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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

1st Battalion, 4th Marines LtCol. E. A. DEFTULA 1-31 December

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company	Cpt. R. G. NUNNALLY	1-31 December
Company A	Capt. A. K. THOMPSON 1stLt. W. F. JONES	1-15 December 16-31 December
Company B	Capt. R. F. WIRSCHING Capt. R. L. HARRIS	1-14 December 15-31 December
Company C	Capt. O. B. RINFRO	1-31 December
Company D	Capt. R. D. WEEDEN	1-31 December

ATTACHED UNITS

Det, 2nd Plt (-), Co "A", 3d TK Bn (28-31 December)
 Det, 3rd Sect, 2nd Plt, Co "A", 3rd AT Bn (28-31 December)
 Det, 3rd Sect, 1st Plt, 1st Search Light Bn (28-31 December)
 Det, 1st Scout Deg Plt, H&S Co 3rd MP Bn
 Det, Co "C", 3rd SP Bn (HST)
 Det, 5th Plt, Co "A", 3rd TK Bn
 Det, Co "C", 3rd Engr Bn (Demo Tm)

2. LOCATION. (See TABS A, B AND C)

Battalion CP	1-31 December	WUANG TRI Province, RVN
Battalion Rear Supply	1-30 December 11-31 December	PHU BAI, RVN DONG HA, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major J. I. HOPKINS	1-31 December
S-1	1stLt. B. D. GRAY	1-31 December
S-2	SSgt J. T. KRUTZ	1-5 December
S-3	1stLt. R. D. MORGAN	6-31 December
S-4	Major H. M. NELSON	1-31 December
Supply Officer	Capt. J. A. EDWARDS	1-31 December
MT Officer	1stLt. R. L. FISHER, Jr.	1-31 December
Comm Officer	1stLt C. W. SHOBET	1-31 December
Battalion Chaplain	Capt. G. C. FAGERSTEN	1-31 December
	LtCmdr. J. R. HUTTON USNR	1-31 December

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Battalion Surgeon

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Lt. J. M. THOMAS USNR
Lt. J. VERBRUGGE USNR
Lt. J. W. HOFSTADT USNR

1-5 December
6-16 December
17-31 December

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC

USN

OFFICERS

ENLISTED

OFFICERS

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40

1140

2

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Combat missions assigned.

(a) Operation KENTUCKY (1-31 December 1967)

- (1) Commencing H-hour on D-day attack in assigned zone of action to seize objectives 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 and prepare to support subsequent operations in support of the A-3/Route 666 construction project. (TAB A)
- (2) Defend present positions, improve positions, patrol and ambush. Report day and night activities when plans are complete. (Ref: 9th Mar Msg 021730H December 1967)
- (3) Move to coordinates YD 153728. Defend and patrol new position. (Ref: 9th Mar frag order #8)
- (4) Be prepared to move to, and assume the defense of, C-2 and C-2 Bridge. 3/4 to assume this position for approximately 30 days then back to C-2. (Ref: 9th Mar Msg 172300H December 1967 and personal liaison on 1st December 1967)
- (5) Move to 2/9 location and assume responsibility of additional AO. (Ref: 9th Mar verbal order of 22 December 1967)

2. Operations

02 December At 1730H, rec'd 9th MAR frag order stating all units defend present positions, improve positions, patrol and ambush. Report day and night activities when plans are complete.

03 December At 1400H, Co. "C" patrol found 5 bunkers caved in by air strike at YD 153735. Also found 26- 2mm rds. with fuses, destroyed in place.

At 1530H, Co. "C" patrol at YD 151726 found 2 NVA bodies in area of 2/9 contact. Bodies were wrapped in NVA ponchos and left in bomb crater. Also found fresh NVA footprints in area, left bodies in place.

At 2315H, rec'd 9th Mar Msg to move to position W or N on 5 Dec 67.

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period, the entire battalion was engaged in Operation KENTUCKY (See TABS A and C). From 1 December to 27 December the battalion set up defensive perimeters north of the TRACE and conducted company size combat patrols and other screening and security activities.

On 24 December, the battalion conducted a relief in place with 2/9 and assumed responsibility for the additional AO. The battalion's mission of screening remained the same.

On 26 December, two companies and a Bravo command group moved south to the C-2 position (See TABS B and C). On 27 December, the remainder of the battalion moved to the C-2 position and assumed the responsibility for the defense of the C-2 and C-2 Bridge sites. (See TABS A and C).

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04 December

At 0930H, Co. "B" at YD 154727 found 18 enemy 60mm rds. Blew in place.

Co. "B" at YD 154727 found 10 cases of 82mm rds.; two in each case. All were Russian made with manufacture no. of M-37A2. Blew in place.

At 1400H, Co. "B" patrol at YD 151727 found misc. NVA 782 gear, cooking utensils, 4 ChiCom grenades, one RPG rd., and a small amount of rice. Also found pictures and documents. Destroyed equipment. Sent documents to 9th Marines S-2.

At 1445H, Co. "B" patrol at YD 149727 found one anti-personnel mine submerged in mud and water. Ten meters away, found 7 ChiCom grenades. Blew in place.

At 1512H, Co. "B" patrol found 30 rds. of enemy 60mm and 6 boxes of fuses with six in a box totaling 36. Also found 8 bunkers. Blew in place.

At 1530H, Co. "B" patrol at YD 149728 found 2 dud 500 lb. bombs. Blew in place.

At 2345H, rec'd 9th Marines frag order #8 stating that 1/4 "move to coord. YD 153728. Defend and patrol new position."

05 December

At 1100H, A-2 found dud 250 lb. bomb at YD 155732. Marked with air panel for later demolition and continued mission.

06 December

At 0930H, D-2 at YD 146728 found two 8'x10' rein. bunkers with thatched roofs. Appeared to be recently used. Also found plastic case containing several documents of possible intelligence value. Blew bunkers and sent documents to 9th Marines S-2.

At 1100H(Fr. YD 147727, En. YD 145730 and YD 144728) Co. "D" noted 4-6 NVA with packs running north to apparent bunker complex. At 1130H observed additional 3-4 NVA moving vic. YD 144728. At 1145H rec'd 5 rds. enemy 60mm to rear of Co. position. Called in arty and 81mm mission and ret'd S/A and M-79 fire. Continuing to call supporting arms on occasional moving targets with Co. in defensive position. 1 Fr. KIA, 5 Fr. WIA (all evaced); 2 NVA KIA (P). Reaction time of non-organic arty elements was 5 min. They fired 207 rds. Organic Pl's fired 253 Rds. HE.

At 1430H, 1/4 perimeter at YD 153728 rec'd approx 100 rds. 82mm mortar, 25 rds. unknown caliber arty, unknown number of 60mm and RPG rds. Rec'd S/A and A/I fire from all sides of perimeter from approx. one Co. of NVA. Mod-evace hole on ground hit by RPG and destroyed. Ret'd 81mm, 60mm mortar, A/W, M-79's and S/A. Called arty and gunships. 6 Fr. KIA 37 Fr. WIA; 1 NVA/KIA (C), 19 NVA/KIA (P).

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At 2020H, (Fm. Co. "C" at YD 158728) TPO being run as part NDF dropped short bomb on lines and LP. Restricted all TPO's to minimum distance of 1500 meters. 6 Fr. KIA, 2 Fr. WIA.

07 December At 2420H, first elements of Battalion reported CP and proceeding back to obj. #10.

At 1730H, Co. "A" effected destruction of downed chopper.

At 1900H, last elements of Battalion arrived obj. #10. All units setting in defensive position with local LP's.

08 December At 0650H, 5 more NVA/KIA (P) to last listing. Eyewitnessed by unit leaders.

09 December At 0915H, at coord. YD 158726, Co. "B" received one friendly short 81mm round which resulted in 1 Fr. KIA and 1 Fr. WIA (non-evac).

10 December At 0730H, perimeter, YD 157727, rec'd approx 7 rds. of enemy arty of unknown caliber from approx. 0200 mills. Called arty mission on suspected enemy position. Reaction time was 7 min. 1 Fr. WIA (evac).

At 1100H, perimeter rec'd 8 enemy rounds of believed 152mm No cas. Fired counter arty plan.

At 1325H, rec'd one rd. enemy arty from 6000 mills. Rd. landed 150 meters outside Co. "D" lines, no cas. Firing counter arty plan, planning TPO in suspected area.

At 1405H, 1/4 rec'd one rd. enemy arty which landed 75 meters east of LZ. Continuing counter plans.

11 December At 1655H, During helo resupply rec'd approx. 6 rds. 60mm mortar fire from az. of 355 approx. 700 meters range. Rds. impacted 75 meters to N of perimeter. Ret'd fire with 45 rds. 81mm. Reaction time was 30 seconds. 1/4 A/20 directed gunship run on area. Gunships fired A/W and rockets. Will check area.

