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Encl: (1) December 1970 Command Chronology

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

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>1. Designation</u>		<u>Commander</u>
1st Battalion, 1st Marines	1-31 December 1970	LtCol. R.P. ROSE
<u>Subordinate Units</u>		
H&S Company	1-2 December 1970 3-31 December 1970	Capt. W.S. DEFOREST 1st Lt. P.L. JONES
Company "A"	1-31 December 1970	Capt. C.H. DENNIS
Company "B"	1-31 December 1970	Capt. B.E. FELLENGER
Company "C"	1-2 December 1970 3-31 December 1970	1st Lt. J.R. WOOD JR. Capt. W.S. DEFOREST
Company "D"	1-22 December 1970 23-31 December 1970	Capt. E.M. STCLAIR Capt. S.W. LEACH
Company "M"	1-31 December 1970	Capt. H.W. GARDNER

2. LOCATION

1-31 December 1970, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines Mobile Combat Base,
Hill 37, Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam.

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	1-31 December 1970	Major P.D. SLACK
Sergeant Major	1-31 December 1970	SgtMaj. G.E. OTTO
S-1/Adjutant	1-31 December 1970	2nd Lt. S.E. EDWARDS
S-2	1-31 December 1970	1st Lt. N.B. LOOMIS
S-3	1-31 December 1970	Major. T.E. HEMINGWAY
S-4	1-22 December 1970 22-31 December 1970	Capt. S.W. LEACH 1st Lt. A.W. SPITTLER
S-5	1-13 December 1970 13-31 December 1970	1st Lt. J.B. PHILIPS 1st Lt. N.B. LOOMIS
CEO	1-31 December 1970	Capt. T.A. FARLEY

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1-23 December 1970
24-31 December 1970

1st Lt. R.E. SCAR
1st Lt. T.R. WHITE

Chaplain

1-31 December 1970

LCdr. J.R. MORITZ

Surgeon

1-31 December 1970

Lt. S.P. KERNER

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
42		1248	3		53

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PART II
SECTION A
PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

1. Personnel

a. Average Monthly Strength

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
H&S Company	16	282	3	55
Company "A"	6	197		
Company "B"	5	180		
Company "C"	6	181		
Company "D"	5	178		
Company "M"	5	237		

b. Casualties

<u>BATTLE</u>				<u>NON-BATTLE</u>		
<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>DOW</u>	<u>SERIOUS</u>	<u>MINOR</u>	<u>DEATH</u>
4	26	0	0	10	38	0

c. Replacements Received

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
6	118	1	8

d. Rotation During Month

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
8	137	1	6

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<u>2. Legal and Discipline</u>	<u>H&S</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>M</u>
NJP	6	4	6	7	10	7
SCM (COMPLETED)	0	1	0	1	0	1
SCM (PENDING)	0	0	1	0	0	0
SPCM (COMPLETED)	0	1	0	1	1	0
SPCM (PENDING)	0	0	3	0	2	1
GCM (COMPLETED)	0	0	3	0	2	1
INVESTIGATION (COMPLETED)	2	0	0	0	0	2
INVESTIGATION (PENDING)	1	0	0	0	0	0

<u>3. R&R PROGRAMS</u>	<u>H&S</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>M</u>
Bangkok	3	2	2	2	2	2
Sydney	7	3	3	3	3	5
Taipei	6	3	3	3	3	6
Hawaii	6	4	4	4	4	4
Okinawa	3	2	2	2	2	3

4. AWARDS

a. The following awards were recommended to members of this battalion during the month of December 1970:

- (1) Legion of Merit 1
- (2) Bronze Star 7
- (3) Navy Commendation 7
- (4) Navy Achievement Medal 1
- (5) Vietnamese Awards 5

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b. The following awards were presented to members of this battalion during the month of December 1970:

(1) Purple Heart	26
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5. Promotions

a. The following promotions were effective within the battalion during the month of December 1970:

(1) Sergeant	5
(2) Corporal	4
(3) Lance Corporal	32
(4) Private First Class	12

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SECTION B

INTELLIGENCE

1. During the month of December, the battalion participated in the Voluntary Informant Program with purchase totaling \$2700 VN Piasters. All the purchases were made for ordnance brought out of the field by local Vietnamese.

