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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

A. UNIT DESIGNATION

- | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 1. 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines | LtCol T. P. GANEY | (1-31) AUGUST |
| (a) Company "I" | 1stLt E. D. SHAFFER | (1-31) AUGUST |
| (b) Company "K" | 1stLt T. A. HOBBS | (1-31) AUGUST |
| (c) Company "L" | 1stLt W. M. TUCKER | (1-5) AUGUST |
| (d) Company "M" | 1stLt J. C. MAY | (6-31) AUGUST |
| | Capt D. J. ROBINSON | (1-31) AUGUST |
| (e) H&S Company | Capt R. N. WILSON | (1-31) AUGUST |

B. LOCATION

1. Quang Nam Province, RVN

C. STAFF OFFICERS

- | | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Executive Officer | Maj R. W. SHAW | (1-31) AUGUST |
| 2. S-1 Adjutant | 1stLt A. J. A. LUM | (1-31) AUGUST |
| Asst Adjutant | 2ndLt W. C. AGER | (1-31) AUGUST |
| 3. S-2 | 1stLt J. L. ANDERSON | (1-10) AUGUST |
| | 1stLt C. B. COURSER | (11-31) AUGUST |
| 4. S-3 | Maj R. L. PADGETT | (1-28) AUGUST |
| | Maj R. C. GARTEN | (29-31) AUGUST |
| 5. S-3A | Capt R. W. WEEKS | (1-3) AUGUST |
| | 1stLt J. C. MAY | (4-5) AUGUST |
| | 1stLt J. L. DEVINE | (9-28 30-31) AUGUST |
| | Maj R. L. PADGETT | (29) AUGUST |
| 6. S-3B | 1stLt J. C. MAY | (1-3) AUGUST |
| | 1stLt J. L. DEVINE | (29) AUGUST |
| 7. S-4 | Capt W. J. VANKAT | (1-31) AUGUST |
| 8. S-5 | 1stLt B. DICKSON | (1-8) AUGUST |
| | 2ndLt H. GOLDBRICK | (9-31) AUGUST |
| 9. Embarkation Officer | 2ndLt T. G. KERRIGAN | (1-31) AUGUST |

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10. ALO	1stLt J. D. DENNIS	(1-31) AUGUST
11. Comm Officer	1stLt A.S. TOPPLEBERG	(1-31) AUGUST
12. Supply Officer	1stLt R. W. CLICK	(1-31) AUGUST
13. MTO	1stLt P. J. LOWEY	(1-10) AUGUST
	Capt W. J. VANKAT	(11-28) AUGUST
	2ndLt J. L. DIXSON	(29-31) AUGUST
14. Chaplain	IT J. R. GRECO	(1-31) AUGUST
15. Medical Officer	IT C. W. BOSCH	(1-31) AUGUST
16. Asst Med Officer	IT E. D. SUHRE	(8-31) AUGUST
17. Arty Officer	1stLt T. L. SMITH	(1-31) AUGUST
18. Legal Officer	2ndLt T. B. TRAMMELL	(1-31) AUGUST
19. FAC	1stLt W. E. TAYLOR	(1-11) AUGUST
	1stLt P. B. SNIFFIN	(12-31) AUGUST

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

A. PERSONNEL1. Average Monthly Strength

a. <u>UNIT</u>	<u>USMC</u> <u>OFF</u> <u>ENL</u>	<u>USN</u> <u>OFF</u> <u>ENL</u>
Company "I"	4 188	
Company "K"	4 205	
Company "L"	5 195	
Company "M"	5 185	
H&S Company	17 295	3 44
BATTALION AVERAGE	35 1068	3 44

2. Casualties

a. <u>BATTLE</u>	<u>NON BATTLE</u>
<u>KIA WIA MIA DOW</u>	<u>SERIOUS NON-SERIOUS DEATHS TOTAL</u>
10 132 0 1	17 28 0 188

3. Replacements Received

a. <u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>OFF</u> <u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u> <u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u> <u>ENL</u>
5 155	1 9	6 164

4. Personnel Rotated to CONUS

a. <u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>OFF</u> <u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u> <u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u> <u>ENL</u>
3 98	0 2	3 100

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5. Personnel Summary

a. At the close of the reporting period the personnel strength was as follows; Thirty-three (33) Marine Corps Officers, one thousand seventy (1070) Marine Corps Enlisted, three (3) Navy Officers and fifty-two (52) Navy Enlisted.

b. There were no officer promotions during the reporting period. Enlisted promotions during the reporting period consisted of: One Marine promoted to Sgt., thirty-three to Cpl.; three to ICpl.; and eleven (11) to PFC.

c. Awards recommended during the reporting period consisted of: five (5) Bronze Star Medals; three (3) NCM's and eighteen (18) NAM's. Awards delivered during the reporting period consisted of one (1) NCM, and one (1) NAM. Awards readdressed and forwarded consisted of one (1) Bronze Star Medal, and one (1) NCM.

