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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 December 68 TO 31 December 68

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

3d Battalion, 4th Marines	CO - LTCOL W.A. DONALD	1-31DEC68
	XO - MAJ R.L. BAKER	1-13DEC68
	XO - MAJ C.W. MCFARLAN	14-31DEC68
	(Acting)	

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Co, 3d Bn, 4th Mar	1STLT A.R. CONDROSKI	1-31DEC68
Co I, 3d Bn, 4th Mar	CAPT H.L. CURRIE	1-31DEC68
Co K, 3d Bn, 4th Mar	CAPT C.R. HUDDLESTON	1-31DEC68
Co L, 3d Bn, 4th Mar	1STLT D.T. STEVENS	1-31DEC68
Co M, 3d Bn, 4th Mar	1STLT G.E. COLPAS	1-31DEC68

ATTACHED UNITS

Det, Btry H, 3d Bn, 12th Mar (Arty Liaison)		1-31DEC68
Det, Co A, 3d Engr Bn		1-31DEC68
Det, Co B, 3d SP Bn		1-31DEC68
Co E, 2d Bn, 4th Mar	CAPT A.H. HILL	1-2DEC68
Co G, 2d Bn, 4th Mar	CAPT J.M. DWYER	1-4DEC68
Co D, 1st Bn, 4th Mar	1STLT S. GYPIN	8-16DEC68
Co D, 1st Bn, 9th Mar	CAPT R.E. RILEY	16-27DEC68
Co C, 1st Bn, 4th Mar	1STLT J.M. HERRON	14-31DEC68
Co A, 1st Bn, 4th Mar	CAPT K.S. RUSSOM	26-28DEC68
Co G, 2d Bn, 9th Mar	CAPT D.A. HITZELDEGER	27-31DEC68
Co B, 1st Bn, 9th Mar	CAPT G. MEERDINK	30-31DEC68

2. LOCATION

1-2DEC68	3d Bn, 4th Mar (Alfa Command Group) (Fire Base Winchester)
1-6DEC68	3d Bn, 4th Mar (Bravo Command Group) (Vande grift Combat Base)
2-10DEC68	3d Bn, 4th Mar (Alfa Command Group) (Fire Base Russell)
6-26DEC68	3d Bn, 4th Mar (Bravo Command Group) (Fire Base Russell)
10-20DEC68	3d Bn, 4th Mar (Alfa Command Group) (Coordinates XD 911643)
26-31DEC68	3d Bn, 4th Mar (Bravo Command Group) (Vande grift Combat Base)
20-27DEC68	3d Bn, 4th Mar (Alfa Command Group) (Fire Base Russell)

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28-31DEC68 3d Bn, 4th Mar (Alfa Command Group) (Coordinates XD 880585)

3. STAFF OFFICERS

S-1	1STLT E.N. FIERTZ	1-31DEC68
PERSO	CWO D.A. DEBARGE	1-31DEC68
S-2	2DLT K.T. SOUKKALA	1-31DEC68
S-3	MAJ C.W. MCFARLAN	1-31DEC68
S-3A	1STLT A.R. CONDROSKI	1-31DEC68
S-4	CAPT S.W. AUSTIN	1-3DEC68
	SSGT W.E. SCOTT	4-26DEC68
	2DLT R.J. SOTACK	27-31DEC68
S-4A	1STLT B.G. MCMULLAN	1-27DEC68
	2DLT G.M. MARSH	28-31DEC68
MTO	1STLT R.A. HOLMES	1-31DEC68
SUPO	1STLT G.T. SINK	1-31DEC68
COMMO	2DLT K.J. POPSON	1-31DEC68

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
36	1096

<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
2	52

<u>OTHER</u>
<u>OFF. ENL</u>
NONE

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The Third Battalion, 4th Marines (-) (Rein) was assigned the mission of defending and developing Landing Zone Mack, Elliot Combat Base, Khe Ghia Bridge and Fire Bases Neville, Fuller, Sierra, and Russell. During this assignment, the Battalion continued to conduct extensive patrolling actions throughout its assigned areas of operation under operational control of the Alfa Command Group. The Bravo Command Group remained at Vandegrift Combat Base until 6 December, at which time they were helo-lifted to Fire Base Russell to assume the responsibility for that position. On 10 December, the Alfa Command Group and two companies commenced a search and destroy operation in the Northern portion of the Battalions' area of operation. During this operation, the Battalion (-) and the Alfa Command Group accounted for the finding of numerous enemy bunker complexes, supply caches and sightings of small groups of 2-4 enemy personnel. On 20 December, the Alfa Command Group returned to Fire Base Russell to prepare for future operations on 28 December. On 26 December, the Bravo Command Group displaced by helo to set up monitoring operations at Vandegrift Combat Base. On 28 December, the Battalion (-) (Rein) was relieved of the responsibility for Fire Bases Russell, Neville, Sierra, and Landing Zone Mack, and commenced a search and destroy operation. (See Operation Order 12-68 Part IV)

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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~~SECRET~~I SUMMARY OF EVENTS1 Dec: Company Locations

H&S Co (-) LD 897588 (Alfa Command Group)
 H&S Co (-) Vandegrift Combat Base (Bravo Command Group,
 India Co (-) LD 879586
 India Co (-) LD 904589
 Kilo Co (-) LD 904589
 Kilo Co (-) OPCON 1stBn, 4thMar
 Lima Co (-) LD 967617
 Lima Co (-) LD 946625
 Mike Co (-) YL 026562
 Mike Co (-) YL 018593
 Echo Co 2/4 LD 911591
 Golf Co 2/4 LD 866589

1. Conducted five platoon size combat patrols, three squad size combat patrols, four CP's, twenty LP's and four squad size ambushes.

a. Company I. Reported finding (27) assorted enemy bunkers in vicinity LD 8759. Destroyed bunkers and reported no further sightings or indications of enemy activity.

b. Company G. Reported contact with estimated three NVA firing small arms and MG's inflicting one friendly WIA at vicinity LD 853592. Fired arty mission and pursued by fire with unknown results.

2 Dec: Company Locations

H&S Co (-) LD 911591 (Alfa Command Group,
 H&S Co (-) Vandegrift Combat Base (Bravo Command Group)
 India Co (-) LD 868608
 India Co (-) LD 911591
 Kilo Co (-) OPCON 1stBn, 4th Mar
 Kilo Co (-) LD 911591
 Lima Co (-) LD 967617
 Lima Co (-) LD 946625
 Mike Co (-) YL 027562
 Mike Co (-) YL 018593
 Echo Co 2/4 LD 911591
 Golf Co 2/4 LD 852593

1. Conducted a company size combat patrol, seven platoon size combat patrols, two squad size combat patrols, ten CP's, twenty-one LP's and three squad size ambushes.

a. Company H. (Alfa Command Group). Displaced by overland movement to LD 911591 to establish a new Fire Base.

b. Company I. Reported finding a bunker complex at vicinity LD 941628. Destroyed bunkers.

c. Company E 2/4. Chopped OPCON to 2/4.

