

(8) 3 February 1968 - 3-22 Infantry attacked Tan Hoa
4-23 Infantry (M) engaged enemy force in Tan Phu Trung - Ap Cho
area. Contact in these areas continued until on ~~14~~ February when
Tan Hoa was taken and, ~~15~~ February when Tan Phu Trung and Ap Cho
were taken.

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S3		Cu Chi		FROM TO	
HQ, 1st Bn 8th Arty		XT 654 154		HOUR DATE HOUR DATE	
APO 96225		0001		16 Feb 68 1445 16 Feb 68	
ITEM NO.	TIME IN	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.		ACTION TAKEN	
1.	0001	Journal Open.		J.	
2.	0350	Div Arty-Check fire north of line made up of the following three grids XT4735 7012 7022.		Not Btrys JP	
3.	0550	Div Arty-At 2120 hrs last night in grid XT712071, 4/23 received small arms & RPG fire. Negative casualties. At 0115 the OP's at grids XT295476 233476 230435 received mortar & small arms fire. Further details unknown at this time.		Not D/A OP	
4.	0630	Bde-C/3/22 at 2235 hrs last night in grid XT780145, engaged unknown number of VC. VC did not return fire. VC losses unknown.		Not D/A JP	
5.	0630	Bde-D/2/12 at 2115 hrs last night in grid XT710035, engaged 12 VC with organic weapons. VC returned fire with small arms & automatic weapons. Negative US casualties, VC losses unknown.		Not D/A JP	
6.	0745	C/2/77-At 0745 hrs, 2/12 made a sweep around area that D/3/22 had contact. Grid XT710075, found 3 VC KIA (BC).		Not D/A OP	
7.	0935	C/2/77-C/2/77 received 1 incoming round by their number 1 gun at this time. 1/8 will send out a shell rep team.		Not D/A JP	
8.	1130	C/6/77-D/3/22 in grid XT680097 found 1 RPG7 with booster, 6 grenades, 2 AK47 clips, several carbine rounds, & clothing. In grid XT705075 D/3/22 engaged 12 VC with a claymore mine. 1 VC KIA (BC).		Not D/A OP	
9.	1315	Div Arty-Air strike in grid XT7421 at 1340 hrs.		Not Btrys LN	
10.	1320	Btrys-Total rounds expended in grid XT7009 from 8 Feb-15 Feb: C/2/77 1589; B/2/77 236; A/3/13 263; A/2/32 222; B/6/77 & B/3/13 negative.		Not D/A JN	
11.	1350	D/2/77-C/2/77 reports in grid XT7008, they found 16 VC KIA (BC), 8 VC KIA (BC) from Arty. Also found 100 cotton bandages in cellophane, a box of 60 bandages, 2 AK47's, 1 122mm rocket, 1 US MG, 1 medicine bottle, & 12.7 MG. From the 8 (BC) from Arty, 4 of them were Chinese.		Not D/A VC	
12.	1400	S2-Intelligence report that a platoon of VC are digging into the woodline at grid XT790075.		Not FDC LN	
13.	1445	Div Arty-Photo mission in grids XT722505 & XT560350 from 0300-0430 hrs terminated.		Not FDC JR	
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14.	1830	5/2 Arty-5/2 Arty element departed Cu Chi for Hoc Mon at this time.	
		Not D/A	
15.	2055	Div Arty-Photo mission in grid XE7457 from 0200-0500 hrs tomorrow.	
		Not PDC OP	
16.	2200	Div Arty-Photo mission in grids XT8037 8012 9037 & 9012 from 2230-1030 hrs.	
		Not PDC OP	
17.	2400	Journal Closed.	
		J.	
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY			
During the reporting period, enemy contact was moderate. C/2/77 was credited with 8 VC KIA (BC). Totals are as follows.			
PERSONNEL			
KIA (BC) 679 KIA (POSS) 1622			
1. Weapons DES DAM			
a. Mortars 17 2			
b. MG's 11 2			
2. Buildings 273 116			
3. Ammo dumps 1 0			
4. Bridges 10 0			
5. Trenches 3 0			
6. Sampans 105 7			
7. Vehicles 3 3			
8. Boats 14 0			
9. Sec exp 89 0			
10. Bunkers 72 5			
PLANS & SUMMARY			
MOVES: None			
PLANNED MOVES FOR 17 Feb: None			
OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION: C/2/77 remains attached to 1/8 Arty.			
The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is 49,246 rounds.			
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			HOUR DATE 2400 17 Feb 68
1.	0001	Journal Open.	J.
2.	0500	Div Arty--airstrikes in grid XT 7417 at 1200, grid XT 7516 at 1330 hours.	Not FDC WM
3.	0630	Div Arty--at 162337 1st Bde HQ, XT1853, received 8 122mm rockets, 20-82mm mortars. Results 2 US KIA, 5 WIA. At 0045 hrs 1st Bde HQ received 8-82mm mortars and 6-122mm rockets. Negative casualties or damage. At 0255 XT1853 received 23-122mm rockets. Results 4 US WIA, 1 helicopter, 3/17 was on fire, negative knowledge if destroyed. At 0247 hours Phu Khuog, XT234476, received small arms, automatic weapons, and mortar fire. Returned fire with small arms, automatic weapons, and artillery. Contact was broken at 0315. Results 4 National Police WIA, VC unknown.	Not FDC VC
4.	0755	Lt. Mennig--Maj. Jenkins, S-3, and Lt. Mennig have arrived 2/77 forward location at 0755 hours.	Not DO WM
5.	0800	Forward FDC--Forward FDC departed Cu Chi for Hoc Mon at 0800 hours.	Not D/A, S3 VC
6.	1155	Forward FDC--B/1/8 closed FSB Harrison, XT7305, at 1115 hours. B/1/8 laid and ready to fire at 1150.	Not D/A VC
7.	1430	Div Arty--4/23 AO 1-2-3-4 and Black cancelled. AO of 4/23 is still in effect.	Not DO JP
8.	1515	Div Arty--AO Drop will change from 3/17 Cav to 2nd Bde at 1200 hrs 17 Feb.	Not DO JP
9.	1550	Forward FDC--C/1/8 departed Cu Chi at 1525 hours.	Not D/A VC
10.	1800	C/1/8--C/1/8 departed at 1720 hours. C/1/8 closed at 1755 hours.	Not D/A VC
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ITEM NO.	TIME IN	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN		
11.	2000	Div Arty--Maj. Thompson wants to know what provisions have been made for 3-battery coverage for L troop of 11th ACR. Requests that an exception be made for L troop of 11th ACR.	Not S3 IN		
12.	2100	Div Arty--Division CG and Div Arty CO desire heavy H&I program in vicinity of 1/5 contact with VC today. Guidance: 200 rds-8 inch; 200 rds-155mm, 250-300 rds-105mm.			
13.	2348	<i>Roctels</i> Incoming mortar and AK-47 . Had just received a message from Div Arty that captured document indicating Phase III would begin at 0300. US B2 rating.	Siren. Not all 1/8 units.		
14.	2400	Journal Closed.	J.		
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY					
During the reporting period enemy contact was light. There was no positive or significant surveillance from 1/8 this date. Totals are as follows:					
PERSONNEL:					
KIA (BC): 679 KIA (POSS): 1622					
1. Weapons DES DAM					
a. Mortars 17 2					
b. MG's 11 2					
2. Buildings 273 116					
3. Ammo dumps 1 0					
4. Bridges 10 0					
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7. Vehicles 3 3					
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PLANS AND SUMMARY					
MOVES: Forward FDC departed Cu Chi at 0800 and closed Hoc Mon, vic grid YR8004, at 1000 hrs.					
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ITEM NO.	TIME IN	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC				ACTION TAKEN	
1.	0001	Journal Open				J.	
2.	0004	Div Arty--Fire mission on grid XT64951886, btry 2 rds. All necessary air and ground clearances. Time shot: 0008. End of mission: 0014. Rds exp 32. Results: unknown.				Not Btry PT	
3.	0010	LTC Dean--wants LNO personnel at Trang Bang and Bao Trai to CSMO.				Not LNO pers. VC	
4.	0040	Div Arty--An airstrike will occur in grid XT7604 in 5 minutes.				Not Fwd FDC LP	
5.	0123	C/1/8--Incoming rds terminated. 10-60mm mortar rds from direction 320 deg. Negative damage or casualties.				Not DO LP	
6.	0150	LTC Dean--wants 600 rds HE to be sent to C/1/8 the first thing in the morning.				Not Lt. Hale LP	
7.	0300	Asst S-3--1/5 Mech LNO requests prep at 0245 hrs all available units.				Not Fwd FDC IN	
8.	0300	Fwd FDC--At 0120 observed rocket being fired to the east. At 0135 received 50 to 75 mortar rds. At 0205 observed friendly airstrike near their position. At 0245 received 30 to 40 mortar rds with negative casualties or damage. Total for mortar attack: 1 US KIA, 5 WIA, 1 gun damaged, needs new tires.				Not D/A, S3 VC	
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9.	0400	A/1/8--A/1/8 receiving mortar rounds this time. At 0356 received 30 to 50 rds 82mm mortar. Damage to one 2 1/2-ton truck.	
		Not D/A VC	
10.	0730	LTC Dean--A/1/8 needs 4 sorties and FZ TI.	
		Not FDC LR	
11.	0820	Div Arty--Time changes are in from AO's. AO Drop time change from 18 Feb-2400 to 28 Feb-2400. AO 3rd Bde change from 18 Feb-0600 to 1900 hrs. 1st Bde AO Dragon from 16 Feb 1800 to 25 Feb 2400 hrs.	
		Not FDC JP	
11.	1022	Cpt. Wall--Sgt Kupp departed to C/1/8 with 660 rds HE.	
		Not D/A LR	
12.	1045	Sgt. Kupp--Arrived FSB Crockett (XT733149) this time.	
		Not D/A LR	
13.	1155	Commo Sgt.--Resupply convoy departed C/1/8 for Cu Chi.	
		Not D/A LR	
14.	1120	5/2 Arty--Class V convoy to FSB Harrison departed at this time.	
		Not DO LR	
15.	1225	Div Arty--1st Div in contact at grid XT737217. 155mm from Phn Lai, organic 4.2-in mortars firing support. AO on station call sign AO-50B on frequency 64.70. All necessary ground clearances from Cpt. Walls. Request support from C/1/8.	
		Not C/1/8 IN	
16.	1240	Trang Bang LNO--Trang Bang LNO has completed his CSMO at this time.	
		Not FDC VG	
17.	1340	G-2--VC activity; approx 150 bunkers at grids XS7193 and XS7294, in vicinity of Red Horse.	
		Not Bde EG	
18.	1430	Cpt. Nichols--Impact grids and azimuths for 122mm	
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		18 cont'd. rockets impacting in Cu Chi basecamp at 2357 hrs on 17 Feb 68:							
		1. Az 6310, XT65821578							
		2. Az 6080, XT66251588							
		3. Az 6275, XT66471518							
		4. Az 6155, XT66341501							
		5. Az 6350, XT65561558							
		6,7.- Az unk, XT65861580							
		8. Az unk, XT66181535				Not D/A LN			
19.	1510	A/1/8 through Fwd FDC--At grid XT772087 53 and 54 elements down; LZ cold. 52 elements down; LZ cold. Found 22 fresh graves and 36 mortar rounds. At grid XT762087 found one carbine and 8 hand grenades.				Not D/A WM			
20.	1510	B/1/8 through Fwd FDC--Bde LNO at grid XT761063 engaged one VC with doorgun. Results: 1 VC KIA (possible). At grid XT747070 found two VC companies scattered around. At grid XT749064 found one mortar position.				Not D/A WM			
21.	1645	Bao Trai LNO-- Bao Trai LNO unable to be extracted due to VC harrassing fire.				Not LTC Dean and D/A VC			
22.	1705	B/1/8--At grid XT748068 a 2/27 Inf helicopter dropped four 4.2-in mortars and baseplate, with an unknown amount of ammo.				Not D/A JP			
23.	1800	Sgt Ward (Killer 30Y)--1/5 Mech will be relieved from our artillery security at 0800. At 1300 one company Airmobileal/27 Inf will arrive to secure. Our own security will be required until 1300 hrs.				Not FDC JP			
24.	1800	Fwd FDC--The 4.2-in mortars ha ve been policed up; what they couldn't take was destroyed by explosives.				Not D/A JP			
25.	1815	Fwd FDC--53 elements engaged 2 VC at grid							
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25	cont'd	XT774083. Results: 2 VC KIA (BC). Neg US casu.			Not D/A JP
26.	1855	5/2vArty--Class V convoy departed FSPB Harrison and arrived 1730 hr.			Not DO IR
27.	1915	Div Arty--2/27 CP located at grid XT773086, 1/27 CP located at grid XT824014.			Not FDC JP
28.	1950	4/23 LNO--locations of no-fire zone: North of 008.0, south of 011.5; East of 68.5, west of 72.0.			Not FDC JP
29.	2000	Fwd FDC--Blanket clearance: North of 07, south of 11; East of 78, west of 80. Grids to Div Arty area within grid boundary: XT795070, XT795085, XT780100, XT780110, XT800110, XT800070.			Not FDC, D/A JP
30.	2015	Bde--1/5 Mech A.P. at 798048, CP at 802042. C-16 AP at grid XT798047, B-26 A.P. at grid XT 802052, B-36 A.P. at grid XT804042.			Not FDC JP
31.	2140	Bde--Bde relayed agent report that many ox carts are in the vicinity of XT773026 and were seen moving towards Saigon.			Not Lt Mennig IR
32.	2200	FDC--0645 sortie is needed to pick up Cpt. Mauldram at FSB Pulaski, to return to Cu Chi for release at 0700. Request UH-1H for pickup of 2 personnel with gear and mil. equipment at Bao Trai.			Not D/A IR
33.	2330	FDC--Request 2 dustoffs: at 0900 from Cu Chi to FSB Sackett, at 1400 from Cu Chi to FSB Harrison.			Not D/A IR
34.	2400	Journal Closed.			J.
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c. During the first few days of Feb 68, intelligence reports indicated the presence of large numbers of VC in the area south and east of Cu Chi. There were also reports of the VC capturing villagers and using them for slave labor. From these intelligence reports and from the actions of the enemy it was assumed that his objective was to try and stop convoy movement on MSR 1. The biggest VC resistance was in the village of AP Cho (XT699090) where the enemy were in bunkers made of concrete and reinforced with railroad ties. These bunkers were also connected by a trench and tunnel complex. Fighting in the village was characterized by the enemy staying in position and fighting, contrary to encounters fought in the past.