B. LEGAL AND DISCIPLINE

1. NJP	38
2. SCM (COMPLETED)	0
3. SCM (PENDING)	0
4. SPCM (COMPLETED)	1
5. SPCM (PENDING)	3
6. GCM (COMPLETED)	0
7. GCM (PENDING)	1
8. INVESTIGATIONS (COMPLETED)	2
9. INVESTIGATIONS (PENDING)	22
10. ARTICLE 32 (COMPLETED)	0
11. ARTICLE 32 (PENDING)	0

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C. R&R PROGRAM1. The following is a recapitulation of the R&R quotas for Aug 69:

(a) Hawaii	23
(b) Australia	16
(c) Tokyo	6
(d) Bangkok	15
(e) Hong Kong	9
(f) Singapore	3
(g) Okinawa	4
(h) Taipei	11
(i) Penang	0
(j) Kuala Lumpur	0
(k) Manila	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	(88)

D. CHAPLAIN SUPPORT

1. Chaplain Attached: LT R. J. GRECO
2. Devine Services Conducted by the Battalion Chaplain:
 - a. Sunday Services: (1) Number held: 28
(2) Number attending: 630
 - b. Weekday Services: (1) Number Held: 19
(2) Number Attending: 120
3. Related Activities:
 - a. Conducted three Memorial Services.
 - b. Assisted in arranging for 26 MARS Calls.
4. Pastoral Activities:
 - a. Personal Counselling cases: 55
 - b. American Red Cross messages handled: 1

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INTELLIGENCE

A. ENEMY

1. General During the reporting period contact with the enemy was generally light and limited primarily to snipers and small groups ranging in size from one (1) to ten (10) VC/NVA.

Four instances occurred in which elements of the Battalion and CAG received light to moderate mortar fire, while dispersed in their respective defensive positions during the hours of darkness. Three of the instances included light to moderate fire from RPG rocket launchers.

The most significant contact occurred on 25 August, at approximately 2230H. Elements of Company "K", while setting in night ambush positions were attacked by an estimated platoon size enemy force. The enemy employed 82mm mortars (estimated one (1) tube), RPG rocket launchers, automatic weapons (believed to be light machine guns (possibly RPG's) and AK-47's), and small arms. Enemy force withdrew in an unknown direction under the cover of darkness when friendly reaction forces were sent to assist the unit in contact.

During the reporting period, the Battalion was credited with ninety-seven (97) enemy KIA's. Captured items of equipment and material consisted primarily of six (6) weapons, ammunition, ~~ordnance~~ documents, propaganda, food stuffs, clothing, uniform, and a sewing machine.

The Battalion received several intelligence reports indicating platoon to Battalion size units, near or moving through the Battalion TACR. Though reports of enemy missions varied, most were orientated to probable attacks on Danang, Marble Mountain, Air Facility, and friendly positions and interdiction of lines of communication.

Enemy units known to operate within or near the TACR were identified as elements of the 141st NVA Regiment, 31st NVA Regiment, 90th NVA Regiment, and bands of local guerrillas. Units reported, but not confirmed, as working within or near the TACR included elements of the 60th Battalion, 21st NVA Regiment, Q-83 VC/NVA Battalion, and the 36th NVA Regiment.

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2. Items of Significance

On 28 August 1969, at approximately 0730H, a terrorist bombing activity occurred in the market place near the Dai Loc District Headquarters (vic AT 916578). An investigation into the circumstances revealed the following: An unknown woman entered the market place from across the Song Vu Gia River carrying two baskets on the ends of a stick. She placed the cargo on the ground and inconspicuously disappeared. Shortly thereafter the mined basket detonated resulting in one (1) civilian killed and eight (8) wounded.

3. Statistics

(a)	SFD's found	73
(b)	SFD's detonated	34
(c)	Captured weapons	06
(d)	Detainees	68
(e)	KIA's	97
(f)	VIP Fund expenditures	\$14,470

B. WEATHER

The temperature for the month ranged from an average high of ninety-five (95) degrees to an average low of seventy-eight (78) degrees. Precipitation was recorded at less than three (3) inches.

C. TERRAIN

The terrain within the TACR varies from generally flat and interspersed with rice paddies, dikes, and treelines, to gently rolling hills and mountains in the west and northwestern edges of the TACR. Impairment of trafficability (wheeled, tracked, and foot) was negligible except in the areas of flooded rice paddies.

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OPERATIONS

A. ORGANIZATION AND DISPOSITION

From 1-18 August, the 3rd Battalion continued its primary mission of providing defense for the western portion of the 1st Marines TAOR through extensive patrolling activities and cordon and search operations. During this period the 3rd Battalion continued close coordination and cooperation with the ARVN and Regional Forces in the TAOR, conducting joint operations ranging from squad to company in size.

