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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

A. UNIT DESIGNATIONCOMMANDING OFFICER

1. 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines	LtCol T. P. GANEY	(1-31) DECEMBER
(a) H&S Company	Capt R. H. MULLEN	(1-31) DECEMBER
(b) Company "I"	1stLt D. D. MILLER	(1-31) DECEMBER
(c) Company "K"	Capt S. G. BIHLER	(1-31) DECEMBER
(d) Company "L"	Capt T. F. RAFFERTY	(1-31) DECEMBER
(e) Company "M"	Capt D. J. ROBINSON	(1-31) DECEMBER

B. LOCATION

1. Quang Nam Province, RVN

C. STAFF OFFICERS

1. Executive Officer	Major R. W. SHAW	(1-8) DECEMBER
	Major J. A. MARTIN	(15-31) DECEMBER
2. S-1 Adjutant	Capt N. C. CEFAIL	(1-31) DECEMBER
3. S-1A Asst. Adjutant	1stLt W. C. AGER	(1-31) DECEMBER
4. S-1B Asst. Adjutant	2ndLt W. D. BAINES	(21-31) DECEMBER
5. S-2	1stLt C. B. COURSER	(1-7) DECEMBER
	GySgt J. B. SANDIFER	(8-18) DECEMBER
	2ndLt M. D. QUINN	(19-31) DECEMBER
6. S-3	Major R. C. GARTEN	(1-31) DECEMBER
7. S-3A	1stLt J. C. MAY	(1-31) DECEMBER
8. S-3B	1stLt J. L. DEVINE	(1-7) DECEMBER
9. S-4	1stLt R. W. SPRUELL	(1-31) DECEMBER
10. S-5	1stLt M. S. GOLDRICK	(1-31) DECEMBER

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10. Embarkation Officer	1stLt R. W. SPRUELL	(1-31) DECEMBER
11. ALO	1stLt J. W. DANSKIN	(1-31) DECEMBER
12. FAC	1stLt D. R. MATTHEWS 1stLt A. D. KIDDER	(1-31) DECEMBER (28-31) DECEMBER
13. Comm Officer	2ndLt D. J. WALLISER	(1-31) DECEMBER
14. Supply Officer	1stLt R. E. BROOKS	(1-31) DECEMBER
15. MPO	2ndLt K. C. DIXSON	(1-31) DECEMBER
16. Chaplain	LCDR E. TAKESIAN	(1-31) DECEMBER
17. Battalion Surgeon	LT E. D. SUHRE	(1-31) DECEMBER
18. ARTY Officer	1stLt D. B. MACFARLANE	(1-31) DECEMBER
19. Legal Officer	1stLt T. B. TRAMMELL	(1-31) DECEMBER

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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PART II

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

A. PERSONNEL

1. Average Monthly Strength

a. <u>UNIT</u>	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
H&S Company	<u>18</u>	<u>307</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>55</u>
Company "I"	<u>5</u>	<u>198</u>		
Company "K"	<u>6</u>	<u>207</u>		
Company "L"	<u>6</u>	<u>198</u>		
Company "M"	<u>5</u>	<u>210</u>		
Battalion Average	<u>40</u>	<u>1120</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>55</u>

2. Casualties

a. <u>Battle</u>				<u>Non-Battle</u>			TOTAL
KIA	WIA	MIA	DOW	SERIOUS	NON-SERIOUS	DEATHS	
4	46	0	1	0	1	1	53

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>
6	47	0	3	6	50

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>
5	59	0	4	5	63

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5. Personnel Summary

a. At the close of the reporting period the personnel strength was as follows; forty-two (42) Marine Corps officers, one thousand one hundred and twenty-two (1122) Marine Corps enlisted, two (2) Navy officers, and fifty-five (55) Navy enlisted.

b. There were no Marine Corps officers promoted during the reporting period.

c. Enlisted promotions during the reporting period consisted of; eight (8) Marines promoted to Sergeant; nine (9) to Corporal; ninety-four (94) to Lance Corporal; and six (6) to Private First Class.

d. Awards recommended during the reporting period consisted of; one (1) Navy Cross Medal, two (2) Silver Star Medals, seven (7) Bronze Star Medals, fifteen (15) NCM's, thirty-six (36) NAM's.

e. Awards delivered during the reporting period consisted of; one (1) Bronze Star Medal, two (2) NCM's, and six (6) NAM's.

f. Awards readressed and forwarded during the reporting period consisted of; one (1) Navy Cross Medal, one (1) Silver Star Medal, five (5) Bronze Star Medals, six (6) NCM's, and fifteen (15) NAM's.

B. LEGAL AND DISCIPLINE

1. NJP	20
2. SCM (Completed)	0
3. SCM (Pending)	0
4. SPCM (Completed)	3
5. SPCM (Pending)	1
6. GCM (Completed)	0
7. GCM (Completed)	0
8. Investigations (Completed)	2
9. Investigations (Pending)	0
10. Article 32 (Completed)	0
11. Article 32 (Pending)	3

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C. R&R PROGRAM

1. The following is a recapitulation of R&R quotas for December 1969.

(a) Hawaii	31
(b) Australia	24
(c) Tokyo	12
(d) Bangkok	15
(e) Hong Kong	16
(f) Singapore	3
(g) Okinawa	4
(h) Taipei	13
(i) Manila	5
Total	(123)

D. CHAPLAIN SUPPORT

1. Chaplain Attached: LCDR E. TAKESIAN (1-31) DECEMBER

2. Divine Services Conducted by the Battalion Chaplain:

a. Sunday Services:	(1) Number held: 17
	(2) Number attending: 394
b. Weekday Services:	(1) Number held: 8
	(2) Number attending: 453

3. Related Activities:

a. Assisted in arranging for fourteen (14) MARS calls.

4. Pastoral Activities:

a. Personal counseling cases: 50

b. American Red Cross messages handled: 9

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PART II
INTELLIGENCE

A. ENEMY

1. General. During this reporting period fifty-two (52) enemy contacts were made. During daylight hours friendly initiated contacts numbered fourteen (14) while enemy initiated contacts numbered four (4). During the hours of darkness, friendly initiated contacts numbered twenty-eight (28) while enemy initiated contacts numbered six (6). The Battalion, as a result, accounted for one-hundred and twenty-one (121) enemy KIA's and eight (8) POW's.

Captured weapons during the month of December included; thirteen (13) AK47 assault rifles, one (1) M-1 Carbines of US manufacture, one (1) AK50 assault rifle, one (1) homemade 60mm Mortar, two (2) 7.62 Tokarev Pistols, one (1) LAAW and one (1) Starlight Scope of M16 type.

Enemy units reported in, near, or moving through the Battalion's TACR included: elements of the 983rd Battalion; 36th NVA Regiment; 1st Engineers Company (nfi); 11th Battalion of the 38th Regiment; 103D Battalion; one (1) Company of the 575th Artillery Battalion; the 577th Rocket Battalion; and one (1) Company of the 1-89th Sapper Battalion.

2. Items of Significance.

a. On 17 December, at 1625H, elements of Company "I" observed twenty (20) to twenty-five (25) VC/NVA running in an easterly direction in the vicinity of coordinates AT941625. The enemy was taken under fire. A sweep of the area revealed traces of blood and drag marks.

b. On 18 December, at 0400H, elements of Company "I" observed seventy (70) VC/NVA moving east to west vicinity of coordinates AT929637. The enemy were dressed in NVA uniforms. One-half were carrying weapons and the other half were carrying heavy bags believed to contain weapons and ordnance. Fire missions from 81mm's, 105's, 155's and one (1) gunship were utilized in covering the area with fire. A Flare Ship was also called to provide illumination. A thorough search of the area revealed four (4) enemy KIA's and one (1) 140mm rocket.

c. On 23 December, at 2025H, elements of Company "I" observed and opened fire on approximately fifty (50) VC/NVA, (vicinity of coordinates AT935621) resulting in thirteen (13) enemy KIA's one (1) AK50 assault rifle, and miscellaneous gear captured.

d. On 24 December, at 1000H, elements of Company "K" found one (1) homemade 60mm mortar tube with an attached adjustable stand, (vicinity of coordinates AT923577). The mortar showed signs of recent use.

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e. On 24 December, at 2045H, elements of Company "I" received fire from approximately one-hundred (100) VC/NVA (vicinity of coordinates AT938622). Elements of the Company returned fire and called artillery for area coverage, which resulted in thirty-one (31) enemy KIA's and three (3) POW's. Interrogation of the POW's revealed that their activity had been a function of the 31st Regiment. They also revealed that elements of the 20th Medical Company, 22nd Transportation Company and the 8th Battalion were also involved in the activity.

f. On 24 December, at 2110H, elements of Company "L" encountered approximately sixty (60) VC/NVA (vicinity of coordinates AT937621) and accounted for ten (10) NVA KIA's. The enemy were believed to be of the same unit which were taken under fire by Company "I" at 242045H, December 1969 (vicinity coordinates AT938622).

g. On 26 December, at 2110H, elements of Company "M" observed in excess of fifty (50) VC/NVA moving in an easterly direction (vicinity of coordinates AT975659). An artillery mission was called and a search of the area resulted in one (1) M-26 hand grenade, one (1) M-60 assault pouch, and one (1) Starlight Scope.

h. On 27 December, at 1400H, elements of Company "I" (vicinity of coordinates AT953672), found one (1) 122mm rocket booster intact.

3. Statistics.

a. Booby traps found	81
b. Detonated	24
c. Captured weapons	18
d. Crew served weapons	1
e. Detainees	17
f. POW's	8
g. KIA's	121
h. Bunker's & tunnels destroyed	45
i. VIP Fund Expenditures	13,900\$VN

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The temperatures for this month have ranged from an average high of seventy-nine (79) degrees to an average low of sixty-seven (67) degrees. Rainfall for the month was three and one-tenth (3.1) inches, whereas the average monthly rainfall for December is eight and seven tenths (8.7) inches.

C. TERRAIN

The Battalion TAOR consists primarily of flooded rice paddies and scattered treelines except for the mountainous portions of the TAOR known as "Charlie Ridge". Seedling rice is presently being cultivated for winter harvest. The monsoon season has reached a lull and although terrain permits improved troop movement, traffic in many instances is restricted to elevated transportation routes. Overall terrain conditions are rated as fair.

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PART II

OPERATIONS

A. ORGANIZATION AND DISPOSITION

Operations in the 3rd Battalion's TACR centered on securing the DaNang Rocket Belt. Squad sized combat and ambush patrols were used to accomplish this mission. A second mission, interdiction of the enemy's routes of supply, was attained by ambushes along the base of "Charlie Ridge" and in the area of the "Hook" (AT953630). On the nights of 23 and 24 December elements of Companies "I" and "L" accounted for fifty-four (54) enemy KIA's and three (3) POW's, in separate engagements at the base of "Charlie Ridge". The enemy, as a result of these encounters, was left without his vital supplies of food and his capability to attack was seriously diminished.

Riverine Operations conducted by Company "L" continued on the navigable waterways within the Battalion's TACR.

From 12 December through 18 December, Company "K" conducted search and destroy operations in the western "Dodge City" AO. During the operations which were centered in the AT9656 and AT9756 grid squares, the Company accounted for one (1) VC KIA, eight (8) bunkers and numerous fighting positions destroyed, ten (10) booby traps found and destroyed, and two (2) individual weapons captured.

As of 31 December, the disposition of forces under the tactical control of the 3rd Battalion was as follows:

Company "I" CP was located on Hill 22 (AT953667). The Company was operating in the northwestern portion of the Battalion TACR.

Company "K" CP was located on the Golden Gate Bridge (AT964604). The Company operated in the southern portion of the Battalion TACR.

Company "L" CP was located on Hill 37 (AT916582). The company operated in the central area of the Battalion TACR.

Company "M" CP was located on Hill 55 (AT967617). The Company was under the operational control of 1st Marine Regiment for participation in the Infantry Company Intensive Pacification Program (ICIPP).

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B. AIR SUPPORT/DEFENSE

1. FIXED WING

During the month of December, the Third Battalion, First Marines completed a total of ninety-two (92) fixed wing air missions which included twenty-five (25) A-6 Beacons, twenty-eight (28) Close Air Support Missions, eight (8) Shadow Gunship AC-119 aircraft, eight (8) C-130 Basketball Flare Ships, and twenty-three (23) Forward Air Controllers (Airborne). These aircraft expended a total of two hundred and fifty six (256) tons of bombs and napalm, one hundred and fifteen thousand (115,000) rounds of 7.62mm and 20mm ammunition, and eight hundred and fifty (850) flares.

In the assessment of bomb damage, six (6) bunkers, two (2) huts and five hundred (500) meters of treeline were destroyed. Sixty (60) secondary explosions and fires of various sizes were also observed. One (1) VC/NVA was killed by an airborne controller when he was hit by a White Phosphorous marking round.

2. MEDEVACS

Marine helicopters in support of the Third Battalion, First Marines completed twenty eight (28) medevac missions including twenty five (25) emergencies, fifteen (15) priorities, and ten (10) routines. The average time for emergency medevacs was thirty (30) minutes from the initial call for the aircraft to its arrival over the landing zone.

3. RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS

There were twenty three (23) visual Recon Flights flown during the month.

4. LOGISTICS

Helicopter resupply supported Company "I" located at Hill 22 (AT953667) for the entire month.

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C. ARTILLERY

Devastating Artillery and Mortar fire was released upon the enemy during the month of December. The 1st Battalion, 11th Marines Artillery Regiment provided artillery fire in the direct support role using Batteries "A" and "C". General support from Battery "L", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines (155 Self-propelled Howitzer) and Battery "C", 3rd 8 Inch Battery, 11th Marines supplemented the direct support fires. Mortar support came from the 81mm Mortar Platoon of the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines. Both the mortar and artillery fires substantially increased this month due to the higher level of enemy activity. The 3rd Battalion employed its organic 106mm Recoilless Rifles and Tanks of 3rd Platoon, Company "B", 1st Tank Battalion to supplement mortar and artillery fires. The Battalion fires also supported the Popular Forces, Regional Forces and the Combined Action Companies operating in it's TAOR.

The Battalion Fire Support Coordination Center personnel were provided by Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 11th Marines, and the 81mm Mortar Platoon. 81mm Mortar and Artillery Forward Observer Teams were attached to each company. Numerous classes in calling and adjusting supporting arms were conducted this month by the Artillery Forward Observers and the Artillery Liaison Officer.

The total number of rounds fired this month, over twenty-seven thousand (27,000), exceeded the total attained last month by more than six thousand (6,000) rounds. More thorough coverage of the TAOR by harassing and interdiction fires and additional contact fire missions accounted for this increase. Flooding fires on routes of enemy escape were emphasized during contact.

