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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines	LtCol R C SCHULZE 1-31 Jan 69
H&S Company	Capt M B RILEY 1-31 Jan 69
I Company	Capt J O TROTT 1-31 Jan 69
K Company	Capt J J RIBUANO JR 1-31 Jan 69
L Company	Capt W R GRAY 1-12 Jan 69 1stLt J B RUMPER 12-31 Jan 69
M Company	Capt R J WILLIAMSON 1-31 Jan 69
2. Location:	
	1-31 Jan 69 - ZC185365, BIN GLING, Map Sheet #6540 II
3. Staff Officers:	
Executive Officer	Maj H W KIMBROUGH 1-12 Jan 69 Maj K J SKIPPER 26-31 Jan 69
S-3	Maj C E DAVIS 1-31 Jan 69
S-3A	1stLt M B MAQUINE 1-31 Jan 69
Adjutant	1stLt R K COULTER 1-31 Jan 69
S-2	1stLt M B MAQUINE 1-31 Jan 69
S-4	Capt C P BRESTON 1-31 Jan 69
Supply Officer	Capt W J WHITE 1-31 Jan 69
Personnel Officer	1stLt D P SAUCER 1-31 Jan 69
Communications Officer	1stLt S B YATES 1-31 Jan 69
Forward Air Control Officer	1stLt R B GIBBARD 1-9 Jan 69 1stLt G R MARTIN 9-31 Jan 69
Air Liaison Officer	1stLt B R C WYFORD 1-31 Jan 69
Chaplain	LtCdr R W BEDDINGFIELD 1-31 Jan 69
Battalion Surgeon	Lt W P WYFORD 1-31 Jan 69
Battalion Sergeant Major	SgtMaj F E BERTHIAUX 1-31 Jan 69

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
Officers	Enlisted	Officers	Enlisted
10	1125	3	55

## PART III

## SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. COMBAT MISSIONS ASSIGNED

a. Continue Search and Destroy Operations in the 112 Base Area.

2. SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS CONDUCTED

a. Continue Search and Destroy Operations in the 112 Base Area.

3. CASUALTIES INCURRED BY THE ENEMY

<u>KIA</u>	<u>POW</u>
15	1

4. CASUALTIES SUSTAINED

	<u>KIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>DOW</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>NBC</u>	<u>NBC Killed</u>
USMC	3	11	1	0	88	0
USN	0	1	0	0	3	0

5. NEW TECHNIQUES EMPLOYED None during the month of January.

6. COMMAND RELATIONS

a. OPCON - 1st Marine Division  
 MOCN - 3d Marine Division

b. Subordinate Units: None

7. EQUIPMENT

Combat essential equipment at 77.7% on 31 January 1969.

8. LOGISTICS

a. Supply

(1) The Battalion had 79.2% of its combat essential equipment on hand. Critical shortages existed in the following items:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Shortage</u>
Antenna, IS 2236	2
Antenna, MC 292	2
Mask, Protective, M9*1	300
Magazine, M16	200

(2) During January, the LSU Class V dump at An Hoa was the source of supply of Class V. No problems were encountered in drawing Class V.



## b. Resupply

- (1) During the month of January, the Battalion was resupplied in the field with helicopters. Helicopter support was generally good. The biggest problem area existed in obtaining Class II and IV items to send to the field. Part of this problem was due to non-availability of certain Class II items at FLC and part to difficulty in transporting these items from Danang to An Hoa. It is also felt that a Class IV dump should be established at the LST An Hoa to eliminate the time lag involved in obtaining Class IV items to fly to the field.

## c. Evacuation and Hospitalization

- (1) All evacuees were made by helicopters and no problems were encountered.
- (2) Malaria cases increased in Company K. It is believed this was caused from searching an enemy hospital that treated malaria.

## d. Transportation

- (1) Total mileage on organic vehicles during the month was 5500 miles.
- (2) During the month, the Battalion was augmented by either 1 or 2 6x6 trucks daily. These trucks were TD to 3d Marine Regiment from 11th MT Battalion and on the days the Battalion received 2, proved adequate.

## e. Service

- (1) A platoon of Co B, 3d Engineer Battalion rendered assistance in all engineering tasks.
- (2) During the reporting period, the Battalion was supported by 4 LST of 3d Shore Party Battalion.