2. Throughout the past month, Viet Cong Infrastructure activities, indoctrination meetings, rice-tax collections, association meetings, have increased in frequency. Sabotage, especially mining incidents, increased markedly in the last week of December.

In conjunction with V.C.I. activities has been the increased activity reported in the western portion of the Battalion TAOR. Agent reports, URS reports, Recon sightings and contacts indicate large enemy units, at least battalion size, activities are centered around well camouflaged cave base camps.

3. Indications point strongly to an increase of emphasis on infrastructure activity by local Viet Cong and as a result, an increase of terrorist activities, especially minings. In addition, large unit build-up is expected to continue in the western Charlie Ridge area.

4. Recapitulation of enemy activities during the month of December 1970

(1) Sightings and contacts	20
(2) Small arms and harassing fire attacks	9
(3) Grenade attacks	1
(4) Booby traps found and destroyed	10
(5) Booby traps detonated	7
(6) Mines found and destroyed	4
(7) Mines detonated	6

5. Recapitulation of enemy equipment and personnel losses for December 1970.

(1) Fighting holes, caves, bunkers	50
(2) PW'S	1
(3) Detainees	13

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(4) AK-47	06
(5) M-16	01
(6) Foodstuffs	350 lbs of rice
(7) Documents	UNK

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SECTION C
OPERATIONS AND TRAINING1. Operations

a. Mission. From 1-31 December 1970, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines was assigned the mission of conducting unilateral and combined offensive operations in cooperation/coordination with Vietnamese Forces within our designated TAOR to search out and eliminate enemy forces and logistical installations. The primary emphasis was placed on those elements and base areas posing the greatest hazards to the Government of Vietnam's control of significantly populated areas and to the security of friendly installations, as well as the task of denying the enemy access to rocket sites against the Danang Vital Area.

b. Tasks. From 1-31 December 1970, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines was assigned the following tasks:

- (1) To occupy and defend USMC portion of Hill 37, vic. AT 916581.
- (2) To occupy and defend Hill 65, vic. AT 880580.
- (3) From 1-13 December 1970, Occupy and defend Hill 52, vic. AT 214554
- (4) From 1-23 December 1970, provide one platoon OPCON to 11th Marines for security of the OP located on Hill 250, vic. AT 795531.
- (5) To provide security for OP located on Hill 270, vic AT 865681.
- (6) From 1 to 31 December 1970, provide security for Engineer and SeaBee projects within our TAOR, to include daily mine sweeps along common access routes.
- (7) To be prepared to provide a reaction force capable of relieving the Hieu Duc and Dai Loc District Headquarters and Combined Action Company units within the TAOR.
- (8) To deny the enemy access to probable rocket launch sites against the Danang Vital Area.
- (9) On 22 December 1970, elements of "B" Company assumed duty as the Regimental quick reaction force to operate within 1st Marines TAOR.

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c. Special Operations

(1) From 1 to 31 December 1970, Company "M" CUPP units conducted combined tactical, civil, medical and psychological operations with local RF/FF Forces in their assigned TAOR.

(2) From 1 to 31 December 1970, elements of Company "M" and Company "C" provided day security and extensive night ambushes along Route 4 east to ensure safe passage of convoys by interdicting avenues of approach.

(3) From 7 to 12 December 1970, elements of Company "M" conducted search and denial operation in the Hermitage area vic. AT 8058. Their primary objective was to locate and destroy enemy caves and rice storage areas and base camp locations. (SEE TAB (A)).

