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Encl: (1) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), and (c),
 Enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANAZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein)	Lt. Col. J. K. GRIFFIS JR. 1-31 December 1969
H&S Company	Capt. L. C. BROADWELL 1-31 December 1969
Company A	1st Lt. J. A. HEILIG 1-31 December 1969
Company B	1st Lt. W. HARLEY 1-22 December 1969
	Capt. D. L. MCINTURFF 23-31 December 1969
Company C	1st Lt. P. N. MEIER 1-31 December 1969
Company D	1st Lt. J. D. LENIHAN 1-31 December 1969

2. LOCATIONS

1. During the month of December, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines primarily operated in the Thuong Duc Valley and Charlie Ridge area. The Battalion had three permanent defensive perimeters to occupy and defend.

a. Hill 65 CM(877575) is the prominent terrain feature in the eastern portion of the valley. The Hill is occupied by the CP, H&S Company, one infantry company, Delta Battery 2/11, and 2nd Platoon 8" guns. Positions are under construction for one platoon of 175mm guns. The mission of the infantry on Hill 65 is primarily security. In addition the company conducts night and day activities, and provides security for road sweeps on Route 4 from Hill 37 to Hill 52. The bridge on Route 4 CM(866573) is defended 24 hours a day by Marines from Hill 65.

b. Hill 25 CM(839568). One platoon is located on Hill 25 reinforced by a section of 81mm mortars and one 106 Recoilless Rifle. The Marine unit in cooperation and coordination with a platoon from 193rd RF Company conduct category I and II operations along Route 4 and the Thuong Duc Valley.

c. Hill 52 CM(218553). One Company (-) in conjunction with the 193rd RF Company (-) occupies the commanding terrain feature at the western extrem-

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ity of the AO. The Marines continually conduct patrols and operate in the foothills of Charlie Ridge and along Route 4. In addition, the Song Vu Gia is under constant surveillance to preclude the enemy from using the river as a LOC to the Arizona area.

Most of the month one company has operated throughout Charlie Ridge, a mountain mass characterized by steep hills and thick canopy. It is difficult to surreptitiously approach the enemy in this terrain because the number of avenues of approach are limited the the high ground provides the ability to observe troop movement from great distances.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj. J. J. SHERIDAN 1-31 December 1969
S-1 Officer/Adjutant	Capt. E. W. HAUKAAS 1-31 December 1969
S-2 Officer	S/Sgt. J. J. WATSON 1-20 December 1969
	2nd Lt. M. K. O'SULLIVAN 21-31 December 1969
S-3 Officer	Capt. D. L. MCINTURFF 1-22 December 1969
	Maj. L. A. BICKLEY 23-31 December 1969
S-3A Officer	1st Lt. G. J. AYERS 1-31 December 1969
S-4 Officer	Capt. M. D. WLY 1-31 December 1969
S-5 Officer	2nd Lt. T. DAVIDSON 1-31 December 1969
Communications Officer	Capt. L. C. BROADWELL 1-31 December 1969
Medical Officer	Lt. L. W. BASSETT (USN) 1-31 December 1969 Hill 65
Medical Officer	Lt. A. J. ALEXANDER JR. (USN) 17-31 December 1969 An Hoa
Supply Officer	2nd Lt. T. E. ROBINSON 1-31 December 1969

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Motor Transport Officer	2nd Lt. J. A. MUEHLEISEN 1-31 December 1969
Assistant Adj./Legal Officer	2nd Lt. D. E. CRUSHANK 1-31 December 1969
Chaplain	Lt. T. O. ATWOOD (USN) 1-9 December 1969
	Lt. Cmdr. E. L. HUGHES (USN) 10-31 December 1969
Air Liaison Officers	1st Lt. R. F. CURD III 1-31 December 1969
Artillery Liaison Officer	1st Lt. J. V. DUNLAP 1-31 December 1969
	1st Lt. D. H. WYATT 1-31 December 1969

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN	
<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
37	1138	3	56



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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the past month, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines has had limited enemy contact and a reduced number of enemy kills. The Battalion used periods of the month for effectively training units for operations in mountainous jungle areas. A platoon or company operated on Charlie Ridge at all times except for the period 17 December through 23 December, when Charlie Company was O&C ON to 3/5 Command Group "B" employed as security for Liberty Bridge. The operations effectively served to interdict the Charlie Ridge trail complex into the DaNang vital area which is in the AO. On the 2nd of December, Bravo Company, Charlie Company, and a mobile CP, displaced rapidly on Charlie Ridge in response to an Intelligence Report from a Chieu Hoi that a large weapons cache was at the trail and creek junction AT831610. While Bravo Company was held up by booby traps and sniper fire, Charlie Company from a position on eastern Charlie Ridge, climbed to the top of Hill 722 by 1330 and Bravo Company rested Hill 886 by 1400 on the 3rd. With Bravo Company on 886, Charlie Company deployed 2nd Platoon to check out the area. An extensive search of the area was unable to disclose any caches.

Charlie Company left its 3rd Platoon reinforced on 722 and returned to Hill 65. Bravo Company and the jump CP remained one more night on 886 and were heli-lifted back to Hill 65 at mid-morning on the 4th.

While Charlie Company continued to keep a platoon on Charlie Ridge, Alpha Company assumed responsibility for Division Bald Eagle reaction commitment and the Regimental reserve. Bravo Company continued to operate from Hills 52 and 25 and Delta Company remained as An Hoa Base Defense Augmentation Company.

On the night of the 3rd, Hill 65 received 4 incoming 82mm rounds. On the night of the 6th, Bravo Company received an estimated 4-5 rounds of mortar fire. The rounds landed 150 meters outside the perimeter at Hill 52. Bravo Company rapidly responded with 60mm, 81mm, and an Arty mission on suspected grids with unknown results.

On the 7th, a squad from Charlie Company on Tam Hoi Bridge CM(866573) on route 4 was informed that 3 VC across the river wanted to Chieu Hoi. They sent a VN boat across the river and picked up the 3 Chieu Hoi's. Later that day 3rd Platoon Bravo Company, shot one of an unknown number of enemy in a camp site at coordinates 791584. They found an M1 carbine and medical gear. A large amount of shackle and crypto gear was recovered from the body of the dead NVA.

On the 8th, Alpha Company spotted one tiger (feline) at 210582. There were a few great white hunters who fired at him, but no war trophies were taken that day. 2nd Platoon, Bravo Company, while sweeping into the objective area where they had killed the NVA on the 7th, received CS gas fumes from an undetermined source to their north. No enemy contact was made but the area was searched out thoroughly but nothing significant was found.

Major General O.R. Simpson, rotating to CONUS after being Commanding General for 1st Marine Division for the past 12 months, came aboard and bid his farewell to the officers and men of 1/5.

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Bravo Company exchanged missions and AO's with Delta Company. (Bravo Company as An Hoa Base Defense Augmentation and Delta as security for Hills 52 and 25). Alpha's 3rd Platoon moved onto Charlie Ridge to run aggressive patrols and night activities. On the 11th the P.F.s on Hill 52 took one Chieu Hoi who stated that an airstrike by the Marines killed ten of his comrades at 801539. The Operations Officer and other Battalion officers made a liaison visit to Thuong Duc DIDG camp (ZC140532).

