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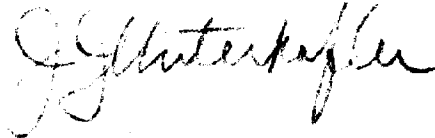
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATADESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

3rd Battalion, 26th Marines

LtCol J. J. UNTERKOFER
(1-31 January 1970)SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company

1stLt R. T. HICKINBOTHAM
(1-31 January 1970)

Company I

1stLt D. M. LOHR
(1-31 January 1970)

Company K

Capt R. J. DALTON
(1-31 January 1970)

Company L

1stLt J. K. RABB
(1-28 January 1970)
1stLt T. A. BRABEC
(29-31 January 1970)

Company M

1stLt D. C. MCBIRNEY
(1-31 January 1970)DIRECT SUPPORT UNITS

Det, 3rd Plt. Co A, 5th Eng Bn.

(1-31 January 1970)

Det, M16A1, 11th MT Bn.

(1-25 January 1970)

HST, 1st SP Bn.

(1-31 January 1970)

Det, ARVN Interpreters

(1-31 January 1970)

Det, KCS

(1-31 January 1970)

1st, Plt. Co A, 3rd Antrac Bn.

(1-20 January 1970)

Det, 3rd Plt. Co A, 5th MT Bn.

(1-31 January 1970)

2nd Plt. Co A, 5th Tank Bn.

(1-31 January 1970)

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1-31 January 1970; DaNang TAOR, RVN.

3. STAFF-OFFICERS

ExO

Major R. A. JOHNSON
(1-16 January 1970)
Major A. B. CLARK
(17-31 January 1970)

S-1 (Adjutant)

W.O. D. A. LANE
(1-26 January 1970)
W.O. J. F. RYAN
(27-31 January 1970)

Personnel Officer

W.O. D. A. LANE
(1-26 January 1970)
W.O. J. F. RYAN
(27-31 January 1970)

Legal Officer

W.O. D. A. LANE
(1-26 January 1970)
W.O. J. F. RYAN
(27-31 January 1970)

S-2

1stLt R. O. CARLOCK
(1-31 January 1970)

S-3

Major W. B. ROWLEY
(1-31 January 1970)

S-3A

1stLt C. G. MURPHY
(1-31 January 1970)

S-3 Liaison Officer

1stLt D. W. JONES
(1-31 January 1970)
2ndLt J. WATERS
(16-31 January 1970)

S-4

Capt H. I. CATES
(1-31 January 1970)

S-5

2ndLt J. N. ETCHART
(1-9 January 1970)
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CommO

1stLt J. D. GILMER
(1-31 January 1970)

SupO

1stLt W. D. HILTON
(1-7 January 1970)
Unfilled
(8-31 January 1970)

Bn Surgeon

Lt R. S. WIDMEYER
(1-24 January 1970)
Lt R. P. KING
(25-31 January 1970)

Chaplain

Lt J. J. PIERCE
(1-15 January 1970)
LCdr R. B. FINK
(16-31 January 1970)4. AVERAGE STRENGTHUSMCOFF
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of January, the 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines continued as it has in previous months to conduct small unit patrolling and numerous ambushes to locate, interdict, and deny the enemy the use of their avenues of approach to the many hamlets in the eastern portion of the Battalion TAOR.

Security for Ap NamO Bridge (AT927842) continues as one of the priority missions of the Battalion. One platoon provided traffic control and physical security on the bridge while two platoons manned perimeter defenses around the bridge and conducted daily patrols and ambushes, primarily to the west along the Cu De River.

The Battalion continued to monitor the Balance Pressure System (BPS) readout station on Hill 190 each night. By using pre-cleared artillery and mortar targets and by updating range cards for tanks and 106mm recoilless rifle reaction time from BPS activation to the first round on target was reduced from an average of 5 minutes to 3 minutes or less. Despite this improvement, patrols continued to have negative results upon sweeping target areas.

The Battalion conducted two cordon and search operations during the month. The first operation was conducted on 2 January based on information that some of the personnel named on an extensive blacklist prepared by the 3rd Counterintelligence Team, 1st Marine Division, would be located in Ap Van Duong (1) at (AT905805). Company "L", subteam, 3rd CIT, and Hoa Vang District Police Forces and District Intelligence and Operations Coordinating Center (DIOCC) personnel participated in this operation which resulted in the arrest of one draft dodger and two women who admitted that they had provided shelter for several local Viet Cong. On 30 January Company "L" conducted the second cordon and search operation at Ap Loc Hoa at (AT926772) based on information that some members of the T-87 Sapper Battalion would be present. This operation was conducted in conjunction with 5th CIT of III MAF and police and DIOCC personnel from both Hoa Vang and Hieu Duc Districts. The results were negative. A Redcap was conducted by the Battalion in conjunction with both operations.

On 12 January the Battalion rotated the Rifle Company areas of operations within the Battalion TAOR by effecting Company relief-in-place operations. This was accomplished in an effort to maintain versatility by subjecting the companies to varying combat environments found in the Battalion TAOR. This tactic has proven effective in the past and has provided the Battalion with more flexible and better informed combat units. After the rotation of company areas of responsibility, Company "M" continued a project initiated in December by Company "K" by maintaining a squad sized unit on the island of Thuy Tu (AT928838). As part of this project the Marines have trained the People's Self Defense Forces on ambush techniques and marksmanship. Also a daily sick call was held on the island by a battalion corpsman whose diagnoses have resulted in several emergency evacuations of extremely ill personnel. In addition the Marines have helped the people in cultivating a small field of vegetables.

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On 14 January, Company "I" began a 7 day operation to locate enemy avenues of approach and harbor sites northwest of NamO Bridge in the highground vicinity (AT889881). Company "I" found several enemy harbor sites which appeared to have been used 2-3 weeks previously. At one of these sites a booby trapped 61mm mortar base plate was discovered. On 18 January, Company "I" was helolifted into Elephant Valley at (AT827856). From this point, the company patrolled to the east on the south side of the Cu De River and returned to Hill 190 on 20 January.

On 21 January two platoons from Company "K" initiated the Combined Unit Pacification Program (CUPP) in Hoa Vang District by operating in conjunction with a Regional Force (RF) Company in Quan Nam (1) hamlet and a Popular Force (PF) Platoon in Hoa Thanh Village. In this program the Marines will act primarily in an advisory role to train the RF/PF Forces to make them self-sufficient and to improve the defenses of the hamlets involved. At the same time the Marines will be participating actively with the RF/PF Forces to increase troop density along the DaNang rocket belt and to assist in eliminating the Viet Cong infrastructure in the designated hamlets. It is anticipated that this pacification effort will be very successful.

During the month the Battalion abandoned several fixed positions, each of which required one platoon to secure. On 21 January the DaNang Anti-infiltration System (DAIS) construction personnel from Company A, 7th Engineer Battalion, moved from the BPS construction site at (AT873758) to the Company "I" cantonment at (AT893822). On 24 January the Battalion abandoned Hill 124 which it had occupied since last October. By giving up these two static positions the Battalion made more forces available for offensive action and quick reaction within the Battalion TAOR for the enemy high threat period prior to and after Tet.

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PART III

LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. (S) MISSIONS/OPERATIONSa. Major Operations: Noneb. Command Relations

- (1) On 2 January, Company "L" worked in coordination and cooperation with 3rd CIT, 1st Marine Division, and Hoa Vang District Police Forces and DIOCC personnel for the cordon and search of Ap Van Duong (1) located at (AT905805).
- (2) On 21 January, the Battalion entered the Combined Unit Pacification Program. The 1st Platoon, Company "K" combined with the 43rd Popular Force Platoon for joint operations in Hoa Thanh Village at (AT907784). The 2nd Platoon, Company "K" combined with the 158 Regional Force Company for joint operations in Ap Quan Nam (1) at (AT906815).
- (3) On 30 January, Company "L" worked in coordination and cooperation with 5th CIT, III MAF, and Hoa Vang and Hieu Duc District Police Forces and DIOCC personnel for a cordon and search of Ap Loc Hoa at (AT925772).

c. Combat Missions Assigned

- (1) 1-21 January 1970. Provide security for the BPS construction site at (AT873758) and for the personnel and equipment involved in the construction of the DAIS within assigned TAOR.
- (2) 1-31 January 1970
 - (a) Defend the Ap NamO Bridge at (AT927843).
 - (b) Locate, interdict and deny the enemy routes of infiltration into hamlets and military installations within the TAOR.
 - (c) Maintain, operate and react to BPS read-out station located at Hill 190 (AT896821).
 - (d) Deny the enemy the use of Elephant Valley and the Song Cu Do from (AT925840) west to (AT820860) as an infiltration route into the DaNang area.

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(e) Maintain and defend the rocket surveillance post at OP RENO (AT884746).

(3) 21-31 January 1970. Execute a Combined Unit Pacification Program in cooperation and coordination with the 158 Regional Force Company in Quan Nam Hamlet (1) at (AT906815) and with the 43rd Popular Force Platoon in Hoa Thanh Village at (AT90778)

(4) 22-31 January 1970. Provide security at Hill 190 (AT896821) for the personnel and equipment involved in the construction of the DAIS within assigned TAOR.

d. Command Control. The Battalion Command Post remained at (AT939782) during the month of January. Company Command Posts were located as follows: Company "I" at (AT873758) from 1-11 January 1970 and at (AT893822) from 12-31 January 1970; Company "K" at (AT924844) from 1-11 January, at (AT873758) from 12-20 January 1970, and at (AT907784) from 21-31 January 1970; Company "L" at (AT893822) from 1-11 January 1970, at (AT876788) from 12-24 January 1970 and at (AT940785) from 25-31 January 1970; Company "M" at (AT876788) from 1-11 January 1970 and at (AT924844) from 12-31 January 1970.

e. Organic Operations. The Battalion employed 375 listening posts, 316 observation posts, 163 daylight patrols, 2 night patrols, and 298 night ambushes during the month of January.

f. Riot Control Agents. CS grenades and gas masks were carried on many patrols but they were not used.

2. (S) INTELLIGENCE

a. Enemy Situation. The active enemy units operating in the 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines AO are as follows:

- (1) Hai Van Engineer Battalion. This unit has an estimated strength of 150-200 personnel. It operates from the base camp areas in the northern part of the AO, in the vicinity of AT8790.
- (2) T-87 Sapper Battalion. This unit consists of approximately 150 personnel operating in two (2) companies. One company is operating north of the Song Cu De with the Hai Van Engineer Battalion. The other company has probably moved south of the Song Cu De to reinforce units in that area.

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- (3) C-31 Independent (Doc Lap) Company. This unit has an estimated strength of 75-100 personnel. It has probably moved south across the Song Cu De to the hills west of Hill 190.
 - (4) C-7 Company. Agent reports and captured documents have reported this new unit to be operating in the hills west of Hill 190. The unit could possibly be part of the T-87 Sapper Battalion that has moved south to reinforce the C-31 Company.
 - (5) 573 Artillery Battalion. The most likely area of operations for this unit is in the mountains west of Hill 190. This is in the same area with the C-31 and C-7 Companies, and also the area where the majority of rocket launch sites used in the Battalion TAOR in the past two years are located.
 - (6) Headquarters Section, Region 1 Battalion, northern wing. This unit is located in the western part of the TAOR. It is also known as (AKA) Area Force, Hoa Vang District 1 Unit.
- b. Enemy Mission. From captured documents and PW interrogations, it has been determined that every enemy unit has received a definite mission to accomplish during the upcoming TET offensive, also known as the Phi Long Campaign (2360).
- (1) The engineers and sappers north of the Song Cu De will probably combine and attempt coordinated attacks on the Esso Plant, Kim Lien and NamO Bridge area.
 - (2) The C-31 and C-7 Companies will probably attempt coordinated rocket/mortar/ground sapper attacks with the Artillery Battalion in the Hoa Lac, Hoa Vinh and Force Logistics Command area.
 - (3) In the above cases, when the attacks come from the north of the Song Cu De and west of Hill 190, the enemy probably will expect to be reinforced considerably by groups that have previously infiltrated the populated area of Hoa Lac, Hoa Vinh and Hoa Hiep.
 - (4) The Headquarters Section, Region 1 Battalion is most likely the coordinating unit for the offensive action expected to occur during the TET season. It is also located in the mountains west of Hill 190.

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c. Weather. The maximum temperature for this month was 83 degrees and the minimum was 63 degrees. The mean temperature was 73 degrees and the relative humidity was 81%. Total precipitation was 3.77 inches.

d. Terrain

- (1) In the Hoa Lac, Hoa Vinh, Hoa Thanh area the terrain is mostly covered by rice paddies. The monsoon season is almost past. Thus a large portion of the rice paddies will be drying up, making movement through paddy areas easier. Also paddy dikes will be available for cover. There are several uninhabited hamlets with the remains of a few concrete houses. These areas provide good cover and concealment and storage sites for the enemy.
- (2) The area south of Hill 190 and Hill 124 is characterized by low, rolling hills. Vegetation consists of low trees and bushes. Movement in this area is fairly easy. The ability to maneuver troops in this area is very good. This possibly is a reason for the low level of enemy activity in this area.
- (3) The Major portion of the TAOR (northwestern area) consists of extremely rough, steep, mountainous terrain. Movement in this area is greatly restricted, especially for large units. Unless it is along streambeds or trails, movement is reduced to 100-300 meters per hour. Cover, concealment and water are in abundance.

e. Avenues of Approach. There are two major avenues of approach in the TAOR. One is from the north and the other is from the west.

- (1) The approach from the north originates from the enemy base camp area in the Hen Quap mountains which is the mountainous area to the west of the Hai Van Pass and Hill 1192. It moves generally southeast to Kim Lien Hamlet, Hill 190, and NamO Bridge. Nui (Hill) Cay Cua, vicinity (AT895852), is where the avenue forks. One fork continues south to the Song Cu De and the other continues southeast down the "Banana Draw" (Ho Chuoi), vicinity (AT900860) to (AT907852), and into the Kim Lien and NamO Bridge area.
- (2) The major avenue of approach comes in from the west generally along the two streambed/valley areas that run along the east-west AT82 and AT80 grid lines.

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VC/NVA KIA 4

(2) Captured Personnel

POW	0
VCI	2
Detainees	5 (2 classified VCI)

(3) Captured Equipment

Chicom grenades	4
AK-47 magazines	2
AK-47 rounds	75
NCO belts	2
Rice	25 lbs.

(4) IWC 6

(a) By USMC	1 - 9mm pistol
	1 - M-16 (minus bolt and stock)

(b) By RF Company 158	1 - .45 cal. pistol
	1 - U.S. M-79
	2 - AK-47 rifles

(5) CSWC 0

(6) SFD 1 - (61mm mortar base plate rigged with pressure release device)

g. Enemy Trends. In the last month the majority of enemy contacts and sightings have occurred in the vicinity of the uninhabited hamlet Thuy Tu (vicinity AT908830) and the populated areas between Hill 190 and NamO Bridge. All of the incidents involved small size enemy units of 4-6 personnel. In all incidents the enemy broke contact and dispersed. This indicates that a good portion of the enemy have infiltrated into the populated area. They did so in small groups to avoid detection. Indications are that on a pre-determined signal they will mass and attack an objective. Major objectives indicated by captured documents and agent reports are NamO Bridge, Northern Artillery Cantonment, and the different ARVN compounds within the Battalion TAOR.

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On 20 January, two (2) large secondary explosions caused by an air strike were observed by an Air Observer approximately 200 meters east of the base camp discovered at AT847823 by Company "L" in December. Several days prior to that, a DCP (Detector of Concealed Personnel) aircraft sensor mission was run. Very strong readings were received from 41 sets of coordinates, all situated along Route #545 and the streams/ivers to the west of Elephant Valley. These incidents indicate a possible large reinforcing movement of both personnel and armament, particularly long range rockets, into the western and central portions of the TAOR.

On 6 January, another DCP mission was run north of the Song Cu De. Very strong readings were received over large areas, vicinity AT8985. This may indicate that a good portion of the engineers and sappers north of the Song Cu De have moved south out of their base camps and are harboring just north of the river. From there they can infiltrate in small groups across the river into the populated areas or prepare for an attack on NamO Bridge.

- h. VIP Fund. During the month of January the 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines, FMF, spent a total of 20,250 VN piasters for ordnance bought from Vietnamese civilians. Ordnance turned in this reporting period included 182 - 60mm illumination rounds, 153 - 81mm illumination rounds, 08 105mm HE rounds, 02 claymore mines, 05 M-26 grenades, 06 M-16 magazines, 96 rounds (5.56), 01 LAAW, 05 feet of detonation cord, 01 aircraft flare and 03 Chicom grenades.

- (1) Most of this ordnance was purchased by Company "I" at Hill 190 area.
- (2) The Vietnamese civilians turning in all ordnance ranged in age from six to fourteen years.
- (3) No VIP Funds were paid out this period for information of any intelligence value.

3. (S) LIST OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 January 1970
1800H

3rd Battalion, 26th Marines resumed all normal combat operations after stand/down since 311800 December 1969 in accordance with holiday truce.

2 January 1970
1053H

Company "L" completed cordon and search of Ap Van Duong (1) at (AT905805) in cooperation and coordination with 3rd CIT and Hoa Vang District Police and DIOCC personnel. Arrested one draft dodger and two

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women who admitted having sheltered two local Viet Cong. Cordon was initiated at 011932H.

1600H Company "L" received the following ordnance from 3 Vietnamese boys: 04 60mm illumination rounds and 08 81mm illumination rounds. Company "L" paid 600 piasters and blew all ordnance in place.

1920H Company "L" received 05 activations from BPS at (AT848844), and reacted by calling a fire mission of 06 105mm HE fuse quick rounds with negative results.

2210H Post #7, 2nd Platoon, Company "K" on NamO Bridge spotted silver object floating in water 25 meters from east side of bridge. Object appeared to be a fish to the sentry who fired 2 well aimed M-16 rounds causing secondary explosion equal to about 4 pounds TNT. No damage to bridge resulted.