SUMMARY

	<u>Artillery</u>	<u>81mm</u>
H&I Targets Submitted	1119	329
H&I Targets Cleared	802	235
H&I Rounds Expended	14642	2844
Observed Fire Missions Submitted	251	66
Observed Fire Missions Cleared	224	56
Observed Rounds Expended	1170	2625
Illumination Rounds Expended	1248	1891
8 inch/155 Rounds Expended	647	
SUB-TOTAL ROUNDS EXPENDED	<u>19707</u>	<u>7360</u>

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106 Recoilless Rounds Expended

70

Tank Rounds Expended

438

TOTAL ARTILLERY, 81mm MORTAR, 106RR, TANK ROUNDS EXPENDED
IN DECEMBER

27,575

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TRAINING

1. THE BATTALION CONDUCTED THE FOLLOWING TRAINING DURING DECEMBER

a. Indoctrination/Orientation. Forty nine (49) enlisted and seven (7) Officers and Staff NCO's completed a five (5) day Indoctrination/Orientation Course prior to being deployed to units in the field. A complete schedule of classes included lectures by the Battalion CO, all Executive Staff Sections, Air and Artillery Liaison Officers, Medical Section and Communications Officer. Special emphasis was placed on Mines and Booby Traps, Personal Response, orders which govern the actions of individual Marines, and the goals and missions of the Battalion.

b. Company Training Cycle. All Companies conducted training on a weekly schedule which included Supporting Arms, Squad Tactics, Mines and Booby Traps and NCO Leadership. Division Contact Teams were used whenever possible and emphasis in training is placed on areas of weakness as determined by the Company Commanders.

c. The Battalion Rifle Range was used to instruct all incoming personnel in the quick fire/quick kill method of engagement. A total of seventy five (75) Marines were instructed in this method. Furthermore, all new personnel and any others who desired, were given the opportunity to familiarization fire and place battle sights on their weapons.

d. Quotas were received and filled for the following formal schools:

(1) In Country Schools

Landmine Warfare	(22)
Officer Leadership	(1)
SNCO Leadership	(1)
NCO Leadership	(4)
Generator School	(6)

(2) Out of Country Schools - Okinawa

Career Planning	(1)
Basic Ammo Tech	(2)

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LOGISTICSA. ENGINEER ASSISTANCE AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION

During this reporting period, no new engineer work requests were completed. Work continues on the construction project undertaken by MCB 74. At present, seventeen (17) new SEA Huts have been completed along with one (1) new forty foot water tower. Foundations have been laid for two (2) twenty-head shower units and one (1) ten-head shower unit. Work has commenced for two hundred and fifty (250) man addition to the messhall. NSA Public Works has conducted an electrical survey of the existing wiring on the Hill 37 Combat Base (AT915582). This survey is to be followed by an upgrading of the wiring and a step-up of power from 100 KW generators to 150 KW generators. One (1) forty foot observation tower has been ordered and is under construction. It is to be placed at the junction of Route 1D and Route 4 (coordinates AT967584).

B. SUPPLY

Classes I, II, III, and IV supply support have been sufficient during December to meet this Battalion's operational commitments. Flak jackets are no longer a critical item, however, crew served weapons have now become critical. This Battalion's MARES Percentages have remained significantly high during the past month due to the receipt of many new items from FSR/FIC.

C. MAINTENANCE

The following Tactical Equipment Repair Orders were submitted to Maintenance Battalion, 1st FSR/FIC during December.

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>
Motor Transport	7	0
Ordnance	54	20
Comm/Elect	27	21
Engineer	0	0

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PART II

COMMUNICATIONSA. PERSONNEL

As of 31 December, the Communications Platoon consisted of one (1) officer and seventy-nine (79) enlisted personnel.

B. EQUIPMENT

During the month one, (1) AN/MRC-87 radio jeep was turned into Maintenance Battalion in exchange for one (1) AN/MRC-124 radio jeep. Three (3) telephone sets TA-312 were received by the wire section. There has been no change in the status of the AN/TGC-14 and AN/TGC-3 Teletypewriters for the message center. Full implementation of the Nestor (cypher) System brought about a re-evaluation of battery usage data, multiplying previous consumption by three (3). An appraisal of the wire system on Hill 37 (AT915581) was made by NSA. A complete rewiring of the cantonment was recommended, in addition to a step-up in power from a 100 KW generator to 150 KW generator. The continuous rewiring of the cantonment has relieved the load on the present 100 KW generators. About twenty-five (25) living quarters were rewired during the month. One (1) generator was replaced at the SEABEE Bridge (AT914587).

C. OPERATIONS/TRAINING

Personnel from the Communications Platoon participated in several short-range patrols. Extensive training was conducted with the Nestor System, while training with the AN/PPS-6 Radar Set, now employed with Companies "I" and "K", continued. Classes were held for incoming personnel on the functioning of the AN/PRC-25 and AN/PRC-88 radios.

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MEDICAL/DENTAL AFFAIRSA. PERSONNEL

1. On 31 December, the total strength was one (1) Medical Officer and fifty-five (55) corpsmen. During this period eight (8) corpsmen were transferred to other commands: four (4) for duty, one (1) for separation, and three (3) for temporary duty under treatment. One (1) corpsman was WIA and one (1) corpsman was KIA in this period.

B. PATIENT LOAD

1. For this period four hundred and ten (410) patients were seen at the Battalion Aid Station Sick Call for an average of fourteen (14) patients per day.

2. There were six (6) diagnosed with V.D., eight (8) with diarrhea, thirteen (13) with upper respiratory infection, two (2) with FUO, eighteen (18) with skin disorders and one (1) with malaria.

C. MEDCAP/DENTCAP

1. Medical aid was given to nine hundred and ninety (990) Vietnamese civilians.

2. Dental care was given to forty-eight (48) Vietnamese civilians.

3. BAS Medical Personnel held ten (10) MEDCAP/DENTCAP in the month of December.

D. SANITATION

1. Sanitation inspections were held weekly in the month of December. There were few discrepancies noted. The major discrepancy is improper burning and emptying of head barrels. Measures have been taken by the Battalion Aid Station to correct this situation by holding classes on the proper method of burning head barrels and conducting additional inspections.

The Mess Hall has shown improvement, but there remains a trash and garbage problem. An additional water supply to the Mess Hall is under construction. The Medical Department is continuing to take measures in the controlling of rats by setting poison bait throughout the areas. All dogs in the area are registered with S-4 and have proper inoculations.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING
OF
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SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

021510H. A Marine from Second Platoon, Company "K", detonated a chicom grenade at coordinates AT953584 resulting in one (1) USMC WIA non-evac.

021715H. An air strike run at coordinates AT953553 destroyed three (3) bunkers, three hundred and fifty (350) meters of treeline, and twelve (12) fighting holes. At coordinates AT973557 one (1) bunker, fifty (50) meters of treeline were destroyed and two (2) fighting holes were uncovered.

031015H. Third Squad, First Platoon, Company "L" detonated a 105mm booby trap at coordinates AT936593 resulting in one (1) USMC emergency and two (2) USMC priority medevacs.

032015H. Second Squad, Third Platoon, Company "I" sighted ten (10) VC/NVA at coordinates AT953627, engaged enemy with organic weapons resulting in three (3) NVA KIA.

041015H. First Squad, Second Platoon, Company "K" found a Vietnamese boy with head wound from small arms fire at coordinates AT957587. The boy stated he was shot by VC/NVA (medevaced).

042100H. Company "I" observed two (2) VC/NVA at coordinates AT931633. Engaged enemy with organic weapons resulting in (1) VC/NVA KIA.

071010H. Second Squad, Third Platoon, Company "K" found booby trapped M-26 grenade at coordinates AT935556, which when destroyed in place resulted in a large secondary explosion and one (1) USMC WIA.

081030H. Second Squad, Second Platoon, Company "K" received five (5) M79 rounds at coordinates AT977595, returned fire and called 60mm mortar mission. The encounter resulted in three (3) USMC WIA medevaced, one (1) Vietnamese female killed and three (3) Vietnamese females wounded.

081125H. Second Squad, Third Platoon, Company "K" found one (1) booby trapped M26 grenade at coordinates AT944583, which was destroyed in place.

091230H. Second Squad, Second Platoon, Company "K" detonated booby trap at coordinates AT979593 resulting in one (1) USMC WIA non-evac.

091110H. Second Squad, Second Platoon, Company "K" detonated booby trap at coordinates AT979590 resulting in one (1) USMC WIA (routine medevac).

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100740H. Second Squad, Third Platoon, Company "L" tripped one (1) M-26 booby trap at coordinates AT930589 resulting in one (1) USMC WIA, emergency medevac.

101215H. Recon divers inspected Sea Bee Bridge (AT913587), Marshall Bridge (AT919598), No Name Bridge (AT924605).

110300H. Second Squad, Second Platoon, Company "I" observed one (1) rocket being fired from coordinates AT964691, called in artillery mission.

111000H. Second Squad, Second Platoon, Company "I" while searching area of counter rocket fires found one (1) VC/NVA KBA at AT964694.

111225H. Second Squad, Second Platoon, Company "K" detonated M-26 booby trap at coordinates AT978594 resulting in one (1) USMC WIA, emergency medevac and two (2) USMC WIA non-evac.

120100H. Company "I" observed six (6) VC/NVA at coordinates AT950690, engaged with organic weapons resulting in five (5) VC/NVA KIA and one (1) NVA WIA captured.

120930H. Battalion conducted three (3) fixed wing airstrikes resulting in one (1) large secondary explosion with yellow smoke believed to be a tunnel complex at coordinates AT918628 and one H.E. secondary explosion at coordinates AT921631.

121030H. An air strike conducted on coordinates AT916630 resulted in three (3) large secondary explosions believed to be tunnel complex. At coordinates AT918635 one (1) delayed WP secondary explosion and one (1) observed fired rocket, resulted from a second air strike.

121045H. First Platoon, Company "K", found a tunnel under a grave mound at coordinates AT950588 containing one (1) M-1 Carbine.

121530H. First Platoon, Company "L" while sweeping the area of an artillery mission at coordinates AT919630 found one (1) stretcher, one (1) VC/NVA KIA, and two (2) caves.

131055H. Third Platoon, Company "K" had Marines detonate a M-26 grenade booby trap at coordinates AT944560 resulting in one (1) USMC WIA, priority medevac.

140840H. Marine from First Platoon, Company "K" detonated booby trap at coordinates AT949561 resulting in one (1) USMC WIA, emergency medevac.

140925H. Marine from First Platoon, Company "K" detonated M-26 booby trap at coordinates AT949561, resulting in one (1) USMC WIA, emergency medevac and one (1) USMC WIA, non-evac.

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141700H. First Platoon, Company "K" sighted one (1) VC/NVA in green uniform at coordinates AT959557, engaged with small arms resulting in one (1) VC/NVA KIA and one (1) AK-47 rifle and miscellaneous equipment captured.

151145H. First Platoon, Company "K" received small arms fire and grenades from enemy hidden in brush at coordinates AT960558, engaged enemy with small arms fire and grenades resulting in one (1) USMC WIA non-evac.

162140H. First Squad, Third Platoon, Company "L" sighted seven (7) VC/NVA at AT971601, engaged enemy with small arms fire, called 60mm mortar fire mission resulting in three (3) VC/NVA KIA.

180400H. Third Platoon, Company "I", sighted seventy (70) VC/NVA moving up "Charlie Ridge" wearing black pajamas at coordinates AT929637, approximately half were carrying weapons and the others were carrying bags. Called artillery mission and AG-119 Shadow Gunship mission.

180830H. Third Platoon, Company "I", checking area of artillery and air-strikes, found four (4) VC/NVA KIA, many trails, pools of blood, parts of flesh on rocks and one (1) 140mm rocket.

191930H. Marine from H&S Company providing security on the Sea Bee Bridge (AT914587) sighted body floating down river KBA.

192020H. First Platoon, Company "I" engaged six (6) VC/NVA at coordinates AT951625 resulting in five (5) VC/NVA KIA.

200750H. Marine from Second Squad, Third Platoon, Company "K", detonated a booby trap at coordinates AT935578, resulting in one (1) USMC WIA, non-evac.

200930H. Third Platoon, Company "I" found one (1) VC/NVA body KBA at coordinates AT953628.

211315H. Marine from Company "I" tripped M-26 booby trap at coordinates AT964604 resulting in one (1) priority and one (1) routine USMC WIA medevac.

212000H. Third Squad, Third Platoon, Company "I", sighted three (3) VC/NVA at coordinates AT933620, took enemy under fire resulting in one (1) VC/NVA KIA.

212140H. Third Squad, First Platoon, Company "K", received four (4) incoming chicom grenades at coordinates AT962597 resulting in one (1) USMC WIA, non-evac.

221250H. Company "K" personnel on bridge security at coordinates AT964604 sighted one (1) body floating down river.

230110H. During airstrike from coordinates AT890630 to AT920630, twenty three (23) small secondary, three (3) large explosions and three (3) flash fires were observed.

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230130H. Third Squad, Third Platoon, Company "I" sighted eight (8) VC/NVA at coordinates AT928622, engaged enemy with organic weapons and called fire mission on routes of escape. Contact resulted in three (3) VC/NVA KIA and one (1) AK-47 rifle, one (1) 9mm pistol, and miscellaneous documents captured.

230925H. Personnel returning from mine sweep on a truck hit a fifteen (15) to twenty (20) pound command detonated box mine at coordinates AT922551. Incident resulted in one (1) USN and seven (7) USMC WIA from this Battalion and six (6) USMC WIA from Company "D", 7th Engineers. One (1) USMC Dump Truck and two (2) mine detectors were destroyed. Completed more three (3) emergency, four (4) priority and seven (7) routine medevacs.

231120H. Second Squad, First Platoon, Company "K" while on patrol with S-2 and Kit Carson Scout were checking out a hut at coordinates AT948568 when a box mine was detonated resulting in one (1) USN, one (1) KCS, and three (3) USMC WIA. One (1) USN and one (1) KCS subsequently DOW.

231330H. Airstrike at coordinates AT890630 resulted in one (1) VC/NVA KIA, one (1) fire, three (3) secondary explosions.

232000H. Second Platoon, Company "X", sighted approximately fifty (50) VC/NVA at coordinates AT935621, engaged enemy with organic weapons and called artillery and air strikes, received small arms and RPG. Engagement resulted in one (1) USMC WIA emergency medevac, thirteen (13) VC/NVA KIA, one (1) AK-50 rifle, two (2) packs and numerous articles of clothing captured.

241005H. Second Squad, Third Platoon, Company "K" had VN civilian guiding them through heavily booby trapped area. The VN detonated a booby trap at coordinates AT942576 resulting in one (1) VN emergency medevac and two (2) USMC WIA, non-evac.

241320H. Recon divers checked Sea Bee Bridge (AT913587), Marshall Bridge (AT919598), and No Name Bridge (AT924605).

242045H. Third Platoon, Company "I", were taken under fire by a large enemy force at coordinates AT938622, returned fire with organic weapons and called in supporting arms on routes of egress. The encounter resulted in thirty one (31) VC/NVA KIA, three (3) VC/NVA POW, one M-16, one (1) AK-50, four (4) AK-47 rifles and fourteen (14) chicom grenades captured.

242110H. Third Squad, Third Platoon, Company "L", coordinating with Third Platoon, Company "I", accounted for ten (10) VC/NVA KIA at coordinates AT937621.

250900H. Marine from Second Squad, Third Platoon, Company "K", detonated a booby trap at coordinates AT923571 resulting in one (1) USMC WIA non-evac.

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251105H. Second Squad, Second Platoon, Company "K" while on patrol were taken under fire by security elements for VC/NVA building a raft at coordinates AT966570. Marines returned fire with organic weapons resulting in three (3) VC/NVA KIA.

251930H. First Platoon, Company "L" sighted four (4) VC/NVA at coordinates AT905550, engaged enemy with organic weapons resulting in four (4) VC/NVA KIA, two (2) AK-47 rifles, three (3) packs and miscellaneous documents captured.

260425H. Third Squad, First Platoon, Company "L", sighted one (1) VC at coordinates AT908572, opened fire on enemy, resulting in one (1) VC KIA.