At 2330, perimeter, YD 157727, rec'd approx. 6-10 rds. 60mm mortar fire from approx. 340 degrees, 700 meters out. Impacted inside of perimeter. Ret'd 54 rds. 81mm mortar fire. 1 Fr. WIA (R med-evac)

12 December At 1100H, (Fr. YD 157733, En. YD 157735) Co. "D" on patrol sighted 4 NVA running toward ridge line to north. Took NVA under fire with S/A, M-60's, 60mm. Good 60mm coverage. Called in 81mm and arty mission. 81mm was on target. Two NVA seen moving over ridge line to north. Other two appeared to be directly in impact area. Ridge line to north preppe with arty. Co. "D" swept area to ridge line with neg. results. Continued to search area.

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At 0020H, Co. "D" at YD 157727 rec'd 9 rds. 60mm from approx. 6400 mills, range 300 meters; and 5900 mills, range 600 meters. Ret'd 60mm and 45 rds. 82mm mortars. 1 Fr. WIA (R) med-evac.

At 0105H, 1/4 at YD 157727 rec'd 6 rds. 60mm from approx. 5900 mills, range 800 meters. Ret'd 21 rds. 82mm and 60mm mortars. 2 Fr. WIA, one non-evac, one (R) evac...

13 December

At 0930H, D-2 platoon size patrol crossing river to N of 1/4 CP at YD 157730 rec'd 2 RPG rds. and S/A fire from approx. 4-6 NVA from left front. NVA also seen moving on right flank toward rear. Ret'd S/A, A/W fire, called 82mm mission of 60 rds. with excellent coverage. Searched out area with negative results. Negative casualties.

At 1200H, Co. "A" patrol at YD 151732 found fresh diggings of new enemy squad size position. Enemy believed to have left area just before Co. "A" arrived. Searched area and destroyed enemy position. At YD 158712 Co. "A" found KIA body one week old. Death due to arty. Left NVA body in crater.

14 December

At 1130H, at YD 160705 (En. same) a CH-46, with 18 1/4 personnel aboard, rec'd 2 S/A rds., and one burst A/W fire. Helo rec'd approx. 9 hits. Helo ret'd to DONG RAI. Action resulted in 3 1/4 WIA's and one A/C crew WIA.

At 1450H, Co. "C", while on combat patrol at YD 155730, rec'd sniper fire from right flank. Ret'd fire with S/A, A/W and M-79's. Action resulted in one Fr. WIA.

At 1725H, Co. "A" at YD 155726 (En. same) outpost spotted 2 enemy NW of their position. Fired S/A and A/W with neg. results. NVA fled south.

At 2220H, At YD 157727, rec'd approx. 70 rds. mixed 60mm and 82mm from a spread of 5100 mills to 5900 mills. Ret'd 60mm and 82mm fire. Two Fr. KIA, 13 med-evac, 9 WIA (minor) were results of action. Crater analysis was made and arty mission was fired on suspected enemy positions.

15 December

At 0940H, Co. B (Fr. YD 155726, En. 154728) enroute to position for ambush, observed one NVA. Fired 100 rds. M-60 and M-16 and 6 rds. M-79. En. ret'd 3 rds. S/A and was seen to be hit by friendly fire. 1 Fr. WIA, 1 VC KIA (P).

At 1055H, at YD 157727 med-evac helos rec'd A/W fire from enemy at obj. #12. Called an air strike and afterwards A/C saw secondary explosion and fire. Requested napalm strike in same area.

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At 0300H, at YD 157732 Co. "B" platoon ambush had 6 rds. impact in their vicinity. 4 rds. impacted to the north and 2 impacted to the south. Sound and crater analysis indicated arty fired from approx. 4000 mills. Check with 2/12 indicated that no friendly arty was firing at that time. Shell fragments are being forwarded to 9th Marines S-2. Neg. cas.

16 December At 2110H, at YD 157727 1/4 CP rec'd approx. 20 rds. of 82mm mortar fire from 5500 mills. Ret'd fire with 3/26 rds. 81mm mortar. Reaction time-30 seconds. Neg. casualties.

17 December From 1245H to 1330H. (Co. "A" at YD 153728, Bn. at YD 153733) Co. "A" checked out area around burned out helicopters for results of arty and air strikes. Found one 82mm mortar base plate with blood on same, 40 rds. 81mm mortar ammo and 20 rds. 82mm ammo. Destroyed mortar rounds.

Co. "A" squad size patrol at YD 153733 had meeting engagement with 2 NVA. Took NVA under S/A fire killing same.

Co. "A" patrol base sighted approx. 10 NVA in open at YD 148732. Fired 60mm mission on enemy followed by air strike with 250 lb. bombs. Both 60mm and air were directly on target. After air strike, nothing was seen in area. 60mm fire resulted in 2 NVA confirmed and 2 probable. Four NVA KIA (C), 2 NVA KIA (P). Captured one AK-47 destroyed by grenade thrown on NVA.

At 2300H, rec'd msg. from 9th Marines that on 16 Dec., 1/4 bn prepared to move to C-2 and C-2 Bridge. 3/4 to assume this position for approx. 30 days then back to C-2.

18 December At 1635H, (Co. "C" at YD 154728, Bn. at YD 152728) Co. "C" combat patrol observed 4 NVA wearing Marine flak jackets and helmets in tree line. Took enemy under fire with S/A and M-60's. Saw one fall. Called an air strike on tree line. Good coverage of target area. Co. "C" received one Fr. WIA during final air strike. Was med-evacued (E). At same position, found 6 M-26 frags, 1 U.S. helmet, 2 haversacks, and 2-C3 grenades. Turned into S-2. Continued mission after blowing down 5 possible OP trees.

19 December At 0405H, rec'd 2 incoming arty rds...one in perimeter and the other outside. Incident similar H&L fires. Marine wounded by round while on watch. Crater analysis made at first light for direction of incoming unidentified round. Med-evacuated (E) at 0455H. 1 Fr. died of wounds while enroute to D-med.

Between 1155H and 1435H. Battalion perimeter, at YD 157727, received sporadic 60mm fire. Called 81mm on suspected enemy position. Requested A0 who spotted fresh diggings and trench line. Called arty and air strike on suspected en. positions.

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CP rec'd one incoming 105mm rd. from SW side of perimeter resulting in a fire and secondary explosion of two M-26 frags. Initial crater analysis indicates 6 rds. fired from 3500 mills. Pcs. 8 WIA's (1 (E), 1 (P), 6 (R))

At 1830H, Co. "B" combat patrol reported finding 1-250 lb. dud bomb at YD 152710, 2-81mm duds at YD 154712, and six enemy bunkers 5'x4'x4' at YD 158714. New ordinance in place.

20 December

At 1100H, D-1 at YD 114727, En. same. Found bunker 6'x8' with thatched roof, 2 exits, bamboo walls, two tunnels all of which were recently occupied. Searched area. Found 2 ChiCom and 2 french grenades. Sent to S-2. bunkers and tunnels destroyed.

At 1230H, D-1 at YD 1145726, m. at YD 1145728. Patrol saw 3 NVA in open. Called arty mission with good coverage of target area. Area too far off patrol route to check out.

At 1610H, 1/4 perimeter CP rec'd 5 to 7 incoming enemy 60mm rds. from 5300 mills, range 1200 meters. Impacted 60 meters outside our lines. Neg. cas. Called counter mortar fires with 40 rds. of 81mm.

At 2355H, 3/4 CP at YD 157727 rec'd 2 rds. incoming arty from S. direction. Rds. impacted near perimeter approx. 100 meters west of lines. Checked all H&I fires. Will make crater analysis at first light.

At 0445H, 1/4 CP at YD 157727 rec'd 3 rds. arty from S. direction. Rds. impacted near perimeter approx. 300 meters S. of lines. Checked all H&I fires. Will make crater analysis at first light.

22 December

At 0925H, Co. "A" at YD 157727 rec'd one 82mm mortar round in CP area. Crater analysis indicates direction of fire at 4700 mills.

At 0950H, Co. "A" at YD 157727 rec'd 82mm mortar rds. outside of perimeter. Crater analysis indicates direction of fire at 4300 mills. Ret'd counter mortar fire of 40 rds. of 81mm mortar. Called in arty mission of 36 rds. Results unknown.

At 1100H, At YD 157727 Co. "B" received twelve 82 mm mortar rds. outside of perimeter. Heavy fire came from 4500 mills. Counter mortar fire of 60 rds. 81mm was ret'd. Reaction time was one minute. Called in arty mission. Good coverage. Results unknown.

At 1237H, Co. "A" at YD 157727 rec'd one WP rd. in CP area. Rd. came from 4320 mills. Crater analysis indicates 10/16 arty round.

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23 December At 1016H, (Fr. ID 157727, Bn. approx. YD 138725) rec'd approx. 15 82mm mortar rds. in perimeter from 4500 mlls. Rec'd counter mortar fire, called 2 arty mission and air strike on suspected enemy position. Heavy 82mm mortars resulted in 32 WIA's (med-evac) and 6 WIA's (non-evac).

At 2030H, (Fr. ID 161726, Bn. same) Co. "C" squad size ambush spotted 5 to 6 enemy moving from W to E. Took enemy under fire with 100 rds. 8/1 fire, 15 M-79 and 4-11-26 grenades. Called in 60mm illum. Enemy fled to south. Squad then ret'd to perimeter. Results: 1 enemy KIA (P).