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1.	0001	Journal Open.				J.	
2.	0015	Cpt. Loy--A document captured and read, 17 Feb, by 5th ARVN located 1st Bn 141 NVA regiment at grid XT7920. On 18 Feb, a PW captured at grid XT857192 was identified as a member of the 2nd Bn 141 NVA Regt. He stated that the 1st and 3rd Bn's had preceded the 2nd Bn into the area.				Posted	LN
3.	0830	Div Arty-- AO's Raphael, Cleanup, and Stirrup are cancelled.				Not FDC	IR
4.	0845	C/1/8--3/22 element has contact at grid XT723162. Unknown size VC force in bunker complex. C/1/8 and gunships firing in support. Results: 2 US KIA, 3 WIA; VC BC unk.				Not D/A	IR
5.	0915	Cpt. Ringham--A class V convoy is enroute to FSB Crockett.				Not D/A	IR
6.	0940	1/27 LNO--1/27 LNO wants list of all his LNO personnel that are going to return to him.				Not Bde.	EW
7.	1215	Bde--It was reported from Bde that B/1/8 might be getting mortared. Check it out.				Not D/A	JP
8.	1220	Fwd FDC--2 rds impacted 300 meters out; turned out to be 90mm, as identified from 2 duds, US. (Result of inquiry, Item #7)				Not D/A	JP
9.	1330	LTC Dean--wants C/1/8 to be prepared to move.					
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9 cont.		time and destination unknown. Requirements: 11-2 1/2-ton trucks, 1-3/4-ton truck. <i>COMMO</i>				Not C/I/8 JP			
10.	1510	XO, C/I/8--3/22 element was ambushed at Tan Hoa, grid XT 7012. Results: 2 1/2-ton trucks major damage, 2 2 1/2-ton trucks minor damage. VC used RPGs, AK-47's. One US WIA, 1 VC BC.				Not D/A VC			
11.	1915	LTC Dean-- All elements of C/I/8 have arrived Cu Chi.				Not D/A WM			
12.	2035	Cpt. Ringham--Maj. Ramos will be at H3 at 0900. Helicopter scheduled pickup at 1000 hrs.				Not Maj. Ramos and D/A IR			
13.	2145	Cpt. Loy-- Two 1/5-Mech APC's will be at grid XT 739033 at 1000 hrs. Contact through C/I/8 CO on 19 Feb Command (freq. 31.50) ten minutes prior to make-up.				Not. C/I/8 CO IR			
14.	2245	4/23 LNO--NFZ location North of 09, south of 12; East of 69, west of 72. Along main supply 61 62; 1000%.				Not FDC WM			
15.	2400	Journal Closed.				J.			
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PERSONNEL:									
KIA (BC): 679. KIA (POSS): 1622.									
		1. Weapons	DES	DAM					
		a. Mortars	17	2					
		b. MG'S	11	2					
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	DES	DAM
2. Buildings	273	116
3. Ammo dumps	1	0
4. Bridges	10	0
5. Trenches	3	0
6. Sampans	105	7
7. Vehicles	3	3
8. Boats	14	0
9. Sec Exp	89	0
10. Bunkers	72	5