260700H. Second Platoon, Company "K", spotted one (1) VC/NVA wearing dark clothing and a pack at coordinates AT973573, opened fire, resulting in one (1) VC/NVA KIA, one (1) pack with miscellaneous personal gear captured.

262115H. Second Platoon, Company "I", sighted three (3) VC/NVA at coordinates AT926625, engaged the enemy with organic weapons resulting in three (3) VC/NVA KIA.

271100H. Second Platoon, Company "K" found one (1) VC/NVA KBA in a bunker at coordinates AT969566.

271800H. First Squad, First Platoon, Company "I" sighted three (3) VC/NVA at coordinates AT959688, engaged enemy with small arms resulting in three (3) VC/NVA POW and miscellaneous gear captured.

271845H. Third Squad, Second Platoon, Company "K", observed three (3) VC/NVA at coordinates AT969595, engaged enemy resulting in one (1) VC/NVA KIA.

281000H. First Platoon, Company "I" found one (1) M16 rifle and miscellaneous clothing in bunker at AT965695.

291130H. Marine from Third Squad, First Platoon, Company "I", detonated booby trap at coordinates AT965697, resulting in one (1) USMC WIA priority and one (1) USMC WIA, non-evac.

291305H. Second Squad, Second Platoon, Company "K" engaged enemy with organic weapons at coordinates AT968574, resulting in one (1) VC/NVA KIA, three (3) packs, two (2) chicom and miscellaneous medical and personal gear captured.

291355H. Marine from Second Squad, Third Platoon, Company "K" detonated M-26 booby trap at coordinates AT945575, resulting in one (1) USMC WIA emergency and one (1) priority medevac.

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292020H. Hoi Chanh reported three (3) VC/NVA KIA at coordinates AT909649 on 27 December from Air/Artillery strike conducted by this unit.

301305H. Marine from Second Squad, Second Platoon, Company "K" detonated M-26 booby trap at coordinates AT966574 resulting in one (1) USMC WIA emergency medevac.

301915H. Third Squad, First Platoon, Company "K" sighted two (2) VC/NVA at coordinates AT962591, engaged enemy with small arms fire resulting in one (1) AK-47 and miscellaneous equipment captured.

311215H. Second Platoon, Company "K", captured one (1) VC/NVA at coordinates AT96656, POW had one (1) chicom grenade.

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JOURNAL OPENED

Reads open.	S,F
Antracs left for Tank Battalion (G4).	S,F
MAJ SHAW to Division.	S,F
LT/COL GANEY to change of command 11th	
Meters- Hospital.	S,F
I-31 rd 01, 82 rd booby trap, AT963665, dest'd.	S,F
MAJ SHAW ret'd.	S,F
LT/COL GANEY ret'd.	S,F
Rec'd message in 1st Marines, 03 antracs	
moving to 5th Marines TACB.	S,F
Antracs arrived at 5th Marines.	S,F

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Kilo Tower AT964604 obs'd 02 persons
suspected of planting booby traps, AT967601
fired 60mm mission, personnel fled SW.

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I-21 fd 60mm booby trap, AT942636, dest'd.

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Roads open.

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Kilo 12 fd 01 booby trap chi com AT963600,
Dest'd.

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L-31 Heard 03 shots across river, AT931591,
continued act.

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MAJ GARTEN to CACO Units.

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MAJ GARTEN ret'd.

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Lt/COL GANEY, MAJ GARTEN to Reg.

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K-12 Had USMC trip 60mm booby trap, 01

USMC WIA, non evac, AT953584.

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K-32 Rec'd 03 sniper rds, AT945570, ret'd
fire into treeline, continued act.

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Lt/COL GANEY, MAJ GARTEN ret'd.

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3/1 Had 05 flights of air resulting in 04
bankers and 500 meters of treeline, Dest'd.

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JOURNAL OPENED

Roads open.

K-22 Fd 02 60mm rds Dud, AT966597, Dest'd.

MAJ GARTEN to Reg.

K-3 Fd 01 bunker, AT941599, misc gear and beehy trap matter, Dest'd.

L-31 Had USMC trip 105 beehy trap, resulting in 02 USMC KIA, AT936593.

Lima act fd 01 60mm Dud, AT922594, Dest'd.

I-21 Fd 01 Home made chi com, AT940630, Dest'd.

MAJ GARTEN ret'd.

I-12 Fd 01 beehy trap containing 03 81mm rds, AT954673, Dest'd.

K-23 obs'd 10 en, AT966596, 500m away, engaged checked area with no sign of en. K-24 act notified to intercept en moving toward them.

India 23 Obs'd 8-10 en, AT953627, moving W to E. 03 en KIA rice carriers misc gear and packs.

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Lights out at Tange Bridge.

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0630 0645 2

Lights back on.

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0815 0830 3

Roads open.

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0830 0845 4

Generator at Golden Gate is in operable,
contact TM notified.

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0915 0930 5

I-25 Fd bleed trails, O2 tunnels, AT954629,
Dest'd.

S,F

1015 1030 6

LT/COL GANEY on VR.

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1035 1050 7

Kills Act fd VN boy wounded by VC, AT957587
recovered.

S,F

1100 1115 8

LT/COL GANEY ret'd.

S,F

1200 1215 9

K-32 Fd misc gear, AT951559, Dest'd.

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1415 1430 10

L-1 Fd spider hole, AT905548, Dest'd.

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1415 1435 11

K-32 Fd O1 bunker w/misc gear Dest'd, AT950552.

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1415 1440 12

L-1 Fd 500 lb bomb, AT903548, Dest'd.

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1415 1445 13

K-32 checked area of TOT, AT945560, neg.

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1500 1515 14

K-32 Fd O1 bunker with documents, AT950557
ret'd to CP.

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1515 1530 15

K-12 Obs'd O1 male VN, pursued and fd
documents AT950580, ret'd to CP.

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1530 1545 16

K-12 Fd O1 bunker, AT957592, Dest'd,

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1530 1550 17

India had secondary explosion in prep fire
AT961694.

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1736 1745 18

I-12 fd O1 booby trap, AT952673, Dest'd.

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2145 2200 19

I-23 obs'd O2 on, AT929632, engaged with M-79
a/a resulting in O1 on KIA.

S,F

2215 2230 20

Lights out at Tange Bridge, Reg notified
illum mission being fired.

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2235 2250 21

Lights on.

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2350 2355 22

Lights out at Tange, same procedure.

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Bridge report on lights, secure. S,F
 Bridge report on lights, secure. S,F
 Bridge report on lights, secure. S,F
 Flare ship on station for bridge illum. S,F
 Bridge secure. S,F
 Roads open. S,F
 Kilo-12 fd 01 bunker, AT959595, Dest'd. S,F
 MAJ SHAW to Division. S,F
 K-22 fd 01 spider hole, AT957595, Dest'd. S,F
 K-32 fd 01 bunker, AT951559, Dest'd. S,F
 Dest'd 500 lb bomb also. S,F
 MAJ GARTEN on VR. S,F
 MAJ GARTEN ret'd. S,F
 MAJ SHAW ret'd. S,F
 K-32 fd 01 bunker, AT949562, misc gear, Dest'd. S,F
 K-12 Pursued VN running away, AT961591
 recovered misc gear, rice, ret'd to CP. S,F
 K-12 fd misc gear possible Doctors clothes
 AT957586, ret'd to CP. S,F
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0600 0615 1

Lights out on the Sea Bee Bridge, (AT913587)

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1130 1145 2

LT/COL GANNEY to Regiment.

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1145 1200 3

Divers checked Sea Bee Bridge (AT913587).

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1220 1235 4

MAJ SHAW to Regiment.

S,F

1725 1740 5

I-22 rd 01 105mm rd at entrance to tunnel

AT953681, dest'd.

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1845 1900 6

K-32 checked area of airstrikes at AT937554,

250 meter tree line and 02 bunkers dest'd.

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K-32 fd M-26 beehy trap at AT935556 dest'd
and received large secondary explosion
resulting in 01 USMC WIA.

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1125 1140 2

K-32 received s/a fire from tree line at
AT945563, swept area neg results.

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1500 1515 3

MAJ GENERAL WHEELER arrived for brief by
LT/COL GANEY.

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1535 1550 4

MAJ GENERAL WHEELER departed.

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1545 1600 5

K-12 fd 150 rds, 7.62 ammo at AT960597.

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0830 0845 1

Roads open.

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1200 1215 2

LT/COL GANEY departed for Shore Party Bn.

S,F

1250 1305 3

K-32 detonated beehy trap AT937557 resulted in 01 USMC KIA.

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1250 1310 4

K-22 Received 05 M-79 rds, AT977595 returned fire called 60mm mission results of encounter 03 USMC WIA, 3 VN females WIA and 01 VN female KIA.

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1315 1330 5

K-12 fd 01 chi con grenade beehy trap

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1415 1430 6

AT957587, dest'd.

K-32 fd 01 M-26 beehy trap on bamboo in tree AT946577, dest'd.

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1415 1435 7

LT/COL GANEY returned.

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1500 1515 8

K-32 fd 01 M-26 beehy trap on bamboo in tree AT944583 when dest'd 01 Marine received wound in arm (non-severe)

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1535 1550 9

MAJ GENERAL SIMPSON arrived for meeting with officer and SNCO's.

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1550 1605 10

MAJ GENERAL SIMPSON departed.

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Rounds open.

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LT/COL GANEY departed for NSA.

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K-22 Marine detonated chi com beehy trap

AT979593, resulting in GI USMC MIA (non-evac)

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K-22 Rd GI chi com in can AT979590, dest'd.

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K-22 Marine detonated chi com beehy trap

AT979590 resulting in GI USMC MIA.

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K-23 detonated GI beehy trap AT975587, neg results.

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I-13 sited 01 VC/NVA AT955627 opened fire
checked area neg results.

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Roads open.

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L-32 Tripped M-26 AT930589, 01 USMC KIA.

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I-13 Swept areoaf last night contact

100200, neg results.

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I-12 Rd 01 chi com grenade AT956597 dest'd.

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Ramon divers inspected Sea Bee Bridge (913587)

Marshall (919598) and Ma Nam (924605) Bridges.

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I-21 Rd 01 chi com beehy trap AT954680, dest'd.

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LT/COL GANNEY to Dai Lee School.

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LT/COL GANNEY returned.

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COL MILKERSON arrived for brief with LT/COL GANNEY.

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COL MILKERSON departed.

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I-22 saw 01 rocket fired from AT964691,
called arty mission resulting in 02
secondary explosions.

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0830 0845 2

Roads open.

0930 0945 3

LT/COL GANEY and MAJ GARTEN departed to
visit CAPS in Dai Loc.

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1000 1015 4

I-22 fd 01 VC/NVA KBA at AT964694.

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1100 1115 5

LT/COL GANEY and MAJ GARTEN returned.

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1150 1205 6

Co I fd 01 chi com beoby trap AT919631,
Dest'd.

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1245 1300 7

Co I fd 01 beoby trap AT919631, Dest'd.

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1255 1310 8

K-22 detonated M-26 beoby trap AT978594
resulting in 01 USMC WIA (Evac) 2 USMC WIA
(non-evac).

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1455 1510 9

Generator on Golden Gate Bridge (AT964604)
inoperative, need new battery.

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Generator on Golden Gate Bridge (AT964604)
in operative, Illum called.

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Generator on Golden Gate Bridge up.

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0030 0045 1

I-CAP Ambush observed 06 VC/NVA AT950690, activity opened fire with s/a, resulting in 05 VC/NVA KIA and 01 VC/NVA WIA.

0500 0515 2

I-CAP Activity in new ambush site, spotted 08 VC/NVA AT944683 opened fire with organic weapons. Neg results.

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0830 0845 3

1st LT DANSKIN assumed duties assumed duties as watch officer.

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0845 0900 4

K-1 Found 01 booby trap (155 rd w/trip wire) AT959593.

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0930 0945 5

FF14 conducting air strike, resulting in 01 large secondary explosion with yellow smoke. Believed to be a tunnel complex AT918628, and 01 secondary H E AT921631

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0945 1000 6

L-21 came across 02 VN women AT922606, coming from the mountains where a air strike was being conducted, 01 ID card was unreadable, the other was no good at all. LT/COL GANEY to Div and III MAF.

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1000 1015 7

Sgt MAJ to Div rear.

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1005 1020 8

FF-22 conducted artillery mission on grids (916630 918635), resulting in 03 large secondary explosion (916630). Believed

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1030 1045 9

to be tunnel complex. 01 delayed secondary . AT918635 of W.P. 01 fired rockets

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1045 1100 10

K-1 found 01 AT950588 w/ 01 M-1 carbine.

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1200 1215 11

K-1 found 02 12 volt batteries behind hooch, AT957598.

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1220 1235 12

I-32 found 01 81mm booby trap with trip wire AT957671.

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1230 1245 13

I-21 While on patrol tripped 01 booby trap AT963693, 01 USMC WIA, priority medevac.

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1305 1320 14

I-32 found 02 bunkers 3 x 5 AT958668, Dest'd with C-4.

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1340 1355 15

K-1 found 01 VN 03 lb. anti personnel mine with pressure device, AT953588.

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1515 1530 16

BRIGADIER GENERAL ROBERTSON and COL WILKERSON arrived.

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1530 1545 17

BRIGADIER GENERAL ROBERTSON departed.

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1530 1550 18

Sgt MAJ returned.

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1530 1555 19

L-12 found 01 body and stretchers, 02 caves 30 x 20 and 15 x 7 x 20 AT919630.

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1550 1605 20

COL WILKERSON departed.

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1755 1810 1

I-11 Found 05 holes AT928624, approx 12 in, in dia, and 5 feet deep, dug at angle toward H-55.

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1950 2005 2

K-2 Unit took M-79 and 03 RPG's and automatic fire from 04-05 VC/NVA. returned fire called arty.

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2015 2030 3

L-3 On Bridge spotted large brush floating down stream, opened fire saw 02 people head into brush.

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JOURNAL OPENED

Roads open.

LT/COL GANEY to CAP Units.

LT/COL GANEY returned.

FF 14A reported that F.A.C. noted 01 large secondary explosion, and fire color orange and gray.

K-3 Fd 02 bunkers AT938555, 15 x 4 x 3 and 6 x 3 x 3 1/2, containing 01 booby trap spring device, 32 lbs, polished rice, 02 pairs of sandals 5lbs corn, 01 wooden rack, 01 poncho, 03 VN water cans, cooking utensils, 08 juice cans, covered with jar.

K-3 Found 01 bunker AT938555, 17 x 5 x 3 1/2

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Roads open.

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K-1 tripped 01 booby trap w/trip wire, 01 USMC casualty AT949561.

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0900 0915

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Kilo resupply chopper took automatic weapons fire, AT949651.

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0945 1000

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L-2 Found 01 dud 105 rd, neg booby trap, AT917625.

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1015 1030

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K-1 KC scout found 01 VC chicken booby trap w/pressure device AT949651.

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1015 1035

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K-1 Detonated 01 M-26 AT949651, booby trap with probe stick, 01 USMC casualty.

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1025 1040

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L-11 Found 01 chicken foot trap booby trap, AT955660.

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1155 1210

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L-1 Found 02 dud 105 rds, neg booby trap AT907625.

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1310 1325

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India- VN boy turned in 01 AK-47 magazine w/30 rds, AT953667.

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1315 1330

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Lima Found 01 NVA, body badly decomposed, might be an officer, AT912632.

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1400 1415

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K-2 Found 02 chicken booby traps AT946554 with trip wire and 01 bunker 8x5m.