9. CIVIC ACTION N/A10. ADMINISTRATION

- a. During the month of January, 3 SPM and 1 SM were held and 5 Court Martials are pending. The Battalion Commander held 2 Office Hours and 5 are pending. There were 9 Company Commander Office Hours held and 19 are pending.
- b. BAR continued to be a major morale factor. There were 78 out of quotas used and no in country quotas.
- c. The morale was considered excellent.
- d. The Postal Service was fair.

## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of January, Operation Taylor Common continued. The Battalion continued its assigned mission of Search and Destroy. The companies continued to patrol from company size patrol bases, making point contact numerous times with small units of 4-5 NVA/VC. Several hut and bunker complexes were found and destroyed. Also a fairly large amount of enemy equipment and supplies were captured and/or destroyed.

As the Operation continues, it is evident that the large enemy force has departed from the area. However, one instance confirmed that the enemy was still capable of operating in this area in other than small size units. An estimated 20 NVA/VC did spring a well organized ambush on a Marine Combat Patrol resulting in moderate Marine casualties. Point contacts did however remain the most common form of engagement.



- e. No liberty was authorized during the reporting period.
- f. Marine exchange facilities were not available for the Battalion as a whole. Limited exchange was available for the rear area personnel at An Hoa and Nam O.
- g. The Battalion administration and supply moved to Nam O for better assistance and reporting during the operation.

#### 11. PERSONNEL

Gains: 3 USMC OFF 102 USMC ENL 0 USN OFF 5 USN ENL  
 Losses: 3 USMC OFF 121 USMC ENL 0 USN OFF 4 USN ENL

#### 12. INTELLIGENCE

There were several small contacts with the enemy during the month of January. At 011100Z L/3/3 found 1 hut 10'x10' vicinity ZC140364. This hut appeared to be a carpenter's hut and contained a table, chairs, and firewood. Unit destroyed area. At 021200Z I/3/3 found 5 huts vicinity ZC128347. The first hut was 12'x20'x12' and was a messhall. Second hut was 8'x16'x12' and had 1 K44 rifle buried just outside. Other huts were 8'x6' and all had thatched roofs and no sides. Area was left approximately 5 days ago by estimated 2 company size elements. There was 1 new and 1 old latrine in the area and a good water point. Unit also found comm wire running from the area to Hill 551 and continued along the trail. Also 3 of the 5 huts were two story and all contained 27 rifle racks. Area had bamboo piping for running water along stream. At 030245Z M/3/3 made contact with unknown size enemy force vicinity ZC138380. Point element apparently tripped an ambush. Unit returned fire and called artillery mission. Results negative. At 031030Z I/3/3 found an OP and 4 huts vicinity ZC129344. The first hut was used as a messhall and classroom and the other 3 were used as living quarters. Unit found miscellaneous clothing and documents in the area. Also there were many trails throughout the area. At 031200Z M/3/3 found 4 bunkers 5'x5' with dirt overhead, 2 on each side of the trail vicinity ZC152361. Footprints were found in the area approximately 2 weeks old. At 031200Z I/3/3 found 30 fighting holes on finger vicinity ZC152332. Holes were approximately 3 months old and had no sign of recent use. At 031230Z M/3/3 had contact with unknown size enemy force vicinity ZC138389. Enemy initiated with burst of fire then fled. Unit returned fire and called artillery and 81mm mission with results unknown. At 031445Z I/3/3 initiated contact with 4 NVA vicinity ZC153319. Enemy was sitting on some rocks when approached by unit on trail, enemy fled southwest and was taken under fire resulting in 1 NVA killed and 1 K47 captured, also found 1 K47 magazine, 30 rounds 7.62mm, 50 lbs of rice, 3 cooking pots, 4 packs, 1 cartridge belt, and box of bloody sandals. At 031600Z M/3/3 made contact with 5 NVA vicinity ZC142386. Results were 1 NVA killed, also found 2 Chicom grenades, poncho, canteen, cartridge belt, first aid kit, and miscellaneous documents. At 041400Z L/3/3 made