As of 1 August, the disposition of forces under the 3rd Battalion tactical control were as follows:

1. Company "I" operated out of the 1st Marines command post (Duong Son 2) and had responsibility for the security of the Ha Dong Bridge.
2. Company "K" operated from the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines, CP at Phong Loc (2). Day and night activities included patrolling and ambushes.
3. Company "L" had responsibility for the Cau Do Bridge security, patrolling and ambushing activities in that vicinity and in the vicinity of "Christmas Island".
4. Company "M" was located on the western portion of Go Noi Island conducting search and clear operations. This area is located south of the Son Tau Bon River and west of the Railroad Berm.

On 4 August, Third Battalion, 1st Marines, (-) cordoned Bo Mong (2) (BT028651). The cordon and following search at first light, resulted in the detention of twenty-seven (27) confirmed VCS. NPFF, S-2, and CIT personnel comprised the searching unit while Third Battalion, 1st Marines held the cordon position.

On 6 August 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) conducted a search and clear operation in Dodge City. With Company "L" on the left flank and Company "I" on the right flank, the Battalion CP in the center and Company "K" providing rear security for the Battalion, the Battalion swept north from Highway 4. Boundaries included the French Railroad Berm on the west, the 61 grid line on the north, and the Suoi Co Ca River on the east. This operation terminated on 9 August.

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On 10 August, the 3rd Battalion commenced search and clear operations west of the Regimental CP. Boundaries for this operation were south of the Song Cau Do River, west of the 94 grid line, north of the 63 grid line and east of the Regiment Road. Company "I" swept west of the Song Yen River, while Company "K" with Company "L" providing rear security as the Battalion swept south. This operation terminated on 14 August.

On 15 August one (1) platoon from Company "I" operated west of the Song Yen, Company "L" assumed responsibility for the area east of the river and west of the Regimental CP. Company "K" prepared for a land clearing operation in Dodge City. Company "M" continued search and clear operations on Go Noi Island.

On 18 August, Company "K" was moved by truck down Highway 4 to Dodge City and began its assigned mission.

On 18 August, the 1st Marines TAOR was modified and included area extending west and south of the old TAOR. Third Battalion now had responsibility for the defense of the western TAOR. With the Regimental CP located on Hill 55, the Battalion CP was positioned on Hill 37. Company "L" assumed responsibility for the northern portion of the Battalion TAOR. Company "I" was assigned the western/central portion including the Golden Gate Bridge south of Hill 55. Company "K" was moved from Dodge City west to the southern portion of the Battalion TAOR. Company "M" remained on Go Noi Island, continuing their assigned mission in operation "PIPESTONE CANYON".

From 18-31 August, Third Battalion operated in its new TAOR by day and night patrolling and ambushes. One (1) special operation involving elements of Company "K" and Company "I" occurred on 26 August. The 51st ARVN Regiment held an operation in the eastern portion of the 3rd Battalion TAOR. Company "K" and elements of Company "I" were positioned from the Golden Gate Bridge south to Highway #4 as a blocking force for this command operation. On 28 August Company "K" coordinated with Company "D" and Company "C" 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, to effectively cordon La Huan and Chau Lau (AT985605 - center of mass). This operation terminated on 29 August and concluded any other significant operations within the Third Battalion's TAOR for the month of August.

B. AIR SUPPORT/DEFENSE

1. Medevacs

During the month of August there were a total of thirty two (32) medevac missions flown for the 3rd Battalion. Included within these missions, thirty four (34) were emergency, twenty three (23) priority, and fourteen (14) routine, for a total of seventy one (71) medevaced personnel. This is a decrease from the eighty seven (87) personnel medevaced in July. The average time for a medevac being completed was approximately 20 minutes.

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2. Logistics

Helicopter resupply was necessary for Co. "M" positioned at Go Noi Island throughout the month. There was a Battalion sweep in Dodge City and all resupply was initiated and completed from Hill 55.

3. Fixed Wing

During the month of August, there were seven (7) Night Owl strikes, two (2) Spooky missions, six (6) Basketball missions, and nine (9) flights of air dropping Snake and Napalm. There were five hundred (500) meters of tree line destroyed along with forty-seven (47) bunkers.

4. Reconnaissance Flights

There were fourteen (14) VR flights flown during August.

C. ARTILLERY

Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 11th Marines provides 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines with artillery forward observer teams and battalion FSCC personnel. During the month of August, direct artillery support was provided by Battery "A", Battery "B", Battery "C", and Whiskey Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines. General support was provided by Battery "D", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines and 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery, 1st Force Artillery Group.

The Third Battalion, 1st Marines was provided with forward observer teams consisting of an FO, Scout Observer, and Radio operator. These teams held classes on supporting arms for personnel newly arrived in the Republic of Vietnam. Demonstrations in the field were given on call for fire procedure. These procedures proved very successful in demonstrating the availability and uses of artillery support. Squad leaders were supervised in the adjusting procedures for call for fire.