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1425 1440

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L-2 Found 01 tunnel AT912632, entrance in the rocks, 2x2 unknown depth due to small entrance.

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1430 1445

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India found 01-81mm booby trap AT954678.

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1600 1615

14

K-1 found 01 bunker 6x6x5 reinforced w/logs.

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1645 1700

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Lima found a cave with fire and 02 small bundles of rice AT918632.

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1700 1715

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K-1 Spotted 01 VC/NVA AT959557, in green uniform carrying AK-47, 02 full magazines.

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K-1 Spotted light across little blue line fired 02 M-79 H.E. put light out.

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LT/COL GANEY and Sgt MAJOR, to Div, change of command ceremony.

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1115 1130 3

I-11 found 01 booby trap, 105 rd, AT955655.

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1200 1215 4

K-1 Heard 02-03 VC/NVA in brush, 75 meters away. Opened up w/small arms and M-26, enemy did same, resulting in 01 USMC WIA non-evac neg enemy casualties, AT960558.

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1220 1235 5

LT/COL GANEY and Sgt MAJOR returned.

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1315 1330 6

India paid VN boy 300 P's for 01 chicom grenade, AT953667.

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1320 1335 7

LT/COL GANEY departed on VR, and to H-55.

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1330 1345 8

MAJ MARTIN, new XO, arrived aboard.

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1410 1425 9

Kilo found 02 bunkers 8x3 $\frac{1}{2}$ reinforced with timber, and bamboo along river bank AT950550 and 25 lbs, of polished rice.

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Tango Bridge AT924587, had accidental discharge resulting in 01 Ewar medevac. S,F
Roads open. S,F

Kilo 6-2 reported arty H & I AT966555, detonated secondary that was larger than that of the round. S,F

LT/COL GANEY departed on VR and to H-55. S,F
LT/COL GANEY returned. S,F

Grass Root received word that AT922565, a VN boy age 7 yrs, was fatally injured when he ran out into the road and struck the right rear wheel of a dump truck (USMC type)

D Co. 7th Engineers in convoy. S,F

K-1 Found 01 bunker 6 x 6 x 6 AT939555 reinforced w/wood, and bamboo. S,F

I-2 Called in 81 mission on known rocket site. Observed 02 secondary explosions. S,F

I-31 While on ambush spotted 07 VC/AVA, 200 meters from pos. AT 971801, called in 60 mortars mission, checked area, negative bodies, evidence of 03 bodies being dragged away. S,F

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Roads open.

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MAJ MARTIN to NSA.

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LT/COI GANEY to India Company pos.

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L-12 Sgt, while on patrol found 01 dud 40mm,

Neg beebie trap.

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LT/COI GANEY returned.

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K-2 Found 04 beebie traps AT995624, 03 chicken
grenades, 01 60mm w/ trip wire.

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MAJ MARTIN returned.

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K-1 Dest'd 03 rice fields, 20x30' AT971568.

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L-21 Found 01 can, one foot long, three inches in diameter, filled with C-4, Neg beebie trap, AT925601.

Tango-2 01 VN female hit 40mm with bee while cultivating. Medevaced to hospital, AT923604.

Kilo- VN boy from Duc Ky-2 heating c-ration failed to remove top of can AT968607, can exploded. Boy taken to RAS on H-55.

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Roads open.

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MAJ GARTEN to H-55 and 7th Engineers.

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LT/COL GANEY to H-55.

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I-31 While on patrol found 02 tunnels

4 x 2 x 8 surrounded by foot prints,

AT948636.

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I-31 Found 02 chicoms, 03 bunkers fortified

w/sand bags, 5 x 4 x 4 AT953631.

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B Co 7th Engineers reported that neg progress
on Route 4 east, Due to higher priority
work.

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LT/COL GANEY and MAJ GARTEN returned.

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Sea Bee Bridge reported generator down, due
to battery failure.

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Sea Bee Bridge spotted body floating down
river, AT914587 K.B.A.

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I-3 spotted 70 VC/NVA Moving east to west up Charlie ridge, approx half were armed and half were carrying rice, called in 81mm 105mm 155mm, and AC-119 gunship.

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0730 0745 2

K-32 Found 01 home made booby trap w/trip wire, AT938578.

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0750 0805 3

K-32 Detonated, 01 booby trap, w/trip wire, AT914578, resulting in 01 USMC WIA non-evac. Roads open.

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0845 0900 4

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0930 0945 5

K-21 Found 01 booby trap chicken, w/trip wire, AT978591.

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1000 1015 6

LT/COL GANEY and MAJ GARTEN to all ICIEP and CAP units in TACR.

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1050 1105 7

I-3 While checking area of ambush found 01 grave, and 01 NVA helmet, AT953628.

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1100 1115 8

1st PAC noted 01 chemical fire and yellow and green smoke, AT977597.

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1145 1200 9

MAJ GARTEN returned, LT/COL GANEY to 11th Motors, and 7th Engineers.

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1600 1615 10

LT/COL GANEY returned.

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1650 1705 11

I-22 Found 01 chicken booby trap w/trip wire AT960860.

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1900 1915 12

India Firing 81mm and H & I, noticed 01 secondary explosion, with object burning for 20 minutes AT957684.

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2030 2045 13

I-2 01 trip wire flare set 100 meters, outside compound, was activated AT9516671

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2214 2230 14

K-32 Spotted 05 VC/NVA in tree line, approx 50 meters from ambush, took under fire w/small arms, conducted search of area 01 blood trail, AT934588.

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Roads open.

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1230 1245 2

LT/COL GANEY to NSA Hospital.

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1245 1300 3

K-32 Found fresh trails, AT926551, recently used by an estimated 15-20 VC/NVA.

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1245 1305 4

K-12 Approached 01 male and 01 female, in rice paddy, male ran to tree line, both dressed in white, found 01 trouser's 01 NVA blouse, female detained.

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1245 1310 5

L-11 Spotted 03 VC's 100 meters away, fled southeast through high grass into tree line.

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1455 1510 6

India tripped 01 M-26 booby trap, resulting in 01 USMC priority, 01 routine, AT964941 Medevaced.

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1535 1550 7

K-32 Found 05 booby trapped chicom w/trip wires.

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1630 1645 8

LT/COL GANEY returned.

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1745 1800 9

I-26 Checked possible rocket cache sites, AT965672, AT962672, AT965670, AT956681, AT960677 w/neg results.

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I-33 Spotted 03 VC/NVA approx 200 meters to the southeast of ambush, took under fire w/small arms and 60mm, a search of the area revealed 01 blood trail. AT933620

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K-13 While set in ambush received 04 chicom grenades, resulting in 01 USMC WIA non evae

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Roads open. S,F
LT/COL GANEY to H-55. S,F

K-12 Spotted 03 VC/NVA moving east to west dressed in NVA uniforms w/packs, took under fire, found 01 blood trail, AT961691. S,F

1020 1035 4

K-12 Captured 01 wounded VC male w/leg wound and 03 VC's, 02 females w/no ID card 01 male with altered ID card, AT961591. S,F
LT/COL GANEY returned. S,F

1130 1145 5

1130 1150 6

I-36 Checked out blood trail from last night's airstrike, found 01 pack. AT928621 S,F

1130 1155 7

K-12 Found 01 male (45 years old) and 01 blood trail, and 01 shirt blood stained. S,F

1345 1400 8

L-21 Found 2' x 3' drop to tunnel leading to 20' diameter 5' high, bunker under mound. AT918601. S,F

1345 1405 9

K-22 Spotted 05 VC/NVA w/weapons in treeline opened up w/small arms, and organic weapons, received fire from approx 03 persons, check of area revealed 01 blood trail, AT964574. S,F

1345 1410 10

Kilo personnel on bridge observed 01 VN body floating down river, KBA AT964604. S,F

1745 1800 11

K-12 Found 01 well, threw in a M-26, resulting in 01 secondary explosion, equal to 5lbs, of C-4 AT958592. S,F

1745 1805 12

K-22 While prep firing treeline AT968579, had Laaw misfire and detonate in hands of 01 USMC, resulting in 01 emer medevac. S,F

1745 1810 13

K-12 Holding 03 VC's, 01 female 20 yrs old 01 female, 7-10 yrs old, 01 child, they were in the Company of 02 males, they fled west, suspects w/neg, ID cards, AT952588. S,F

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14-A SHADOW 45 and LARIAT, fired 38,000 rounds 7.62mm and 600 rds 20mm HE, resulting in 23 small secondary explosions, and 03 large explosions, 03 flash fires AT890630 to AT920630.

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0130 0145 2

I-33 Observed 08 VC/NVA AT928622, approx 200 meters south, took under fire w/organic weapons, called in arty on routes of escape, sweep of area revealed 03 VC/NVA KIA, 01 AK-47, 01-9mm pistol, 02 packs misc gear, documents.

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0600 0615 3

K-21 Found 03 signs AT972600, they said Respond to the order of South Vietnam Republic Provisio NAL Revolutionary Govt, on Xmas and New Years Thieu-Ky troops is our enemy-1 Don't rescue and go to with them while they are attached.

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0630 0645 4

L-22 01 Marine was retrieving claymore after night ambush, when he detonated 01 booby trap resulting in the claymore being detonated also, results 01 USMC KIA AT906595.

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0845 0900 5

Roads open.

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0925 0940 6

Oily Rag Delta returning from mine sweep, hit 15 to 20 lbs box mine command detonated, PF's in area saw personnel who detonated mine, results 03 USMC ener 04 priority, 07 routine medevac's AT922551.

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1046 1100 7

K-22 Found 01 bunkers, 3'x 4'x 10' reinforced with heavy timbers and bamboo AT957572.

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1200 1215 8

L-21 Apprehended 01 VC w/forged ID card, AT908607.

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1220 1235 9

K-12 Detonated 01 box mine w/pressure firing device set in floor of hut size of mine estimated to be 10 lbs, resulting in 03 emergency and 02 priority medevac's AT948588.

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1240 1255 10

I-1 Found 01 booby trap, 105mm rd w/trip wire, AT951692.

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1305 1320 11

K-22 Found 01 bunker 3'x6'x10' reinforced w/brick, timber, AT973573.

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1400 1415 12

14-A Observed 02 secondary explosions AT 890630, 01 VC/NVA KIA.

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1430 1445 13

L-11 Swept area where command detonated mine exploded, AT922522 w/neg results.

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1645 1700 14

"D" Co 7th Eng, report neg progress on Rt 4 due to higher priority work.

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I-2 Spotted approx 40 VC/NVA, took under
fire, received 01 RPG and resulted in 01
USMC emergency medevac, search of the
area revealed 09 VC/NVA KIA, 01 AK-50
AT935621, arty called on route on enemy.

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K-23 spotted 03 VC/NVA 100 meters North, moving east to west, fired 60mm on enemy w/neg results, AT975585.

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14-A SHADOW-47, while providing interdiction fire AT948542, received s/arms fire from six different positions, returned fire, will check areas, at first light.

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0730 0745 3

I-2 follow up from 23-2025, while sweeping area of contact found 04 more bodies, 01 pack, 01 bag of rice, AT937620.

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K-32 found 01 M-26 w/trip wire beside trail, AT943573,

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Roads open.

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0900 0915 6

K-32 found sign that read "Peace is in Gods will have a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year you should unite to oppose illegal war waged by the U.S. Govt in South Viet Nam parents wives and children are waiting for you on Xmas and New Years 1970, AT943576.

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1100 1115 7

A Christmas party for Orphan and under privileged Vietnamese children was held in the Battalion mess hall.

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1100 1120 8

K-32 01 civilian accompanying point element detonated booby trap w/trip wire, approx 10 lbs, results 01 civilians emer medevac, 02 USMC WIANE, AT942576, while setting up for medevac found 01 booby trap same as other. Tango Bridge- Recon divers checked all three bridges found them secure, AT914587, AT919598, AT924605.

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1350 1405 10

"D" Co. 7th Eng, reported neg progress on Rt 4, due to higher priority work.

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1550 1605 11

LT/COL GANEY to H-55.

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1630 1645 12

LT/COL GANEY returned.

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1750 1805 13

India found 01 toe popper, utilizing M-16 rd, AT954673.

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2045 2100 14

I-3 While set in ambush was taken under fire by a large enemy force, returned fire w/org weapons and supporting arms resulting in 31 VC /NVA KIA 03 POW 01 M-16, 01 AK-50, 04 AK-47, 14 chicons and 01 USMC WIANE.

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L-33 spotted large force of VC/NVA, opened fire w/org weapons, called supporting arms, sweep of area revealed 10 VC/NVA KIA AT937621.

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Roads open. S,F
K-32 tripped 01 M-26 booby trap, AT923571, w/trip wire resulting in 01 USMC WIA. S,F
GEN ROBERTSON and COL WILKINSON arrived. S,F
"D" Co-1 Found 01 concrete cylinder on east side of road, destroyed in place, 01 secondary explosion, AT922565. S,F
GEN ROBERTSON and COL WILKINSON departed. S,F
K-22 Spotted approx 20 VC/NVA building a raft with a security force, the security element opened fire, returned fire and called supporting arms, resulting in 03 VC/NVA KIA. AT966570. S,F
LT/COL GANEY to visit with Santa Claus. S,F
LT/COL GANEY and Santa Claus returned. S,F
L-14 Sighted 04 VC/NVA AT905550, engaged with organic weapons, and claymores, search of area revealed 04 VC/NVA KIA, 03 packs documents, 02 AK-47's. S,F

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0425	0440	1	L-13 Spotted 01 VC crossing blue w/weapon over shoulder, opened fire, saw body fall in water, 01 en KIA AT973573.	S,F	
0730	0745	2	K-2 Sighted 01 personnel by river, opened fire resulting in 01 pack, misc personnel gear 01 VC/NVA KIA. AT973573.	S,F	
0900	0915	3	K-12 Observed 01 male dressed in green, and carrying pack running from patrol, took in pursuit, fired warning shots, found 01 blood trail, 01 female with altered ID card, detained female will take to ITT, on H-55, AT962597.	S,F	
1010	1025	4	K-2 Found 12 cultivated fields covering approx 5 acres of beans, and potatoes, will destroy with arty, AT973571.	S,F	
1300	1315	5	K-2B Found 01 bunker reinforced w/heavy timber 5' 6" x 13 01 NVA belt, 48 7.62 short rds, 05 USMC canteens, 01 helmet liner, 01 Hell box, 01 25 lb box mine, AT974567.	S,F	
1310	1325	6	14-A A-6 Beacon had 02 secondary explosions white in color dissappeared immediately, after detonation AT996623.	S,F	
1510	1525	7	K-2 Found misc documents, 30 blasting caps, 01 AK mag, w/rds, 01 M-16 mag w/rds, 01 LAAM 30 lbs polished rice, and medical gear, AT974567.	S,F	
1530	1545	8	"D" Co 7th Eng reports mag, progress on Rth.	S,F	
1630	1645	9	K-2 Found 03 bunkers 1 1/2' x 2' x 12' 3' x 6' x 10' 3' x 6' x 10' reinforced w/heavy lumber; and lose they were inside huts so not to be seen from air., bunkers contained 01 pair of curved 7 inch scissors, 01 surgical bone saw, 02 surgical masks, 01 bottle injectional fluid contents unknown 01 bag of polished rice 10 lbs, 01 hatchet 01 AK mag, 02 USMC E-tools, AT973566.	S,F	
2115	2130	10	I-24 Spotted 03 VC/NVA AT926625, approaching ambush enemy spotted ambush and threw 04 chicom, returned fire, resulting in 03 VC/NVA KIA, 03 chicom grenades.	S,F	
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Roads open. S,F

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K-32 Found 02 booby traps AT943576, in juice cans filled with shrapnel and C-4 using M201 Al smoke grenade fuse w/trip wire. S,F

1130 1145 4

I-1 Found 01 booby trap made from a shaving cream can, filled with M-14 rds, and M-60 machine gun links and gun powder, AT952685. S,F
K-2 Found 01 bunker 5' x 8' x 12' AT969566, reinforced w/bamboo, 01 saw 01 shovel, 02 hoes also found 01 grave w/body, 03 weeks old cause of death KBA. S,F

1350 1405 5

I-3 found 02 bunkers 4' x 4' x 4' AT947628 reinforced w/brick, also found 20 lbs rice. S,F

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I-21 Found 01 122mm rocket booster AT953672 returned to S-2. S,F

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LT/COL GANEY to Kilo and India pos. S,F
LT/COL GANEY returned. S,F

1845 1900 10

I-11 Spotted 03 VC running from patrol dressed in dark pajamas 01 carrying weapon and cartridge belt, took under fire, resulted 01 VC WIA POW 02 VC POW 02 M-26 01 homemade grenade 01 M-16 01 poncho AT959688. S,F
K-23 Observed 03 VC/NVA w/packs and wpns engaged w/org wpn, 01 VC/NVA KIA. S,F

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India found 01 bunker 5'x 10'x 8' AT956672

reinforced w/bamboo, found 01 booby trapped

C-rat can w/c-4 and shrapnel at entrance.

