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(1) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), and (c),
Enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

J. K. GRIFFIS JR.
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Commanding

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

1st Battalion, 5th Marines

Lt. Col. J. K. GRIFFIS JR.

1-31 January 1970

H&S Company

Capt. L. C. BROADWELL

1-31 January 1970

Company A

1st Lt. J. A. HEILIG

1-31 January 1970

Company B

Capt. D. L. MCINTURFF

1-31 January 1970

Company C

1st Lt. P. N. MEIER

1-5 January 1970

2nd Lt. R. K. CRAWFORD

6-31 January 1970

Company D

1st Lt. J. D. LENIHAN

1-31 January 1970

2. LOCATIONS

H&S Company, from 1 January 1970 to 25 January 1970 was located on Hill 65 (AT878576). On 26 January 1970 the company was located on Football Island (AT892520). On 27 January 1970 the company moved north into the Arizona (AT855518). The next day the position was changed again to Hill 20 (AT848527) where the Company remained for 28 and 29 January 1970. On 30 January 1970 the company moved to the eastern end of the "Hot Dog" (AT844495), where it remained to the end of the month.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Maj. J. J. SHERIDAN

1-27 January 1970

Maj. D. C. TOWNSEND

28-31 January 1970

S-1 Officer

Capt. E. W. HAUKAAS

1-28 January 1970

2nd Lt. R. R. EPPS

29-31 January 1970

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S-2 Officer	2nd Lt. M. K. O'SULLIVAN 1-31 January 1970
S-3 Officer	Maj. L. A. BICKLEY 1-31 January 1970
S-3A Officer	1st Lt. G. J. AYERS 1-7 January 1970 1st Lt. W. HARLEY 8-31 January 1970
S-4 Officer	Capt. M. D. WILY 1-28 January 1970 2nd Lt. J. A. MUEHLEISEN 29-31 January 1970
S-5 Officer	2nd Lt. T. B. DAVIDSON 1-26 January 1970
Communications Officer	Capt. L. C. BROADWELL 1-31 January 1970
Medical Officer	Lt. L. W. BASSETT (USN) 1-23 January 1970
Medical Officer	Lt. A. J. ALEXANDER JR. (USN) 1-31 January 1970
Medical Officer	Lt. S. M. RICHARDSON III (USN) 17-31 January 1970
Supply Officer	2nd Lt. T. E. ROBINSON 1-31 January 1970
Motor Transport Officer	2nd Lt. J. A. MUEHLEISEN 1-31 January 1970
Assistant Adj/Legal Officer	2nd Lt. D. E. CRUIKSHANK 1-31 January 1970
Chaplain	Lt. Cmdr. E. L. HUGHES (USN) 1-31 January 1970
Air Liaison Officers	1st Lt. R. F. CURD III 1-31 January 1970 1st Lt. J. V. DUNLAP 1-31 January 1970
Artillery Liaison Officer	1st Lt. D. H. WYATT 1-31 January 1970

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
37	1057	3	55

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1970 commenced with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines responsible for the security of the northern portion of the 5th Marines AO. The New Year began with the Battalion in a totally defensive posture due to the cease fire until 1800 on the 1st. The early hours were marked by extensive activity being recorded on the seismic intrusion devices in the western extremity of the AO.

Dawn of the New Year saw the Battalion actively participating in the Vietnamization of the war. A platoon of RF's were hosted and billeted on Hill 65 New Year's eve and moved out at 0400 to block boat traffic on the Song Vu Gia and to insure that only innocent civilians used the cease fire to cross to the Arizona and back. The RF platoon was integrated with a platoon of Marines from Delta Company. The operation was totally effective as water traffic was nonexistent in the area of the operation between the 87 and 91 grid lines on the Song Vu Gia.

At approximately 1400 ten enemy were spotted taking advantage of the cease fire by washing and bathing in the Northern Arizona, getting a clean start for the New Year.

On 2 January Bravo Company found the remains of two UH1-E's which had crashed (vic. 828598 and vic. 827597). The helicopters had been undisturbed by the enemy, as ordnance and radios were still present in both aircraft. 1st MAW was notified and further investigation disclosed one had crashed in 1968 while the other had been jettisoned from a CH-53 external lift in May 1969.

Bridge security was informed by an elderly VN lady that her two sons across the river desired to Chieu Hoi. Marines were dispatched across the river via boat. However while crossing the river, shots were heard and upon reaching the southern bank the Marines found one of the son's body. The other son had evidently escaped from the grim fate delt to his brother by their former comrades, but he could not be located.

During the noon hour on 3 January the IOD tower spotted two enemy around a bunker area. Rapid artillery emplacement on the bunker killed both the enemy. The following day three VC were killed by arty at 871557 in a similar incident. The same afternoon 6 NVA/VC were similarly killed. Later two more VC were killed in the same vicinity cooking supper by a small fire.

Delta Company encountered four NVA rice gatherers on a trail while enroute to Hill 65 after a five day operation on Charlie Ridge. Two of the enemy were killed in the first torrid exchange of small arms fire but the unit was unable to locate the remaining two NVA. On the same day, about noon, a squad size patrol spotted approximately fifteen enemy across a river. Although unable to cross the river in pursuit of the enemy, a scout sniper was able to kill one of the group from a range of

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800 meters. Two hours later, IOD spotted four VC with packs and rifles outside a hootch across the Song Vu Gia. Delta Battery fired on the target killing one VC.