The large increase in artillery rounds expended for the month of August can be attributed to the Battalion's new TACR, its many more target areas and less fire restrictions. In addition to these, information gathered through intelligence reports, activity sighting, infantry unit recommendations and requests have prompted an increase in E&I fires accordingly.

SUMMARY

	<u>Artillery</u>	<u>81mm</u>
Targets Submitted	1125	976
Targets Cleared	817	747
Rounds Expended	7120	6379
Contact Rounds	435	560
Prep Fire Rounds	953	716
Illumination Rounds	284	407
Others Rounds	4763	3106

Total Rounds Expended for the Month of August:

81mm - 10,168

Arty - 13,542

* Clear booby trapped areas intelligence report, siesmographic readings, etc.

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TRAINING

THE BATTALION CONDUCTED THE FOLLOWING TRAINING DURING AUGUST

1. A formal Orientation/Indoctrination Program was conducted for one hundred sixty nine (169) personnel. Lectures were presented by the Battalion Commander and all staff sections, Air Liaison Officer, Medical Section, and Communications Officer. Special emphasis was placed on orders which govern the actions of the individual Marine, the Personal Response Program, the conditions of the area in which the Marines will operate, and the goals, and the missions of the Battalion. One full day of training was devoted to care and cleaning, safety features, familiarization firing, and zeroing of the M-16 rifle. The Quick/Fire/Quick Kill firing method was also presented. The companies conducted normal training as operational commitments permitted.
2. Familiarization firing of the M-16 rifle was conducted at the Battalion Rifle Range for one hundred sixty nine (169) personnel of the Battalion.
3. Quotas were received and filled for formal training which included:

a. In Country Schools

	<u>Number</u>
(1) Officer Leadership	2
(2) NCO Leadership	8
(3) SMO Leadership	2
(4) Fiscal Clerk	1
(5) HST	1
(6) Career Planning	1
(7) Motion Picture Projectionist	1
(8) Kit Carson Orientation	3
(9) Com/ Electronics	1
(10) Land Mine Warfare	45

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LOGISTICSA. ENGINEER ASSISTANCE AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION

The Battalion moved to the HILL 37 Combat Base on 18 August, 1969 and is in the process of submitting engineer work requests to improve living and working conditions. Immediate priority has been given the Battalion Aid Station's Emergency Bunker which at this time is totally unsatisfactory. A TFSC Bunker request for a 20' x 32' x 8' bunker has been submitted to improve this situation. The Battalion shower is operable but the drainage is inadequate and needs repairing.

SEA Huts and heads have been requested by 1st Marines to improve living areas at this Combat Base. Half of the existing living spaces are strongback tents and should be replaced with SEA Huts. The Battalion continues to improve the HILL 37 Combat Base on a self help program.

B. SUPPLY

1. Classes I, III, and IV supply support have been sufficient during August to meet the Battalion operational commitments. Class II support continues to be a problem, however, it has improved during this reporting period. DX provides the major portion of deadlined AN/PRC 25's which are a necessity to all combat operations.

C. MAINTENANCE

The following Tactical Equipment Repair Orders were submitted to Maintenance Battalion, 1st PSR/FLC during August.

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>
Motor Transport	0	0
Ordnance	36	15
Comm/Elect	12	2
Engineer	0	0

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PART II

COMMUNICATIONS

A. PERSONNEL

As of 31 August, the total strength of the Communications Platoon was one (1) officer and sixty-nine (69) enlisted. A new Comm Chief joined the Battalion on 19 August.

B. EQUIPMENT

Message Center equipment continues to be a problem, primarily due to unstable source power and heat. The generators and wiring unable to constantly provide the level of power required. Two (2) NSA generator teams have been contacted and conducted extensive repairs and adjustments on the generators themselves. In addition, a Division Survey team has been contacted and will conduct a survey of all exterior wire. New wiring should eliminate the problem of unstable power.

C. OPERATIONS/TRAINING

During August a portion of the Communications Platoon participated in a number of operations. On 6 August, members of the Communications Platoon participated in the move of the Battalion CP from Cau Ha combat base to Duong Sen (2). During this phase the Communications Platoon was supporting four (4) command posts. Upon completion of the move many electrical fixtures and much internal wire had to be reinstalled. On 18 August, the Communications Platoon participated in the move from Duong Sen (2) to Hill 37. Since completions of the move 2850 feet of 25 pair cable has been installed throughout the combat base. Normal on the job training continues and the proficiency of the Communications Platoon continues to improve.

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MEDICAL/DENTAL AFFAIRSA. PERSONNEL

1. On 31 August 1969, total strength was two (2) Medical Officers and fifty-two (52) corpsmen. During this period six (6) corpsmen were transferred to other commands: three (3) for duty and three (3) for Duty Under Treatment. There were six (6) WIA's and one (1) KIA for this period.

B. PATIENT LOAD

1. For this period four hundred forty-two (442) patients were seen at the Battalion Aid Station Sick Call for an average of fifteen (15) patients per day, a decrease of 49% from last month's total.