At 2330H, (Fr. YD 157727, Fr. approx. YD 138725) Rec'd approx 15 82mm mortar rds. to CP area from 5100 mlls. Rec'd counter mortar fire of 30-60rds and 35 82mm mortars. Called in arty mission on suspected enemy position. Heavy mortar fire resulted in 4 WIA's (med-evac).

24 December Between 0615H and 0900H, the battalion (minus Co. "A") moved to new position at YD 161719.

Between 1235H and 1445H, Co. "A" rec'd 15 82mm mortar rds. and approx. 15 rds. of arty. Called arty mission on suspected enemy mortar positions. Called 1/4 for check. Art. and incoming arty stopped.

At 1700H, Co. "A" commenced movement to new position at YD 161719 and changed OPCON from 1/4 to 1/3.

26 December At 0700H, 1/4 Bravo command group (YD 171729) and Co. "A" and "C" departed for C-2 position. Co. "A" returned to OPCON of 1/4 from 1/3.

At 1515H, 1/4 Bravo command group and Co.'s "A" and "C" arrived at C-2 and C-2 Bridge Sites. Chg'd OPCON to 1/4.

At 2530H, first increments of 1/3 arrived 1/4 position. 1/4 assumed OPCON.

At 0600H, 1/3 assumed responsibility for the defense of C-2 and the C-2 Bridge Sites. 1/4 assumed responsibility of 1/4's AO. All Co.'s returned to OPCON of their parent units.

27 December At 0700H, Alpha command group and Co.'s "B" and "D" departed YD 171729 for C-2 and C-2 Bridge Sites.

At 1105H, Co. "D" 1/4 at YD 145696, found one Chudom 4" mine on south side of the road. Knew in place.

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At 1400H, Co.'s "B" and "D" and Alpha command group arrived at the C-2 position. Companies "A" and "B" at C-2 position and "C" and "D" at C-2 Bridge.

29 December At 1330H, 1/4 MSG received intelligence report of enemy activity of unknown size in 1367 grid square. Called in arty mission. While adjusting fire, FO spotted 2 enemy in treeline at YD 134674. Fired for effect with 31 rds. 105mm. Good coverage of target. Results unknown.

31 December At 1330H, (Fr. at YD 124664) Company "D" squad patrol found one dead NVA, wearing nothing but a pair of tennis shoes. Appeared to have been dead 4-6 weeks. Left body in place.

At 1400H, (Fr. at YD 127674) Company "C" Squad patrol found 2 NVA sneakers containing skeleton of feet. Sneakers were upright and about 1 foot apart. Arty hole found 4 feet away from sneakers. Deminsions were 3' long, 2' wide, 2' deep. Also found a home made carrying bag in a nearby tree. Squad brought sneakers and empty bag back to 1/4 CP.

3. Training. Training during the reporting period consisted of classes in map reading, compass, counterambush immediate action drills, mines and booby traps, scouting and patrolling, personal response, weapons safety, and particular emphasis was placed on the care and cleaning of the M-16 rifle. All Marines and corpsmen received a thorough indoctrination in the rules of engagement.

The DONG HA firing range was utilized to the maximum to FAM fire Marines with the M-16, M-79 and M-60. Corpsmen were given instruction on the .45 caliber pistol and were provided an opportunity to FAM fire at the DONG HA range.

All replacements received thorough instruction on the M-16 rifle and were able to zero their weapons on a 15 meter range.

4. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy

NVA/KIA (Conf)	6
NVA/KIA (Prob)	33

5. Friendly Casualties Sustained

KIA	9
WIA	113
Non-Hostile Deaths	9
DOW	0
NBC	124

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6. New Techniques Employed

a. Overcoming the problem of laying the machinegun after dark to ensure interlocking fire during night ambushes:

Even though an ambush site is reconnoitered during daylight hours from a distant, hidden vantage point, and selection of the machinegun positions is made, the problem of getting effective interlocking fires after dark still exists. On one occasion during a daylight reconnaissance of an ambush position, the terrain lent itself well to an "L" type ambush, where the killing zone was a likely spot on a stream bed for an enemy crossing. However, after dark, the machinegun squad leader found it too dark to coordinate the machineguns and cover the long axis of the killing zone effectively and fully. Although partly cloudy, the night provided enough illumination for the "Starlight Scope" to function effectively. By aligning the "Starlight Scope" with the long axis of the machinegun, it was possible to assign maximum effective fire to cover the long axis of the killing zone and interlock with the automatic rifles.

7. Equipment. The following is a report of major items of equipment readiness.a. Motor Transport,

	UP	3RD ECH.	CODE-X
M-422-A1 (Mighty-Mite)	11	7	2
M-274-A2 (Mech. Mule)	29	1	
M-37 (P.C.)	2	1	
M-170 (Ambulance)	1		

b. Communications. Major end items evacuated to higher echelon that have not been returned.

3 Radio Sets	RT 505
1 Radio Vehicle	AN/MRC 83
1 Radar Set	AN/TPS 21

8. Logistics. From 1 December to 28 December, while the battalion was located north of the trace, resupply requests were received by the S-4 representative in the field and relayed to the S-4 at DONG HA. Resupplies were staged at the LSA at DONG HA and flown out by helicopters the following day. UH-34 and CH-46 resupply helicopters were provided by 1st MAW. Average daily resupply was approximately 10,000 pounds.

The battalion rear was located at DONG HA during this period, and all classes of supplies were provided by FLSU-1.

After the battalion assumed the defense of C-2 and C-2 Bridge, resupply was accomplished by truck convoy provided by 9th Motor Transport Battalion. Approximately 10 days of Class I, III and V supplies are maintained on hand at C-2. Four 9th Motor Transport Battalion trucks have been attached to this battalion at C-2 for administrative requirements.

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9. Civil Affairs

There were no civil affairs activities conducted during this reporting period.

10. Psychological Warfare

All psychological operations were conducted by higher echelons.

11. Personnel and Administration. During the reporting period the administrative section was located at NONG HA. At the close of the reporting period, each rifle company averaged 3 above manning level and 26 men in a non-effective status. The battalion is presently at M/L/T0 in MOS 0302.

Personnel losses and gains during the reporting period:

<u>LOSSES</u>	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
Battle	0	9 (KIA)	0	0
Non-Battle	0	9	0	0
Administrative	6	172	1	3
Total	6	190	1	3
<u>GAINS</u>	8	247	1	10

The following awards were presented during the reporting period:

NONE

Discipline was excellent during the reporting period. The number of disciplinary cases during the month are as follows:

COURTS-MARTIALS

NONE

NON-JUDICIAL PUNISHMENT

Battalion Commander - 0
Company Commander - 3

Morale is excellent. The Battalion received R&R to the following places: Bangkok - 15; Hawaii - 20; Hong Kong - 11; Penang - 3; Kuala Lumpur - 2; Manila - 3; Taipei - 11; Okinawa - 4; Tokyo - 6; and Sydney - 9. The battalion also sent 26 Marines to the China Beach In-Country R&R Program. PX facilities were adequate and Postal service was excellent.

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During this period, a marked increase was noted in religious participation by personnel of the battalion. In addition to 9 Memorial Services, 18 Divine Services (Protestant) were held in the field. Moreover, there was liberal participation in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Roman Catholic Mass was celebrated on two occasions on Christmas day. Previous to this, Confessions and Absolutions were held.

It is of interest to note that, during the Christmas ceasefire period, a touch of home was added to the bleak surroundings with troops participating in carolling.

12. Intelligence

During the reporting period the battalion was involved in Operation KENTUCKY.

a. Enemy

1. Before the operation, the intelligence estimate stated that four NVA Regiments with supporting artillery elements were known to be in the operating area. The enemy was capable of attacking friendly positions at his own choosing. Enemy mortar and rocket positions were also reported within the AO.

2. There were no large scale meeting engagements with the enemy, except on 6 December when the battalion came in contact with an estimated NVA company surrounding its perimeter. The enemy encountered was equipped with 82mm mortars, automatic weapons, small arms, and RPG's. They were also supported by artillery of an unknown caliber. Most other enemy activity consisted of incoming 60mm and 82mm mortars. Many well designed bunkers were found within the battalion's AO.

b. Terrain

The terrain was found to be as reported, consisting of uncultivated rice paddies and dense thickets. Among the most noted terrain features were the bomb craters which dominate the AO. Good concealment is provided throughout the area, and cover can be found in the numerous old enemy bunkers located in the AO.

c. Weather

During the first half of the month of December it was generally drier than expected, but many days were overcast with a light rain and fog. Air operations were severely hampered by the low visibility. After the 16th of December, conditions improved and weather was generally good. Weekly temperature averaged from a high of 64 degrees to a low of 58 degrees.

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d. Enemy Equipment Destroyed

Bunkers Destroyed	33
Mortar Rounds Destroyed	158
RPG Rounds Destroyed	2

13. Medical and Dental

a. The total number of visits to the Battalion Aid Station during the month of December was 631.

b. Prevalent medical entities encountered were:

Gonorrhea	5	Otitis	6
NSU	1	Dermatological	87
Diarrhea	13	Condicitions	
Gastro-enteritis	6	Cellulitis	18
Malaria	2	Ring Worm	2
URI	42	FUO	15
Immersion Foot	9	Dysentery	17

c. All suspected and confirmed cases of VD were given a Serological Test for Syphilis in accordance with NAVMED 22-18 and the results entered in the individuals Health Record.

d. A total of 98 patients were sent to "A" MED at PHU BAI and "D" Med at DONG HA.