On the afternoon of the fifth IOD spotted six VC wearing out off green utilities and carrying two rifles. As the VC fled to a bunker near 868457, IOD directed artillery and air onto the enemy position. This action resulted in three enemy KIA being credited to the OV-10 engaged in the incident.

On January 6, five enemy were spotted around a bunker at 887573, two were carrying rifles. Foxtrot Battery fired a mission on the target resulting in three NVA/VC killed.

On the morning of the 7th, ten enemy were spotted building a fire at 872556. An 81mm mortar fire mission killed two of the enemy before they could take cover in nearby bunkers. About noon the IOD tower observed approximately thirty enemy in a bunker and hootch area vicinity 871556. Delta Battery fired in support of the sighting and three kills were observed. Later, four more enemy were killed at the same site by artillery.

The road sweep team to Hill 52 had a VN boy point out the location of a 30 lb. box mine buried next to a deep mud hole. The boy promptly received 5,000\$VN, for his efforts which was encouraged by a locally produced reward pamphlet which he had in his possession.

During late afternoon on the 10th, the IOD tower spotted six VC carrying rifles in the Northern Arizona. A fire mission was called and three VC were followed into a bunker by an 8" projectile.

Bravo Company, while moving to their objective on central Charlie Ridge, to assess the bomb damage of an ARC LIGHT, heard wood being chopped to their front. Rapidly moving forward the unit took seven NVA under fire wounding one and killing another. During the subsequent pursuit of the fleeing enemy, contact was made again and one Marine was killed by point blank automatic weapon fire. The Marines held up while two air strikes were flown on the enemy position.

On January 12, the IOD tower once again spotted enemy traversing the Northern Arizona and killed four VC by artillery. Third platoon Alpha Company while on patrol in the NW corner of the AO, previously restricted because of an arclight, found a 60mm mortar base plate camouflaged in the brush.

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At noon on the 13th the tower spotted two VC industriously improving their defensive position. Delta Battery lent immediate assistance to their digging efforts by hitting the area with a fire mission killing both enemy. At 1500 a group of ten VC were spotted in the Northern Arizona. An air mobile platoon from 3/5 was directed into the area preceded by an air-strike from Cobra aircraft. The 3/5 unit was placed into the Landing Zone just vacated by the fleeing enemy four minutes earlier. The close coordination conducted by 1/5 with 3/5 providing assault forces has added a new facet to the tactical employment of the IOD in addition to spotting targets for artillery and air.

On the 13th, the 1/5 audubon society found its third downed bird of the New Year, locating the site of a helicopter crash at 814565. The enemy again appeared outside of the tower's favorite bunker complex as two were spotted late in afternoon. Once again Delta Battery found their mark killing one VC.

After being inactive or elusive the 15th, the enemy once again returned on the 16th to the Northern Arizona Area under surveillance of the IOD tower. Four appeared outside a straw hootch and three were eliminated.

On 17 January IOD spotted an oddity. While observing a rocky area on Charlie Ridge near a thin smoke trail three NVA were spotted, one reconnoitering Hill 65 with binoculars. A rapid fire mission terminated the reconnaissance and killed one NVA. The same morning a fire mission was conducted within a hundred meters of a group from CAP 2-2-4 who had crossed the Song Vu Gia to extract ten Chieu Hoi's. Their former comrades made three futile attempts to assault the group and recapture the eight males and two females. The Chieu Hoi's were turned over to Hill 65 and initially claimed to be innocent civilians pressed into service by the VC to carry rice. Interrogation by S-2 and ITT disclosed that two were hard core VC, two were corpsman, and one was a nurse.

"D" Battery saluted the new day on the 18th by hitting two NVA outside a bunker complex spotted from the IOD tower at 0720. Ten minutes later seven more enemy were killed close by in another bunker complex.

On the 18th, the 117th RF Company operating in cooperation with Bravo Company on Hill 25 showed welcomed aggressiveness by taking a VC unit under fire from an ambush site killing one VC.

The following day the IOD tower spotted four enemy moving through some elephant grass in the northern Arizona carrying rifles. A timely fire mission killed one NVA who was caught in the open. Later four enemy were spotted playing cards, an air strike was called but the results were unobserved. The tower spotted four more enemy in a straw hootch which was destroyed killing four. Four more were killed by Delta Battery thirty minutes later by artillery directed from the IOD tower.

During the evening of the 20th a Charlie Company patrol captured two VN moving through a tree line. The following day the IOD tower was back at work spotting four VC traversing the Arizona. A subsequent fire mission

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While the remaining two were last seen fleeing at an Olympic pace into a nearby treeline. Three more enemy were killed around a hootch at 1657 the same day.

Just before noon of the 22nd, artillery units on Hill 65 killed six for six NVA carrying rifles and packs outside a bunker in the northern Arizona. The next day the "Madison Avenue" approach of advertising a large reward for information leading to the discovery of road mines again proved successful as a VN boy reported the location of a rock mine on Route 4 just prior to Delta Company moving down the road enroute to "Stack Arms".