2. There were six (6) diagnosed with V.D., ten (10) with diarrhea, twenty-six with upper respiratory infection, six (6) with FUO, one hundred eighty (180) with skin disorders. The Battalion had no cases of malaria.

C. MED CAP/DENT CAP

1. Medical aid was given to one hundred forty-eight (148) Vietnamese civilians by the BAS.

2. No dental patients were treated by the BAS during this period.

3. BAS corpsmen held no MED CAP/DENT CAP during the month of August due to the two moves accomplished by the Battalion.

D. SANITATION

1. Sanitation inspections were held weekly during the month of August. Gradual improvements in the mess hall were noted and drainage problems were corrected. The screening of the billeting spaces have been accomplished and has made a definite improvement. Appropriate rat control measures have shown a decrease in the number of rats observed in the Battalion area.

2. On 18 August, the battalion area relocated to Hill 37. Since the relocation, two (2) sanitation inspections have been held. Minor and major discrepancies have been noted in the mess hall. The minor errors are those of personal neglect in routine procedures. Major discrepancies have been material ones such as inadequate drainage and water supply. Most minor discrepancies are improving; however, major ones need engineering assistance which has been requested. Other areas have non-functional or improperly maintained urinals and heads. S-4 has provided new urinals for the areas which need them, and measures are being taken to install them. Showers in the area have inadequate drainage due to hard rocky soil. Engineering assistance will be required to delete this problem. A definite rodent problem exists in the area and appropriate measures are being taken by the Medical Department in obtaining poison bait. Screens and doors are needed in living quarters in many areas and personnel concerned have been advised.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

011950H. While India was enroute to their ambush site, they spotted three (3) VC/NVA, they engaged enemy with small arms. Results were: one (1) VC/NVA KIA, one (1) AK-47 with (2) magazines, one (1) AM/FM radio and assorted gear captured.

020630H. India spotted one (1) VC/NVA hiding in treeline near body of VC/NVA killed the night before. Engaged with small arms killing one (1) VC/NVA. The enemy KIA had one M-26, a cartridge belt, and assorted documents in two (2) wallets.

0221215H. Mike activity found C-4, time fuze pliers, blasting caps in an NVA pack.

021315H. Mike found one (1) PRC/10 radio with hand set while searching tunnel.

020800H. Kilo, while setting into 360° perimeter detonated an SFD on a mound resulting in seven (7) WIA's. SFD believed to be an 82mm mortar round.

031200H. VN boy turned in a boxmine with pressure type firing device. Box was filled with glass, gun powder, and rocks. India activity destroyed Mine with C-4.

041110H. 3/1(-) completed a cordon and search of Bo Mong (2) BT028651. Results: Twenty seven (27) confirmed VCS detained and sent to 3rd CIT.

041830H. Mike swept area of the last two (2) days H&I fires and found one (1) VC/NVA (KBA) in a grey uniform. Canteen and cartridge belt were found on the body.

041935H. Lima reported three (3) VC/NVA while moving to their ambush site. Engaged with small arms and M-79. Results: one (1) VC/NVA KIA with three (3) chi coms and documents captured.

051500H. Mike found one (1) 105 round, one (1) 155 round, nine (9) M-79 rounds, three (3) M-26 grenades, assorted small arms and twenty (20) pounds of grain.

061230H. Mike found one (1) 250 pound bomb set vertically in a field. It had a pressure type device, assumed it was an anti tank mine. Bomb was destroyed with C-4.

061800H. Lima found three hundred (300) to four hundred (400) rounds of AK-47 ammunition and one (1) LAAW. Ordnance destroyed with C-4.

061930H. While digging in defense push at night, Kilo found five hundred (500) pounds of rice and one (1) 155 round.

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070715H. Kilo activity found five hundred pound bomb with charges still intact.

071250H. India unit found a footbridge crossing stream. Dirt around the bridge had numerous footprints indicating probably enemy activity.

071940H. While on sweep, Mike found ten (10) bunkers, an anti-tank mine containing thirty pounds of C-4, eight (8) naval gun rounds (eight inch) and one hundred (100) pounds of grain.

091015H. Scout Snipers spotted one (1) VC/NVA and fired one (1) round. Activity sent to check area found one (1) VC KIA.

101100H. Mike, while on patrol spotted unknown size enemy unit. Unit called 81 mortar mission and observed eleven (11) VC/NVA KIA's.

111230H. Mike found seven (7) bunkers and one (1) VC/NVA body.

120800H. Mike found a .45 caliber pistol with two (2) magazines while checking bunkers.

121500H. Lima found a VC mine field while on a sweep. Mine field was marked and measured one hundred(100) meters by five hundred (500) meters approximately.

151000H. Mike, while sweeping area, found one (1) two hundred and fifty pound bomb, two (2) 60mm duds, two (2) 105 rounds, three (3) 81 mortar rounds and twelve (12) B-40 rockets.