3 January 1970
2140H Company "L" received 44 activations from BPS at (AT882810) and reacted by calling a fire mission of 02 81mm WP rounds and 20 81mm HE rounds. 2nd Platoon Company "L" swept area with negative results.

2210H 2nd Platoon, Company "K" reported throwing a TNT charge off NamO Bridge and observing small secondary explosion equal to about 2 pounds TNT. Negative damage to bridge.

2345H 2nd Platoon, Company "K" reported submerged secondary explosion caused by TNT charge thrown from NamO Bridge. Secondary explosion was equal to 8 pounds TNT and shook bridge. Negative damage to bridge.

4 January 1970
1930H Company "L" received activations from minisids at (AT848843) and reacted by calling a fire mission of 24 105mm HE rounds. Observed area with Night Observation Device (NOD) with negative results.

2035H 2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon, Company "M" received 1 Chicom grenade which landed about 20 meters east of its position at (AT884795). Movement was heard, but not no enemy sighted. No casualties.

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2036H

2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Company "L" spotted 6 VC/NVA on rice paddy dike moving east about 50 meters from their position at (AT918826). Reacted with 4 claymore mines, 4 81mm illumination rounds from Company "L". Enemy reacted with 2 chicon grenades. 2nd Platoon consolidated and swept area with negative results.

2340H

2nd Platoon, Company "L" spotted 5 VC/NVA moving from east to west about 100 meters north of their position at (AT918826). Reacted by firing 5 81mm illumination rounds with negative sightings. The platoon then received 4 rounds of small arms fire from an unknown position. No further sightings were made.

7 January 1970
1253H

3rd Squad, 3rd Platoon, Company "L" checked BPS system. Found 1 body on BPS at (AT881812). Body was in skelton condition and appeared to have been dead for about 30 days. Body was wrapped in U.S. poncho and had 3 battle dressings, one on left leg, one on right arm and one in middle of the back. Apparent cause of death was artillery fire.

1630H

Company "L" received the following ordnance from 8 Vietnamese boys: 9 60mm illumination rounds, 13 81mm illumination rounds and 1 chicon grenade. Company "L" paid 1150 piasters for ordnance which was destroyed in place.

2028H

Company "L" received 22 seismic and 5 metallic activations from RF sensors at (AT847844) and reacted by calling a fire mission of 6 105mm HE rounds. Results unknown.

8 January 1970
2010H

3rd Squad, 1st Platoon, Company "L" vicinity (AT913830) spotted 6 VC/NVA moving northeast at (AT912828). When enemy reached (AT915828), they crossed the river moving south. The squad fired small arms fire and M-79 rounds and reported seeing two enemy fall to the ground. A sweep of the area in the morning resulted in finding of a 4 man harbor site, 25 pounds of rice, bag of salt, 1 bag of lettuce, one U.S. canteen, some cooking and eating utensils, a poncho, a pair of khaki trousers and one M-26 grenade.

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1942H

Company "L" received 20 activations from BPS at (AT883813), and reacted by calling a fire mission of 13 90mm Beehive rounds, 3 90mm HE rounds, 20 81mm HE rounds, and 12 105mm HE rounds. 1st Platoon, Company "L" swept area with negative results.

2040H

Integrated Observation Device (IOD) Team from 11th Marines with Company "L" at (AT893822) spotted 12 VC/NVA at (AT907824) equipped with rifles and packs moving in a southerly direction. Reacted with fire mission of 56 105mm HE rounds.

10 January 1970
0320H

IOD Team spotted 10 VC/NVA at (AT908825). Fired 105mm artillery mission of 112 rounds HE. 1st Platoon, Company "L" swept area at first light with negative findings.

2015H

Company "L" received 40 activations from BPS at (AT893818) and reacted by calling a fire mission of 10 90mm Beehive rounds. Swept area in morning with negative results.

2346H

Company "L" received seismic and metallic activations from sensors located at (AT848844). Direction of movement was north to south. Reacted by calling a fire mission of 24 105mm HE fuse quick. Results unknown as Company "L" unable to check this grid.

11 January 1970
0146H
0323H

Company "L" received seismic and metallic activations from sensors located at (AT848844). Reacted by calling a fire mission of 16 105mm HE fuse quick. Results unknown. Unable to physically check grid.

1100H

3rd Battalion, 26th Marines Command Post spotted 8 Vietnamese males inside defensive wire on hill between CP perimeter posts 8 and 9 at (AT938786). When the Vietnamese noted that they had been seen they ran to the other side of the wire and then dispersed in several directions. Reactionary force apprehended 3 Vietnamese who were turned over to Hoa Vang District Police for interrogation. The reactionary force found a hole where wire had been cut and some stakes had been removed.

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1400H Company "L" received the following ordnance from 1 Vietnamese boy: 1 chicon grenade. Company "L" paid 50 piasters and blew ordnance in place.

1909H IOD Team spotted 4 VC/NVA at (AT912823) moving southeast. Reacted by calling a fire mission of 4 105mm HE fuse quick rounds, 8 firecracker rounds and 1 illumination round.

1925H
1941H
2002H Company "L" received metallic and seismic activations from sensors at (AT848843) at times indicated and reacted by calling fire missions of 24 105mm HE VT rounds. Company "L" unable to check results due to distance to sensor location from Hill 190.

2045H 1st Squad, 1st Platoon, Company "M" spotted 1 VC/NVA 20 meters west of its position at (AT888803) moving north. The squad reacted with M-16 rifle fire and 2 M-26 grenades. Squad swept area with negative results.

12 January 1970
0120H IOD Team at (AT893822) spotted 5 VC/NVA moving in southeast direction at (AT908826) and reacted by calling a fire mission of 32 105mm HE rounds.

0625H IOD Team spotted 1 VC/NVA moving north at (AT902822) and reacted by calling a fire mission of 8 105mm HE fuse quick rounds.

0740H 2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon, Company "L", while checking sightings made by the IOD Team, at (AT913823) found 6 blood spots, 5 servicable boats submerged by edge of river bank, 1 9mm pistol, 3 M-26 grenades, 2 chicon grenades, 1 pair shower shoes, 1 cartridge belt with holster, 2 satchels filled with noodles, 1 blood stained wallet containing unidentifiable cards and 2 slips of paper with Vietnamese writing. The 5 boats were made unserviceable.

0800H Commenced rotation of rifle companies to their new areas of operations.

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1630H

Rifle Company relief-in-place operations completed. New command post locations are as follows: Company "I" at Hill 190 (AT891822); Company "K" at BPS construction site (AT873758); Company "L" at Hill 124 (AT875788); Company "M" at NamO Bridge (AT925845).

2210H

2236H

Company "I" received 6 activations from BPS at (AT888816) and reacted with fire missions of 4 105mm HE VT rounds and 12 81mm HE rounds. Checked area in morning with negative results.

13 January 1970

1430H

Company "M" received from one Vietnamese boy one M-26 grenade with fuse and fuse assembly missing. Company "M" paid 100 piasters and blew ordnance in place.

1600H

Company "L" OP RENO spotted 1 VC/NVA dressed in a khaki uniform at (AT863753) and reacted by calling a fire mission of 6 106mm Beehive rounds, 2 106mm HE rounds and 8 106mm HEP rounds. Negative results.

2000H

Company "K" received intelligence report from RF 158 Company in Ap Quan Nam (1) concerning an NVA Company at (AT879809) and reacted by calling a fire mission of 52 105mm HE rounds and 153 81mm HE rounds. Swept area with negative findings.

14 January 1970

0120H

Company "K" received 26 activations from BPS at (AT879804) and reacted by calling a fire mission of 9 105mm HE rounds, 1 105mm WP round and 3 81mm HE rounds. Checked area in morning with negative results.

0915H

Company "I" commenced a 5 day locate and destroy operation with a helicopter assault from Hill 190 to landing zone located at (AT900864). See supporting document Frag Order 2-70.

1300H

Company "K" received 1 LAAW from a Vietnamese boy. Company "K" paid 500 piasters and EOD personnel removed the LAAW from the area.

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- 1435H 2nd Squad, 1st Platoon, Company "I" found a trail complex with fresh footprints at (AT896866) and one rusty chicom grenade.
- 1530H 2nd Squad, 1st Platoon, Company "I" found 4 empty huts, 1 grave and one chicom grenade at (AT897864).
- 1600H 3rd Platoon, Company "I" found 8 lean-to type huts, two graves (one fresh and one old), and one 60mm mortar plate booby trapped with small charge at (AT896866). Booby trap was set off, making hole 7" deep and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter. Body in new grave had bullet hole in stomach. Body in old grave had no identifying marks.

15 January 1970
0520H

Company "K" received 10 activations from BPS at (AT886816) and reacted with a fire mission of 24 105mm HE rounds and 30 81mm HE rounds. Negative results.

1905H
2037H

Company "K" received 6 activations and 25 activations from BPS at (AT879804) and reacted by calling a fire missions of 14 105mm HE rounds and 35 81mm HE rounds. Negative results.

17 January 1970
2015H

1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Company "M" spotted two enemy 100 meters southwest of their position at (AT927836). The squad fired 50 rounds M-16 fire and received about 30 rounds automatic fire in return. Checked area with negative results.

2045H

Company "M" at (AT922840) spotted 3 VC/NVA through a Night Observation Device (NOD) at (AT925845). Company "M" fired 60mm and 81mm mortar fire mission. Area searched with negative results.

18 January 1970
0730H

Company "I" was helolifted from landing zones at (AT885861) and (AT900864) to (AT827856) in Elephant Valley. Company "I" will conduct combat patrols east to Hill 190.

1400H

Company "M" bought 1 M-26 grenade from a Vietnamese boy at Nano Bridge for 100 piasters.

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1935H

1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Company "K", spotted 3 VC/NVA at (AT878824), moving northwest. Reacted by calling a fire mission of 6 105mm HE rounds and 20 81mm HE rounds. Area searched with negative results.

2052H

Company "K" received 20 activations from BPS at (AT879804). Reacted by calling a fire mission of 16 105mm HE rounds and 30 81mm HE rounds. Area searched with negative results.

19 January 1970
1700H

Company "M" paid 200 piasters to two Vietnamese boys for 2 M-26 grenades.

20 January 1970
0407H

Company "M" received magnetic sensor activation from (AT914844) and reacted by calling a fire mission of 3 tank Beehive rounds. Area searched with negative results.

1450H

An airstrike of 500 pound bombs was dropped on the base camp discovered by Company "L" at (AT849823) in December 1969. The result was a secondary explosion followed by an 11 minute fire and then followed by another secondary explosion.

1705H

Company "I" returned to Hill 190 completing a 6 day operation.

1708H

Company "M" received 1 M-26 grenade from a Vietnamese boy. Company "M" paid 100 piasters.

2300H

A trip flare ignited by bunker 8 on the 3/26 CP defensive perimeter at (AT937788). Reacted by firing 50 rounds small arms fire from Post #7. One 81mm illumination round was fired. Area checked with negative results.

2345H

2nd Fire Team, 3rd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Company "M" spotted 2 VC/NVA 50 meters east of their position at (AT915845) moving northwest. Reacted by firing small arms. Area swept with negative results.

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0825H

2nd Platoon, Company "L" on a day patrol found 1 M-26 grenade without spoon at (AT879805). Grenade marked with 3 rocks. Ordnance blown in place.

0830H

Company "K" initiated the Combined Unit Pacification Program (CUPP) in Hoa Vang District. 1st Platoon, Company "K" combined with the 43rd Popular Force in Hoa Thanh Village (AT907784). Company "K" CP was also displaced from the BPS construction site to this location. 2nd Platoon, Company "K" combined with the 158 RF Company in Quan Nam (1) Hamlet at (AT906815).

2203H

CAP 2-8-3A spotted 3 VC/NVA at (AT902804), took enemy under fire with small arms and blew 2 claymore mines. Enemy broke contact moving in easterly direction. 2nd Platoon, Company "K" received 1 stray round from the adjacent units contact resulting in one emergency medivac.

2302H

Company "I" received 20 activations from BPS at AT 896821 and 2 activations from BPS at AT 879805 and reacted by notifying Company "L" and the ambush in the area. Negative sightings.

22 January 1970

1230H

Company "I" purchased two 81mm illumination rounds and 1 claymore mine for 550 piasters. Blew all ordnance in place.

1230H

1st Platoon, Company "L" found 1 sleeping position, 1 empty fish can, 1 bag containing 75 AK rounds, and some communications wire, strung along small ridge at (AT891740). The communication wire led to 2 fighting positions, at AT891739. Upon further search the platoon found 100 feet of NVA communication wire rolled up in ball the stock, barrel and receiver group of old rusty M-16, and 1-82mm mortar round in good shape.

2031H

Company "M" received 18 seismic activations from minisid at (AT914844) and reacted with a fire mission of 3 90mm Beehive rounds and 10 60mm HE rounds. Swept area with negative results.

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23 January 1970
0032H

Company "I" received 22 activations from BPS at (AT885816). Notified ambushes in area.

2113H

Company "I" received 9 activations from BPS at (AT896822) and 2 activations from BPS at (AT879804) and reacted by calling a fire mission of 12 81mm HE rounds. Checked area with negative results.

24 January 1970
0017H

Company "I" received 21 activations from BPS at (AT896822) and 2 activations from BPS at (AT879804) and reacted by calling a fire mission of 4 105mm HE rounds. Negative results.

0439H

Company "I" received 18 activations from BPS at (AT896822) and reacted by calling a fire mission of 8 105mm HE rounds and 8 81mm HE rounds. Negative results.

1500H

Company "I" received the following ordnance from 14 Vietnamese boys: 12 81mm illumination rounds, 29 60mm illumination rounds, 1 claymore mines and 1 chicon grenade. Company "I" paid 1475 piasters and blew all ordnance in place.

1630H

Company "L" CP was displaced from Hill 124 to 3/26 CP at (AT940785).

25 January 1970
1630H

Company "I" received the following ordnance from 7 Vietnamese boys: 2 105mm HE rounds and 9 60mm illumination rounds. Company "I" paid 975 piasters and blew all ordnance in place.

1900H

The Hamlet Chief of Tung Son and PF Platoon Commander, 43rd PF Platoon, informed Company "K" that at 232200H one NVA Platoon of 40 men were at (AT898788). The NVA told the people that they were not seeking any assistance and warned people to stay in their homes at night.

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1945H 2nd Fire Team, 1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Company "M" spotted 1 VC/NVA at (AT924834). Reacted by calling a fire mission of 20 81mm HE rounds. Area will be checked in A.M.

2100H 2nd Fire Team, 1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Company "M" spotted 2 VC/NVA at (AT924834) and reacted by calling a fire mission of 10 81mm HE rounds. Search area in morning with negative results.

2140H Company "I" OP ROBIN spotted fishing boat at (AT913828). Artillery fired on boat and destroyed same with 2 105mm WF rounds and 30 105mm HE rounds.

2150H 2nd Fire Team, 1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Company "M" spotted 2 VC/NVA at (AT926835) moving across water to Island Thuy Tu. Fired small arms at enemy who returned 30 to 40 small arms rounds. Enemy moved out of water to south. Called 81mm mortar fire mission on enemy.

2235H 2nd Fire Team, 1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Company "M" at (AT927827) spotted 4 VC/NVA at (AT926835) and fired small arms at enemy. Area searched with negative results.

2235H 1st Fire Team, 3rd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Company "M" spotted 1 VC/NVA moving up hill toward their position at (AT913841). Fired 1 claymore and small arms. Area searched with negative results.

2315H 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines CP defensive position at (AT937783), (AT938783) and (AT938783) reported hearing noise at (AT936783). Defensive position at (AT935782) reacted by calling a fire mission of 5 60mm illumination rounds and 2 106mm Beehive rounds at (AT935782). Checked area in morning with negative results.

26 January 1970
0320H Company "M" spotted 3 VC/NVA with NOD moving southeast at (AT925835). Enemy were carrying packs which looked like rice packs. Reacted by calling in 81mm fire mission. Negative results.

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0520H

Company "M" spotted 1 VC/NVA with NOD moving to the northwest at (AT918832). Reacted by calling in 81mm fire mission. 2d fireteam, 1st squad, 2nd platoon searched area at (AT928827) and found: 1 shirt, 1 pair of trousers, 3 pieces of green plastic and 1 letter from VC/NVA to his father requesting health and comfort items.

2000H

2nd Platoon, Company "K" CUPP made physical contact with 3 VC/NVA at (AT996820). An exchange of small arms resulted in 1 VC/NVA KIA and one Marine WIA not evacuated. Captured were 2 weapons, 1 M-79 and 1 .45 caliber pistol, 6 M-79 rounds, 6 M-26 grenades, a diary and several personal papers. KIA was wearing full green utilities and cover with name of Captain VO DANH inscribed on cover.

27 January 1970

1500H

Company "I" received the following ordnance from Vietnamese boys: 5 105mm HE rounds, 22 81mm illumination rounds, 25 60mm illumination rounds, 3 M-16 magazines, 36 M-16 rounds, 1 M-26 grenade without firing device, 5 feet detonation cord and 1 aircraft flare. Company "I" paid 4,100 piasters and blew all ordnance in place.

1920H

1st Platoon, Company "I" spotted 1 stationary light at (AT863823) and reacted by calling in 81mm mortar fire mission. Light went out and then reappeared moving south. Called in a second 81mm mortar fire mission and light went out. Expended 1 81mm WP round and 50 81mm HE rounds.

28 January 1970

1745H

Company "I" received the following ordnance from Vietnamese boys: 1 105mm HE round, 59 81mm illumination rounds, and 54 60mm illumination rounds. Company "I" paid 5900 piasters and blew all ordnance in place.

1955H

Company "I" spotted 2 VC/NVA through NOD at (AT904825), and reacted by calling a fire mission of 1 105mm WP round and 24 105mm HE rounds.