The 25th was spent improving defensive perimeters throughout the AO and preparing for TET 1970. Bravo Company made contact with two VC enroute to a night ambush position with unknown results.

The month of January saw extensive work on defensive positions on Hill 65. When the Battalion left after two months on Hill 65, the hill was rumored to be three meters lower because of all the digging and trenching accomplished along the crest. Several projects essential to the defense and orderly functioning of the hill rolled into high gear with the arrival of heavy engineering equipment. The new helicopter landing zone at the north end of the hill was completed while the battalion was in the process of leaving. Construction of artillery facilities at the south end of the cantonment proceeded rapidly. An emergency trash pit in the ravine between Battalion positions and Delta Battery compensated for the loss of the dump buried under the new LZ. Flame tanks completed their work of burning off the encroaching vegetation around the perimeter, especially in the area of old minefields. Finally, the Seabees arrived to begin digging a long awaited well that will eliminate dependence on mobile water tankers.

No serious problems were encountered in leaving the hill at the end of the month, as 1/5 returned to its old stomping grounds in the Arizona in good health and in a spirit of determination.

In closing out the first month of the New Year 1st Battalion, 5th Marines mobilized its forces for yet another operation in the Arizona territory. On 26 January the Battalion CP and Charlie Company were hoisted to Football Island (AT892520) where they joined forces with Lima Company 3/5 who were OPCON to 1/5 as of 0030 that date. The 3rd Battalion 51st ARVN's were subsequently lifted into the same landing zone. By noon 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) and the ARVN's were actively engaged in a two Battalion reconnaissance in force from the Song Thu Bon to the Song VU Gia, an operation that was to last for the next three days.

While searching out the Battalion CP area a large cache of corn, tobacco, rice, beans, salt, spices, and miscellaneous clothing items were uncovered. Later the same day a 60mm mortar round with a pressure detonator was found in the same area. Local indigenous personnel were apprehended and one civil defendant was forwarded to An Hoa. Later a local member of the VC Farmers Association was apprehended. An extensive search of the area disclosed thirty-two bunker/complexes in the area which were searched and then destroyed along with a ten meter long tunnel with four more bunkers at the end stocked with a small supply of survival foodstuffs. In addition Lima Company, OPCON to 1/5, had destroyed seven bunkers while sweeping north-

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west of Football Island.

Early the next morning a Charlie Company ambush spotted approximately twenty-two VC moving along a trail. After firing claymores and small arms, the fire team withdrew to check out the area of contact at first light. They were unable to find evidence of any enemy kills.

Moving northwest toward the Song Vu Gia in a two company sweep the 27th of January, thirteen more enemy bunkers were destroyed after being searched. Charlie Company on the right flank set up for the evening bordering the Finger Lake in the northern Arizona. An ambush outside their night time position made contact with four VC. They opened up with small arms and hand grenades killing two VC. Fifteen minutes later another ambush made contact. A "Sting ray" gun ship placed voluminous ordnance on the area. Numerous drag marks and blood trails were found the following morning but the requirement to continue the sweep north to the Song Vu Gia precluded extensive searching for bodies. The two company sweep continued with sixteen bunkers, fifteen spider holes, a 105 and 250 lb. bomb dud destroyed by Charlie Company. Concurrently, the Bravo Company Commander and the Company Gunnery Sergeant apprehended a thirty-five year old corporal trying to cross the Song Vu Gia in a boat. Charlie Company, while sweeping in the My Binh area, encountered numerous booby-traps suffering a total of eight WIA's on three separate incidents.

The night of the 27th and early morning hours found Charlie in contact again with small units exchanging fire with enemy units throughout the night. "Shadow" expended extensive ordnance over the area of contact. Charlie Company was preparing to probe the area of contact the next day after noon with entrenching tools to locate any bodies from the numerous blood trails located that morning. The Company CP group came under heavy automatic small arms fire from across the lake near the CP position. Charlie Company returned small arms fire and called two cobras on station to deliver onboard ordnance, raking the area. Artillery was called into the area and Lima Company had a platoon sweep through the area moving North along the east side of the lake. The area was searched thoroughly, but the unit was unable to locate any enemy forces. Since the area was extremely thick with underbrush two flights of aircraft were brought in the following day to destroy enemy bunkers found in the underbrush.

On Hill 52 in the Thuong Duc Corridor A0, Bravo Company was in contact that evening. Once again the enemy either eluded the company's small arms or proved once again his extreme proficiency to clean up the battle area under the cover of darkness.

Charlie Company did locate a rice cache while digging in their CP the following day.

The 30th found the Battalion slowly returning to its normal tactical posture as Lima and Mike Companies were flown to the Thuong Duc Corridor A0 while Alpha and Delta Companies joined 1/5 in the Arizona. Bravo Com-

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pany remained on Hills 52 and 25 to maintain continuity of the defenses of these areas.

In accordance with previously received orders the Battalion CP moved to the Hot Dog area of the Arizona to preclude the enemy from massing forces against the Regimental CP at An Hoa. Alpha Company was left in the Football Island area to interdict known enemy resupply routes in the eastern Arizona.