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I-1 found 01 bunker 4x6x3 inside was 01 M-16
AT965695.

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India found 01 box mine pressure release
detonation, AT966696.

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I-2 Found 01 bunker 10x10x3 reinforced
w/bamboo, containing 01 bar of c-4, AT957667.

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I-13 tripped 01 M-26 booby trap AT965697, resulting in 01 USMC priority, and 01 MIANE.

LT/COL GANEY to NSA.

K-22 Heard movement in a clump of banana trees AT968574, opened w/organic weapons, resulting in 01 VC/NVA KIA 03 packs medical gear, 01 cartridge belt, 02 chickens.

K-32 Tripped 01 M-26 booby trap, AT945575 resulting in 01 emer, 01 priority.

"D" 7th Eng reports that neg progress on Rt 4.

LT/COL GANEY returned.

Kilo- north bunker spotted movement 400 meters in front of them called in 60mm mission, neg results, AT960604.

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MAJ MARTIN to Div.

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K-12 found 01 bunker 6x4x8 AT959588, w/01
VN male hiding in bunker, admits being VC
for three years.

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K-22 found several indications of VC/NVA
AT962580, moving in area of booby trap
markers.

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India found 01 M-26, AT952673 w/trip wire.

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K-22 tripped 01 M-26 resulting in 01 USMC
emer medevac.

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MAJ MARTIN returned.

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K-13 spotted 02 personnel AT962591, w/pack
and weapons, opened fire w/organic weapons
01 VC/NVA KIA, 01 NVA cartridge belt, 01
chicken, 01 AK-47 magazine, 01 AK-47
rifle.

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L-4 on river patrol received 02 rds, AT957599
of sniper fire from unknown direction.

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Recon divers reported Tango-2 bridge had
been checked.

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K-2 captured 01 VC/NVA AT966565, age 19,
also 01 chicom.

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K-2 spotted 03 VC/NVA on river bank, AT971562
shouting across river, had uniform and weapons,
called for fire mission, Regt gave neg clearance. S,FK-2 found 05 box of AK-47 rds, each box
contained 500 rds, chinese markings, 05
bunkers, 6x6x5 reinforced w/heavy timber,
50 lbs, of polished rice, AT964564.

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PART II

OPERATIONS

A. ORGANIZATION AND DISPOSITION

The 3rd Battalion continued to saturate its AO with squad sized patrols and ambushes in accomplishing the missions of securing the DaNang Rocket Belt and interdicting the enemy's routes of infiltration and supply.

Pre-Tet operations included coordination of a comprehensive plan to assist in the defense of resettlement and refugee areas, Combined Action Platoons (CAP), Combined Unit Pacification Program Units (CUPP), and GVN Units within our AO.

On January 14-15, Company "I" conducted a two (2) day operation at coordinates AT964694 in search of possible rocket caches. Air, Artillery, and 81mm Mortars were used to prep fire the objective area. Amtracs from 3rd Platoon, Company "C", 3rd Amtrac Battalion were used to move troops from Hill 22 (AT953667) north along the Song Yen to the objective area (vicinity AT964694).

The Battalion was reinforced on 28 January, when it received OPCON of Company "G", Second Battalion, First Marines, for a period to last through Tet. Company "G" was deployed along the base of "Charlie Ridge" to further interdict the enemy's attempts to replenish his food stores and medical supplies.

As of 31 January, the disposition of forces under the tactical control of the 3rd Battalion was as follows:

Company "I" CP was located on Hill 22 (AT953667). The Company was operating in the northwestern portion of the Battalion AO.

Company "K" CP was located on Hill 37 (AT916582). The Company operated in the central area of the Battalion AO.

Company "L" CP was located on the Golden Gate Bridge (AT964604). The Company operated in the southern portion of the Battalion AO.

Company "M" CP was located on Hill 55 (AT967617). The Company was under the operational control of 1st Marine Regiment for participation in the Combined Unit Pacification Program.

Company "G", 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines OPCON to 3/1, operated in a mobile status at the base of "Charlie Ridge", (vicinity of grid squares AT9262, AT9463 and AT9363).

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B. AIR SUPPORT

FIXED WING

The First Marine Aircraft Wing supported the Third Battalion with a total of one hundred and twenty three (123) fixed wing air missions. These consisted of forty seven (47) close air support missions; nineteen (19) A-6 Beacons; six (6) AC-119 Shadow Gunship missions; one (1) C-130 "Basketball" flareship mission; and fifty (50) Forward Air Controller (Airborne) missions utilizing OV-10 aircraft. These aircraft dropped a total of three hundred and fifty four (354) tons of bombs and napalm, expended ninety five thousand (95,000) rounds of 7.62mm and 20mm ammunition, and dropped forty two (42) flares.

In the assessment of bomb damage, four (4) bunkers, twenty three (23) huts, and three thousand six hundred and sixty five (3,365) meters of treeline were destroyed. Fifteen (15) secondary explosions and fires of various size were observed. An interrogation report of a Hoi Chanh revealed that on 21 January in the vicinity of coordinates AT956567 fourteen (14) VC/NVA were killed by an airstrike on their position.

ROTARY WINGED AIRCRAFT

Thirty nine (39) medevacs were completed which evacuated twenty six (26) Emergencies, twenty seven (27) Priorities, and twelve (12) Routines. The average time for the arrival of an Emergency Medevac aircraft over LZ was nine (9) minutes from the time of initial request. The average time for an Emergency Medevac from initial request to mission completion was twenty nine (29) minutes.

Two (2) troop lifts were completed during the month, lifting a total of three hundred and thirty one (331) passengers.

Helicopter resupply supported Companies "I" and "G" at Hill 22 and mobile platoons from Company "L".

There were twenty one (21) Visual Reconnaissance Flights utilizing CH-46 and UH-1E aircraft.

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C. ARTILLERY

11th Marine Regiment Artillery weapons and the Battalion 81mm Mortar Platoon provided heavy indirect fires upon the enemy during January. Total round expenditures exceeded twenty-seven thousand (27,000). The 1st Battalion, 11th Marines Artillery Regiment provided artillery fire in the direct support role using Batteries "A" and "C". Additional artillery fires from Battery "L", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines (155mm self propelled howitzer) and Battery "C", 3rd 8 Inch Battery, 11th Marines supplemented the direct support fires. The Battalion's Mortar Platoon fired over seven thousand (7,000) rounds. The three (3) mortar positions located on Hills 22, 37 and 55 allowed overlapping mortar coverage of the greater portion of the Battalion AO. Artillery and mortar fires also supported the Popular and Regional Forces, Combined Action Companies and CUPP Units. To augment the indirect fires the Battalion used the 106mm Recoilless Rifles and Tanks of the 3rd Platoon, Company "B", 1st Tank Battalion.

81mm Mortar and Artillery Forward Observer Teams were provided to each company. Many fire support classes were conducted by the Forward Observers. The Battalion Fire Support Coordination Center personnel came from Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 11th Marines and the 81mm Mortar Platoon. Fire support indoctrination for newly joined Marines was conducted by ACOF personnel.

Harrassing and interdiction rounds increased this month because of the higher probability of enemy movement. Adjustment of Artillery and Mortar Fire by small unit leaders rather than the Forward Observer was emphasized.

SUMMARY

	<u>Artillery</u>	<u>81mm</u>
H&I Targets Submitted	1076	378
H&I Targets Cleared	875	304
H&I Rounds Expended	15797	3074
Observed Fire Missions Submitted	152	126
Observed Fire Missions Cleared	131	107
Observed Fire Rounds Expended	1893	3789
Illumination Rounds Expended	999	1279
8 inch/155 Rounds Expended	420	
SUB-TOTAL ROUNDS EXPENDED	19109	8142

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Tank Rounds Expended

200

106 Recoilless Rifle Rounds Expended

45

TOTAL ARTILLERY, MORTAR, TANK, 106RR ROUNDS EXPENDED
IN JANUARY 27,496

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PART II

TRAINING

1. THE BATTALION CONDUCTED THE FOLLOWING TRAINING DURING JANUARY

a. Indoctrination/Orientation. Sixty six (66) enlisted and seven (7) Officers and Staff NCO's completed a five (5) day Indoctrination/Orientation Course prior to being deployed to units in the field. Scheduled classes included lectures by the Battalion CO, all Executive Staff Sections, Air and Artillery Liaison Officers, Medical Section and Communications Officer. Special emphasis was placed on Mines and Booby Traps, Personal Response, orders which govern the actions of individual Marines, Drug Abuse and the goals and missions of the Battalion.

b. Company Training Cycle. All Companies conducted training on a weekly schedule which included Supporting Arms, Squad Tactics, Mines and Booby Traps and NCO Leadership. Division Contact Teams were used whenever possible and emphasis in training is placed on areas of weakness as determined by the Company Commanders and approved by the Battalion Commander.

c. The Battalion Rifle Range was used to instruct all incoming personnel in the quick fire/quick kill method of engagement. A total of seventy three (73) Marines were instructed in this method. Furthermore, all new personnel and any others who desired, were given the opportunity to FAM fire and place battle sights on their weapons.

d. Quotas were received and filled for the following formal schools:

(1) IN COUNTRY SCHOOLS

Landmine Warfare	35
Officer Leadership	1
SNCO Leadership	1
NCO Leadership	6
Cable Splicer	1
H.S.T.	3
16mm Projectionist	4
Vietnamese Language	2

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LOGISTICSA. ENGINEER ASSISTANCE AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION

During the reporting period the construction project undertaken by MCB 74 has been completed. The project consisted of thirty (30) new SEA Huts, a forty foot water tower, two (2) twenty (20) head and one (1) ten (10) head shower units, and a two hundred fifty man addition to the messhall, one (1) forty foot observation tower has been ordered and is under construction. It is to be placed in the vicinity of grid AT968584.

A work order has been initiated for the following items, ten (10) SEEMOR 250 Back-Pack/Bush Work Illumination Devices, one (1) standard four (4) hole head to be constructed at Golden Gate Bridge, and a new grease trap for the messhall.

This Combat Base is presently engaged in making extensive and essential improvement on its defensive perimeter. The increasing threat of enemy sapper attacks has made additional defensive preparations imperative.

B. SUPPLY

Classes I, II, III, and IV supply support have been sufficient during January to meet this Battalion's operational commitments. Flak jackets still remain a non-critical item. Crew served weapons are no longer critical, however, the status of crew served weapons change frequently on a daily basis.

C. MAINTENANCE

The following Tactical Equipment Repair Orders were submitted to Maintenance Battalion, 1st FSR/FIC during January.

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>
Motor Transport	6	3
Ordnance	10	11
Comm/Elect	61	43
Engineer	0	0

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PART II

COMMUNICATIONSA. PERSONNEL

At the end of January, the Communications Platoon consisted of one (1) officer and seventy-seven (77) enlisted personnel.

B. EQUIPMENT

The Wire Section received a total of fifty-three (53) TA-1/PT telephones. Thirty-one (31) are replacements and twenty-two (22) reflect an increase in T/E. Wire also received three (3) TA-312 telephones. The Radio Section received two (2) PRC-77 radios which completed the T/E allowance for that item of equipment. Also received were seventeen (17) PRC-88 radios which are replacements for those on combat loss. There has been no change in equipment status for the Message Center. So far, no problems have been encountered with the NESTOR (cypher) System. Battery usage for the system has stabilized at about four hundred (400) BA-236's per week. The Generator Section received a new 100KW generator for Hill 37. The 36KW generator at the Golden Gate Bridge (AT968606) was replaced. The Sea Bee Bridge (AT913587), COC Bunker, and twenty (20) living quarters were rewired. There is no change in status on the step-up of power.

C. OPERATIONS/TRAINING

Personnel from the Communications Platoon participated in several short range patrols and night ambushes. Training of personnel on the NESTOR System continues with good results. The Platoon has been organized into a Combat Base Reaction Force consisting of three (3) squads. Basic infantry training and FAM Firing of organic weapons is being conducted on a continuous basis.

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MEDICAL/DENTAL AFFAIRSA. PERSONNEL

1. At the end of January the total strength was one (1) Medical Officer and fifty-four (54) corpsmen. During this period five (5) corpsmen were transferred to other commands: two (2) for duty, two (2) for separation, and one (1) for temporary duty under treatment. There was one (1) WIA for this period.

B. PATIENT LOAD

1. For this period three hundred and sixty-three (363) patients were seen at the Battalion Aid Station Sick Call for an average of twelve (12) patients per day.

2. There were fourteen (14) diagnosed with V.D., eighteen (18) with diarrhea, twelve (12) with upper respiratory infection, three (3) with FUO and forty-six (46) with skin disorders.

C. MEDCAP/DENTCAP

1. BAS corpsmen held seven (7) MEDCAP/DENTCAPS in the month of January.

2. Medical aid was given to one thousand one hundred four (1,154) Vietnamese civilians by the BAS.

3. Dental care was given to forty-seven (47) Vietnamese civilians.

D. SANITATION

1. Weekly sanitation inspections were conducted. The Battalion was an overall satisfactory with few discrepancies noted. The mess hall has shown considerable improvement, even though the grease traps are presently inadequate. The Battalion S-4 has taken measures to have them replaced. Trash and garbage removal appears to be adequate through the Battalion areas. The Medical Department continues to place rodent poison throughout the Battalion area.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

021430H. A close air strike at coordinates AT894626 resulted in a large secondary explosion and fire which lasted for twenty five (25) minutes. Fire was of a chemical nature.

040015H. Company "I" sighted ten (10) VC/NVA moving south to north at coordinates AT947692. Engaged enemy with organic weapons resulting in ten (10) VC/NVA KIA, three (3) AK-47, two (2) 7.62mm pistols, fourteen (14) ChiCom grenades, various documents, and miscellaneous food captured.

