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1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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10 March 1968
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, First Marine Division

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 February to 29 February 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
(c) DivO 5750.2B

Encl: (1) 7th Communication Battalion Command Chronology

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 February to 29 February 1968

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

7th Communication Battalion

COMMANDER

LtCol H. O. COWING
1-29 February 1968

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company

Major J. T. GRAY
1-29 February 1968

Communication Company

Major G. I. BONGARDNER
1-29 February 1968

Radio Relay and Construction Company

Captain W. E. SHAVER
1-5 February 1968

Captain R. K. ALLEN
6-12 February 1968

Major L. A. SCHNEIDER
13-29 February 1968

Communication Support Company

Captain B. W. FERICH
1-29 February 1968

2. LOCATION

Headquarters, 7th Communication Battalion

1-29 February 1968 DA NANG, RVN

Headquarters Company

1-29 February 1968 DA NANG, RVN

Communication Company (-) (Rein)

1-29 February 1968 PHU BAI, RVN

Radio Relay and Construction Company (-)

1-29 February 1968 DA NANG, RVN

Communication Support Company (-)

1-29 February 1968 DA NANG, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Major D. G. BISHOP
1-29 February 1968

Adjutant/S-1

WO S. RUSSIN
1-29 February 1968

S-3

Major C. A. MC CLUSKEY
1-29 February 1968

S-4

Major R. E. HAISLIP
1-29 February 1968

S-5

Major J. T. GRAY
1-17 February 1968Major C. A. MC CLUSKEY
18-29 February 19684. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>OFF</u>	<u>USMC</u> <u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USN</u> <u>ENL</u>
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The 7th Communication Battalion was required to put maximum attention to the defense of the Danang Vital Area, the Southern Sector Defense Command and the Battalion Area during February 1968. During the first fourteen days of the month an almost continuous 100% alert status was maintained on the Battalion perimeter as large numbers of enemy forces tried to penetrate the Danang Area. Provisional infantry platoons from the Battalion were deployed in Southern Sector Defense Command operations on nine occasions. One operation resulted in four (4) Battalion personnel KIA and two (2) WIA (Evac). Unit patrols made contact on five occasions in the Battalion AOR and enemy activity was reported on the perimeter on two occasions. No casualties resulted from these latter incidents.

Although the Battalion operational mission was severely curtailed during the month because of the Tet offensive, significant progress was made in the area of maintenance with the establishment of a centralized electronic maintenance shop. Due to the dispersion of units of the Battalion, particularly in the radio relay field, the maintenance effort had been seriously diluted. With the establishment of centralized maintenance, contact teams task organized by mission are sent out as required and a significant increase in efficiency has already been noted.

Due to the continuous effort to maintain the Division Cable System south of Danang because of continued battle damage, a proposal was made to the Division CEO to experiment with buried cable in these areas where damage was occurring with greatest frequency. However, continuing tactical operations in the general area precluded attempts at this time. Conferences were held concerning this cable system and it is expected that a firm commitment will be levied on the Battalion to construct an underground cable system during the coming months.

Civic Action programs were also curtailed with Med Caps and Dent Caps the only continuing activity maintained. Help was given to a family whose house was destroyed by an aircraft flare in the form of lumber and roofing material. Local men provided labor to rebuild the house.

The Communication Company remained in support of Task Force X-Ray in the Phu Bai area providing command and tactical communications as well as motor transport support. The company sustained three (3) KIA and two (2) WIA in operations against hostile forces.

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The Radio Relay and Construction Company (-) remained heavily committed to Radio Relay support throughout the I Corps Area. Personnel remaining in the Battalion area were for the most part committed to ground defense missions. Operational tasks, particularly in the cable maintenance and repair field, were drastically curtailed.

The Communication Support Company was also committed to ground defense missions throughout the month. Personnel who had been attached to the 3d Marine Division returned during the month. Detachments from the company remain at Chu Lai, the 101st Airborne Division, USA, and with the 2d ROK Marine Brigade at Hoi An.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel and Administration

6 February	Four (4) men killed in action. Three (3) men wounded in action.
7 February	Three (3) men killed in action. Two (2) men wounded in action.
13 February	One (1) 2dLt promoted to 1stLt. One (1) 1stLt promoted to Captain. One (1) Sergeant received meritorious combat promotion to Staff Sergeant.
15 February	One (1) man wounded in action.
17 February	Division Inspector visited Battalion.
25 February	One (1) officer, carried as missing, had status changed to died not as a result of hostile action. Four (4) 2dLts promoted to 1stLt.
26 February	Article 32 investigation conducted into death of Vietnamese National.

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~~SECRET~~2. Operations

1 February

CO attended liaison meeting at 1st Tank Bn.

2 February

Squad at checkpoint on Song Cau Do River (AT984701) fired on swimmer crossing river into SSDC AOR. Rounds hit swimmer and he sank. Two unknown HE rounds hit 50 to 100 meters west of patrol. Site was moved 100 meters east to 985701.

Ref: 7th Comm Bn Spot Report 030005H Feb 68
(Page 1, TAB B, Enclosure 1)

4 February

One (1) detainee for period 26 Jan 68 to 3 Feb 68 reported to III MAF and 1st MarDiv.

Ref: DivO 3461.2A

Received 146 men from transient center to strengthen Battalion perimeter defense.

S-3 attended liaison meeting at 1st Tank Bn.

5 February

Two (2) AN/TRC-27 teams to 1st MarDiv.

Ref: Telecon CEO, 1st MarDiv/S-3

6 to 8 VC running on west river bank (AT994704) taken under fire with 50 cal machine gun. Results unknown.

Ref: 7th Comm Bn Spot Report 050215H Feb 68
(Page 2, TAB B, Enclosure 1)

6 February

Battalion sustained four (4) KIA and two (2) WIA in action at Song Tuy Loan Bridge.

7 February

Negative Aircraft Utilization Report for period 31 Jan 68 to 6 Feb 68 submitted to CG 1st MarDiv.

Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 060911Z Nov 67

Summary of Pole Line Construction/Maintenance for week of 31 Jan 68 to 6 Feb 68 forwarded to CG 1st MarDiv (Attn: CEO).

Ref: CG 1st MarDiv ltr 10/WDC dtd 11 Nov 67

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7 February

Communication Company Commander reported three (3) KIA and two (2) WIA sustained on a convoy from PHU BAI to HUE.

Ref: Telecon CO, Comm Co/S-3

Four (4) VC moving in cemetery area (AT985702) taken under fire with 50 cal machine gun. Enemy took cover in tree line and fled toward Song Cau Do Bridge.

Ref: 7th Comm Bn Spot Report 072355H Feb 68 (Page 3, TAB B, Enclosure 1)

11 February

Negative Detainee Report for period 4 Feb 68 to 10 Feb 68 forwarded to III MAF and 1st MarDiv.

Ref: DivO 3461.2A

12 February

CO and S-3 attended meeting at SSDC. Battalion to provide one (1) officer and 100 enlisted to area defense plan.

14 February

Negative Aircraft Utilization Report for period 7 Feb 68 to 13 Feb 68 submitted to CG 1st MarDiv.

Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 060911Z Nov 67

Summary of Pole Line Construction/Maintenance for week of 7 Feb 68 to 13 Feb 68 forwarded to CG 1st MarDiv (Attn: CEO).

Ref: CG 1st MarDiv ltr 10/WDC dtd 11 Nov 67

15 February

3d MarDiv CHOPS Comm Cen Plt (Rein) to CG III MAF effective 150800H Feb 68.

Ref: CG 3d MarDiv 130929Z Feb 68

S-3 submitted intelligence report to SSDC.

16 February

S-3 passed intelligence information received from Mr. NHUNG of 1st R.D. Team to SSDC.

17 February

Notified of discontinuation of AN/TRC-97 shot from 5th Comm Bn to CHU LAI.

Ref: Telecon CEO, III MAF/Bn Ops Chief

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18 February

Negative Detainee Report for period 11 Feb 68 to 17 Feb 68 forwarded to III MAF and 1st MarDiv.

Ref: DivO 3461.2A

19 February

Perimeter watch sighted man in perimeter wire. Fired M-79 and M-16. Search produced a shirt, but no traces of blood.

Ref: 7th Comm Bn Spot Report 190530H Feb 68 (Page 6, TAB B, Enclosure 1)

Two (2) men spotted to rear of LP on Song Cau Do River. Fired upon with M-16 and grenades. Sweep at first light discovered all M-16 casings but six had been policed. Nothing else found.

Ref: 7th Comm Bn Spot Report 190750H Feb 68 (Page 7, TAB B, Enclosure 1)

Observation tower located in Battalion cantonment was partially destroyed by fire caused by undetermined electrical short in telephone cable attached to pole supporting tower. Total estimated dollar damage to equipment and/or materials was \$4,232.91.

21 February

Negative Aircraft Utilization Report for period 14 Feb 68 to 20 Feb 68 submitted to CG 1st MarDiv.

Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 060911Z Nov 67

Summary of Pole Line Construction/Maintenance for week of 14 Feb 68 to 20 Feb 68 forwarded to CG 1st MarDiv (ATTN: CEO)

Ref: CG 1st MarDiv ltr 10/WDC dtd 11 Nov 67

Patrol captured three (3) Viet Cong. Taken to III MAF POW Compound.

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23 February

Repaired one bullet hole in cable between B-7 and B-8.

24 February

Recon patrol found 40mm warhead unexploded (not rigged as booby trap). Detonated same.

Ref: 7th Comm Bn Spot Report 240950H Feb 68
(Page 8, TAB B, Enclosure 1)

Repaired two bullet holes in cable between B-5 and B-6.

Repaired two bullet holes in cable between B-6 and B-7.

Movement and metal clanking detected in treeline below OP. Three (3) rounds, M-79 fired in area. Results unknown.

Ref: 7th Comm Bn Spot Report 242315H Feb 68
(Page 9, TAB B, Enclosure 1)

25 February

One (1) detainee for period 18 Feb 68 to 24 Feb 68 reported to III MAF and 1st MarDiv.

Ref: DivO 3461.2A

Patrol found body in abandoned school house. Young male, well dressed; Appeared to be booby trapped. Left body and continued to observe from OP Tiger.

Ref: 7th Comm Bn Spot Report 252245H Feb 68
(Page 10, TAB B, Enclosure 1)

28 February

Negative Aircraft Utilization Report for period 21 Feb 68 to 27 Feb 68 submitted to CG 1st MarDiv.

Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 060911Z Nov 67

Summary of Pole Line Construction/Maintenance for week of 21 Feb 68 to 27 Feb 68 forwarded to CG 1st MarDiv (Attn: CEO).

Ref: CG 1st MarDiv ltr 10/WDC dtd 11 Nov 67

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28 February

Patrol moving through cemetery (AT979702)
contacted unknown number of enemy. Fire
fight resulted. Patrol suppressed fire.
Did not search area due to loss of radio
contact.

Ref: 7th Comm Bn Spot Report 280025H Feb 68
(Page 11, TAB B, Enclosure 1)

29 February

7th Comm Bn OPSTAT 015 as of 292400Z
February 1968 submitted to 1st MarDiv.