Displacing rapidly across the Arizona the Battalion expeditiously established control of the Southern Arizona along the Song Thu Bong with two companies and the CP located at the eastern end of the Hot Dog. To the S.W. a Charlie Company squad set up in an ambush killed two NVA from the 90th Regiment as they attempted to traverse a speed trail, while Bravo Company found a rice cache and apprehended a VC and a VC's wife in the Central Arizona.

The month ended with 1/5 once more finally exerting its influence in the Arizona, choking off the enemy's supply routes and causing him to realize the futility of his efforts.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTSA. TOPICS1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

a. Strength. The Battalion's strength at the beginning of the month was 37 officers and 1099 enlisted. On the 15th of the month, the strength had changed to 39 officers and 1060 enlisted. By the end of the month, the strength was 35 officers and 1014 enlisted. At this time there are 1 officer and 18 enlisted hospitalized.

b. Discipline, Law and Legal. Two Summary Courts-Martial, four Special Courts-Martial, and one General Court-Martial were convened during January. During the same period, nine Company and seven Battalion Office Hours (NJP) were also held. There were nine completed investigations with four still pending for the month.

c. POW's/Detainees. There were 10 detainees processed during the month. They were classed as follows:

POW's	0
Chieu Hoi	0
Civil Defendants	2
Innocent Civilians	6
VC Returnee	2

d. Morale. Morale and fighting spirit continued to be excellent.

e. Postal. Postal service continued at the same degree of excellence.

f. Awards. During the month of January, there were 24 Navy Achievement medals, 10 Navy Commendation medals, 1 Bronze Star medal, and 1 Navy Cross medal submitted for heroism and meritorious service.

g. Combat Promotions

1. Submitted. During the month of January there were 16 combat and/or meritorious promotion requests submitted.

2. Approved. During this same period of time, 8 of these requests have been returned approved.

h. Interior Management. Administrative procedures and proficiency continued to be excellent.

2. ENEMY, WEATHER AND TERRAIN

a. Enemy. During the reporting period readings on the Battalion's sensor strings emplaced at the base of Charlie Ridge, showed a significant decrease over last month's readings. However, intelligence passed from Dai Loc DIOCC indicated that elements of the 141st Regiment were still on Charlie Ridge.

VIP payments totaled 33,000\$VN for the reporting period, with the majority paid out for dud 105mm rounds and coframs. A VN youth pointed

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out a 30 lb. box mine to the road sweep team on Route 4 and was promptly paid 5000\$VN from the Battalion's VIP funds. Leaflets have been passed out along Route 4 throughout the reporting period.

b. Weather. During this period the weather was characterized by generally cool to warm temperatures. The small amount of rain for the month briefly hampered the trafficability along Route 4 - Air operations were not significantly restricted.

c. Terrain. Unchanged.

3. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

a. Organization.

(1) Company A, 1/5 OPCON to 5th Marines from 010001H to 110800H Jan 1970 for An Hoa Base Defense Augmentation Company.

(2) Company B, 1/5 OPCON to 3/5 from 300800H to 310800H Jan 1970 for base augmentation on Hills 52 and 25.

(3) Company C, 1/5 OPCON to 5th Marines from 230800H to 260800H Jan 1970 for An Hoa augmentation company.

(4) Company D, 1/5 OPCON to 5th Marines from 110800H to 230800H Jan 1970 for An Hoa base augmentation company.

(5) Company L, 3/5 OPCON to 1/5 from 260030H to 300800H Jan 1970 for support of operations in the Arizona.

(6) Company M, 3/5 OPCON to 1/5 from 290030H to 300800H Jan 1970 for support of operations in the Arizona.

b. Operations. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein) from 1-30 January 1970 participated in base defense of Hills 65, 52, and 25 in Thuong Duc AO. From 26-31 January they participated in unnamed counter TET offensive operations in the Arizona Area.

c. Supporting Arms

(1) Air. The Battalion continued its policy of maximum employment of all available air power. The great majority of our air support continued to be A-6 Beacon flights covering intelligence targets in the Charlie Ridge Area. Working in close cooperation with the IOD team located at Hill 65, air liaison personnel continued to refine adjusting techniques on A-6 flights. With increased friendly and enemy night operations, the tactical use of Basketball flare ships proved most effective.

Upon receiving the warning order notifying 1/5 of the impending transfer to the Arizona area, 1/5 stepped up T.A.S.'s in the areas which could be observed from Hill 65.

On the 26th of January elements of the Battalion were heli-lifted into the Arizona, almost immediately the Battalion began utilizing OV-10 and O-1 observation aircraft to cover troop movements and recon possible enemy locations. The use of these aircraft proved invaluable in their expeditious alerting of friendly forces to the presence of enemy troops.

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(a) Fixed Wing. Fixed wing support includes "Hostage" OV-10 aircraft and Basketball C-130 flareships as well as close air support by jet attack aircraft. This is summarized in the table below.