Of those referred to Medical Battalions, the following were consults:

Dental	27	Orthopedic	6
E.E.N.T.	8	Blood Work	25
Urological	4		

Patients in need of further care were referred from the Medical Battalions to the following medical facilities:

NSA, DANANG	56	22ND Casualty Staging Flight	9
USS SANCTUARY (AG-17)	13		

e. Weekly Malaria prophylaxis was continued through the use of Chloroquine Primaquine Tablets.

f. Sanitation Inspections were held weekly in the battalion area (DONG HA and C-2). Sanitary facilities at present are considered adequate.

g. It should be noted that there was an increase in the number of reported FUO's. This is attributed to increased exposure during this period.

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h. The number of cases of Immersion Foot has markedly decreased. This is due to the close surveillance of the troops by their Company Corpsman and continuing education in proper foot care.

i. A Forward Battalion Aid Station was established during Operation KENTUCKY consisting of a Battalion Surgeon and four Hospital Corpsman. All injuries encountered were treated by their line company corpsman, and if needed, sent to the Forward Battalion Aid Station for further treatment and evacuation. No serious delays were encountered in resupply or med-evac during this period.

14. Air Support

a. Med-evac Support

(1) During the month of December, a total of 21 med-evac helicopters were utilized. Two of those med-evacs were accomplished after dark, in unlighted landing zones. Throughout the period, med-evac support was responsive and timely.

b. Helicopter Resupply Support

(1) Scheduled helicopter resupply was generally good, with approximately 160,000 pounds of supply transported to the various positions. A helicopter support team, which was attached to the battalion, facilitated resupply in the field.

c. Close Air Support

(1) A total of 12 close air support flights (3 helicopter and 9 fixed wing flights, comprising 25 sorties) were flown for the Battalion during December. These strikes resulted in 14 bunkers destroyed, 11 KBA (Conf), 5 KBA (Prob) and 8 secondary fires or explosions. Two of the helicopter strikes were controlled by the battalion air liaison officer. All other strikes were controlled by airborne FAC.

d. TPQ-10 Support

(1) Seventeen TPQ-10 strikes were flown in support of 1/4.

15. Fire Support

a. During the month of December, the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, engaged in Operation KENTUCKY, received general support from "D", "E" and "F" Batteries, 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines, "A" Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines and "K" Battery, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines. Direct artillery support was provided by "F" and "G" Batteries from 28 November to 27 December, and "D" Battery from 27 December to 31 December. Reinforcing fires were provided by the 1st 8" Howitzer Battery and the Provisional Artillery Battalion Command Group (175 guns) at GIO LINH.

b. The main problem encountered by 1st Battalion, 4th Marines during the reporting period was the long delay involved in obtaining clearance on "live" fire missions. On numerous occasions, due to the large number of friendly units in the area, it took 20 minutes or longer before counter battery or counter mortar fires could be delivered. In view of the "hit and

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run" tactics of NVA mortar/artillery, any delays of more than five minutes between the time the mission is requested and the first rounds impact in the target area, are excess[redacted]

c. Throughout the month of December, a large number of live missions were fired by the FO's attached to 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. Although only 1 NVA confirmed and 6 NVA probable were credited to artillery (probables shared with air), on numerous occasions large volumes of artillery were observed impacting in areas where NVA were firing from or hiding in. Tactical commitments precluded checking the impact area for casualties on most occasions.

d. During the month of December, the following missions were fired in support of 1st Battalion, 4th Marines:

Observed

Counter Mortar	21
Tgts of Opportunity	42
Illumination	11
Registration of NDF's	26

Unobserved

Counter Battery	18
Fire for Effect	36
H&I's	286

16. Communications. During operations north of the Trace from 1 to 27 December, communications with the 9th Marines and the battalion rear functioned satisfactorily. An SB-22 switchboard was installed in the field CP bunker to facilitate wire communications with the company CP's and key staff sections. Due to the distance of the lines laid, a normal loop with the TA-1's did not function efficiently.

No major communications problems were encountered during the move of the battalion from north of the Trace to C-2 and the C-2 Bridge.

Radio relay channels at C-2 include the 1/4 COC to 9th Marines COC hot line, FSCC hot line, and FDC hot lines to the firing batteries. The battalion has two long locals to CAM LO, two long locals to the C-2 Bridge site and 2 common user trunks to radio relay. Four trunk lines are available via radio relay, to DONG HAI. All the radio nets, including Regimental TAC, Regimental Admin, Battalion TAC, Convoy Control, Arty COF, 81 COF, and air net, are in operation.

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Message totals for the month were:

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Incoming	327	Incoming	506
Outgoing	4	Outgoing	25
Circuit	0	Circuit	0

A limited technical inspection was made on all communications equipment after reaching C-2 to ensure serviceability and to correct any deficiencies. All equipment was found to be in an operable condition.

Major items evacuated to higher echelons and returned:

2 Radio Sets An/PRC-25

Major items repaired locally:

4 RT units	RT-505
4 Sound Power Phones	TA-1
10 Handsets	H-138
2 Handsets	H-189
1 Telephone	EE-8
1 Headset	H-44
1 Teletype	An/TAC-14

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TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0800		1		Co. D, at YD 157727, found 2 tunnel entrances 20 inches wide and approx. 30 ft. deep. Threw M-26 and smoke grenades into opening. Advised 9th MAR that we need tunnel teams. Will continue to check out tunnels with assets on hand.	S-3, M	
0845		2		Co.'s A, B, C and D dispatched sqd. sized per- imeter patrols to check area out to 300 meters. Maintaining OP's on critical ter- rain.	M	
0940		3		Med-evacuated 11 personnel as NBC. Cum. total med-evacuated-27 NBC.	S-1, S-3	
1430		4		Co.'s A, B, C and D secured patrolling around perimeter. Preparing for nighttime defensive position.	S-3, M	
1705		5		Two med-evacs requested, both NBC.	S-1, S-3	
1855		6		Nighttime activities in position.	M	
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0800	1			Co. A and D patrols departing CP.	M
0830	2			Co. C patrol departing CP.	M
1150	3			Co. A and C patrols returned to respective CP's with neg. contact.	M
1330	4			Co. D patrol departing CP.	M
1505	5			9th MAR AO advised 1/4 that additional enemy elements were on move from Northwest into 9th MAR AOR. Also reported rocket position at YD 115768. Position aiming south. Advised Southern 24.	6,5,S-3,24,M
1635	6			All daytime activities returned to respective CP's.	M
1730	7			Rec'd. 9th MAR frag order stating all Bn's defend present positions, improve positions, patrol and ambush. Report day and night activities when plans are complete.	6,5,S-3,24,1
2040	8			Co. A, at YD 157727, rec'd 2 rds. arty which impacted in the vic. of Co. A lines. One landed 10 meters in front of lines and the other approx. 10 meters to rear. Based on sound, the rds. came from a southerly direction. 24 called for check fire of H&I fires.	9th MAR COC, S-3
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move Southern position 26 1400 Dec
Southern be prepared move C-2 and
C-2 Bridge same period.
DS would resume defense C2/C-2
Bridge approx 36 days will discuss
detail 18 Dec by personal liaison. Message
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0930	1		Co. C departed CP for company size patrol approx. 1,000 meters to north of perimeter. Co. A, B and D assuming perimeter defense. Co. D standing by as reaction force.	M
1050	2		Co. A and D sending out local squad size patrols as perimeter security during 0830H to 1630H.	M
1345	3		Med-evacued six NBC and one attached NBC. Cum. total-36 NBC.	S-1, S-3
1350	4		Received resupply.	S-3, S-4
1400	5		Co. C patrol found 5 bunkers caved in by air strike at YD 153735. Also found 26-82mm rds. with fuses, destroyed in place.	9th MAR COC, S-3
1530	6		Co. C patrol at YD 151726 found 2 NVA bodies in area of 2/9 contact. Bodies were wrapped in NVA ponchos and left in bomb crater. Also found fresh NVA footprints in area, left bodies in place.	S-3, 9th MAR COC
1610	7		All daytime activities ret'd to respective CP's.	M
1800	8		C-3 plat. departed for ambush site.	M
2000	9		All nighttime activities in position.	M
2025	10		Co. B heard movement and noises to south. All units put on a 100% alert. Also received intelligence report of enemy activity in the trace to our right rear.	6,5,S-3, 9th Mar COC
2230	11		Southern 24 coordinated and maintained an aggressive H&I program especially in the area of the trace to our rear.	S-3
2240	12		Southern 14 requested 8 additional TPQ's to bring total to 18 TPQ's.	S-3
2315	13		Rec'd 9th Mar Msg to move to position W or N on 5 Dec 67. Journal Closed 040600H Dec 67	6,5,S-3