040030H. Second Platoon, Company "I" upon receiving five (5) mortar rounds, RPG and small arms fire at coordinates AT936641, returned fire with organic weapons, 81mm mortar and artillery fire. Contact resulted in two (2) USMC KIA, one (1) emergency and one (1) WIA routine medevac. Three (3) NVA were KIA, and one (1) AK-47, and eleven (11) ChiCom grenades were captured.

041430H. A close air strike at coordinates AT960569 resulted in a large secondary explosion and fire, two (2) bunkers destroyed, and one (1) VC/NVA KIA.

061545H. First Squad, Third Platoon, Company "L" discovered tunnel at coordinates AT952622. Activity received small arms fire from tunnel, and threw in a grenade resulting in one (1) VC/NVA KIA.

071045H. Air strike at coordinates AT905620 resulted in one (1) medium secondary explosion.

071110H. M-51 Dump Truck from Company "D", 7th Engineers detonated a sixty (60) pound box mine at coordinates AT922545, resulting in one (1) USMC WIA priority medevac.

071510H. First Squad, Second Platoon, Company "K", observed VN male wearing a USMC camouflaged shirt over NVA brown shirt and green shorts at coordinates AT978604. As patrol approached, suspect started running and attempted to cross river. Individual was taken under fire resulting in one (1) VC/NVA KIA. Three (3) grenades and miscellaneous gear were captured.

081230H. Second Squad, First Platoon, Company "K" at coordinates AT945585 received sniper fire resulting in one (1) USMC WIA routine medevac.

091100H. Forward Air Controller (Airborne) working for Second Squad, Third Platoon, Company "K", sighted three (3) VC/NVA with weapons running into a graveyard at coordinates AT945567. FAC(A) took enemy under fire but as

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squad began a sweep of the area, it detonated a booby trap resulting in one (1) USMC WIA emergency medevac. The activity then continued the sweep finding three (3) VC/NVA KIA by small arms fire.

091330H. Lieutenant Colonel GANEY relieved of command by Lieutenant Colonel BOYD.

091630H. First Platoon, Company "K" received small arms fire from enemy at coordinates AT962569, AT972568 and AT974570. Activity returned fire and called in Artillery Fire Mission resulting in four (4) VC/NVA KIA and four (4) secondary explosions.

101215H. First Platoon, Company "L" had a Marine trip a 60mm mortar round set as a booby trap at coordinates AT940588 resulting in one (1) emergency and two (2) priority USMC WIA medevacs.

102025H. Sentries from Company "K", standing post on the Golden Gate Bridge at coordinates AT964604, observed a ten (10) foot triangular object floating down the river. As the object came into range a fire team engaged with small arms. The object lodged against bridge pilings and detonated destroying a twenty (20) to twenty five (25) foot section of the bridge which resulted in three (3) USMC WIA priority medevacs.

111255H. Second Squad, First Platoon, Company "K" observed two (2) VC/NVA approximately 13 to 15 years of age wearing green and blue uniforms at coordinates AT958588. Activity pursued enemy capturing two (2) POW's. Two (2) ChiComs, one (1) M-26 grenade, two (2) M-16 magazines and miscellaneous gear were also captured.

121110H. A Marine from Second Platoon, Company "L" while on patrol tripped a booby trapped 105mm Artillery round at coordinates AT930600, resulting in one (1) USMC KIA and one (1) USMC WIA routine medevac.

130935H. First Platoon, Company "K" sighted one (1) male age twelve (12) attempting to hide at coordinates AT956592. Individual was apprehended, questioned by ITT personnel, and admitted being a VC.

131055H. First Platoon, Company "L" sighted three (3) VC/NVA at coordinates AT903553. Enemy were taken under fire with small arms and artillery resulting in one (1) VC/NVA KIA.

141300H. Second Squad, Second Platoon, Company "K" found approximately six hundred (600) pounds of rice in ceramic containers buried in a tree-line at coordinates AT952571.

161210H. Second Squad, Third Platoon, Company "K" observed one (1) VC/NVA at coordinates AT928577. Activity called for VC/NVA to halt, and fired warning shot. Individual continued to run and was taken under fire resulting in one (1) VC/NVA KIA. Three (3) ChiComs, and (1) M-26 grenade were captured.

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180215H. Second Platoon, Company "L" at coordinates AT913587 received two (2) RPG rounds resulting in one (1) USMC WIA routine medevac.

182240H. Second Platoon, Company "I" received one (1) RPG round and light small arms fire when they fired on six (6) enemy moving to the northeast at coordinates AT960696. Result was one (1) VC/NVA KIA. Two (2) M-26 grenades and one (1) ChiCom grenade were captured.

191145H. Second Platoon, Company "I" while checking area of contact at coordinates AT960696 found two (2) additional VC/NVA KIA, two (2) ChiCom and four (4) M-26 grenades, one (1) bag C-4, one demo bag with six (6) claymore mines and other miscellaneous gear.

191905H. Third Squad, Third Platoon, Company "L" moving into ambush site received small arms fire from vicinity coordinates AT961601, activity returned fire but enemy broke contact. Contact resulted in one (1) USMC WIA emergency medevac.

201300H. While on patrol, a Marine from Second Squad, First Platoon, Company "I" tripped a booby trapped ChiCom grenade at coordinates AT962593 resulting in one (1) USMC WIA routine medevac.

202130H. An air strike employing the Shadow AC-119 Aircraft resulted in six (6) secondary explosions at coordinates AT960566.

211030H. A Marine from First Squad, Second Platoon, Company "I" detonated a ten (10) pound box mine at coordinates AT956682 resulting in one (1) USMC WIA priority medevac.

212115H. First Platoon, Company "L" received small arms fire from enemy at coordinates AT927573. Activity returned fire with organic weapons and 60mm mortar resulting in three (3) VC/NVA KIA.

212125H. First Platoon, Company "I" sighted five (5) VC/NVA at coordinates AT955624 and engaged enemy with organic weapons resulting in three (3) VC/NVA KIA and one (1) AK-47, eight (8) ChiCom grenades and miscellaneous gear were captured.

212130H. Third Squad, Second Platoon, Company "I" detected movement in a treeline at coordinates AT964697. Activity opened fire with small arms. During the skirmish the activity suffered one (1) USMC WIA emergency medevac.

212330H. Third Squad, First Platoon, Company "I" detected movement at coordinates AT937617. Activity fired on enemy resulting in one (1) VC/NVA KIA.

220730H. First Platoon, Company "I" swept area of previous night's contact (212330H) and found one (1) additional VC/NVA KIA, one (1) AK-47 rifle, and miscellaneous equipment.

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220830H. Second Platoon, Company "I" sighted three (3) enemy at coordinates AT967695. Enemy were taken under fire with small arms resulting in two (2) VC/NVA KIA.

221240H. First Squad, Second Platoon, Company "I" sighted one (1) VC/NVA setting booby trap at coordinates AT956681. Activity engaged enemy resulting in one (1) VC/NVA KIA.

230940H. First Squad, Third Platoon, Company "K" received small arms fire from approximately twenty (20) VC/NVA at coordinates AT909556. Activity engaged enemy with organic weapons and called 81mm mortar mission resulting in three (3) VC/NVA KIA.

231000H. Marine from First Platoon, Company "L" detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade at coordinates AT945576 resulting in two (2) USMC WIA priority medevacs.

231350H. Second Platoon, Company "K" found (1) VC/NVA KIA at coordinates AT955626. The enemy had been killed by artillery.

241500H. Two (2) VC Chieu Hoied to First Platoon, Company "L" at coordinates AT942582. Hoi Chanhs were taken to ITT at Hill 37.

251115H. Third Squad, First Platoon, Company "L" sighted four (4) VC/NVA in treeline at coordinates AT948563. Activity took enemy under fire with small arms. While pursuing enemy, a Marine tripped a booby trapped M-26 grenade resulting in one (1) USMC WIA emergency medevac.

260700H. Third Squad, Third Platoon, Company "L" while returning from ambush had Marine trip a booby trapped ChiCom grenade at coordinates AT970600. Result was one (1) USMC WIA priority medevac.

291030H. First Platoon, Company "L" found bunker at coordinates AT954594. Activity threw grenade in bunker then entered to check it out, finding one (1) VC/NVA KIA and miscellaneous gear.

301115H. The Second Platoon, Company "L" at coordinates AT957577 received small arms fire resulting in one (1) USMC WIA non-evac.

300045H. The Second Squad, First Platoon, Company "L" while checking perimeter of ambush site at coordinates AT947590 tripped a booby trapped M-26 grenade resulting in two (2) USMC WIA, one (1) emergency and one (1) routine medevac.

301610H. A Scout/Sniper with First Squad, Second Platoon, Company "L" sighted five (5) VC/NVA through scope at coordinates AT943576. Sniper shot the last man in column while the other four (4) VC fled into a nearby treeline, resulting in one (1) VC KIA.

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310955H. A Marine from Third Squad, Third Platoon, Company "K" tripped a booby trapped M-26 grenade at coordinates AT931591 resulting in one (1) USMC WIA emergency medevac.

311100H. A Marine from Second Squad, Third Platoon, Company "K" detonated a 105mm artillery round set as a booby trap at coordinates AT939601 resulting in one (1) USMC KIA and two (2) USMC WIA emergency medevacs.

311505H. A Marine from First Squad, Third Platoon, Company "L" tripped a M-26 grenade set as a booby trap at coordinates AT977594 resulting in one (1) USMC WIA priority medevac.

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1100 1115 1

LtCol GANBY to H-55.

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1130 1145 2

Maj GARTEN to H-55.

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1250 1300 3

K-2 fd 01 bunker 4x6x12 rein/w timber & containing a box electrical blasting cap, 48 pressure blasting caps, 25 chieoms casings w/o powder, 200 lbs polished rice, 02 BA-30, 25 one shape blocks, 03 shape charges w/o fuses, 01 engineer drawing compass, 01 B-40 rocket AT964566.

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1415 1430 4

LtCol GANBY and Maj GARTEN returned.

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TAB A

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020001H Jan 70

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K-32 obsvd OI VN, AT939577, male coming out of heavy booby trap area, was told to halt, person started to run and was wounded, he had ID, detained. S,E

0850 0845 2
1200 1215 3
1400 1415 4

Roads Open. S,F

Maj MARTIN to Div and III MAF. S,F

GR-14 observed a OI large secondary explsn (white smoke to flame to black smoke) Believed to be ammo dump, fire lasted 25 min at AT894626. S,F

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030001H Jan 70

032400H Jan 70

0001			JOURNAL OPENED	
0120	0135	1	I-23 obsvd 02 VC/NVA AT932638, opened fire with organic weapons, results 01 blood trail.	S,F
0830	0845	2	Reads Open.	S,F
1330	1345	3	K-2 found 01 booby trap chicken in ammo box set to go off when completely opened AT932638.	S,F
1045	1100	4	K-32 fd 01 bunker 6x6x6 AT945567.	S,F
1210	1230-	5	L-11 fd 02 bunkers 4x8x4 AT955592.	S,F
1215	1230	6	L-11 fd 02 bunkers and 01 family bunker w/ false walls AT955593 containing 01 first aid kit and 01 bottle ISA, 01 NVA hammock	S,F
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040001H Jan 70

042400H Jan 70

0001			JOURNAL OPENED	
0015	0030	1	ICAP spotted 10 VC/NVA AT946692 engaged w/ small arms, resulting in 10 VC/NVA KIA, 03 AK-47, 02 7.62 pistols, 14 chickens, approx 30 pages of documents, 50 lbs rice, 30 lbs of potatoes.	
0330	0345	2	I-2 recd 05 mortars/RPG rounds and small arms fire, returned fire w/organic weapons and 60mm called in 81mm, results 02 USMC KIA, 02 USMC WIA, 03 NVA, KIA, 01 AK-47, 03 cartridge belts, 11 chicken grenades at AT942642.	S,F
0830	0845	3	Roads Open.	S,F
1030	1045	4	K-3, large explosion in village occurred 100 meters north of PPB. Checked out, believes to be 250 lb lob bomb AT929577.	S,F
1055	1110	5	India act fd 01 hon made bangalore torpedo at AT957665, torpedo 3 feet long w/pull friction fuse.	S,F
1300	1315	6	LtCol GANBY and Maj GARTEN to H-22.	S,F
1320	1335	7	7th Engineers road grader hit approx 40 lb rock mine, command detonated, resulting in 03 USMC WIA at AT922543.	S,F
1430	1445	8	GR-14 obsvd 01 large secondary explosion and 01 AT960569 AT960569.	S,F
1630	1645	9	LtCol GANBY and Maj GARTEN returned.	S,F
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 0830 0845 1
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Roads Open.

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Maj GARTEN to H-22.

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Maj GARTEN returned.

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K-32 apprehended 01 VN male following patrol
taken to H-37 AT942576.

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1st MarDiv 02 medevac choppers recd unk.
amount of automatic wps fire fm AT9457.

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India personnel at H922 and I-3 spotted 01 rocket flash AT9769 called in H&I Fires.

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Roads Open.

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K-12 spotted 01 VN male running into graveyard AT962599 wearing green clothes, took in pursuit patrol received small arm fire from graveyard, returned fire sweep area resulting in 01 VN male age 25 detainees and 01 VN male age 57 detained, they had no ID cards.

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1545 1600 4

I-31 found 01 tunnel w/02 airholes 25 feet from entrance and one 10' away, patrol threw in smoke grenade and proceeded to check it out when they received 03 AK rds other sound from inside, due to darkness could not check out further I-23 will set ambush site there for the night and dig tomorrow AT952622.

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070001H Jan 70

072400H Jan 70

0001			JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
0115	0130	1	L-13 opened fire on approx 08-10 VC approx 300 meters away. (AT956667) Neg results	S,F
0830	0845	2	Roads opened	S,F
0900	0915	3	Lt. Col. Ganey and Lt. Col. Boyd to tour AO	S,F
0900	0915	4	K-21 found 02 booby traps made from illum canisters on paddy dike (AT962571).	S,F
1045	1100	5	GR-14A observed 01 secondary (AT905620) of medium size. Unable to determine nature of explosion.	S,F
1140	1155	6	Co D 7th engr, M-51 hit 60lb mine (AT922545)	S,F
1210	1225	7	01 USMC Priority medevac 03 VN detainees	
1430	1445	8	Lt Col Ganey and Lt Col Boyd returned	S,F
			Co D 7th engr, reported Shaving Mug. 6x6 hit a 60 to 80lb box mine (AT922545), resulting in 01 USMC KIA 04 USMC WIA (X).	S,F
1545	1600	9	K-21 observed 04 VN females working in field and 01 male approx 25 years of age was wearing USMC camouflaged jacket over NVA brown shirt. Suspect started running patrol shot suspect (AT978604), resulting in 01 USMC cartridge belt 01 chicom grenade, 02 M-26 grenades, 01 NVA poncho, 01 NVA KIA.	S,F
1615	1630	10	Gen Buse arrived	S,F
1615	1630	11	K-12 found 01 VN female with knowledge of VC in area. In gooteh found 01 container of gun powder and acidic material 01 VN female detain (AT961599)	S,F
1650	1705	12	Gen Buse departed	S,F
2400			JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F

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0001			JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
0830	0845	1	Reads opened	S,F
0930	0945	2	Lt. Col Ganey to NSA	S,F
1130	1145	3	M-2 received 04 AK-47 rounds AT948603. Observed 04 VC/NVA flee to SW. Act Persued enemy to bunker complex killing 01 and capturing 01. Searched bunker & found 01 radio, 01 Medical Kit with drugs in bottles. Destroyed bunker with G-4.	S,F
1315	1330	4	K-12 received 01 sniper round AT945585. Resulting in 01 USMC WIA. WIA taken to BAS by vehicle. Enemy position undetermined	S,F
1400	1415	5	K-CP had 02 VN children brought to their position AT964604 with multiple shrapnel wounds. Medical Aid given, children taken to BAS.	S,F
1430	1445	6	Lt. Col. Ganey Returned	S,F
1610	1625	7	K-12 observed 02 males AT962589. Received 03 rounds small arms fire. 60mm fire mis- sion called. Civilians observed 02 VC/NVA running from impact area. Neg results	S,F
1715	1730	8	I-15 found 01 booby traps AT956666 consisting of 02 60mm mortar rounds with tripwire. destroyed with G-4.	S,F
2130	2145	9	L-25 ACT recovered 02 grenades AT962589. Called ARTY mission. Swept area. Neg results.	S,F
2145	2200	10	M-23 observed 05 VC/NVA. ACT received 40 AK-47 rounds. ACT returned fire. Enemy broke contact, ran to south. ACT swept area. Neg results.	S,F
2400			JOURNAL IS CLOSED	S,F

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K-32 w/FAC (A) spotted 03 VC/NVA w/weapons running into graves AT945567. ACT neared graves 04 enemy ran north toward road. FAC (A) fired on enemy with on board ord. ACT swept area, hit 01 SFD, 01 USMC WIA(E). Called ARTY 81mm mission. ACT continued sweep found 03 VC/NVA KIA, 05 ~~ch~~coms, Neg weapons. ACT found 01 bunker, 6X6X5 AT946567 Also heavy blood trails, bunker destroyed with C-4.