PLANS AND SUMMARY

MOVES: C/1/8 moved from FSB Crockett to Cu Chi.
 PLANNED MOVES FOR 20 Feb: C/1/8 to move from
Cu Chi to FSB Pulaski.

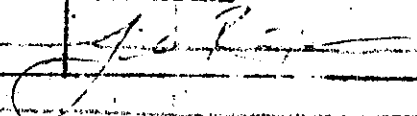
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ORGANIZATION: The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is 441,996. 442,906

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(9) 20 February 1968 2nd Brigade Headquarters moved to Hoc Mon where unit remained until 4 March 1968. Brigade elements conducted operations North and East of Hoc Mon until 9 March when all units moved into Hau Nghia Province or were released 2nd Brigade OFCON.

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What befuddled and angered me was why they would move us from one place and move another battery of the same capabilities into our old place?

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2.	0215	A/1/8--A/1/8 reported through Fwd FDC that 1/27 elements are receiving mortar rounds at this time in its position. Grid of impact XT815015.				Not FDC HS			
3.	0245	A/1/8--A/1/8 reported results of 1/27 mortar attack: 10 US WIA.				Not FDC HS			
4.	0255	A/1/8--1/27 LNO reports possible VC rocket positions at grids XT81740137 and XT81520164.				Not D/A HS			
5.	0318	A/1/8--A/1/8 reports dustoffs complete: 4 litter and 6 ambulatory patients. (See Item 3)				Not D/A HS			
6.	0700	Cpt. Nichols--There are no 2nd Bde troops in the Cu Chi area, therefore all Counter Mortar targets are clear. Also, as of 0700 today 2nd Bde LNO's switchboard is inoperative.				Not FDC JP			
7.	0730	7/11--Center of mass of prep is grid XT7605. Rds expended: 333. 200 meters from where 8-in rds hit there is an active sniper.				Not D/A JP			
8.	0945	C/1/8--C/1/8 departed Cu Chi for FSB Pulaski.				Not D/A WM			
9.	1100	Div Arty--The Div will test its siren at 1200 today.				Not HQ, B, C. Btrys JP			
10.	1150	Cpt. Nichols--Password is 7-1. LVN longline 20 AM.				Not Fwd FDC JP			
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11.	1215	2/27 LNO--Reports one VC KIA (BC) due to arty. Grid XT718073.					Not FDC GK		
12.	1220	Fwd FDC--Reports that C/2/27's LZ is cold.					Not D/A GK		
13.	1220	Lt. Hale--wants to know what B/1/8 will need tomorrow on the Class V convoy.					Not DO HS		
14.	1300	Div Arty--wants to know if 1/8 units are firing into grid XT826039. Answer: negative.					Not D/A JP		
15.	1330	Fwd FDC--C/2/27 elements found at grid XT780074 the following items: 2 rifle grenades, 1 set web gear, 1 RPG booster, 1 complete NVA uniform, 1 set tools for 82mm mortar, At grid XT778073 they found: 1 Russian rifle, one 60mm mortar, 5 Chicom grenades, 1 PRC-9, 2 Chinese radios, 1 personal notebook, 1 Russian flag, two CRYP-29 radios.					Not D/A JP		
16.	1500	Fwd FDC--C/2/27 elements found at grid XT777094 the following items: 1 Chicom carbine, two 60mm mortars, 1 Chicom radio, 500 rds AK-47, 7 Chicom rifles, 2 Chicom grenades, 4 AK-47's, 4 cal .50 MG's, 1 rocket, 1 rocket site, one 653 item, 1 Russian carbine. B/2/27 found at grid XT786079 360 pounds of rice, which they destroyed.					Not D/A JP		
16.	1500	B/1/8--C/2/27 elements found at grid XT778073 the following items: 1 AK-47 badly burnt, 1 aid station with doctor's equipment. A/2/27 elements at grid XT779023 have 4 VC KIA (BC) by gunships. Also spotted a fresh trail from Cigarette Right 1.8, Drop 0.7. (XT788073)					Not D/A JP		
17.	2400	Journal Closed.					J.		
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1.	0001	Journal open.					J. J.	
2.	0135	Div Arty--Cu Chi base camp is receiving mortar rounds at this time.					Not FDC. Siren HS	
3.	0835	Cpt. Ringham--Requests H-23 for 22 Feb, 0800-1200 hrs for LTC Dean.					Not D/A LR	
4.	1030	Fwd FDC--Prep for 2/27 at grid XT7807. Rds expended: B/1/8, 174; C/1/8, 87; B/3/13, 55.					Not D/A LR	
5.	1200	Fwd FDC--C/2/27 elements at grid XT785077 found eleven cases of 82mm mortars with boosters.					Not D/A JP	
6.	1410	Fwd FDC--At grid XT818052, one rocket location destroyed, one secondary explosion. Destroyed by arty fire from C/1/8, observed by (7/11 element.)					Not D/A JP	
7.	1425	Fwd FDC--C/2/27 element had dustoff for one US WIA at grid XT792073. At grid XT792073 had one VC KIA (BC). At grid XT791075 found 2 dead VC killed by airstrikes. At grid XT791077 found 50 lbs rice and one PRC-10 radio. At grid XT787074 found one more radio and documents.					Not D/A JP	
8.	1832	Div Arty--reports mortar rounds impacting in Cu Chi base camp at this time.					Not FDC. Siren JP	
9.	1840	C/1/8--C/1/8 reports 2 rounds received in area. Negative casualties or damage reported.					Not D/A JP	
10.	1845	Maj. Ramos--Shellrep: 3 ea 75mm recoilless rifle rounds. Azimuths 5300M, 5700M, 6000M. 2 rds just off L-19 taxiway, 1 rd off of main runway.					Not D/A LR	