Ref: FMFPacO PC3000.5B
7th Comm Bn 030125Z Mar 68
(TAB C, Enclosure 1)

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~~SECRET~~3. Plans

21 February

CO, RR&C Co attended cable planning conference at Div CEO Office.

24 February

CO and CO, RR&C Co attended cable planning conference at Div CEO Office. Visited 11th Marines relative to changing cable height on poles to obtain required separation between cable and power lines.

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4. Training

2 February 4 enlisted to CAP School and reassignment.
Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 110910Z Jan 68

3 February One Officer departed for Embarkation School at III MAF.
Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 311222Z Dec 67

4 February Twenty-eight (28) enlisted zeroed M16A1 Rifles. With four (4) malfunctions.
Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 030840Z Nov 67

8 February One (1) enlisted departed for Basic Organic Supply School.
Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 250912Z Jan 68

11 February One (1) enlisted departed for NCO Leadership School.
Ref: DivBul 1500
One (1) enlisted departed for Communication Crypto Security School.
Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 220001Z Dec 67
Two (2) enlisted departed for Career Advisory School.
Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 120305Z Dec 67

14 February 109 enlisted attended a 1 hour class on "Venereal Diseases".

15 February Forty-two (42) attended a 1 hour class on "Venereal Diseases".
Nineteen (19) NCOs attended Bn NCO School class on "Scouting and Patrolling".
Ref: BnBul 1540

16 February Seventeen (17) NCOs attended Bn NCO School class on "Scouting and Patrolling".
Ref: BnBul 1540

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17 February One (1) enlisted departed for Cable Splicers School.
Ref: III MAF 130700Z Sep 67

18 February One (1) enlisted to Staff NCO Leadership School.
Ref: DivBul 1500
One (1) enlisted to Vietnamese Language School.
Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 050600Z Jan 68
Thirty-two (32) enlisted attended Orientation/Indoctrination Lecture given by S-3; Chaplain; S-5; and Medical Officer.
Ref: BnBul 1540

21 February Twenty-two (22) enlisted zeroed M16A1 Rifles.
Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 030840Z Nov 67
Four (4) enlisted to Prisoner Chasers School.

22 February 2 enlisted departed for 5th Comm Bn for a 5 day course in Technician Training.
Ref: III MAF 200700Z Feb 68

25 February 1 Officer to Officer Leadership School and one (1) enlisted to NCO Leadership School.
Ref: DivBul 1500

26 February Two (2) enlisted to "Line Conditioning Seminar" in Yokosuka, Japan for a 2 week period.
Ref: CG III MAF 231258Z Feb 68

27 February Nine (9) enlisted departed for Radio Operators Course.
Ref: CG III MAF 200700Z Feb 68

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28 February

Two (2) enlisted departed for 5th Comm for a 5 day period of instruction in Technicians Training.

Ref: CG III MAF 200700Z Feb 68

29 February

One (1) enlisted departed for Embarkation School.

Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 230801Z Dec 67

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5. Logistics

Our overall supply situation continues to be satisfactory while here in the Danang TAOR.

1 February	Logistic Summary Report for the month of January 1968 submitted. Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 180210Z Jan 68
3 February	Requirement for Tube (24X150 D FSN 5960-985-9114) to Div CEO Office. Ref: Telecon S-4/Div CEO
7 February	Information passed on to Div CEO Office on cable on hand (25 pair and over) and amount of cable on requisition. Ref: Telecon S-4/Div CEO
8 February	"C" Co. 15th Transportation Corps. U.S. Army arrived in our cantonment, for a stop over of about four (4) days. Ref: Telecon S-4/Div G-4
14 February	Generator Contact Team from FSR requested by Area Comm Team # 1, located with the 2d Republic of Korea Marine Brigade. Ref: ACT # 1 msg to Bn S-4
15 February	Five (5) M-35A1 2½ ton trucks are to be invoiced over to 7th Communication Battalion. This is due to loss of vehicles in ambush near PHU BAI. Ref: Telecon S-4/Div Supply
19 February	Hq Btry & "D" Btry 2/13 are to move into our north cantonment. Ref: Telecon S-4/Div G-4 30,000 feet of messenger delivered to 5th Comm Bn. Ref: Telecon S-4/Div CEO

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19 February Observation tower destroyed by fire.

21 February Officer from MCB-9 inspected observation
tower, and they will rebuild as soon as
possible.

22 February Delivered Engineer Assistance request to
Division for Observation Tower.

 Ref: DivO P4700.8

27 February We have one (1) M-49 Tanker at Rolling
Stock rear ready for pickup.

 Ref: Telecon S-4/FSR

28 February One (1) Truck, Phone, Maint (V-17) has
been shipped from Albany, Georgia.

 Ref: Certified Mail # 718980

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19 February MedCap and Dent Cap held in Cam Hoa. The attendance for MedCap was 35 persons; 5 Females, 5 Males and 20 Children. Dent Cap had 1 Child. One 52 year old male was sent to NSA for counselation.

21 February A barn was burned by a flare fired from "B" Co, 7th Engineers Cantonment into Phong Bac. 1st Tanks notified for S-5 action.

22 February MedCap and Dent Cap held in Cam Hoa. The attendance for MedCap was 54 persons; 11 Females, 2 Males, and 41 Children. Dent Cap had 1 Child.

24 February S-5 Inspection was held by the Asst. Civil Affairs Officer and Asst. PsyOps Officer.

26 February MedCap was held in Yen Bac; with 68 persons in attendance. 10 Females, 8 Males, and 50 Children. Dent Cap was also held with 20 persons in attendance. 5 Females, 2 Males, and 13 Children.

Patrol went into Yen Bac and Phong Bac to check on well being of villagers after the previous days action. All secure and people OK.

27 February Took a 2 month old girl to Children's Hospital, FLC for examination of a Submandibular Mass, she was admitted. Also a 35 year old woman with Chronic Pulmonary Disease, she was admitted to Danang Medical Hospital.

29 February MedCap was held in Cam Hoa; with 65 persons in attendance. 9 Females, 6 Males, and 50 Children. Dent Cap was also held with 30 persons in attendance. 12 Females, 8 Males, and 10 Children. Also distributed some vitamins.

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6. Civic Action

2 February	Was summoned to scene of accidental shooting of a Vietnamese child in Phong Bac hamlet. Took information for Serious Incident Report.
6 February	Went to 1st MarDiv CP and drew solatium payment for woman who lost her son in Phong Bac.
7 February	Went to Phong Bac with interpreter and Dr. ZAPH to give solatium payment to Mrs. DONG THI LIET, mother of boy killed last Saturday. Expressed the sympathy of the command and the Marine Corps at her loss.
9 February	<p>Went to Cam Hoa hamlet to investigate burned out homes. Found that two families had been burned out. They desire to relocate in another area of the hamlet. Discussed rebuilding, but did not talk to hamlet chief, who was at village offices in Phu Hoa.</p> <p>Discussed with Major SWENSON the possibility of having trees cut down in Phong Bac hamlet in order to improve visibility and fields of fire. He said CO should address letter to District Chief, MAJOR HAAU, requesting that this be directed. Also discussed possibility of getting signals from hamlet people when VC are in hamlet. Was told this would be strictly on a person to person basis.</p>
13 February	Went to Cam Hoa with Cpls RAY and ARNOLD to tell hamlet chief and people whose houses burned down that we will bring material for rebuilding on 14 February. Chief will have men to carry material to site.
14 February	<p>Went to Cam Hoa with truckload of lumber, 10 bags of cement and some plywood. Turned over to hamlet chief.</p> <p>Received word that a driver from Radio Relay and Construction Company had run into a child. Capt. ALLEN started working on data for a Serious Incident Report.</p> <p>Serious Incident Report 141745H submitted to SSgt LAWMAN, Div COC.</p>
18 February	Major C. A. MC CLUSKEY assigned duties as S-5 vice Major John T. GRAY.

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PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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7th Comm Bn Logistics Summary Report
 for February 1968 dtd 1 March 1968

✓ TAB B

7th Comm Bn Spot Reports - February 1968

✓ TAB C

7th Comm Bn 030125Z March 1968

✓ TAB D

Command Chronology of:
 Communication Company, Communication
 Support Company and Radio Relay and
 Construction Company

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7th Comm Bn S-3 Journal - February 1968

✓ TAB F

Rpt of Attack on Hill 34 Complex on 30 Jan 1968

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HEADQUARTERS
7th Communication Battalion, FMF
1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
PO San Francisco, California 96802

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 4400
 1 March 1968

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF (Attn: G-4)
Subj: Logistic Summary Report

Ref: (a) D4VO 4400.198
 (b) CG 1stMarDiv msg 210125Z Feb68

Encl: (1) Critical Table of Equipment Shortages
 (2) Critical Class II, Type 2 Supplies
 (3) Other Critical Items
 (4) Major Items of Equipment, Motor Transport
 (5) Major Items of Equipment, Ordnance
 (6) Major Items of Equipment, General Supply
 (7) Major Items of Equipment, Engineering
 (8) Major Items of Equipment, Comm-Elect

1. The following report covering the month of February 1968 is submitted in accordance with references (a) and (b).

SUPPLY

2. **Supply Situation.**

a. Supply operations during the month of February have been limited due to the necessity of utilizing supply personnel in our greatly increased defense commitments. Although supply activity has been significantly curtailed, the overall supply situation is still considered to be satisfactory.

b. The most significant supply problem area is clothing and boots. We have a large number of requisitions pending, particularly on clothes of the small and extra small sizes. Receiving socks through the supply system seems to be virtually impossible.

c. Five key supply personnel have been rotated during the month of February. Although they have been replaced, the situation mentioned in paragraph 2(a) above has hindered training of these individuals, and therefore adversely affected the proficiency of the supply section.

d. This command is still in the process of re-requisitioning items requisitioned prior to 7261 which were cancelled by FLC.

Tab A

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1 March 1960

3. Critical Items. These items are listed in enclosures (1) through (3).

4. Significant Problem Areas.

a. Presently the usage rate of paper, type confidential and secret, by our communication center at TP-XRAY, is 150 reams per month. Numerous requirements have been placed on the supply system, but to no avail. The use of plain paper requires that each copy of all classified messages be hand stamped. Due to the volume of classified message traffic being handled by our message center, an excessive amount of time must be devoted to this process. However, our requirements have been met by "courtesy visits" to the Third Division Reproduction Center. It is felt that this source cannot be continually relied upon to furnish the amount of support required.

b. This Battalion continues to have shortages in gas masks and utilities (small and medium). Supply action to MAC is to no avail. It should be noted that one shipment of flak jackets, total of 263, did come in to bring us to to our 1/2 allowance (13 large and 250 extra large).

c. Transportation of supplies from Danang to our deployed company in Phu Bai has become virtually impossible through Marine Air Freight. However, shipment through MAC-16 on a stand-by basis has been fairly successful.

d. Although fixed-plant teletype equipment is not a part of this Battalion Table of Equipment, we do have the equipment to work with. The spare parts for this equipment is a supplyman's headache in obtaining. We have had very little success in obtaining what we need.