3rd Platoon, Delta Company, while emplacing Mini SIDS, located a freshly dug tunnel at 798566, they also hit one booby trap, injuring 2 Marines. 3rd Platoon, Alpha Company, while set up on Charlie Ridge (872624) observed 20 VC/NVA moving west at (875625). An artillery fire mission was called an AO fired on-board ordnance on the target but the results could not be checked out because of darkness.

On the 13th Charlie Company and Alpha Company went on a joint operation to cordon and search the "Wistbone" Lake area in conjunction with one squad of P.F.s. The Marines provided the blocking forces and the P.F.s conducted a thorough search. The results were negative, security for a Recon diver team searching the lake tripped a 60mm, wounding 4 Marines.

On 14 December, 1969, two VC crossed over from the Arizona and surrendered to the Marines on Tan Hoi Bridge (AT866573).

1st Platoon, Alpha Company killed 1 VC/NVA while operating on Charlie Ridge on the 15th. He was eating chow and was flushed by the detonation of a hand grenade. When he ran from the Marines he was killed by small arms fire.

On the 17th, members of 3rd Platoon, Charlie Company were sent out in response to an intelligence report from the Loc My Village Chief that there were enemy in the area. On arriving in the area, vicinity 884557, the Marines spotted several children beginning to bury rice, fish, and kerosene. The children ran as the patrol approached. IOD was requested to scan the southern side of the river. In doing so they discovered 10 VC/NVA running south from the river bank. A subsequent fire mission (artillery) killed five of the fleeing enemy.

On the 21st, a truck resupplying Hills 52 and 25, following a road sweep detonated a 50-60lb. box mine. The truck was completely destroyed and 16 Marines were medevaced. A 4 ft. deep and 8 ft. wide crater was left in the middle of the road by the explosion. Subsequently five of the Marines died.

On the 22nd the road sweep on Route 4 observed a UNIL gunship drop out of the sky, rolling over on impact. The road sweep set up security around the helicopter and helped 3 wounded USMC into a chase plane which had landed at the scene of the incident. Earlier, Major General Wheeler, the new Commanding General of 1st Marine Division, had visited Hill 65 and inspected the area.

On the 23rd Major J.J. Sheridan supervised the distribution of gifts to approximately 1,000 Vietnamese who reside in the An Hoa area or who were patients at the German Hospital.

At 1800 on the 24th the Christmas cease fire went into effect. Numerous activations on the sensor devices were noted almost immediately after the cease fire began, connotating the enemy was still busy. Early Christmas morning found the Song Vu Gia dotted with small boats. Apper-

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ently the enemy was using the cease fire to resupply troops in the Arizona with foodstuffs from civilians on the northern side of the river. A platoon from Delta Company on Hill 65 was sent down to investigate and the boat activity ceased abruptly.

On Christmas Day gifts were distributed by Special Services to all the Marines in 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. A turkey and roast beef dinner was superbly prepared by the Mess Sergeant, S/Sgt. Lescher and his cooks. The highlight of the day took place when gifts were given out by 1/5 to the Vietnamese children in the area by a Santa Claus bedecked in a red suit "constructed" from bright red mail sacks. Cease fire stopped at 1800 and fire missions began immediately.

On the 27th Alpha Company became OPCON to 5th Marines for An Hoa Base Defense Augmentation, simultaneously Bravo Company was heli-lifted to Hill 65 in preparation to conduct category II operations on Charlie Ridge vicinity AF870625 and conduct aggressive day and night acts to interdict IUG's through the AO toward the DaNang vital area. Charlie Company, Alpha Company and one platoon from the 193rd P.F.s conducted a cordon and search of HS NHA I AF8C55b4. One NVA Captain Chieu Hoi'd from inside the village. A Med-Cap was held by the Battalion Medical Officer and his corpsmen in conjunction with 3-5 at 863576. A total of 31 Vietnamese were treated.

Bravo Company moved to Charlie Ridge on 28 December. The 28th is the anniversary of the NVA Peoples Army, but the enemy did not choose to celebrate the occasion with any action, as had been anticipated. Bravo Company at 866628 on Charlie Ridge killed one NVA moving along a speed trail. In her pack, the dead enemy soldier was carrying rubber tubing believed to be used for tourniquets, and bottles of a clear solvent.

On the 31st, enemy movement was detected all around the AO after 1800. The Battalion was unable to take any responsive measures due to the cease fire.

1st Battalion, 5th Marines concluded a very rewarding and successful year of being actively engaged in offensive combat and defeating the enemy at every turn.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTSA. TOPICSPersonnel and Administration

a. Strength. The Battalion's strength at the beginning of the month was 57 officers and 1178 enlisted. On the 15th of the month, the strength had changed to 57 officers and 1101 enlisted. By the end of the month, the strength was 57 officers and 1137 enlisted. Presently there are two officers and 16 enlisted hospitalized.

b. Discipline, Law and Legal. Two Summary Courts-Martial, nine Special Courts-Martial, and one General Court-Martial were convened during December. During the same period, nine Company and three Battalion Office Hours (JHO) were also held. There were six completed investigations with three still pending for the month.

c. POW/Detainees. There were 12 detainees processed during this month. They were classified as follows:

POW's	0 NVA	0 VC	0 Total
Hoi Chanks	0 NVA	3 VC	3 Total
Civil Defendants			0 Total
Innocent Civilians			9 Total

d. Morale. Morale and fighting spirit continued to be excellent.

e. Postal. Postal service continued at the same degree of excellence.

f. Awards. During the month of December, there were 38 Navy Achievement medals, 10 Navy Commendation medals, and 8 Bronze Stars submitted for heroism and meritorious service. There were 27 meritorious promotions submitted and 10 meritorious combat promotions were approved.

g. Interior Management. Administrative procedures and proficiency continued to be excellent.

2. Enemy, Weather, and Terrain

a. Enemy. During the reporting period the enemy was a little more aggressive as noted by the box mine incident on the 21st. It is noted that 38 fire missions were called during this reporting period as a result of Sensor Activations in the lower slope of Charlie Ridge, primarily string #1. The resulting enemy casualties are unknown. Captured enemy documents, interrogation reports, and intelligence reports continue to indicate that the enemy is still hoping to launch offensive actions against the FVNAT forces during this Winter-Spring campaign, 69-70. However, it is doubtful that the enemy will be able to accomplish his mission on the

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scale he desires due to hunger, disease and continuing low morale. The Battalion continues to thwart the enemy's ability to use mines and booby traps extensively by conducting an active program using V.I.P. funds to procure explosive ordnance throughout the AO. Leaflets are passed out and money is paid on the spot. Ordnance items are turned in almost daily through this program.

b. Weather. During this period, the weather was characterized by low ceilings, intermittent rain, and monsoonal mist which hampered our air operations, and restricted road travel due to erosion and wind.

c. Terrain. Unchanged.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

a. Organization. The organization of the Battalion consisted of the following units being detached from the 1st Battalion and other units under operational control of the 1st Battalion during the following periods:

- (1) Company "D" 1/5 OPCON to 5th Marines from 0001 1 December 1969 to 1800 10 December 1969.
- (2) Company "B" 1/5 OPCON to 5th Marines from 1300 10 December 1969 to 1400 27 December 1969.
- (3) Company "A" 1/5 OPCON to 5th Marines from 1400 27 December 1969 to 2559 31 December 1969.
- (4) Company "C" 1/5 OPCON to 3/5 Command Group "B" 1500 17 December 1969 to 1500 23 December 1969.

b. Operations. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines from 2-4 December 1969 conducted a category II operation on Charlie Ridge. On 13 December 1969 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducted a cordon and search of MA NH (I). The rest of the period was spent in rice denial and category I and II operations on Charlie Ridge and in the Thuong Duc Valley.