3 Dec: Company Locations

H&S Co (-) LD 911591 (Alfa Command Group,
 H&S Co (-) Vandegrift Combat Base (Bravo Command Group)
 India Co (-) LD 868608
 India Co (-) LD 911591
 Kilo Co (-) LD 946625
 Kilo Co (-) LD 911591
 Lima Co (-) LD 966617
 Lima Co (-) LD 946625
 Mike Co (-) YL 026562
 Mike Co (-) YL 018593
 Golf Co 2/4 LD 853593

1. Conducted two platoon size combat patrols, three squad size ambushes, twelve CP's and twenty-three LP's.

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- a. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
- b. Company K. Chopped OF-CON to 3/4.

4 Dec: Company Locations

H&S Co (-) XD 911591 (Alfa Command Group)
 H&S Co (-) Vandegrift Combat Base (Bravo Command Group)
 India Co (-) XD 868608
 India Co (-) XD 911591
 Kilo Co (-) XD 911591
 Kilo Co (-) XD 946625
 Lima Co (-) XD 946625
 Lima Co (-) XD 966617
 Mike Co (-) YD 018593
 Mike Co (-) YD 026562
 Golf Co 2/4 XD 853593

1. Conducted two platoon size combat patrols, two squad size combat patrols, four CP's, two squad size ambushes and ten LP's.

- a. Company I. Reported finding a bunker at vicinity XD 908589. Destroyed bunker.

5 Dec: Company Locations

H&S Co (-) XD 911591 (Alfa Command Group)
 H&S Co (-) Vandegrift Combat Base (Bravo Command Group)
 India Co (-) XD 857615
 India Co (-) XD 911591
 Kilo Co (-) XD 840600
 Kilo Co (-) XD 911591
 Lima Co (-) XD 946625
 Lima Co (-) XD 966617
 Mike Co (-) YD 026562
 Mike Co (-) YD 018593

1. Conducted two company size combat patrols, three squad size ambushes, six CP's and nineteen LP's.

- a. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

6 Dec: Company Locations

H&S Co XD 911591
 India Co XD 856614
 Kilo Co (-) XD 845608
 Kilo Co (-) XD 911591
 Lima Co (-) XD 946625
 Lima Co (-) XD 966617
 Mike Co (-) YD 026562
 Mike Co (-) YD 018593

1. Conducted a company size combat patrol, four squad size combat patrols, six CP's, three squad size ambushes and sixteen LP's

- a. Company I. reported sighting one NVA at vicinity XD 858612. Pursued by fire with unknown results.

- b. Company L. Received small arms, automatic weapons fire and chicom grenades at vicinity XD 937627. Pursued by fire with unknown results.

7 Dec: Company Locations

H&S Co XD 911591
 India Co XD 856614
 Kilo Co (-) XD 840615
 Kilo Co (-) XD 911591
 Lima Co (-) XD 946625
 Lima Co (-) XD 966617
 Mike Co (-) YD 026562
 Mike Co (-) YD 018593

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1. Conducted five platoon size combat patrols, two squad size combat patrols, eight OP's, one squad size ambush and twenty LF's.

a. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

8 Dec: Company Locations

H&S Co	XD 911591
India Co	XD 856614
Kilo Co (-)	XD 845515
Kilo Co (-)	XD 911591
Lima Co (-)	XD 946625
Lima Co (-)	XD 966617
Mike Co (-)	YD 026562
Mike Co (-)	YD 018593
Delta Co 1/4	XD 994557

1. Conducted a company size combat patrol, two platoon size combat patrols, ten CP's, one platoon size ambush, two squad size ambushes and eighteen LF's.

a. Company L

(1) Reported sighting three NVA at vicinity XD 921637 and XD 937628. Fired 81mm mortars and arty mission with unknown results.

(2) Received seven rounds 82mm mortars from vicinity XD 943624. Firststrike called in with unknown results.

(3) Received small arms fire from seven NVA at vicinity XD 937628. Pursued by fire with unknown results.

b. Company D 1/4. Chopped OPCON to 3/4

9 Dec: Company Locations

H&S Co	XD 911591
India Co	XD 858615
Kilo Co (-)	XD 843615
Kilo Co (-)	XD 911591
Lima Co (-)	XD 938626
Lima Co (-)	XD 967611
Mike Co (-)	YD 026562
Mike Co (-)	YD 018593
Delta Co 1/4	XD 985547

1. Conducted eight OP's, one company size combat patrol, one platoon size combat patrol, two squad size combat patrols, twenty-three LF's and one squad size ambush.

a. Company L

(1) Received small arms fire from vicinity XD 924625. Pursued by fire and maneuver with unknown results.

(2) Reported finding enemy equipment at vicinity XD 924625. (See ENCLOSURE (3) II)

10 Dec: Company Locations

H&S Co (-)	XD 946625	(Alfa Command Group,
H&S Co (-)	XD 911591	(Bravo Command Group)
India Co	XD 926626	
Kilo Co (-)	XD 946625	
Kilo Co (-)	XD 911591	
Kilo Co (-)	XD 966617	
Lima Co (-)	XD 933630	
Mike Co (-)	YD 026562	
Mike Co (-)	YD 018593	
Delta Co 1/4	XD 994557	

1. Conducted two company size search and destroy sweeps, two squad size combat patrols, eight OP's, two squad size ambushes and twenty-eight LF's.

a. Company L. Reported finding enemy equipment at vicinity XD 924626. (See ENCLOSURE (3) II)

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SECRETb. Company L

(1) Reported sighting one NVA at vicinity XD 946631. Fired 81mm mortar mission with unknown results.

(2) Received six rounds of 60 mm mortars from vicinity XD 945643 during helilift from vicinity XD 946625. Fired arty mission with unknown results.

11 Dec: Company Locations

H&S Co (-)	XD 924626 (Alfa Command Group)
H&S Co (-)	XD 911591 (Bravo Command Group)
India Co	XD 924626
Kilo Co (-)	XD 946625
Kilo Co (-)	XD 911591
Kilo Co (-)	XD 966617
Lima Co (-)	XD 920625
Lima Co (-)	XD 925627
Mike Co (-)	YD 026562
Mike Co (-)	YD 018593
Delta Co 1/4	XD 994557

1. Conducted two company size search and destroy sweeps, five platoon size combat patrols, five squad size combat patrols, twelve OP's, two squad size ambushes and twenty-seven LP's.

a. Company I

(1) Reported finding one NVA grave with one NVA body at vicinity XD 921625.