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IN	OUT				M - Maps S - Staff	T - Troops U - File
0705		1		All nighttime activities returned to CP's.	M	
0800		2		Co. B departed CP for combat patrol. Will push west on first leg of 1,000 meter fan to NW.	M	
0930		3		Co. B at YD 154727 found 18 enemy 60mm rounds. 9th Mar COC, Blown in place.	S-3	
0940		4		Co. B at YD 154727 found 10 cases of 82mm rds.; two in each case. All were Russian made with manufacture no. of M-37A2. Blew in place.	9th Mar COC, S-3	
0940		5		Co. A, C, and D conducting continuous daytime patrols around defensive perimeter.	M	
1310		6		Med-evacuated four NBC. Cum. total-40 NBC.	S-1, S-3	
1400		7		Co. B patrol at YD 151727 found misc. NVA 782 gear, cooking utensils, 4 chicom grenades, one RPG rd., and a small amount of rice. Also found pictures and documents. Destroyed equipment. Sending documents to S-2.	9th Mar COC, S-3	
late entry		8	1300	Co. B patrol at YD 149727 found one possible surprise explosive device consisting of two blocks of C-4 tied together. No firing device found. Destroyed in place.	9th Mar COC, S-3	
1425		9		Co. B at YD 149727 had one man med-evacuated for heat exhaustion. Cum. total-41 NBC.	S-1, S-3	
1455		10		Co. B patrol at YD 149727 found one anti-personnel mine submerged in mud and water. Ten meters away, found 7 chicom grenades. Blew in place.	9th Mar COC, S-3	
1512		11		Co. B patrol found 30 rds. of enemy 60mm and 6 boxes of fuses with six in a box totaling 36. Also found 8 bunkers. Blew in place.	9th Mar COC, S-3	
1515		12		(Fm. 9th Mar S-2 Mag) At 041600H enemy will fire arty or rockets vic. YD 725687.	S-2, S-3	

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0640		1		Co. D plat. ambush ret'd to CP.	M
0700		2		Co. A sqd. ambush ret'd to CP.	M
0715		3		Prep fired YD 153728 with 81mm for 15 min. with VT and HE.	S-3
0900		4		Co. B started to move as lead element into our new position at YD 153728.	S-3
1030		5		Co. B secured new outpost site.	S-3
1035		6		Med-evac 2 NBC for foot infection and immersion foot. Cum. total-43 NBC.	S-3, S-1
1040		7		Co. A moving out to new outpost site. Cmd. Group following in rear.	S-3
1100		8		A-2 found dud 250 lb. bomb at YD 155732. Marked with air pannel for later demolition and continued mission.	9th Mar COC, S-3
1200		9		Co. D moving to new outpost site.	S-3
1300		10		Co. A, B, D and Cmd. Group arrived at new outpost site. Preparing defensive position.	S-3, M
1415		11		At YD 153729 Marine burned himself with powder increments. Requested med-evac. Cum. total-44 NBC.	S-1, S-3
1430		12		Co. C and 81mm's departing for new outpost site.	M, S-3
1600		13		Co. C and 81mm's arrived new site. All units set in new position.	M, S-3
1637		14		Med-evac 4 NBC from Co. B. Cum. total-48 NBC.	S-1, S-3
1700		15		Chaplain med-evac for FUO. Cum. total-49 NBC.	S-1, S-3
1845		16		Co.'s A and D sending out sqd. size ambushes.	M
1920		17		All nighttime LP's and ambushes in position.	M
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IN	OUT				M—Maps T—Troops S—Staff F—File
0715		1		All nighttime activities ret'd. to CP's.	M
0730		2		Co. A, B and C patrols departed CP for day-time activities.	M
0825		3		Co. D departing CP for combat patrol after 81mm prep fire.	M
0930		4		D-2 at YD 148728 found two 8'x10' rein. bunkers with thatched roofs. Appeared to be recently used. Also found plastic case containing several documents of possible intelligence value. Blew bunkers and will save documents for S-2.	9th Mar COC, S-3, S-2
1215		5		(Fr. YD 147727, En YD 145730 and YD 144728) At 1100H, Co. D noted 4-6 NVA with packs running north to apparent bunker complex. At 1130H observed additional 3-4 NVA moving via YD 144728. At 1145 rec'd 5 rds. enemy 60mm to rear of Co. position. Called in arty and 81mm mission and ret'd S/A and M-79 fire. Continuing to call supporting arms on occasional moving targets with Co. in defensive position. 1 Fr. KIA, 5 Fr. WIA (all evaced); 2 NVA KIA (P). Reaction time of non-organic arty elements was 8 min. They fired 207 rds. Organic 81's fired 253 rds. HE.	S-3, 9th Mar COC
1410		6		Co. D ret'd to CP from combat patrol.	M
1430		7		1/4 perimeter at YD 153728 rec'd approx. 100 rds. 82 mm mortar, 25 rds. unknown caliber arty, unknown number of 60mm and RPG rds. Rec'd S/A and A/W fire from all sides of perimeter from approx. one Co. of NVA. Med-evac helo on ground hit by RPG and destroyed. Ret'd 81mm, 60mm mortar, A/W, M-79's and S/A. Called arty and gunships. 6 Fr. KIA, 37 Fr. WIA; 1 NVA/KIA (C), 19 NVA/KIA (P).	9th Mar COC, S-3
2020		8		(Fr. Co. C at YD 153728) TPQ being run as part NDF dropped short bomb on lines and IP. Restricted all TPQ's to min. 1500 meters. 6 Fr. KIA, 2 Fr. WIA.	9th Mar COC, S-3