162030H. Lima while, moving to ambush site, saw three (3) VC/NVA moving north to south. Engaged with small arms fire and called Arty mission. Searched area and found one (1) AK-47, five (5) chioms, six (6) AK-47 magazines/ammo, two NVA belts and one (1) NVA pouch, two (2) NVA bodies.

170830H. Mike found food, utensils, water cans and footprints of twenty (20) to twenty five (25) persons, indicating area was used recently.

171150H. Kilo activity found document in a bunker concerning the B-50th NVA. Sent document to S-2.

172215H. Setting in company perimeter, Kilo received one (1) RPG. Called Arty mission and gunships. The results were four (4) USMC WIA.

181100H. Land truck in convoy detonated box mine overturning truck. Results: eleven (11) USMC WIA.

181130H. Mike pursued one (1) VC/NVA they spotted on railroad berm. Upon reaching the berm saw twenty five (25) to thirty (30) NVA dressed in various types of clothing, USMC helmets and utilities. Engaged with organic weapons and killed five (5) NVA. Tank fired into midst of enemy, AO confirmed numerous enemy bodies on the ground. Called air strike.

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181745H. Mike swept area of air strikes and found one (1) NVA, one (1) AK-47, one (1) RPG launcher, twelve (12) B-40 rockets, twenty (20) chicoms, sixteen (16) booby trap fish cans with C-4.

181810H. Lima, while on patrol, had one (1) man trip a 60mm SFD. While medevacing casualty Marine tripped Daisy Chain SFD resulting in one (1) KIA and ten (10) WIA.

182110H. Mike listening post received incoming M-26, engaged with claymores and small arms. Found one (1) VC/NVA KIA.

190035H. 3/1 rear received ten to twelve (10-12) 60 mortar rounds, six (6) RPG rounds and small arms fire. Returned fire from lines, called Arty mission and fired claymores. Results one (1) AK-47, two (2) AK-50, one (1) VC/NVA KIA.

191220H. Lima, while on patrol, found sign telling civilians not to walk on trails because of mines, sign written in Vietnamese.

191400H. Lima, while on patrol, had Marine detonate SFD (M-26).. While medevacing casualty another SFD was detonated resulting in eight (8) medevacs total.

191600H. Mike swept area of last nights contact and found one (1) AK-47 with magazine, NVA uniform, one (1) chi com grenade, NVA pack, and many drag marks with blood pools.

191720H. Kilo, while moving on patrol route, came upon one VC/NVA. Point engaged with small arms resulting in one (1) VC/NVA KIA, one (1) AK-47, two hundred (200) rounds of AK-47 ammo, and six (6) chi com grenades.

191915H. Scouts, attached to Kilo, spotted one (1) VC/NVA and fired one (1) round. Results: One (1) VC/NVA KIA, NVA belt and canteen.

201100H. Kilo activity found one (1) VC/NVA body dressed in black pajamas, (KBA).

202830H. Kilo activity searched two (2) bunkers and found two (2) VC/NVA bodies (KBA).

201100H. Kilo activity found (3) RPG rounds, one (1) pineapple grenade and assorted gear.

210610H. Mike conducted sweep of suspected enemy staging area and killed one (1) VC/NVA, captured one (1) K-54 pistol with two (2) magazines, one (1) chi com and one (1) M-26 grenade, also one hundred twenty (120) piasters and notebook.

211150H. Kilo Scout Sniper fired one (1) round at one VC/NVA approximately five hundred (500) meters away. Observed individual fall, checked area and found bloody patch, helmet and knife sheath, One VC/NVA KIA.

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211200H. While on patrol, Mike Company saw one (1) VC/NVA running into ville, pursued and detained nineteen (19) VCS.

211730H. Kilo activity and sniper team observed five (5) VC/NVA five hundred meters north of this position. Engaged with small arms and observed three (3) enemy KIA through starlight scope. After lapse of ten (10) minutes, observed ten (10) to twelve (12) VC/NVA carrying weapons. Called fire mission and checked area. Found two (2) AK-47 and one holster.

220600H. Mike activity found one (1) VC/NVA body, one (1) AK-47, two (2) magazines, from last night's contact.

220349H. Retrieving damaged tank, and returning to Mike Company CP, mine detonated (anti-tank), resulting in six (6) USMC medevacs.

231815H. Kilo activity spotted eleven (11) VC/NVA north of their ambush site. Called fire mission and engaged with organic weapons. Results: three (3) VC/NVA KIA.

240800H. Mike activity found two (2) NVA bodies while on sweep of 60mm H&I area of the night before.

240800H. Kilo scout sniper spotted one (1) VC/NVA and fired one round. Results were one (1) VC/NVA KIA, two (2) M-26, one (1) AK-47 magazine.

241305H. India unit left behind for observation saw three (3) VC/NVA, engaged with small arms. Results saw two (2) enemy fall, checked area and found no bodies but large pools of blood.