(2) Received twenty rounds of 60mm mortars from vicinity XD 906622. Fired 60mm mortars and arty mission with unknown results.

(3) Reported sighting one NVA at vicinity XD 923646. Fired small arms and 60mm mortar mission with unknown results.

b. Bravo Command Group. Reported receiving twenty-three rounds of 60mm mortars from vicinity XD 891170. Fired 81mm mortars and arty mission with unknown results.

c. Company K. Reported sighting one NVA at vicinity XD 961615. Fired 60mm mortar mission with unknown results.

d. Company L. Reported finding enemy equipment at vicinity XD 920626. (See ENCLOSURE (3) II)

e. Company M. Apprehended two suspected enemy personnel at vicinity YD 029563. Subject personnel transported to Vandegrift Combat Base as detainees for interrogation.

12 Dec: Company Locations

H&S Co (-)	XD 916626 (Alfa Command Group)
H&S Co (-)	XD 911591 (Bravo Command Group)
India Co	XD 916626
Kilo Co (-)	XD 946625
Kilo Co (-)	XD 911591
Kilo Co (-)	XD 966617
Lima Co (-)	XD 909630
Mike Co (-)	YD 026562
Mike Co (-)	YD 018593
Delta Co 1/4	XD 994557

1. Conducted two company size search and destroy sweeps, six platoon size combat patrols, four squad size combat patrols, fourteen OP's, two squad size ambushes and twenty LP's.

a. Company I

(1) Reported finding enemy equipment at vicinity XD 916626. (See ENCLOSURE (3) II)

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(2) Received ten rounds of 82 mm mortars from vicinity XD 911643. Fired 81mm mortar and arty missions with unknown results.

b. Company L

(1) Received forty rounds of 60mm mortars from vicinity XD 918630. Fired arty mission with unknown results.

(2) Reported sighting one NVA running vicinity XD 909630. Arty not fired due to proximity of other friendlies.

(3) Reported finding enemy equipment at vicinity XD 910630. (See ENCLOSURE (3) II)

13 Dec: Company Locations

H&S Co (-)	XD 916626	(Alfa Command Group)
H&S Co (-)	XD 911591	(Bravo Command Group)
India Co	XD 916626	
Kilo Co (-)	XD 946625	
Kilo Co (-)	XD 911591	
Kilo Co (-)	XD 966617	
Lima Co	XD 919630	
Mike Co (-)	XD 026562	
Mike Co (-)	XD 018593	
Delta Co 1/4	XD 994557	

1. Conducted one platoon size combat patrol, thirteen squad size combat patrols, fourteen OP's, three squad size ambushes and twenty-five LP's.

a. Company I. Reported finding enemy equipment at vicinity XD 912624. (See ENCLOSURE (3) II)

b. Company L

(1) Reported finding enemy equipment at vicinity XD 908632, XD 910632, XD 906637, XD 913613, XD 906634 and XD 904636. (See ENCLOSURE (3) II)

(2) Reported sighting eight enemy personnel at vicinity XD 906631. Arty not fired due to proximity of other friendlies.

14 Dec: Company Locations

H&S Co (-)	XD 909630	(Alfa Command Group)
H&S Co (-)	XD 911591	(Bravo Command Group)
India Co	XD 903637	
Kilo Co (-)	XD 946625	
Kilo Co (-)	XD 911591	
Kilo Co (-)	XD 966617	
Lima Co	XD 909630	
Mike Co (-)	XD 026562	
Mike Co (-)	XD 018593	
Charlie Co 1/4	XD 825576	
Delta Co 1/4	XD 994557	

1. Conducted one company size sweep, two platoon size combat patrols, two squad size combat patrols, sixteen OP's, three squad size ambushes and twenty-six LP's.

a. Company I. Reported finding thirty-two rounds of 82mm mortars at vicinity XD 912624.

b. Company L. Reported finding four enemy bunkers at vicinity XD 905635. Destroyed bunkers.

c. Company C 1/4. Chopped OPCON to 3/4.

15 Dec: Company Locations

H&S Co (-)	XD 909634	(Alfa Command Group)
H&S Co (-)	XD 911591	(Bravo Command Group)
India Co	XD 903637	
Kilo Co (-)	XD 946625	
Kilo Co (-)	XD 911591	

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Kilo Co (-) XD 966617
 Lima Co XD 909634
 Mike Co (-) YD 026562
 Mike Co (-) YD 018593
 Charlie Co 1/4 XD 825576
 Delta Co 1/4 XD 994557

1. Conducted three platoon size combat patrols, five squad size combat patrols, seventeen OP's, three squad size ambushes and twenty-two LP's.

a. Company I. Reported finding enemy equipment at vicinity XD 911643, XD 914644, XD 898639 and XD 908639. (See ENCLOSURE (3) II)

b. Company I. Reported finding enemy equipment at vicinity XD 910632 and XD 914626. (See ENCLOSURE (3) II)

16 Dec: Company Locations

H&S Co (-) XD 909630 (Alfa Command Group)
 H&S Co (-) XD 911591 (Bravo Command Group)
 India Co XD 911643
 Kilo Co (-) XD 946625
 Kilo Co (-) XD 911591
 Kilo Co (-) XL 966617
 Lima Co XD 909630
 Mike Co (-) YD 026562
 Mike Co (-) YD 018593
 Charlie Co 1/4 XD 825576
 Delta Co 1/9 XD 994557
 Delta Co 1/4 XD 994557

1. Conducted one company size sweep, two platoon size combat patrols, one platoon size ambush, five squad size combat patrols, fourteen OP's, four squad size ambushes and eighteen LP's.

a. Company I. Reported finding enemy equipment at vicinity XD 927640 to XD 928639, XD 922651, XD 911643 and XD 916644. (See ENCLOSURE (3) II)

b. Company K. Reported finding enemy equipment at vicinity XD 943617 and XD 940619. (See ENCLOSURE (3) II)

c. Company D 1/4. Chopped OPCON to 1/4.

d. Company D 1/9. Chopped OPCON to 3/4.