Supporting Arms

(1) Air. The Battalion continued to receive outstanding support from both the 1st MAW and the U.S.A.F. Since we operated from a static position in a pacified area, the overall level of support was lower than usual; but made good use of the A-6 radar beacon and added several innovations. First of all the Battalion relied more heavily on S-2 for target information since our units very seldom come into actual contact. The Battalion was able to place fire on a target within 12 hours of an S-2 report. Secondly, close coordination was developed with the IOD team from 11th Marines at Hill 65 to make corrections as small as 10 seconds of a degree radially and 20 meters in range distance on targets as far away as 7,000 meters. These improvements resulted in swifter, more accurate coverage of the targets selected. Target damage assessments were low due to the fact that the targets were hit in locations which could not be searched in a timely manner. A detailed report of air support rendered

- (2) Company "A" 1/5 OPCON to 3/5 OPCON to 5th Marines from 1300 10 December 1969 to 1400 27 December 1969.
- (3) Company "B" 1/5 OPCON to 5th Marines from 1300 10 December 1969 to 1400 27 December 1969.
- (4) Company "C" 1/5 OPCON to 3/5 Command Group "B" 1500 17 December 1969 to 1500 23 December 1969.

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during the month follows:

(a) Fixed Wing. A total of 55 flights of fixed wing were flown in support of this Battalion. 28 TACA aircraft provided 22.5 hours of direct support utilizing 3 flights of F-4s. There was one ground controlled flight of A-4s. A-6 beacon aircraft provided the bulk of our support with 21 missions. Basketball aircraft were utilized twice providing a total of 6.5 hours of illumination. The BDA from the above flight is tabulated as follows:

Treeline Cleared	615 meters
Secondary Fires	3
Secondary Explosions	3
Killed by Air	10 possible (reported by a Hoi Chanh)
Total Tonnage of Ordnance	
Dropped (55 Flights)	122.25 tons

(b) Rotary Wing. Helicopter missions consisted of daily re-supply missions; and dedevacs, which are listed below:

TYPE	ENER	PRIORITY	ROUTINE	KIA-ROUTINE
USMC	18	18	24	6
Civilian	0	4	7	0
Detainees	0	0	0	0

(c) Significant Developments. Although the Battalion remained in a relatively static posture throughout the month; the overall effective level of Air Support remained with the great majority of these strikes being flown against Intelligence targets in the Charlie Ridge area.

(2) Artillery. During the month of December the 1/5 AO continued to be along Charlie Ridge and Thuong Duc Valley to the south of the ridge.

Because of the pacified nature of a large portion of our AO, the majority of artillery effort has been in the improvement and usefullness of H&I fire. To this end the Bailey Team has worked closely with S-2 personnel to find the most current reports of enemy activity; the most used trails river crossings and harbor sites. Evidence exists that the efforts have been successful due to reports made by several Hoi Chanh to the effect that enemy forces along Charlie Ridge had sustained considerable losses as a result of H&I fire. From the 15th through and including the 30th, daytime H&I's were fired in the northwest portion of the 1/5 AO since no activities were allowed in the area for the period of time mentioned. Again these H&I's were worked-up in conjunction with S-2 personnel.

In order to make our H&I's even more effective they were carefully integrated with 82mm, 60mm, 106 RR, and, in some instances .50 caliber fire.

During December, Seismic Intrusion Devices (SIDS) were planted in the AO and though difficulty with clearances was at first experienced, these difficulties were overcome and artillery began firing on targets with VT, weather permitting, as activations were received.

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In addition to KIA's, prep fires were called by F.O.'s in support of their companies' activities. Forward observers also called several illumination missions in support of their companies for a total of 125 fire missions. Delta Battery provided excellent artillery support for 1/5 during the period with 105 and 155 Howitzers. In firing the above mentioned targets 9319 HE rounds were expended as well as 69 WP, and 59 illumination rounds. There were no confirmed artillery KIA's during this period. Artillery personnel manning the IOD tower logged a total of 48 KIA's, 16 probables, and 9 structures destroyed during the month. Their firing was done in the Arizona territory and Charlie Ridge area.

(3) Engineers. During the month of December the engineers of Company B, 1st Engineer Battalion operated out of the static positions occupied by the Battalion and attached to companies on search and destroy operations. The main body of Company B, 1st Engineers stayed with the Battalion HQ on Hill 65, from this position their main activity was conducting road sweeps to Hills 37, 25, and 52, to discover any mines that had been laid along Route 4. On Hill 65 itself, the engineers have a continuous program of building ammo and fighting bunkers, improvement of living facilities, etc. Also in preparation for the movement of 175mm artillery pieces to Hill 65, the engineers and artillerymen have built two 20'x24' bunkers and precut another 10'x24' which artillery personnel constructed.

(4) Shore Party (HST). HST's were provided by Company B, 1st Shore Party Battalion; they were primarily employed in coordinating and effecting Helicopter Medevacs, visual reconnaissance, and "Mission 14" resupply, on the various static positions and field operations of this Battalion.

(5) Scout Snipers. Detachment Scout Sniper Platoon, Headquarters Company, 5th Marines continued to provide outstanding support to the Battalion. Although the sniper did not register any kills during the past month, their support was excellent. They were utilized on O.P.'s, patrols and tower watch at night and during the day.

(6) Motor Transportation. The 1st Battalion, 5th Marines has used their motor transport section, forward in numerous ways. Their services are used in the resupply of Hills 52 and 25. For the first 3 weeks of the month, two 6x6, M-35, $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks attached to 1/5 have resupplied the entire Battalion. This resupply included chow, ammo, building materials (i.e. wood, sand bags, wire, engineering stakes, etc.), personal gear, 762 gear, and water. The 4x4, M-151-A1, $\frac{1}{4}$ ton trucks, and their M-416 trailers have performed a multi-purpose task. They have enabled the Battalion to remain self-sufficient by making it possible to transport personnel to and from DaNang and An Hoa, and have associated with the 6x6's to transport cargo over considerable distances. The M-274-A $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton, platform truck has been invaluable to the Battalion. The mules have averaged over 6 hours of running time per mule, per day, transporting everything from ammo to water for the companies. The 1/5 motor transportation section forward has been running at optimum level of efficiency and has main-

tained a low deadline rate at the same time. Motor "T" personnel have not only kept the vehicles on the road, but have built several defensive fighting positions, a tire shop, maintenance shop, a shower, re-painted their living quarters and started building a lubrication rack and a POL rack. Two M116 "Huskies" were attached from 11th Motor Transport Battalion 1-10 December and were used to assist in resupplying Hills 52 and 25. These vehicles were extremely useful as the monsoons continued and the road was often hardly trafficable. However, they were retracted by 11th Motors due to other commitments within the Division.

(7) Tanks. Two flame tanks from Flame Platoon, 1st Tank Battalion provided excellent support on Hill 65. The tanks were used in the following manner:

- (1) Burning undergrowth and clearing fields of fire on sides of Hill 65.
- (2) Pulling out vehicles that were stuck in the mud along Route 4.
- (3) Provided .50 caliber machine gun fire to H&I along Charlie Ridge.

The major problem encountered with the tanks was the limited availability of napalm for the flame tanks to more effectively use this unit.