contact with estimated 3 enemy vicinity ZC125345. After contact was broken unit searched area finding 15 huts and 5 fighting holes, also a grave with body in it. Destroyed huts and results 1 WW K47 discovered. At 041145H I/3/3 found 1 WC K47, 1 K47 with magazine, and 1 Chicom grenade vicinity ZC141351. Also found a tin can top with writing on it next to the body. Results 1 K47. At 041535H K/3/3 found a grave with 1 body. Death due to gunshot wounds, vicinity ZC140381. Also found 4 fresh fighting holes and fresh boot and animal tracks in the area. At 041600H I/3/3 found training and living area vicinity ZC143386. Area had 2 scaling walls approximately 8' high, 1 demonstration platform in tree, fighting holes throughout the area, and 4 two story huts. Also found 3 practice Chicom grenades carved from wood. Also found a messhall 20'x20'x20', 1 classroom 26'x20'x15' with seats and tables for approximately 30 men, trench system, extensive bunker system. Also 1 M45 machinegun, 1 Chicom grenade, 150 lbs of rice, hammock, medical gear, 123 NVA maps, 1 E-tool, 1 bottle of lubricant, miscellaneous clothing and personal gear. At 051145H I/3/3 surprised an ambush on 5 NVA vicinity ZC136396. NVA fled to the west after contact. Unit searched area finding blood trails. Called artillery mission with unknown results. At 071735H I/3/3 made contact with 3 NVA vicinity ZC142384. Unit killed the 3 enemy and captured 1 K47 with magazine, 9 Chicom grenades, 1 booby trap M26 grenade, 2 Chicom grenade pouches, 2 battle dressings, and 3 pr of sandals. Results 3 NVA KIA. At 091600H K/3/3 received 1 grenade from 2 NVA/VIC vicinity ZC134345. Returned fire with negative results. At 101115H L/3/3 was ambushed by 3-4 small arms and 1 automatic weapon vicinity ZC117344. After approaching ambush site unit heard a whistle, then firing began. Returned fire with negative results. At 111015H L/3/3 received small arms and automatic weapons fire from unknown size enemy vicinity ZC122347. Returned fire with negative results. Searched area and found spent rounds and booby trap M26 of 1 Chicom grenade. Called artillery on suspected enemy position. At 121002H L/3/3 received automatic weapons fire from approximately 4 NVA sitting in ambush position vicinity ZC117346. Returned fire and called artillery mission with negative results. At 122035H I/3/3 received 4 Chicom grenades thrown at their position vicinity ZC143301. Called in illumination with negative results. At 131700H I/3/3 found a fresh dug grave with body vicinity ZC156348. Body appeared to have been dead for approximately 30 days but was recently buried. Results 1 KB found. At 141845H I/3/3 received 1 sniper round from vicinity ZC149339. At 161015H I/3/3 received small arms fire from 1 NVA vicinity ZC130347. Returned fire and called 81mm mortar mission with unknown results. At 171050H I/3/3 made contact with unknown size enemy vicinity ZC147289. Called artillery and 81mm mortar mission. Searched area and found 1 dead NVA. At 181718H I/3/3 made contact with 1 NVA vicinity ZC148288. Called in artillery mission with unknown results. At 201000H K/3/3 found 11 huts and numerous fighting holes vicinity ZC156324. 3 of the huts were built within the past 3 days and others were being repaired. Unit destroyed area. At 201145H K/3/3 found 16 huts with bunkers vicinity ZC156324. There was an outside classroom, 1 messhall, 2 latrines. Area appeared to have been used within the last week. At 201630H L/3/3 made contact and killed 2 NVA vicinity ZC119345. Also captured 2 K47 rifles. At 202105H I/3/3 heard movement vicinity ZC147285. Unit fired small arms and called in artillery with unknown results. At 211200H I/3/3 received small arms

fire from 1 NVA/VC sitting on top of bunker vicinity ZC163285. Unit returned fire with negative results. At 221250H I/3/3 found a grave with 2 male bodies in vicinity ZC138297. Bodies had been dead 3-7 days. 1 body was killed by small arms and the other could not be determined. At 261230H I/3/3 found 9 huts with bunkers, 3 marshalls, 3 cooking huts in vicinity ZC140271. At 261700H L/3/3 was ambushed by enemy. Broke contact and called in artillery and fixed wing. Checked out area next day and found 1 wounded NVA. At 281230H I/3/3 found a camp complex consisting of 23 huts, 10 of which were livable, vicinity ZC137287. Area was destroyed. At 281555H I/3/3 made contact with unknown size enemy force vicinity ZC138283. Enemy fled with negative results. As Operation Taylor Common continues, more hut and bunker complexes are found. The finding of these complexes could possibly indicate that the enemy has left the area. The small contacts compared to all the complexes found indicate that this is true.