17 Dec: Company Locations

H&S Co (-) XD 911643 (Alfa Command Group)
 H&S Co (-) XD 911591 (Bravo Command Group)
 India Co XD 911643
 Kilo Co (-) XD 946625
 Kilo Co (-) XD 911591
 Kilo Co (-) XD 966617
 Lima Co XD 909630
 Mike Co (-) YD 026562
 Mike Co (-) YD 018593
 Charlie Co (-) 1/4 XD 825576
 Delta Co 1/9 XD 994557

1. Conducted three platoon size combat patrols, one platoon size road sweep, four squad size ambushes, seven squad size combat patrols, sixteen OP's and twenty-four LP's.

a. Bravo Command Group. Received fifty-three rounds of 82mm mortars from vicinity XD 895605, XD 895695 and XD 908592. Fire 81mm counter mortar plan with unknown results.

b. Company I. Reported finding enemy equipment at vicinity XD 911641, XD 922651 and XD 917651. (See ENCLOSURE (3) II)

c. Company K. Reported finding enemy equipment and one NVA body at vicinity XD 934625. (See ENCLOSURE (3) II)

d. Company C (-). Chopped OPCON to 1/4

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18 Dec: Company Locations

H&S Co (-)	XD 911643 (Alfa Command Group)
H&S Co (-)	XD 911591 (Bravo Command Group)
India Co	XD 911643
Kilo Co (-)	XD 946625
Kilo Co (-)	XD 911591
Kilo Co (-)	XD 966617
Lima Co (-)	XD 909630
Lima Co (-)	XD 923626
Mike Co (-)	YD 026562
Mike Co (-)	YD 018593
Charlie Co (-) 1/4	XD 825576
Delta Co 1/9	XD 994557

1. Conducted two platoon size combat patrols, one platoon size road sweep, nine squad size combat patrols, sixteen OP's, three squad size ambushes and twenty-two LP's.

a. Company I

(1) Reported finding bunker complex at vicinity XD 910641.

(2) Reported finding enemy equipment at vicinity XD 910641. (See ENCLOSURE (3) II).

b. Company K

(1) Received two 82mm rounds from vicinity XD 907592. Fired arty mission with unknown results.

(2) Reported finding bunker complex at vicinity XD 944634. Destroyed bunkers.

(3) Reported finding enemy equipment at vicinity XD 944634. (See ENCLOSURE (3) II)

19 Dec: Company Locations

H&S Co (-)	XD 924626 (Alfa Command Group)
H&S Co (-)	XD 911591 (Bravo Command Group)
India Co	XD 923638
Kilo Co (-)	XD 946625
Kilo Co (-)	XD 911591
Kilo Co (-)	XD 966617
Lima Co (-)	XD 923629
Lima Co (-)	XD 924626
Mike Co (-)	YD 026562
Mike Co (-)	YD 013593
Charlie Co (-) 1/4	XD 825576
Delta Co 1/9	XD 994557

1. Conducted two company size sweeps, one platoon size road sweep, six squad size combat patrols, seventeen OP's, five squad size ambushes and twenty-two LP's.

a. Company I. Reported sighting one NVA at vicinity XD 923630. Fired arty mission with unknown results.

b. Company L. Reported sighting two enemy personnel at vicinity XD 927628. Fired 81mm mortar mission and 50 calibre with unknown results.

20 Dec: Company Locations

H&S Co	XD 911591
India Co	XD 937640
Kilo Co (-)	XD 946625
Kilo Co (-)	XL 911591
Kilo Co (-)	XD 966617
Lima Co	XD 942612
Mike Co (-)	YD 026562
Mike Co (-)	YD 018593

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Charlie Co (-) 1/4 XD 825576
Delta Co 1/9 XD 994557

1. Conducted two company size sweeps, one platoon size road sweep, six squad size combat patrols, twenty OP's, three squad size ambushes and twenty LP's.

a. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

21 Dec: Company Locations

H&S Co XD 911591
India Co XD 942646
Kilo Co (-) XD 946625
Kilo Co (-) XD 911591
Kilo Co (-) XD 966617
Lima Co (-) YD 026562
Lima Co (-) YD 018593
Mike Co XD 946642
Charlie Co (-) 1/4 XD 825576
Delta Co 1/9 XD 994557

1. Conducted two company size helolifts, one company size combat patrol, one platoon size road sweep, six squad size combat patrols, eleven OP's, one squad size ambush and twenty-two LP's.

a. Company H&S. Received thirty-six rounds of 60mm mortars from vicinity XD 882580. Fired 81mm mortar and arty missions with unknown results.

b. Company K. Reported finding enemy equipment at vicinity XD 973628. (See ENCLOSURE (3) II)

22 Dec: Company Locations

H&S Co XD 911591
India Co XD 942646
Kilo Co (-) XD 946625
Kilo Co (-) XD 911591
Kilo Co (-) XD 966617
Lima Co (-) YD 026562
Lima Co (-) YD 018593
Mike Co XD 946642
Charlie Co (-) 1/4 XD 825576
Delta Co 1/9 XD 994557

1. Conducted one platoon size road sweep, twelve squad size combat patrols, seventeen OP's, one squad size ambush and twenty-three LP's.

a. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

23 Dec: Company Locations

H&S Co XD 911591
India Co XD 942642
Kilo Co (-) XD 946625
Kilo Co (-) XD 911591
Kilo Co (-) XD 966617
Lima Co (-) YD 026562
Lima Co (-) YD 018593
Mike Co XD 946642
Charlie Co (-) 1/4 XD 825576
Delta Co 1/9 XD 994557

1. Conducted one platoon size road sweep, nine squad size combat patrols, nineteen OP's, one squad size ambush and twenty-five LP's.

a. Company H&S. Received three rounds of 60mm mortars from XD 892588. Fired 81mm counter mortar with unknown results.

24 Dec: Company Locations

H&S Co XD 911591

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India Co	XD 2642
Kilo Co (-)	XD 946625
Kilo Co (-)	XD 911591
Kilo Co (-)	XD 966617
Lima Co (-)	YD 026562
Lima Co (-)	YD 018593
Mike Co	XD 946642
Charlie Co (-) 1/4	XD 825576
Delta Co 1/9	XD 994577

1. Conducted one platoon size road sweep, ten squad size combat patrols, twenty-one OP's, four squad size ambushes and twenty-four LP's.

a. Company L. Reported finding enemy equipment at vicinity YD 026597.
(See ENCLOSURE (3) II)

25 Dec: Company Locations

H&S Co	XD 911591
India Co	XD 942642
Kilo Co (-)	XD 946625
Kilo Co (-)	XD 911591
Kilo Co (-)	XD 966617
Lima Co (-)	YD 026562
Lima Co (-)	YD 018593
Mike Co	XD 946642
Charlie Co (-) 1/4	XD 825576
Delta Co 1/9	XD 994557

1. Conducted three squad size combat patrols, one platoon size road sweep, twenty-two OP's, five squad size ambushes and twenty-two LP's.

a. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

26 Dec: Company Locations

H&S Co (-)	XD 911591 (Alfa Command Group)
H&S Co (-)	Vandegrift Combat Base (Bravo Command Group)
India Co	XD 942642
Kilo Co	XD 898588
Lima Co (-)	YD 026562
Lima Co (-)	YD 018593
Mike Co	XD 946642
Alfa Co (-) 1/4	XD 911591
Alfa Co (-) 1/4	XD 966617
Charlie Co (-) 1/4	XD 825576
Delta Co 1/9	XD 994557

1. Conducted one platoon size combat patrol, one company size helo assault, one platoon size road sweep, seven squad size combat patrols, thirteen OP's, two squad ambushes and eighteen LP's.

a. Company M. Reported finding three enemy bunkers at vicinity XD 952644. Destroyed bunkers.

b. Company A 1/4. Chopped OPCON to 3/4.