4. TRAINING

a. The following Training was conducted during the month.

- (1) Weapons Safety
- (2) Weapons Inspection, Care and Cleaning
- (3) Mapping and Compass
- (4) Leadership
- (5) Viet Cong Mines and Pocby traps
- (6) Personnel Response
- (7) Drug Abuse
- (8) Familiarization Firing of the M16, M60, .45 Caliber Pistol
- (9) XM-174 Automatic Grenade Launcher
- (10) Company Night Movement
- (11) Forward Observer Procedures
- (12) Venereal Diseases
- (13) 60mm mortar M19 (live firing)
- (14) Quick Kill Techniques
- (15) Uniform Appearance
- (16) Military Customs and Courtesy
- (17) Individual and Group Hygiene in the field
- (18) General Orders
- (19) Handling of POW's and Chieu Hoi's
- (20) Savings 10% Deposit Program and G.E.D.
- (21) Troop Leading Steps
- (22) Conduct of a Marine in and out of the field
- (23) Anti-Personnel Mine-M18A1
- (24) AN/PRC 25 Radio
- (25) M-26 Hand Grenade

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- (26) Embarkation Procedures
- (27) Nomenclature of the 81mm mortar
- (28) Crew Training for 81mm mortar teams
- (29) Bore sighting of the 81mm mortar
- (30) Physical Training
- (31) Correct laying of the 81mm mortar
- (32) Care and Cleaning of the 106mm Recoilless Rifle
- (33) Crew training for the 106mm Recoilless Rifle
- (34) Arming of the anti-personnel rounds for the 106 Recoilless Rifle
- (35) Care and Cleaning of Flamethrowers
- (36) Nomenclature, general maintenance, firing procedures (flame thrower)
- (37) Communications Security
- (38) Preventive Maintenance PRC/25 Radio
- (39) Classification Headings
- (40) Electrical Safety
- (41) Preventive First Aid
- (42) Combat Intelligence
- (43) KY-38
- (44) Drivers Training for Testing and Licensing L.D.A.
- (45) Weekly Preventive Maintenance
- (46) Procedures for completing NAVFAC 1062750
- (47) On the job training
- (48) Vehicle Safety
- (49) Shop Safety
- (50) Immediate Action Drills
- (51) Terrain Appreciation
- (52) VA Benefits
- (53) Battle Sights (Live Firing)
- (54) Scouting and Patroling

b. All companies while providing security for Hill 65 continued to hold instruction and familiarization firing of all individual and crew served weapons.

c. A Mine/Booby trap lane was constructed by the Battalion at Hill 65. The lane will be used daily by one squad from the Battalion on a rotational basis. In addition all replacement personnel will be required to go through the lane as part of Battalion check-in procedures.

d. Replacement personnel received five (5) days training at 5th Marines Headquarters prior to being committed to the field.

e. The Battalion continued to utilize schools provided by higher Headquarters in the DaNang area and Okinawa. The value of the schools is recognized, however, this had an adverse effect on the rifle-companys in-the-field strength.

5. LOGISTICS. During the period 1-31 December 1969, this Battalion continued to operate from Hill 65 (AT878576). In addition to organic transportation, the Battalion utilized vehicles from Company A, 1st

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Motor Transport Battalion. This normally consisted of three M35 trucks. Two of these vehicles were kept on Hill 65 where they were used as "House-keeping Vehicles" and for resupply. These trucks hauled Class I and V from DaNang, Class III from Hill 37 (AT915582), and were used for distributing all classes of supplies from Hill 65 to the company occupying Hills 52 (AT788552) and 25 (AT806553). The third truck came from An Hoa, and was used to transport Classes II and IV, mail, and personnel from An Hoa to Hill 65.

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The loss of the two "Huskies" hindered logistics operations and it was determined that available inorganic transportation assets were inadequate to support the Battalion by providing resupply, and transporting sufficient materials to make needed improvements in living and working spaces and field fortifications at Hill 65. Therefore, liaison was effected with the Division G-4 and FIC and arrangements were made to provide selective loading of FIC convoys carrying Class I and V supplies from DaNang, so that certain trucks, designated for 1/5 would separate themselves from the convoy at Hill 37 (AT915582) and proceed directly to Hill 65. Several problems were encountered in initiating the system. It had not worked adequately until 30 December 1969. The use of FIC vehicles made it possible for the 1st Motors vehicles to be more readily available for "Housekeeping" functions, and for resupply of Hills 52 and 25.

Field fortifications were improved considerably at Hill 65 with addition of wire, sandbags, and reinforcement of bunkers.

6. CIVIC ACTION. General: On the morning of the 25th of December the S-5 section attended a Christmas gathering at the Protestant Church in Truong An Hamlet (AT868574). In the afternoon, a Christmas Party was given on Hill 65 for 20 children from Loc My Village, 15 from Loc An, and 15 from Loc Quang. Each child was accompanied by a Marine and was given a present. Refreshments were served and Lt. Col. Griffis expressed our Christmas greetings to the Village Chief of Loc An and representatives from Loc My and Loc Quang, who returned Vietnamese greetings to the Marines. A gift of a set of tools was presented to each village representative as a token of friendship of the American people.

General Walt Scholarships: Eighteen elementary level students received \$100.00 VN each for the month of December. This was the last month of the four month scholarships.

Personal Assistance:

a. 80 lbs. of food	e. 1 carpentry kit
b. 400 lbs. of clothing	f. 2 resettlement kits
c. 200 school kits	g. 300 bottles of Anacin
d. 1 masonry kit	

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Medical Assistance. Six Med-Caps were held - two at Ha Nha Hamlet (AT788-548) with 262 persons treated, Nghia Tay Hamlet (AT883585) with 50 persons treated, Tam Hoa Hamlet (AT863573) with 110 persons treated, Truong An Hamlet (AT868574) with 93 persons treated, and Song Binh Hamlet (AT876579) with 24 persons treated.

The Battalion Aid Station gave treatment to an average of 20 persons per week and 4 persons were evacuated to DaNang for further treatment.

Industrial Relation Activitics: A Vietnamese gift shop contracted with a PX system was brought aboard the Hill 65 Cantonment.

7. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS: Eight aerial leaflet drops were used in the Valley between Hill 52 and Hill 65 and over Charlie Ridge. The primary messages were Chieu Hoi and the V.I.P. Program.

Two aerial broadcasts were used in the Vu Gia River Valley carrying a Pro-GVN message.

An audio-visual team showed 2 hours of movies at Truong An Hamlet, consisting of "Transportation - USA", 2 Vietnamese comedies, and a film showing Vietnamese Forces in action.

8. COMMUNICATIONS. Several innovations were made in communications during the month of December. On the 10th, in accordance with Division directives, the Battalion began employing secure voice transmission on equipment (cipher) on its chief tactical nets. No problems were encountered in initiating cipher procedures. All Communications Platoon personnel had received ample training after a partial issue of cipher equipment was made several months ago. Company officers and NCO's were given special briefings and instruction on capabilities, logistical requirements, and physical safeguards associated with the secure voice program.

The tech shop and message center also made important additions to their capabilities this month. The technicians built a hot locker, an essential item for preventing corrosion and electrical shorts in communications gear during the monsoon season. The message center had difficulty towards the end of the month maintaining its teletype link with regiment. To combat this frequent loss of a valuable communications link, message center personnel are now establishing an alternate route through the Battalion rear. When not needed for the transmission of tactical teletype traffic, the new station will be used for training purposes.