#### Unit Identification

POI captured by L/3/3 on 26 January stated he was from the 2d Company, 6th Battalion, 1st NV. Division.

#### Total Confirmed Enemy KIA's

Killed by infantry	15	
Killed by Air/Artillery	1	
	<u>16</u>	Total

#### Enemy Weapons and Equipment Captured

- 111 huts
- 3 RPG Type 2 rounds
- 6 RPG Type 2 boosters
- 1 rice bin
- 104 fighting holes
- 27 rifle racks
- assorted documents
- 37 bunkers
- 28 NV. packs
- 404 M47 rounds
- 61 Chicom grenades
- 3 NV. gas masks
- 2pr pajamas
- 1pr screen utilities
- 4 M47 rifles
- 15 M47 magazines
- 211 pounds of rice
- 3 cooking pots
- 1 rifle belt
- 1pr sandals
- 2 ponchos
- 2 canteens
- 2 cartridge bolts



1 first aid pouch  
 5 graves  
 9 latrines  
 1 training area  
 3 practice Chicom grenades carved from wood  
 6 messhalls  
 3 classrooms  
 6 animal pens  
 1 chicken  
 1 trench system 40' long  
 1 M16 machinegun  
 2 rolls of rubber  
 2 toothbrushes  
 2 tubes of toothpaste  
 1 bottle of lubricant  
 8 shirts  
 3 bottles of seasoning  
 2 paper tablets  
 2 hammocks  
 7pr trousers  
 8 undershirts  
 1 medical bag  
 1 ink bottle  
 2 bars of soap  
 2 T-tools  
 123 WA maps  
 1 9mm French machinegun  
 3 booby traps  
 1 K50  
 2 Chicom pouches  
 5pr sandals  
 33 82mm mortar rounds  
 6 yards of black cloth  
 2 shirts  
 1 plastic sheet  
 2 penicillin pills  
 4 cans of mackeral  
 8 pieces of parachute  
 8 rice bags  
 25 pounds of salt  
 3 rice bowls  
 1pr scissors  
 1 mirror  
 medical supplies  
 1 first aid kit  
 3 knives  
 1 wallet  
 150 plasters  
 1 helmet  
 1 cigarette lighter

- 1 medical supply list
- 2 M1915 pistols
- 2 M1918 pistols
- 3 M1918 bouncing betty mines
- 7 30cal magazines
- 2 bayonets
- 1 8x30 field glasses
- 3 clocks
- pieces of film
- 1 book of US planes
- 1 KODAK camera
- 1 container of paint or ink
- 1 M1918 comic book
- 2 observation towers

#### 13. COMMUNICATION

Communication remained excellent in the field using the M-2236. When atmospheric conditions prevented direct communication, a relay station gave assistance. The Battalion rear moved to Ham O bridge near Danang and the M-2236 gave direct communication with the Battalion operating in the field plus the forward rear at a Ho.

#### 14. WEATHER

The weather during the reporting period was mild and unseasonably dry. The cloud cover in the mountains covered the landing zones in the early morning hours.

Average Temperature: High 81 Low 70  
 Average Humidity: 79%  
 Average Rainfall .03 inches

#### 15. FIRE SUPPORT

##### a. Units providing direct and general support

- (1) Btry A, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines
- (2) Btry C, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines
- (3) Btry D, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines
- (4) Btry F, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines
- (5) Btry H, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines
- (6) Plt A, 3rd 155 Guns
- (7) 2nd Provisional 155 Howitzer Btry

##### b. Missions Fired

- (1) Artillery
  - (a) Preparatory Fires 39
  - (b) Night Defensive Fires 55

- (c) Suspected Enemy Positions 48
- (d) Live Missions 42
- (e) Harassment and Interdiction Fires 210
- (f) Ammunition Expended:

105mm	5324
155mm	724
4.2in	324

## (2) 81mm Mortars

- (a) Propagatory Fires
- (b) Targets of Opportunity
- (c) Suspected Enemy Positions
- (d) Counter Mortar Fires
- (e) Night Defensive Fires
- (f) Illumination
- (g) Ammunition Expended:

HT	6435
W	266
III	182

16. AIR SUPPORT

- a. During the month of January, 3 flight of fixed wing were requested and 6 received.
- b. 15 A0's were requested and 15 received.
- c. 1 gunship was requested and 2 received.
- d. 9 flareships were requested and 11 received.
- e. 40 medevacs were completed.
- f. 725,650 pounds of cargo were lifted.

17. ACTIVATIONS/DIRECTIVATIONS/REACTIVATIONS N/A



PART IV  
JOURNAL SUMMARY

- 1 Jan 69 1100H In the area of XC130362, elements of Co L discovered 1 hut 15x10x8 feet containing fire wood, chairs, and a picnic table believed to have been a carpenter's hut. The hut had a trap door. The hut was destroyed.
- 1135H In the area of XC142382, elements of Co M discovered 3 new RPG 2 rounds with 6 boosters. They were of Chinese origin and were destroyed.
- 2 Jan 69 1200H In the area of XC128347, elements of Co L discovered 5 huts. Sketches were made by S-2 personnel. The first hut was a messhall 12x20x12 feet. The second hut was 10x16x18 feet with a 6 foot cellar and a fireplace. The third hut was 8x6x10 feet and had a 3x3x3 feet bin believed used to hold rice. The fourth hut was 12x16x8 feet and had a K44 rifle buried outside. The fifth hut was 12x12x12 feet. All the huts had thatched roofs and no wall. The area was estimated to have been deserted 5 days previous. The construction was estimated to be 1-3 months old. A trail ran to a stream which was used as a water point. Logs lead across the stream to a gravel road with bamboo underneath. The road was approximately 5 feet wide and ran parallel to the stream. It was followed for 175 meters and 5 huts were discovered. Three of which were 2 story with living quarters on top and a kitchen and storage area on the bottom. Each hut contained 27 rifle racks and clothes lines. One hut had bamboo piping with running water. The huts were destroyed.
- 3 Jan 69 0945H In the area of XC138390, elements of Co F made contact with an unknown number of enemy. Artillery and mortar fire was called in with unknown results.
- 1030H In the area of XC129344, elements of Co L discovered 4 huts; 3 were living huts and the other was a messhall. Search of the area resulted in finding shirts, trousers, and a few documents which were turned into S-2. The huts were destroyed.
- 1200H In the area of XC152361, elements of Co K discovered 2 bunkers, one on each side of the trail. Estimated to be 2 weeks old. The bunkers were destroyed.
- 1200H In the area of XC152332, elements of Co I discovered 30 fighting holes approximately 3 months old. They were destroyed.
- 1200H In the area of XC141356, elements of Co L discovered 17 rifle packs, 106 rounds of Ak 47 ammunition, 3 Chicom grenades, 1 M26 grenade, 3 gas masks, various documents, black pajamas, and green utilities. The documents were turned in to S-2 and the rest destroyed.
- 1230H In the area of XC138390 elements of Co F made contact with an unknown number of enemy. Called in artillery with unknown results.

1445H In the area of ZC153319, elements of Co L observed an enemy sitting behind some rocks. They were taken under fire with small arms and artillery. The enemy fled to the southwest leaving behind 1 AK 47 rifle with 4 magazines, 50 pounds of rice, 3 pots, 4 packs, 1 rifle belt, top of bloody sandals.

1415H In the area of ZC126343, elements of Co I were taken under fire by 2 BK's and a machine gun. The fire was returned and the contact was broken. Called in artillery, checked area and found 1 NVA KIA with 2 Chicom grenades, 1 poncho, 1 canteen, 1 cartridge belt, 1 first aid pouch with documents. The documents were given to S-2.

4 Jan 69 1115H In the area of ZC161351, elements of Co M made contact with 1 NVA/VC wearing black pajamas and armed with an AK 47 with magazines, and 1 Chicom grenade. The enemy was killed.

1330H In the area of ZC161351, elements of Co L discovered 6 2 man fighting holes covering the trail as it ran by a stream.