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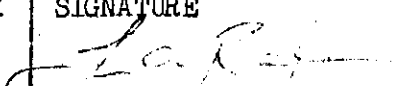
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11.	1855	Div Arty--All Clear announced.				Not Btrys JP
12.	2025	Div Arty--An OH-23 to be available for LTC Dean 0730-1130: confirmed.				Not DO LN
13.	2400	Journal Closed.-				J.
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY						
During the reporting period enemy contact was light. C/1/8 fired on one rocket position, resulting in destruction of same with one secondary explosion.						
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PLANS AND SUMMARY						
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1.	0001	Journal open.			J.	
2.	0712	Div Arty--Cu Chi base camp receiving incoming rounds at this time.			Siren. HS	
3.	1040	FDC--requests a helicopter for LTC Dean on 23 Feb from 0800 to 1200hrs.			Not D/A JP	
4.	1250	Fwd FDC--Div Fwd reports approx 2000 to 3000 VC in the vicinity of An Thu Dong planning to attack Tan Son Nhut AFB from 3 directions within next few nights when there is no moon.			Not Cpt Nichols LR	
5.	1255	Fwd FDC--C/2/27 elements at grid XT765069 have one VC KIA (HC).			Not D/A JP	
6.	1340	Fwd FDC--B/1/27 elements at grid XT77730776 found one 4-hp motor and one VC sampan.			Not D/A JP	
7.	1345	Maj. Jenkins--B/1/27 elements found a possible rocket location where we fire countermortars yesterday. There were 105mm and 81mm craters, 5 VC graves, bloodsoaked bandages, a map of Tan Son Nhut, powder increments, and carrying bags. The location was XT813022.			Not LTC Dean JP	
7.	1345	A/1/8--D/1/27 elements at grid XT818014 tripped a 105mm round boobytrap. Results: 1 US KIA, 1 US WIA.			Not D/A JP	
8.	1440	Fwd FDC--3 rounds impacted in ARVN compound across				
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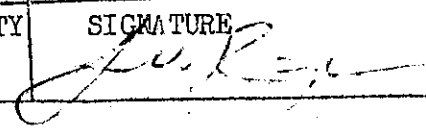
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8 cont		from B/3/13 location. Rounds appear to have come from the east. Results: 2 ARVN KIA, 7 ARVN WIA.				Not LTC Dean LR			
9.	1550	Fwd FDC--2/27 elements at grid XT775078 found 5 VC graves 2 to 5 days old.				Not D/A JP			
10.	1650	Fwd FDC--requests EOD team at grid XT733048 to take care of a 90mm shell dud.				Not D/A JP			
11.	2307	Fwd FDC--3/27 elements in grid XT772088 ambush patrol engaged VC with organic weapons. VC returned fire with small arms. Results: negative US casualties, 2 VC KIA (BC).				Not D/A HS			
12.	2315	Fwd FDC--B/3/27 elements in grid XT773046 ambush patrol received small arms fire from unknown-size VC force while crossing canal. US elements returned fire. Results: negative US or VC casualties, 1 boat destroyed. Not known if US or VC boat.				Not D/A HS			
13.	2330	Fwd FDC--C/3/27 elements at grid XT776082 ambush patrol engaged unknown size VC force. VC did not return fire. Results: negative.				Not D/A HS			
14.	2350	Fwd FDC--C/3/27 elements at grid XT775082 ambush patrol sighted 3 VC. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC).				Not D/A HS			
15.	2359	Fwd FDC--B/3/27 element at grid XT773086 engaged 2 VC with small arms fire. VC did not return fire. Results: unk VC casualties.				Not D/A HS			
16.	2400	Journal closed.				J.			
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2.	0715	Div Arty--Cu Chi base camp is receiving incoming rounds at this time.	Siren. HS
3.	0935	Fwd FDC--reports that any grid north of gridline 712 is clear from 2nd Bde.	Not DO WM
4.	1105	Fwd FDC--B/2/27 elements at grid XT788084 through grid XT785091 found spider holes and bunkers. Are going to explode them.	Not D/A JP
5.	1155	Stogie 18--informed Fwd FDC of rockets location at grid XT833054. LTC Dean is attempting to put fire mission on the location. There are approx 10 rocket locations at this grid. LTC Dean requests fire mission on grid XT841045 by A/1/8.	Not FDC WM
6.	1230	Fwd FDC--D/2/27 elements at grid XT792094 found one body, dead about 7 days. Body was wearing black pajamas. A/2/27 elements between grids XT788085 and XT786084 found various bunkers, fighting positions, and spider holes, which they destroyed.	Not D/A WM
7.	1700	Div Arty--has an intelligence report and believes that Cu Chi will have a rocket and mortar attack around 1900 hrs, to be followed by a ground attack on the main gate. The possibility of rockets is rated as B-2, the possibility of ground attack as C-3. There is good reason to have everyone in bunkers between 1830 and 1900 hrs.	Not btrys SF
8.	1710	Fwd FDC--2/77 elements at grid XT830045 found 1 AK-47, 1 RPG-2, 1 RPG-7, 6 VC KIA (BC), at 1630 hr.	Not D/A MP
9.	1715	Fwd FDC--B/2/27 elements at grid XT790072 found 2 VC BC, possibly by airstrikes.	Not D/A MP
10.	1730	Fwd FDC--B/3/22 elements landed in hot LZ at 1355 hrs.	

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10 cont		Grid XT830045 Received small arms and auto weapons fire from unknown size Vc force. Returned fire with organic weapons and arty. Contact broken at 1545 hrs. Results 1 US KIA, 1 US WIA, 7 VC KIA (BC). Also had one secondary explosion, and found 1 RPG-2, 3 AK-47's, 2 loaded RPG's, 2 sets of web gear, one of which was US. The VC were wearing green uniforms.	Not D/A JP
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11.	1730	Fwd FDC--B/1/5 Mech elements at 1130 hrs in grid XT806066 found 65 rds AK-47 ammo, 1 VC shovel, one VC poncho, 8 lbs rice, 20 ft commo wire, 2 documents, one survival kit. At grid XT806054, they found two 155mm rounds. C/1/5 Mech at grid XT793064 found 10 sampans and 14 bunkers. B/1/5 Mech at 1125 hrs in grid XT818019 found one CK-50 light MG with 3 drums and 100 rds ammo. At 1131 hrs in the same location they found 30 bunkers each 3x4x2.	Not D/A MP
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12.	1730	Fwd FDC--Report on 22 Feb: D/2/27 at 2047 hr in grid XT772088 ambush patrol engaged 4 VC with organic weapons. VC returned fire with small arms. Results: neg US casualties, 2 VC KIA (BC). C/2/27 in grid XT776082 ambush patrol engaged unk size VC force. VC did not return fire. Results negative. B/2/27 at 2155 in grid XT773082 ambush patrol crossing canal received small arms and auto weapons fire, source unk. Fire was returned. Results neg US Casualties, 1 boat sunk, VC losses unk. C/2/27 at 2335 in grid XT775082 ambush patrol sighted 3 VC. VC did not return fire. Results: 1 VC KIA (POSS). Report for 23 Feb.: A/1/27 elements at 1100 in grid XT819016 discovered 12 bunkers each 4x4x3, 4 AK-47's, 1 VC gas mask, 1 set web gear. B/1/27 elements at 1130 in grid XT820012 found 1 grave, 2 days old. At 1140 hrs they located one bunker, almost destroyed by arty, with much blood nearby. At 1145 hr in the same location found 1 VC grave. A/1/27 at 1153 in grid XT818019 had 1 VC KIA (BC) by arty. VC was wearing a blue uniform. C/1/27 at 1154 in grid XT819021 had 1 VC KIA (BC) by small arms. At 1355 hrs in grid XT823023 A/1/27 had 1 VC KIA (BC) by arty. VC was wearing black pajamas. At 1132 in grid XT820012 they had 1 VC KIA (BC) by arty. At 1130 hr in grid XT792082 gunship sighted 1 VC body in blue uniform. At 1130 in XT787084 2/27 elements destroyed	BC
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12 cont		2 RPG-2, 2 Mk. 26 grenades. B/2/27 at 1410 in grid XT791075 had 2 VC KIA (BC) by arty. VC were dressed in black pajamas. At 1430 in XT 781069 had 1 VC KIA (BC) by airstrikes.	Not D/A MP
13.	1750	Fwd FDC--B/1/5 Mech at grid XT815054 found one packet, 3 rocket locations, rocket containers, 1 card instructing Vietnamese to tell the US of any VC activity.	Not D/A JP
14.	1755	Fwd FDC--Stogie 30 reports that in grid XT8504 is saturated with fighting positions and bunkers with overhead cover. At grid XT845035 along the canal 3 cylinder cannisters painted red, 2 1/2 inches long and 6 inches in diameter, camouflaged, were found.	Not D/A JP
15.	1814	FDC--Lt. Zeagler will not be returning to forward in the morning, but probably on the afternoon resupply, due to promotion.	Not 2/27 INO JP
16.	1910	Div Arty--LTC Dean is to report to COL Thurmond's office immediately.	Not LTC Dean JP
17.	2400	Journal closed.	J.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