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IN	OUT			
0830	1		Add 5 more NVA/KIA (P) to last listing. Eye-witnessed by unit leaders. Cum. total 16-13 Fr. KIA, 44 Fr. WIA, 50 Fr. NBC; 2 NVA/KIA (c), 28 NVA/KIA (p).	S-3, 9th Mar COC, S-1
0910	2		Med-evacued 4 NBC. Cum. total-54 NBC.	S-1, S-3
0930	3		All companies conducting local patrols out to 300 meters around perimeter. Sqd. size patrols continue until 1600H. All other elements improving defensive positions.	S-3
1330	4		Receiving resupply of ammo, food and mail.	S-1, S-3, S-4
1600	5		Med-evacued one immersion foot case. Now 55 NBC.	S-1, S-3
1900	6		All units participating in nighttime activities of ambushes and LP's. Co. A, B, and C have sqd. size ambushes and Co. D has a platoon size ambush.	S-3, M
1930	7		All nighttime activities are in position.	M
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IN	OUT				M—Maps S—Staff	T—Troops I—File
0645		1		All night activities in respective CP's.	M	
0915		2		At coord. YD 158726, Co. B received one friendly short 81mm round which resulted in 1 Fr. KIA and 1 Fr. WIA (non-evac).	S-3, S-1	
1015		3		Co. A at coord YD 728150 found 3 bunkers with 1 mortar pit in front of each bunker. Bunkers were old and not recently used. Plotted on map and continued mission.	S-3	
1115		4		A patrol from 1/3 entered 1/4 CP.	S-3	
1115		5		Co. A found 4 bunkers by hedgerow. Bunkers looked now. Found one RPG rd. and fresh footprints leading away from bunkers in same direction as to be covered by patrol. Plotted on map and prepped area ahead with arty.	S-3	
1350		6		Med-evacued 1 Co. B NBC. Cum. total-56 NBC.	S-3, S-1	
1445		7		Rear elements of Co. A at YD 155721 spotted 1 NVA approx. 150 meters to their rear. NVA was well camouflaged. Could not tell if he had a weapon. Enemy fled NW. No fire was exchanged.	S-3	
1510		8		Co. A ret'd to 1/4 CP.	M	
1605		9		All daytime activities were in CP.	M	
1935		10		All nighttime activities in respective positions.	M	
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IN	OUT				M—Maps S—Staff I—File T—Troops F—File
0715	1			All nighttime activities ret'd to CP's.	M
0715	2			Co. C moved to patrol base for day activities. M	
0730	3			1/4 CP at YD 157727 rec'd approx. 7 rds. of enemy arty of unknown caliber from approx. 0200 mills. Called arty mission on suspected enemy position. Reaction time was 7 min. 1 Fr. WIA (evac).	S-3, S-1
0800	4			Co. A, B, and D conducting local sqd. size patrols around perimeter out to 300 meters.	M
1010	5			(Fr. at YD 160715, En. at YD 152718) Acting on info rec'd from 9th Mar, Co. C observed movement at above coord. Fired 140 82mm rds. and observed one NVA making a hasty exit from a tree. NVA probably slightly wounded. Continuing search of area.	S-3, 9th Mar COC
1100	6			1/4 Cp rec'd 8 enemy rds. of believed 152mm. No. cas. Fired counter arty plan.	S-3, 9th Mar, COC
1325	7			Rec'd 1 rd. enemy arty from 6100 mills. Rd. landed 150 meters outside Co. D lines, no cas. Firing counter arty plan, planning TPQ in suspected area.	S-3, 9th Mar COC
1405	8			1/4 rec'd one rd. enemy arty which landed 75 meters east of LZ. Continuing counter plans.	S-3, 9th Mar COC
1445	9			Co. C co. patrol ret'd CP with neg. contact.	M, S-3
1900	10			All units sending night ambushes and LP's out.	M
2220	11			Man from Co. D returning from ambush to perimeter with defective comm gear tripped and discharged M-16. Requested med-evac for wound in left knee.	S-1, S-3, 9th Mar
2221	12			All nighttime activities are in position.	M
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0750		1		All nighttime activities ret'd to CP's.	M
0930		2		Co. B departing CP to set up Co. patrol base S-3, M to NW from which they will run plat. size patrols. Co. A, C, and D will run plat. size patrols around defensive position.	
0945		3		Co. D had NBC med-evac. Cum total-71 NBC.	S-1, S-3
1010		4		Co. B had NBC med-evac. Cum total-72 NBC.	S-1, S-3
1655		5		During helo resupply rec'd approx. 6 rds. 60mm mortar fire from az. of 355 approx. 700 meters range. Rds. impacted 75 meters to N of perimeter. Ret'd fire with 45 81mm. Reaction time was 30 seconds. 1/4 1/4 directed gunship run on area. Gunships fired A/W and rockets. Will check area.	S-3, 9th Mar COC
1750		6		Co. A OP spotted 3 enemy personnel at river crossing. Fired 6 rds. 60mm with excellent coverage. Will check area.	S-3, 9th Mar COC
1810		7		Co. A OP returning to CP observed 4 enemy approx. 80 meters to rear. Co. A elements in defensive position took enemy under fire with M-60's, S/A, M-79's, 60mm and 81mm mortars. Co. A squad ambush moving into position will check area.	S-3, 9th Mar COC
1940		8		Co. C at YD 159727 plat. ambush rec'd. 1 incoming chicom grenade. Ret'd fire with S/A. Results unknown. Ambush ret'd to CP and will check area at first light.	S-3, 9th Mar COC
1950		9		Co. B starlight scope spotted 3 enemy climbing out of rice paddie 100 meters out. Fired 60mm mission. Daytime activities will check area.	S-3, 9th Mar COC
2330		10		1/4 CP at YD 157727 rec'd approx. 6-10 rds. 60mm mortar fire from approx. 340 degrees, 700 meters out. Impacted inside of perimeter. Ret'd. 54 rds. 81mm mortar fire, 1 Fr. WIA (R med-evac)	S-3, 9th Mar COC
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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0930		1		Co. "D" departed for Co. size patrol base 1000 meters to West. Platoon size patrols will fan out 300 meters to N, W and S. Co.'s A, B and C sending out squad size security patrols within 500 meters of lines throughout the day.	M	
0930		2		D-1 at YD 157733 found 17-82mm rds. and 14 60mm rds. Blown in place.	9th Mar COC, S-3, S-2	
late entr y		3	0900H	A-2 patrol at YD 156728 found a thatched hut 10'x6' about 5' off the ground. Under the hut was a trench leading into a bunker to the right of the hut. The bunker is 10'x10' with a roof of bamboo and dirt. Hut and bunker destroyed.	9th Mar COC, S-3	
0945		4		Co. "B" requesting (R) med-evac for 1 NBC with infection.	S-1, S-3	
1100		5		Co. "D" at YD 157733; En. YD 157735 Co. D on patrol sighted 4 NVA running toward ridge line to north. Took NVA under fire with S/A, M-60's, 60mm. Good 60mm coverage. Called in 82mm and arty mission. 82mm was on target. Two NVA seen moving over ridge line to north. Other two appeared to be directly in impact area. Ridge line to north prepped with arty. Co. "D" swept area to ridge line with neg. results. Continuing to search area.	9th Mar COC, S-3, S-2	
1330		6		Co. "B" platoon patrol found 3-500 lb. dud bombs at YD 152711, YD 152713 and YD 154715. Unable to blow because of lack of C-4, tomorrow's patrol will blow in place.	9th Mar COC, S-3, S-2	
1445		7		D-1 platoon patrol at YD 156732 found 22 82mm rds. Blew in place.	9th Mar COC, S-3, S-2	
1600		8		Requesting resupply chopper to take out 13 NBC's and 1 WIA (R) after unloading resupply. Cum. totals-14 Fr. KIA, 47 Fr. WIA, 85 Fr. NBC's.	S-3	
1930		9		Request (E) med-evac for FUO of 104 degrees F. Med-evac completed.	S-1, S-3	

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IN	OUT				M—Maps S—Staff T—Troops F—File
0800	1			All nighttime activities ret'd to respective CP's.	M
0900	2			Co. "A" departing for Co. size patrol 1200 meters W and SW of 1/4 CP.	M
0920	3			Co. "B", "C" and "D" to conduct platoon and squad size security patrols while remaining elements improve defensive positions.	M
0930	4			D-2 platoon size patrol crossing river to N of 1/4 CP at YD 157730 rec'd 2 RPG rds. and S/A fire from approx. 4-6 NVA from left front. NVA also seen moving on right flank toward rear. Ret'd S/A, A/W fire, called 81mm mission of 60 rds. with excellent coverage. Currently searching out area and consolidating platoon position. Neg. cas.	9th Mar COC, S-3
1200	5			Co. "A" patrol at YD 151712 found fresh diggings of new enemy squad size position. Enemy believed to have left area just before Co. "A" arrived. Searched area and destroyed enemy position. At YD 158712 Co. "A" found NVA body one week old. Death due to arty. Left NVA body in crater.	9th Mar COC, S-3, S-2
late entry	6	1130		(Follow up on entry #4) D-2 search of area revealed one NVA helmet and enemy land min. S-3, S-2 Also found at YD 158732 one bunker with false bottom. Trap door led to large space 8'x8'x5' under floor. Bunker destroyed and sketch of it being sent to 9th Mar S-2 along with helmet and land mine.	9th Mar COC, S-3, S-2
1700	7			Co. "A", "B" and "C" sending squad size ambushes out and Co. "D" one platoon size ambush. Utilizing LP's around each Co.	M
1730	8			All nighttime activities are set in.	M
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0740		1		All nighttime activities ret'd to respective CP's.		M
0830		2		Co. "C" departing perimeter for Co. size combat patrol 1000 meters NW of perimeter. Co.'s "A", "B" and "D" to conduct local squad size patrols within 500 meters of defensive position.		M
1130		3		At YD 160705 (En. Same) a CH46, with 18 1/4 personnel aboard, rec'd 2 S/A rds. and one burst A/W fire. Helo rec'd approx. 9 hits. Helo ret'd to DONG HA. Action resulted in 3 1/4 casualties and one A/C crew casualty.	9th Mar COC, S-3,S-2,S-1	
1405		4		At YD 157727 outside of battalion perimeter rec'd 9 rds. enemy artillery from 5200 mills. Rds. landed on east side of perimeter near LZ and one rd. landed north. Called counter batry. arty fires. Neg. cas.		S-3
1450		5		Co. "C", while on combat patrol at YD 155730, rec'd sniper fire from right flank. Ret'd fire with S/A, A/W and M-79's. Action resulted in one Fr. casualty.	S-3,S-2, S-1	
1505		6		At YD 157727 rec'd 10 rds. of enemy arty from 5200 mills which landed on east side of Bn. perimeter near LZ. Called counter Batry. arty fires. Neg. casualties.	S-3	
late entry		7	1450	At YD 155730 while adjusting 81mm fire against target at danger-close range, rec'd S-3, S-1 some shrapnel from WP rd. Halted fire mission. One Fr. Med-evac.	9th Mar COC, S-3,S-1	
1725		8		Co. "A" at YD 155726 (En. same). Outpost spotted 2 enemy NW of their position. Fired S/A and A/W with neg. results. NVA fled south.	9th Mar COC, S-3,S-1	
1725		9		Intelligence report indicated possible arty or rocket attack between 0700-0800 in morning Co. Cdr's. of 15 Dec.	6,5,S-3,S-2	