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>FLIGHTS</u>
Hostage (OV-10)	26 hours 00 min.	32
Basketball (C-130)	15 hours 25 min.	7
Shadows (C-119)	3 hours 00 min.	3

Close Air Support

F-4	10
A-1	1
A-6	20

The battle damage assessment from the above flights is tabulated as follows:

Structures destroyed	1
Bunkers destroyed	2
Secondary Explosions	8
Secondary Fires	4
Treelines destroyed	1400 Meters
Total tonnage Bombs	161 tons
Napalm	8.5 tons

(b) Rotary Wing

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ARVN</u>	<u>DETAINEES</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
Emergency	9	4	0	3
Priority	18	1	0	3
Routine	15	0	0	12

(c) Significant Developments. With the return of the Battalion to the Arizona, significant night action required the use of USAF Shadow and Stinger aircraft. This was the first use of these aircraft by the Battalion and the results were more than adequate.

(2) Artillery. First Battalion, Fifth Marines operated in the area of Hill 65, north of the Song Vu Gia and in the Charlie Ridge area west to the 18 grid line, during the month of January, 1970. The Battalion was supported by 2nd Battalion, Fifth Marines with Delta Battery firing most of the missions.

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A great deal of effort was expended in strengthening the defensive fires around Hill 65, Hill 52, and Hill 25. Targets were plotted around Hills 52 and 25 (totaling 15) and registered in with HE except where clearance could not be obtained due to the indigenous personnel living in the impact areas. Counter mortar and counter rocket targets were increased to a total of forty-five along the Charlie Ridge area. A new method of firing counter mortar and counter rocket was employed making use of a master chart containing azimuths to each suspected rocket site from Hill 65. The targets could then be fixed and fired more rapidly using crater analysis and flash sightings.

Seismic Intrusion Devices (SID) manned by S-2 personnel, were emplaced in four areas along the foothills. One platoon of 105's from Delta Battery was constantly laid on these strings. When S-2 determined that there was definite movement along one of the four strings, that target was fired upon at once. The average time for rounds to impact after the soundings were detected was four minutes.

Numerous new uses were discovered for the IOD. It was often used to help guide our units while operating on Charlie Ridge. Due to the rough and unfamiliar terrain and the inaccuracy of maps, it was necessary to help a unit locate itself by replot. The IOD was used to visually locate good H&I targets as well as employing old grids fired upon in the past for the same. Close liaison was established and maintained with IOD personnel to ensure rapid clearance of their fire missions. The major problem in clearing missions in the area was in getting clearance through the political district when necessary. Failure to get district clearance constantly hindered our ability to capitalize on targets of opportunity.

The H&I program was revamped to increase its effectiveness. S-2 reports were researched daily to determine any new targets. All units operating on Charlie Ridge were encouraged to submit targets and suspected areas of enemy use. By combining all sources of current intelligence and past H&I's fired and carefully utilizing these grids in an irregular rotational basis, maximum effectiveness was achieved. Units operating on Charlie Ridge reported numerous fresh graves along the speed trails, giving some indication of the results of H&I's. TOT's were fired on S-2 targets of particularly sound origin and value.

81mm mortars were used extensively for H&I's and for support of the letter companies, PF's, RF's, and ARVN's. Few HE missions were fired due to the limited range of the weapon and the pacified area operated in. The 81mm mortar section located on Hill 52 was used to support Recon inserts, Special Forces, and CTDF units operating south of the Song Vu Gia, outside of the AO.

On 26 January 1970, 1/5 moved into the Arizona to assume a new area of operations, giving the Hill 65 area to 3/5. A detailed turn-over file was made out and given to the 3/5 Bailey team. This file contained the following information:

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Counter mortar fires
 Counter rocket fires
 Permanent beacon grids to be cleared
 Position FDF on calls (with 1:250,000 overlays)
 Frequencies and mike numbers used

Below is a breakdown of the missions fired and rounds expended for the month:

Total fire missions	129
Contact fire missions	17
SID fire missions	26
Total HE rounds	1058
Total illumination rounds	160
Total WP rounds	79
H&I targets	522
H&I rounds fired	7215

(3) Engineers. Excellent support was again provided by Company B, 1st Engineer Battalion. Engineers were employed primarily to sweep roads from Hill 65 to Hills 37 and 52, and in building a new LZ on Hill 65. A considerable amount of dud and enemy ordnance was blown resultin in considerable savings of life and limb.

(4) Shore Party (HST). HST support was provided by Company B, 1st Shore Party Battalion. These teams provided satisfactory support in coordinating and effecting helicopter resupply and medevacs.

(5) Scout Snipers. Detachment Scout Sniper Platoon HQ Company, 5th Marines provided marginal support to the Battalion due primarily to the Battalion's static positions. One (1) enemy kill was registered during the month.

(6) Motor Transportation. Motor transport continued to encounter difficulties in providing adequate support to the Battalion while located in the Thuong Duc AO. Extremely wet weather and inadequate roads contributed greatly to this problem. A light section of Marginal Terrain Platoon, Company B, 11th Motor Transport Battalion consisting of four M116 Huskies and one M733 armored Huskie was assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines when the Battalion moved into the Arizona territory on the 26th. They were of invaluable assistance in transporting equipment and supplies during moves, resupply and "Rat Patrols".

(7) Scout Dogs. Detachment from 3rd M.P. Battalion provided adequate support to the Battalion. When available these dog teams were used primarily for wire checks where they found several breaks in the perimeter wire on Hill 65.