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2045H

2nd Platoon, Company "K" CUPP combat patrol made contact with unknown number of enemy at (AT917822) resulting in 2 enemy KIA. The patrol received about 30 incoming small arms rounds with no friendly casualties. Captured 2 AK-47 rifles and 2 AK-47 magazines.

29 January 1970
1500H

Company "I" received the following ordnance from Vietnamese boys: 40 81mm illumination rounds, 48 60mm illumination rounds, 3 M-16 magazines and 60 M-16 rounds. Company "I" paid 4550 piasters. Blew all ordnance in place.

2200H

1st Platoon, Company "K" CUPP patrol moved to its ambush position at (AT896784). The PF's suddenly refused to go any further. Upon questioning, the PF's stated the enemy was waiting to ambush the patrol at the proposed ambush site. The patrol set into a position about 100 meters from the proposed ambush position and began to conduct reconnaissance by fire. The patrol received 30 rounds of small arms fire in return with no friendly casualties. The patrol assaulted with negative results.

30 January 1970
1100H

Company "L" completed a cordon and search operation of Loc Hoa Hamlet at (AT925771) in coordination and cooperation with 5th CIT of III MAF, and Hieu Duc and Hoa Vang District Police Forces and DIOCC personnel. Negative results.

2120H

2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon, Company "L" received 2 chicom grenades from northeast at (AT925775). 2nd Squad reacted with 4 M-26 grenades.

2140H

Weapons Platoon, Company "M" spotted 2 VC/NVA moving southeast, at (AT927833) and reacted by calling a fire mission of 81mm mortar. Area searched in morning with negative results.

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2155H

Company "I" artillery F.O. and IOD Team spotted 12 enemy crossing stream at (AT910827) heading north. Personnel reacted by calling a fire mission of 72 105mm HE rounds, 10 81mm HE rounds and 20 60mm HE rounds. Swept area in morning and found one blood trail at (AT905823) to (AT908824).

2230H

2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon, Company "L" received 3 chicom grenades at (AT925775). 2nd Squad, reacted with 4 M-26 grenades. Searched area with negative results.

31 January 1970
2115H

Posts 9 and 10, 3/26 CP defensive perimeter spotted one enemy at (AT935788) moving south-west towards post 10. Post 9 and 10 took enemy under fire. Enemy fled into a treeline at (AT934791). Post 9 and 10 received several rounds small arms fire from treeline at (AT934791). Area swept with negative results.

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(1) Type and number of missions

(a) Observed Missions - 272

1. Illumination missions - 32
2. Destruction missions - 04
3. Neutralization missions - 147
4. Battery Registrations - 37
5. Preparations - 13
6. School missions - 39
7. Other - None

(b) Unobserved - 2783

1. Intelligence Targets - 1669
2. Rocket Suppression - 696
3. Harrassing and Interdictive - 418

(2) Observed Missions - 272

(3) Ammunition Expenditure - 14,966 rounds

(4) Significant Events - None

b. Naval Gunfire Team

(1) Ship available for support

- (a) USS Oklahoma City (CIG-5)
- (b) USS Hoel (DDG-13)
- (c) USS Turner Joy (DD 951)
- (d) USS Theodore Chandler (DD 717)
- (e) USS Rupertus (DD 841)
- (f) USS Floyd B. Parks (DD 884)

(2) Type and Number of Missions - 1067

- (a) Observed missions - 09
- (b) Unobserved missions - 1058

(3) Ammunition Expenditure - 4412 rounds

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c. 81mm Mortar Platoon (organic)

(1) Type and Number of missions

- (a) Observed missions - 225
- (b) Unobserved missions - 196

(2) Ammunition Expenditure - 4697 rounds

- (a) High Explosive - 3413 rounds
- (b) Illumination - 621 rounds
- (c) White Phosphorous - 663 rounds

d. General Support

(1) General Support Provided by

- (a) "K" Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines
- (b) "K" Battery, 4th Battalion, 13th Marines
- (c) "A" Platoon, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery, 11th Marines
- (d) 1st 175mm Gun Battery (-), 11th Marines

(2) Ammunition Expenditure by type

- (a) 155mm - 2659 rounds
- (b) 175mm - 30 rounds
- (c) 8" - 638 rounds

5. (S) AIR SUPPORT

- a. Units. The Marine Air Groups in the First Marine Air Wing that provided Air Support for the Battalion are MAG 12; MAG 13; and MAG 16.

b. Missions(1) Resupply

- (a) 12 Helicopter missions - 269,017 lbs. cargo.
- (b) 759 Passengers transported.

(2) Close Air Support

- (a) 16 (CAS, Beacon, LZ Prep)
- (b) Ordnance: 152 D2 (500 lb GP) 100 D2A (500#HE) 100 D7(5" Zuni Rockets) 32 D9 (500 lb NAPALM) 12 D20 (20mm) 6 (D24) 20mm Gun Pod.

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10 February 1970(3) TFQ's

- (a) TFQ's 50
- (b) Ordnance 683 D2 (500# GP) 10 M (250 lb GP)

(4) Flare Support: None(5) Observation

- (a) 14 Aerial Observers: 15.1 hours
- (b) 14 Visual Reconnaissance: 14.2 hours

(6) Modvacs: 8 missions; 12 personnel6. (S) Personnela. Combat Losses

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
(1) WIA		
(a) Evacuated	0	0
(b) Minor	0	1
(2) KIA	0	0
(3) MIA	0	0

b. Non-Combat Losses

(1) Injured	2	66
(a) Evacuated	1	30
(b) Minor	36	36
(2) Deaths	0	1

c. WIA's Returned to Duty 0 0d. R&R Trips 13 72e. Replacements Received 4 70f. Personnel Rotated 0 61~~SECRET~~

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10 February 19707. (S) ADMINISTRATIONa. Awards

- (1) 51 Combat Action Ribbons
- (2) 1 Meritorious Mast
- (3) 2 Navy Commendation
- (4) 1 Letter of Appreciation
- (5) 3 Interim Letters

b. Promotions. 7 to PFC; 125 to Lance Corporal.c. Significant Events - None8. (S) LOGISTICS

a. Supply/Resupply. Supply issue and receipt is organized around the Battalion and Company supplies. The recent upgrading of the storage facility for covered storage has greatly enhanced the supply status of the Battalion by providing a more secure and weather free environment for the storage of Class II items.

Resupply within the Battalion is accomplished both by vehicle and by air. The air resupply is scheduled twice weekly, with the first on Wednesday and the second on Saturday. Resupply requests are received on the day prior to the air resupply and the supplies are staged the same day.

b. Food/Water. The Battalion has three field messes operating at present. They are located at Hill 190, at NamO Bridge and at III MAF Camp#14. All messes provide at least two "A" Ration meals each day. Water resupply for Hill 190 and NamO Bridge facilities is provided by Force Logistics Command on a daily basis.

c. Maintenance. Normal maintenance was performed by organized units. 3rd echelon repairs were performed by Force Logistics Command. A contact team from Ordnance Maintenance Company inspected all 81mm Mortars and 106mm Recoilless Rifles for servicability. Needed repairs are being accomplished.

d. Camp Facilities Development. III MAF Camp#14 is supported by Area Works Center#5 located at Force Logistics Command. The renovation of the existing facility continues with completion in mid-February.

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10 February 19709. (C)NEW TECHNIQUES. None10. (C)TRAINING

- a. Officer and Staff NCO Training included two lectures: 1st MAW Aircraft Missions and Capabilities and Air/Ground Relationship, presented by a representative of G-3 1st MAW; Career Planning, presented by the Battalion Commander. Also two training films were shown: "The Battle of Khe Sanh" and "Know Your Enemy. The Viet Cong".
- b. A 3-day long indoctrination course conducted by 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines for newly arrived personnel was attended by 80 men. This course emphasized medical orientation, personal response, M-16 familiarization and firing, scouting and patrolling, compass and map reading and administrative processing.
- c. The following school quotas were filled for schools presented in RVN;
 - (1) Officer Leadership School - 2
 - (2) SNCO Leadership School - 1
 - (3) NCO Leadership School - 9
 - (4) Landmine Warfare School - 16
 - (5) 16mm Projectionist School - 7
 - (6) III MAF Language School - 10
 - (7) HST School - 22
 - (8) Driver Training School - 10
- d. Training. Corpsmen received "on the job" training and two hours of lectures per week from the Medical Officer and senior corpsman. The subjects covered during this period were; Immunization procedures, Preventive Medicine, First Aid and Emergency Treatment, Medical Supply, Drugs and Their Uses, Burns, Toxicology, Fractures, Service Records and Suturing. Company corpsman also gave lectures to the Marines in the field. Such subjects as hemorrhage, mouth to mouth resuscitation,

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closed cardiac massage, sucking chest wounds, heat casualties, jungle rot, and foot care were covered. Indictination lectures were given to all new personnel who checked into the Battalion. These classes covered such subjects as Basic First Aid procedures Malaria Prophylaxis, foot care, Heat problems, Venereal diseases, Rabies and available medical services at the Battalion Aid Station. On 26 January 1970, a lecture was given to approximately twenty (20) Kit Carson Scouts.

11. (C) CIVIC ACTION/PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

- a. Civic Action. The 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines Civic Action Area of Responsibility (CAAOR) includes the village of Hoa Lac located in the vicinity of AT 899815.
 - (1) Projects Initiated. During the month of January, the Battalion provided Hoa Lac Village with one truckload of scrap lumber for firewood and 170 rolls of concertina, 24 rolls of barbed wire and 800 sandbags to strengthen the village defenses. The ten General Walt scholarships previously awarded to deserving students remained in effect.
 - (2) Projects Planned. The Battalion will canvas the village to locate students who are eligible to apply for a scholarship to Hue University. Also the Battalion will provide additional General Walt Scholarships to worthy students with funds donated by men of the Battalion. The Battalion has requisitioned supplies which will be donated to the villagers for the repair and improvement of their wells. Also, more construction material will be made available when the old Battalion mailroom is disassembled. Transportation to support the Civic Action Program is sometimes a problem. Ready availability of trucks would allow the Battalion to initiate and complete more Civic Action Projects.
- b. Psyop Activities
 - (1) During January 1,200 leaflets were hand distributed throughout the Battalion TAOR. These included the following: 200 Chieu Hoi passes; 600 Pro-GVN leaflets, and 200 reward leaflets.
 - (2) The air delivered leaflets totalled 320,000. Also 25 taped messages were airplane broadcast within the TAOR.
 - (3) An Armed Propaganda Team was employed in the Battalion TAOR from 8-15 January 1970. On 9 January this team picked up 3 suspects who were taken to Quan Nam Province headquarters at Hoi An for interrogation. Two of the suspects were identified as Viet Cong informants.

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- c. INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS. The Battalion utilized the total of its Assistance-In-Kind funds allotted for the month of January by hiring five workers daily for police of the Battalion CP area.

12. (S)COMMUNICATION

- a. General. During this period the Battalion Communications Platoon continued to support the Battalion in much the same manner as in the previous period. Preparation for embarkation was extensive, with mount-out boxes and manifest lists prepared by all sections. A Communication-Electronics Material Management Inspection was held on 8 January, the results of which were satisfactory with discrepancies. Accountability measures and PM of equipment continued on a scheduled basis throughout the period.
- b. Radio. Using the Nestor equipment, the Battalion Administrative Net and 81 Conduct of Fire Net were provided secure communications. Glasses were given by the section at Battalion Indoctrination and CACO 2-8 on the use of various types of field radio equipment.
- c. Wire. The wire section continued to provide and improve land lines within the Battalion rear area. Seven (7) new lines were added to the switchboard and an overhead cable to new line company offices was installed. The guard lines to the Battalion CP defensive positions were replaced several times and portions of the cables were overhauled to help prevent future breaks.
- d. Message Center. The 26th Marines Communication Center held the Communication/Crypto Guard for the Battalion with the Battalion Communications Platoon providing courier service and delivery of messages on scheduled and as-needed bases.
- e. Communications-Electronics Maintenance. The Maintenance section continued to repair and evacuate for repair, inoperable communications-electronics equipment.

13. (S)MEDICAL/DENTAL SUPPORT

- a. Personnel. The Battalion Aid Station has a total of 54 personnel consisting of 1 (one) Medical Officer and 53 effective Hospital Corpsmen.
- b. Capabilities. The Battalion Aid Station handles routine and emergency medical problems. Minor surgical procedures are also performed such as suturing of wounds and the lancing of carbuncles. A diagnostic laboratory is available for blood counts, urine tests, stool

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analysis, and malaria smears. A ward is available for admissions for seventy-two (72) hours and observation. Consultations are available at 1st Medical Battalion and the NSA Hospital at DaNang.

- c. Dental. All dental problems seen at the Battalion Aid Station were referred to the 7th Engineers Dental Department for further treatment and disposition.
- d. Malaria Prophylaxis. This was accomplished by the weekly taking of the Chloroquine-Primaquine tablet, use of insect repellents, and use of mosquito netting. Malaria tablet rosters of troops were maintained and the CP urine test was run on a selected percentage of the troops. The Battalion cantonment was sprayed with insecticide and water holes were filled in to eliminate breeding places for mosquitoes.
- e. Sanitation. Sanitation of the Battalion cantonment improved at a greatly accelerated pace. Many buildings have been rescreened, new urinals and heads were constructed and installed. Inspections of the line companies were conducted on a weekly basis, and general sanitation has shown a marked improvement over the past months. On the 22nd and 23rd of January, two corpsmen attended a two (2) day class at 1st Medical Battalion on Preventive Medicine Procedures.
- f. Med-Caps. The Battalion Aid Station, in conjunction with Battalion S-5, conducted two (2) Med-Caps to Quang-Nam (3) hamlet, one on 9 January and the other on 23 January. In addition, Med-Caps were conducted in conjunction with two cordon and search operations held on 2 January and 30 January. On these Med-Caps, a total of one hundred seventy (170) Vietnamese were seen and treated. A wide variety of maladies were seen and treated. Included among these diseases and disorders were: Arthritic conditions, Bronchitis, Cataracts, Diarrhea, Ichthyosis, Gastro-intestinal disorders, and worm infestations. Due to the wide variety of diseases seen, much valuable knowledge and experience were gained by the personnel of the BAS.
- g. Medical Events of Special Note: On 12 January 1970, a truck transporting personnel overturned at the rear of the Battalion cantonment injuring some twenty-three (23) personnel. A sorting area was set up at the scene of the accident, and patients were given emergency first aid and then transferred to 1st Medical Battalion or the Battalion Aid Station for further treatment and disposition. Some of the injured sustained fractures of the arms or legs, concussions, or lacerations or contusions. Within one (1) hour, all injured persons had been treated or sent to the 1st Medical Battalion.

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On 14 January 1970, a rabid dog entered the cantonment, and bit five individuals before it was finally captured and exterminated. All personnel involved were taken to the Rabies Control Board at the NSA Hospital, DaNang where they were started on rabies treatment vaccine. Continuing effects are being observed closely by the DAS. Present efforts are being directed at the elimination of all dogs from the cantonment.

h. Statistics for the month of January are as follows:

DIAGNOSIS	H&S	INDIA	KILO	LIMA	MIKE	TOTAL	LAST REPORT
HEAD INJURIES	02	01	00	03	01	07	02
LACERATIONS	21	11	04	16	04	52	66
EAR PROBLEMS	09	00	03	04	01	17	28
EYE PROBLEMS	13	02	08	04	07	34	14
DENTAL	07	04	11	01	02	25	46
UPPER RESP INFECTIONS	02	02	00	00	01	05	02
FEVER UNK. ORIGIN	00	00	00	00	02	02	12
ORTHO DISORDERS	29	09	04	11	07	60	66
IMMUNIZATIONS	TOTAL OF ALL COMPANIES OVER MONTH					378	73
SHRAPNEL WOUNDS	00	00	01	01	00	02	12
BLISTERS	00	01	01	00	03	05	11
DERMATOLOGY	22	09	09	14	12	66	105
NEUROPSYCHIATRIC	02	01	00	01	00	04	03
GUNSHOT WOUNDS	00	00	01	01	00	02	04
GASTROINTESTINAL DIS.	06	05	00	07	04	22	12
GENITOURINARY DIS.	03	01	01	00	01	06	08
SURGICAL PROBLEMS	06	11	09	12	03	41	09
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14. (U) RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

a. Personal

- (1) Chaplain J. J. PIERCE, LT, CHC, USNR, was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines, for the period 1-15 January 1970.
- (2) Chaplain R. D. FINK, LCIR, CHC, USN, was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines, for the period 16-31 January 1970.
- (3) PFC E. M. JOHNSON, USMC, was assigned as chaplain's clerk for the period 1-31 January 1970.

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b. Services Conducted

- (1) Sunday Protestant Divine services: 6, with 105 in attendance.
- (2) Protestant Communion services: 6, with 59 receiving.
- (3) Protestant weekday services: 6, with 93 in attendance.
- (4) Sunday and Holy Day Catholic Mass: 12, with 520 in attendance and 457 receiving.
- (5) Weekday Catholic Mass: 25, with 409 in attendance and 339 receiving.
- (6) Catholic-Protestant ecumenical services: 4, with 80 in attendance.

c. Facilities

- (1) A chapel at 7th Engineers Battalion is shared with 3/26, and services are attended jointly by 3/26 and 7th Engineers personnel.

d. Counseling

- (1) A total of 80 men received private counseling from the two chaplains assigned.

e. Significant Events

- (1) On 4 January a memorial service was conducted at the Company "I" defensive position on Hill 124 for PFC Ricky M. GLASPEY, USMC, and PFC Terry L. JOSLIN, USMC, both killed in action on 26 December 1969. Ninety three personnel were in attendance, including the assistant Division Commander, 1st Marine Division Brigadier General C. S. ROBERTSON.
- (2) On 9 January a memorial service was conducted at the Company "I" cantonment near Hill 190 for PFC Reginald W. LINDSEY, USMC, who was killed on 4 January 1970. There were 90 personnel in attendance.

f. Remarks

- (1) Chaplains PIERCE and FINK served on the executive board of the 3rd Battalion Leadership Committee.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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 Sheet 6641 III
 (b) 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines COI 140800H December 1969

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. 3rd CIT has compiled a blacklist of 100 names from Ap Van Duong Hamlet and has estimated that approximately 10 VC/NVA will be in the hamlet on the evening of 1 January 1970.
- b. Friendly Forces
 - (1) CACU 2-8 conducts night activities as shown on Annex A (Operation Overlay).
 - (2) Hoa Van District provides 2 members of DIQOI, 2 operational police, team of police, Special Branch and platoon of National Police Field Forces (NPF) who will participate in cordon of Ap Van Duong (1). Annex A. (Operation Overlay). At 020630H January 1970, the NPF will search and clear Van Duong (1) hamlet, while the remaining district forces will screen and interrogate all Vietnamese personnel to identify and detain all known and suspected enemy and enemy sympathizers.
 - (3) Intelligence Team. 3rd CIT. Conducts screening and interrogation of Vietnamese in Ap Van Duong to identify and isolate known enemy and enemy suspects.
 - (4) Artillery. "C" Battery, 1st Bn, 15th Marines in direct support of 26th Marines.
- c. Attached. Two Guides, CACU 2-8.