(4) From 18 to 21 December 1970, Company "B" and Company "C" were helolifted to Hill 419 vic. AT 868627 and Mortar Valley vic. AT 878654, to conduct a "Recon In Force" concentrating on suspected enemy harbor sites and access routes leading from Charlie Ridge to the low lands. (See TAB B)

(5) From 13 to 31 December, Company "D" provided a reinforced platoon with two 81MM Mortars with the mission of establishing and providing security for a safe haven for recon teams working in the vicinity AT 2053.

(6) From 29 to 30 December 1970 elements of Company "M" and Company "B" participated in a combined USMC/ARVN Operation South of Route 4 east vic. AT 553950. The mission of USMC Units was primarily to establish blocking positions while the ARVN Units conducted search operations in the area. (SEE TAB C)

2. Training

a. A mine/Booby Trap Contact Team from 1st Engineer Battalion held instruction on land mine and booby traps. Five classes were held with a total attendance of 290 personnel.

b. During the month of December, 133 personnel received the Battalion Orientation Course.

c. Twenty-three personnel attended the one week Resident Land Mine Warefare School conducted by 1st Engineer Battalion.

d. One Officer attended RPS School in Okinawa.

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e. Company level training was mission oriented and placed emphasis on Patrolling Techniques, Map and Compass Reading, Night Firing, Ambush Principles and Mine/Booby Trap Countermeasures.

3. Air Support

a. During the month of December 1970, 16 flights of fixed wing from MAG 11 were flown in support of the battalion. The aircraft expended a total of 178,500 pounds of bombs and 30,000 pounds of napalm. The damage assessment included 1 bunker, 2 caves destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged, 200 meters of treeline destroyed and two secondary explosions.

b. OV10A Bronco aircraft from VMO-02 amassed 21 hours of flight time in aerial observation, artillery spotting missions and close air support. The aircraft expended four pods of rockets and 2,620 rounds of 7.62 ammunition.

c. In support of combat operations in the TAOR, a total of 63 sorties for 24 emergency, 25 priority and 14 routine med-evacs were flown. Also 4 sorties were flown by CH-46D and CH-53 helicopters lifting and extracting 468 troops. A total of six hours flight was flown by "Cobra" gunships. Eighteen visual reconnaissance missions were flown with a total of 17 hours of flight time. Sixteen resupply lifts with a total weight of 220,343 pounds were flown.

4. Artillery Support

a. During the month of December 1970 "A" Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines continued to fire in support of the 1st Battalion 1st Marines. Batteries "B" and "WY" and "C", 2nd of the 94th Artillery Brigade provided general support for the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines.

b. A total of 4,487 rounds were fired in support of 1st Battalion, 1st Marines. There were 13 contact missions fired expending 478 rounds, 71 targets of opportunity fired upon expending 1398 rounds and 63 intelligence targets which expended 1,929 rounds. Two hundred preemptive targets accounted for 682 rounds.

c. Artillery is credited with 3 KIA's, 1 probable and 17 secondary explosions.

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SECTION D
LOGISTICS

1. During December 1970, continued emphasis was placed on improving the defense of the cantonment and having conditions of the Battalion Static positions in best possible conditions. A Command Material Management Inspection was conducted on the 7th and 8th.
2. LZ 432 continued to be the major focal point for resupplying the Battalion field units. Over 220,343 pounds was helo-lifted from the LZ during the month of December 1970. Truck support from "B" Company, 1st Motor Transport Battalion provided for the Battalion land transportation requirements.