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~~SECRET~~4. TRAINING

a. The training in the following areas was conducted by the Battalion during the month:

- (1) Weapons Safety
- (2) Weapons Inspection, Care and Cleaning
- (3) Familiarization firing of Individual and Crew served weapons
- (4) Mine and Booby trap lane (Practical Application)
- (5) First Aid
- (6) M-60 Machine Gun
- (7) M-79 Grenade Launcher
- (8) M-72 LAAW
- (9) Anti-Personnel Mine - M18A1
- (10) Drug Abuse
- (11) Viet Cong Mines and Booby traps
- (12) Battle Sights
- (13) Proper Handling and Interrogation of POW's
- (14) Supply Administration
 - a. Financial Management
 - b. Publication
 - c. Inventory Control
 - d. Table of Equipment
 - e. Status
 - f. Report of Investigations
- (15) Personal Effects
- (16) Armory (Weapons, Special XM-174, Operation and Capabilities)
- (17) Embarkation
- (18) Inventory Procedures
- (19) 60mm Mortar M-19 (Line firing)
- (20) Personal Response
- (21) Leadership
- (22) Communications Security
- (23) Preventive Maintenance PRC/25 Radio
- (24) 81mm Mortar (Line Firing)
- (25) 106mm Recoilless Rifle M40A1 (Line Firing)
- (26) Care of, cleaning of 106mm Recoilless Rifle M40A1
- (27) Care and cleaning of 81mm mortar
- (28) Electrical Safety
- (29) Drivers Training for Testing and Licensing
- (30) Weekly Preventive Maintenance
- (31) Procedures for completing NAVMC 106275D
- (32) Vehicle Safety
- (33) Shop Safety
- (34) Patrolling
- (35) Physical Training

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b. All companies while providing security for Hill 65 continued to hold instruction and familiarization firing of all individual and crew served weapons.

c. A Mine/Booby trap lane was constructed by the Battalion while on Hill 65, and was utilized extensively.

d. All replacement personnel received three and one half days training at the 5th Marines Headquarters prior to being committed to the field.

e. The Battalion continued to utilize schools provided by higher headquarters in the DaNang area and Okinawa. During the month 47 members of the Battalion attended schools in the DaNang area and Okinawa. The value of the schools was recognized; however, this had an adverse effect on the rifle-company strength in the field.

5. LOGISTICS. During the period of 1-31 January 1970, this Battalion continued to operate at the Hill 65 complex. Because of the demand for upgrading the defensive posture and the limited time in which to accomplish this task, the Battalion relied heavily on its motor transport assets. The Battalion's M-274A2 (MULES) hauled fifty sleeves of defensive wire around the Hill 65. In addition to its organic transportation, the Battalion utilized vehicles from Company A, 1st Motor Transport Battalion. These two vehicles attached to the command on Hill 65 are used as "House-keeping" vehicles and for the resupply of Hills 52 and 25. The vehicles are tasked with hauling class III from Hill 37 to Hill 65. The trucks also make numerous runs to DaNang and An Hoa from Hill 65 trucking personnel, mail, class II and class IV supplies.

This past month has seen the greatest improvement to Hill 65 since its conception. A number of fighting bunkers were renovated, and several were completely rebuilt. There were great improvements in both the tactical and defensive wire around Hill 65 complex. Over fifty sleeves of wire were laid on Hill 65, sixteen sleeves on Hill 25, and seventeen around Hill 52. A new Helo-Pad 180'x180' was completed at the northern end of the Hill 65 cantonment. LZ's were established on both 52 and 25. Twenty rolls of hurricane fence was sent to Hill 65 for the construction of RPG/Grenade fences around the fighting bunkers during the available time period. Over 50% of this wire was hung in accordance with Regimental Orders. Initially extensive difficulty was encountered in obtaining sufficient wire through supply channels because of the inavailability of wire and transportation availability. The problem was further inhibited by the requirement to conduct a road sweep along Route 4 from Dai Loc to Hill 52, an almost all day task in itself. When the wire was available, the problems of the road mine sweep overcome, the rains often inundated the road with mud making it an almost impassable quagmire. As wire and fortification material became available an "all hands" effort was extended to lay it around the perimeters. The tireless ef-

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fort by the personnel of each forward combat base can be exemplified by the fact that the wire and fortification material arriving on any date was installed the same day.

Ultimately the requirement for a more responsive resupply capability was realized by Regiment and supplies which previously could only be transported via Route 4 were allowed to be heli-lifted into the position. It was through this means that quantum improvements were made and the hill masses became so well fortified.

Triple concertina was laid in a 360° perimeter in strands 3 deep. Each barrier was interconnected with tanglefoot. Furthermore the inner perimeter was compartmentized to increase defenses.

All living and fighting holes were lumbered underground and an interconnecting trench line was dug around the perimeter of Hill 52.

Toward the latter part of January, the 1st Battalion moved its CP group to the Arizona Territory. Though still defending Hills 65, 52, 25 while deploying a company and its attached Huskies with the CP group in the Arizona, the Battalion's logistical support has enabled them to continually improve the defensive postures of the static positions, and still achieve enough logistical support in the field necessary for an effective operation in the Arizona Territory.