1400H In the area of ZC125345, elements of Co I made point contact with an unknown number of enemy. Also discovered were 15 huts and 5 fighting holes and 1 grave with 1 body. The huts and fighting holes were destroyed.

1530H In the area of ZC140381 elements of Co M discovered a grave with one body killed by small arms fire. It had been buried for 1-2 days.

1600H In the area of ZC143386, elements of Co M discovered a training and living complex for approximately 75-100 persons. The training area consisted of 2 scaling walls 8ft high, double concertina wire, and a demonstration platform 6x6ft next to a tree with a ladder extending from the platform to the tree. The living quarters consisted of 4 2 story huts with fighting holes in the area of the huts. Search of the area resulted in finding 3 practice Chicom grenades carved out of wood.

5 Jan 69 1145H In the area of ZC136396, elements of Co M executed an ambush on 5 NVA. Artillery was called on the possible escape routes.

1500H In the area of ZC126344, elements of Co F discovered a hut and bunker complex. The complex consisted of 1 messhall 14x25 feet, classroom 11x25 feet, 8 huts 10x25x18 feet, 2 hoods, and 8 bunkers 5x5 feet. It was approximately 4 months old and 1 week since last used. Search of the area resulted in finding 1 AK 47 magazine. The complex was destroyed.

1545H In the area of ZC136396, elements of Co M executed an ambush with negative results. Blood trails were discovered and artillery was called on the escape routes.

- 1740i In the area of ZC143387, elements of Co H discovered an extensive bunker complex containing 1 messhall 20x20x20 feet, 1 classroom 26x20x15 feet with seats and tables for approximately 30 men, 1 pig pen, 1 chicken coop, and a trench system 40 meters long. Search of the area resulted in finding 1 M46 machine gun, 1 Chicom grenade, 2 rolls of rubber, 1 toothbrush, 1 tube of toothpaste, 1 bottle of lubricant, 151 pounds of rice, 2 shirts, 1 bottle of seasoning, 2 tablets of plain paper, 1 hammock, 7 trousers, 4 undershirts, 1 medical bag, 1 bottle of blue ink, 1 bar of LUX soap, 1 E-tool, and 123 NVA maps.
- 6 Jan 69 1620H In the area of ZC142387, elements of Co I researched a training camp and found 1 E-tool and 1 9mm Trench machine gun.
- 7 Jan 69 1735H In the area of ZC142384, elements of Co K while enroute to ambush site made contact with 3 NVA. The contact was exploited and resulted in 3 NVA killed and 9 Chicom grenades, 1 booby trapped frag grenade, 1 AK 50, 1 AK magazine, 2 NVA ponchos, 2 bottle dressings, and 3pr of sandals captured.
- 8 Jan 69 No significant events.
- 9 Jan 69 1225H In the area of ZC146391, elements of Co J discovered a hut and bunker complex consisting of 7 huts 12x18 feet, 4 bunkers 6x4x8 feet, and 6 fighting holes approximately 2 months old. Discovered in the overhead were 33 82mm mortar rounds and 4 RPG rounds. The complex was destroyed.
- 1650H In the area of ZC134345, elements of Co K while on a listening post had 1 Chicom grenade thrown at them by 2 enemy wearing black pajamas. Fire was returned with negative results.
- 10 Jan 69 1415H In the area of ZC117344, elements of Co L, while returning from a patrol, heard a whistle and the enemy ambush was prematurely executed by A-5 enemy. Small arms fire and artillery was returned with unknown results.
- 1833H In the area of ZC143322, elements of Co I sighted 2 NVA/VC.
- 11 Jan 69 1100H In the area of ZC122347, elements of Co L received fire while on patrol. While checking out the area they found empty AK 47 rounds. Upon returning to the company area, they found a booby trap about 15 meters outside their lines.
- 1115H In the area of ZC134392, elements of Co M observed 3 NVA, 2 were in a tree and the other was on the ground. An 81mm mortar mission was called in with unknown results.
- 1600H In the area of ZC134384, elements of Co I made contact with approximately 5-10 enemy. The enemy were in an apparent ambush site. After contact was broken, area was searched and blood trails were found.