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SECTION E
PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS/CIVIL AFFAIRS

1. Public Works. Negative report for the month of December 1970.
2. Welfare. This battalion distributed health and comfort items to students throughout the CAAOR.
3. Education. The battalion distributed 300 School Kits to the students of the Dai Loc School District. Also this battalion has provided the Dai Loc High School with Marines to assist with teaching of English whenever possible.
4. This battalion treated a total of 602 Vietnamese civilians at our daily Battalion Med-Caps. One (1) Mobile Med-Cap was held on 29 December 1970 by the Air Force, treating a total of 250 Vietnamese civilians at AN MY (4) (AT609023).
5. Agriculture. Negative report for this month.
6. Social. This battalion provided transportation to USOM Hospital for six (6) Vietnamese civilians.
7. Security. Negative report for this month.
8. Personal Response. Four (4) Personal Response Classes were held for the new arrivals in Country.
9. Solatum Payments. One (1) solatium payment was made this month by Chaplain J.B. MORITZ on 12 December 1970 in the amount of 4,000\$VN.

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SECTION F
COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS

1. Highlights of activity for the communication platoon during the month of December 1970 includes the assignment of S/Sgt Grunden to the Battalion as the message center chief. A CMMI was held by the Divisions CEO'S Office on 7 December 1970. The results were satisfactory with discrepancies. Highlights by separate sections are listed below.

A. RADIO

1. During the month of December the Radio Section supported the battalion effectively and effeciently with reliable radio communications on all radio circuits.

2. Call signs and radio frequencies were changed twice during the month of December, on the 16th and on the 26th.

3. The Radio Section provided radio communications support for one (1) Jump CP Operation 18 to 21 December.

4. There were 1741 incoming messages and 1072 outgoing messages processed through the COC this month.

B. WIRE

1. During the month of December, the Wire Section Supported the battalion with reliable Telephone Communications. Approximately 19,000 telephone calls were made through the battalion switchboard.

C. TECH SHOP

1. During the month of December, the Tech Shop processed the following amount of equipment for 2nd and 3rd Echelon Repair.

a. Pieces turned in	247
b. Pieces repaired by 2nd Echelon	123
c. Pieces to FSR	43
d. Pieces from FSR	27
e. Pieces to DX	67
f. Pieces from DX	53

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SECRETD. MESSAGE CENTER

1. During the month of December, the Comm Center processed 1326 incoming messages, and 17 outgoing messages. No service messages were initiated.

2. Circuit outages for the month of December were approximately 70 hours, shown as follows:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| a. Radio relay | 3 hours |
| b. Camp power | 4 hours |
| c. Equipment | 45 hours |
| d. Circuit failure non Equipment | 13 hours |

E. GENERATORS

1. Generators for the Camp electrical system have been replaced twice on Hill 37. A contact team from PHLCO Ford has been utilized four times for Hill 37 and 3 times for Hill 65.

2. Hill 65 is in the process of being rewired by 7th Engr Bn. Hill 37 will be rewired during the month of January 1971.

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SECTION G
MEDICAL

1. Personnel. The battalion has one Medical Officer, 1 Chief Hospital Corpsman and 12 Hospital Corpsmen assigned to Hill 37 BAS. The battalion also has one Medical Officer, 1 Hospital Corpsman assigned to Hill 65 BAS, 9 Hospital Corpsmen assigned to CUPP Units and 26 Hospital Corpsmen assigned to rifle companies. Two Hospital Corpsmen are hospitalized, 3 Hospital Corpsmen on emergency leave, 1 Hospital Corpsman in indoctrination and 1 Hospital Corpsman on R & R.

2. Facilities: The Battalion Aid Station on Hill 37 consists of 4 buildings and 1 bunker which are utilized for baggage storage for attached personnel, supply, health records, laboratory, administration, immunization clinic, sick call, living quarters and emergency bunker. The Battalion Aid Station on Hill 65 consists of 2 buildings and 1 bunker which are utilized for sick call, health records, immunization clinic and living quarters.