2. MISSION. At H-hour on D-day, 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines with one Company (reinforced) conducts a joint operation with Hoa Vang District Forces and team from 3rd CIT to cordon Ap Van Duong (1) vicinity AT905805 and provide security of detainees during screening.

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3. EXECUTIONa. Concept of Operations. Annex A (Operations Overlay).b. Company "L"Attached: Platoon, Company "M"
2 Guides, GAGO 2-8

- (1) Commencing at H-hour on D-day with Company (-) (reinforced) move by tactical column from Hill 190 to cordon Ap Van Duong (1) on Southern and Western flanks from (AT904807) to (AT903804), and to (AT911804).
 - (2) Upon arrival of Company (-) (rein) at check point #1, one platoon with NPFF will move by truck from Northern Artillery cantonment to dismount point, and cordon Ap Van Duong (1) on Northern and Eastern flanks from (AT904807) to (AT911807).
 - (3) Company "L" (-) (rein) and platoon with NPFF conduct linkup at contact points 1 and 3 by 012015H Jan 70.
 - (4) Cordon will be in position no later than 012200H Jan 70.
 - (5) Maintain cordon around Ap Van Duong (1) until completion of search and screening operation by NPFF and 3rd CIT at about 021300H Jan 70.
 - (6) At first light affect realignment of forces on the eastern portion of the cordon to replace NPFF who will conduct search and clear operations.
 - (7) Provide a five man security team to guard detainees commencing 020700H Jan 70.
 - (8) Be prepared to provide security for NPFF during the search and clearing of Ap Van Duong (1). Marines will not enter any dwellings.
- c. Company "M". Continue assigned mission except as modified as follows: Detach one platoon to Company "L" effective 011800H Jan 70. This platoon will muster and stage at the Northern Artillery cantonment no later than 011745H Jan 70.
- d. 3rd Section, 81mm Mortar Platoon. Provide direct support for Company "L" from Hill 190.
- e. Coordinating Instructions
- (1) H-hour 1900H

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(2) D-day 1 Jan 70

(3) Contact Points

(a) Company "L" (-) (rein) with M-3 at Southern end of "U" in river at AT904807.

(b) 3rd Platoon, Company "M" with NPFF, at trail junction at AT911808.

(c) Company "L" (-) (rein) with NPFF on sand dune at AT912803.

(4) Rules of Engagement

(a) Do not fire into Ap Van Duong (1) unless receiving fire from the hamlet.

(b) No firing of weapons will be done without first utilizing challenge and password until the cordon is set in.

(c) Anyone who leaves Ap Van Duong (1) during the hours of darkness and who attempts to break through the cordon will be considered enemy and may be taken under fire.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Supply

(1) Battalion S-4 issue 2 MCI to each NPFF, before leaving the assembly area at Northern Artillery cantonment.

(2) Company "L" will distribute MCI to Marines as required.

b. Evacuation and Hospitalization

(1) Injured personnel will be medevaced to Battalion BAS except for emergency cases which will be medevaced by helicopter.

(2) Medical platoon from 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines BAS will conduct a Med-Cap commencing at 020830H January 1970 near but separate from civilian collection point.

c. Transportation

(1) Two trucks will be provided by S-4 for transportation for participating District Forces and civilian detainees.

(2) One vehicle will be provided by S-4 to bring 1 water trailer to Ap Van Duong (1) by 020900H Jan 70.

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(3) Trucks and trucks will be provided for transportation for detached platoon from Company "M", from Hill 124 to Northern Artillery contention and back to Hill 124.

(4) One vehicle will be provided to move medical platoon to Ap Van Duong (1) to conduct Med-Cap and return.

4. Miscellaneous

(1) Equipment will include gas masks, CS grenades (3 per squad), helmet and flak jackets.

(2) 3rd CIT intelligence team to establish a civilian collection point at AT908804.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL

a. Signal

(1) Reference (b).

(2) All units use Company "L" radio frequency, FM 57.80.

(3) Red flashlights will be utilized for signals to tie in the flank elements of the cordoning units at contact points.

(4) 4 AM/FIQ 3 Public Address sets to be utilized in crowd control capacity during search and clearing of Ap Van Duong (1).

b. Battalion Command Post (AT959787).

c. Challenge and Password will be any combination of numbers adding up to 10.

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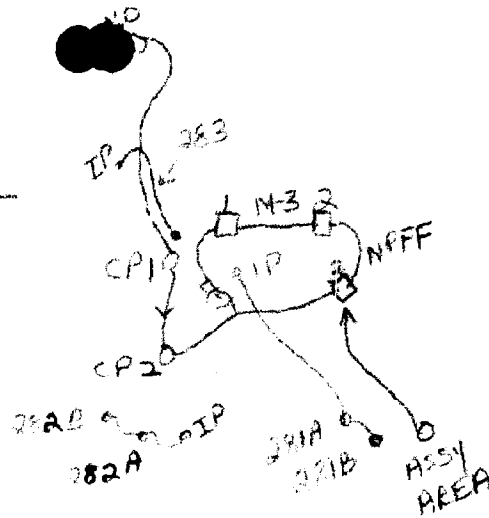
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Time Zone: H

1. Adjacent Units:

CAP 2-8-1

TOD: 011830 Jan 70
 TOR: 020630 Jan 70
 IP: 905805
 Ambush Site A: 912795
 Ambush Site B: 914794

CAP 2-8-2

TOD: 011939 Jan 70
 TOR: 020630 Jan 70
 IP: 901794
 Ambush Site A: 896795
 Ambush Site B: 898794

CAP 2-8-3

TOD: 011930 Jan 70
 TOR: 020600 Jan 70
 IP: 896814
 Ambush Site A: 900807

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(b) 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines COI 140800H December 1969

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATIONa. Enemy Forces

- (1) Intelligence sources, i., e., 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, recently captured POWs, and a HOI CHANH, report that a combined VC and NVA unit is operating to the north of Hill 190 and west of Hill 506 (AT898877). This unit is probably of battalion size with an estimated strength of 150. This enemy unit probably contains elements of the T-87 Sapper Battalion, and has the mission of preparing for an upcoming coordinated mortar/ground offensive at Nam O Bridge and/or the Esso fuel depot. Their apparent missions have been the procurement of supplies, the breakdown of the FVMAF pacification program which is being carried out in the hamlets of Kim Lien and Nam O, and observation of the military activities in the same area.
- (2) On 22 December 1969, a unit of the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion reported three enemy sightings in the area of operations. Between 37-42 enemy were located at AT894867, AT892868, and at AT892864 wearing khaki uniforms and carrying rifles. They were seen moving in a southerly direction in streambeds and a trail along the streambed at AT892868. The enemy reacted in an aggressive manner after making contact with the reconnaissance insert by rapidly deploying and pursuing the outnumbered reconnaissance team both physically and by fire.
- (3) On 6 Jan 70, DCP readings were recorded in the entire grid square of AT8885 and eastern half of grid square AT8785. Readings also recorded at AT886846 to AT888848 tend to confirm at least the recent presence of a large size enemy unit in these areas.

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b. Friendly Forces(1) Artillery

- (a) "C" Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines DS.
- (b) "K" Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines GS.
- (c) 3rd 8 inch Howitzer Battery(-), 11th Marines GS.

(2) Air. 1st MAW provides helicopter and fixed wing support as follows:

- (a) 4 CH-46 helicopters for troop lifting.
- (b) 2 Cobra gunships for helicopter escort.
- (c) 2 A-4E's and 4 F-4B's to provide fire support as required.
- (d) 1 OV-10A and FAC(A) for airborne control and coordination.
- (e) Command and Control helicopter for Battalion Command Group.
- (f) Helicopter trap weapons for landing zone preparation.

(3) 9th Special Operations Squadron, USAF, provides O2-B aircraft for psychological operations (propaganda broadcasts and leaflet drop) upon request.

c. Attachments and Detachments

Attached: Squad Engineers, Co A, 5th Engineer Battalion
 Scout Sniper Squad, Scout Sniper Platoon, Hq Co, 26th Marines
 Combat Photographer, Hq Bn, 1st Marine Division

2. MISSION. At L-hour on D-day, 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines conducts a one company helicopterborne attack and commences search and destroy operations within assigned area of operations to locate, capture and destroy enemy forces and harbor sites.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operations. Commencing at L-hour on D-day, with one company (reinforced), 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines conducts a helicopterborne attack to seize LZ GOONEY, commence search and destroy operations within assigned area of operations to locate and destroy enemy forces and harbor sites. ANNEX A (Operation Overlay). A 55 minute artillery preparation is planned. H&I fires will be fired in the assigned AO on D-1 and D-2 during 0800-0900 to cover up scheduled fires on D-day as preparation fires.

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b. Company "I" (Rein)

Attached: Squad Engineers, Company A, 5th Engineer Battalion
 Scout Sniper Squad, Scout Sniper Platoon, Hq Co, 26th Marines
 FAC Team
 Combat Photographer, Hq Bn, 1st Marine Division

- (1) Pass responsibility for Hill 190 to Company "K" by 1600, D-1 by relief in place operation.
- (2) At L-hour on D-day conduct helicopterborne attack with company (Rein) to secure LZ GOONEY.
- (3) Should helolift into LZ GOONEY not be possible, land with company (Rein) to secure LZ OSTRICH.
- (4) Conduct search and destroy operations within assigned area of operations to locate and destroy enemy forces and harbor sites.
- (5) Should helolift into LZ GOONEY or LZ OSTRICH not be possible by 141015H January 1970, move to the northern side of Nam O Bridge by truck followed by tactical march into the assigned AO.

c. Company "K" (-). By 1600, D-1, with one platoon conduct relief in place of Company "I" at Hill 190. Assume responsibility for defense of Hill 190, for operation of and reaction to the Balance Pressure System and Radio Frequency sensor readout station on Hill 190 and for surveillance from Hill 190.d. 81mm Mortar Platoon(-). One section in direct support of Company "I" from Hill 190. One section in general support of Company "I" from Nam O Bridge.e. Battalion Reserve, Company "K". Be prepared on order to provide "Sparrow Hawk" reaction force at Hill 190 (AT898821).f. Coordination Instructions

- (1) L-hour is 0915 (tentative).
- (2) Alternate L-hour is 1015 (tentative).
- (3) D-day is 14 January 1970.
- (4) Loading time at LZ Hill 190 is L-hour minus 15 minutes.
- (5) Loading time at LZ 460 is L-hour minus 20 minutes.
- (6) LZ Coordinates:
 - (a) LZ Hill 190 (AT901822), "I" (Rein) and "Sparrow Hawk" loading.

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- (b) LZ GOONEY (AT 900864)(Primary).
- (c) LZ OSTRICH (AT901871)(Alternate).
- (d) LZ 460 (AT938783)(Command and Control loading).
- (7) Tentative date of termination of operation is 19 January 1970.
- (8) Use yellow smoke and/or air panels for marking front lines.
- (9) Submit spot reports upon occurrence.
- (10) Company "I" submit situation reports hourly. Include unit locations. Include plans for next six (6) hours every six (6) hours beginning with 1100 report.
- (11) Submit after action report by D+8.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Supply

- (1) General. All classes of supplies will be provided by 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines.
- (2) Supplies and Equipment Available
 - (a) Prescribed loads on D-day
 - 1 Class I - 5 MCI w/trioxane.
 - 2 Class II - as required, plus 6 axes.
 - 3 Class III - none.
 - 4 Class IV - none.
 - 5 Class V - basic allowance plus 300 lbs. C-4 and demolitions equipment to support C-4 requirement. 3 CS grenades per squad.
 - 6 Water - as required with minimum of 4 canteens per man.
 - (3) Medical
 - (a) Casualties will be medivaced by normal helo medivac procedures.
 - (b) Field Medical Tags will be completed on all casualties (hostile and nonhostile).

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(4) Distribution and Control

- (a) Helicopter resupply at 1300 on D+2. Submit resupply requirements on D+1.
- (b) Emergency resupply on call. All emergency resupply will be submitted via the Battalion Tac Net.

(5) Miscellaneous

- (a) Flak jackets and helmets are required.
- (b) Grappling hooks and probes will be carried.
- (c) Carry gas masks.
- (d) Sandbags are on call to transport captures rice.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNALa. Signal

- (1) Reference (b).
- (2) LZ Common (P) frequency is 31.90, M-156; (S) frequency is 47.60, M-51.
- (3) RPS Material. On 13 January, draw KAC-QAH 504, KAC-PZ10, and ~~AKAK 8159H~~ for period of 14-19 January 1970.

b. Command Posts

- (1) 3/26 at AT939782.
- (2) 3/26 Command Group Alpha
 - (a) Initially in Command and Control helicopter.
 - (b) On order at Hill 190 at AT898821.
- (3) Report CP location when established.

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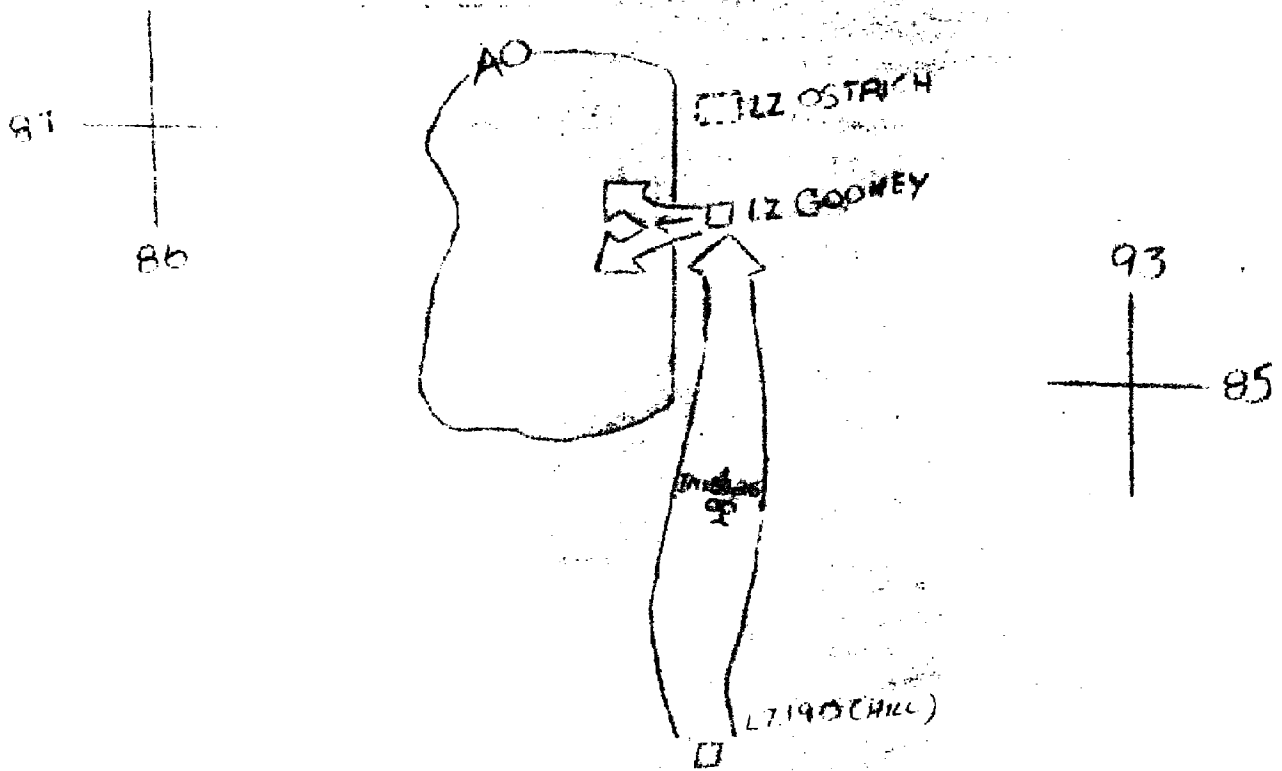
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READING OF THE ROLL Lt. D. C. McBirney

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BENEDICTION SgtMaj. J. W. Thompon

SALUTE Firing Squad

TAPS Bugler

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COMMANDING OFFICER, 3RD BATTALION LTCOL. J. J. UNTERKOFER
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REGIMENTAL CHAPLAIN CDR. R. E. BAREISS
BATTALION CHAPLAIN LT. J. J. PIERCE