12 Jan 69 1000H In the area of VC17346, elements of Co L were taken under fire by approximately 4 NVA with AK 47's. A scout dog was killed and another was wounded. An 81mm mortar mission was called with unknown results.

2030H In the area of VC143381, elements of Co M had 4 Thicom grenades thrown into their perimeter from about 25 meters out. Small arms fire was returned with negative results.

13 Jan 69 0830H In the area of VC143382, elements of Co M observed 6 enemy carrying a body.

1700H In the area of VC166348, elements of Co I discovered a grave containing 1 body estimated to be dead for a month. The grave appeared freshly dug.

14 Jan 69 1700H In the area of VC142389, elements of Co M discovered a NVA training and billeting area. The area showed signs of recent use. The area was destroyed.

1845H In the area of VC149339, elements of Co I received 1 round of small arms fire from an unknown number of enemy. An artillery mission was called with unknown results.

15 Jan 69 No significant events.

16 Jan 69 1015H In the area of VC130337, elements of Co L made point contact with 1 NVA. The point fired upon the enemy with unknown results.

17 Jan 69 1010H In the area of VC147290, elements of Co I moving south along a trail 5-6 feet wide found fresh foot prints. Movement was heard and then 2 enemy were sighted. They were taken under fire with small arms and artillery. Search of the area resulted in finding 11 rounds of AK 47 ammunition, 2 packs, 5-7 yards of black cloth, 1pr of black pajamas, 2 shirts, 1 plastic sheet, 3 penicillin pills, toothpaste, toothbrush, 4 cans of mackerel, 2 sets of chopsticks, 1 hammock, 2 mosquito nets, 2 pieces of parachute, 8 rice bags, 7 pounds of rice, 1 bar of soap, 1 kotex, 1 brassiere, 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> pounds of salt, 1 rice bowl, 2 tweezers, 1pr scissors, 1 mirror, medical gear, and assorted documents. The documents were turned in to 3-2.

1050H In the area of VC147289, elements of Co I observed an unknown number of enemy across a stream. They were taken under fire and the area was searched finding 1 AK 47, 1 AK magazine with 20 rounds, 2 packs, 1 cartridge belt, 1 canteen, 1 first aid kit, 1 knife, 1 wallet with 150 plasters, assorted documents, 5 pounds of rice, 1 helmet, 2 rice bowls, 6 pieces of parachute, 1 cigarette lighter, 1 pen, 2pr of sandals, 1 poncho, and 1 set of chopsticks.

- 18 Jan 69 1130H In the area of TC148288, elements of Co I made point contact with 1 enemy. Fired small arms and artillery with unknown results.
- 19 Jan 69 1130H In the area of TC159322, elements of Co V discovered approximately 40 fighting holes and 7 huts that were very old. A stream ran through the area that was not on the map. Area was suspected to be a warning or listening post. The huts were destroyed.
- 1700H In the area of TC122350, elements of Co I discovered what appeared to be an ambush site. The site was located at a point where the trail branched to the south and west. The site was booby trapped with a Chicom grenade and sharpened bamboo stakes 1 meter away from the trail. The site had 12-15 fighting holes on each side of the trail. It appeared that the area had been used within the last day.
- 20 Jan 69 1000H In the area of TC156324, elements of Co K discovered a campsite along a stream that had been used within the last 2 or 3 days. It consisted of 4 new huts, 7 old huts being reconstructed. There were also 2 two men fighting holes near the huts. The area was destroyed.
- 1115H In the area of TC156324, elements of Co K discovered a bunker and hut complex consisting of 1 outside classroom with 4 tables, 16 huts with bunkers attached. The huts were 10x12x8 feet. Also 1 mess hall big enough to hold 20 people, 2 animal pens in fairly good condition, and 2 heads. The area had been used from 3-7 days before. The complex was destroyed.
- 1630H In the area of TC119345, elements of Co L made point contact with 2 VA. Point man opened up with a shotgun before the enemy could fire and killed both enemy. Also captured 2 AK 47 rifles.
- 2105H In the area of TC147285, elements of Co I, while at an ambush site, heard movement on both sides of the trail. Executed ambush, withdrew, and called in artillery with negative results.
- 21 Jan 69 1200H In the area of TC163285, elements of Co I discovered a grave with a fence around it. The grave was about 1-2 weeks old. The body was dressed in black trousers and shirt covered with blood. His fingers on the left hand had been amputated. Torn letters and a medical supply list was also found along with 20 4-5 inches in diameter tree stumps that had been freshly cut. 1 NVA/VC came down the trail and fired about 15 rounds. Fire was returned and artillery called in with unknown results.