27 Dec: Company Locations

H&S Co (-)	XD 911591 (Alfa Command Group)
H&S Co (-)	Vandegrift Combat Base (Bravo Command Group)
India Co	XD 942642
Kilo Co	XD 898588
Lima Co (-)	YD 026562
Lima Co (-)	YD 018593
Mike Co	XD 946642
Alfa Co (-) 1/4	XD 911591
Alfa Co (-) 1/4	XD 966617
Charlie Co (-) 1/4	XD 825576
Delta Co 1/9	XD 994557
Gulf Co 2/9	XD 994557

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1. Conducted three platoon size combat patrols, one platoon size road sweep, seven squad size combat patrols, eighteen OP's, two squad size ambushes and thirty-one LP's.

a. Air Observer on station reported sighting eight to ten NVA at vicinity XD 853593. Fired arty mission with unknown results.

b. Company K. Reported finding enemy equipment at vicinity XD 882584. (See ENCLOSURE (3) II)

c. Company D 1/9. Chopped OPCON to 1/9.

d. Company G 2/9. Chopped OPCON to 3/4.

28 Dec: Company Locations

H&S Co (-)	XD 880585 (Alfa Command Group)
H&S Co (-)	Vandegrift Combat Base (Bravo Command Group)
India Co	XD 873589
Kilo Co	XD 880585
Lima Co (-)	YD 026562
Lima Co (-)	YD 018593
Mike Co	XD 877575
Alfa Co (-) 1/4	XD 911591
Alfa Co (-) 1/4	XD 965617
Charlie Co (-) 1/4	XD 825576
Gulf Co 2/9	XD 994557

1. Conducted three company size search and destroy operations, one platoon size road sweep, seven squad combat patrols, one platoon size combat patrol, sixteen OP's, one squad size ambush and twenty LP's.

a. Company I. Reported finding enemy equipment at vicinity XD 873589. (See ENCLOSURE (3) II)

b. Company K. Reported finding enemy equipment at vicinity XD 886583, XD 880585 and XD 889587.

c. Company M. Reported finding enemy equipment at vicinity XD 880582 to XD 881577. (See ENCLOSURE (3) II)

d. Company A 1/4. Chopped OPCON to 1/4.

e. Company C (-) 1/4. Chopped OPCON to 1/4.

29 Dec: Company Locations

H&S Co (-)	XD 880585 (Alfa Command Group)
H&S Co (-)	Vandegrift Combat Base (Bravo Command Group)
India Co	XD 873589
Kilo Co	XD 880585
Lima Co (-)	YD 026562
Lima Co (-)	YD 018593
Mike Co	XD 876576
Gulf Co 2/9	XD 994557

1. Conducted three platoon size combat patrols, one platoon size road sweep, six squad size combat patrols, fourteen OP's, two squad size ambushes and twenty LP's.

a. Company I. Reported finding enemy equipment at vicinity XD 877578. (See ENCLOSURE (3) II)

b. Company K. Reported finding enemy equipment at vicinity XD 886583, XD 875594 and XD 878591.

c. Company M. Reported finding enemy equipment at vicinity XD 876576 and XD 884574.

30 Dec: Company Locations

H&S Co (-)	XD 898571 (Alfa Command Group)
H&S Co (-)	Vandegrift Combat Base (Bravo Command Group)

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India Co XD 854591
 Kilo Co XD 880585
 Lima Co (-) YD 026562
 Lima Co (-) YD 018593
 Mike Co XD 898571
 Golf Co 2/9 XD 994557
 Bravo Co 1/9 XD 994557

1. Conducted two company size combat patrols, six squad size combat patrols, twelve OP's, four squad size ambushes and seventeen LP's.

a. Company I. Reported finding enemy equipment at vicinity XD 877578. (See ENCLOSURE (3) II)

b. Company K. Reported finding enemy equipment at vicinity XD 882595. (See ENCLOSURE (3) II)

c. Company B 1/9. Chopped OPCON to 3/4.

d. Company G 2/9. Chopped OPCON to 2/9

31 Dec: Company Locations

H&S Co (-) XD 892571 (Alfa Command Group)
 H&S Co (-) Vandegrift Combat Base (Bravo Command Group)
 India Co XD 876579
 Kilo Co XD 880585
 Lima Co (-) YD 026562
 Lima Co (-) YD 018593
 Mike Co XD 892571
 Bravo Co 1/9 XD 994557

1. Conducted one company size search and destroy sweep, two platoon size combat patrols, one platoon size road sweep, five squad size combat patrols, fourteen CB's, three squad size ambushes and eighteen LP's.

a. Company I. Reported sighting one NVA at XD 859591. Fired 81mm mortar mission with unknown results.

II INTELLIGENCE

1. Introduction. During the month of December, the Third Battalion, Fourth Marines concentrated primarily on continuing the defense and development of Fire Bases Neville, Russell, Fuller and Sierra, LZ Mack, Camp Elliot and Khe Ghia Bridge. Throughout this period the Battalion conducted extensive patrolling in its assigned AO, locating trails and known infiltration routes and finding large caches of supplies, equipment, and many numerous bunker complexes. Due to the size and recent construction of the enemy positions and new equipment found, it is the opinion that the enemy forces are utilizing this area for infiltration routes, staging areas, and possibly to launch future offensive operations.

2. Weather. During the month of December, the weather consisted primarily of rain showers, with hot daytime temperatures and cool evening temperatures. For the period of 1-20 Dec., the wind averaged 5 to 10 knots and visibility ranged from 1 to 6 miles. The temperature averaged a high of 80 degrees and a low of 68 degrees. The humidity averaged 78%. The ceiling averaged between 500' and 2500' with early morning fog and some overcast days. For the period of 21-31 Dec., rain showers and cool weather were again predominate. The wind averaged between 5 and 10 knots and visibility ranged from 2 to 6 miles. The temperature averaged a high of 77 degrees and a low of 63 degrees. The humidity averaged 80%. The ceiling averaged between 500' and 2000' with partial overcast almost daily.