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0700	1		All nighttime activities ret'd to CP's.		S-3,M	
0830	2		Co. B departed perimeter for patrol base 1000 meters to W. Platoon size patrols will fan out to 300 meters to the NW and S. Co.'s "A", "C" and "D" to conduct local squad size patrols and OP's within 500 meters of perimeter. Remaining elements improving defensive positions.		S-3,M	
0900	3		Co. "B" reported enemy bunker at YD 157732, 100 meters across river. Sighting made enroute to ambush. Left in place, continuing mission.		S-3,S-2	
0920	4		Rec'd S-2 report of enemy OP at coord. YD 152718 directing arty. Fired 81mm mission.		S-3,S-2	
0940	5		Co. B2 (Fr. Yd 155726, En. 154728) enroute to position for ambush, observed one NVA. Fired 100 rds. M-60 and M-16 and 6 rds. M-79. En. ret'd 3 rds. S/A and was seen to be hit by friendly fire. 1 FR/WIA, 1 VC/KIA (P)		9th Mar COC, S-3,S-2	
1055	6		At YD 157727 med-evac helos rec'd A/W fire from enemy at obj. #12. Called an air strike and afterwards A/C saw secondary explosion and fire. Request Napalm strike in same area.		9th Mar COC, S-3,S-2	
1830	7		Night activities departed area.		M,S-3	
0300	8		At YD 157732 Bravo platoon ambush had 6 rds. impact in their vicinity. 4 rds. impacted to the north and 2 impacted to the south. Sound and crater analysis indicated arty fired from approx. 4000 mills. Check with Istmus indicated that no friendly arty was firing at that time. Shell fragments are being forwarded to Drake Pool S-2. Neg. cas.		9th Mar COC, S-3	
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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0700		1		All nighttime activities ret'd to CP's.	M	
0715		2		Co. "D" will establish a patrol base at YD 157713 and conduct platoon patrols to NW and S out to 300 meters. Other Co.'s will conduct squad size patrols in vicinity of perimeter and improve positions.	M	
1000		3		At YD 157713 Co. D-3 discovered bunker and trench line complex and 2 possible mortar positions approx 3 months old. Found 1 82mm round U.S. issue, 1 NVA 60mm with fuse and primer, 1 empty first aid bag, 1 NVA E-tool and 1 H-30. Bunker was blown and all gear destroyed.	9th Mar COC, S-3,S-2	
1330		4		At YD 156713 Co. "D" found a 100mm recoilless rifle round. Turned in to S-2.	9th Mar COC,	
2110		5		At YD 157727 1/4 CP received approx 20 rds. of 82mm mortar fire from 5500 yards. Ret'd fire with 126 rds. 82mm mortar. Reaction time-30 seconds. Neg. casualties.	9th Mar COC, S-3,S-2	
0200		6		Co. "B" at YD 157727. Co. "C" Marine, hearing movement in front of lines threw M-26 grenade into LP manned by Co. B. Investigation initiated. One FR/KIA, two WIA med-evac.	9th Mar COC, S-3,S-1	
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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff F-File T-Troops
0700	1			Nightime activities ret'd to respective CP's.	M
0839	2			Co. "A" departed CP for Co. size combat patrol 1200 meters to the NW. Co.'s "B", "C" and "D" to patrol within 500 meters of perimeter with squad size patrols. Remaining elements to improvise defensive positions.	M
1245 to 1330	3			(Fn. Co. "A" at YD 153728; En. at YD 153733 YD 148732) Co. "A" checked out area around burned out helicopters for results of arty and air strikes. Found one 82mm mortar base plate with blood on same, 40 rds. 81mm mortar ammo and 20 rds. 82mm amne. Destroyed mortar rounds. Co. "A" squad size patrol at YD 153733 had meeting engagement with 2 NVA. Took NVA under S/A fire killing same. Co. "A" patrol base sighted approx. 10 NVA in open at YD 148732. Fired 60mm mission on enemy followed by air strike with 250 lb. bombs. Both 60mm and air were directly on target. After air strike, nothing was seen in area. 60mm fire resulted in 2 NVA confirmed and 2 probable. Four NVA/KIA (C), 2 NVA/KIA (P). Captured one AK-47 destroyed by grenade thrown on NVA.	9th Mar COC, S-3, S-2
1800	4			Co. "A" to have platoon size ambush while Co.'s "B", "C" and "D" will conduct squad size night activities.	M
2000	5			All nighttime activities in position.	M
2300	6			Rec'd Msg. from Drake Pool that on 30 Dec., 1/4 be prepared to move to C-2 and C-2 bridge. 3/4 to assume this position for approx. 30 days then back to C-2.	
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IN	OUT				M—Maps T—Troops S—Staff F—File
0700		1		All nighttime activities are in CP's	M
1050H		2		Co. "C" combat patrol moved out into area NW of obj. #12 after air strike and arty prep. Co.'s "A", "B" and "D" to conduct local squad size patrols within 500 meters of perimeter. Remaining elements improving defensive fighting positions.	M, S-3
1635		3		(Fm. Co. "C" at YD 154728; En. at YD 152728) 9th Mar COC, Co. "C" combat patrol observed 4 NVA wearing Marine flak jackets and helmets in tree line. Took enemy under fire with S/A and M-60's. Saw one fall. Called an air strike on tree line. Good coverage of target area. Co. "C" received one Fr. WIA during final air strike. Was med-evacuated (E). At same position, found 6-M-26 frags, 1 U.S. helmet, 2 haversacks, and 2-CS grenades. Turned into S-2. Continued mission after blowing down 5 possible OP trees.	S-3, S-1
1830		4		Co. "C" to have platoon size ambush while others putting out squad ambushes.	
1930		5		All nighttime activities in position.	M
0405		6		(Fm. 1/4 CP at YD 153727) 9th Mar COC, Rec'd 2 incoming arty rounds--one in perimeter and the other outside. Incident similar H&I fires. Marine wounded by round while on watch. Making crater analysis at first light for direction of incoming unidentified round. (E) med-evacuated at 0455H. 1 Fr. KIA died of wounds while in route to D-med.	S-3
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0630		1		All nighttime activities ret'd to respective CP's.	M	
0845		2		Co. "B" departed perimeter for combat patrol 1000 meters below trace. Other units to conduct sqd. size patrols within 500 meters of perimeter. Remaining sqd.'s to improve fight positions.	M, S-3	
1155		3		1/4 CP at YD 157727; En. YD 145718. Perimeter on SW side rec'd 2 En. 60mm rds. Calling S-3 81mm mission on suspected enemy position 1500 meters to NW. Neg. casualties.	9th Mar COC,	
1435		4		1/4 CP at YD 157727; En. YD 145718. Perimeter on SW side continuing to receive sporadic en. 60mm rds. Two at a time. Requested AO who spotted fresh diggings and trench line. Called arty and air strike on suspected enemy position.	9th Mar COC, S-3	
late entry		5	1430	1/4 CP at YD 157727 rec'd one incoming 105mm rd. fm. SW side of perimeter resulting in a fire and the secondary explosions of two M-26 frags. Initial crater analysis indicates 6 rds. fired fm. 3500 mills. Fr. 8 WIA's (1 (E), 1 (P), 6 (R))	9th Mar COC, S-3, S-1	
1630		6		Co. "B" combat patrol ret'd to perimeter.	M, S-3	
1800		7		Co. "B" combat patrol reported finding 1-250 lb. dud bomb at YD 152710, 2-81mm duds at YD 154712, and six enemy bunkers 5'x4'x4' at YD 158714. Blew ordnance in place.	9th Mar COC, S-3	
1830		8		Co. "B" plat. size ambush departing perimeter. M Co. "A", "C", and "D" have sqd. size ambushes and 8 LP's.	M	
1910		9		All night activities in position.		
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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0615	1			All nighttime activities ret'd to CP's.	M	
0800	2			Co. "D" Co. size combat patrol departing perimeter. Will be operating 1000 meters NW. Co.'s "A", "B" and "C" to conduct local sqd. size patrols within 500 meters of defensive perimeter.	M	
1030	3			D-3 at YD 150727, En. same. Found two enemy bunkers adjoined by apparent mortar pit. Foot prints indicate possibly occupied 2 days ago. Emplacements destroyed.	9th Mar COC, S-3,S-2	
1100	4			D-1 at YD 146727, En. same. Found bunker 6'x8' with thatched roof, 2 exits, bamboo walls, two tunnels all of which were recently occupied. Searched area. Found 2 ChiCom and 2 french grenades. Sent to S-2. Bunkers and tunnels destroyed.	9th Mar COC, S-3,S-2	
1230	5			D-1 at YD 145726, En. at YD 146728. Patrol saw 3 NVA in open. Called arty mission with good coverage of target area. Area too far off patrol route to check out.	9th Mar COC, S-3,S-2	
1610	6			1/4 CP at YD 157727 rec'd 5 to 7 incoming enemy 60mm rds. from 5300 miles, range 1200 meters. Impacted 60 meters outside our lines. Neg. Cas. Called counter mortar fire of 81mm mission of 40 rds.	9th Mar COC, S-3,S-2	
1645	7			Co. "D" combat patrol ret'd to perimeter.	M	
2145	8			1/4 CP at YD 157727. LP's of Co. "A" to the NW and Co. "D" to the N and Co. "B" to the S heard enemy movement to direct fronts. Co. "A" threw 2 M-26 grenades and fired 4 rds. S/A; Co. "B" threw one M-26 grenade. Co. "A" and "B" fired 10 rds. 60mm illum. will check area at first light.	9th Mar COC, S-3,S-2	
2355	9			Southern CP at YD 157727 rec'd 2 rds. incoming arty fm. S. direction. Rds. impacted near perimeter approx. 100 meters west of lines. Checked all H&I fires. Will make crater analysis at first light.	9th Mar COC, S-3,S-2	