MAINTENANCE

5. Maintenance Situation.

a. Electronic maintenance operations during the period reported on were limited because of employment of personnel in defense of the cantonment; however, the overall maintenance status has not significantly changed.

b. Some delay has been encountered in removing equipment from deadline because of cancellation of requisitions. Reinstatement is in progress as indicated in paragraph 2.

c. Maintenance support from PMA continues to be excellent.

d. Motor transport maintenance has improved in the last month. Scheduling of all scheduled maintenance was accomplished, as well as going through all vehicle records and bringing them up to date. During this month, about 15.9% of our vehicles have been declined due to the non-availability of spare motor transport parts. Parts have been on order but supply takes too long to procure.

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1 March 1968

6. Major Items of Equipment.

- a. Major items of equipment, motor transport: see enclosure (4).
- b. Major items of equipment, communications: see enclosure (8).

7. Significant Maintenance Problem Areas. The major maintenance problem besides motor transport, is the AN/THC-97. The problem with the AN/THC-97 is poor performance of the factory support program. This is illustrated by the fact that 16 AN/THC-97 modules and components were sent to FLSG "3" during July 1967; these items have not as yet been returned to this Battalion.

SERVICES**8. Service Situation.**

a. Work on the Headquarters Company shower is completed. (NSA Work Order # FWD-135).

b. This command has four outstanding requestings for engineer assistance. They are as follows:

<u>DESCRIPTION OF WORK</u>	<u>ASSIGNED TO</u>	<u>WORK ORDER NO.</u>	<u>DATE APPROVED</u>
Repair electrical system	NSA	RD-57	20May67
Medical and fighting bunker rehabilitation	PLC	CG 1stMarDiv msg 190611Z Aug67	
Build 8 perimeter bunkers	1stEngn	D73-68	10Feb68
Build new observation platform	3dNCn	CG 1stMarDiv msg 231513Z Feb68	

TRANSPORTATION

9. Significant Transportation Problem Areas. Until this Battalion receives the six (6) 2 1/2 ton trucks M-35, (see enclosure (1)) our company located at Phu Bai with TF-ARAY will be unable to operate its own transportation requirements, such as displacement of the company. These six trucks were lost as a result of an ammo resupply convoy being ambushed.

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1 March 1968

MISCELLANEOUS

10. Other items of interest. At this time there are no significant items of interest.

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CRITICAL TABLE OF NEW JERSEY DOCUMENTS

1. MC-67. AFI/MCI/W/5820-712-8590/EA/00003/N/21635/8059/0811/E/BLNK/
B/BLNK/BLNK/BLNK/02/BLNK/BAOW11181000/Latest Status: None
2. AN/13C-15. AFI/MCI/W/5895-788-4555/EA/00001/N/21635/8059/0812/E/BLNK/
B/BLNK/BLNK/BLNK/02/BLNK/BAOW11181000/Latest Status: None

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5. I-1A. AFI/MCI/W/2320-729-5447/EA/00001/N/21635/7310/0008/E/BLNK/
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BLNK/892/02/BLNK/BAOW11181000/Status: None/AFI 8059
8. FI-163. RED BALL NOMINATION!
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RED BALL NOMINATION!
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B/BLNK/892/02/999/BLNK/BAOW11181000/BAOW 8021/AFI 8059

ACI/MCI/W/6115-721-4526/EA/00001/N/21635/8023/0109/E/BLNK/
B/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/48/BAOW11181000/Status: None/AFI 8059
9. FI-402. RED BALL NOMINATION!
AFI/MCI/W/6115-721-4525/EA/00001/N/21635/7265/0030/E/BLNK/
B/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/BAOW11181000/A45MCI 7290/AFI 8059
10. FI-562. RED BALL NOMINATION!
AFI/MCI/W/6125-889-0874/EA/00003/N/21635/7265/0033/E/BLNK/
B/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/BAOW11181000/BAOW 8013/AFI 8059

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11. PL-507. RED BALL EXERCISES
 AFI/PC1/W/6115-287-8753/EA/00003/W/21635/7265/0052/W/BLNK/
 B/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/BAOW11K2000/Status: None/AFI 8059
12. PL-62. AFI/PC1/5820-519-5524/EA/00001/W/21635/8023/0006/W/BLNK
 B/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/BAOW11K1000/Status: None/AFI 8059
13. AN/EC-141. AFI/PC1/W/5815-028-5480/EA/00001/W/21635/8023/0005/W/BLNK/
 B/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/BAOW11K1000/Status: None/AFI 8059
14. PL-7. AFI/PC1/W/2322-933-7521/EA/00006/W/21635/8058/0748/W/BLNK/D/
 BLNK/BLNK/892/02/999/BLNK/40/BAOW11K5000/No Status
15. PL-7. AOS/PC1/W/6115-228-5815/EA/00001/W/21635/7331/8023/W/BLNK/
 B/BLNK/D/892/02/999/BLNK/40/BAOW11K1000/Status: None/AFI 8059
- AOS/PC1/W/6115-228-5815/EA/00001/W/21635/7337/0044/W/BLNK/
 892/02/BLNK/BAOW11K1000/Status: BI 7359/AFI 8059
- AOL/PC1/W/6115-228-5815/EA/00001/W/21635/8045/0608/W/BLNK/
 B/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/999/BLNK/4H/BAOW11K1000/Status: None/AFI 8059

CRITICAL CLASS II TYPE 2 SUPPLIES

1. The following list of critical items are submitted in accordance with the instructions contained in reference (b).

a. Antenna AT-271A

AFI/PCI/W/5320-242-4967/EA/00007/W/21635/7331/0020/Z/Y/17437/C/
BLNK/BLNK/892/05/BLNK/BAOW11F1000/PCI BA 8010/AFI 8059

b. Battery 2HE

6140-057-2553 Non-critical

c. Tires 900x20

AFI/PCI/W/2610-262-8677/EA/00006/W/21635/7284/0029/Z/Y/BLNK/C/BLNK/
BLNK/892/05/BLNK/BAOW11F1000/PCI CA 8010/AFI 8059

d. Tubes 900x20

AFI/PCI/W/2610-051-9450/EA/00020/W/21635/7302/0028/Z/Y/37136/C/
BLNK/BLNK/892/05/BLNK/BAOW11F1000/PCI BA 8010/AFI 8059

AFI/PCI/W/2610-269-7083/EA/00020/W/21635/7324/0031/Z/Y/050/C/
BLNK/892/02/BLNK/BAOW11F1000/PCI BA 8032/AFI 8059

AFI/PCI/W/2610-269-7383/EA/00035/W/21635/7302/0027/Z/Y/37134/C/
BLNK/892/05/BLNK/BAOW11F1000/PCI BA 8010/AFI 8059

ENCLOSURE (2)

ANY OTHER ITEM OF SUPPLY CRITICAL

1. There are no items for this enclosure.

ENCLOSURE (3)

MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT. MOTOR TRANSPORT

1. The following list of critical items are submitted in accordance with the instructions contained in reference (b).

	1st Ech		2nd Ech		3rd Ech		4th Ech	
	AVIATION	O/A	ENGINE	HOUSING	ENGINE	HOUSING	ENGINE	HOUSING
M-37/M-57A1*	7	9	7	2	0	0	0	0
M-38A1**	29	27	24	0	2	1	0	0
AM/MSC-85***	30	30	18	3	4	0	3	0
M-49A2C	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
M-49	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Glennan, Glenn****	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
AM/MSC-87*****	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	0

* Vehicles awaiting bearing and driveshaft. Parts are expected within the near future

** Vehicles being worked on in MT Shop (radiator and ignition system/brakes/carburetor). Other M-37 at 1st PSM awaiting transfer case.

*** Three AM/MSC-85 of CSC are awaiting parts (brake hydraulic flexline, distributor and alternator). Two were in for 4th echelon (engine). One at 1st PSM and the other at HUS-1. Other MSC-85 at TF-May (P-37-A).

**** Awaiting parts (clutch and fan).

*****One D/L for ignition system/brakes. When parts arrive, vehicle will be put back into service. Other MSC-87 enco to Chinawa (4th echelon - engine).

ENCLOSURE (4)

MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT. REMARKS

1. There are no items for this enclosure.

ENCLOSURE (5)

MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT, GENERAL SUPPLY

1. There are no items for this enclosure.

ENCLOSURE (6)

MAJOR TYPES OF EQUIPMENT, ENCLOSURES

1. There are no items for this enclosure.

ENCLOSURE (7)

MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT, COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

1. The following list of items are submitted in accordance with the instructions contained in reference (b).

	<u>ASPH</u>	<u>O/H</u>	<u>O/R</u>	<u>200CH</u>		<u>200CH</u>	
				<u>NOV13</u>	<u>NOV14</u>	<u>NOV13</u>	<u>NOV14</u>
AN/PSC-97	8	8	7	1			
AN/PSC-83	30	30	30	0	0	0	0
AN/PSC-14*	30	29	20	0	0	9	0
AN/PSC-63	6	6	5	0	0	1	0
AN/PSC-87	5	2	2	0	0	0	0
SS-451	66	35	35	0	0	0	0
AN/PSC-62	16	15	14	0	0	1	0
60 W GEN	0	2	2	0	0	0	0

* Repairs in progress and some parts have been received. Receipt of the remainder of parts anticipated within 30 days.

ENCLOSURE (8)

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DTG Activity/Incident Occurred 022345H February 1968

CHARLIE (Shackle if Necessary)

Location by coordinates (F) AT984701 (E) AT983700

DELTA

Who, What, When, Where, How Squad at checkpoint on Song Cau Do River

sighted swimmer crossing river into SSDC AOR.

ECHO**

Results or Action Taken Fired on swimmer. Rounds hit swimmer and he
sank. Two (2) unknown HE rounds hit to west of patrol 50-100 meters

away. Moved checkpoint site 100 meters east to AT985701.

FOXTROT***	GOLF (Med Evac/Non Med Evac)***	HOTEL***
Friendly KIA N/A	Friendly WIA N/A	Friendly MIA N/A

INDIA	JULIETT	KILO
VC/NVA KIA 1	VC/NVA CAPTURED 0	DETAINÉES 0

LIMA

Weapons Captured or Lost (State type if known) None

MIKE

Equipment/Documents (Captured/Destroyed) None

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03	Feb	0005	1968	Capt WITTINGTON
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Operation, S&D Operation, Perimeter Bunker (S), etc.** If applicable - Time Friendly air, mortar, arty commenced support
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DNG Activity/Incident Occurred 050135H February 1968

CHARLIE (Shackle if Necessary)

Location by coordinates (F) AT989708 (E) AT994704

DELTA

Who, What, When, Where, How 6 to 8 VC running on river bank west.

ECHO**

Results or Action Taken Taken under fire w/ 50 cal MG. Unknown

results. Will search first light.

FOXTROT***

GOLF (Med Evac/Non Med Evac)***

HOTEL***

Friendly KIA 0

Friendly WIA 0

Friendly MIA 0

INDIA

JULIETT

KILO

VC/NVA KIA UNK

VC/NVA CAPTURED 0

DETAINÉES 0

LIMA

Weapons Captured or Lost (State type if known) None

MIKE

Equipment/Documents (Captured/Destroyed) None

Day	Month	Time	Year	Received By
05	Feb	0215	1968	LCpl WALKER

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DNG Activity/Incident Occurred 072340H February 1968

CHARLIE (Shackle if Necessary)

Location by coordinates (F) AT989708 (E) AT985702

DELTA

Who, What, When, Where, How Four (4) VC moving in cemetery area.