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26th Marine Regiment
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1st Marine Division
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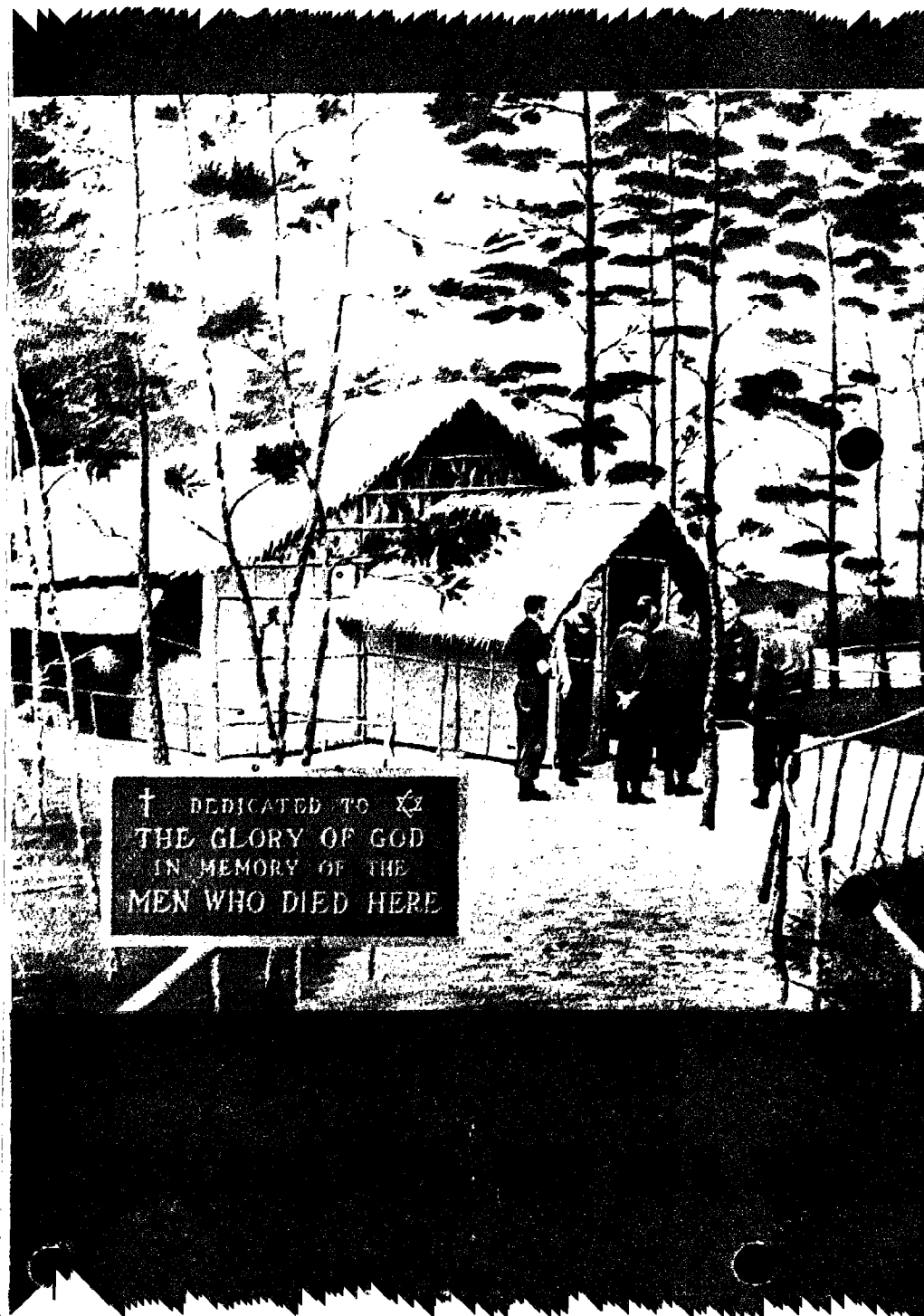
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"ETERNAL FATHER"

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who biddest the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O Hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

Eternal Father, grant we pray
To all Marines, both night and day,
The courage, honor, strength and skill,
Their land to serve, Thy law fulfill,
Be Thou the Shield forevermore,
From every peril to the Corps. Amen.

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"Greater love than this no man
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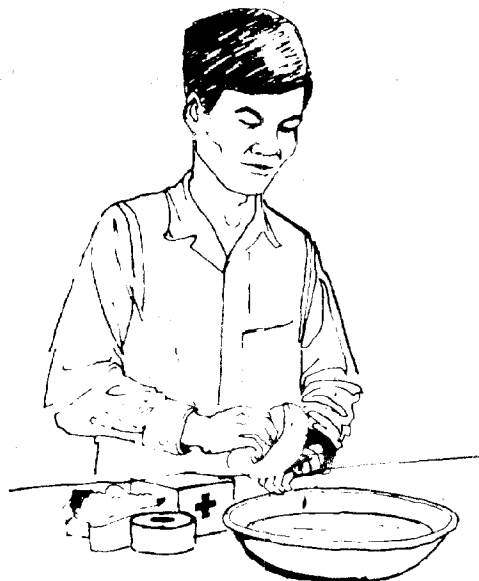
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O Beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves
of grain
For purple mountain majesties, above the fruited
plain
America! America! God shed his grace on thee;
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea
to shining sea

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern,
impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat, across the
wilderness
America! America! God mend thy every flaw
Confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty
in law

A-men





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3rd Battalion, 26th Marines

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(1-28 February 1970)SUBORDINATE UNITS

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(1-28 February 1970)

Company I

1stLt C. G. MURPHY
(1-28 February 1970)

Company K

Capt R. J. DALTON
(1-28 February 1970)

Company L

1stLt T. A. BRADES
(1-28 February 1970)

Company M

1stLt D. C. McDERNEY
(1-17 February 1970)
1stLt D. L. FOGG
(18-28 February 1970)DIRECT SUPPORT UNITS

Det, 1st Plt, Co A, 1st Eng Bn.

(1-28 February 1970)

HST, 1st SP Bn.

(1-28 February 1970)

Det, ARVN Interpreters

(1-28 February 1970)

Det, KCS

(1-28 February 1970)

Det, 3rd Plt, Co A, 5th MT Bn.

(1-28 February 1970)

2nd Plt, Co A, 5th Tank Bn.

(1-25 February 1970)

2nd Plt, Co C, 1st Tank Bn.

(26-28 February 1970)

2. LOCATION

1-28 February 1970; DaNang TAOR, RVN.

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(1-28 February 1970)

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Legal Officer

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1stLt R. O. GARLOCK
(1-28 February 1970)

S-3

Major W. B. ROWLEY
(1-25 February 1970)
1stLt D. W. JONES JR.
(26-28 February 1970)

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(26-28 February 1970)

S-3 Liaison Officer

1stLt J. WATERS
(1-28 February 1970)

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Capt H. I. CATES
(1-28 February 1970)

S-5

1stLt J. W. DUDA
(1-28 February 1970)

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1stLt J. D. GILMER
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Lt R. P. KING
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Chaplain

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of February, the 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines continued as it has in previous months to conduct small unit patrolling and numerous ambushes to locate, interdict, and deny the enemy the use of their avenues of approach to the many hamlets in the Eastern portion of the Battalion TAOR.

Security for Ap Nam0 Bridge (AT927842) continues as one of the priority missions of the Battalion. One platoon provided traffic control and physical security on the bridge while two platoons manned perimeter defenses around the bridge and conducted daily patrols and ambushes, primarily to the West along the Cu De River.

The Battalion continued to monitor the Miniature Seismic Intrusion Device (MINISID) readout station at Nam0 Bridge each night. Pre-cleared artillery and mortar targets and updated range cards for tanks and 106 recoilless rifles enabled the readout station to react quickly to minisid activations. Average time for first round on target was 3 minutes or less. In order to react more quickly to minisid activations, Company "M", at Nam0 Bridge, used a remote firing device (XM-63) attached to 2 claymore mines to suppress enemy movement in the area. Despite this new innovation, sweeps of the area still yielded negative results.

The Balance Pressure System (BPS) readout station at Hill 190 was inactive during the month of February due to malfunctions of main cables along the BPS trace. To cover the likely enemy avenues of approach along the BPS trace Company "I" at Hill 190 and Company "L" at (AT940785) saturated the area with numerous night ambushes during the month.

On 19 February the Battalion conducted a Kingfisher Operation in the Battalion TAOR. Helicopters from MAG-16 reported on station at 0630H to lift 1st platoon, Company "L" into predesignated landing zones (LZ). There were 5 predesignated LZ's selected along suspected enemy infiltration routes and harbor sites. 1st platoon, Company "L" was helolifted into one of the predesignated LZ's located at (AT875824). 1st platoon conducted search and destroy operations in the vicinity of grids (AT875824) and (AT875815) for a period of four hours. Area was swept thoroughly with negative results.

During the month Company "L" at (AT940785) provided the Battalion with its own Bald Eagle. Company "L" ran platoon size operations near and around suspected enemy infiltration routes. Duration of the platoon size operations was two to three days. Areas particularly saturated with combat patrols and night ambushes were as follows: infiltration routes along the BPS trace at (AT880810), (AT877804) and (AT890810); enemy rice trails North of Ap Quan Nam (2) at (AT918830); and likely enemy avenues of approach to the Battalion Command Post (CP) at (AT912777), (AT924775) and around Ap Loc Hoa at (AT922777).

On 15 February, Company "K" displaced its Command Post from (AT907784) to (AT944783) in order to establish centralized control over subordinate units.

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During the month of February, maximum effort by all hands was directed towards improvement and upgrading of the Battalion's fixed positions. Emphasis was also placed on police and cleanliness of these areas. Positions were built much closer to the ground and fighting holes replaced bunkers. Additional wire was laid and areas forward of the wire were burned off to afford better observation. The Battalion's efforts to improve the defense of its fixed positions was in preparation for the upcoming Tet offensive.

On 10 February the Commanding Officer 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines made liaison with the Commanding Officer 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines and visited the Battalion's fixed positions. His visit was the beginning of a long process of coordination between the two Battalions with respect to the relief in place of 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines by 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines. On 13 February the Executive Officer, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines visited with the Executive Officer 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines. Both Executive Officers visited the Battalion's fixed positions and discussed the proposed relief of 3/26 by 3/1.

On 21 February, the S-3A of 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines arrived at the 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines CP with and advance party of 46 personnel. 3/1 personnel went to several of the Battalion's fixed positions and began coordinating with U.S. and Vietnamese units within the 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines TAOR. In addition, select personnel from 3/1 were sent to NamO Bridge (AT924844), OP RENO (AT884747) and Hill 190 (AT893822) for sensor orientation and familiarization of readout sites. The S-3A of 3/1 and other key staff personnel remained at the Battalion CP. Several visits were made by key staff personnel from 3/26 and 3/1 to Hoa Vang District Headquarters and Hieu Duc District Headquarters to coordinate the forthcoming relief in place.

Commencing on 24 February, daily meetings were held with key personnel from 3/1 and 3/26. Problems encountered during the day were ironed out at these meetings. The daily meeting concept, initiated by the Battalion's Executive Officer, considerably lessened the coordination problems for the relief in place.

On 25 February, the Headquarters and Service Company sent an advance party to 1st Shore Party Battalion to make liaison and discuss the proposed displacement of the Battalion's Command Post from (AT939782) to 1st Shore Party Battalion cantonment at (AT983746). Arrangements were made for the billeting and messing of 219 personnel from 3/26.

On 27 February all Keystone Bluejay personnel were returned to the Battalion CP to be processed for the move to 1st Shore Party Battalion. The following day at 1400H all Keystone Bluejay personnel, with the exception of the S-sections, were trucked to 1st Shore Party Battalion to await transfer to CONUS. All key personnel from the S-section moved to 1st Shore Party Battalion the following day. The move to 1st Shore Party Battalion was executed with no difficulties.

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PART III

LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. (S) MISSIONS/OPERATIONSa. Major Operations: Noneb. Command Relations

- (1) On 3 February, 1st Platoon, Company "L" provided security for artillery shoot of one platoon of 105 Howitzers from "C" Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines location at (AT873758).
- (2) 3rd Platoon, Company "L" reported to 1st Battalion, 13th Marines Northern Artillery Contonment at (AT921799) for operational control for period 071700-081200H February 1970.
- (3) 1st Platoon, Company "L" reported to 1st Battalion, 13th Marines Northern Artillery Contonment at (AT921799) for operational control for period 241700-260800H February 1970.
- (4) On 25 February, 2nd Platoon, Company "L" provided security for artillery shoot of three 155 Howitzers from the Provisional Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines location at (AT873758).

c. Combat Missions Assigned

- (1) 19 February 1970. 190630H-191145H the Battalion conducted a Kingfisher Operation in the Battalion AO as designated by Regimental Frag Order 6-70. 1st Platoon, Company "L", designated as assault platoon, was helolifted into suspected enemy harbor sites located at (AT875824). 1st Platoon conducted search and destroy operations in the vicinity of grid (AT875824 and (AT875815) with negative results.
- (2) 1-28 February 1970
 - (a) Defend the Ap NamO Bridge at (AT927843).
 - (b) Locate, interdict and deny the enemy routes of infiltration into hamlets and military installations within the TAOR.
 - (c) Maintain, operate and react to BPS read-out station located at Hill 190 (AT896821).

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- (d) Deny the enemy the use of Elephant Valley and the Song Cu De from (AT925840) west to (AT820860) as an infiltration route into the DaNang area.
- (e) Maintain and defend the rocket surveillance post at OP RENO (AT884746).
- (3) 1-28 February 1970. Execute a Combined Unit Pacification Program in cooperation and coordination with the 158 Regional Force Company in Quan Nam Hamlet (1) at (AT906815) and with the 43rd Popular Force Platoon in Hoa Thanh Village at (AT907784).
- (4) 1-28 February 1970. Provide security at Hill 190 (AT896821) for the personnel and equipment involved in the construction of the DAIS within assigned TAOR.
- d. Command Control. The Battalion Command Post remained at (AT939782) during the month of February. Company Command Posts were located as follows: Company "I" at (AT893822) from 1-28 February 1970; Company "K" at (AT907784) from 1-15 February 1970; and at (AT944783) from 15-28 February 1970; Company "L" at (AT940785) from 1-28 February 1970; Company "M" at (AT924844) from 1-28 February 1970.
- e. Organic Operations. The Battalion employed 356 listening posts, 261 observation posts, 153 daylight patrols, two night patrols, and 380 night ambushes during the month of February.
- f. Riot Control Agents. CS grenades and gas masks were carried on many patrols but they were not used.

2. (S) INTELLIGENCE

- a. Enemy Situation. The active enemy units operating in the 3/26 AO make up the Northern Wing, which is subordinate to the Front 44. Units of the North Wing are the:
 - (1) Hai Van Engineer Battalion. This unit has an estimated strength of 125-150 personnel. It is operating out of the base camp area in the northern part of the AO, vicinity AT8790.
 - (2) T-87 Sapper Battalion. This unit has an estimated strength of 125-150 personnel. They are broken down into a headquarters section and two (2) companies. This unit also has an underwater sapper capability, estimated 15-20 men. The sappers are probably operating out of a base camp area, vicinity AT7989.

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- (3) C-31 Independent (Doc Lap) Company. This unit has an estimated strength of 75 personnel. They have probably moved north of the Song Cu De and are operating from the vicinity of the sapper battalion.
 - (4) C-7 Company. This unit, estimated strenght 50-60 personnel, is also believed to have moved north with the C-31 Company and is now operating from the same general area.
 - (5) 573 Artillery Battalion. This unit with a 122mm and 140mm rocket capability, is assigned the mission of providing the North Wing with artillery support, both rockets and mortars, in coordinated attacks against selected ground installations in the AO.
- b. Enemy Mission. The enemy's mission has reverted back to its previous mission before the aborted TET offensive, that of small reconnaissance patrol, supply runs and proselytizing of the Vietnamese civilians in the populated areas of Hoa Lac, Hoa Vinh and Hoa Hiep. The enemy still has the capability to launch sapper attacks, both ground and underwater, on selected targets in the AO. If these attacks are attempted they can be strongly supported by rocket and mortar attacks. Selected targets include Hill 190, NamO Bridge, Northern Artillery Contonment, and probably the highest priority target, the ARVN Compounds and CUPP units in the AO. Successful attacks on the ARVN units will discredit the people's belief in their ability to protect the people from VC/NVA in the future.
- c. Weather. The maximum temperature for this month was 88 degrees, minimum 63 degrees. The mean temperature was 75 degrees and the relative humidity 83%. Total precipitation was one (1) inch.
- d. Terrain
- (1) In the Hoa Lac, Hoa Vinh, Hoa Thanh area the terrain is mostly covered by rice paddies. The hamlets and villages are on higher dry ground. There are several uninhabited hamlets with the remains of a few concrete houses. These areas provide good cover and concealment and storage sites for the enemy.
 - (2) The area south and southwest of the Hill 190 and Hill 124 area is characterized by low, rolling hills. Vegetation consists of low trees and bushes. Movement in this area is fairly easy. The ability to maneuver troops in this area is very good. This possibly is a reason for the low level of enemy activity in this area.

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- (3) The major portion of the AO (Northwestern area) consists of extremely rough, steep, mountainous terrain. Movement in this area is greatly restricted, especially for large units. Unless it is along streambeds or trails, movement is reduced to 100-300 meters per hour. Cover, concealment and water is in abundance.

e. Avenues of Approach. There are two major avenues of approach in the AO; one from the North and the other from the west.