At the forward base, all communicators joined the general effort to "harden" living quarters and add supplementary positions on the perimeter. As the much-needed blast walls, bunkers, and fighting holes neared completion in the latter part of the month, daily classes were organized on subjects including weapons safety, electrical safety, malaria prevention, and safeguarding classified material.

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SIGNIFICANT CASUALTIES INFILCTED OR SUSTAINED: VC/NVA CAPTUREDa. Friendly Casualties
1st Battalion, 5th Marines

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
KIA	4	0
WIAE	13	1
WIAME	4	0
DOW	3	0
DOD	0	0
NBC	8	0
NBD	3	0

Friendly Casualties
Units OPCON to 1st Bn.

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
KIA	0	0
WIAE	1	0
WIAME	1	0
DOW	0	0
NBC	0	0
NBD	0	0

b. Enemy Casualties

KIA	NVA 23	VC 26	TOTAL 49
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10. SIGNIFICANT HEAVY ORDNANCE CAPTURED DURING THE MONTH NONE11. SIGNIFICANT MUNITIONS CAPTURED/FOUND AND DESTROYED DURING THE MONTH

3-60mm Mortar rounds
6-25 lb. Shape Charges
1-Chi-Ccm grenade

12. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY EQUIPMENT/FOOD STORES CAPTURED DURING THE MONTH

15 pounds of rice	Miscealaneous Documents
Assorted letters	Small Knives

13. ENEMY BOOBY TRAPS/MINES FOUND AND DESTROYED DURING THE MONTH

<u>Booby traps found</u>	<u>Booby traps/mines detonated</u>
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9-M26 Grenades	1-ChiCom grenade w/pressure detonater
1-105mm round w/pressure release detonater	1-M26 grenade w/pressure release det.
	2-60mm mortar rounds w/tripwire
	1-105mm round w/tripwire
	1-60-75 lb. box mine-pressure det.

14. ENTRIES. See Tab "A" to Enclosure (1) (Staff Journal for the period of 010001H through 312400H December 1969).

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

✓ Tab "A" Staff Journal for period of 1 December through 31 December 1969.

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				Journal Opened	
0800	1	010800H		Requested 1 VR for 1000 02 Dec. 69 from Moose Peak.	Regt.
0930	2	010930H		B-2 Platoon while on patrol found cave complex. Complex looked well used and contained sandbags, chow bags and a fireplace. Vicinity of ZC208578.	S.F.
0950	3	010950H		B-2 Platoon while on patrol found 6 shaped charges (U.S.) in vicinity of AT791595.	S.F.
1055	4	011055H		Intell. Report: NVA POW indicates supply route from Base Camp vicinity AT805628 to Loc Phwoc (2) (H) vicinity AT797564.	S.F.
1145	5	011455H		B-2 while on patrol found 1-250 lb. bomb vicinity 792589. Due to lack of explosives, bomb was marked for future destruction.	S.F.
1545	6	011545H		Intell. Report: NVA POW states re- supply route to stream located vicin- ity AT8062 to stream located vicinity AT8061. Route crosses stream vicinity 813583, then follows trail located vicinity AT811581 to stream located vicinity AT798576, then follows stream east to AT797568 and proceeds to AT797564 and Lam Tay vicinity AT798561. S.F.	

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1100	1	021100H	2 VN youths brought 1- M-2 compass to Bn. S-2 for V.I.P. payment. S-2 paid 400 piastres.	S.F.
1100	2	021400H	B Company and Bn. CP were on patrol route vicinity AT814577 when enemy sniper fired 6 rds. at patrol. Bravo returned 30 rds. small arms and continued on patrol. Shortly after moving, several more sniper rounds were received from vicinity AT815587 and AT820587. Bravo then called OV-10 2-Cobra gunships to fire on snipers. Units of B Company returned small arms fire and 60 mm mortar HE.	S.F.
1630	3	021630H	B-2 while enroute to company objective tripped M-26 frag. grenade booby trap vicinity AT823584, causing 2 emergency and 2 priority medevacs. Medevac was called and when chopper landed in LZ it took sniper fire from vicinity AT821585. Cobra gunships expended their ordnance and medevac was completed.	S.F.
1700	4	021700H	B Company while moving to company objective found 2 booby traps vicinity AT821583 and AT822584. First booby trap was M-26 Frag grenade, second boobytrap was Chi-com grenade. Both were hooked to trip wires and were blown in place.	S.F.

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TIME IN	SER NO	DATETIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
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0800	1	030800H	5 VN youths brought in 12- M-16 magazines loaded and 1- M-26 frag grenade to Bn. S-2 for V.I.P. payment. S-2 paid out 312 piastres.	S.F.
1030	2	031030H	1 VN youth brought in 1-105 rd. to Bn. S-2 for V.I.P. payment. S-2 paid out 1000 piastres.	S.F.
1200	3	031200H	1 VN youth brought in 1-LAAW rd. to Bn. S-2 for V.I.P. payment. S-2 paid 500 piastres.	S.F.
1300	4	031300H	1 VN youth brought in 1- M-26 frag grenade to Bn. S-2 for V.I.P. payment. S-2 paid 300 piastres.	S.F.
1430	5	031130H	1 VN youth brought in 1-Chi-com grenade and 1- M-79 HE rd. to Bn. S-2 for V.I.P. payment. S-2 paid out 600 piastres.	S.F.
1900	6	031900H	1 VN youth entered northeast end of perimeter under pretense of knowing S-2 personnel. Local Hamlet Chief believes youth is one of many who have attended V.C. Intelligence school on Charlie Ridge. The youth is being forwarded to I.T.T.	S.F.
1940	7	031940	Bn. CP on Hill 65 received 4 incoming 60 mm mortar HE rds.	S.F.
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0830	1	040830H		Requested 1 VR for 1000 on 5 Dec. 69	S.F.
0830	2	040830H		1 VN youth brought in 2- M-26 frags to Bn. S-2 for V.I.P. payment. S-2 paid out 500 piastres.	S.F.
1000	3	041000H		Two men from A Company were fooling around with an M-16 rifle. One man ran outside of hut and the other threw the rifle on a cot. Rifle went off and wounded man who had just run outside. Wounded man died of wounds.	S.F.
1130	4	041130H		1 VN youth brought in one Chi.com grenade and 1- M-26 grenade to Bn. S-2 for V.I.P. payment. S-2 paid 500 piastres	S.F.
1345	5	041345H		Bn. CP returned from Charlie Ridge.	S.F.
1600	6	041600H		Intell. Report: 1 VC Company from Q-83rd Bn. coordinated with Loc Phuoc guerillas hiding vicinity AT851594, 857547, 866553, 890554, and 893555. Strength estimated to be 80 men, weapons are 1-82 mm mortar, 1-30 cal. machine gun, and 5- B-40 rocket launchers. Uniforms vary and their mission may be to attack friendly forces tonight or tomorrow night in Loc My or Loc An. Rating B-2 VN and F-1 U.S.	S.F.
2015	7	042015H		Intell. Report: VC are now placing mines and booby traps in the follow	