Taken under fire with 50 cal MG and small arms.

ECHO**

Results or Action Taken Enemy took cover in tree line and fled toward

Song Can Do. Will sweep and search first light.

FOXTROT***

GOLF (Med Evac/Non Med Evac)***

HOTEL***

Friendly KIA 0

Friendly WIA 0

Friendly MIA 0

INDIA

JULIETT

KILO

VC/NVA KIA UNK

VC/NVA CAPTURED 0

DETAINÉES 0

LIMA

Weapons Captured or Lost (State type if known) None

MIKE

Equipment/Documents (Captured/Destroyed) None

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DTG Activity/Incident Occurred 082225H February 1968

CHARLIE (Shackle if Necessary)

Location by coordinates (F) AT984708 (E) AT984708

DELTA

Who, What, When, Where, How B Co, 7th Eng Bn patrol had (3) VC walk

into LP area.

ECHO**

Results or Action Taken Opened fire. Checked area. Negative results.

LP moving to new position.

FOXTROT***

GOLF (Med Evac/Non Med Evac)***

HOTEL***

Friendly KIA 0

Friendly WIA 0

Friendly MIA 0

INDIA

JULIETT

KILO

VC/NVA KIA UNK

VC/NVA CAPTURED 0

DETAINES 0

LIMA

Weapons Captured or Lost (State type if known) None

MIKE

Equipment/Documents (Captured/Destroyed) None

Day	Month	Time	Year	Received By
08	Feb	2235	1968	Capt WITTINGTON

* FT, Sqd, Flt, Combat, Recon Patrol, Security Force, Ambush, Clearing Operation, S&D Operation, Perimeter Bunker (S), etc.

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DNV Activity/Incident Occurred 100015H February 1968

CHARLIE (Shackle if Necessary)

Location by coordinates (F) AT995716 (E) Same

DELTA

Who, What, When, Where, How B Co, 7th Eng Bn ambush patrol was moving
to ambush site when they met 5 to 6 enemy.

ECHO**

Results or Action Taken Both sided opened fire. Enemy withdrew.

FOXTROT***

GOLF (Med Evac/Non Med Evac)***

HOTEL***

Friendly KIA 0

Friendly WIA 0

Friendly MIA 0

INDIA

JULIETT

KILO

VC/NVA KIA UNK

VC/NVA CAPTURED 0

DETAINEES 0

LIMA

Weapons Captured or Lost (State type if known) None

MIKE

Equipment/Documents (Captured/Destroyed) None

Day	Month	Time	Year	Received By
10	Feb	0025	1968	LCpl WALKER

* FT, Sqd, Plt, Combat, Recon Patrol, Security Force, Ambush, Clearing Operation, S&D Operation, Perimeter Bunker (S), etc.

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DNG Activity/Incident Occurred 200420H February 1968

CHARLIE (Shackle if Necessary)

Location by coordinates (F) AT989709 (E) Same

DELTA

Who, What, When, Where, How Perimeter watch sighted object in outer perimeter wire believed to be crawling man. Also believed he heard wire being cut.

ECHO**

Results or Action Taken Illuminated area and fired (4) M-79 rounds and (15) rounds M-16. Will search first light.

FOXTROT***

Friendly KIA 0

GOLF (Med Evac/Non Med Evac)***

Friendly WIA 0

HOTEL***

Friendly MIA 0

INDIA

JULIETT

KILO

VC/NVA KIA UNK

VC/NVA CAPTURED 0

DETAINEES 0

LIMA

Weapons Captured or Lost (State type if known) None

MIKE

Equipment/Documents (Captured/Destroyed) None

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DTG Activity/Incident Occurred 190235H February 1968

CHARLIE (Shackle if Necessary)

Location by coordinates (F) AT984701 (E) AT984701

DELTA

Who, What, When, Where, How three (3) LP/Ambush patrols set on river.

Two (2) unidentified men spotted to the rear of center LP.

ECHO**

Results or Action Taken Opened up with M16s and grenades - Moved to new location. Patrol returned first light to sweep area. All M16 casings except 6 had been policed up. Nothing else found.

FOXTROT***

GOLF (Med Evac/Non Med Evac)***

HOTEL***

Friendly KIA Ø

Friendly WIA Ø

Friendly MIA Ø

INDIA

JULIETT

KILO

VC/NVA KIA UNK

VC/NVA CAPTURED Ø

DETAINÉES Ø

LIMA

Weapons Captured or Lost (State type if known) None

MIKE

Equipment/Documents (Captured/Destroyed) None

Day	Month	Time	Year	Received By
19	Feb	0750	1968	PFC NUTTALL

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DUG Activity/Incident Occurred 240945H February 1968

CHARLIE (Shackle if Necessary)

Location by coordinates (EMT981702 (E) N/A

DELTA

Who, What, When, Where, How Recon patrol found a 40mm warhead un-
exploded. Not rigged as booby trap.

ECHO**

Results or Action Taken Detonated same.

FOXTROT***

GOLF (Med Evac/Non Med Evac)***

HOTEL***

Friendly KIA

Friendly WIA

Friendly MIA

INDIA

JULIETT

KILO

VC/NVA KIA

VC/NVA CAPTURED

DETAINÉES

LIMA

Weapons Captured or Lost (State type if known)

MIKE

Equipment/Documents (Captured/Destroyed)

Day	Month	Time	Year	Received By
24	Feb	0950	1968	PFC NUTTALL

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DTG Activity/Incident Occurred 242314H February 1968

CHARLIE (Shackle if Necessary)

Location by coordinates (F) AT989708 (E) AT989706

DELTA

Who, What, When, Where, How Movement and metal clanking in treeline

below OP.

ECHO**

Results or Action Taken Fired three (3) M-79 rounds in area. Results

unknown.

FOXTROT***

GOLF (Med Evac/Non Med Evac)***

HOTEL***

Friendly KIA N/A

Friendly WIA N/A

Friendly MIA N/A

INDIA

JULIETT

KILO

VC/NVA KIA UNK

VC/NVA CAPTURED N/A

DETAINÉES N/A

LIMA

Weapons Captured or Lost (State type if known) None

MIKE

Equipment/Documents (Captured/Destroyed) None

Day	Month	Time	Year	Received By
24	Feb	2315	1968	LCpl Mc IVER

* FT, Sqd, Plt, Combat, Recon Patrol, Security Force, Ambush, Clearing Operation, S&D Operation, Perimeter Bunker (S), etc.

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DEG Activity/Incident Occurred 252235H February 1968

CHARLIE (Shackle if Necessary)

Location by coordinates (BAT989708 (E) Same

DELTA

Who, What, When, Where, How Patrol found body in abandoned school

house. Young male, well dressed, appears to be booby trapped.

ECHO**

Results or Action Taken Left body - House in under observation from

OP Tiger.

FOXTROT***

GOLF (Med Evac/Non Med Evac)***

HOTEL***

Friendly KIA N/A

Friendly WIA N/A

Friendly MIA N/A

INDIA

JULIETT

KILO

VO/NVA KIA N/A

VO/NVA CAPTURED N/A

DETAINÉES N/A

LIMA

Weapons Captured or Lost (State type if known) None

MIKE

Equipment/Documents (Captured/Destroyed) None

Day	Month	Time	Year	Received By
25	Feb	2245	1968	PFC NETTLE

* FT, Sqd, Plt, Combat, Recon Patrol, Security Force, Ambush, Clearing Operation, S&D Operation, Perimeter Bunker (S), etc.

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DNG Activity/Incident Occurred 272345H February 1968

CHARLIE (Shackle if Necessary)

Location by coordinates (F) AT979702 (E) Same

DELTA

Who, What, When, Where, How 7th Comm patrol moving through cemetery

area above coordinates made contact with unknown number of enemy.

ECHO**

Results or Action Taken Fire fight resulted. Patrol suppressed fire.

Lost radio contact with parent unit. Did not search area due to

radio contact loss.

FOXTROT***

GOLF (Med Evac/Non Med Evac)***

HOTEL***

Friendly KIA Ø

Friendly WIA Ø

Friendly MIA Ø

INDIA

JULIETT

KILO

VC/NVA KIA UNK

VC/NVA CAPTURED Ø

DETAINÉES Ø

LIMA

Weapons Captured or Lost (State type if known) None

MIKE

Equipment/Documents (Captured/Destroyed) None

Day	Month	Time	Year	Received By
28	Feb	ØØ25	1968	LCpl WELKER

* FT, Sqd, Plt, Combat, Recon Patrol, Security Force, Ambush, Clearing Operation, S&D Operation, Perimeter Bunker (S), etc.

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COMMUNICATION COMPANY
7th Communication Battalion
1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

ARM/bps
5750
1 Mar 1968

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 7th Communication Battalion (Attn: S-3)
Subj: Commanding Chronology for period 1-29 February 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
(c) DivO 5750.2B
(d) CO, 7thCommBn Memo 3/RVN/wjh of 21 Jul 66

Encl: ✓ (1) Communication Company Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) through (d), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

G. I. BONGARDNER
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Comm Co, 7th Comm Bn

Feb 1968

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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5750PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION:

Communication Company

COMMANDERMaj G. I. BOMGARDNER
1-29Feb68SUBORDINATE UNITS

Communication Center Platoon

Maj A. E. ARCHAMBAULT JR.
1-29Feb68

Radio Platoon

1stLt R. W. ADAMS
1-29Feb68

Wire Platoon

WO R. NICHOLS
1-29Feb682. LOCATION:

1-29Feb68, Phu Bai, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS:

Executive Officer

Capt A. R. MOORE
1-29Feb68

Supply Officer

1stLt R. W. ADAMS
1-29Feb68

Maintenance Officer

WO R. NICHOLS
4-11Feb681stLt W. T. MCAULEY
12-29Feb68

Motor Transport Officer

1stLt E. C. HARDY III
1-29Feb68

Ass't Comm Center Officer

Capt F. M. KLUNK
1-29Feb68

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Comm Watch Officer

1stLt S. D. JAY
1-29Feb68

Comm Watch Officer

1stLt R. I. TANAKA
1-29Feb68

Comm Watch Officer

1stLt E. C. HARDY III
1-29Feb68

Comm Watch Officer

1stLt E. L. GREATHOUSE
27-29Feb68USMCUSNOFF
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0ENL
2PART II

Communication Company continued to install and maintain Task Force X-RAY command and tactical secure radio and teletype circuits with switchboard and local telephone service. Continued radio relay links were maintained in support of the 1st Marine and 5th Marine (FWD) operations. Additionally, radio relay links were established with a Brigade each of the 1stAIRCNAV and the 101st Airborne. To provide for improved reliability of radio circuits during rocket attacks remote cables were layed underground and the antenna for the tactical radio circuits were moved to the Headquarters Building. An increased role of communication center traffic necessitated five and one-half teletype circuits terminating in the Communication Center with an additional circuit maintained in the Combat Operations Center, Fire Support Coordination Center and Base Defense radio and switchboard circuits were maintained. Continued support was provided to Task Force X-RAY with trucks for logistical operations.

PART III

1Feb68

Two M-35 trucks furnished in support of Base Defense Reaction Elements.