During the reporting period enemy contact was moderate. A/1/8 carried out a fire mission against 10 rocket locations. Totals are as follows:

PERSONNEL:

VC KIA (BC): 684 VC KIA (POSS): 1623

	DES	DAM
1. Weapons		
a. Mortars	17	2
b. MG's	11	2
2. Buildings	273	116
3. Ammo dumps	1	0
4. Bridges	10	0
5. Trenches	13	0
6. Sampans	105	7

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7. Vehicles

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8. Boats

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9. Sec Exp

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10. Bunkers

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PLANS AND SUMMARY

MOVES: None

PLANNED MOVES FOR 24 Feb: None.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

The total amount of ammunition expended since
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1.	0001	Journal open.	J.
2.	0159	Fwd FDC--C/1/8 has a fire mission in grid IT818057. They expended 58 rds HS, 8 TF's. Results: one VC KIA (POSS).	1/5 Not D/A HS
3.	0710	Div Arty--notification of stand-down from alert effective 0710 hrs.	Not btrys, Maj. Ramos. HS
4.	0800	FDC--a helicopter for LTC Dean will be available today from 1300 to 1700 hrs, from 0800 to 1200 hr tomorrow.	Not Fwd FDC HS
5.	0910	Maj. Ramos--called in reference to LTC Dean's helicopter. Fwd FDC arranged for helicopter for LTC Dean this morning through Div Arty (80).	Not Fwd FDC HS
6.	0915	Maj. Ramos--notified FDC he was going to Fwd FDC's location by gunship today.	Not FDC. HS
7.	0922	Fwd FDC--A/1/8 and C/1/8 end of mission in grid XT831030 at 0850. Gunships in area. C/1/8 expended 2 rds WP, 4 rds HE. A/1/8 expended 3 rds WP, 1 rd HE.	1/2 Not D/A HS
8.	0948	Fwd FDC--A/2/27 elements at grid XT774079 found 4 VC KIA (BC), 2 TK grenades, 1 pistol belt without pistol.	Not D/A HS
9.	0950	Maj. Jenkins--C/6/77 will move into B/1/8's rear position.	Not Fwd FDC and Maj. Ramos HS
10.	0950	Fwd FDC--A/2/27 elements in grid XT774078 located 75 rds 60mm mortar in good condition with boosters. All rounds were destroyed.	Not D/A HS
11.	1015	Fwd FDC--A/2/27 elements in grid XT773079 found 169 rds 60mm mortar and 1 VC KIA (BC).	Not D/A JP

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12.	1115	Fwd FDC--B/2/27 elements at grid XT774091 found one observation post 4x2 feet, which they destroyed.	Not D/A JP
13.	1205	Fwd FDC--B/2/27 elements at grid XT788073 from "Cigarette" up 1.2, Right 0.1) found one mortar rd. Negative knowledge of type or country of origin.	Not D/A JP
14.	1230	Fwd FDC--LTC Dean requests a chopper from 1700 to 1800 for tactical reasons.	Not D/A JP
15.	1248	Fwd FDC--1/27 LNO has end of mission in grid XT820030. Negative rds expended. 7/11 element gave end of mission in XT8105 at 1235 hr. They expended 152 rds HE and 1 rd WP.	Not D/A SF
16.	1320	Maj. Jenkins--requests a helicopter for LTC Dean at 1400 hrs. Reason: tactical emergency. Div Arty (80) states that it will be necessary to go through LTC Thompson to do this as all helicopters are in use at the time.	Not D/A SF
17.	1510	Fwd FDC--A 7/11 unit (1 btry) will be coming in the main gate. FDC is instructed to have someone meet them and direct them to C/1/8's rear position.	Not C/1/8 rear JP
18.	1634	SSG Culbreath--convoy has departed at 1634 hr.	Not D/A SF
19.	1705	SSG Culbreath--convoy has arrived at this time.	Not D/A SF
20.	1725	B/1/8--the new btry has moved into B/1/8's position and their Landline call is Blaster 59. Radio call-sign is Cannon 59.	Not FDC SF
21.	2356	Fwd FDC--Ammo from Long Binh (B/1/8's ammo). Fwd FDC is going to let the ammo come into Cu Chi base camp instead of their location. If Fwd FDC needs the ammo they will contact the Ammo Officer themselves.	Not Lt. Hale HS
22.	2358	FSE--Air strike at 0730 in grid XT7705, at 0830	

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22	cont	in grid XT8207.	Not FDC HS
23.	2400	Journal closed.	J.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

During the reporting period enemy contact was light. C/1/8 expended 58 rds HE resulting in one VC KIA (POSS). Totals are as follows:

PERSONNEL:

VC KIA (BC): 684 VC KIA (POSS): 1624

1.	Weapons	DES	DAM
	a. Mortars	17	2
	b. MG's	11	2
2.	Buildings	273	116
3.	Ammo dumps	1	0
4.	Bridges	10	0
5.	Trenches	3	0
6.	Sampans	105	7
7.	Vehicles	3	3
8.	Boats	14	0
9.	Sec Exp	91	0
10.	Bunkers	73	5

PLANS AND SUMMARY

MOVES: B/7/11 has occupied B/1/8's rear location.
PLANNED MOVES FOR 25 Feb: None.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is ~~435,267~~ 445,636

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DISCUSSION: US Troops are frequently called to react to areas where aircraft have received fire and, after sweeping, report that nothing was found. Recent operations, however, by the D Troop Aero Rifles Platoon has shown that many supposedly unoccupied areas were not really what they seemed to other less patient units.

OBSERVATION: With patient probing of an area from which aerial reports of heavy fire have come, many concealed tunnels, bunkers, and spider holes can be found. It may be necessary to spend nearly as much time searching for the enemy positions as the enemy spent constructing them, but the positions are generally there. In recent weeks D Troop Aero Rifle Platoon has killed or captured 15 VC in this manner. They searched the more obvious places such as wells and stream beds inch by inch. In most cases they were not required to fire a shot and suffered no friendly casualties. Almost without exception, POW's stated that there were more VC hiding in the area being searched. Sometimes as many as 60 VC were in area where there were three or four killed or captured.

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2. (C) Commanders Observations and Recommendations.

a. Observations (Lessons Learned)

(1) Personnel.

THE: Identification of Individual Soldiers.

DISCUSSION: Recently a soldier who had died from hostile action arrived at the rear clearing station and could not be identified until dental records were produced and a check made.

OBSERVATIONS: To preclude the above happening, three measures should be taken:

1. Replacement of lost ID Tags and ID Card would be instituted at Brigade level for speedy replacement.
2. Individual boots should be marked as per regulation to aid in identification.
3. Have frequent checks of these items to insure compliance.