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0615		1		All night time activities returned to CP's.	M,S-3	
0830		2		Co. "A" departed CP on company size patrol 1000 meters SW of perimeter. Co.'s "B", "C" and "D" conducting squad size patrols within 500 meters of perimeter. Remaining elements improving defensive position.	M,S-3	
1000		3		Col. Smith (CO 9th Marines) and party arrived our position.	S-3	
1445		4		Co. "A" at YD 152724 received approx. 6 rds. 9th Mar COC, S/A fire from est. 1 NVA in bunker. Returned 20 rds. S/A fire. Called in arty mission and plotted for H&I fires. Results unknown.	S-3,S-2,M	
1500		5		Co. "A" Co. size patrol returned to perimeter.	M,S-3	
2205		6		Co. "B" LP at coord. YD 157727 saw movement approx. 75 meters S/W of their position at coord. YD 156725. LP fired 8 rds. M-16 and 2 rds. M-79. Movement stopped will check area at first light.	9th Mar COC, S-3,S-2	
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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0615		1		All nighttime activities returned to perimeter. M,S-3		
0900		2		Co. "C" departed on company size combat patrol 1000 meters NW of CP. Co. "B" conducting platoon size patrol 800 meters NE of CP. Co. "A" and "D" conducting squad size patrols within 500 meters of perimeter. M,S-3		
0925		3		Co. "A" at YD 157727 received one 82mm mortar round in CP area. Crater analysis indicates direction of fire at 4700 mills. 9th Mar COC, S-3,S-2		
0950		4		Co. "A" at YD 157727 received two 82mm mortar rounds outside of perimeter. Crater analysis indicates direction of fire at 4300 mills. Returned counter mortar fire of 40 rounds of 81mm mortar. Called in arty mission of 36 rounds. Results unknown. 9th Mar COC, S-3,S-2		
1100		5		At YD 157727 Co. "B" received twelve 82mm mortar rounds outside of perimeter. Enemy fire came from 4500 mills. Counter mortar fire of 60 rounds, 81mm was returned. Reaction time, one minute. Called in arty mission. Good coverage. Results unknown. 9th Mar COC, S-3,S-2		
1237		6		Co. "A" at YD 157727 received one WP round in CP area. Round came from 4320 mills. Crater analysis indicates 105mm arty round. 9th Mar COC, S-3,S-2		
1935		7		Fr. YD 157727, En. 155723. "B" sqd. ambush reported seeing 5 enemy moving south. Observed through Starlight scope. Enemy moved into tree line. Called in 81mm mortar mission of 40 rounds with good coverage on target area. Observed no further enemy movements. Results unknown. 9th Mar COC, S-3,S-2,M		
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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0615		1		All night time activities returned to CP's.	M,S-3	
0830		2		Co.'s "A", "B", "C" and "D" conducting squad size patrols within 500 meters of perimeter. Remaining elements of each company preparing to move out on following morning. Elements preparing demo to demolish bunkers when they pull out on 24 Dec.	M,S-3	
1046		3		Fr. YD 157727, En. approx. YD 138725. Received 9th Mar COC, approx. 15 82mm mortar rounds in perimeter from 4500 mills. Returned counter mortar fire, called in arty mission and air strike on suspected enemy position. Enemy 82mm mortars resulted in 32 WIA's (med evac) and 8 WIA's (non evac).	S-3,S-2,S-1	
2030		4		Fr. 161726, En. same. Co. "C" squad size am- bush spotted 5 to 6 enemy moving from W to E. Took enemy under fire with 100 rds. S/A fire, 15 M-79 and 4-M-26 grenades. Called in 60mm illum. Enemy fled to south. Squad then returned to perimeter. Results: 1 enemy KIA (P)	9th Mar COC, S-3,S-2	
2330		5		Fr. YD 157727, En. approx YD 137732. Received approx. 15 82mm mortar rds. in CP area from 5100 mills. Returned counter mortar fire of 30-60mm and 35 81mm mortars. Called in arty mission on suspected enemy position. Enemy mortar fire resulted in 4 WIA's (med-evac)	9th Mar COC, S-3, S-2, S-1	
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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff F-File
0615		1		All night time activities ret'd to perimeter.	S-3, M
0800		2		Co. "B" conducted patrol back to old battalion location to ensure complete destruction of same.	9th Mar COC, S-3, M
1145		3		Col. Smith (CO, 9th Mar) arrived in area. Left area at 1235 for Candy Tuff (1-3).	S-3
1230		4		Fr. YD 173734, En. 180747. Co. "C" OP reports sighting several groups of Vietnamese numbering 2 to 5 carrying long objects wrapped in black. Both male and female in these groups moving N to S at above location. Called AO for closer observation and continued to observe from OP.	9th Mar COC, S-3, S-2
1500		5		Fr. YD 171729. Co. "B" returned to this position. Reported destruction of old area completed.	9th Mar COC, S-3
1530		6		All personnel preparing for end of cease fire.	S-3
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IN	OUT				M—Maps S—Staff T—Troops E—File
0800		1		Co.'s "A", "B", "C" and "D" squad size patrols left perimeter. Co. "A" (C-2 position) conducting squad size patrol W of C-2 position. Co. "B" (C-2 position) conducting squad size patrol E of C-2 position. Co. "C" (C-2 Bridge position) conducting squad size patrol W of C-2 Bridge. Co. "D" (C-2 Bridge position) conducting squad size patrol SE of C-2 Bridge. All squad size patrols will be operating within 500 meters of their positions.	M,S-3
1430		2		Division inspector arrived at C-2 position. He will be staying here for the night and plans to inspect the C-2 Bridge on 29 Dec. with Col. Deptula (CO 1/4).	S-3
1445		3		Col. Smith (CO 9th Mar) arrived in area for visit with CO 1/4.	9th Mar COC,S-3
1700		4		Col. Smith departed.	9th Mar,S-3
1715		5		All company squad size patrols have reported back into perimeter.	M,S-3
2000		6		All nighttime activities are in position.	M,S-3
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IN	OUT				M—Maps T—Troops S—Staff F—File
0745		1		Co.'s "A", "B", "C" and "D" squad size patrols left perimeter. Co. "A" at C-2 position, conducting squad size patrol N. of position. Co. "B", at C-2 position, conducting squad size patrol S. of position. Co. "C", at C-2 Bridge, conducting squad size patrol N. of position. Co. "D", at C-2 Bridge, conducting squad size patrol S.E. of position. All squad size patrols will be operating within 500 meters of their positions.	M,S-3
1330		2		Southern 24 EN: 134674 Received intelligence report of enemy activity of unknown size from Drakepool Bailey in 1367 grid square. Called in arty mission. While adjusting fire, FO spotted 2 enemy in treeline. Fired for effect with 31 rounds 105mm. Good coverage of target. Results unknown.	9th Mar COC, S-3, M
1530		3		All companies squad size patrols are now in their perimeters.	S-3,M
2000		4		All LP's and ambushes are now in place.	S-3,M
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IN	OUT				M—Maps T—Troops S—Staff F—File
061 5		1		All nighttime activities returned to perimeter.	M,S-3
080 0		2		Co.'s "A", "B", "C", "D" squad size patrols left perimeter. Co. "A" (C-2 Position) conducting squad size patrol SW of position. Co. "B" (C-2 Position) conducting squad size patrol SE of position. Co. "C" (C-2 Bridge) conducting squad size patrol N of position. Co. "D" (C-2 Bridge) conducting squad size patrol S of position. All Co. squad size patrols will be operating within 500 meters of their positions.	M,S-3
1330		3		LtCol Deptula departed perimeter for conference with Drakepool.	S-3
1345		4		CO 2nd Bn, 12th Marines arrived in area for conference with Maj. Nelson.	S-3
1415		5		CO 2nd Bn, 12th Marines departed.	S-3
1600		6		All squad size patrols from companies "A", "B", "C", "D" have returned to perimeter.	M,S-3
1630		7		LtCol Deptula arrived back in perimeter.	S-3
1930		8		All night activities are in position.	M,S-3
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					M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0615	1			All nighttime activities have returned to their perimeter. Co.'s "A", "B", "C" and "D" squad size patrols left perimeter. All Co. squad size patrols will be operating within 500 meters of perimeter. Co. "A" (C-2 Position) conducting squad size patrol NW of perimeter. Co. "B" (C-2 Position) conducting squad size patrol SE of perimeter. Co. "C" (C-2 Bridge) conducting squad size patrol NW of perimeter. Co. "D" (C-2 Bridge) conducting squad size patrol W of perimeter.	S-3,M	
0950	2			Southern Delta 2 YD 124665; EN: YD 122667 Southern Delta 2 squad size patrol spotted 1 NVA in black shirt & blue trousers traveling NW into heavy tree line. Did not observe weapon. D-2 patrol fired M-79 and S/A fire. Checked area with neg. results. D-2 patrol remained in vicinity of ch. pt. #1 approx. 45 min. and observed area. Continued assigned mission.	9th Mar COC, M, S-3	
1215	3			Southern Bravo 1, YD 137648 Southern Bravo 1 squad size patrol found 5 freshly dug fighting holes facing W. Filled holes with dirt and rocks and continued mission.	9th Mar COC, S-3,M	
1250	4			Fr. 124664. Southern Delta 2 squad size patrol found the following articles, 5-60mm HE; 1-60mm WP; 1-60mm illum; 4-81mm HE; 1 pack; 1 helmet liner; 2 cleaning gear cases; 4 claymore mines with blasting caps; 200-5.56 rounds; 2 E tools; 1 yellow smoke; 1 battle dressing; 1 roll gauze; 1 utility cap; 1 poncho; 1 sleeping bag cover. All gear was brought back to perimeter to supply for redistribution.	9th Mar COC, S-3, M	
1330	5			Fr. YD 124664. Southern Delta 2 squad size patrol found one dead NVA, wearing nothing but a pair of tennis shoes. Appeared to have been dead 4-6 weeks. Left body in place.	9th Mar COC, S-3, M	

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