1Feb68

Six M-35 trucks furnished in support of 5th Marines operations for a two day period.

3Feb68

Four M-35 trucks furnished in support of 1st Marines operations and one M-35 truck furnished in support of Base Defense Reaction Elements.

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4Feb68 Six M-35 trucks furnished in support of 5th Marines operations and seven M-35 trucks furnished in support of Base Reaction Elements.

5Feb68 One M-35 truck furnished in support of 1st Marine operations.

6Feb68 One M-35 trucks furnished in support of Task Force X-RAY Civil Affairs operations.

7Feb68 Seven M-35 trucks furnished in support of Task Force X-RAY ammunition resupply operations. Convoy ambushed, six M-35 trucks combat loss with three KIA's: LCpl Stanley L. BAKER 2218053/3516; LCpl John A. BRADLEY 2157907/3531 and LCpl Michael D. LONG 2213792/3531 and two WIA-MEDEVAC's, Cpl Ronald H. PERRAULT 2137003/3531 and PFC James E. SILVA 2171961/3531. Place of ambush: Lang Thien Tri, Nam Hoa, Thua Thien, RVN.

12Feb68 Memorial services held at 1330 in MajGen Bruno A. HOCHMUTH Memorial Chapel for LCpls BAKER, BRADLEY and LONG with services conducted by LCndr A. H. WHITE (CHC) USN, 7th Communication Battalion.

12Feb68 One AN/MRC-83 that was furnished in support of 5th Marine operations returned - damaged by mortarfire.

12Feb68 1stLt W. R. MCAULEY II 093699/2805/5905 joined the Company and assigned duty as the Maintenance Officer.

13Feb68 One AN/MRC-87 furnished in support of 5th Marine operations.

14Feb68 Radio Relay, AN/TRC-27 link established to units located at Cocoa Beach.

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14Feb68 One AN/MRC-83 and two operators helo-lifted to support a Marine Artillery Liaison Officer located with 1stAIRCAV Brigade.

18Feb68 Radio Relay, AN/MRC-62 link established with 101st Airborne Brigade.

22Feb68 Unit diaries submitted by Cpl John L. HUNTER and PFC W. R. KUYKENDALL for the month of January contained no errors.

27Feb68 1stLt E. L. GREATHOUSE 096000/2502 joined the company and was assigned as a Comm Watch Officer.

27Feb68 Wire Platoon commenced the underground laying of two 25 pair cables from the radio transmitting site to the Phu Bai Marine Frame. Trenching equipment was furnished by MCB-121.

27Feb68 One M-35 truck furnished in support of 5th Marine operations.

28Feb68 Radio Relay, AN/TRC-27 link established with 1stBn, 5th Marines.

28Feb68 R. W. ADAMS and E. C. HARDY III promoted to 1stLt.

28Feb68 Radio Relay, AN/MRC-62 link established with 5th Marines (FWD).

28Feb68 Capt F. M. KLUNK departed on Emergency Leave.

29Feb68 Sgt J. ELIZONDO 2164614/2511 and Cpl J. L. HUNTER 2163189/0141 were recommended for the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V".

COMMUNICATION SUPPORT COMPANY
7th Communication Battalion
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

BWF:raw
5750
1 Mar 1968

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 7th Communication Battalion

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 through 29 February 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
(c) DivO 5750.2B

Encl: (1) Communication Support Company, 7th Communication Battalion
Command Chronology.

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

Barry W. Ferich
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Capt. USMC

Comm Support Co, 7th Comm Bn

24 Feb 1968

COMMUNICATION SUPPORT COMPANY
7th Communication Battalion
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART I
ORGANIZATION DATA

1. DESIGNATION

Communication Support Company
7th Communication Battalion, FMF

COMMANDER

Capt. B.W. FERICH
(1-29 Feb 68)

1stSgt.

1stSgt. B.J. CAVITT
(1-26 Feb 68)

OPERATIONS CHIEF

SSgt. G.T. DAWSON
(1-29 Feb 68)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

COMMUNICATION CENTER PLATOON COMMANDER

1stLt. A.R. COLELLA
(1-29 Feb 68)

Asst. COMMUNICATION CENTER PLATOON COMMANDER

1stLt. P.C. DISARIO
(24-29 Feb 68)

RADIO PLATOON COMMANDER

1stLt. F.P. HEDGECOCK
(1-29 Feb 68)

WIRE PLATOON

1stLt. Z. KOBIASHVILI
(1-29 Feb 68)

2. LOCATION

1-29 February 1968 DaNang RVN

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN		ATTACHED	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
6	145	0	0	0	1

PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Communication Center Platoon, Communication Support Company, 7th Communication Battalion, plus 10 wiremen remained under operational control of the 3rd Marine Division at Dong Ha Combat Base until 15 February 1968. While administrative control remained with Communication Support Company, 7th Communication Battalion, DaNang.

20 Feb 68 CommSptCo moved from old 4/11's area to CommCo's old area.

27 Feb 68 1stLt. L.M. DORNAK changed from missing to DAI (BNR).

PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

a. The following changes in personnel took place in February.

Joined - 15 Enl 1 Off
Trans - 61 Enl 1 Off
KIA - 1 Off
WIA - 0
Emergency Lv - 0
To Hos - 3 Enl
Fr Hos - 1 Enl
In Hos Now - 1 Enl
To R&R out of Country - 5 Enl
*Fr R&R out of Country - 6 Enl
To Special Lv - 1 Enl
Fr Special Lv - 1 Enl
Extended in RVN - 3 Enl
Detached - 1
* Due to the overlap between months.

b. End of month Company Strength stood at 123 Enlisted, 6 Officers, and 1 Attached.

2. OPERATIONS

N/A

3. TRAINING

14 Feb 1968 Class held at Battalion on Venereal Disease, 35 Personnel attended.

15 Feb 1968 Class held at Battalion on NCO Leadership, 3 Personnel attended.

15 Feb 1968 Class held at Battalion on Venereal Disease, 8 Personnel attended.

16 Feb 1968 Class held at Battalion on NCO Leadership, 2 Personnel attended.

Barry W. Ferich
Barry W. FERICH

RADIO RELAY AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
7th Communication Battalion FME
1st Marine Division (Rein) FME
FPO San Francisco 96602

MGC/ljk
5750
1 Mar 68

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 7th Communication Battalion (Attn: S-3)
Subj: Command Chronology for Period 1 February 1968 to 29 February 1968
Ref: (a) BnO 5213.2B
Encl: (1) Radio Relay and Construction Company Command Chronology
1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), enclosure (1)
is submitted.

L. A. Schneider
L. A. SCHNEIDER

Radio Relay & Construction Co., 7th Comm. Bn

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PART I

Organizational Data1. Designation

Radio Relay and Construction Company

CommanderCapt. W. E. Shaver
(1-5 February 1968)Capt. R. K. Allen
(6-13 February 1968)Maj. L. A. Schneider
(14-29 February 1968)Subordinate Units

Construction Platoon

1st Lt. D. D. Johanson
(1-29 February 1968)1st Lt. J. W. Pok
Asst Plt Cmdr
(1-21 February 1968)1st Lt. E. G. Jones
Asst Plt Cmdr
(22-29 February 1968)

Radio Relay Platoon

Capt. A. M. Tripp
(1-25 February 1968)Capt. R. K. Allen
(26-29 February 1968)1st Lt. N. H. Robinson
Asst Plt Cmdr
(1-29 February 1968)2. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

Capt. R. K. Allen
(1-5 February 1968)
(14-25 February 1968)Capt. A. M. Tripp
(25-29 February 1968)

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Operations Officer

1st Lt. P. C. Disario III
(1-23 February 1968)

1st Lt. G. A. Hier
(24-29 February 1968)

3. Location

Da Nang, RVN
(1-29 February 1968)

4. Average Monthly Strength

Officers

Enlisted

9

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PART II

Narrative Summary

Radio Relay and Construction Company continued to furnish personnel and equipment for radio relay shots previously established. In addition the Company deployed two AN/TRC-27's with operators; one to Div. Comm. Co. and one to 3rd MAF (37th Sig. Bn.). Two AN/MRC-62's with teams returned from 2nd Bn., 3rd Marines, and one AN/TRC-97 with operators returned from Chu Lai (ACT #2). The Company installed one speaker in connection with the Alert System in the Comm. Spt. Area. Lowered cables on poles in 1st Engineers CP to provide clearance below secondary power lines. Replaced two poles near Commanding General's bunker and transferred cable runs to new poles, also placed one pole at end of Commanding General's bunker. One line was run from the Dental Clinic to the 7th Comm. Bn. switchboard. Installed poles from 1st Engineer Bn. CP to the Dai Lai Pass bunkers. The Company picked up cable pair at B-4 which was originally "I" Battery to 11th Marines FDC and terminated it in the 4/11 FDC. All phone lines were removed from Comm. Spt. area and installed in the new area. The Company installed cross connects in 7th Comm. Bn. for (3) circuits running from 11th Marines to 2/13. Installed two 30 foot poles, one pole in G-5 area, one pole at Division Legal, five spans of 50 pair cable, three spans of messenger, five spans of 25 pair cable and three terminals. The Company installed three pairs to provide two trunk lines and one FDC to FSCC Hot Line. This is for 2/13 to provide support to the 27th Marines.

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PART III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

3 February 1968 Construction Platoon completed installing one speaker in connection with the Alert System in the Comm. Spt. Area.
(Ref: 7th Comm. Bn. WO #23-68)

5 February 1968 Radio Relay platoon deployed two AN/TRC-27's with operators; one to Div. Comm. Co. and one to 3rd MAF (37th Sig. Bn.).

