82mm rds., 90 AK-47 rds., 14 grave markers, 3 AK-47 mag.	YD 054690
Feb 13	Co. H	27 bunkers, 12 AT mines, 4 AP mines, 2 RPG rds., 12 RPG boosters, 3 chicom claymores 2 chicom grenades	YD 020664
Feb 13	Co. H	Utilities, MVA sneaker, flashlight	YD 023667
Feb 14	Co. F	2 AK-47 rifles, misc. 782 gear	YD 023667
Feb 14	Co. H	8 bunkers, 150 60mm rds., 25 boxes 50 cal. ammo, 2 82mm rds., 27 82mm fuzes, 1 RPG booster, assorted increments	YD 122734
Feb 15	Co. H	57 60mm rds., 2 82mm rds., 2 boxes 7.62 M ammo, 2 L/MG's, 1 sniper rifle, 1 gas mask, 1 bag rice (2 lbs.)	YD 122734
Feb 18	Co. H	5 bunkers	XD 826576
Feb 19	Co. E	1 AK-47	XD 881583
Feb 20	Co. E	10 bunkers, 20 expended AK-47 rds., 2 82mm carrying cases, 6 82mm increments, 7 82mm cannisters, 1 helmet, 3 chicom grenades, 3 AK-47 mags., 10 sticks of pot, 2 stretchers 1 R-tool, misc. personal gear	XD 880584

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Feb 20	Co. H	25 bunkers	XD 820572
Feb 21	Co. E	5 bunkers, 1 pick	XD 875598
Feb 23	Co. F	Assorted clothing, ID, food stuffs	XD 936410
Feb 24	Co. G	4 cooking pots, 20 fresh fish, 20 lbs. rice, 15 lbs. wheat, 400 5.56 rds., 1 pr. trousers, 2 NVA shirts, 12 cases 81mm rds. 200 rds. 7.62 link	XD 935415
Feb 25	Co. H	5 bunkers, misc. cooking material, 1 chicom grenade, medical supplies	XD 875593
Feb 26	Co. E	9 bunkers, 7 metal discs	XD 872598
Feb 27	Co. H	12 AK-47 rifles, 90 satchel charges, 30 mags., 20 chicom grenades, assorted documents 3 pr. tennis shoes, 2 hammocks	XD 825577
Feb 27	Co. E	12 AK-47 rifles, 20 chicom grenades, 10 satchel charges, 2 RPG rds., 1 RPG launcher, 30 AK-47 mags., 5 NVA packs assorted personal gear and documents	XD 911591
Feb 27	Co. K (-)	5/4 2 canteens, 3 jackets	XD 897588
Feb 28	Co. H	1 bangalore torpedo, 6 chicom grenades 200 ft. command wire, 1 TNT booby trap, 1/2 lb. TNT	XD 822577

6. Results:

Enemy KIA: 88
POW: 2

Enemy Weapons: Individual, 38
Crew-served, 3

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C. AIR SUPPORT

	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>
AO	94	90
Medevac	165	167
C&C	25	17
Troop Lift	31	30
Fixed Wing	19	18
TACA	20	21
TPQ	54	57
Photo	0	0
Flare Ship	10	10
VIP	25	25
Gunship	20	18
Spooky	1	1

D. ARTILLERY SUPPORT

	<u>MISSIONS</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>TOT. RDS.</u>	<u>HA-1's</u>	<u>ENEMY CONFIRMED</u>
Arty	220	310	2515	9825	6000	8
81mm	96	260	2500	2760	510	0

E. COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS

1. Significant Events: During the month of February, the Communications Platoon participated in operations with the Battalion in the Con Thien area and Vandegrift Combat Base area.

2. New Developments: Among the new developments was an increased utilization of Log Periodic Antennas with each of the rifle companies on FSB Russell, Neville, and Cates.

3. Problem Areas: The most serious problem in the Communications Platoon has been the shortage of personnel. The Battalion has received only four communicators during the month and has lost twenty-three to wounds and rotation. A total of nine more are rotating in early March. Another serious problem has been the serious shortages in some items such as handsets, tape and whip antennas, and bases for the PRO-25.

F. LOGISTICS

The Battalion was in need of an emergency resupply of ammunition and food on the 25th of February. The resupply was made by the rear S-4, staged at the Quang Tri LSA. However, only a small portion of the requested ammunition lifted out that day due to bad weather and the shortage of helicopters. During the rest of the month, normal resupply problems were encountered, the shortage of transportation

being a big factor. Rifle cleaning gear and helmets are critically short items. The shortage of helmets and body armor continues to create a problem in that newly joined personnel cannot be moved forward without them.

C. MEDICAL AFFAIRS

1. Significant Events: On 16 Feb, the Health Records were re-inspected by Division and it was determined that our immunization program and verification of health records had progressed in the past month. The effort will be maintained to keep the record section at a high standard.

2. New Developments: Our previous problem of not having an adequate building to store supplies has been solved: a strongback was given to the BAS. The supply department personnel are now in the process of moving the medical supplies and setting up an organized storage area. On the 11th of February, four men traveled to Da Nang to secure supplies to build up and once again restore our I.O.L.

3. Problem Areas: The BAS does not have electricity on a 24 hour basis. Not only does this make it impossible to keep biologicals on hand, but, if a situation should ever arise in which we had several casualties to treat, difficulties would be encountered working with only candles or lanterns. Full time generator service is a necessity.

4. AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS SEEN DAILY	31
5. TOTAL NUMBER OF PATIENTS SEEN FROM 1 FEB '69 THRU 28 FEB '69	852
6. NUMBER OF REFERRALS TO NSA, USS REPOSE, USS SANCTUARY, 3D MED. BN. ETC.	141
7. <u>ROUTINE COMPLAINTS</u>	
(a) DIARRHEA	5
(b) URI	14
(c) DERMATITIS	20
(d) EENT	21
(e) VENEREAL DISEASE	4
(f) IMMERSION FOOT	0
(g) OTHERS	393
8. <u>SIGNIFICANT AREAS OF DISEASE</u>	
(a) MALARIA	8
(b) FUO	11
9. NUMBER OF EMERGENCIES	TOTAL EVAC KIA DOW
(a) BURNS	1 1
(b) LACERATIONS	
(c) HEAT CASUALTIES	
(d) SHRAPNEL WOUNDS	119 90 27 2
(e) GUNSHOT WOUNDS	9 9 4
(f) OTHERS	1 1 1
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10.	IMMUNIZATIONS AND PROPHYLACTICS ADMINISTERED	<u>663</u>
11.	DENTAL REFERRALS	<u>29</u>
12.	OFFICERS SEEN AT SICK CALL	
	(a) OFFICERS SICK CALL	<u>16</u>
	(b) EVACUATED WITH SHRAPNEL AND GUNSHOT WOUNDS	<u>2</u>

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

No operation orders were issued during the month of February to this Battalion. All operations were initiated by a frag order. The Command Journal and all tactical messages are attached to this document.

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