3. Daily Activities:

a. Sick call is held from 0830 to 0930 and 1300 to 1400 daily. Emergencies are seen at anytime.

b. A total 1467 USMC, USN and USA personnel were seen during the month of December. Ailments are broken down as follows:

(1) Fever Unknown Origin	31
(2) Urinalysis	34
(3) Skin Disorders	173
(4) Influenza	112
(5) Bronchitis	12
(6) Gonorrhea	21
(7) Diarrhea, Acute	119
(8) Consults	136
(9) Physicals	220

c. Transportation is provided for patients referred to other medical

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facilities. The BAS ambulance is utilized for emergency and administrative runs as required. Medical evacuation by helicopter is used when the time in transporting the patient is vital, or the roads are closed.

d. A total of 709 immunizations were given in December.

e. 602 Vietnamese civilians were treated by MEDCAP personnel.

4. WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: Sanitation inspections of the contonment and messing facilities were conducted on a weekly basis.

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RELIGIOUS SERVICES

1. There were 30 Protestant Services conducted for the battalion during the month of December. The total attendance was 1165. The total number receiving communion was 1055.
2. There was 1 service conducted by the Battalion Chaplain for other units. The total attendance was 60.
3. There were 10 Catholic masses conducted for the Battalion Chaplain by other Chaplains. The total attendance was 160.
4. There were 30 visited in the hospital. The total of those visited in the brig was 17.
5. Two Division's Chaplain's meetings were attended.
6. There were 5 men of the battalion notified regarding their Red Cross cases.
7. There were 230 men that received private counseling by the Battalion Chaplain.
8. There were 2 Bible Classes held with 14 persons in attendance.
9. Helped arrange for distribution of candy and toys at a Christmas party for church and school children in a village near Hill 65.
10. The Chaplain participated on an operation with the command CP for 4 days.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 011235 1/1 received 01 140MM rocket approximately 150 meters northeast of H-37, at vic. AT 917583. Negative casualties or damage.
- 041010 A-13 while on patrol, found a cache, vic. AT 795547, consisting of 14 cases of C-rations, 03 seabags of assorted tobacco products, 01 2-man pup tents and 08 new BA-30 batteries.
- 041050 M4, a combined USMC/RF unit, while on patrol, spotted 10 VC/NVA wearing green utilities, accompanied by 03 Vietnamese civilians carrying what appeared to be a 57MM recoilless rifle approximately 200 meters to their northeast, vic. AT 809560. RF's commenced firing and enemy fled into treeline. A sweep of the area revealed 01 Vietnamese male age 15 KIA, 350 pounds of unpolished rice and 02 Vietnamese females who explained they were being transported by the VC/NVA to Charlie Ridge area for forced labor.
- 041355 M-1 while sweeping arc vic. AT 804557, 01 USMC detonated a booby trap of undetermined type and size resulting in 01 USMC emergency medevac and 01 USMC routine medevac.
- 041445 M-1 while on patrol vic. AT 802553, came under attack from 10-12 VC/NVA, receiving small arms fire and 01 RPG round. M-1 returned fire with small arms and machine gun fire. An OV-10 was called in for support. Elements of M-4 joined for additional support and a sweep of the area commenced. M-1 sustained 01 USMC KIA and 01 WIA priority medevac. There were negative confirmed enemy casualties.
- 081700 M-1 while moving along a trail, 01 USMC detonated a directional booby trap, vic. AT 802586, resulting in 05 USMC WIA, priority medevacs.
- 120355 C-21, while set in their night ambush site vic. AT 901675, spotted 30 VC/NVA approximately 200 meters south of their position, and opened up with small arms and machine gun fire, and 60MM mortars. Enemy returned fire with small arms. Action resulted in 01 USN WIA emergency medevac. Negative enemy casualties. C-21 found and confiscated 50 pounds of rice, assorted other foodstuffs and clothing.
- 190800 A-12 while on patrol vic. AT 805559, point man detonated a booby trap resulting in 01 USMC WIA emergency medevac.