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0800	1	050800H	Requested 1 VR for 1000 on 06 Dec. 69	S.F.
0820	2	050820H	Engineers on road sweep team were approached by 1 VN youth who turned in 1-155 mm HE rd. for V.I.P. payment. Engineers paid 500 piastres and blew rd.	S.F.
1455	3	051455H	A-1 Platoon patrol received 6 rds. sniper fire from vicinity AT820575. Called 81 mm mortar fire mission and continued on patrol mission.	S.F.
1730	1	051730H	Intell. Report: 1-NVA Company possibly of the 111st Regt. located at AT792576, AT795579, and AT798575. Strength of about 100 men. weapons consist of 1-82 mm mortar, 2-60 mm mortars, 2-30 cal. machine guns, and individual weapons. Uniforms are green and their mission may be to attack VN and U.S. units in Loc Quang and Loc My villes tonight or tomorrow. B-2 VN rating and F-3 U.S. rating.	S.F.
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0745	1	060745H	Intell. Report: VC reported to be mining and booby trapping in the following areas: AT898599, AT897593, AT915533, AT898542, AT896538, AT881540, AT890554, AT866563, AT865562, AT862558, AT864542, AT873559, AT940545, and AT930543.	S.F.
0800	2	060800H	Requested 1 VR for 07 Dec. 1969	S.F.
1000	3	061000H	B 2 H squad size patrol found 1-Chi com booby trap vicinity ZC205578. Booby trap was lying on ground with rock around it. Patrol found cave which had been recently used as indicated by fireplace which was still warm. Patrol destroyed booby trap in place and searched cave with negative results.	S.F.
1230	4	061230H	Intell. Report: POW reports resupply route from base camp located vicinity AT8062 to stream vicinity AT8061, cross stream and follow it to base of Hill vicinity AT813583. Proceed west and cross stream vicinity 812583. Follow trail vicinity 811581 to stream located vicinity 798576. Follow stream S.E. to base of hill vicinity AT797568. Proceed south to Loc Phuoc (2) vicinity AT797564 and Lam Tay vicinity AT797561. At this location is a quartermaster	S.F.

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				section of the 31st Regt. Mission is to secure rice from nearby Hamlets and notify 22nd Transportation Co. of availability of rice. Route was used in Feb, Aug, and 20 Nov. 69. Route is only used when rice is available.	S.F.
1210	5	061240H		Road sweep team was approached by 1-VN youth vicinity 788518 with 1-LAAW, 1-Claymore, and 2- M-79 rds. for V.I.P. payment. Engineers paid youth 500 piastres and blew ordhancee.	S.F.
1345	6	061345H		C 1 Platoon size patrol spotted approximately 20 VC/NVA well camouflaged and carrying packs and rifles vicinity 871635 C-1 called arty mission of 10 rds. and Cobras expended ordnance on area.	S.F.
1755	7	061755H		B Company located on Hill 52 received 5 rds. mortar fire from vicinity ZC 208579. Rds. landed approximately 100-150 meters outside perimeter. Bravo Company returned 81 mm mortars and called arty mission also.	S.F.
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0830	1	070830H	Requested 1 VR for 1000 on 08 Dec. 69	S.F.
0900	2	070900H	C Company fire-team bridge security vicinity AT845546 had 1 VN youth tell them that there were 3 VC across the river who wanted to Chieu Hoi. Two Marines hired a VN civilian to take his boat and return the VC to the Marines. The VC were from village of Loc Thang, Hamlet My Dong. They were members of the information cadre and said that they observed 24 NVA carrying rice from vicinity AT853548 to the mountains to the west. The Chieu Hoi were forwarded to I.T.T. in An Hoa.	S.F.
0945	3	070945H	B 1 H squad size patrol received 6 rds. sniper fire from vicinity AT816580. Patrol called 81 mm mortar mission and continued on patrol.	S.F.
1030	4	071030H	While on V.R. heavy arty and air damage was observed around hill 1025 vicinity AT808627.	S.F.
1100	5	071100H	B-3 Platoon while on patrol observed unknown number of VC in camp area. Platoon put squad on line to assault camp site. Enemy snipers opened fire from B-3s rear while they were assaulting. 1 Marine was wounded in the back. Area was searched and 1 VC/NVA KIA was found along with 1-30csl.	S.F.

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0800	1	080800H	Requested 1 VR for 1400 on 09 Dec. 69	S.F.
1115	2	081115H	1 VN youth turned in 1- M-79 rd. and 1 Chi-com grenade to Engineer read sweep team vicinity ZC218519. Engineers paid boy 200 piastres and blew ordnance.	S.F.
1130	3	0811430H	B-2 Platoon size patrol searched objective area vicinity ZC219591 and discovered 10 natural caves. 1 cave had a bed, table, chair, and cooking pan. Cave had extension made of straw roof in front of cave. Extension was burned and caves were fragged. Documents were also found and forwarded to S-2	S.F.
1545	4	081545H	OV-10 working in vicinity ZC210582 spotted 1-tiger roaming in area. A.O. fired on tiger, but it ran into undergrowth	S.F.
1815	5	081815H	Intell. Report: 1 VC Company from the Q-83rd Bn believed to be hiding at grids AT850545, AT850550 and AT813547. Strength is 60 men and they have 1-82 mm mortar, 1-machine gun, their uniforms vary and their mission is unknown. Rating is B-2 VN.	S.F.
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0130	1	090130		Message sent to Moose Peak as follows: If permission is granted for 1/5 to operate in the Charlie Ridge area as has been requested in prior conversations between MP-6 and MO-6 and MP-3 and MO-3 it is requested that an AO exten- sion be granted for a period of 10 days beginning prior to commencement of operations. Extension requested is as follows: A line FM 210597 north to 210613, NE on a line 1500 meters FM and parallel to the Quan Dai Loc and Quan Hieu Duc boundry line to 870649 south along the 87 grid line to 870631. S.F.	
0830	2	090830		Request 1 VR for 1400 on 10 Dec. 69.	S.F.
0845	3	090845		Received the following message from Moose Peak: 1. Received report of captured mines modified as booby traps with tilt rod firing mechanism. Clay- more has electrical wire attached to give appearance of normally emplaced Clay- more, but was rigged to detonate upon tilting. 2. Desire dissemination of this message to all personnel.	S.F.
1315	4	091315H		Bn. S-3 Requested that AO Extension going into effect on 100001H along present western boundary be extended through 200800H Dec. 69.	S.F.
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0700		1	100700H	Requested 1 VR for 1000 11 Dec. 69	S.F.
0930		2	100930H	1 VN youth brought in two Chi-com grenades for V.I.P. payment to Bn. S-2. S-2 paid out 500 piastres to youth.	S.F.
1100		3	101100H	1 VN youth turned in 1-105 rd to Engineer road sweep team vicinity AT825555 for V.I.P. Payment. Engineers paid out 500 piastres and blew 105 rd.	S.F.
1325		4	101325H	B Company and D Company completed move- ment of all their units in the transfer of A.O. B Company is now oncon to Regt. and D Company is now located on Hill 52 and Hill 25.	S.F.
1600		5	101600H	Requested 4 skin divers through Regt. from Recon Bn. in conjunction with planned operation. Requested that they arrive on Hill 65 on 12 Dec. 69.	S.F.
1750		6	101750H	Intell. Report: One main force company of Q-83rd Bn. believed to be coordinat- ing with Loc An guerillas and hiding at AT897605 and AT898598. Their strength is 70 men and have 1-60 mm mortar, 2- B-40 rocket launchers and 6-BARs plus individual weapons. Their uniforms vary. Mission is to slip into Phiem An and Hoa Dong for harassing and buying food. Rated B-2 VN and F-2 U.S.M.C.	S.F.
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0830	1	110830H	Requested 1 VR for 12 Dec. 69 at 1000	S.F.
1000	2	121000H	1 VN youth brought in LAAW rd. to Bn. S-2 for V.I.P. payment. S-2 paid 300 piastres.	S.F.
1300	3	131300H	S-5 and Bn. surgeon held medcap and treated 39 children, 7 women and 4 males. No unusual cases were encountered.	S.F.
1900	4	131900H	Intell. Report: 1 VC company of the Q-83rd Bn. believed to be hiding at AT887554, AT897555 and AT899558. Strength is 80 men. weapons are 1-82 mm mortar and individual weapons. Their mission may be to attack or harass troops in Loc An and Loc My tonight or tomorrow night. Their uniforms are varied. Rating is B-2 VN, and F-2 U.S.	S.F.
			Journal Closed	