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1.	0001	Journal open.		J.	
2.	0810	FDC--in reference to the counter-mortar plan, the following targets are not clear: 2596, 2597, 2598 and 2599.		Not D/A HS	
3.	0330	Fwd FDC--needs map number 6330-IV north-south, scale 1:12,500, quantity 1 each.		Not Cpt Nichols HS	
4.	0900	FDC--the BOD people will be blowing charges from 1300 to 1500 hrs at Ann Margret.		Informed all 1/8 btrys HS	
5.	0945	Fwd FDC--A/1/8, B/1/8, and B/3/13 fired a prep from 0915 to 0930 on grids XT841055, XT839054, 841052, XT846042. Rounds expended: A/1/8 1 WP, 36 HE; B/1/8 1 WP, 68 HE; B/3/13 1 WP, 58 HE.		Not D/A HS	
6.	1110	Fwd FDC--Point MANCHU is located at grid XT849044.		Not FDC JP	
7.	1225	Fwd FDC--A/1/8, B/1/8, B/3/13 fired a prep from 1155 to 1210 on grids XT793100 and XT793097. Rds exp-- A/1/8: 1 WP, 73 HE; B/1/8: 144 HE; B/3/13: 25 HE.		Not D/A JP	
8.	1350	Fwd FDC--reports that they now have a 20-man security force from A/3/22.		Not D/A SF	
9.	1400	Cpt. Ringham--PFC Otves wounded. He went into a net LZ. The aircraft had to pull out, leaving him and some other men behind. Results: 1 US WIA. He was taken to H3 (Saigon). Neg knowledge of wound location or seriousness. He was taken to wrong LZ, this is why it was not. Are still checking on location and time this happened.		Not D/A SF	
10.	1440	FDC--locations of btry centers: A/1/8 at XT80290495; B/1/8 at XT73660483; C/1/8 at XT80100470; B/3/13 at XT73700530.		Not Fwd FDC SF	
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11.	1500	FDC--requests 2nd Bde clearance on grids XT614035, XT615030. Results: clear				Not Fwd FDC SF	
12.	1510	Fwd FDC--Convoy will arrive at Hoc Mon at 1535.				Not D/A SF	
13.	1530	Fwd FDC--At 1520 hr C/2/27 received 2 US KIA at vicinity of grid XT801096. B/3/13 fired mission on grid XT775064. Results: 4 VC KIA (BC), 4 VC KIA (POSS), 6 bunkers destroyed.				Not D/A JP	
14.	1550	Fwd FDC--A/2/27 elements received 1 US WIA at grid XT813097. Dustoff will be in.				Not D/A SF	
15.	1610	Commo Sgt--convoy departed for Cu Chi at this time.				Not D/A GK	
16.	1654	Commo Sgt--convoy arrived Cu Chi at this time.				Not D/A GK	
17.	1655	Div Arty--LTC Dean's helicopter will be ready at 1700 hrs.				Not LTC Dean GK	
18.	2300	Fwd FDC--3/22 elements received 2 US MIA, 2 KIA, 10 WIA. Action resulted in 32 VC KIA (BC), including 2 VC officers with .38 cal pistols. 8 VC BC credited to artillery. Numerous bunkers in grid XT828053.				Not D/A HS	
19.	2400	Journal closed.				J.	
		INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY					
		During the reporting period enemy contact was heavy. 1/8 Arty elements and B/3/13 fired missions resulting in 12 VC KIA (BC), 4 VC KIA (POSS), and destruction of 6 bunkers.					
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		INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY, CONT.							
		Totals are as follows:							
		PERSONNEL:							
		VC KIA (BC) 696 VC KIA (POSS) 1628							
		1. Weapons DES DAM							
		a. Mortars 17 2							
		b. MG's 11 2							
		2. Buildings 273 116							
		3. Ammo dumps 1 0							
		4. Bridges 10 0							
		5. Trenches 3 0							
		6. Sampans 105 7							
		7. Vehicles 3 3							
		8. Boats 14 0							
		9. Sec Exp 91 0							
		10. Bunkers 79 5							
		PLANS AND SUMMARY							
		MOVES: None							
		PLANNED MOVES FOR 26 Feb: None.							
		OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION							
		The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is 436,418. 446,787							
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1.	0001	Journal open.	J.		
2.	0815	FDC--New counter-mortar targets verified by Lt. Frank	Not D/A WM		
3.	0910	Div Arty--AO duty will be extended until 10 March at 2400 that day.	Not Fwd FDC HS		
4.	0949	Fwd FDC--Prep fired by 6/77 Arty from 0805 to 0820. 276 rds expended. Prep looked good. C/2/27 and D/2/27 elements LZ cold.	Not D/A HS		
5.	1410	Fwd FDC--C/1/8 fire mission on grid XT834044. Rds expended: 1 WP, 49 HE. Observed by 7/11 elements (Cannon 40). Surveillance: negative.	Not D/A JP		
6.	1455	Commo Sgt--convoy departed Cu Chi and is in route to Hoc Mon.	Not Maj Ramos, Fwd FDC. JP		
7.	1455	Fwd FDC--C/1/8 fire mission on grid 840049. Rds exp: 1 HE, 2 WP. (7/11 element) (Cannon 40) observed. Negative surveillance.	Not D/A JP		
8.	1605	Fwd FDC--A 1/5 Mech ambush patrol at 0038 hr in grid XT815053 spotted 30 armed VC moving south to north. Did not engage; requested gunship. Results unk.	Not D/A JP		
9.	1608	Fwd FDC--A/2/34 tank at 0811 hr in grid XT690145 hit a mine of unknown size. Neg US casualties. B/4/9 element at 0840 in XT847046 received sniper fire. Results: 1 US WIA, VC cas. unk.	Not D/A JP		
10.	1610	Fwd FDC--A/4/9 element at 1138 hr in XT845043 rcvd small arms and auto weapon fire from east by 5 VC. Contact broken at 1145. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC KIA (POSS).+	Not D/A JP		
11.	1610	Fwd FDC--B/4/9 at 0900 in XT849050 rcvd sniper fire			
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11 cont.		from unk size VC force. Results: 1 US KIA, 5 WIA, 2 VC KIA (BC). Captured 2 AK-47's.		Not D/A JP	
12.	1610	Fwd FDC--C/4/9 elements at 1230 to 1305 hr in grid XT838047 rcvd small arms and auto weapon fire. Results: 1 US WIA.		Not D/A JP	
13.	1615	Fwd FDC--B/4/9 at 1220 in XT838047 rcvd small arms and auto weapon fire. Returned fire with all organic weapons. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC). C/3/22 at 0955 in XT839055 located 8 bunkers 2x4x4 with 1 foot overhead cover. Bunkers were filled with water.		Not D/A JP	
14.	1620	Fwd FDC--C/2/27 at 1115 hr in XT695145 rcvd mortar fire again. Results: 2 US KIA, 8 WIA, 6 VCKIA(BC) 1 VC KIA (POSS).		Not D/A JP	
15.	1622	Fwd FDC--C/2/27 at 1002 hr in XT730155 located tunnels. Found 1 NVA canteen, 1- 40mm rd, 1 Chicom rifle, 400 ft. commo wire.		Not D/A JP	
16.	1624	Fwd FDC--B/2/27 AP on 25 Feb at 2150 in XT773083 engaged 2 VC with M-79, resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC).		Not D/A JP	
17.	1625	Fwd FDC--C/2/27 at 0933 in XT724156 requested arty fire and airstrike in heavy contact. Results 1 US KIA, VC cas unk.		Not D/A	
18.	1627	Fwd FDC--C/2/27 at 0927 in XT695145 under small arms, auto weapon, and mortar fire. Called for airstrike.		Not D/A JP	
19.	1630	Fwd FDC--A/3/22 at 1100 in XT837057 rcvd auto weapon fire from 2 bunkers. Returned fire with all organic weapons. Results unk.		Not D/A JP	
20.	1630	Commo Sgt--Convoy arrived in Cu Chi at this time.		Not Hq, Fwd FDC JP	
21.	1855	Div Arty--An airstrike is presently occurring in grid XT6914.		Not Fwd FDC, Maj. Ramps JP	
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22.	1910	S3--contacted Bde Field Hospital to request status of SOI carried by PFC Otvos, at the time of his injury and subsequent admission to 3RF hospital on 25 Feb. Results: Sgt. Small informed S3 that the SOI in question was secured in the hospital safe.	Not Cpt Nichols GK
23.	2200	Fwd FDC--1/5 Mech FO for 7/11 Arty at 2100 to 2130 hrs in grid XT83850264 reports suspected rifle grenade and AK-50 firing position. Target number given is CG2002. Results: excellent coverage.	Not D/A WM
24.	2200	Fwd FDC--a different 1/5 Mech FO for 7/11 Arty at 2135-2155 hr reports suspected VC buildup in grid XT842042. Rds exp: 1 WP, 16 HE. 10 VC KIA (POSS). Excellent coverage. Tgt no. 2301	Not D/A
25.	2400	Journal closed.	J.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