12 February 1968 Construction Platoon lowered cables on poles in 1st Engineers CP to provide clearance below secondary power lines.
(Ref: 1st MarDiv CEO WO #8-68)

12 February 1968 Construction Platoon replaced two poles near the Commanding General's bunker and transferred cable runs to new poles.
(Ref: 1st MarDiv CEO WO #2-68)

12 February 1968 Construction Platoon ran a line from the Dental Clinic to the 7th Comm. Bn. switchboard.
(Ref: 7th Comm. Bn. WO #28-68)

14 February 1968 Construction Platoon placed one pole at the end of Commanding General's bunker.
(Ref: 1st MarDiv CEO WO #WW-1)

16 February 1968 Construction Platoon installed poles from 1st Engineer Bn. CP to the Dai Lai Pass bunkers.
(Ref: 1st MarDiv CEO WO #7-68)

20 February 1968 Construction Platoon ran a line from 2/13 to switchboard.
(Ref: 7th Comm. Bn. WO #30-68)

21 February 1968 Construction Platoon picked up cable pair at B-4 which was originally "I" Battery to 11th Marines FDC and terminated it in the 4/11 FDC.
(Ref: 7th Comm. Bn. WO #29-68)

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21 February 1968 Construction Platoon removed all phone lines from Comm. Spt. area and installed lines in new area.
(Ref: 7th Comm. Bn. WO #31-68)

22 February 1968 Construction Platoon installed cross connects in 7th Comm. Bn. for (3) circuits running from 11th Marines to 2/13.
(Ref: 1st MarDiv CEO WO #10-68)

24 February 1968 Radio Relay Platoon had two AN/MRC-62's with operators return from 2nd Bn. 3rd Marine Regiment.

28 February 1968 Construction Platoon installed two 30 foot poles, one pole in G-5 area; one pole in Division Legal area, five spans of 50 pair cable, three spans of messenger, five spans of 25 pair cable and three terminals.
(Ref: 1st MarDiv CEO WO #9-68)

28 February 1968 Construction Platoon installed three pairs to provide two trunk lines and one FDC to FSCC Hot Line. This is for 2/13 to provide support to the 27th Marines.
(Ref: 7th Comm. Bn. WO #33-68)

29 February 1968 Radio Relay Platoon had one AN/TRC-97 with team return from Chu Lai (ACT #2).

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PART IV

Multi-Channel Radio Support

<u>Site Location</u>	<u>Link</u>	<u>Pers</u>	<u>Equip</u>
KMB (Hoi An)	KMB Internal	6	2 AN/MRC-62's
7th Mar CP (AT970820)	7th Mar CP/2nd Bn, 7th Mar	3	1 AN/MRC-62
2nd Bn, 7th Mar (AT937787)	2nd Bn, 7th Mar/7th Mar CP	3	1 AN/MRC-62
2nd Bn, 502nd Inf. (Phu Loc)	2nd Bn, 502nd Inf/101st Air Borne	3	1 AN/MRC-62
"I" Co. 3rd Bn, 7th Mar (AT975475)	"I" Co. 3rd Bn. 7th Mar/3rd Bn, 7th Mar	2	1 AN/MRC-62
1st Mar (Hue)	1st Mar Internal	5	2 AN/MRC-62's
1st Mar (Phu Bai)	Not Committed	3	1 AN/MRC-62
MASS III (Chu Lai)	MASS III/1st MAW	2	1 AN/TRC-97
26th Mar (Khe Sanh)	26th Mar/3rd MarDiv	2	1 AN/TRC-97
3rd MarDiv (Dong Ha)	3rd MarDiv/26th Mar	3	1 AN/TRC-97
1st Air Cav (YD532322)	1st Air Cav/1st MarDiv	2	1 AN/TRC-97
TF Xray	TF Xray/1st MarDiv	3	1 AN/TRC-97
MAG-36 (Quang Tri) (Airfield)	MAG-36/1st MAW	0	1 AN/TRC-97
Dong Ha CB	Dong Ha CB/MAG-36	3 0	1 AN/TRC-27 1 RT-252
1st MarDiv	1st MarDiv/37th Sig Bn	3	1 AN/TRC-27

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Site Location	Link	Pers	Equip
37th Sig Bn	37th Sig Bn/1st MarDiv	3	1 AN/TRC-27
1st MarDiv (Hill 244)	1st MarDiv/7th Mar	2	1 AN/TRC-27
1st Mar (KoKo Beach)	1st Mar/	3	1 AN/TRC-27
TF Xray	Not Committed	0	1 AN/TRC-27

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TIME	SERIAL NO	MESSAGES, ORDERS, INCIDENTS
0030	01	Engineers patrol left CP. 1st Tanks notified COC that patrol # 2 was cancelled.
0100	02	RED Alert. Rocket attack was called in by OP Lion from 2270 mils; 6000 meters.
0105	03	Correction: 2400 mils at a range of 1000 meters.
0105	04	S-3 notified Reserve Platoon Cmdr to have Plt on 30 min notice.
0205	05	Reserve Platoon # 1 departed for 1st Tanks.
0220	06	Reserve Platoon # 2 departed for 1st Tanks.
0220	07	Telecon: 1st Tanks/S-3: Reported 300 VC crossing river about 1000 meters north of Cam Lo Bridge. Probable mission is to hit Danang Airfield.
0236	08	RR&C Co reported 47 men on line.
0236	09	Telecon: 1st Tanks/S-3. Reserve Plt # 2 returning to CP.
0240	010	Hq Co reported 52 men on line.
0247	011	Reserve Platoon was placed on line.
0520	012	Albrook Lion reported rockets coming from 2940 mils at a range of 9000 meters.
0550	013	OP Tiger reported visibility zero.
0550	014	S-3 ordered one bunker one each side of CP manned during daylight hours.
1400	015	Bn Overlay and Personnel Status Report delivered to 1st Tank Bn and Southern Sector Defense Force Overlay and INTSUM report picked up.
1615	016	Albrook requested we sent Commander or representative to SSDC COC at 1700.
1630	017	Two (2) messages transmitted over Bn Admin Net.
2200	018	50% of all personnel on line.

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1015	01	Cpl OLLMAN turned in one Frag Grenade M-26, One Green Star Cluster, 1 White Star Cluster and one M-16 Magazine. Found in the Rice Paddy.
1030	02	Received word from men working on wire that there were an undetermined amount of "young men" in the Phong Bac District.
1040	03	Patrol from CSC was sent out into the area.
1045	04	Received from Roadtest, 1 Vietnamese was shot and killed, incident occurred near Bunker 4, B Company, 7th Engineers.
1050	05	1 Corpsman and stretcher dispatched to B Company, 7th Eng. Bunker 4 area (accompanied by S-3).
1050	06	Notified 1st Tanks COC and requested interpreter.
1055	07	1st Tanks called and stated and interpreter is on the way from Hoa Cam.
1100	08	B Company, 7th Engineers called and stated that S-3 requested either the CO or XO report to Bunker 4 immediately.
1101	09	Bn XO on the way to Bunker 4.
1115	010	Telecon; B Company, 7th Engineers to S-3 via Major MC CLUSKEY to call CID to investigate incident.
1117	011	Called CID. None available, notified Cpl STILLMAN PNO desk Sgt find one and have him report to Bn S-3 immediately.
1130	012	Interpreter arrived to bunker 4 from Hoa Cam.
1130	013	Notified 1st Tanks of the situation near OP Tiger in paddies 50 men and 17 women (seems unusual).
1130	014	CID reported to Bn Area.
1135	015	Notified EOD of unknown object buried underground by Bunker 8, they will be down ASAP.
1145	016	EOD reported that unknown object was engineer stake covering wire running to Claymore mine from Bunker 8.
1335	017	Phone call from Lt. Mc DOUGALL pass to CSC. Do not send pay master down. Men will be returning soon.
1430	018	4 enlisted to CAP school and reassignment.
1430	019	Bn Overlay and Personnel Status Report delivered to 1st Tank Bn and Southern Sector Defense Force Overlay and INTSUM report picked up.
1637	020	1st Tanks reports Hoa Cam will have LP at 979705 from 1910 - 0515.

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TIME	SERIAL NO	MESSAGES, ORDERS, INCIDENTS
0055	01	Red Alert sounded. Rockets
0120	02	Comm Support Co. had 13 men on line, Hq Co had 77 men on line, RR&C Co had 89 men on line, B Co 7th Engineers had 108 men on line.
0135	03	Trailer Park 5 notified Trailer Park Virginia that there were VC headed up river bank in their direction.
0200	04	Trailer Park 5 notified Trailer Park Virginia that 2 to 4 men were headed toward them.
0210	05	OP Tiger reported bridge at 125 ⁰ , 800 meters was blown up.
0220	06	Trailer Park 5 informed Trailer Park Virginia of 4 people moving toward them.
0230	07	Trailer Park 5 called in rockets from 3128; 8,000 meters.
0235	08	Trailer Park 5 called in rockets from same area.
0240	09	Trailer Park 5 called in rockets from same area.
0245	010	Trailer Park 5 reported firfight on Hill 10;
0250	011	Trailer Park 5 reported more rockets in same area.
0251	012	Trailer Park 5 reported more rockets in same area.
0252	013	Trailer Park 5 reported friendly artillery way off target.
0253	014	Trailer Park 5 reported more rockets from same area.
0254	015	Trailer Park 5 reported more rockets from same area.
0255	016	Trailer Park 5 reported artillery landing 50 to 100 meters to the right of rocket site.
0300	017	Trailer Park 5 reported artillery on rocket site.
0345	018	Trailer Park 5 reported artillery impact and secondary explosions at azimuth 3150, 10,000 meters.
0430	019	Trailer Park 5 reported rockets from az 3050, at 8,000 meters
0436	020	Trailer Park 5 reported atty is way west of rocket site.

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TIME	SERIAL NO	MESSAGES, ORDERS, INCIDENTS
0442	021	Trailer Park 5 reported 6 rockets at two second intervals 160°, 7500 meters.
0450	022	Trailer Park 5 reported rockets from same area in bursts of 3.
0457	023	Albrook ALPHA 1 reported rockets at 120°, 3000 meters, coordinates 973684.
0500	024	Rockets from same area.
0504	025	Rockets from same area.
0505	026	Rockets from az 3050, 4 rockets from 2 pads.
0506	027	Trailer Park 5 reported still no friendly artillery into that area.
0507	028	Rockets coming in on 3 minute intervals.
0510	029	Rockets from same azimuth, same meters.
0513	030	Rockets from same azimuth, same meters.
0700	031	Standdown to normal daytime alert.
0700	032	Reserve Platoon (Lt. POK) departs CP. for SSDC Defense of vital area (Tuy Loan Bridge)
1230	033	Telecon; Major DICKEY/Bn S-3 the reserve platoon will be committed to a vital area, within SSDC. Possible that our other reserve platoon will be called.
1430	034	Bn Overlay and Personnel Status Report delivered to 1st Tank Bn and Southern Sector Defense Force Overlay and INTSUM report picked up.
1530	035	Reserve plt engaged at Tuy Loan Bridge.
1630	036	2 messages received on Bn Admin Net.
1630	037	Negative helo report sent in for period 3 Jan thru 6 Feb 68. Ref: 7th Comm Bn msg 070415Z Feb 68
1930	038	Placed on 100% alert by 1st Tanks.
1930	039	RR&C Co reported 67 men on line, CSC reported 25 men on line, Ho Co reported 63 men on line, B Co, 7th Eng. reported 61 men on line 61 on the west and 59 on the east.

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TIME	SERIAL NO	MESSAGES, ORDERS, INCIDENTS
0700	01	Standdown to regular daily perimeter watch.
1305	02	Telecon; Major DICKEY/Captain MALBY placed reserve platoon #2 on 15 minute standby.
1500	03	Bn Overlay and Personnel Status Report delivered to 1st Tank Bn and Southern Sector Defense Force Overlay and INTSUM report picked up.
1650	04	Reserve Platoon was called out.
1700	05	2 messages received on Bn Admin Net.
1730	06	CAP unit at coordinates 025705 was over run by 200-1000 NVA/VC
1750	07	Telecon; 1st Tanks/Bn S-3. <u>NO</u> Free Fire Zone along river.
1755	08	Telecon; 1st Tanks/Bn S-3. Personnel in vicinity of 025705 are not VC.
1800	09	Telecon; Bn S-3/1st Tanks. Earlier report stated VC/NVA. Later report stated not VC my question? Are they NVA? No comment from 1st Tanks. There is a Fire Fight going on.
1840	010	100% alert on bunkers and line in SSDC. Passed by 1st Tanks. All companies alerted plus "B" Co, 7th Engineers.
1850	011	Telecon; 1st Tanks/Bn S-3 via HOA CAM. 200 VC occupying 933713. Civilians moving out of area. Mission to hit Song Cau Do and Tuy Loan Bridges.
1900	012	Telecon; 1st Tanks/Bn S-3, Free Fire Zone 300 meters on each side of river.
2000	013	Hq Co reports 50 men on line.
2015	014	Ref: 1900 Free Fire Zone is changed to include on the river and on out side of the river anywhere we want.
2030	015	RR&C Co has 73 men on line.
2050	016	"B" Co, 7th Engineers 160 men and 5 Officers on line.
2200	017	OP Tiger reported Red flare at 1800; 2000 meters out reported same to 1st Tanks.
2225	018	Rosemont Bravo, Black patrol made contact. Red flare approximately 300 meters from patrols position.