- (1) The one from the north originates from the enemy base camp area in the Hon Quap mountain area (the mountainous area to the west of the Hai Van Pass and Hill 1192, vicinity AT915911) and moves generally southeast to Kim Lien Hamlet, Hill 190 and NamO Bridge. Nui (Hill) Cay Cua, vicinity AT895862, is where the avenue forks; one fork continues south to the Song Cu De, the other continues southeast down the "Banana Draw" (Ho Chuoi) vicinity AT900860 to AT907852, and into Kim Lien and NamO Bridge area.
- (2) The second major avenue of approach comes in from the west generally along the two streambed/valley areas that run along the east/west grid lines AT82 and AT80.

f. Total Enemy Losses

(1) Casualties

VC/NVA KIA	8
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(2) Captured Personnel

POW	3
VCI	0
Detainees	0

(3) Captured equipment

Chicom grenades	1
AK-47 magazines	9
AK-47 rounds	30
NCO belts	2

(4) IWC

(a) By USMC	1 - 9mm pistol
	1 - 7.62mm pistol
(b) By RF Company 158	2 - AK-47 rifles

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(5) CSWC	0
(6) SFD	1

g. Enemy Trends. The enemy will most likely continue to carry out his mission as stated in subparagraph b. Periodically he may conduct a stand off attack, rockets or mortars, with a very few rounds. This will be only to keep the Vietnamese civilians aware that they can attack at anytime and to provide a lever, for the VC/NVA on proselytizing missions, to work with artillery, air, naval gun fire and extensive night time patrolling have prevented the enemy from infiltrating sufficient numbers of troops into the populated areas to support any large scale attack from the mountains in the western and northwestern portions of the AO. The enemy must move in small size units in order to avoid detection. He will continue to do so and at the same time maintain constant pressure on the local populace by means of their VC Infrastructure.

h. VIP Fund. During the reporting period covered 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines, FMF, spent a total of 9,700 VN piasters. Ordnance turned in this reporting period included four (4) 60mm HE duds, four (4) 105mm HE duds, three (3) 81mm HE duds, ten (10) blasting caps, eighteen feet of Det Cord, fourteen (14) M-16 magazines, twelve (12) M-26 grenades, sixteen (16) concussion caps, one (1) .45 cal. magazine, one thousand five (1005) rounds of 5.56 ammo, two claymore mines, four (4) 82mm HE rounds, one (1) starlite scope, one (1) LAAW, one (1) hellbox, four (4) chicom grenades and one (1) anti-tank mine.

(1) Most of this ordnance was bought by Company "I" at Hill 190 and by Company "K" in Hoa Lac and Hoa Thanh Villages.

(2) The ages of the Vietnamese civilians turning in all ordnance ranged from six to seventeen years of age.

(3) No VIP Funds were paid out this period for information of any intelligence value.

3. (S)LIST OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 February 1970
2115H

Company "M" received 4 activations from minisids at AT914844. Fired 10 rounds of 81mm HE. Checked area with negative results.

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2214H 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Company "M" had enemy movement 50 meters East of their position at AT916840 moving Northwest. Fired small arms and 1 claymore mine. Received 2 Chi-com grenades in return. Swept area with negative results.

2259H Company "I" received 3 activations from minisids at AT888830. Direction of movement was East. Fired 16 rounds of 105mm HE. Area not swept due to unavailability of transportation across the river.

2 February 1970
1935H

3rd Squad, 1st Platoon, Company "M" while moving to ambush site spotted 2 VC/NVA in water with reeds in their mouths, moving South. 3rd Squad continued to move toward enemy position, when 15 meters from enemy the squad opened fire with small arms, 4 VC/NVA arose from water and 3 enemy fell back into water and floated down stream, fourth enemy escaped to the East. 3 enemy in water taken under fire by small arms and M-26 grenades. Enemy were wearing kakhi clothing. Results were 3 VC/NVA KIA'S.

3 February 1970
1300H

Company "I" received the following ordnance: 2-60mm HE rounds and 1-105mm HE round. Company "I" paid 450 piasters and blew all ordnance in place.

1630H

1st Squad, 3rd Platoon, Company "I" located 2 dud 105mm rounds at AT882828 with black cord wrapped around them. India-6 requested an EOD team to check the dud rounds in the A.M.

2048H

Company "M" received 1 activation from minisids at AT914844. Fired 20 rounds of 81mm HE. Area swept with negative results.

4 February 1970
1700H

1st Platoon, Company "I" while on a combat patrol observed 5 suspected enemy personnel. One individual was observed wearing a pistol and several Chi-com grenades. 1st Platoon called out Chieu Hoi and enemy threw 2 Chi-com grenades and attempted to flee North. 1st Platoon took enemy under fire

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and observed 1 VC KIA and captured the following gear:

1 Chi-com grenade, 1 small caliber pistol, 2 magazines, 16 rounds small arms ammo, 1 pack, 2 ponchos, 1 map made into a tobacco pouch, 2 letters, 1 pamphlet, 1 blue shirt and wash rags.

5 February 1970
0920H

2nd Platoon, Company "I" was moving along ridgeline and set off a booby trap believed to be a 105mm HE round, resulting in 2 USMC KIA's and 3 USMC WIA's. No enemy personnel were observed.

1230H

2nd Platoon, Company "L" while on a combat patrol found the following gear at AT920825: 1 rice carrying bag, 1 green shirt, 1 pair green trousers, 10 boxes of tea, 1 can of condensed milk, 1 notebook, 1 picture, 2 letters, 1 envelope, 4 assorted papers and 1 plastic rain cape. Searched the surrounding area with negative results.

1400H

Company "K" had 1 Starlight scope with carrying case turned in to them by the assistant Village Chief of Hoa Loc. Company "K" paid 3,000 piasters for it. Starlight scope was turned in to Regimental S-2.

6 February 1970
0030H

3rd Battalion, 26th Marines CP Post #9 at AT936785 had movement at AT935786. Movement appeared to be a man size figure on the road below Post #9. Post #9 fired 10 rounds of M-16 and threw 3 M-26 grenades called a fire mission of 2 illumination rounds. Area searched with negative results.

0110H

Company "I" IOD personnel from OP Robin spotted 9 VC/NVA in water at AT910826 moving North. Company notified night activities moving into the area. Negative fire due to friendlies in the area.

1935H

Company "I" IOD personnel spotted 3 VC/NVA at AT904822. Fired 5 rounds of 60mm HE. Swept area in A.M. with negative results.

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2055H Company "I" IOD personnel spotted 3 VC/NVA moving in a Southern direction at AT909825 and reacted by calling a fire mission of 24 105mm HE rounds and 2 105mm WP rounds and 5 106mm HE rounds. Swept area with negative results.

7 February 1970
0130H Company "M" with NOD spotted 3 VC/NVA in tree-line at AT923853 reacted by calling a fire mission of 10 rounds of 105mm HE. Searched area with negative results.

0135H 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines CP OP #8 had 1 trip flare tripped 100 to 150 meters in front of OP #8, at AT936778. OP #8 reacted by spraying area with M-60, M-16 and M-79 fire. Area swept with negative results.

0150H Company "M" received 1 activation from minis at AT914844 and reacted by calling a fire mission of 12 rounds of 81mm HE. Area swept with negative results.

2000H 2nd Platoon, Company "K" observed 3 enemy approximately 50 meters South of 2nd Platoon position at AT916819. Reacted by calling a fire mission of 8 60mm illumination rounds and sprayed the area with M-16 fire. Area observed with negative results.

2045H 1st Squad, 3rd Platoon, Company "M" spotted 5 VC/NVA moving West to East and reacted by calling a fire mission of 10 rounds of 81mm HE and fired 50 rounds M-60 and 30 rounds M-16. Area searched with negative results.

2208H Company "M" received 1 activation from minis at AT914844, reacted by calling in fire mission of 10 81mm HE rounds. Area swept with negative results.

2310H Company "M" received 1 activation from minis at AT914844, reacted by calling in fire mission of 20 81mm HE rounds. Area swept with negative results.

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8 February 1970

None.

9 February 1970
0321H

Company "M" received 1 activation from minisids at AT924845, reacted by calling a fire mission of 8 105mm HE rounds and 11 105mm firecracker rounds. Area searched with negative results.

1730H

2nd Platoon, Company "M" spotted 2 personnel swimming in Song Cu De river from South to North. Personnel left water at AT906836. 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Company "M" was sent out to establish contact with suspected enemy personnel. Squad lost sight of personnel, pulled back to original position and called in 12 rounds of 105mm HE on suspected area of escape.

1920H

3rd Squad, 1st Platoon, Company "I" spotted 1 VC at AT915831. Scout Sniper team with machine gun squad took enemy under fire. Area searched with negative results.

2005H

Company "I" IOD personnel spotted 3 VC moving toward AT910823 and reacted by calling a fire mission of 12 105mm HE rounds. Searched area with negative results.

2020H

2nd Squad, 1st Platoon, Company "K" had movement to the West on minisid at AT883769 estimated to be 100 meters away. 2nd squad waited until enemy movement closed with their position and 2nd Squad fired small arms and M-79 rounds and movement stopped. Area searched with negative results.

2045H

1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Company "L" spotted 2 VC/NVA 30 meters from their position moving Southwest to Northeast, 1st Squad reacted with 2 M-26 grenades and blew 1 claymore mine. Area searched with negative results.

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10 February 1970
1100H

Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines made liaison with the Commanding Officer 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines concerning the relief of 3/26 by 3/1.

2135H

3rd Squad, 1st Platoon, Company "L" observed 3 personnel moving toward ATG96821 and informed Company "I" of movement and reacted by calling a fire mission of 24 105mm HE rounds and 1 105mm WP round. Area swept in A.M. with negative results.

11 February 1970
1010H

3rd Platoon, Company "L" on day patrol found a hole 8 feet wide by 12 feet deep at AT917765, search of area revealed old rags, torn women and children clothing and 1 envelope with VN writing on it. Old rags and clothing left in hole and envelope returned to Battalion CP.

1105H

1st Platoon, Company "I" on day patrol found 1 81mm HE dud round at AT910828, engineers blew dud in place.

1600H

Company "I" received the following ordnance from 1 Vietnamese boy: 1 81mm HE round, 8 feet of detonating cord and 10 blasting caps. Company "I" paid 300 piasters and blew all ordnance in place.

12 February 1970
1600H

Company "I" received the following ordnance from 2 Vietnamese boys: 3 M-16 magazines, 19 M-16 rounds and 1 M-26 grenade. Company "I" paid 100 piasters and blew all ordnance in place.

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1700H Company "K" received the following ordnance from 5 Vietnamese boys: 1 Laaw, 2 M-16 magazines and 1 hellbox for a claymore mine. Company "K" paid 650 piasters and blew all ordnance in place.

2000H Company "L" received 3 activations from minisid at AT914844. Fired 10 rounds of 81mm HE on target. Area was searched with negative results.

2025H Company "L" received 1 activation from minisid at AT914844. Fired 10 rounds of 81mm HE. Area was searched in A.M. with negative results.

2152H 1st Squad, 3rd Platoon, Company "L" spotted 5 VC/NVA moving Southeast at AT928831. reacted by firing 250 M-16 rounds and 5 81mm HE rounds, enemy reacted by firing small arms fire. Area searched with negative results.

13 February 1970

1400H

Executive Officer, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines made liaison with the Executive Officer, 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines concerning the relief of 3/2 by 3/1.

1750H

Company "K" received the following ordnance from 8 Vietnamese boys: 5 M-26 grenades, 1 C&C-com grenade, 1 claymore mine, 1 105mm HE dud round and 1 81mm HE dud round. Company "K" paid 1200 piasters and blew all ordnance in place.

14 February 1970

1940H

Company "L" received 3 activations from minisids at AT925844 and reacted by setting off 2 claymore mines attached to the XM-63. Company "L" continued to receive activations and reacted by calling a fire mission of 20 81mm HE rounds and 15 90mm Beehive rounds. Area searched with negative results.

2035H

1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Company "K" spotted 3 VC/NVA moving Northeast at 100 meters distance at AT-915817, the squad waited until enemy closed within 25 meters

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of the 1st squad position, 1st squad opened up with small arms fire killing 2 VC/NVA and capturing 1 Hoi Chanh woman. VC/NVA KIA's were wearing shorts and civilian shirts and carrying 2 AK-47 rifles and 6 magazines.

15 February 1970
1500H

Company "K" displaced it's command post from (AT907784) to (AT944783).

1645H

Company "K" received the following ordnance from 5 Vietnamese boys: 2 60mm HE dud rounds, 10 feet detonating cord, 4 M-26 grenades, 1 105mm HE dud round and 1 81mm HE dud round. Company "K" paid 1150 piasters and blew all ordnance in place.

2145H

Company "I" spotted 6 VC/NVA with NOD at AT909825 moving northeast, reacted by calling a fire mission of 10 rounds 60mm HE and 10 rounds 81mm HE. Area searched with negative results.

2315H

3rd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Company "I" spotted 2 VC/NVA 35 meters from ambush site at AT898821, reacted by firing small arms and 1 claymore mine while calling for 81mm illumination, enemy fire 10 AK-47 rounds. Area was searched with negative results.

16 February 1970
2120H

2nd Squad, 1st Platoon, Company "I" observed 6 enemy moving south toward their ambush site, enemy wore packs and moved in column with about 15 meters distance between individuals. 2nd squad initiated ambush when lead man was 25 meters from ambush and 1st four enemy were in the water, fired small arms, 1 claymore mine, M-60 machine gun, threw 4 M-26 grenades while employing a scout sniper with starlight scope. First two enemy were hit and immediately disappeared into water. Results: 2 enemy KIA's.

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1030H

Company "K" received the following ordnance from 2 Vietnamese children: 1 M-79 HE round and 1 60mm round, EOD team requested, blew ordnance in place.

1330H

1st Platoon, Company "I" uncovered a VC harbor site at AT913821, hollowed out area in heavy clump of bushes. Site could hold 10-15 people, site was 10 meters by 15 meters long. 1st Platoon found the following gear: 2 AK magazines, 1 beer bottle, 1 poncho and plastic bag used to wrap chow in.

18 February 1970

0730H

2nd Platoon, Company "L" while on a day patrol found 1 paper with VN writing on it at AT912772. Paper contained list of 22 VN names, addresses and birth dates. Paper turned over to Battalion S-2.

1505H

Company "I" received the following ordnance from 2 Vietnamese boys: 16 primer concussion Mk2A4, 1 45 caliber magazine, 4 M-16 magazines and 75 M-16 rounds. Company "I" paid 200 piasters and blew ordnance in place.

1815H

3rd Platoon, Company "I" enroute to killer team site with scout dog discovered 1 VC/NVA body. VC/NVA was shot through shoulder and head, gear found on enemy body was as follows: 1 poncho, 1 pair shorts, 1 field jacket (American) and 1200 piasters. Further search of area was conducted with negative results.

19 February 1970

0930H

3rd Platoon, Company "I" while on a day patrol found 2 Ak-47 magazines, 1 cartridge belt (USMC type). Items found were returned to Hill 190.

1230H

Company "I" received the following ordnance from 1 Vietnamese boy: 1 claymore mine hellbox and 1 bandoleer of M-16 ammo. Company "I" paid 200 piasters and blew ordnance in place.

1800H

Company "K" received the following ordnance from a Vietnamese National: 1 M-26 grenade.

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Company "K" paid 150 piasters and blew ordnance in place.

20 February 1970

None.

21 February 1970
0900H

Battalion S-3 assistant from 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines arrived at the 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines Command Post with an advance party of 46 personnel.

1700H

Company "I" received the following ordnance from 1 Vietnamese boy: 120 M-16 rounds. Company "I" paid 100 piasters and redistribution of ammo was made.

22 February 1970
1208H

1st Platoon, Company "L" reached checkpoint 3 of day patrol, while taking chow break they received word from CIT team in area that there was enemy gear and weapons 200 meters to the South of checkpoint 3. 1st Platoon searched area and saw 1 NVA asleep in bush at AT918833. As 2nd Squad, 1st Platoon, Company "L" moved toward enemy, he made a move to reach for a weapon, 2nd Squad reacted with 40 M-16 rounds and 1 M-26 grenade. Results: 1 WIA/POW who died of wounds. Further search of area yielded negative results. Enemy had 1 9mm pistol with 2 magazines fully loaded and assorted medical and personal gear. All gear was returned to Battalion Rear.

1920H

Company "I" received the following ordnance from 1 Vietnamese boy: 120 M-16 rounds, 1 M-16 magazine and 1 M-26 grenade. Company "I" paid 200 piasters and blew ordnance in place.

2245H

1st Squad, 3rd Platoon, Company "M" spotted 3 VC/NVA moving to the Southeast, reacted by firing M-60 and XM-174. Called for 60mm illumination and 30 81mm HE rounds. Area was under surveillance with NOD during the night. Area searched in A.M. with negative results.

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23 February 1970

0030H

1st Squad, 3rd Platoon, Company "M" and NOD spotted 1 VC/NVA moving to West at (AT925832). Reacted by calling a fire mission of 11 81mm HE round. 1st Squad received 20 rounds of small arms fire from enemy, repeated fire mission of 1 81mm HE round and 1st Squad fired small arms. Immediate sweep of area yielded negative results.

0125H

1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Company "M" spotted 3 VC/NVA moving to the West, enemy fired sporadic small arms fire, 1st Squad reacted with M-60 machine gun fire, M-16 fire and called a fire mission of 3 81mm HE rounds. Area searched with negative results.

0300H

Company "M" NOD spotted 1 VC/NVA moving West to East at AT925833, reacted by calling a fire mission of 12 81mm HE rounds. Area searched with negative results.

1510H

1st Platoon, Company "L" while on a day patrol to recheck area of contact on 22 February 1970 spotted 1 VC/NVA at AT917827 and reacted by firing 5 M-16 rounds at VC/NVA and wounding enemy in leg. 1st Platoon captured enemy and gave medical aid to NVA POW. 1st Platoon, Company "L" and NVA POW with assorted gear returned to the Battalion Rear.

2130H

2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Company "L" heard movement just to the North of their position at (AT873804) reacted with 6 M-26 grenades and movement ceased. Area swept with negative results.

2205H

1st Squad, 3rd Platoon, Company "M" spotted 3 VC/NVA moving Southwest at AT927834. 1st Squad received 20 rounds automatic weapons fire, reacted with small arms fire, XM-174 and 81mm fire mission. Area searched with negative results.

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0030H

1st Squad, 3rd Platoon, Company "M" received automatic weapons fire and NOD spotted muzzle flashes, reacted by calling a fire mission of 81mm mortars and small arms, XM-174, 3.5 rockets and M-60 machine gun. Area searched with negative results.