During the reporting period, enemy contact was heavy. There was no positive or significant surveillance from 1/8 Arty this date. Totals are as follows:

PERSONNEL:

VC KIA (BC): 696 VC KIA (POSS): 1628

	DES	DAM
1. Weapons		
a. Mortars	17	2
b. MG's	11	2
2. Buildings	273	116
3. Ammo dumps	1	0
4. Bridges	10	0
5. Trenches	3	0
6. Sampan	105	7
7. Vehicles	3	3
8. Boats	14	0
9. Sec Exp	91	0

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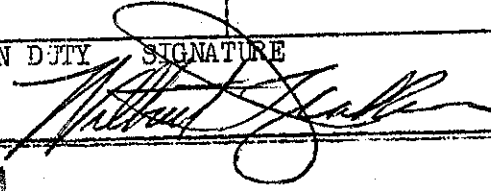
PLANS AND SUMMARY

MOVES: none

PLANNED MOVES FOR 27 Feb 68: none.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is ~~437,262~~ 447,732.

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			0001	27 Feb 68	2400	27 Feb 68
1.	0001	Journal open.				J.
2.	0200	Fwd FDC--reports its location is being rocketed. Azimuth 6400m. Results: no casualties, negative damage, negative rds within perimeter.				Not D/A WM
3.	0215	Fwd FDC--reports a total of 6 rds rcvd. No more incoming rds at this time.				Not D/A WM
4.	0930	Div Arty--EOD team is going to explode charges on Wahoo Road at 1000 today.				Not FDC JHS
5.	0930	Fwd FDC-- Fire line is anything north of T16 and west of X70, except Dreadnaught and 2/27 areas which 6/77 Arty is running clearing fires on.				Not D/A WM
6.	1040	Fwd FDC--Reference 4 vehicles in convoy: convoy was aborted due to 1/5 Mech being unable to provide security. Also, convoy sent from Cu Chi unable to get through.				Not Maj. Ramos JP
7.	1040	Maj. Jenkins--SITREP report for LTC Dean: 2/77 Arty elements firing support for troops moving into their objective. 6/77 Arty fired 2 preps and 2 on-call missions. 7/11 element (Cannon 44) is reported as just receiving a casualty.				Not FDC SF
8.	1120	Fwd FDC--C/1/8 requests that their CO send out one 1.5 KW Generator by afternoon helicopter. The generator that is down is on its way in.				Not C/1/8 SF
9.	1250	2nd Bde LNO--7/11 element (Cannon 40) in grid XT842044 found rocket sites built above the ground. C/4/9 Inf is in the area at this time.				Not D/A SF
10.	1300	Fwd FDC--7/11 element (60) in grid XT762051 found 15 fighting positions with propaganda leaflets in Vietnamese and Chinese posted all around.				Not D/A JP
11.	1300	Fwd FDC--7/11 element (60) at 1220 in grid XT763050				

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11	cont	report a 4-bunker complex completely destroyed, with one or two bodies inside.	
		Not D/A JP	
12.	1405	Fwd FDC--reports Cpt. Ginn and his element (70) at 1300 in grid XT701450 were receiving sniper fire from isolated positions by small arms and auto weapons, also RPG fire. Estimated enemy strength one VC company. D/2/27 elements actions resulted in 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 AK-47 captured. The 70 elements had minor casualties.	
		Not D/A JP	
13.	1405	Fwd FDC--7/11 element (40) at 1305 in XT842044 reports a possible rocket location. This is a built-up area. They found a gunner's quadrant and firing data.	
		Not D/A JP	
14.	1405	Fwd FDC--7/11 element (43) at 1330 in grid XT841044 found 2 complete rockets and 3 launchers one of which had been damaged by artillery.	
		Not D/A JP	
15.	1530	Fwd FDC--Cpt. Ginn and element (Killer 70) at 1440 in grid XT70141515 found 3 NVA bodies. D/2/27 elements in XT704144 found 10 VC KIA (BC), eight of them by arty.	
		Not D/A JP	
16.	1645	Commo Sgt--reports convoy departed from Hoc Mon to Cu Chi at this time.	
		Not D/A JP	
17.	1700	Cpt. Ringham(13)--LTC Dean wants Cpt. Weatherford to find out where PFC Otvos (44X) is at this time, also the status of Otvos' SOI. PFC Otvos was in 3rd Field Hospital yesterday.	
		Not Cpt. Weatherford JP	
18.	1715	Maj. Ramos--wants Lt. Frank to get him permission to blow the same stump at C/1/8 's position again, only 6 feet deeper this time.	
		Not Lt Frank JP	
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19.	1730	Commo Sgt--Convoy arrived at Cu Chi at this time. Not D/A, HQ					Btry, Fwd FDC JP	
20.	1808	Div Arty--When additional need for ammo resupply occurs during the night, request additional sorties then, not the next morning.					Not FDC LN	
21.	1910	2nd Bde LNO--4/9 Inf at grid XT836041 received 5 US KIA to include Manchu-3. They extracted 2 complete rocket launchers and equipment. Other equipment was destroyed in place. Approximately 2 VC companies with auto weapons; they are believed to be heading back south or southeast. At 1930 all in NL. Resupply for 3/4 Cav complete. Gunships and 3/4 Cav gunship (Spooky) remain working the area over.						
22.	2140	Maj. Jenking--Cpt. Ginn is with a Dreadnaught unit and requires as a minimum a type 46 radio, one each Recon sgt., a compass, and if possible a complete liaison section. The only things Cpt. Ginn says he has at the moment are a PRC-25, a flak jacket. The requested items can be sent out with the 7/11 units that are moving out of Cu Chi tomorrow morning and going to Cpt. Ginn's location. We can contact the 6/77 S-3 on this.					Not FDC SF	
23.	2140	Maj. Jenkins--requests one UH-1D sortie to transport 5 personnel and equipment to Tay Ninh. This is the old liaison party that came down with the 2/39 Armor and must return to their parent location. Contact Cpt. Ginn at FSB Crockett on Vindicator FD-3 net, when the sortie is confirmed. Results: the Aviation people have been contacted on this and they will call us tomorrow to verify that we get the sortie. Called Aviation					SF	
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		INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY					
		During the reporting period enemy activity was heavy. There was no positive or significant surveillance from 1/8 Artillery this date. Totals are as follows:					
		PERSONNEL: VC KIA (BC): 704 VC KIA (POSS): 1628					
		1. Weapons DES DAM					
		a. Mortars 17 2					
		b. MG's 11 2					
		2. Buildings 273 116					
		3. Ammo dumps 1 0					
		4. Bridges 10 0					
		5. Trenches 3 0					
		6. Sampans 105 7					
		7. Vehicles 3 3					
		8. Boats 14 0					
		9. Sec Exp 91 0					
		10. Bunkers 79 5					
		PLANS AND SUMMARY					
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		MOVES: none					
		P PLANNED MOVES FOR 28 Feb: None					
		OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION					
		The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is 440,021 449,553.					
		B/1/8 has one tube deadlined.					
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1.	0001	Journal open.	J.
2.	0105	Div Arty--Cu Chi basecamp receiving rocket rounds at this time.	Not Maj. Ramos, Cpt. Nichols;siren. JP
3.	0521	A/1/8--rear area reports 2 rocket rds rcvd in btry area, also 2 rds in aviation area. Results: 4WIA.	Not Medics JP
4.	1030	Fwd FDC--A/2/27 elements in grid XT776076 found one AK-47 in good condition. C/2/27 elements in grid XT783078 found 2 RPG boosters, 5 cleaning rods, and 1 bandolier with M-1 ammo.	Not D/A HS
5.	1115	Fwd FDC--C/2/27 elements in grid XT787057 found 2 75mm recoilless rifle rds, which they will destroy. C/2/27 in grid XT788073 found 1 US carbine, 2 Chicom grenades, 2 ammo pouches with .30 cal ammo, and one VC body. A/2/27 elements in grid XT776072 found one 82mm mortar complete with base plate and stakes. They also found 5 AK-47's, 1 M-60 MG, 1 BRO with bipod, 1 RPG-7, and one .30 cal. MG.	Not D/A HS
6.	1305	6/77 Arty--Cpt. Ginn and his element (70) at 1300 in grid XT723153 captured 3 VC.	Not. D/A JP
7.	1345	Fwd FDC--A/2/27 elements in grid XT776072 found one .50 cal MG, 2 .30 cal MG, 2 82mm mortar, and one antiaircraft weapon. C/2/27 elements in grid XT787047 found 1 mortar box, 710 rds AK-47 ammo, between 1135 and 1305 hrs.	Not D/A JP
8.	1530	Fwd FDC--A/4/23 and B/4/23 elements at 1510 hr in grids XT813055, XT814053, XT812053, and XT816053, found 4 rocket positions. In grid XT810054 found one 105mm dud.	Not D/A JP
9.	1535	Fwd FDC--B/2/27 elements in grid XS780883 at 1510 hrs	