3. Enemy KIA

09 DEC 68 - Co. L	2 NVA	XD 937628
11 DEC 68 - Co. I	1 NVA	XD 921625
13 DEC 68 - Co. I	7 NVA	XD 912624
13 DEC 68 - Co. L	4 NVA	XD 906634
15 DEC 68 - Co. K	1 NVA	XD 943617

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15 DEC 68 - Co. I	1 NVA	XD 911643
16 DEC 68 - Co. I	8 NVA	XD 911643
17 DEC 68 - Co. K	1 NVA	XD 934625

4. Enemy Sightings

05 Dec 68 - Co. K	2 personnel	XD 853593
06 DEC 68 - Co. I	2 personnel	XD 858612
06 DEC 68 - Co. L	3 personnel	XD 937627
07 DEC 68 - Co. L	2 personnel	XD 938627
08 DEC 68 - Co. L	2 personnel	XD 942624
08 DEC 68 - Co. L	3 personnel	XD 921637
10 DEC 68 - Co. L	1 personnel	XD 946631
11 DEC 68 - Co. I	1 personnel	XD 908622
11 DEC 68 - Co. K	1 personnel	XD 961615
11 DEC 68 - Co. L	1 personnel	XD 923626
12 DEC 68 - Co. L	1 personnel	XD 909630
13 DEC 68 - Co. L	8 personnel	XD 906631
19 DEC 68 - Co. I	1 personnel	XD 923630
19 DEC 68 - Co. L	2 personnel	XD 927628
27 DEC 68 - Co. K	10 personnel	XD 853593
31 DEC 68 - Co. I	1 personnel	XD 859591

5. Enemy Equipment

01 DEC 68 - Co. L	7 bunkers, 1 machete	XD 965644
01 DEC 68 - Co. I	36 bunkers, 1 NVA canteen, 2 NVA ponchos, 7 cooking utensils, 2 morphine vials, 1 wrist watch	XD 965644
02 DEC 68 - Co. L	5 bunkers, 48-61mm rds, 5 cans 61mm incr- ements, 4 NVA ponchos, 2 pr. tennis shoes, 1 NVA gas mask, 1 NVA belt, 2 pamphlets, 3 ChiCom grenades, 2,250 AK-47 rds, 1 AK- 47 magazine	XD 941628
04 DEC 68 - Co. L	11 bunkers, 13-82mm rds, 8 detonators	XD 945613
04 DEC 68 - Co. I	3 bunkers	XD 908589
06 DEC 68 - Co. K	1 cave w/1 hootch and fire place	XD 845615
06 DEC 68 - Co. I	1 NVA trail, 2 fighting holes	XD 856614
08 DEC 68 - Co. L	1 bunker, 1 RPG rd, 2 claymores	XD 937628
07 DEC 68 - Co. K	1 mortar pit, 1 glass bottle, 3 tin cans, sleeping racks, numerous caves, 28 rice bowls, 4 copper frying pans	XD 837624 XD 846621
09 DEC 68 - Co. L	2 AK-47 rifles, 3 ChiCom grenades, 2 claymores	XD 937628
10 DEC 68 - Co. I	59-82mm rds, 80-82mm fuzes, 1 NVA E-tool, 1-82mm wrench, 3 claymores	XD 924626
11 DEC 68 - Co. L	1 mortar pit, 1 ChiCom grenade, a bunker complex, 4 cans increments, 50-82mm rds	XD 920626
11 DEC 68 - Co. I	19 bunkers, 782 gear and clothing, 1 clay more, 3 NVA packs, 8 graves w/bodies, 60- 82mm rds, 1 mortar pit, 2 AK-47 magazines, 3 ChiCom grenades, 12 stamps, 3 RPG rds, 1 NVA dollar bill, 10 cases AK-47 rds, 200 lbs rice	XD 916626
12 DEC 68 - Co. L	10 bunkers, 6 mortar pits, 25-82mm rds, 6 claymores, 200 AK-47 rds	XD 910630

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13 DEC 68 - Co. I	2 bunkers, 5 mortar pits, 40-82mm rds, 7 graves w/bodies, 20-82mm fuzes	XD 912624
13 DEC 68 - Co. L	80-82mm rds, 190-82mm fuzes, 1-57mm rocket rd, 26 bunkers, 3 blocks TNT, 12 ChiCom grenades, 4 graves w/bodies, 150 lbs rice, 1 1/2 cases 7.62mm rds	XD 906634
14 DEC 68 - Co. I	4 bunkers	XD 905635
15 DEC 68 - Co. I	1 grave w/body, 1 diary, 1 NVA passport, 4 RPG rds, 1 case 7.62mm rds, 1 set of NVA collar insignias, 26 bunkers, 1 SKS rifle, 18-60mm rds	XD 911643
15 DEC 68 - Co. L	2 RPG rds, 7-82mm rds, 1-75mm rocket rd, 2 packs, 1-82mm fuze, 1 NVA poncho, 4 AK-47 magazines w/ammo, 3 magazine pouches	XD 910632 XD 914626
15 DEC 68 - Co. K	2 bunkers, 1 grave w/body	XD 946625
15 DEC 68 - Co. L	6 bunkers, 1 NVA helmet	XD 943617
16 DEC 68 - Co. L	2 bunkers, 6 mortar pits, assorted rds	XD 940619
16 DEC 68 - Co. I	24 bunkers, 15 fighting holes, 12-61mm rds, 6 cans 82mm increments, 14-82mm rds, 100 AK-47 rds, 1000 7.62mm MG rds (AK-47 linked), 2 AK-47 magazines, 20 lbs rice	XD 927640 XD 928639
16 DEC 68 - Co. I	10 bunkers, 9-82mm rds, 3 belts 7.62mm MG rds (150 rds), 4 lbs TNT, 2 claymores, 2 ChiCom grenades, 2,880 rds AK-47 ammo, 1 AK-47 magazine, 1 NVA pick, 2 NVA E-tools	XD 922651
16 DEC 68 - Co. I	12 bunkers, 8 graves w/bodies	XD 911643
17 DEC 68 - Co. I	27 bunkers, 3 AK LMG drums, 2 NVA gas masks, 4 RPG rds, 3 AK-47 magazines, 14-1/2 lb blocks TNT	XD 911643
18 DEC 68 - Co. I	18 bunkers, 1 AK-47 rifle w/rds, 1 MG, 6 ChiCom grenades, 1-.30 carbine pouch, 3 helmets, 3 grenade pouches	XD 910641
21 DEC 68 - Co. K	1 mortar pit, 2 NVA packs	XD 913628
22 DEC 68 - Co. K	4 bunkers, 1 mortar pit	XD 939619
24 DEC 68 - Co. L	12 bunkers, 3 fighting holes	XD 926597
27 DEC 68 - Co. K	135-82mm rds, 1 case LMG ammo, 110 claymores, 24 RPG rds, 60 blasting caps, 30-60mm rds, 1 AT mine, 280-.50 rds, 1 AK-47 magazine, 100-.38 pistol rds	XD 882584
28 DEC 68 - Co. M	8 bunkers, 2 mortar pits, 1-82mm rd, 50-.50 rds, 1-82mm fuze, 3 B-40 rocket rds, 1 NVA helmet, 1 AK-47 magazine pouch	XD 880582 XD 881577
28 DEC 68 - Co. I	19 bunkers, 9 AK-47 magazines, 1 NVA helmet, 18-82mm fuzes, 2 NVA shovels, 20 linked MG rds, 6-82mm rds, 5 cans of 82mm increments, 2 AK-47 magazine pouches, 10 ChiCom grenades, 1-50' rope ladder	XD 873588
28 DEC 68 - Co. K	125 anti-personnel mines, 100-60mm rds, 6000 pistol rds, 2000-.50 rds, 50 RPG rds	XD 886583