0830H

2nd Platoon, Company "K" received the following ordnance from 3 Vietnamese boys: 1 anti-tank mine of foreign make and 1 Chi-com grenade. EOD team picked up ordnance and destroyed it.

0900H

One squad from 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines reported to 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines Command Post for sensor training.

1230H

2nd Platoon, Company "K" received the following ordnance from 1 Vietnamese boy: 2 82mm mortar rounds. EOD team blew all ordnance in place.

25 February 1970
0233H

2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Company "M" spotted 2 VC/NVA moving to the North of their position at AT922833, reacted by firing M-60 machine gun and M-79. Area searched with negative results.

1100H

The Headquarters and Service Company Executive Officer made liaison with 1st Shore Party Battalion concerning the 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines move to their area.

1230H

Company "K" received the following ordnance from 2 Vietnamese boys: 2 Chi-com grenades and 1 82mm mortar round. Company "K" paid 300 piasters and EOD team blew ordnance in place.

2130H

1st Squad, 1st Platoon, Company "K" had movement West of their position at AT894779 and observed 1 person moving South to West

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20 meters in front of their position, reacted with small arms and received AK fire in return. 1st Squad reacted by calling a fire mission of 105mm illumination rounds, area searched with negative results.

2220H 1st Squad, 3rd Platoon, Company "M" spotted 3 VC/NVA moving East into treeline, NOD confirmed sighting at AT928832, reacted by calling a fire mission of 20 81mm HE rounds, area searched with negative results.

26 February 1970
1915H

Company "I" received the following ordnance from 1 Vietnamese boys: 200 M-16 rounds and 2 M-16 magazines. Company "I" paid 200 piaster. Rounds and magazines were redistributed.

27 February 1970
1115H

Company "I" received the following ordnance from 2 Vietnamese boys: 350 M-16 rounds and 1 82mm HE round. Company "I" paid 400 piaster and blew ordnance in place.

1735H

Company "I" received the following ordnance from 1 Vietnamese boy: 1 105mm HE round and 2 M-16 magazines. Company "I" paid 300 piasters and blew ordnance in place.

28 February 1970
1300H

Two squads from 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines reported to 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines Command Post for assignment to NamO Bridge, OI Reno and for sensor training.

1400H

Keystone Bluejay personnel were taken to 1st Shore Party Battalion beginning the first phase of 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines redeployment activities.

2300H

1st Squad, 3rd Platoon, Company "M" spotted 6 VC/NVA at AT928829 and at AT929824. Enemy fired 40 rounds small arms fire, 1st Squad reacted with M-60 machine gun fire, M-16 small arms fire and also called fire mission of 30 81mm HE rounds. Area searched with negative results.

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(1) Type and number of missions

(a) Observed Missions - 266

1. Illumination missions - 16
2. Destruction missions - None
3. Neutralization missions - 154
4. Battery Registrations - 29
5. Preparations - 14
6. School missions - 53
7. Other - None

(b) Unobserved - 2481

1. Intelligence Targets - 2109
2. Rocket Suppression - 496
3. Harrassing and Interdictive - 372

(2) Observed Missions - 266

(3) Ammunition Expenditure - 17,573 rounds

(4) Significant Events - None

b. Naval Gunfire Team

(1) Ship available for support

- (a) USS Hole (DD613)
- (b) USS Turner Joy (DD951)
- (c) USS Somers (DD634)
- (d) USS Collett (DD730)
- (e) USS Waddell (DD624)
- (f) USS Henry B. Wilson (DD67)
- (g) USS Albert David (DE1050)

(2) Type and Number of Missions - 907

- (a) Observed missions - None
- (b) Unobserved missions - 907

(3) Ammunition Expenditure - 4071 rounds

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- (1) Type and Number of missions
 - (a) Observed missions - 68
 - (b) Unobserved missions - 752
- (2) Ammunition Expenditure - 4835 rounds
 - (a) High Explosive - 3776 rounds
 - (b) Illumination - 702 rounds
 - (c) White Phosphorous - 357 rounds

d. General Support

- (1) General Support Provided by
 - (a) "A" Platoon, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery, 11th Marines
 - (b) "K" Battery, 4th Battalion, 13th Marines
 - (c) 1st 175mm Gun Battery, 11th Marines
- (2) Ammunition Expenditure by type
 - (a) 155mm - 5801 rounds
 - (b) 175mm - None
 - (c) 8" - 1013 rounds

5. (S) AIR SUPPORT

- a. Units. The Marine Air Groups in the First Marine Air Wing that provided Air Support for the Battalion are MAG 11; MAG 12; MAG 13; and MAG 16.
- b. Missions
 - (1) Resupply
 - (a) 8 Helicopter missions 166,615 lbs. cargo.
 - (b) 233 Passengers transported.
 - (2) Close Air Support
 - (a) 4 CAS Missions
 - (b) Ordnance: 44 D1 (250 lb. GP) 12 D2A (500 lb. HD) 10 D3 (1000 lb. GP) 4 D9 (500 lb Napalm) 2 D24 (20mm Gun Pod).

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- (a) TPQ's 39
- (b) Ordnance: 92 D1 (250 lb GP) 246 D2 (500 lb GP) 27 D3 (1000 lb GP) 5 D4 (2000 lb GP).
- (c) Total ordnance dropped TPQ's and CAS 235,629 lbs.

(4) Flare Support

- (a) Flare illumination mission - 5 hours.

(5) Observation

- (a) 9 Aerial Observers: 8.1 hours.
- (b) 10 Visual Reconnaissance: 5.8 hours.

(6) Medevacs

- (a) 11 Medevacs (16 personnel)

6. (S) PERSONNELa. Combat Losses

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
(1) WIA		
(a) Evacuated	0	2
(b) Minor	0	2
(2) KIA	0	2
(3) MIA	0	0

b. Non-Combat Losses

(1) Injured	0	25
(a) Evacuated	0	16
(b) Minor	0	9
(2) Deaths	0	0

c. <u>WIA's Returned to Duty</u>	0	0
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d. <u>R&R Trips</u>	5	27
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e. <u>Replacements Received</u>	0	29
f. <u>Personnel Rotated</u>	4	66

7. (S) ADMINISTRATIONa. Awards

- (1) 2 Navy Achievement Medals
- (2) 5 Purple Hearts
- (3) 20 Combat Action Ribbons
- (4) 2 Meritorious Mast
- (5) 2 Combat Meritorious Promotions

b. Promotions. 4 to 1stLt, 115 to Corporal, 111 to Lance Corporal, 11 to PFC

c. Significant Events - None

8. (S) LOGISTICS

a. Supply/Resupply. Supply issue and receipt is organized around the battalion and company supplies. The recent upgrading of the storage facility for covered storage has greatly enhanced the supply status of the battalion by providing a more secure and weather free environment for the storage of Class II items.

Resupply within the battalion is accomplished both by vehicle and by air. The air resupply is scheduled twice weekly once on Tuesday and again on Saturday. Resupply request are received on the day prior to the air resupply and the supplies are staged the same day.

b. Food/Water. The battalion has three field messes operating at present. Located at Hill 190, NamO Bridge and at III MAF Camp #14. All messes provide at least two "A" ration meals each day.

Water resupply for the Hill 190 and NamO Bridge facilities is provided by Force Logistics Command on a daily basis.

c. Maintenance. Normal maintenance was performed by organized units. 3rd Echelon repairs were performed by Force Logistics Command. A contact team from Ordnance Maintenance Company inspected all 81mm Mortars and 106 Recoilless Rifles for serviceability. Needed repair are being accomplished.

d. Camp Facilities Development. III MAF Camp #14 is supported by Area Works Center #5 located at Force Logistics Command. The renovation of the existing facility is complete.

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- a. Officer and Staff NCO Training included five lectures and two demonstrations: Supply Economy Fiscal Management, presented by a representative of Battalion Supply; XM-63 lecture and demonstration, presented by representative from Division Schools; Quick Fire/Quick Kill lecture and demonstration, presented by representative from Division Schools; Psychological Operations, presented by representatives from Division Schools; Communication Security, presented by the Battalion Communication Officer. Also on 15 February 1970 lectures on Drug Abuse were given to H&S Companies and all letter companies.
- b. A 3-day long indoctrination course conducted by 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines for newly arrived personnel was attended by 29 men. This course emphasized medical orientation, personal response, M-16 familiarization and firing, scouting and patrolling, compass and map reading and administrative processing.
- c. The following school quotas were filled for schools presented in RVN.
 - (1) Officer Leadership School - 1
 - (2) SNCO Leadership School - 1
 - (3) NCO Leadership School - 3
 - (4) Landmine Warfare School - 8
 - (5) 16mm Projectionist School - 1
 - (6) III MAF CAP School - 14
 - (7) Custom School - 1
- d. Training. Corpsman received "on the job" training and two hours of lectures per week from the Medical Officer and senior corpsman. The subjects covered during this period were; Immunization procedures, Preventive Medicine, First Aid and Emergency Treatment, Medical Supply, Drugs and Their Uses, Burns, Toxicology, Fractures, Service Records and Suturing. Company corpsman also gave lectures to the Marines in the field. Such subjects as hemorrhage, mouth to mouth resuscitation, closed cardiac massage, sucking chest wounds, head casualties,

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jungle rot, and foot care were covered. Indoctrination lectures were given to all new personnel who checked into the Battalion. These classes covered such subjects as basic first aid procedures, malaria prophylaxis, foot care, heat problems, venereal diseases, rabies and available medical services at the Battalion Aid Station.

11. (C) CIVIC ACTION/PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

- a. Civic Action. The 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines Civic Action Area of Responsibility (CAAOR) includes the villages of Hoa Lac located in the vicinity of (AT899815); Hoa Vinh in the vicinity of (AT907784); and Hoa Loc in the vicinity of (AT926772).

- (1) Projects Initiated. Community improvement and public works projects which this Battalion was involved in during the past month were as follows: 15 truck loads of tin, plywood, cement, and concertina wire were delivered out to the villages of Hoa Khanh, Hoa Lac Loc Hoa for general improvements of the villages the Battalion General Walt Scholarship Fund Drive turned a net of \$485.00. As a results of this, 45 3-month scholarships were awarded to deserving students. 22 scholarships went out to Hoa Lac, 12 scholarships went to Hoa Khanh, and 11 went to Loc Hoa.

b. Psyop Activities

- (1) During February, 800 pamphlets were distributed throughout the area during medcaps, which stressed personal care and hygiene.
- (2) Over 500,000 leaflets were air dropped and 50 taped broadcasts were made in the Battalion AO. Areas of suspected enemy harbor sites were particularly saturated.
- (3) After using AIK workers for approximately half the month their services were discontinued due to the limited amount of work they were able to perform.

12. (S) COMMUNICATION

- a. General. During this period the Battalion Communications Platoon continued to support the Battalion in much the same manner as the previous period. Preparation for embarkation was extensive, with the majority of equipment being turned in prior to stand down. Accountability measures and PM of equipment continued on a scheduled basis throughout the period. Conferences were held on 19 February with key personnel of 3rd Battalion 1st Marines, to inform them of the Battalion wire layout and problems encountered with radio communications.

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- b. Radio. The radio section spent the majority of this time period securing gear and getting it ready to be turned in. Also, the Battalion's two AN/MRC-83's were brought up to operational condition.
- c. Wire. The wire section continued to provide and improve land lines within the Battalion Rear Area. Old lines not in use were taken down, and preparations were made for the installation of a new cable to the guard lines. Also, numerous types of wire equipment were turned in to Battalion supply.
- d. Message Center. The 26th Marines Communication Center held the Communication/Crypto guard for the Battalion with the Battalion Communications Platoon providing courier service and delivery of messages on a scheduled and as needed basis. Teletype equipment and office equipment were turned in, and all covered-voice equipment was turned in for redistribution to other in country units. Burn reports were made for COI's, Residue, and COMTAC pubs as required.
- e. Communications-Electronics Maintenance. The maintenance section continued to repair and evacuate for repair, inoperable communications-electronics equipment. Evacuation of inoperable equipment was discontinued on 20 February for stand down purposes.

13. (S)MEDICAL/DENTAL SUPPORT

- a. Personnel. The Battalion Aid Station has a total of fifty-three (53) personnel consisting of one (1) Medical Officer, one (1) Navy Chaplain, and fifty-one (51) effective corpsmen.
- b. Capabilities. The Battalion Aid Station handles routine and emergency medical problems. Minor surgical procedures are performed and a diagnostic laboratory is available to aid in the diagnosis of diseases. A ward is available to aid in the treatment of illnesses not requiring hospitalization for more than seventy-two (72) hours. Some of the diseases admitted to the ward for treatment were; bronchitis, phlebitis, pyoderma, pharangitis, and cellulitis. Consultations were available at 1st Medical Battalion and the Naval Support Activity Hospital at DaNang.
- c. Training. Corpsmen received "on the job" training and two (2) hours of lectures per week from the Medical Officer and senior corpsmen. Some of the subjects covered during this period were; control of hemorrhage, psychological disorders, immunizations,

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abdominal emergencies, drugs and their use, and the UCMJ trial proceedings. Company corpsmen gave lectures to the Marines in the field. Subjects covered were; personal hygiene, foot care, buddy aid, measures to prevent malaria, and other such subjects which are valuable to the men in the field. Indoctrination lectures were given to all men who checked into the Battalion. These classes covered such subjects as; principles of first aid, foot care and heat problems in Vietnam, preventive measures for control on VD, and available services at the Battalion Aid Station. There were no classes given on the 27th or 28th of February.

- d. Dental. All dental problems seen at the Battalion Aid Station were referred to the 7th Engineers Dental Department for further treatment and disposition.
- e. Malaria Prophylaxis. Prophylaxis is accomplished by the taking of the Chloroquin-Primaquin tablets on a weekly basis, by the roster method. The Chloroquin-Primaquin urine test is conducted on selected percentages of the troops to insure that the Chloroquin-Primaquin tablet is taken. The continued use of insect repellents, aerosol sprays and mosquito netting has proven effective in keeping the malaria rate for the Battalion at a very low rate. Constant efforts are being directed at eliminating breeding places for the mosquitoes.
- f. Preventive Medicine. Sanitation of the Battalion cantonment and company areas is conducted on a weekly basis. General sanitation of the cantonment continues to show improvement. The company cantonment of India and Mike have shown a marked improvement over the last month. It is especially noted that Company "M" has presented an outstanding area this month. The cleanliness and appearance of the mess hall is an outstanding example of good sanitation. The Battalion cantonment has put considerable work and effort into the improvement of sanitation. The outstanding cleanliness and sanitation of the Battalion Mess Hall is one example of this effort. A current immunization program is in effect, with each of the companies being given current immunizations at least once monthly. A sanitation inspection was held on the 26th of February. The report was filed on the 28th of February 1970.
- g. Med-Caps. The Battalion Aid Station in conjunction with the Battalion S-5, conducted one Med-Cap on the 13th of February 1970 at Quang Nam III Village. Twelve adults and twenty seven children were seen and treated for minor complaints. One infant was treated for a serious ear infection. The Med-Caps continue to provide corpsmen with practical experience in the treatment of patients and provide better care to the Vietnamese. There were no Med-Caps on the 27th and 28th of February.

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- h. Medical Events of Special Note. On 5 February 1970, a patient from Company "L" was diagnosed with Infectious Hepatitis. Due to the infectious nature of this disease, all personnel who had contact with the patient or worked with him, were contacted and given gamma globulin immunizations. This included twenty five (25) personnel from Company "L" and Company "K".

With the 26th Marines due to leave Vietnam in March 1970, liaison was established on 17 February 1970 with the Medical Department of the 3rd Battalion 1st Marines who will shortly take over the Battalion Aid Station facilities. A tour of the Battalion Aid Station was conducted with the Battalion Surgeon and Chief from 3rd Battalion 1st Marines. Medical problems were discussed and plans made for the medical department and personnel to move into this area.

- i. There were 37 sick-call visits on the 27th and 28th of February 1970. Three of these visits were emergencies. Two of these were for sprained ankles and one for a possible fracture of the left ankle. All other visits were routine. Statistics for the month of February are as follows:

DIAGNOSIS	H&S	INDIA	KILO	LIMA	MIKE	TOTAL	LAST REPORT
HEAD INJURIES	03	02	00	00	01	06	07
LACERATIONS	18	07	09	24	03	61	52
EAR PROBLEMS	02	01	04	02	04	13	17
EYE PROBLEMS	08	07	01	12	10	38	34
DENTAL	04	01	06	00	04	15	25
UPPER RESP. INFECTIONS	00	01	00	00	02	03	05
FEVER UNK. ORIGIN	01	00	00	00	00	01	02
ORTHO DISORDERS	16	19	09	14	07	64	60
IMMUNIZATIONS	TOTAL OF ALL COMPANIES OVERALL					294	378
SHRAPNEL WOUNDS	00	09	00	01	00	10	02
BLISTERS	02	02	00	01	00	05	05
DERMATOLOGY	06	03	00	09	05	23	66
NEUROPSYCHIATRIC	04	02	01	03	01	11	04
GUNSHOT WOUNDS	00	00	00	00	01	01	02
GASTROINTESTINAL DIS.	04	01	00	07	01	13	22
GENITOURINARY DIS.	00	00	01	03	00	04	06
SURGICAL PROBLEMS	02	01	06	04	01	14	41
VENEREAL DISEASES	02	01	00	00	04	07	14
HEAT CASUALTIES	00	00	00	00	00	00	03
MALARIA	00	00	00	00	00	00	02
HEADACHES	01	02	00	00	00	03	07
RETURN VISITS	86	19	21	13	29	168	156
ANIMAL BITES	02	01	01	00	01	05	09

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- (1) Chaplain R. B. FINK, LCdr, CHC, USN, was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines, for the period 1-28 February 1970.
- (2) PFC E. M. JOHNSON, USMC, was assigned as chaplain's clerk for the period 1-28 February 1970.

b. Services Conducted

- (1) Sunday Protestant Divine Services - 6, with 98 in attendance.
- (2) Protestant Communion Services - 8, with 50 receiving.
- (3) Protestant weekday services - 7, with 66 in attendance.
- (4) Sunday and Holy Day Catholic Mass - 4, with 172 in attendance and 156 receiving.
- (5) Weekday Catholic Mass - 9, with 133 in attendance and 117 receiving.
- (6) Catholic-Protestant ecumenical services - 1, with 13 in attendance.
- (7) A Jewish church party of five persons attended services at Gunfighter Village Chapel, DaNang Air Base, on 27 and 28 February 1970, conducted by Chaplain (CPT) G. M. STENGEL, USA.

c. Facilities

- (1) The 7th Engineers Battalion Chapel is shared with 3/26, and services are attended jointly by 3/26 and 7th Engineers personnel.

d. Counseling

- (1) A Total of 23 men received private counseling from the Battalion Chaplain in 27 counseling interviews.