1205 1220 3

I-3 PPB heard 01 booby trap detonate. observed 01 elderly ~~in~~ VN male running from area. Checked area. Booby trap estimated to be 60mm round.

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1330 1345 4

Lt Col Ganev relieved of command by Lt Col Boyd. Maj Gen Wheeler present at ceremonies K-22 ACT found 07 M-84 fuses inside family hootch AT973596. Fuses taken to K-CP

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1500 1515 5

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1805 1820 6

K-1 ACT found 01 Booby trap on road AT963584 possible WP canister. Destroyed with C-4.

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0001			JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
0830	0845	1	Roads opened	S,F
1305	1320	2	L-14 ACT tripped 01 60mm booby trap with 3 ft fish line tripwire, resulting in 01 USMC WIA (E) and 02 USMC WIA (P). Med-evac completed. ACT can't patrol.	S,F
1305	1320	3	Co D 7th engr. D-2 MRS-200 w/PAN hit approx 20lb box mine, possibly command detonated (AT922545). Blew off left rear wheel and put hole in PAN. Swept area, Neg results.	S,F
1635	1650	4	Co I ACT found 01 booby trap 105 round with pressure release on side of trail, destroyed with C-4.	S,F
1700	1715	5	Rt-4 progress neg this date	S,F
2100	2115	6	Co K sentries on Golden Gate Bridge (AT964604) obsvd floating object of bamboo approx 100 meters upstream. Sentries fired and threw charges as the object came within range. Object lodged against pilings, charges & object detonated at same time resulting in 25 feet span dest'd on south side of bridge & 03 USMC medevacs (P).	S,F
2400			JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F

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0001			JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
0830	0845	1	Reads opened	S,F
0900	0915	2	Lt Col Boyd departed for H-55 for GMC visit	S,F
1020	1035	3	Co D 7th engr ACT found 25lb box mine with pressure firing device. Destroyed in place with C-4.	S,F
1055	1110	4	K-22 ACT found 01 bunker (AT958574) 4'x4'x12' Rein with concrete, timbers and bamboo. Destroyed with C-4.	S,F
1055	1110	5	K-32 ACT found 04 huts (AT942588) with neg civilians in area, found papers for Co A 1/1. Documents brought to H-37.	S,F
1200	1215	6	I-23 ACT spotted 01 VC/NVA on paddy dike (AT943622) with neg weapons. Enemy failed to halt when called by ACT. Enemy ran west. Point man fired 02 rounds overhead. Enemy continued running, ACT opened fire with small arms. Swept area, blood trails only.	S,F
1335	1350	7	K-12 ACT observed 02 VC/NVA (AT958588). Enemy tried to escape. Captured enemy & took to ITT on H-55.	S,F
1350	1405	8	Co I ACT checked intell area with neg results	S,F
1415	1430	9	Lt Col Boyd returned	S,F
1430	1445	10	K-22 found 02 bunkers (AT953570) rein with concrete, bricks and bamboo. Bunkers were 4'x4'x15' and 4'x4'x6' located near hut ACT found 01 USMC tack board and 05lbs mixed corn & rice in hut. Bunkers destroyed with C-4.	S,F
1515	1530	11	K-22 ACT found 01 booby trap (AT965573) consisting of 03 M-26 inside LAAW canister with tripwire. Blew in place w/C-4.	S,F
2400			JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F

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0001			JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
0830	0845	1	Roads opened	S,F
0915	0930	2	Lt. Col. Boyd to NSA	S,F
1240	1255	3	L-25 ACT point Man tripped O1 105mm rd beebie trap AT930600 with tripwire camou- flaged by 2-3ft mound in grass 4-5ft high Resulting in O1 USMC KIA, O1 USMC WIA (R), and O1 USMC dog WIA.	S,F
1240	1255	4	K-22 ACT fd O1 bunker AT974573 15'x7'x2' Rein w/brick & timber, dest'd w/C-4	S,F
1315	1330	5	FAC (A) spotted O2 huts in grid cleared for A/S AT968567. Opened fire w/on board ord. O1 hut des't O1 hut damaged.	S,F
1345	1400	6	Lt. Col. Boyd Ret'd	S,F
1350	1405	7	K-32 ACT FD O1 Booby trap, juice can filled w/C-4 w/trip wire beside trail. Destroyed with C-4.	S,F
1400	1415	8	K-32 ACT FD O2 60mm mortar rounds along trail. Destroyed with C-4	S,F
1745	1800	9	FAC (A) on station to run CAS. Resulting in O1 secondary, 275 meters of treeline destroyed. Cobra A/C spotted O1 dud bomb AT978588. ARTY mission called, Neg ARVN clearance. K-23 act to position for security.	S,F
1400			JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F

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0830	0845	1	Reads opened	S,F
0910	0925	2	Kile while proceeding with POW to bunker received 01 sniper round from SKS returned fire with organic weapons. Neg results. (AT958582)	S,F
0935	0950	3	K-1A spotted 01 male age 12 attempting to hide, was apprehended and questioned by ITF personnel in the field confessed to be VC. Taken to H-55 for further interrogation (AT956592).	S,F
1000	1015	4	Major Garten to Hien Duc District	S,F
1210	1225	5	K-1 found 01 bundle 2x2x2 with 01 sewing machine, 02 bundles of cloth similar to that use for NVA uniforms. (AT952589)	S,F
1245	1300	6	Major Garten returns	S,F
1250	1305	7	K-1 found 05 40mm rds in a can. Neg booby trap. (AT950587)	S,F
1452	1505	8	L-14 observed 03 VC/NVA (AT903553) on opposite side of river opened fire and call in ARTY resulting 01 VC/NVA KIA.	S,F
1600	1615	9	GR-14 conducted four flights of air on area of heavy trail activity & newly built hootchs. 03 medium & 01 secondary small. 200 meters of treeline destroyed. (AT947555)	S,F
1845	1900	10	K-13 in route to ambush site took fire from approx 01 enemy returned fire and called in 60mm. Sweep of the area reveal 03 blood trail. Neg bodies. (AT953594)	S,F
2400			JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F

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Reads opened

Lt Col Boyd to H-55

Lt Col Boyd returned

K-22 found 500-600 lbs of rice in ceramic
jars buried in treeline AT952571. Taken
away by chopper.

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0830	0845	1	Roads opened	S,F
0930	0945	2	K-32 found 01 bunker 4x6x6 (AT941578) rein with bamboo and tree limb.	S,F
0950	1005	3	K-32 found 101b box mine with pressure detenator (AT943578).	S,F
1005	1020	4	I-1 found 01 101b box mine with tripwire (AT962694)	S,F
0020	1035	5	K-32 found 01 juice can booby trap fill with C-4. Trip wire (AT946576)	S,F
1200	1215	6	Maj Martin to III MAF	S,F
1225	1240	7	I-1 found 01 401b box mine with pressure detenator (AT962694)	S,F
1830	1845	8	Maj Martin returned	S,F
2400			JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F

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K-32 set in blocking force observed 01 VC/NVA S,F
 open fire. 1 VC/NVA KIA (AT928557). 01 S,F
 M-26 and 03 chieoms capt'd.

1224 1235 2

L15 ACT in OP (AT922555) had VN male bring S,F
 in 01 M-26 and 01 M-79 dud. Paid VN 100 P's
 dest'd ordnance.

2335 2350 3

Ce I CP rept'd explosion on north side of river S,F
 (AT964604), negative damage to bridge.

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Roads Open.

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D Co, 7th Engr Act fd tunnel on east side
of 540 S. (AT922577) strong detector reading
Blow tunnel, negative secondaries.

S,F

1150 1205 3

I-31 Act while clearing heavy brush w/C-4
(AT963692) had 02 secondaries. Q1 approx
60mm, other approx 81mm, neg casualties.

S,F

1314 1345 4

I2 act fd Q1 155mm rd booby trapped w/trip
wire (AT945625), dest'd w/C-4.

S,F

1330 1350 5

Maj MARTIN to ANHQA.

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1645 1700 6

Maj MARTIN returned.

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L2 act rec'd 02 RPG rds (AT913587) minor wounds to 01 USMC (routine medevac). Fired 81mm & 60mm illum. sent reaction sqd, neg results.

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0830 0845 2
1140 1155 3

Roads Open.

S,F

L15 act had VN boy lead act to hidden 500 lb bomb, (AT932556) bomb well camouflaged and buried 6 inches. Neg booby trap. Engrs dest'd bomb. Boy paid 1200 P's.

S,F

2150 2205 4

I-13 act while in ambush site saw 04 enemy AT953627, called 81mm mission, neg results.

S,F

2245 2300 5

I-33 act had 04 personnel following rear element (AT927612). Set hasty amb with neg results. Tried to call fire mission neg comm. Again spotted 04 persons on 540, opened fire, saw 01 drop. Gained Comm, called fire mission, checked area fd 01 hat, 01 piece of cloth.

S,F

2320 2345 6

I-2 fired on 06 VC/NVA (AT960696), rec'd 01 RPG round and light small arms fire. Act sent to search area, fd 01 VC/NVA KIA, 02 M-26, 01 chi com.

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0001			JOURNAL OPENED	
0830	0845	1	Reads Open.	S,F
1450	1505	2	I2 act while sweeping area of previous contact id 02 VC/NVA KIA (AT965693) w/02 chi-cons, 04 M-26, -1 bag C-4, 01 demo bag w/06 claymore, 01 bag w/rice, fish, needles.	S,F
1520	1535	3	I4 act detained 02 VC with out proper ID, 01 male, 01 female taken to H22 ITF personnel to H22 to check.	S,F
1935	1950	4	K1 act on bridge security (AT914577) had LAAW discharge while man was trying to close it, resulting in 01 USMC priority medevac.	S,F
2200	2215	5	L33 act while moving into A-site (AT962602) rec'd approx 20 rds small arms fire resulting in 01 USMC KIA, emergency medevac.	S,F
2235	2250	6	L22 act while in amb site (AT972604) spotted 03 VC/NVA at AT974606, opened fire, rec'd small arms in return. act used Cobra gunship A/C w/onboard ordnance on enemy position. swept area, negative results.	S,F
2400			JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0001			JOURNAL OPENED	
0055	0105	1	I PPB (AT953667) rec'd 01 RPG rd. neg damage. sent 34 act to check area, neg relts.	S,F
0830	0845	2	Roads Open.	S,F
0845	0900	3	LtCol BOYD to Hill 55 and USA.	S,F
1030	1045	4	K-13 act was told by VN civilian that 01 VN civ detonated 01 booby trap AT908560 and was killed. act talked to local villagers S-5 to coordinate w/district hqtrs.	S,F
1230	1245	5	I-1 act fd bunker complex (AT951628) 10'x 5'x5', 10'x4'x5', 3rd bunker caved in. dest'd w/C-4.	S,F
1355	1405	6	B2 act detonated 01 booby trap (AT962593) 01 USMC WIA, routine medevac.	S,F
1355	1405	7	K14 act had VN child bring in 01 105mm rd (AT922562) paid child 500 P's.	S,F
1630	1645	8	LtCol BOYD ret'd.	S,F
1645	1700	9	LtCol BOYD and Maj GARTEN on VR.	S,F
1715	1730	10	LtCol BOYD and Maj GARTEN ret'd.	S,F
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0001			JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
0200	0215	1	H&S Co while controlling AC-119 Gunships, shadow 45048, 48 obsvd 06 secondary explosion (AT960566)	S,F
0830	0845	2	Roads opened	S,F
1020	1035	3	L31 ACT while on patrol obvd 03 personnel in clrng (AT975606). 02 ran to the NE. ACT detained 01. IND taken to ITT H-55.	S,F
1255	1310	4	I22 ACT fd 01 SFD, 101b box mine with pressure release (AT956683). Destroyed w/C-4	S,F
1300	1315	5	I21 ACT detonated 01 101b box mine (AT956683). Resulting in 01 USMC WIA (P)	S,F
1330	1345	6	Medevac called and completed.	
1345	1400	7	D Co 7th Eng hit 101b box mine (AT929619). Grater 3'x2'. 02 USMC WIA (R).	S,F
1345	1400	8	I21 ACT fd 01 51b box mine (AT954687). With pressure release. Destroyed with G-4.	S,F
1400	1415	9	H&S Co used 39 500lb bombs. 60 meters of treeline destroyed. (AT938554)	S,F
1400	1415	9	L31 ACT fd 02 snake eye bomb fin assy (AT957569)	S,F
1925	1940	10	L-2 PPB obsvd 05 VC/NVA in treeline (AT963694) Fired on PPB, returned fire and called 81mm fire mission. Swept area. Neg results.	S,F
2115	2130	11	L1 ACT received S/A fire from 04-05 VC/NVA (AT9247573). Returned fire resulting in 03 VC/NVA KIA.	S,F
2250	2305	12	L1 PPB rec'd 03 M-79 rds (AT929577). EN LOC (AT931581). Called 81mm mission. Neg clearance.	S,F
2400			JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F

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0001			JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
0045	0045	1	IL4 ACT opened fire on 05 VC/NVA AT955624	S,F
0100	0115	2	03 VC/NVA KIA, 01 AK-47, 02 AK-47 mag, 01 pack, 01 billfold, 01 belt, and 08 chickens	
			I23 ACT open fire on 05 VC/NVA AT964697	S,F
			recovered 05 chickens, 01 USMC WIA (E).	
			medevac called and completed.	
0155	0210	3	IL3 ACT fired on 03 VC/NVA AT937617. Called	S,F
			ARTY mission and swept area. 01 VC/NVA KIA	
			and small arms.	
0830	0845	4	Roads open	S,F
1155	1205	5	IL ACT swept area of previous contact, 01	S,F
			VC/NVA KIA, 01 AK-47, 02 AK-47 mag, 03	
			chickens, 01 M-26, 01 cartridge belt, 01	
			pill bottle, 10 documents, 01 notebook.	
1206	1221	6	I23 ACT & apprehended 02 VN females AT921592	S,F
			with 01 pack of food, medical supplies, 02	
			packs of candles, 22 BA-30's, ASST documents	
			Females and gear taken to H-55 IIT.	
1220	1235	7	I2 ACT while checking area of previous	S,F
			contact AT962694 was fired upon by 03 VC/NVA	
			AT967695. Enemy was pursued ACT fd 01	
			VC/NVA KIA and 01 civilian wounded. Civ	
			medevac.	
1240	1255	8	I21 ACT obsvd 01 VC/NVA setting booby trap	S,F
			AT9566812 ACT fired on enemy. Resulting in 0	
			01 VC/NVA KIA.	
1420	1435	9	I32 ACT swept area of reported bunkers	S,F
			AT959567, AT959568, and AT959570. Neg	
			results.	
1815	1830	10	I12 ACT checked Intell of 20 VC in Rein	S,F
			bunkers AT944571 area checked Neg results.	
			Fraped tree-line fd 01 blood-trail	
2405	2400	11	IL4 ACT fired on 03-05 VC/NVA AT944617 swept	S,F
			area with Neg results	
2400			JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F

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0801			JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
0800	0815	1	D Co 7th eng had Vn give them 01 dnd M-26	S,F
			(AT911582). Paid VN 300P's. Destroyed M-26	
0830	0845	2	Roads opened	S,F
1040	1055	3	K31 ACT rec'd S/A fire from approx 20 VC/NVA	S,F
			(AT906556). ACT ret'd fire and called 81mm	
			mission. Resulting in 03 VC/NVA KIA. ACT	
			obs'd 05 VC being dragged into high grass	
110	1125	4	114 ACT tripped 01 booby trap, resulting in	S,F
			02 USMC WIA (P)	
1243	1258	5	K29 ACT fd 01 81mm rd w/pressure device	S,F
			set in trail (AT955624). Destroyed with C-4	
1410	1425	6	K29 ACT fd 01 VC/NVA KBA (AT955626) neg	S,F
			weapons or gear.	
1445	1500	7	Brigadier General DOEHLER to H-37	S,F
1520	1530	8	Brigadier General DOEHLER departed	S,F
1545	1600	9	Lt Col BOYD to GO MUNG Hill.	S,F
1630	1645	10	Lt Col BOYD returned	S,F
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Roads Open.