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0700	1	120700H	Requested 1 VR for 1000 13 Dec. 69	S.F.
0800	2	120800H	1 VN youth turned in 1 rifle grenade to Engineer road sweep team for V.I.P. payment. Engineers paid 200 piastres and blew ordnance. vicinity	S.F.
1030	3	121030H	1 VN youth turned in 1-B-10 rd. to Engineer for V.I.P. payment. Engineers paid 300 piastres and blew rd. vicinity 824554.	S.F.
1100	4	121100H	1 VN youth brought in 1-105 rd. (dud) to Bn. S-2 for V.I.P. payment. S-2 paid 600 piastres.	S.F.
1250	5	121250H	A3 platoon patrol observed 20 VC/NVA on Ridge line vicinity AT875625. Enemy was moving E-W and wearing green utilities with heavy camouflage and were carrying heavy packs and weapons. Arty mission was called and Cobras worked out on enemy.	S.F.
1330	6	121330H	D 3a squad size patrol found two tunnels. Looked to be freshly dug, the tunnels were blown.	S.F.
1530	7	121530H	A Company found a trail AT874636 running E-W to 855635. The trail indicates current heavy use. This trail is the same we spotted 20 NVA with packs and rifles at an earlier date.	S.F.

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0800	1	130100H	Frag order 68-69 went into effect.	S.F.
0920	2	130920H	A Company while sweeping found an underground bunker and a makeshift hooch at 900590. Engineers blew in place.	S.F.
0930	3	130930H	Security for divers were walking down river bank when they stopped to assist divers from water. As security assisted divers from water one tripped a booby trap, believed to be a 60mm mortar. Area was searched and results were: 1-M26 booby trap in middle of trail with trip wire tied to grenade. Grenade was stuck in mud with pin pulled so when tripped grenade would be pulled out of mud and explode. A second booby trap was tripped but it was a dud. It was placed near a boot setting in the middle of the trail. The M-26 was rigged with trip wire on side of trail, so when trying to avoid boot you tripped booby trap. The booby trap was blown in place. A medevac was called to evacuate the four wounded Marines.	S.F.
1330	4	131330H	D 3a squad size patrol while searching village discovered M-60 tripod at bottom of well. Tripod was covered with rust obviously in well for long time.	S.F.
1400	5	131400H	D 2a squad size patrol found one 105mm booby trapped with pressure release fuse.	S.F.

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0630	1	170630H	Request 1 VR for 1 hr. on 18 Dec. 69 at 1000.	S.F.
1100	2	171100H	In immediate response to Intell. Report submitted by Village Chief of Loc My Village. C3H WHS was sent to check out area after coordination with Village Chief. On arriving in objective area vicinity 884557, patrol spotted sev- eral children beginning to bury rice, fish, and kerosene for VC. IOD was notified to scope southern bank of riv- er for possible enemy activity. They observed 10 VC/NVA running south from river bank and called fire mission. IOD reported killing 5 VC/NVA with fire mission. Captured food items were returned to Bn. S-2 and S-5 for disposition	S.F.
1545	3	171545H	Intell. Report: We are currently in high thrust area, which will cont. thru 26 Dec. 69. Agent, POW and Hoi Chanh report. All indicate possibility of attack by fire, sniper and/or probing attack higher than usual. Specific dates mentioned are 19, 20, and 22 December. Also increase in enemy ac- tivity S.E. AO and Base area 112.	S.F.
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0800	1	180800H	Requested 1 V.R.	S.F.
0230	2	180230H	A 3F squad size bridge security at AT866513 found one of their men choking while on night watch. Administered first aid and sent back to hill 65.	S.F.
0057	3	180057H	Received sensor activations from 80415763. Approximately 7 enemy. Fired fire mission, but could not observe.	S.F.
1000	4	181000H	Intell. Report: Threat of rocket attack on Da Nang high during 18th to 20th of Dec.	S.F.
1000	5	181000H	A VN youth brought in one homemade Bomb to Hill 65, paid out 500 piastres.	S.F.
1030	6	181030H	A VN youth brought in cofram balls to D-2s perimeter at 838564.	S.F.
1130	7	181130H	B2b squad size patrol found cave in side of hill AT832578. Searched out area with negative results.	S.F.
1617	8	181617H	Ground surveillance picked up an estimated 4 enemy AT80415763. Fired FM negative results.	S.F.
1700	9	181700H	B 1/5 assumed responsibility for Regt reserve.	S.F.

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0515	1	190515H	Received Sensor Activations on String #1 Magid 28 called fire mission (105s) HE not observed.	S.F.
0600	2	190600H	Request 1 VR for 1 hr. at 1000 on 20 Dec. 69	S.F.
1230	3	191230H	1 VM youth brought 3 Chi-coms to front gate. Paid youth 600 piastres.	S.F.
1827	4	191827H	Received sensor activations on String #1 sensor 02-17, 03-18, 28-12. Called arty, fired 4 rds. 105.	S.F.
1900	5	191900H	While moving into nighttime position a Marine from D2B tripped a booby trap. Trip wire type of detonation. Booby trap was buried in ground on top of grave mound. Two men were injured.	S.F.
1900	6	191900H	Intell. Report: B-2 Rating. Believed one main force company of Q-83 coordin- ated with guerillas in Loc Quang and Loc My hiding at 815577-815580. Prob- able strength 100 men. Weapons: well equipped. Uniforms varied. Mission may be to attack troops in Loc Quang and Loc My. Hit Hill 65 tonight and buying food.	S.F.
1905	7	191905H	Intell. Report: Believed one company Q-83 hiding at 893604, 897606. Probable strength 70 men. Mission coordinated	S.F.

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0600		1	200600H	Request 1 VR for 1 hr. at 1000 on 21 Dec. 1969.	S.F.
0900		2	200900H	Have Med Cap HA-NHA (1) Treated 150 civilians. Various cuts and sores.	S.F.
1500		3	201500H	Believe 1 NVA Bn. name and commander unknown, approx. 250 men- 2-82mm, B- 40s plus individual weapons moving to 792576, 795574, 798575, 815577.	S.F.
1500		4	201500H	Intell. Report: Believe 1 Q-83 main force company, approx. 60 men. Indiv. individual weapons. Living at 853592, 861592	S.F.
1625		5	201825H	Received sensor activations on string #1. Sensors 02-4, 03-8, magid 28-4, 2-3 enemy suspected moving N-S. Called arty, fired 4 rds. VT.	S.F.
1705		6	201905H	Intell. Report: Believe 1 VC company, commander unknown, united with guerilla cadre of Loc An village in location of 897610, 900612, 903612. Suspected strength 100 men. Mission: to move to Phieu Ai and V Hoa Dong FM Loc An Ville. For meeting of ceremonied form- ed up people Liberation Front.	S.F.
2110		7	202140H	Received sensor activations on string #1, sensors 02-13, 03-21, M28-10. Approx. 4-6 men moving N-S. Called arty, fired 6 rds. VT 105s.	S.F.