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28 DEC 68 - Co. K 39-60mm rds, 80-82mm rds, 1-81mm rd,
5 ChiCom grenades, 48 claymores, 2 AK-
47 magazines, 9 RPG rds, 3 drums 7.62
ammo, 120-82mm fuzes, 3-82mm primers,
6-60mm primers, 2 NVA gas masks, 400-
7.62mm rds, 60 Soviet blasting caps XD 880585
XD 889587

29 DEC 68 - Co. I 1 bunker, 1 messhall, 4 cooking uten-
sils, 1 NVA banner XD 877576

29 DEC 68 - Co. K 20-82mm rds, 6-82mm fuzes, 40 RPG rds,
9 RPG fuzes, 4 claymores, 2 AT mines XD 886583

29 DEC 68 - Co. K 3-82mm rds, 2 claymores, 3-60mm rds,
1 mortar pit, 20' gauze, 1 syrette,
5 syringes, 6 battle dressings, 2 pill
bottles XL 875594
XD 878591

29 DEC 68 - Co. M 1-82mm rd, 1-82mm fuze, 10 bunkers, 23
fighting holes, 1 RPG rd, 1 NVA helmet, XD 876576
1 NVA canteen, 1 NVA E-tool XD 884574

30 DEC 68 - Co. I 21 bunkers, 1 messhall, 5-82mm rds XD 877578

30 DEC 68 - Co. K 313-82mm rds, 11-60mm rds, 11 claymores,
1-75mm rocket rd, 1100-.50 rds, 660 AK-
47 rds, 20-20mm tracer rds, 2 AT mines,
42 electric blasting caps, 10-7.62mm
pistol rds, 658-82mm increments, 209-
82mm primers, 622-82mm fuzes, 2 Soviet
82mm rds XD 882595

III AIR SUPPORT

DATE	TPQ's REQ	HIT	MEDEVAC	TROOP LIFT	FIXED WING	ROTOR WING	VR	NUMBER	AO TIME (HR)
1	5	2	1	1	3			3	3 1/2
2	3		7	2				1	3/4
3	3		4						
4	3	1	7				1	1	1/2
5	4	2	6	2	1			2	1 1/2
6	6	2	13	1	2		1	3	3 3/4
7	4		1		1			3	2
8	4		4		3		1	3	6
9	0	2	1		2			3	4 3/4
10	3	1	7	3	3			2	3 1/2
11	5	2	6		1			2	2
12			6					3	3 1/2
13	0	1		1					
14	3	1	1					3	3
15	3	1	4					2	1/2
16	3	1	2		1			2	1 1/2
17	3		1	1				2	2
18	3		4		3			5	7 3/4
19	2	1	1					2	3 1/2
20	2		1	1			1	1	1 1/2
21	2	1	4	2			1	2	4
22	3		2						
23	3		3						
24			1	1			1		
25	2		3					2	1 1/2
26	3	2		3				1	1 1/2
27	5	2	3		1		1	2	3 1/2
28	5		5	4	1			2	3 1/2
29	6	1	3		4			2	3
30	4		3	2	2			2	3/4
31	3		1		1			2	1 1/2
TOTAL	102	23	104	25	29	0	7	58	67 3/4

SECRETIV FIRE SUPPORT

1. The following is a summary of artillery missions for the month of December.

H&I's Hit	920
Rounds Expended	1801
TOT's Hit	71
Rounds Expended	1132
Fire Missions	272
Rounds Expended	4496

Total rounds expended: 7429

V COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS

1. Wire. Wire communications was generally good throughout the month with wire crews doing mostly maintenance work.

2. Radio. Radio communications was excellent throughout the month. Each company maintaining 12 PRC-25's and two companies with PRC-93's.

3. Message Center. No significant events.

VI LOGISTICS1. GENERAL

a. Daily resupply of Class I, III and IV items have been conducted from LZ Vandegrift by helicopters. Class II items have come by motor convoy to LZ Vandegrift from Quang Tri and by helicopter to the companies at their various positions.

b. Scheme of Operation: The S-4 operation was divided into three (3) areas.

(1) S-4 rear maintained all paperwork and coordinated movement of men and material (primarily Class II) to LZ Vandegrift.

(2) Our resupply base LZ Vandegrift is maintained with S-4 personnel one (1) supply representative from each company, the Battalion mess section, Motor Transport personnel and a mailman. During the month resupply was poor at times due to heavy rains. The messhall cooks for personnel and transients at LZ Vandegrift. Hot meals are given to the companies whenever their positions make it possible, the overall operations at LZ Vandegrift went smoothly and efficiently.

(3) The S-4 capability was always maintained with the Battalion Company Post to handle incoming and outgoing goods and provide proper liaison with the Battalion Commander at each position.

2. SUPPLY

a. The overall supply support during this period was satisfactory.

b. Some critical shortages at supplies existed and was reported in the Logistics Summary Reports:

Protective Mask-Small, Medium, Large
Rocket Launcher-3.5
Motor Transport-Repair parts
Compressor-Reciprocation Flame Thrower

3. TRANSPORTATION

a. Two (2) of the battalion's four (4) M-37B1 vehicles are operational. Two (2) are at Okirawa for major assembly repair.

b. The battalion holds twenty-nine M-274.2 (rule) vehicles with one (1) on order. Three (3) of these vehicles are awaiting turn in to FLSG-B for field maintenance. Twenty-six (26) M-214.2 vehicles are operational.