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0440	01	Bunker 4 sighted one VC cutting wire and same same. 100% alert was sounded.
0500	02	Hq Co reported 56 men on line, RR&C Co reported 82 men on line, CSC reported 49 men on line, "B" Co, 7th Eng. reported 90 men on line.
0510	03	Reaction Squad mustered.
0545	04	All companies notified that chow will go from 0700 to 0830.
0600	05	Telecon; Major GRAY/Bn S-3. Request to send the IRO and driver to pick up the Vietnamese workers. Negative at this time.
0620	06	Bn S-3 informed patrol to carry out scheduled plan.
0705	07	Patrol arrived back in CP.
0715	08	Bn CO passed the word to "Standdown" to regular daytime security.
0720	09	Telecon; Bn S-3/1st Tanks. Found coat on wire similar to type worn by previous infiltrators. No blood on coat or in surrounding area.
1100	010	Bn S-3A submitted Ammo SOP to Bn Supply.
1330	011	Bn Overlay and Personnel Status Report delivered to 1st Tank Bn and Southern Sector Defense Force Overlay and INTSUM Report picked up.
1500	012	Bn S-3A/Bn S-4. Requested a special allowance for 6 M-79's.
1630	013	One (1) message transmitted over Bn Admin Net.
1700	014	Telecon; Major SIMON/Bn Ops Chief. Requested to know problem on Comm Co (TF XRAY) in reference to outage of equipment.
1705	015	Telecon; Bn Ops Chief/Comm Co XO. Outage due to power problems and not equipment. Also receive circuit from Div. was down due to bad printer. Equipment now 100% up.
1720	016	Telecon; Bn Ops Chief/Col CORDES. informed him of problems and that they are 100% up.
1745	017	Telecon; Bn Ops Chief/Bn Supply. Checked on arrival of equipment from ACT # 1.

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0700	01	STANDDOWN to normal daytime security.
0740	02	Four (4) enlisted to prisoner chasers school.
0800	03	Negative Helo Report submitted. Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 060911Z Nov 67
0800	04	Submitted one (1) enlisted nominee to Div for Embarkation School. Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 230801Z Dec67
0800	05	Submitted one (1) officer and (1) enlisted to Bn S-1 for Officer and NCO Leadership Course. DivBul 1500 dtd 2Jan68
1000	06	Weekly Pole Line Construction Report hand carried to 1st MarDiv CEO. Ref: CG 1st MarDiv ltr 10/GWH/wdc dtd 11Nov67
1000	07	Bunker # 4 informed Sgt of Guard that there are about (10) unknown Vietnamese in Yen Bac. S-3A and 1st Tank Bn COC notified and given coordinates. Tanks will take action.
1110	08	Telecon 1st Tanks/Ops Chief - PFs are in that area. (07)
1100	09	Telecon Major SIMON/Bn Ops Chief - Passed on advanced info on CG 1st MarDiv msg 200702Z Feb68 in reference to Tech Training Course convening 22Feb-26Feb and 28Feb-3Mar. Two (2) men 2841 - 2861 to attend each class. Also Radio Operators Course - (9) 2531/2533 for 27 Feb class; (3) 2531/2533 for 4 Mar class - Held at 5th Comm Bn.
1300	010	Telecon Col CORDES/Bn Ops Chief - Requested status of certain pieces of communication equipment. Info requested forwarded via telecon.
1300	011	Bn Overlay and Personnel Status Report delivered to 1st Tank Bn and Southern Sector Defense Force Overlay and Intsum Report picked up.
1415	012	Telecon Bn XO/Ops Chief - Requested info passed to Col CORDES - Ops Chief passed to XO.
1435	013	Trailer Park California reported capturing three (3) VC prisoners and that they are bringing them to CP.
1510	014	Twenty-two (22) enlisted zeroed M-16A1 rifles.
1550	015	MPs arrived and took prisoners to III MAF.
1645	016	Telecon Bn Ops Chief/Div G-3, GySgt WALSH - Submitted names for Technicians Training Course 22-26 Feb 68 and 28Feb-3Mar 68. Ref: CG III MAF 202702Z Feb68

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0700	01	2 Enlisted departed for 5th Comm Bn for a 5 day course in Technician Training; Ref: III MAF msg 200702Z Feb 68.
1030	02	Patrol picked up suspect and brought him to Bunker # 4 Suspect taken to 9th ITT for interrogation.
1130	03	Two Enlisted departed for 1st Div CEO with 2 AN/TGC-14's and one KW-7, for an indefinite period.
1300	04	Bn S-3 departed area for HOA VANG in connection of meeting with RD coordination.
1330	05	Bn Overlay and Personnel Status Report delivered to 1st Tank Bn and Southern Sector Defense Force Overlay and INESUM Report picked up.
1340	06	9th ITT/Bn S-3; Notified Bn Ops Chief that suspect was innocent civilian evacuated to Phong Bac 3 years ago. In these cases, ID will be negligent. Money he had was for rice, and had saved it over a period of time. Knew nothing of holes. Occupation is "Jack of all Trades" was gardening when apprehended. Sent driver and shotgun to pickup civilian.
1400	07	Telecon; RR&C Ops Officer/Bn Ops Chief; Wanted information on AN/MRC-62 vans between 2/3 and 2/3 forward since 2/27 takes over. Question: Will they be returned to RR&C or not.
1515	08	Telecon; Comm Co Ops Chief/Bn Ops Chief; Informed that PU-346 for TRC-97 was evacuated to FSR, need one immediately for backup. Notified S-4.
1530	09	Telecon; Bn Ops Chief/Major VERDUN. Passed above information was informed that equipment will be returned to Division at which time appropriate action will be taken.
1545	0101	Telecon; Lt DISARIO/Bn Ops Chief, wanted answer to above question: Gave answer; Question: Why do they have to go to Division rather than be returned direct to RR&C Co. Negative answer. He stated he'd contact Bn S-3.
1555	011	Telecon; Comm Co Comm Center Officer/Bn S-3, Bn S-3 out Bn Ops chief took call. Major ARCHENBAULT returned Bn S-3 call. Being familiar with call, following info passed on. Comm Co XO informed Bn Ops Chief that Comm Co was in real good shape technician wise. Major ARCHENBAULT stated that he has no technician capable of hooking up the TT-317 onto the 59 equipment to base of 192 reperferator at the present time. They aren't using this equipment but with things getting tight, he feels he will have to use it soon. Told him I'd inform Bn S-3 of situation.

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0705	01	STANDDOWN to normal daytime security.
0730	02	S-3A departed for Phong Bac Sweep.
0800	03	S-3 departed for River Line Sweep.
1200	04	S-3 returned. Negative results.
1515	05	Albrook passed to all units that 100% alert to go at twilight (1853) by order of "Seaside".
1520	06	Bn Overlay and Personnel Status Report delivered to 1st Tank Bn and Southern Sector Defense Force Overlay and INTSUM Report picked up.
1540	07	Bn Ops Chief drew classified msg from S&C files. Ref: Seventh Marines 211520Z Feb 68.
1630	08	One (1) message transmitted over Bn Admin Net.
1645	09	NCO School cancelled due to 100% alert.
1853	010	Went on 100% alert.
1920	011	Hq Co has 74 men on line, TR&C Co has 84 men on line; CSC has 79 men on line; "B" Co, 7th Eng. has 72 men on line.
2025	012	36 rounds FFAR fired on coordinates 986702 by Fire Fly. No Secondary explosions.
2045	013	Patrol returned to CP. No unusual incidents.
2245	014	Bn XO on OP Tiger informed S-3 of movement in treeline. Requested to fire Tank Illumination if seen again. Permission granted by 1st Tanks.
2247	015	Bn XO fired ^{90mm WP} illumination. Movement ceased.
2330	016	Bn XO directed Fire Fly mission. Target neutralized. ^{AT COORDINATES 97400698}
2340	017	"B" Co, 7th Eng. has 72 on line; CSC has 79 on line.

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0315	01	Fire Fly spotted 2 large rafts of sufficient length to span river when tied together. Also, 20-30 boats in Phong Lei and Stream south of Song Cau Do Bridge. Awaiting clearance from 1/7 to fire on South bank of river.
0400	02	Rafts destroyed, some boats destroyed. Trailer Park 3 requested artillery fires 105mm 5mm Concentration XY087.
0425	03	Artillery cleared, mission being fired, OP Tiger adjusts.
0435	04	Fire for effect. 1 gun 6 rounds Concentration UX642.
0440	05	End of mission.
0710	06	STANDDOWN to normal daytime security.
1330	07	Bn Ops Chief/Trailer Park; came up on M-129 to monitor Capt. MALBY in accordance with Bn CO's orders.
1340	08	Telecon; Bn Ops Chief/Major SIMON; gave him information on equipment still on loan to 3rd Div., and Dong Ha area.
1400	09	Bn Ops Chief supervised the revamping of OP Tiger. There's still a lot of work to be done on it, and will take appropriate action.
1430	010	Bn Overlay and Personnel Status Report Delivered to 1st Tank Bn and Southern Sector Defense Force Overlay and INTSUM Report picked up.
1500	011	Telecon; 1st Div COC/Bn Ops Chief; requested to know results of sweep in reference to Fire Fly mission on rafts and boats. Told him sweep was still in progress. He explained that he would get final report from tanks. No further action from this end.
1630	012	One (1) message transmitted on Bn Admin Net.
2000	013	100% on line; 50% awake, and 50% asleep.
2030	014	Hq Co 70 men on line, RR&C Co 98 men on line, 7th Eng. 70 men on line; CSC 52 men on line., 2/13 33 men on line.
2040	015	Albrook/Juliet 3; possible VC in Yen Bac and Phong Bac.
2300	016	Red Alert. Rockets called in by OP Tiger.
2302	017	Coordinates of Rockets was 022668.

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, First Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Attack on Hill 34 Complex on 30 January 1968, Report of
Ref: (a) Verbal Order of Commanding General, First Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Encl: (1) Diagram of Penetration Area

1. Narrative Summary of Events. On the morning of 30 January 1968 at 0150, an estimated two squads of uniformed Viet Cong assaulted the perimeter of the Hill 34 Complex at AT99107132. A bangalore torpedo was fired from a bamboo thicket close to the perimeter wire while a base of automatic weapons and rocket fire was laid on defensive positions. Immediately prior to the assault on the perimeter, a patrol from Company B, 7th Engineer Battalion, a tenant unit of the Cantonment, made light contact with an undetermined size enemy force at coordinates AT99257130 and opened fire. This apparently triggered the attack on the perimeter wire as the initial explosion of the bangalore torpedo occurred before the Company Commander on watch at the Company B COC could alert the perimeter bunkers in the area of penetration. The two bunkers on either side of the penetration opened fire as did those 7th Communication Battalion personnel located on the 7th Communication Battalion perimeter in a position to observe the action. Other 7th Communication Battalion personnel took the tree line to their front under fire where small arms and automatic weapons were being fired at both perimeters.