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9 cont		found one VC sampan, which they destroyed. A/2/27 elements at 1525 hr in grid XT775071 found 2 RPG-2's, 2 M-16 rifles, 1 M-79, and 1 75mm recoilless rifle. Not D/A JP	
10.	1555	Fwd FDC--A/2/27 elements at 1530 hr in grid XT775071, found one case blasting caps, 4 RPG-2 rds, and VC sampans and mortar sites.	Not D/A JP
11.	1635	Fwd FDC--A/2/27 elements at 1605 hr in grid XT775074 found 10,000 rds AK-47 ammo.	Not D/A JP
12.	1640	Fwd FDC--A/2/27 elements at 1640 in grid XT776089 found 4 US Grenades, 1 Chicom grenade, assorted web gear, and document.	Not D/A JP
13.	1818	Fwd FDC--Cpt. Ginn and his element at 1655 hr in grid XT727147 destroyed a building, a rice cache, found fresh graves, numerous bunkers, mortar sites, and a tunnel complex. Results: 4 VC BC (graves), 4 VC POW, from the 3rd Bn 88th NVA Regt., who were a stay-behind force; the remainder of their unit crossed the river north of Cpt. Ginn's location.	Not D/A JP
14.	1850	Radar--the AN/MPQ-4A radar set is not working at this time.	Not Cpt. Nichols JP
15.	2005	Fwd FDC--B/2/27 elements at 1655 hr in grid XT715152 located 82mm mortar sites, destroyed 9 prepared positions.	Not D/A JP
16.	2100	Fwd FDC--C/1/8 forward needs 2 boxes BA-30 batteries.	Not C/1/8 JP
17.	2120	Fwd FDC--Helicopter for LTC Dean requested for 0700 on 29 Feb at Hoc Mon.	Not D/A JP
18.	2150	FDC--we are receiving rockets or mortars within the base camp at this time.	Siren. Not btrys, Bn Hq. JP
19.	2200	Btrys--all btrys report negative sitrep.	Not FDC JP

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20.	2205	Maj. Ramos--reports two 122mm rockets on east side of Cu Chi.	Not D/A JP
21.	2340	Div Arty--receiving incoming rounds at this time. One confirmed rocket.	Not btrys. Siren. HS
22.	2400	Journal closed.	J.

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PERSONNEL:

VC KIA (BC): 704 VC KIA (POSS): 1628

	Weapons	DES	DAM
1.	A. Mortars	17	2
	B. MG's	11	2
2.	Buildings	273	116
3.	Ammo dumps	1	0
4.	Bridges	10	0
5.	Trenches	3	0
6.	Sampans	105	7
7.	Vehicles	3	3
8.	Boats	14	0
9.	Sec Exp	91	0
10.	Bunkers	79	5

PLANS AND SUMMARY

MOVES: None

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OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

The total number of rounds expended since arrival in country is ~~440,743~~ 450,275
All guns in all batteries are operational.

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1.	0001	Journal open.	J.
2.	0011	Div Arty-- Stand-down at this time. Hq, A, and B btrys reported negative casualties or damage at this time. Neg contact C-btry.	Not DO. HS
3.	0110	Div Arty-- Cu Chi base camp receiving incoming rds at this time.	Siren. HS
4.	0139	Div Arty--Stand-down at this time. Hq, A, and B btrys report neg casualties and damage. C-btry reports neg damage and casualties.	Not btrys. HS
5.	0500	Div Arty-- Cu Chi base camp receiving incoming rds at this time.	Not btrys. HS
6.	0515	Div Arty--Stand-down at this time. Hq, A, and B btrys report neg casualties and damage. Neg contact with C-btry.	Not btrys. HS
7.	0835	Div Arty--There will be charges set off in the 3/4 Cav area, in the eastern part of Cu Chi, from 0900 to 1100 hrs.	Not btrys. HS
8.	0950	Maj. Jenking--requests dustoff of 2 VN civilians with internal injuries from Hoc Mon. Results: dustoff ETA Hoc Mon 1010-1015 hr.	Not D/A LR Not Maj. J. LR
9.	1030	6/77 Arty--2/27 elements at 0830 in XT7516 have one VC KIA (BC). They are sweeping the area at this time.	Not Fwd FDC JP
10.	1120	6/77 Arty--2/27 elements report ARVN arty hitting close to their location. (No grid Available) Results: arty stopped.	Not Fwd FDC JP
11.	1150	6/77 Arty--Cpt. Ginn's elements (70) have US WIA and damaged tank at XT753165. D/2/27 elements are at grid XS784984.	Not Fwd FDC JP Not Fwd FDC,
12.	1650	Commo Sgt--convoy departed for Cu Chi at this time. LTC Dean.	JP

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13.	1840	Cpt. Ringham--requests H-23 for LTC Dean from 1300 to 1700 hr on 1 March.		Not D/A IR	
14.	1845	B/7/11--reports NFZ for 2/27 Inf: area bounded by W:73, S:15, N:17.3, E:75.		Not Fwd FDC IR	
15.	1958	FDC--requests SIREFP from 1/8 rear units. Results: A btry has neg cas, neg damage, B btry has neg cas, neg damage, and reports most of the rounds landing in C btry area. Neg LL contact with C btry.		Not D/A JP	
16.	2015	6/1/8--reports neg damage and casualties.		Not D/A JP	
17.	2118	6/77 Arty--reports 2/27 Inf NFZ is in effect.		Not Fwd FDC JP	
18.	2125	Cpt. Ginn--reports he needs a copy of March SOI.		Not DO. JP	
19.	2145	6/77 Arty--reports Cpt. Ginn's NFZ is 1500 meters around grid XT730148, and is not yet in effect.		Not Fwd FDC JP	
20.	2150	6/77 Arty--Cpt. Ginn's NFZ is now in effect.		Not Fwd FDC JP	
21.	2150	Fwd FDC--A/4/23 elements at 1920 in XT740164 is receiving sniper fire from a bunker 50 to 75 meters east of the CP. One sniper sniping.		Not D/A JP	
22.	2150	A/1/8--their medic requests malaria pills, a thermometer, and adhesive tape.		Not Medics. JP	
23.	2153	Div Arty--Cu Chi base camp is receiving incoming rockets at this time.		Siren. JP	
24.	2315	Div Arty--Cu Chi base camp receiving incoming mortar rds at this time. Est 13 rds.		Siren. HS	
25.	2330	Div Arty--stand-down this time. Results: neg damage, neg casualties for entire Bn.		Not btrys. Not D/A HS.	
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PLANS AND SUMMARY

MOVES: None

PLANNED MOVES FOR 1 March: None.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

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