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- 191905 M-22 while moving to ambush site was taken under fire by 01 command detonated mine, suspected 105/155 MM and AK-47 fire, at vic. AT 944581. Unit returned fire with small arms fire. Action resulted in 06 USMC WIA'S, emergency medevac. Negative confirmed enemy casualties.
- 201530 ARVN truck detonated a 20-30 pound box mine on route #4, vic. AT 833559. Resulting in destruction of the truck, 04 permanent routine medevacs, 02 emergency, 03 priority and 01 routine medevac.
- 220948 While sweeping route 540 north, last man on mine sweep team detonated a 40 pound box mine, vic. AT 934628, resulting in 01 USMC KIA.
- 240830 D-31 while on recon patrol vic. ZC 198592, found a cave complex consisting of 15 caves and numerous tunnels. Upon searching the caves, D-31 found and confiscated numerous items including 20 pounds of rice, 04 AK-47's, 1 M-16, 04 US claymores and numerous documents.
- 271030 A-23 while on patrol vic AT 804562, point man detonated a booby trap of unknown type and size resulting in 01 USMC WIA emergency medevac.
- 271115 Lead vehicle, a 5-ton truck, in a convoy from 11th Motors, struck a mine vic AT 936579, while proceeding west toward Hill 37 along route #4. Action resulted in extensive damage to vehicle and 01 USMC WIA priority medevac.
- 281345 A-2 while on patrol, point man detonated a 5 pound box mine, vic. AT 801562, resulting in 01 USMC WIA emergency medevac and 01 USMC WIA priority medevac.
- 290900 A-13 found 01 bunker 2 x 4 x 8, vic AT 952552 containing 01 M-26 grenade, 01 Chi Com grenade, blew ordnance with C-4.
- 300640 A-13 while on patrol, sighted 10 VC/NVA, vic. AT 959559 and engaged them with small arms fire. Action resulted in 01 VC/NVA KIA, and capture of 01 AK-47, 01 AK-50 and assorted equipment.
- 300740 M-1 while sweeping area vic AT 937545, 01 USMC tripped a booby trap resulting in 02 USMC WIA routine medevac.
- 300845 While on patrol vic. AT 937546, 01 USMC tripped a M-26 booby trap resulting in 01 USMC WIA priority medevac.

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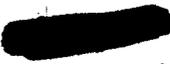
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300955 B-22 returning from patrol, the radioman detonated a box mine vic. AT 955557, resulting in 01 USMC WIA emergency medevac and 02 USMC WIA priority medevac.

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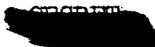

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓TAB A 1st Battalion 1st Marine Frag Order 029A-70
- ✓TAB B 1st Battalion 1st Marine Frag Order 033-70
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TAB A

FRAG O 029A-70

FM: 1ST BATTALION, 1ST MARINES
 TO: A, B, C, D, M, N&S

INFO: 1ST MARINES

FRAG ORDER 029A-70

ENCL: ~~(1) OPN OVERLAY 029A-70~~ Not ISSUED1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY: STRUCTURES IN OBJECTIVE AREA ARE PRIMARILY RICE STORAGE CAVES AND BASE CAMP LOCATION, SNIPERS, BOOBY TRAPS, AND NATURAL ROCK FORTIFICATIONS LOCATED MAINLY IN DRAWS HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED IN THE AREA.

B. FRIENDLY:

1) ARTY SUPPORT WILL BE PROVIDED ON AS REQUIRED BASES.

2) AIR PROVIDED AS REQUIRED

2) MISSION: TO SWEEP OBJECTIVE AREA AND TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND DENIAL OPERATIONS (SEE MAP PHOTO OF OBJECTIVE AREA)

3. EXECUTION:

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATION: D-DAY MOVE TO OBJECTIVE AREA AND INITIATE SEARCH AND DETAIL OPERATION

B. DELTA CO.

1) PASS OPCON D2 TO MIKE CO. AT 1400 DECEMBER 10 OF 06 DECEMBER 30. LINK UP AT GRID 814547

C. MIKE CO.

1) ASSUME OPCON OF D2 AT 1400 6 DECEMBER 70

2) ON D-DAY BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE ASSIGNED MISSION. CONDUCT DETAILED SEARCH OF AREA UTILIZING CS CRYSTALS.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUMENTION