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0800	1	210800H		Request 1 VR for 1000 on 22 Dec. 69	S.F.
0900	2	210900H		3 VN children brought in 2 homemade box mines for V.I.P. payment. One was 1 gal. oil can and other was pint paint can. Paid 400 piastres.	S.F.
1200	3	211200H		1 VN youth brought in 1 hand grenade similar to M-33 appeared to be manufactured but had no markings. Paid 200 piastres.	S.F.
1200	4	211200H		1 VN youth gave road sweep team 1 co. fram head. Paid 100 piastres.	S.F.
1210	5	211210H		While conducting sweep, VM boy showed team member 2.75 rocket head. Blew with $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. C-4. Boy didn't show for money.	S.F.
1220	6	211220H		VN boy gave road sweep team 1 WP timer fuse. Paid 100 piastres.	S.F.
1230	7	211230H		Road sweep hit a 50/60 lb. command detonated box mine leaving crater 4 ft. deep and 8 ft. wide and totally destroying truck. A passing copter completed medevac.	S.F.
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0522	1	220522H	Received sensor activations on string #1, minisid 05-13, 06-9, 07-10, magid 27-3. Movement N-S. Called fire mission.	S.F.
0600	2	220600H	Request 1 VR for 1 hr. at 1000 on 23 Dec. 69	S.F.
0800	3	220800H	15 personnel from Charlie company have become ill with what the Bn. surgeon believes to be Viral Gastroenteritis or parasites. The illness lasts from 24 to 72 hrs. and seems to be spreading to more personnel. Test are being made to determine exactly what is infecting these men.	S.F.
1230	4	221230H	Road sweep found a 40 lb. box mine in left track (south side) of road. Blew box mine in place with $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. C-4.	S.F.
1300	5	221300H	VN youth turned over to road sweep team 2 M-33 grenades for V.I.P. payment. Youth was paid 400 piastres.	S.F.
1515	6	221515H	VN boy brought M-26 grenade, 3 - coframs and a 155 wd. to road sweep team. Boy was paid 800 piastres and ordinance was blown with 1 lb. of C-4.	S.F.
1645	7	221645H	Road sweep team observed one Huey gunship fall out of sky for no apparent reason (possibly engine failure).	S.F.

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0600	1	250600H	Request 1 VR for 1 hr. at 1000 on 26 Dec. 69.	S.F.
0800	2	250800H	Approx. 14-16 enemy going N-S at 80°15.763. Fire mission precluded due to cease fire.	S.F.
0930	3	250930H	Ground surveillance pick up 4-6 enemy moving from N-S at 80°15.763. Fire mission precluded due to cease fire.	S.F.
1000	4	251100H	CP 1/5 spotted 5 VC/NVA 3 with weapons AT 864563. They got on camouflaged raft and attempted to cross river but returned to above grid after they saw that they had been seen. Negative fire mission due to cease fire. Will fire H&I on this grid after lift of cease fire. S.F.	
1111	5	251111H	Received sensor activations, string # Moving N-S approx. 4-5 men. Negative fire mission due to cease fire.	S.F.
1845	6	251845H	Received sensor activations on string #1, approx. 10-12 men, called fire mission. (unobserved)	S.F.
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0600	1	270600H	Request 1 VR for 1 hr. at 1000 on 28 Dec. 69.	S.F.
0800	2	270800H	Surveillance sensors on order will re- ceive gear within one month contact. team available from Division to train additional 10 Marines in operating gear. Addition of 4 strings will require extra portatai monitors at our position 877577. S.F.	
1430	3	271430H	81s at hill 25 839568 firing H&I had 1 rd. off. Resulting in killing 3 civilians.	S.F.
1821	4	271821H	Received activations from sensor 1, approx. 10-12 enemy going N-S. called fire mission. (unobserved)	S.F.
1830	5	271830H	Forcast of events: A. Opcon of 5th Marines B. Operation on Charles Ridge, duration approx. 4 days. C. Hill 52 (215552) and Hill 25 security. D. Hill 65 (877577) security, H&S Hill 65 (877577) security.	S.F.
2223	6	272223H	Received activations on string #1, approx. 10-12 men. Called fire mission impact of rounds picked up. (unobserved) S.F.	
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0630	1	280630H	Request 1 VR for 1 hr. at 1000 on 29 Dec. 69.	S.F.
1100	2	281100H	Intell. Report: 25 Dec. 69 possible 1 NVA Bn. of 31st Regt, strength 300, moved to vicinity ZC207570. Mission attack troops of Dai Loc and Hill 52 District S-2 eval F-3	S.F.
1130	3	281130H	An AO extension is requested for the area adjoining 5th Marines AO from 2153 to 1953 to 1958 to 2158 to enable ES forces to adequately defend their position at Hill 52 by patrols and supporting arms.	S.F.
1320	4	281320H	Forcast of events: A. Company-Opcon An Hoa B. Company- Daytime patrols and night ambushes in the eastern Charlie Ridge area. C. Company- Daytime patrols and night ambushes.	S.F.
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0600	1	290600H	Request 1 VR for 1 hr. at 1000 on 30 Dec. 69.	S.F.
1120	2	291120H	A Bravo unit spotted 1 VC/NVA moving along speed trail carrying pack. Opened fire with small arms killing same. Victim was female approx. 30 years old. She was wearing green utilities.	S.F.
1030	3	291030H	VN boy gave to road sweep team 1 rifle grenade, 6 coframs, and 1 M-79 rd. (not fired). Sweep team blew ordinance in place and paid boy 800 piastres.	S.F.
1250	4	291250H	VN boy gave to road sweep team 1 fuse and 2 coframs. Blew ordinance and paid boy 350 piastres.	S.F.
1745	5	291745H	Squad ambush from Bravo company spotted 2 VC/NVA reconoitering Bravo company's position. Bravo fire 60mm fire mission.	S.F.
1816	6	291816H	Ground surveillance team received activations from string #1. Undetermined # of men moving west to east.	S.F.
2030	7	292030H	While on night ambush Bravo company fire team picked up activations on P-Sids. Unit detonated claymores and called fire mission. (60mm)	S.F.
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0600 00	1	310600H	Request 1 VR for 1 hr. at 1000 on 1 Jan. 70.	S.F.
1818	2	311818H	Received sensor activations on string #1. Negative fire mission due to cease fire. Approx. 15-18 enemy.	S.F.
1900	3	311900H	There is 1 VC company, elements unknown. ZC791575, 799574, 801580, 809581, 100 persons, weapons: 1-82mm, 1-machine gun, uniforms are grey, mission unknown. 5-B-40s and individual weapons.	S.F.
2200	4	312200H	Received activations on string #1, approx. 3-5 enemy. Negative fire mission because of cease fire.	
2225	5	312225H	Received sensor activations on string #1. Approx. number of enemy 4-6. Negative fire mission because of cease fire.	S.F.
2235	6	312235H	Received sensor activations on string #1. Approx. number of enemy 10 to 15 (80415763). Negative fire mission due to cease fire.	S.F.
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