6. CIVIC ACTION. General. On January 22 twenty-five ammunition boxes were supplied by the S-5 to the Dai Phu Hamlet for construction of

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the Hamlet Chief's office. Six Med-Caps were held, two at Trung An Hamlet with 187 persons treated, Tam Hoa Hamlet (AT863573) with 50 persons being treated, and Dai Phu Hamlet (AT885573) with 80 persons being treated. Cooperation between Marines of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines and the local Nationals helped to maintain a cordial relation in the Hill 65 area. (Trung An Hamlet - AT868573)

7. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS

- 4 Jan - Requested Chieu Hoi Leaflet at (8161)
- 7 Jan - Requested Aerial Broadcasts - Thuong Duc Valley
- 15 Jan - Requested Chieu Hoi Leaflets (AT8551) and (AT8151)
- 17 Jan - Requested Leaflet for "Sons and Fathers" (AT8057)
- 17 Jan - Chieu Hoi Leaflet request at (AT8661)
- 18 Jan - Chieu Hoi Leaflet drop (AT8654), also received a Pro GVN broadcast in Thuong Duc Valley
- 19 Jan - Requested a Returnees Leaflet and Revolutionary heroism Leaflet at (AT8654)
- 23 Jan - Requested Vietnamese poem leaflet at (AT8061), and (AT8051)
- 23 Jan - Pro GVN Broadcast in Thuong Duc Valley
- 26 Jan - Requested NVA Poem Leaflet (AT8461), Chieu Hoi broadcast (AT8655)
- 27 Jan - Requested a VC compatriots leaflet (AT8751)
- 27 Jan - Requested Chieu Hoi leaflet at (AT8764)
- 30 Jan - Requested Leaflets, Chieu Hoi, at (AT8059) and (AT8552)

8. COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were maintained during the month of January with no serious problems. Personnel turnover in all sections rose considerably with the redeployment of Marine units out of Viet Nam. Although hard pressed for experienced radio operators in particular, the platoon benefited considerably by the voluntary extensions of several key men.

Departure from Hill 65 by echelon on two separate dates toward the end of the month facilitated control of men and material greatly. After the departure of the command group for the Arizona on the morning of 26 January, Comm gear was staged and evacuated in lots that could be easily guarded, transported and handled by the rear.

Battery consumption continued to rise steeply with the increase in covered nets and participating stations. Ultimately, dry cell battery requirements should double or perhaps triple because of the large power needs of the voice scrambler units.

9. SIGNIFICANT CASUALTIES INFLICTED OR SUSTAINED: VC/NVA CAPTURED



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a. Friendly Casualties
1st Battalion, 5th Marines

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
KIA	1	0
WIAE	11	1
WLANE	3	0
DOW	0	0
DOD	0	0
NBC	13	0
NBD	0	0

b. Enemy Casualties

KIA NVA 16 VC 52 TOTAL 68

10. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY ORDNANCE CAPTURED DURING THE MONTH

1 AK-47 1 M-79

11. SIGNIFICANT MUNITIONS CAPTURED/FOUND AND DESTROYED DURING THE MONTH

1 - 122mm Rocket Round

12. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY EQUIPMENT/FOOD STORES CAPTURED DURING THE MONTH

310 lbs. corn	105 lbs. tobacco
25 lbs. black beans	925 lbs. rice
175 lbs. sweet potatoes	

13. ENEMY DOOBY TRAPS/MINES FOUND AND DESTROYED DURING THE MONTH

1 - 30 lb. box mine, pressure/release
 4 - M26 Hand Grenades w/tripwire
 1 - 15 lb. Mine (105 cannister) /pressure release
 2 - 60mm mortar rounds w/pressure release
 1 - 60mm mortar round w/tripwire
 1 - 7.62 round w/pressure release
 4 - ChiCom Grenades w/tripwire
 1 - 60mm Mortar w/pressure release
 1 - M26 Hand Grenade w/tripwire

14. ENTRIES. See Tab "A" to Enclosure (1) Staff Journal for period of 0100L through 312400 January 1970.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

7 Tab "A" Staff Journal for period of 1 January through 31 January 1970

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TIME IN OUT	SER NO	DATE/TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
			Journal Opened	
0205	1	010205H	Received sensor acts. on String 1 02-10, 03-10, M28-24, 04-5. Moving N-S. Neg. FW due to cease fire.	S.F.
0455	2	010455H	Received sensor acts. on String 1, 02-3, 03-8, M28-8, 04-1. Moving S-N, estimated 3-5 enemy. Neg. FW due to cease fire.	S.F.
1045	3	011045H	1 VN boy gave road sweep team 1 M79 rd. and 1 bouncing betty already fired. Blew in place w/4lb. C4. Paid boy 100 P's from VIP funds.	S.F.
1130	4	011130H	4-5 VC, some men, some women, talking to Marines and ARVNS over loudspeaker Trying to get them to Chien Hoi.	S.F.
1140	5	011140H	Civilians gave report to local PF's that there was one USMC body at vic. 876562 or 878522. Dressed in utilities and boots. Is a negro and has been dead for 3 days. Sending out a squad to check area with members of CAP 2-2-4 and local PF unit. Move across river will be via boat and has been cleared with Panama Hat. Unit has been warned of possible B/T and ambushes.	S.F.
1150	6	011150H	1 VN boy gave road sweep team 6 coframs. Blew in place w/4lb. C4.	