1) D-DAY 02 DECEMBER 70

2) L-HOUR 0730H

3) PHASE LINE V-811569 TO 823571 W-813576 TO 821578 X-849582 TO 817584 Y-802588 TO 812591 Z-798591 TO 849598

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS:

A. CARRY CS GRENADES. CS CRYSTALS WILL BE FLOWN IN ON REQUEST

B. 02 DAY C/RATS, 02 DAY LONG RATS OI BIA AND OI DOA

5. COMMAND AND ELECTRONICS:

A. MIKE CO. REPORT A FEEDBACK LINE

B. REMAINDER NO CHANGE

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TAB B

FRAG O 033-70

FM: 1ST BATTALION, 1ST MARINES

TO: A, B, C, D, H&S, M 3/1

INFO: 1ST MARINES

FRAG ORDER 033-70

ENCL: ✓(1) OPN OVERLAY 033-70

1. SITUATIONA. ENEMY FORCES: ENEMY CONTINUE TO USE THE AREA NEAR 270 SOUTH FOR MOVING RICE AND PERSONNEL AND AS AN OVERNITE WAY STATION. EST STRENGTH 1 PLT.B. FRIENDLY FORCES:

- 1) DIST FORCES ARE OCCUPYING THE LOWLANDS IN HOANG DIEU II.
- 2) 51ST ARVN TROOPS ARE OPERATING TO OUR EAST.
- 3) RECON UNITS ARE OPERATING TO OUR WEST.
- 4) SEE OVERLAY.

C. IN SUPPORT: 4 X CH46, 1 HCA, 4 X GUNSHIPS, 3 X OV102. MISSION: TO CONDUCT A TWO COMPANY RECON-IN-FORCE IN THE OBJECTIVE AREA. TO INTERDICT AND DENY ENEMY MOVEMENT AND DENY HIM USE OF AREA. TO DESTROY ENEMY AND HIS BASE AREA.3. EXECUTIONA. CONCEPT OF OPERATION: TO LAND 1 CO. AND JUMP CP IN LZ CHOCTAW BY HELO ASSAULT. ESTABLISH BLOCK TO WEST LANDING L PLT AT LZ ZUNIC. SWEEP AND BLOCK WITH 1 CO(-) WEST IN MORTAR VALLEY. SEE OPN OVERLAY.

B. A, D, M CO. CONT PRESENT MISSION.

C. BRAVO CO.

- 1) LAND AT LZ CHOCTAW I.A.W. OPN OVERLAY.
- 2) MANEUVER I.A.W. OPN OVERLAY.
- 3) PROVIDE SECURITY FOR JUMP CP VIC CHOCTAW.

D. CHARLIE CO.

- 1) LAND 1 PLT LZ ZUNIC, ESTABLISH BLOCK I.A.W. OPN OVERLAY.
- 2) MANEUVER WEST UP MORTAR VALLEY AS INDIC.

E. H&S CO.

- 1) PROVIDE O1 TUBE 81MM AND CREW TO BE LIFTED FROM HILL 37.
- 2) BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT OPERATION.

F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) D-DAY 18 DEC.
- 2) L-HOUR 0830H
- 3) LAND SEQUENCE, BRAVO, JUMP C.P., C-1.
- 4) PICKUP PTS.

A) BRAVO CO.