250800H. Scout snipers spotted and observed four (4) VC/NVA digging in west of their position. Fired one (1) round, checked area and found one (1) VC/NVA KIA.

251115H. India, while on patrol, heard loud explosion. Investigated and found one (1) KIA and seven (7) WIA from an SFD, all were male Vietnamese.

252025H. Search of area of last night's contact by Kilo revealed two (2) VC/NVA KIA.

251115H. Kilo, while setting in ambush site received RPG's and small arms fire from an unknown size enemy force. Returned fire and called fire mission. Results were six (6) USMC WIA.

260315H. Mike CP received six (6) RPG rounds and ten (10) 60mm rounds. Called fire mission and spooky. Negative USMC casualties.

261530H. Mike found two (2) Russian made anti-tank rockets and one crimped cartridge for firing from a grenade launcher. Destroyed with C-4.

281030H. Marine from Lima tripped SFD resulting in four KIA and two (2) WIA. SFD believed to be 105 round three (3) feet high on mound.

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280815H. India while on patrol, received small arms fire from treeline resulting in one (1) USMC WIA.

291100H. Mike found one (1) 82mm mortar round while on sweep.

291500H. While on sweep, Mike activity set controlled fire resulting in five secondary explosions.

292230H. Kilo, while setting into ambush site saw two (2) VC/NVA and opened fire resulting in two (2) VC/NVA KIA, NVA belt, two (2) chicom grenades, NVA pack, three (3) booby traps.

300815H. Lima activity swept area of last nights arty mission and found one (1) strobe light, one (1) AK-47 magazine/ammo, and documents.

310815H. Kilo activity observed four (4) VC/NVA packing gear, engaged with organic weapons, searched area and found, surgical gear, bandages, one (1) wallet with papers and one (1) bloody shirt.

311205H. Scout snipers tripped SFD and were calling medevac when engaged by four (4) to six (6) enemy. Results: two (2) USMC KIA.

311145H. Mike spotted twenty (20) to thirty (30) VC/NVA moving west to east. Called fire mission. Results were twenty (20) VC/NVA KIA.