Enemy personnel, after penetrating the perimeter wire, turned west inside the wire and ran toward the area where officer personnel sleep. At this time additional coordinated B-40 rocket fire was directed into the Communication Support Company, 7th Communication Battalion troop billeting areas. A bunker sentry (Bunker No. 5, Encl. 1), firing out of the back of his bunker at the enemy, was hit by rocket fire in the eye and was killed instantly. The other sentry around the bunker was stunned by the explosion although otherwise unhurt. A grenade also was thrown at this bunker. After attacking and throwing a satchel charge and a grenade at one officer's hut in which a Navy Dental Corps Officer was under his bunk and shooting small arms fire into other quarters, the enemy turned and attacked east through the billeting area leaving the dentist a WIA (Evacuated) in the officer's area. This officer was wearing a protective vest which apparently saved his

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life. Other officers in the area had departed the officer's area when the attack began and were in the enlisted area organizing their troops or heading toward that area. All troops were out of their quarters and in protective holes when the enemy reached this area. B-40 fire had continued in the area during the initial assault killing one Marine who had left his shelter to return to his quarters for additional ammunition or his protective vest. He was fully clothed including laced up boots when found after the attack. Another Marine fighting from a protective hole was wounded in the leg by grenade fragments but was able to walk to the 7th Communication Battalion Aid Station for treatment. He also was fully dressed, including boots and protective vest; and he was fully armed and equipped when wounded. One VC was killed in the street, and blood trails were found indicating additional wounded. As the enemy withdrew, two Viet Cong dragging a third were killed in the perimeter wire by the 7th Engineer Battalion patrol which was engaging the enemy from a position near the point of initial contact. A fifth body was found the following day approximately 100 meters south of the penetration point. His ankles were bound together with a dragging strap, and blood trails indicated he had been killed near the perimeter wire on the initial assault. A pile of human intestines also near the penetration point would indicate a sixth KIA as all of the recovered bodies were intact.

2. Reactions. As the attack began, personnel of the Communication Support Company who are billeted in the attack area vacated their quarters area and took cover in protective fighting holes around their respective SEA huts. Officer personnel other than the Navy Dental Corps Officer vacated their quarters and ran to join their troops. Close in fighting resulted immediately and at least one VC managed to exit the wire near the penetration point without being killed. The volume of fire into the tree line laid down by the 7th Communication Battalion perimeter apparently caused the cessation of rocket fire. Communication Support Company immediately swept the entire south end of the cantonment. At the Company B, 7th Engineers CP, located approximately 200 meters from the penetration point, immediate security was thrown around the area. A sweep from north to south through the cantonment was organized by Company B. They made contact with the Communication Support Company and all trenches and fighting holes were then manned. The 7th Communication Battalion (-) in the adjacent cantonment was also put on total alert immediately with all trenches and fighting holes on the perimeter and internal reserve fighting positions manned. At 0600, an apparent attempt was made by the Viet Cong to recover the three (3) bodies lying in the wire. Enemy automatic weapons fire was fired at both the Company B, 7th Engineers and 7th Communication Battalion perimeters. This attempt was suppressed by heavy small arms and M-79 fire. The number of enemy casualties inflicted during this phase of the attack is not known. At 0630 the entire area of operations (Thon Phong Bac, Phong Bac, Yen Bac and Cam Hoa Hamlets) was swept by the Southern Sector Defense Command Reserve Force.

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3. Defensive Posture at Time of the Attack. Bunker watches in the area of penetration were at 100% alert at the time of the attack. Bunker 4, as shown on enclosure (1) had two (2) Marines in the bunker manning an M-60 machine gun and one (1) Marine in a fighting position on the east side of the bunker. Bunker 5 had one Marine in the top of the bunker tower (KIA) and one Marine in the lower half of the bunker. Supervisory personnel within the entire area had been alerted as to the increased danger that night, and troops had been alerted that they may be called out. However, no orders were received to put 100% of area personnel on the line and at the ready during the 12 hour period prior to the attack.

4. Future Actions. Commencing at daylight on 30 January 1968, repairs were made to existing perimeter wire and plans made to strengthen existing defenses. Previous requests for bunker construction were raised in priority and additional wire barriers planned. Current plans are to immediately construct new and deeper wire barriers completely around the northern section of the Hill 34 Complex for which 7th Communication Battalion assumed responsibility on 29 January 1968. Engineer and Communication Battalion personnel will do this work. Eighteen (18) new bunkers will be constructed and divided equally between the east and west perimeters. In addition, connecting communication trenches and supplementary fighting positions, both on the perimeter and within the cantonment, will be constructed. Channelizing wire is currently being replaced throughout the cantonment to prevent enemy running through unchecked. All grass immediately inside the protective wire has been scraped off and grass in the wire is being burned out. Officer's quarters near the perimeter wire will be removed and relocated in a more centrally located position. Communication between the Communication Support Company and Company B, 7th Engineers COCs has been improved and more definitive areas of responsibility on the perimeter are being developed.

The estimated time to complete rehabilitation of the northern section of the Hill 34 Complex for which the Commanding Officer, 7th Communication Battalion is responsible and improvement of existing defenses on the south end of the hill will be completed by 9 February 1968 if availability of construction material from the 1st Engineer Battalion is sufficient.

5. Lessons Learned. In order to provide information to other Combat Support and Combat Service Support units assigned important defensive responsibilities the below listed "lessons learned" are recorded.

a. As the patrol from the engineer company exited the wire the perimeter lights in that area were turned out and were still out at the time of the attack. Perimeter guards did not have "pop-up" illumination ready to fire in the event an attack did take place. Turning off perimeter lights is a routine action, but it makes the perimeter guards extremely vulnerable because of impaired night vision.

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b. For safety reasons, Claymore mines on the immediate flanks of the penetration were not connected to preclude accidental discharge into the patrol. This is obviously a false precaution after this experience, due to the speed and shock effect of this type of attack.

c. The cantonment that was hit has been the responsibility of three (3) different commands in the past (5) months and has had four different units living in the area that was hit. All units recognized the need for improvement of defensive positions but generally "made do" or put minimum improvement into existing defenses because of the temporary nature of their stay. In the case of B Company, 7th Engineers, the requirement for daily mine sweeps and night security precluded having sufficient manpower available to do needed work although a great deal of improvement had been accomplished on the north end of the cantonment in the 30 days prior to the attack. Tenant units were not directed to improve the positions by the responsible security unit. Tenant activities must be made aware of their responsibility to continuously improve their defensive positions even though they are not responsible for overall security of the cantonment.

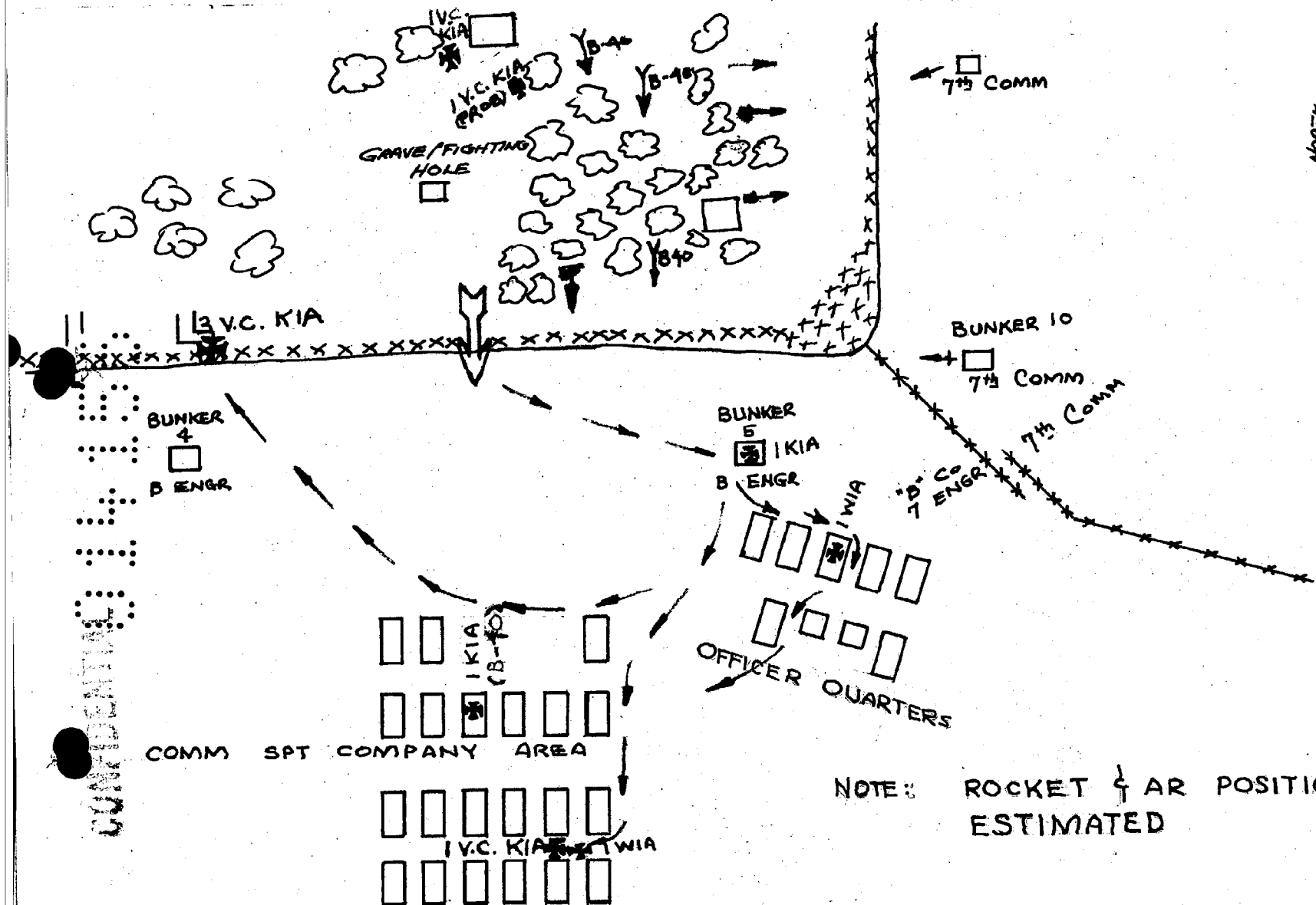
d. The area of penetration is on flat ground with the local population living in close proximity to the perimeter wire. Bamboo thickets were permitted to grow close-in to the wire and this provided concealment for attacking forces. Regardless of the degree of pacification and lack of previous contact with enemy forces, precautions consistent with the most forward positions must be observed in regard to perimeter security and patrol screening.

e. Wire placed to prevent "run throughs" must be constantly checked for loose stakes, particularly when indigenous personnel are allowed to work within the compound. The enemy in this case was able to run through interior wire in the location where indigenous personnel burn head cans.

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