B) B-1 HILL 37

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- C) C-1
- D) CP & MORTS HILL 37
- 5) LZS: ZUNI - AT841639
- 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS:
 - A. 4 DOS
 - B. 1 BLA
 - C. HELMETS, FLAKS, ETC
- 5. COMMAND AND ELECTRONICS:
 - A. CP LOC VIC LZ CHOCTAW
 - B. REMAINDER UNCHANGED

CHOCTAW - AT857621

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TAB C

FRAG O 034-70

FM: 1ST BATTALION, 1ST MARINES
 TO: A, B, C, D, H, H&S

INFO: 1ST MARINES

FRAG ORDER 034-70

ENCL: ✓(1) OPN OVERLAY 034-70

1. SITUATIONA. ENEMY:

1) CONTINUED ENEMY MINING AND TERRORIST ACTY INDICATES ENEMY IN THE OBJECTIVE AREA EST. POS GR. STRENGTH

B. FRIENDLY FORCES:

1) SEE OPN OVERLAY

C. IN SUPPORT:

1) 2 X CAP AIR, ZONE REEF, 4 X GUN SHIPS, 3 X CH53, 1X HCA, 3 X APC, 1 X OV10
 2. MISSION: TO ESTABLISH A BLOCKING FORCE BETWEEN THE 93 AND 97 GRID LINES NORTH OF THE SONG THU BON. TO SEARCH WITHIN BLOCKING POSNS AND DESTROY ENEMY. HIS BASE AREAS AND EQUIPMENT.

3. EXECUTION:

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATION: TWO COMPANIES LAND BY HELICOPTER ASSAULT INTO LZS PAWNEE AND AZTEC, SEARCH SOUTH TO THE RIVER AND ESTABLISH BLOCKING FORCE, IN ASSIGNED AREAS.

B. ALPHA CO: PASS OPCON 1 MIT TO BRAVO 281400H, CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION.

C. BRAVO CO:

1) ASSUME OPCON 1 MIT A CO. 281400H.
 2) LAND CO IN LZ PAWNEE, CLEAR AREA SOUTH TO SONG THU BON
 3) COORD W/"M" CO. TO S.W. TO COVER CAP.

D. CHARLIE CO. & DELTA CO: CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION.

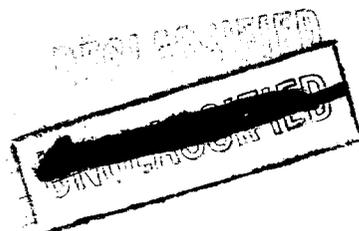
E. MIKE CO.

1) LAND T/O PLTS IN LZ AZTEC, CLEARING SOUTH TO SONG THU BON.
 2) COORD W/RF/PF IN S.W. CORNER BLOCKING FORCE.
 3) CUFP S/S TO OPERATE W/ASSIGNED RF/PF PLT AS DIR BY DAI LOC DISTRICT

F. H&S CO.

1) PROVIDE LN TEAM TO 3/51ST
 2) BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT OPN LOGISTICALLY.
 3) BE PREPARED TO ASST IN PROCESSING OF DETAINEES.
 4) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE BLO SUPPORT FOR DETAINEES.

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G. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) D-DAY 29 DEC 70
- 2) L-HOUR 0740H
- 3) LZ AZTEC (AT943551) LZ PAWNEE (AT953556)
- 4) EXTREME CARE TO BE USED IN FIRING FLAT TRAJ WPNS.
- 5) MAX USE OF STARLIGHT SCOPES.
- 6) CARRY ALL AND USE AVAILABLE PSIDS
- 7) ALL DETAINEES TO DAI LOC DIST.
- 8) MAX EMPHASIS ON PRISONERS.

ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS:

- A. CARRY 3 DOS
- B. CARRY 1 BLA
- C. INSURE PLENTY WATER PURIFICATION PILLS ISSUED.
- D. CARRY ALL AIR PANELS.

5. COMMAND AND ELECTRONICS:

- A. 3RD BN 51ST ARVN - ADVISORS C/S OSCAR 41 FREQ: 63.20
- B. APC - ROAD PATROL

C/S	REBORN PAIDER	FREQ:	66.85	PRIMARY
C/S	POSTED NO TRIL	FREQ:	67.00	ALTERNATE
- C. CACO 2-2 XO - BRAVO C/S POTATO "3" & "1" & "B" FREQ: 72.45
- D. DAI LOC ADVISORS C/S PAPA FREQ: 63.35

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