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0200	0210	1	070200H	I-3 recd 3 incoming rounds.		F
0715	0725	2	071003H	K-1 fd 500 lbs rice, turned over to S-2.		F
0900	0915	3	071015H	I-1 fd enemy documents & gave to S-2.		F
0915	0925	4	071020H	L-2 fd dud 105 rd & destd same.		F
0920	0935	5	071011H	K-1 fd misc. gear.		F
0930	0949	6	070958H	Act fd en AK-47 rounds.		F
0950	0955	7	071020H	L-3 fd 81mm round and destroyed.		F
1000	1020	8	071120H	L-3 fd and destd en bunker.		F
1020	1030	9	071126H	K-1 fd 200lb bomb, misc gear, destd bomb.		F
1045	1055	10	071258H	L-2 fd 500 lb bomb and destroyed.		F
1045	1055	11	071255H	L-2 fd 200 lbs of rice.		F
1045	1055	12	071255H	Act fd and destd 2 en. bunkers.		F
1100	1115	13	071240H	I-2 fd & destd en bunker.		F
1100	1115	14	071303H	L-3 fd & destd en bunkers.		F
1105	1125	15	071045H	K-3 fd & destd LAAW.		F
1120	1125	16	071120H	K 3/1 fd misc gear in en bunker. Destd bkr.		F
1155	1205	17	071228H	L-2 fd and dest en bunker.		F
1200	1215	18	071230H	K act fd misc gear & gave to S-2.		F
1205	1220	19	071255H	I-3 fd and destd spider hole (en).		F
1245	1255	20	071329H	India fd and destd 2 tunnels.		F
1250	1255	21	071330H	India fd and destd 2 en bunkers.		F
1250	1300	22	071334H-	India fd en footbridge and destd same.		F
1420	1430	23	071430H	Kilo act recd s/a fire.		F
1600	1620	24	071630H	Act fd 250 lb. bomb and destd same.		F
1620	1630	25	071635H	L-1 fd and destd en bunker, misc gear.		F
1700	1720	26	071720H	Mike fd and destd en footbridge.		F
1700	1710	27	071720H	Kilo fd and destd bunker (en).		F
1730	1740	28	071855H	L-1 fd and destd en bunker.		F
1730	1740	29	071855H	K 2 recd 2 WIA destroying bridge.		F
1730	1745	30	071900H	L 1 fd and destd en bunker.		F
1920	1935	31	071920H	L2 recd 2 sniper rounds.		F
1920	1935	32	071930H	L3 fd and destd en bunker.		F
1930	1945	33	071940H	M fd and destd 10 en bunkers.		F
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0700	0710	1	120700H	I-1 fd and dest'd en bunker.		F
0700	0710	2	120700H	India fd 250 lb bomb and dest same.		F
0700	0715	3	120700H	I-2 fd and dest'd dud 105 rd.		F
1145	1200	4	120800H	M-3 fd .45 pistol.		F
1140	1140	5	121230H	L-2 fd & dest'd SFD.		F
1155	1500	6	121230H	L-2 dest'd SFD.		F
1310	1320	7	121300H	I detained 2 VN.		F
1440	1500	8	121310H	L-2 fd 04 SFD's and dest'd same.		F
1500	1510	9	121400H	I-2 fd dud 105 rd and dest'd same.		F
1500	1515	10	121500H	L fd VC minefield.		F
1740	1755	11	121720H	I-2 fd and dest'd SFD.		F
1900	1910	12	121740H	I-3 fd and dest'd dud M-79.		F
1800	1810	13	121745H	I-2 dest'd SFD.		F
1915	1925	14	121900H	I-2 fd & dest'd box mine.		F
2300	2310	15	122300H	Lima observed secondary explosion.		F
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0025	0045	1	152315H	M-4 recd 19 mortars at AT950695		F
0020	0045	2	160020H	CP post spotted rocket flash AT009639		F
0830	0900	3	160830H	L1 tripped SFD, 2 WIA at AT967667		F
0940	0950	4	160940H	I act recd ordnance from VN for rwd, AT959678		F
1605	1620	5	161200H	M-3 fd ord at AT994534		F
1429	1445	6	161400H	I-1 tripped SFD, 1 casualty at AT963668		F
1520	1530	7	161430H	I-1 tripped SFD, 1 casualty at AT956678		F
1520	1530	8	161500H	K-1 recd M-26, salting in 1 cas, AT983565		F
1530	1540	9	161519H	I-1 fd and dest'd SFD at AT961672		F
1540	1550	10	161535	L-1 fd mine field at AT967671		F
1930	1945	11	161545H	M-1 fd & dest en bunker & ord, food, AT962552		F
2050	2100	12	162000H	L-1 saw 3 pers VC/NVA AT971676		F
2030	2110	13	162100H	L-1 spotted 3 VC/NVA at AT973663		F
2145	2200	14	162030H	L-1 took s/a fire, 1 USMC WIA, 2NVA KIA, AT973663		F
2115	2200	15	162100H	L-1 took 60mm rds(4) at AT979654		F
2332	2400	16	162330H	I-1 saw 1 pers VC/NVA at AT959684		F
2335	2400	17	162330H	I-1 called fire mission at AT959693		F
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0001			180001H	Journal Opened		F
0250	0255	1	172300H	M fired arty mission		F
0640	0700	2	180600H	K-1 caslty-follow up AT985562 (172115)H		F
0850	0900	3	180800H	M-saw 3 VC/NVA and opened fire AT992557		F
0730	0740	4	180709H	K hit 2 AP Mines 1 cas		F
0710	0750	5	180730H	K fd sniper hole-destd and chow,ord.AT992557		F
0855	0900	6	180805H	K hit SFD, 1 casualty.		F
0820	0830	7	180800H	M- fd one SFD & destroyed same AT993556		F
0855	0905	8	180825H	K fd one SFD and destroyed		F
0940	1050	9	181030H	M - contact 35 VC/NVA, called in air strike		F
1155	1205	10	181035H	M- fd & destd mine & ordnance.		F
1130	1145	11	181100H	Convoy hit box mine, 11 casualties, med. at 954593F		F
1245	1300	12	181145H	I-3 recd s/a fire, 1 casualty (med)		F
1315	1400	13	181300H	L -2 fired and searched area fd blood trails.		F
1445	1450	14	181420H	I-3 fd bunker and destd same		F
1545	1600	15	181420H	I-13 fd 1 AP mine and destd same		F
1745	1800	16	181600H	M- fd body, food, ord, ammo, and destd same		F
1810	1825	17	181645H	L-2 hit mines (10 WIA) 1 KIA.		F
2110	2120	18	182110H	M-3 fd and recd 3 grenades, 1 cas.		F
2130	2140	19	182130H	I-1 recd intel rep obs movement		F
2300	2310	20	182222H	M-3 red 1 round 3 cas at AT960551		F
2342	2350	21	182345H	I-1 fd drag marks at AT966605		F
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0805	0815	1	240800H	K-3 killed 1 VC/NVA		F
0810	0820	2	240800H	L-1 fd 1 SFD AT969674		F
0810	0820	3	240800H	India fd documents AT947789		F
1015	1020	4	241015H	L 1 fd spider hole and destd same AT965674		F
1150	1155	5	241140H	I-2 obs 3 VC/NVA AT937595		F
1340	1350	6	241300H	I-2 checked area of contact		F
1915	1925	7	241855H	VN turned in dud chicom AT955689		F
2245	2300	8	241935H	K-2 obs 3 KIA VC/NVA on river AT907552		F
2245	2300	9	241945H	K-3 detd SFD AT917798		F
2245	2300	10	241930H	K-2 obsd 15 VC/NVA		F
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