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L17 act fd 02 bunkers, 6'x3'x3' and 10'x
6'x3' (AT941569), fd 01 pr sandals, 01 bag
rice, 02 chickens, 01 note book, 01 AKM, 7 rd.
Act fd OP site w/field of view of 900 Meters
to west and south. Bunkers destroyed w/C-4.
L-1 special had 02 VC Chieu Hoi, taken to ITT
at H-37.

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L-Special act rec'd approx 30 S/A rds fm
(AT953593) ret'd fire and swept area ap-
prehended 01 female taken to ITT H-37.

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0830	0845	1	Reads Open.	S,F
1220	1235	2	L-13 act obsvd Ol VC in treeline (AT948563) pursued VC, act tripped SFD resulting in Ol USMC WIA (Emergency) medevac called and completed, Pursuit negative results.	S,F
1450	1505	3	Isact recd 40 S/A rds from AT974577, ret'd fire and called 81mm msn. Swept area neg results.	S,F
1500	1515	4	K1 act recd Ol 105mm rd dnd in VN child (AT929576), child paid 500 P's, dest'd rd.	S,F
2200	2215	5	K-1 act obsvd Ol mine box in river (AT914-587) fired S/A, LAAN, M-79 sinking box. obsvd what appeared to be blood came to surface.	S,F
2200	2215	6	K-1 sentry obsvd movement in wire (AT914587) threw Ol M-26, checked area fd Ol blood trail.	S,F
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0001			JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
0810	0825	1	L33 ACT tripped 01 booby trap concealed in grass (AT970600) resulting 01 USMC WIA (P) medevac called and completed.	S,F
0830	0845	2	Roads opened	S,F
0910	0925	3	L34 ACT obsvd 04 VC/NVA (AT945618) did not engage enemy, waited for main body, negative results	S,F
0920	0935	4	Co D 7th engr rec'd 01 81mm rd FM VN child (AT922540). Child paid 400P's. Destroyed with C-4.	S,F
1155	1220	5	LL2 ACT obsvd 03 VN females carrying hot food into treeline (AT929568). Detained females and brought to H-37 ITT.	S,F
1330	1345	6	Co I special KCS fd 02 chi com SFD'S in a whole with trip wire. Destroyed with C-4	S,F
1435	1450	7	Co I special fd 01 M-26 SFD with tripwire (AT956683). Destroyed with C-4.	S,F
2030	2045	8	Co I CP obsvd 03 VC/NVA (AT951669). Engaged enemy. With 60mm HE and illum. ACT sent to sweep area fd 01 bunker 4x6m. 1/2lb peanuts, 1/2lb beans, 1/2lb tobacco, 02 sets of papers inset of dark clothing. Destroyed bunker with C-4.	S,F
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0001			JOURNAL OPENED	S,F
0130	0145	1	K22 spotted 05 VC/NVA 150-200 meters away.	S,F
			Another group of 04, both were carrying bulky object, probably rice or packs.	
			Took under fire and call arty with neg results. (AT933624)	
0830	0845	2	Reads opened	S,F
1015	1030	3	Lt Col Boyd to NSA	S,F
1330	1345	4	Lt Col Boyd returned	S,F
1400	1415	5	L22 spotted 02 VN male (AT954595). Call for them to stop but ran into treeline. Took under fire and swept area finding 01 bunker 5'x10'x8'.	S,F
1815	1830	6	L22 found 04 bunkers containing 04 BA-30, 03 blasting caps, and 02 40mm rounds. 4'x8'x5', 10'x13'x15', 3'x4'x6', and 5'x8'x10' (AT954593)	S,F
1930	1945	7	L22 took S/A from west in treelines (AT960597) approx 150 meters. Returned fire and swept area with neg results.	S,F
2230	2245	8	L23 spotted 04 VC/NVA (AT966577). Called 60mm, swept area with neg results.	S,F
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Roads opened

Maj GARTEN to H-22

Maj MARTIN to III MAF

Maj GARTEN returned

Maj MARTIN returned

K22 received automatic fire from treeline

400 meters away (AT926572). Called 60mm

swept area with neg results.

I33 observed blinking light (AT948677)

Appeared to be signaling village. Called

60mm spotted 02 figures fled to N.W.

Fired on figure, received S/A fire.

Reactionary force sent out swept area.

Found 01 blood trail.

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Maj Garten to H-22. Lt Col Boyd on V.R.

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Maj Garten returned

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Lt Col Boyd returned

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L15 found 01 bunker (AT954595) with 01 VC inside. Fraggd bunker 01 VC KIA. Entrance was 10'x10' leading to room 6'x3'x3'.

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While searching bunker 02 USMC was over come by frag fume resulting in 02 emergency medevac. Also found various documents, medical supplies, and 01 radio.

1800 1815 6

L3 spotted 02 NVA (AT978592). Received 03

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rd of S/A fire. Returned fire and gave pursuit 01 person fell in hole injuring his back. Checked area with neg results.

1945 2000 7

L2 spotted 02 NVA in treeline (AT956577).

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Took under fire and received 01 RPG rds.

The enemy fled north. L2h observed 05 NVA

carrying 60mm mortar tube. Opened fire,

enemy fled in to treeline to the south.

Search of area reveal blood trails, neg

bodies.

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G31 spotted movement in treeline (AT956666).
Opened up with organic weapons resulting in
01 VN emergency 02 VN priority medevac.

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0230 0245 2

Reason for civilian in treeline is not known
L12 02 personnel checking perimeter of ambush
tripped 01 booby trap (M-26). 02 medevacs
01 emergency and 01 routine. (AT947590)

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0830 0845 3
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Roads opened

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L2 received 15 rds small arms fire from
treeline (AT955578). 01 WIANE called in
60mm and sent out reaction search area with
neg results.

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1800 1815 5

L21 found blood trail probably result of
earlier contact sniper spotted 05 personnel
through scope and shot last man in column.
Remainder fled into treeline (AT943576)

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2050 2105 6

L34 point sighted 01 VC 100 meters to the
East (AT974596). Took under fire. He
fled north.

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0830	0845	1	Reads Open.	S,F
1006	1020	2	L-13 spotted 02 VC/NVA AT954594 in tree-line opened fire, swept area w/neg results upon regrouping took fire from AT955593 returned fire, swept area w/neg results.	S,F
1026	1035	3	K-33 tripped 01 M-26 booby trap AT931591, 01 USMC emergency medevac.	S,F
1130	1145	4	K-32 tripped 01 105mm booby trap AT939601 02 USMC emergency medevac, 01 USMC KIA.	S,F
1605	1620	5	L-31 tripped 01 M-22 booby trap in can, w/trip wire, AT977594, 01 USMC priority medevac.	S,F
1840	1855	6	K-33 fd 01 bunker 4'x10'x10' reinforced w/bamboo AT967618.	S,F
1924	1935	7	L-14 found 03 bunkers AT958588, 02 bunkers 4'x10'x10'. 01 was 4'x6'x4' reinforced with bamboo.	S,F
2022	2037	8	L-14 took fire from treeline (AT966592). Called in ARTY while sweeping came under fire from (AT966588). Search area with neg results. Patrol 03 USMC WIANE.	S,F
2100	2115	9	L-23 spotted 02 VC (AT958572). Gave pursuit by fire and physically found 02 M-26 booby traps. 01 USMC fell in hole breaking his leg. 01 USMC priority medevac. 01 WIANE from enemy S/A found blood trail neg bodies.	S,F
2234	2249	10	India took S/A from 360 degree's around perimeter. Opened fire w/organic weapons. Swept area with neg results.	S,F
2315	2330	11	I-13 spotted 15 enemy (AT952687) moving N to S with 10 meters on their right flank. Enemy spotted ambush at same time. Activity opened up, reaction sent out. 01 USMC (I) 02 (P), 01 (R) medevac and 01 enemy KIA.	S,F
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Time Zones: HOTEL

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Possible 20 VC/NVA and rocket cache.

b. Friendly Forces

(1) 3rd Plt, A Co., 1/1

(2) 3rd Plt, 3rd Antennae Bn direct support

2. MISSION. 3/1 conducts search and clear operation in Bo Bens rocket belt (vicinity AT964694) at 140600H to locate and destroy VC/NVA and possible rocket cache.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. Commence observed Arty Prep at 140600H on objective area. At 140730H run four (4) flights air (napalm). On termination of air strikes move one (1) platoon to objective by Amtracs. Block to east with A/1/1; to north, south and west with Company "I".

b. Company "I"

(1) On order cross phase line red, sweep objective area with plt (-) using LVTF 5's.

(2) With one (1) plt, set up blocking position to north, south and west.

(3) Control Arty and Air from northern blocking position.

c. Company "K"

(1) Continue assigned mission.

d. Company "L"

(1) Continue assigned mission.

e. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Report when reaching phase line red. Cross phase line red on termination of Air Strikes. Report when crossing phase lines white and blue.

(2) Insure, through cooperation and coordination with Hieu Duc District Forces, that civilians are kept at least 500 meters from objective area

- (3) Troops will wear flak jackets and helmets except when afloat when life jackets will be worn.
- (4) Antracs will depart objective area NLT 111500.
- (5) Antracs route of departure is by water to the Cau Do Bridge and then overland to Hill 37.
- (6) Troops will be prepared to remain in objective area for 24 hours.
- (7) Maximum use of MK 15 ordnance detectors.
- (8) Company "I" coordinate with 8/1/1 on "I" Co. Tactical Net.

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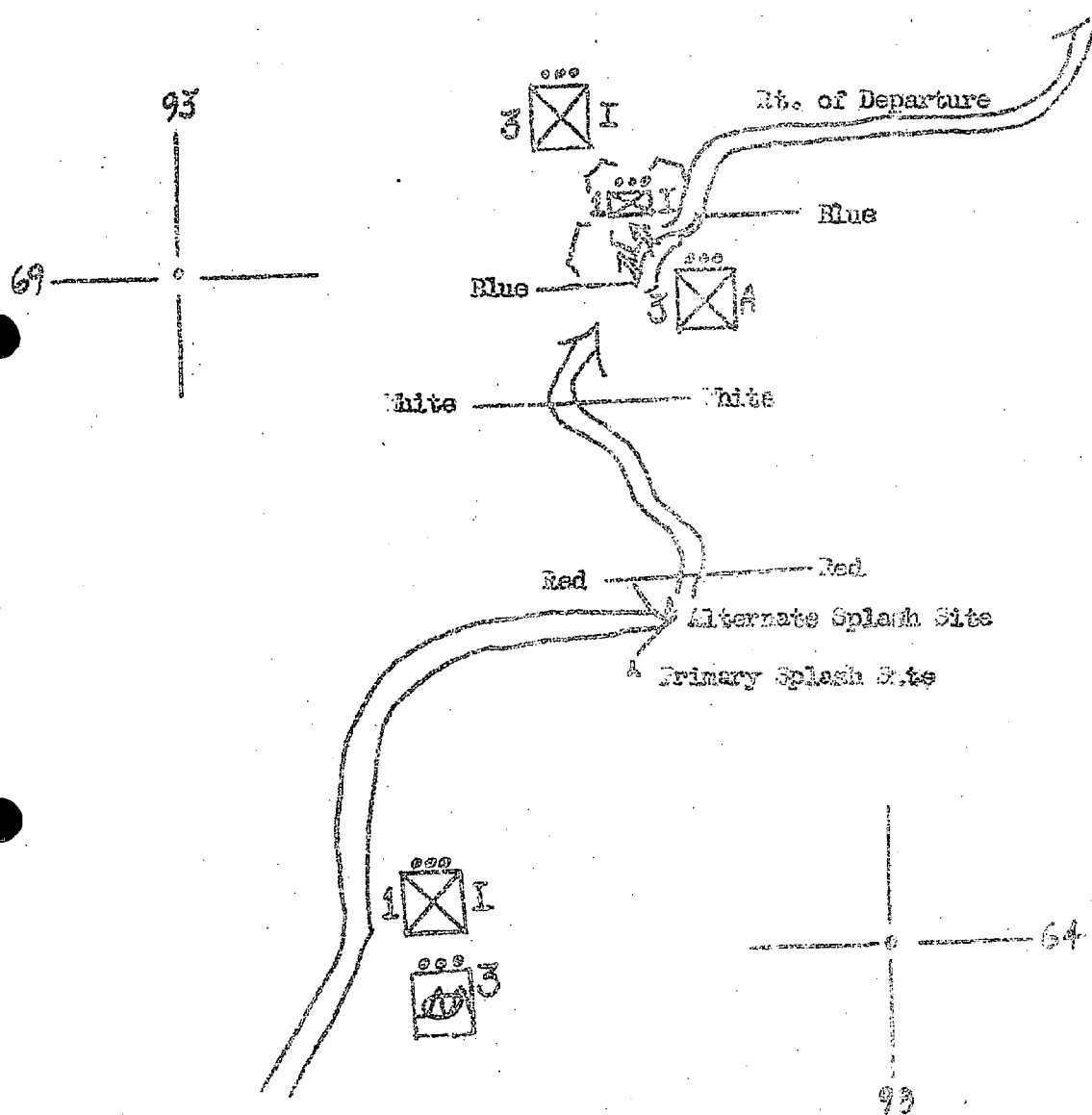
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