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c. One (1) M-107 water trailer has been dropped from our account and a replacement put on order. One (1) M-107 water trailer is dead-lined for parts which are on order.

<u>T/A</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>OH</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>NOIS</u>	<u>NORM</u>
51600	M-151A1	20	100%		
22040	MRC-83	2	100%		
22050	MRC-87	1	100%		
51060	MRC-109	1	100%		
51090	M-170	2	100%		
51410	M-37B1	4	50%		50%
50240	M-274A2	29	90%		10%
50140	M-255-450	1	100%		
51030	JO-M-1	1	100%		
50940	M-107A1	4	75%	25%	
50913	M101A1	6	100%		

4. MAINTENANCE

a. Minimum utilization of vehicles M-151A1 and M-274A2 have alleviated many maintenance problems. The present 1st and 2nd echelon maintenance program is highly effective and will continue for all vehicles.

VII MEDICAL AFFAIRS

1. Patients seen for the month at Vandegrift Combat Base (65)
2. Hostile Casualties Medevaced (11)
FUO's of possible Malaria Medevacs (8)

Non Hostile:

Emergency	(0)
Priority	(12)
Routine	(28)
Ft Transfers	(6)

3. A total of 57 Medevacs for the month of December.

4. Also during the month of December:

a. Three Battalion Aid Stations were maintained at LZ Russell, Vandegrift Combat Base and Quang Tri. On 26 Dec 68, LZ Russell BAS moved back to Vandegrift Combat Base and incorporated into that complex.

b. On 29 Dec 68, a majority of the rear BAS at Quang Tri was moved to Vandegrift Combat Base to set up a much larger scale operation. Most medical hold patients now be treated at Vandegrift Combat Base.

c. It was noted that a large portion of the personnel contracting Malaria were of the Vivax type vice the Falciparum type. Stronger emphasis was placed on personnel to take regularly their recommended chemotherapy.

5. Forward BAS supplied (1) corpsman with the Alpha Command Group during the field operations.

6. The Fire Base sanitary situation was satisfactory. A problem exists at Vandegrift Combat Base of rodents which will be remedied by placement of rodent control poisons.

VIII CIVIL AFFAIRS

1. No civil affairs were conducted by this Battalion for the month due to the adverse location of the Battalion.

IX LESSONS LEARNED

1. The following Lessons Learned were submitted for the month of December:

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a. Item 1 (Climbers, LC-5)

(1) Problem. During recent operations in terrain heavily populated with dense forest, the continual problem exists for the proper employment of FO's.

(2) Discussion. This situation was mastered by the utilization of the Climbers LC-5, whereby the equipment afforded the proper employment of FO's

(3) Recommendations. That the Climbers LC-5, be incorporated as the terrain dictates, whereby ensuring the capability of employing FO's throughout adverse conditions.

b. Item 2 (Water and Demolition's)

(1) Problem. Water and Demolitions, resupply of

(2) Discussion. None

(3) Recommendation. That in addition to the current items staged at Vandegrift Combat Base (LSA), there be initiated two special prestaged packages at the LSA:

a. Water for 150 personnel

b. Demolitions

This would further benefit units in the field, to have on call in the event the tactical situation dictates its utilization without having to go through normal resupply channels.

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

OPERATION CADELL 12-68

Ref: (a) Maps: Viet Nam, 1:50,000 AMS Series L7014, Sheets 6342 I,
6342 IV
(b) DivC P2000 4-C (Comm SOF)
(c) DivC P02000.26 (CCI)

TIME ZONE: Hotel

Task Organization: No change to present Task Organization.

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces: See current Intoms
- b. Friendly Forces: 4th Marines conducts two Battalion sweeps to locate and destroy enemy forces, installations, caches or weapons sites in the Area of Operation.
- c. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines conducts sweep on west flank in conjunction with 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines.
- d. 1st MAW provides fixed wing, helicopters and Aerial Observer support. No change to artillery support.

2. MISSION: 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines conducts Battalion Operations with three companies in the Area of Operation to seize Regimental Objectives 1, 3, 5 and 7 and Battalion Objectives as directed, in order to locate and destroy enemy forces, installations, weapons sites or caches in the Area of Operation. (See Annex A: Operation Overlay)

3. EXECUTION

a. 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines conducts overland displacement of one company to secure Landing Zone at Regimental Objective 1 at LD 880585. Conducts helilift of two companies to Objective 1. Initiates operations with one company to seize Regimental Objective 3 at LD 892573 and Company Objectives Alpha and Bravo at LD 873589 and LD 876575. Conducts sweep of ridge and stream with company west of Objectives 1 and 3 on order. Continues operations on order to seize Regimental Objectives 5 and 7 and Battalion Objectives.

b. Company "I"

- (1) Commencing 1000H conducts helilift to Objective 1. Attacks to seize Company Objective Alpha, hill at LD 873579.
- (2) On order, continues sweep along ridge and seizes northern portion of Regimental Objective 3 at LD 884572.
- (3) Conducts night time activities as required.

c. Company "K"

- (1) At 0700H, conducts displacement from Landing Zone at LD 897588 to secure Landing Zone at LD 880585, Regimental Objective 1. Conducts observation posts and security patrols as required.
- (2) Be prepared to accept 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines' Command Post.
- (3) On order, conduct sweep to seize Company Objective Charlie. Be prepared to continue operations on order, to seize Company Objective Fox-Trot, Golf, Hotel and India and conduct sweep of stream and ridge east of the Area of Operation or establish patrol bases if required.
- (4) Conducts night time activities as required.

SECRETd. Company "L"

(1) Continue operations from present position in accordance with daily Frag Order.

(2) Be prepared from helilift or displacement to assume mission of assault company on order.

e. Company "M"

(1) Commencing at 1000H conduct helilift to Objective 1; attack to seize Company Objective Bravo at AD 876575.

(2) Be prepared to provide security for Company "I" sweep from Objective Bravo.

(3) On order, continue operations and sweep to seize southern portion of Objective 3 and seize Landing Zone at AD 891573.

(4) Conducts night time activities as required.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. No change to present directives or LOP.

b. Two-day MCI, BA ammo, three canteens of water.

c. MedEvac IAW present directives.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

a. No change to present SOP.

b. 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines Command Post will be located initially with Company "K".

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Annex:

✓ a. Operation Overlay