- 22 Jan 69 1230H In the area of ZC138297, elements of Co I discovered a grave with 2 bodies dressed in khaki uniforms. The bodies were wrapped in one piece cloth and estimated to have been buried 5-7 days and killed by small arms fire.
- 1315H In the area of ZC142288, elements of Co I discovered 1 person hiding in the underbrush wearing khakis. He attempted to escape and was killed.
- 1520H In the area of ZC142287, elements of Co I observed 3 enemy walking behind their patrol. They were taken under fire with small arms and artillery. They escaped, leaving behind 3 packs.
- 1645H In the area of ZC144291, elements of Co I while on patrol found a trail leading into a hut and bunker complex. The complex consisted of 5 huts with bunkers underneath. One was a mess hall with cooking and table facilities. Various documents, equipment, and ammunition was found. The complex was destroyed.
- 23 Jan 69 0910H In the area of ZC145290, elements of Co I discovered 1 body by the river. Killed by artillery and estimated to have been dead 3 days.
- 24 Jan 69 No significant events.
- 25 Jan 69 No significant events.
- 26 Jan 69 No significant events.
- 27 Jan 69 1700H In the area of ZC083321, elements of Co L walked into a "U" shaped ambush. The ambush consisted of approximately 15 enemy. Artillery was called and the area to be checked out at first light.
- 28 Jan 68 1130H In the area of ZC083321, elements of Co L while checking the ambush site discovered an enemy MIA from the 2d Co, 6th Bn, 1st Div. He stated that the unit had consisted of 19 NVA who had been traveling for 7 days and had set in the ambush site for 3 days. He also said that the unit had suffered 9 MIA or KIA as a result of the ambush. The POW was sent to 3-2 with various documents, 3 AK magazines, 3 Chicom grenades, and medical gear was also captured.
- 1230H In the area of ZC132288, elements of Co I discovered a partially destroyed hut complex, 10 destroyed and 13 still standing. The complex had been last occupied 4-5 days before. Search of the area resulted in finding the following items: 2 45cal pistols, 2 P38 pistols, 3 NVA bouncing betty mines, 41 Chicom grenades, 4 AK magazines, 7 30cal magazines, 1 45 cal magazine, 264 AK rounds, 2 bayonets, 2 knives, medical



gear, 1 8x70 field glasses, 3 clocks, pieces of film, 1 book of diagrams of US planes and the loads, 1 KODAK camera, 1 container of paint or ink, 1 NVA comic book, and various documents. The items were turned in to 3-2

1330H In the area of XC137287, elements of Co I made point contact with 1 enemy and opened fire with small arms. The contact was broken and search of the area resulted in finding blood on the trail. The trail was followed with negative results.

1555H In the area of XC138283, elements of Co I made point contact with unknown number of enemy. Returned fire with negative results.

1630H In the area of XC141285, elements of Co I, heading southwest, received fire from both sides of the trail. Fire was returned, killing 1 NVA.

2345H In the area of XC170285, elements of Co I observed 1 enemy flare similar to our own parachute flare. Called in artillery with unknown results.

29 Jan 69 No significant events.

30 Jan 69 No significant events.

31 Jan 69 1000H In the area of XC071328, elements of Co L sighted 1 enemy. He disappeared from view and area was checked out with negative results.

1400H In the area of XC116344, elements of Co K found a hut complex including 2 living huts, 2 messhalls, 1 classroom, 5 latrines, 1 animal pen, 2 bunkers 15x4x3 feet, a fishing dock by a stream, and 1 observation tower 40 feet high. Area had been used within the last 2 weeks. Area was destroyed.

1450H In the area of XC005322, elements of Co K found an observation tower 6x6x30 feet and made out of logs. It had been used within the last month. Tower was destroyed.

1500H In the area of XC142293, elements of Co I found a complex of 10 huts with a cooking area and 2 chicken coops. 1 enemy was seen leaving area and was fired upon with unknown results.