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10 March 1970e. Significant Events

- (1) A memorial service was held at Hill 190 on 9 February 1970 for Lance Corporal Carlos VALENZUELA and Corporal Michael DIPASQUANTONIO, both killed in action on 5 February 1970. Total attendance - 115.
- (2) A party of three attended the monthly DaNang Area Protestant Rally, held at the Chapel of Flags, 80th General Support Group, on 22 February 1970.
- (3) Gift packs received through the Division Chaplain's office, were distributed to all outpost units the week of 22 February 1970.

f. Remarks

- (1) The Battalion Chaplain made 19 visits to outpost units.
- (2) Chaplain FINK served on the executive board of the 3rd Battalion Leadership Committee.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Tab A 9 February 1970 Memorial Service Schedule of Events

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Tab B 7-647-68 First Aid and Personal Hygiene
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* In faith we commend these our brothers to the *
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* mercy of Almighty God, praying that he will com- *

* fort with his presence those who are left behind. *

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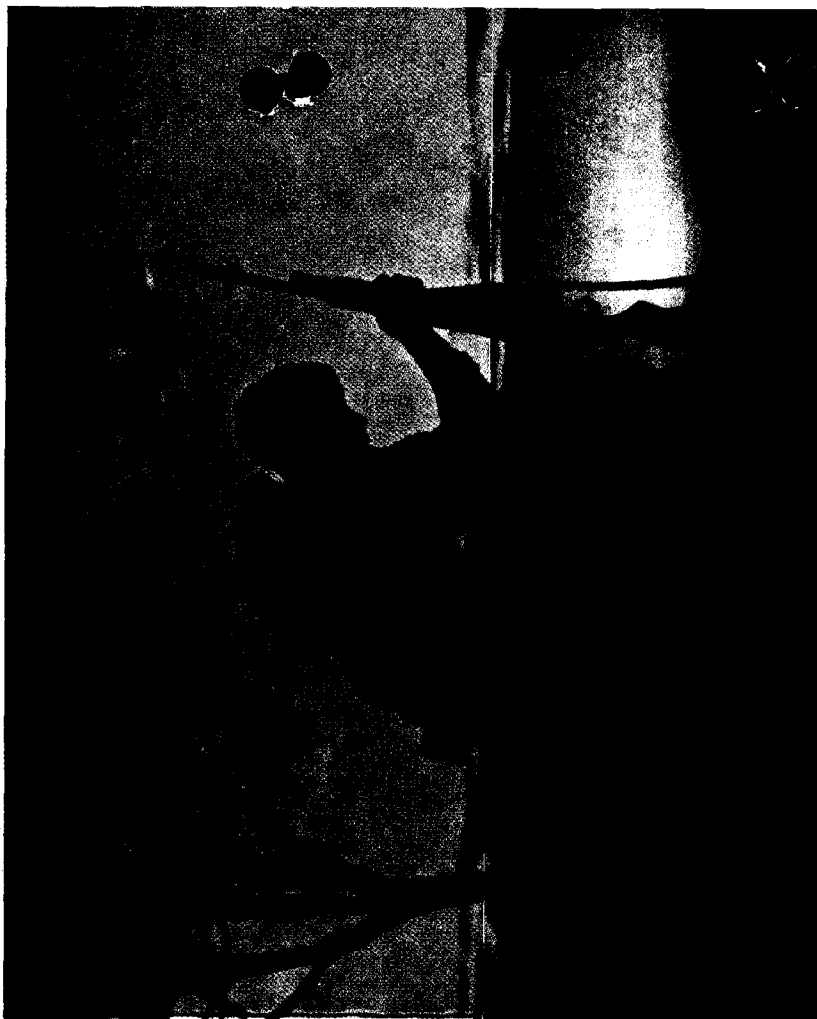
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 March to 19 March 1970

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

3rd Battalion, 26th Marines

COMMANDERLtCol J. J. UNTERKOFLER
(1-15 March 1970)
LtCol G. F. TWYMAN
(16-19 March 1970)SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company

1stLt D. E. BRAUM
(1-19 March 1970)

Letter Companies were reduced to Zero Balance as of 1 March 1970.

DIRECT SUPPORT UNITS

Det, 3rd Plt, Co A, 5th NT Bn

(1-19 March 1970)

2. LOCATION

1-19 March 1970; DaNang TAOR, RVN.

3. STAFF-OFFICERS

Ex0

Major A. B. CLARK
(1-6 March 1970)
(6-19 March Unfilled)

S-1 (Adjutant)

W.O. J. F. RYAN
(1-19 March 1970)

Personnel Officer

W.O. J. F. RYAN
(1-19 March 1970)

Legal Officer

W.O. J. F. RYAN
(1-19 March 1970)

S-2

(1-19 March 1970
(Unfilled)

S-3

1stLt D. W. JONES
(1-19 March 1970)

S-3A

(1-19 March 1970)
(Unfilled)

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S-3 Liaison Officer

(1-19 March 1970)
(Unfilled)

S-4

1stLt J. K. RABB
(1-19 March 1970)

S-5

(1-19 March 1970)
(Unfilled)

CommO

1stLt J. D. GILMER
(1-7 March 1970)
(7-19 Unfilled)

SupO

SSgt R. A. HIEB
(1-19 March 1970)

Bn Surgeon

(1-19 March 1970)
(Unfilled)

Chaplain

(1-19 March 1970)
(Unfilled)4. AVERAGE STRENGTHUSMCUSNOFF
12ENL
179OFF
0ENL
0

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

On 1 March 1970, 1635H, the 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines stooddown as a result of the effective relief in place by 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines. Relief in place was effected by mutual agreement of both Battalion Commanders. Relief of all the Battalion's forward fixed positions was executed with no difficulties. Personnel from the Battalion being transferred to the 1st Marines were trucked and helolifted to pre-designated areas. Two CH-53 helicopters from the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Air Group 16, effectively transferred 1,456 troops of both Battalions to designated areas. No difficulties were encountered during the helolift. At 1830H the Battalion displaced it's Command Post (CP) from (AT939782) to 1st Shore Party Battalion cantonment located at (AT983746) to effect the completion of the Battalion's standdown activities.

During the period covered the Battalion was in the process of realigning assets and processing personnel for transfer to CONUS for the scheduled redeployment and deactivation of the 26th Marines.

The Battalion was not assigned any combat missions during the period covered and all letter companies were reduced to zero balance. However, the Battalion was kept abreast of the tactical trends and the enemy situation by maintaining daily liaison with the Northern Sector Defense Command (NSDC). The Battalion guard house monitored a PRC-25 radio which remained on NSDC's frequency during the period covered. Liaison was made with all friendlies adjacent to the Battalion's new CP. No difficulties were encountered in the way of coordination with adjacent units. Approximately 25 Marines from the Battalion were used to man 8 posts within the cantonment. Personnel from Headquarters Company, 26th Marines and 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines assisted in the defense of the perimeter. Field phones were employed as a means of communication with the posts. No enemy activity was observed by any of the posts during the period covered.

During the Battalion's stay at 1st Shore Party Battalion's cantonment, several working parties were provided for the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines. On 2 March 1970, a 20 man working party was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines at OP RENO (AT884747) to improve the fixed positions of the rocket surveillance post. For a period of four days this working party was helolifted to OP RENO with no difficulties.

On 5 March 1970 the Battalion participated in an Awards Ceremony held at 1st Motor Transport Battalion parade ground. Lieutenant General LAM, I Corps Commanding General, presented personal decorations to the Battalion Commander and other members of the Battalion. On 7 March two 25 man platoons and two platoon sergeants participated in the 1st Marine Division Arrival Ceremony for Lieutenant General K. B. MCCUTCHEON, USMC. The ceremony was held at the 1st Marine Division Headquarters parking lot. On 12 March 1970 the Battalion's Surface Draft, 6 Officers and 66 enlisted Marines boarded the Navy ship, USS New Orleans (LPH-11) for further transfer to CONUS. The USS New Orleans was scheduled to arrive in San Diego, California on 27 March 1970.

On 16 March 1970, a change of Command Ceremony was held with Lieutenant Colonel G. F. TWYMAN relieving Lieutenant Colonel J. J. UNTERKOFLEER as the new Battalion Commander.

The Battalion's Ceremonial detail participated in the 1st Marine Division

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farewell ceremony for the 26th Marine Regiment held on 18 March 1970 at the DaNang Airport. Lieutenant General LAM presented Vietnamese decorations during the ceremony. On 19 March 1970, the Battalion's Ceremonial detail, 4 Officers and 77 enlisted Marines left the DaNang TAOR enroute to CONUS. The ceremonial detail arrived at El Toro, California on 19 March 1970, 1000H, and was greeted by the Commandant of The Marine Corps.

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LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. {S} MISSIONS/OPERATIONSa. Major Operations: Noneb. Command Relations

{1} During the period 2-5 March the Battalion provided a 20 man working party for 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division at OP RENO located at {AT884746}.

{2} On 5 March 1970 the Battalion provided 41 enlisted and 6 officers to participate in an Awards Ceremony for the 26th Marines held at 1st Motor Transport Battalion. Lieutenant General LAM presented individual decorations to members of the 26th Marines.

{3} On 7 March 1970 two 25 man platoons and two platoon sergeants were provided for the 1st Marine Division Arrival Ceremony of Lieutenant General K. B. MCCUTCHEN, USMC.

c. Combat Missions Assigned

{1} No combat missions were assigned to 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines during the period 1-16 March 1970.

{2} 8-16 March 1970. Provided security for 1st Shore Party Battalion cantonment.

d. Command Control. The Battalion Command Post remained at {AT783746} from 1-16 March 1970.e. Organic Operations. The Battalion employed 3 listening posts and observation posts as local security.f. Riot Control Agents. CS grenades and gas masks were not employed at 1st Shore Party Battalion cantonment.2. {S} INTELLIGENCE. Provided by Northern Sector Defense Command {NSDC} when applicable.3. {S} LIST OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 March 1970

0940H

Responsibility of Company 'M', 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines Area of Operations {A0} passed to Company 'L', 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines. Relief in place effected by mutual agreement of both company commanders.

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1050H Responsibility of Company "K", 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines missions at OP RENO (AT884747) passed on to 3rd squad (REIN), 1st platoon, Company "I"; 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines. Relief in place effected by mutual agreement of both Company Commanders.

1140H 2nd platoon, Company "K" received the following ordnance from 1 Vietnamese boy: 01 Chi-Com grenade and 01 M-26 grenade. 2nd platoon, Company "K" paid 100 piasters and blew all ordnance in place.

1345H Responsibility of Company "I", 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines AO passed on to Company "I", 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines. Company "I", 3/1 also assumed operational control of CUPP 1 and CUPP 2. Relief in place effected by mutual agreement of both Company Commanders.

1630H Responsibility of 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines Command Post Defense passed to Headquarters and Service Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines. Relief in place effected by mutual agreement of both Company Commanders.

1635H Responsibility of 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines Tactical Area of Responsibility (TAOR) passed to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines. Relief in place effected by mutual agreement of both Battalion Commanders.

1830H 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines displaced its Command Post from (AT939782) to 1st Shore Party Battalion location at (AT983746).

2 March 1970
0700H The Battalion provided a 20 man working party for OP RENO (AT884746). Secured at 1500H.

3 March 1970
0700H 20 man working party helolifted to OP RENO (AT884746).

4 March 1970
0700H 20 man working party helolifted to OP RENO (AT884746).

5 March 1970
0700H 15 man working party helolifted to OP RENO (AT884746).

1330H 49 enlisted and 6 Officers from the Battalion participated in an Awards Ceremony held at 1st Motor Transport Battalion.

6 March 1970
1730H 18 Marines were provided for perimeter defense of the 1st Shore Party Battalion cantonment.

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7 March 1970 1400H	Two 25 man platoons from the Battalion participated in the 1st Marine Division Arrival Ceremony for Lieutenant General K. B. MCCUTCHEON, USMC.
8 March 1970 0600H	The Battalion assumed overall security for the 1st Shore Party Battalion cantonment.
9 March 1970	None.
10 March 1970	None.
11 March 1970	None.
12 March 1970 0830H	The Surface Draft from the Battalion boarded trucks enroute to Deep Water Pier.
1100H	6 Officers and 66 enlisted Marines boarded the USS New Orleans (LPH-11) for transfer to CONUS.
13 March 1970	None.
14 March 1970	None.
15 March 1970	None.
16 March 1970 1400H	Change of Command Ceremony held with Lieutenant Colonel G. F. TWYMAN relieving Lieutenant Colonel J. J. UNTERKOFER as the new Battalion Commander.
17 March 1970 1330H	Rehearsal for all participants less Commanding Generals for the farewell ceremony of the 26th Marines.
18 March 1970 0930H	Rehearsal for all participants in the farewell ceremony of the 26th Marines less the Commanding General, I Corps.
1400H	Battalion Ceremonial detail participated in the 1st Marine Division farewell ceremony for the 26th Marine Regiment.
19 March 1970 0630H	The Battalion Ceremonial detail consisting of 4 Officers and 77 enlisted Marines left the DaNang TAOR enroute to CONUS
1000 U	Battalion Ceremonial detail arrived at El Toro, California, CONUS.
4. (S) <u>FIRE SUPPORT.</u>	Provided by NSDC whenever required.

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- a. Units. The Marine Air Groups in the First Marine Air Wing that provided Air Support for the Battalion are MAG 11; MAG 12; MAG 13; MAG 16.
- b. Mission. Transported working parties to and from OP RENO (AT884746) for a period of 4 days.

6. (S) PERSONNELa. Combat Losses

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
(1) WIA		
(a) Evacuated	0	0
(b) Minor	0	0
(2) KIA	0	0
(3) MIA	0	0

b. Non-Combat Losses

(1) Injured	0	0
(a) Evacuated	0	0
(b) Minor	0	0
(2) Deaths	0	0

c. <u>WIA's Returned to Duty</u>	0	0
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d. <u>R&R Trips</u>	0	0
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e. <u>Replacements Received</u>	1	7
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f. <u>Personnel Rotated</u>	6	66
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7. (S) ADMINISTRATION

- a. Awards. ~~None.~~ 5
- b. Promotions. None.
- c. Significant Events. None.

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- a. The Battalion S-4 section officially stood down on 1 March 1970. During the period covered the Battalion was in the process of realigning its assets due to scheduled redeployment and deactivation.
- b. On 5 March 1970, 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines was downgraded to a C-2 category in supply and equipment readiness. Due to the realignment of assets the Battalion was further downgraded to C-4 category on 12 March 1970.
- c. On 12 March 1970 the Surface Draft personnel along with the Battalion's remaining Table of Equipment (T/E) equipment and supplies embarked aboard the USS New Orleans (LPH-11) for redeployment to CONUS. Upon arrival to CONUS, all remaining T/E equipment and supplies will be turned over to the 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade at Camp Pendleton, California.

9. (C)NEW TECHNIQUES. None.10. (C)TRAINING. None.11. (C)CIVIC ACTION/PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE. None..12. (S)COMMUNICATION

- a. General. During the period 1-16 March, the Battalion Communication Platoon continued to support the Battalion in much the same manner as the previous period. Preparation for embarkation was extensive, with the majority of equipment being turned in. Accountability measures and PM of equipment continued on a scheduled basis throughout the period.
- b. Radio. The radio section spent the majority of this time period securing gear and turning it in.
- c. Wire. The wire section continued to provide and improve land lines within the Battalion Rear area.
- d. Communications-Electronics Maintenance. The maintenance section continued to repair and evacuate for repair, inoperable communications-electronics equipment.

13. (S)MEDICAL/DENTAL SUPPORT

- a. On 1 March 1970, the medical personnel of 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division took over the responsibility for the care and treatment of the personnel within the cantonment. All medical records of the 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines were transferred to the new units of those personnel from the 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines remaining in the Republic of Vietnam.

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- b. The Battalion was provided medical and dental support by 1st Shore Party Battalion Aid Station during the period covered, an average of 4 to 6 Marines attended sick-call daily. All sick calls were routine.
- c. The Surface Draft personnel were provided with Medical/Dental support by the Medical Section aboard the USS New Orleans.

14. (U) RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

a. Services Conducted

- (1) Sunday Protestant Divine Services - 2, with 16 in attendance.
- (2) Protestant Communion Services - None.
- (3) Protestant weekday services - None.
- (4) Sunday and Holy Day Catholic Mass - 2, with 72 in attendance and 56 receiving.
- (5) Weekday Catholic Mass - 3, with 45 in attendance and 30 receiving.

b. Facilities

- (1) The 1st Shore Party Battalion Chapel was shared with 3/26, and services were attended jointly by 3/26 and 1st Shore Party Battalion personnel.

c. Significant Events. None.

d. Remarks

- (1) During the period 1-19 March, the Battalion was not assigned a Battalion Chaplain.
- (2) Services were conducted by the Regimental Chaplain and 1st Shore Party Battalion Chaplain.
- (3) For the Surface Draft, services were conducted by the Ship's Chaplain.

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No final report. See 26th Marines Command Chronology for
19 Mar-30 Apr 1970 for information re deactivation

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