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				Paid VN boy 200 P's from VIP funds	S.F.
1230		7	011230H	1 VN boy gave road sweep team 1 cofram, 1 4-79 rd. dnd. Blew in place w/4 lb. Cl and paid boy 200 P's from VIP funds.	S.F.
1340		8	011340H	Observed 8-10 VC/NVA washing in a stream, relieving themselves and resting: about 1425, a small boat load of young males rapidly crossed river about 200 meters upstream. Were met by 2 young males wearing helmets, appeared to be unloading something in boxes. Deep under surveillance w/100 having area cleared for arty on post at 1800H.	S.F.
1430		9	011430H	43A checked vic. 875560 where VF said Marine body was located 3 days ago. Neg. results. Body may have been washed away, if it actually existed. Checked out 875560, spotted 2 boats crossing river to Arizona at 090558. Several civilians were on that side of river. Marines sent to check out. Detained 1 civilian who was carrying bag of rice. Also found new flashlight batteries and 3 cans of sardines hidden in a bag w/tobacco. No ID. Brought detainee back to position to S-2 for interrogation.	S.F.

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1940		10	011940H	Received sensor act. on String 1 02-16, 03-7, 428-5, 04-2. Move- ment N-S, approx. 3-5 enemy, call- ed arty 1943H - fired mission at 1953H, 12 rds. VT. picked up im- pact of rds. Results unobserved. Movement stopped.	S.F.
2227		11	012227H	Received sensor acts. on String 1 02-14, 03-14, 428-3. Movement N- S. Called in FM at 2234H. Fired at 2245H, 12 rds VT, mission un- observed. Movement stopped.	S.F.
				Journal Closed	

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0825		1	020825	A VC wearing black pajamas was spotted running across rice paddy early this morning. Fired 1 warning shot for individual to stop. Person kept running toward tree line. Fired approx. 5 more rds. M-16, one of which hit fleeing person in knee, resulting in 1 priority medevac. Sent patrol to pick up person, also S-2 to interrogate. Tagged person as detainee. Called medevac.	S.F.
0900		2	020900H	While on sweep in vic. 828598 B2 found 1 crashed UH1C helicopter gunship. Radio gear and ordnance had not been destroyed. The chopper apparently had automatic 40mm pod as evidenced by the round opening on bottom of snip. Pod had been moved and approx. 15 loose M-79 rds. lying around. There was 1 M2 2.75 rocket and 1 M2 2.75 lying out of rocket pod. Chopper call sign was 151677 from VMC-2 and all ordnance blown and radio gear destroyed.	
1000		3	021000H	B3 while on patrol found 1 UH1C helicopter vic. at 827597. Chopper was very badly burned around cockpit area, and pieces of human bone were found. Bones appeared to be of elbow and radius bone of right forearm. Also found rear sight	

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				M-79, 2-2.75 HP rockets and numerous 7.62 machine gun rounds.	
				Call sign was 153755 and organization unknown. Radio gear was completely burned. Also found Marine cover with S/Set. inscriptions. Found 1 set M-60 bipods badly burned and butt stock group of M-60 machine gun. Blew ordnance and kept one piece of bone and M-60 butt stock group.	
000		1	021000H	While on bridge security had VN child come up and report that there were VC across river waiting to Chieu Hoi. 3 of men secured a boat and went to pick up woman on other side. Men brought woman to our side. She said she had 2 sons on other side of river to Chieu Hoi. While woman was talking, Marines heard small arms fire across river. Marines went back across river to check out. VC had caught up with 2 VC who wanted to Chieu Hoi, killing 1 and the other one fled. It is believed that VC that fled will return to Chieu Hoi again. Brought woman to S-2.	
1225		5	021225H	Spotted 3 men with 2 young males heading west on river. They had been observed for a period of 2 hr. during which time they appeared to be picking up heavy load.	

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			They had no flag flying during entire period. Warning shots fired in front of boat. They immediately put up flag and proceeded to land on our side of shore. Set out with S-2 to interrogate and search. Found vessel empty. Young males age 12 said they were fishing, but had no ID. Sent 1 male to get ID and detained other.	S.F.
1330	6	021330H	VN boys gave road sweep team 2 coframs. 1-105mm dud round. Blew in place w/1/2 lb. Ch and paid boys 200 P's.	S.F.
1415	7	021415	VN boy gave sweep team 150 S/A rds. Blew in place w/1 lb. Ch. and paid boy 200 P's from VIP funds.	S.F.
1515	8	021515H	VN boy gave road sweep team 1-175 dud rd. and 3 coframs. Blew in place w/3/4 lb. Ch and paid boy 900 P's from VIP funds.	S.F.
1730	9	021730H	1 VN youth brought in one Chi-com for VIP payment. Paid youth 200 P's. Engineers will blow in place.	S.F.
2223	10	022223H	Received sensor acts. on String 1 02-10, 03-9, 428-4. Movement N-S. Called arty at 2224H - FM at 2240H. 12 rds. VT 105mm, results unknown.	S.F.

TIME		SER NO	DATE/TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
2345		11	022340H	While firing 81mm HAI's. noted a large secondary explosion at 878576. fired HAI's in same location over again.	S.F.
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0539		1	030539H	Received sensor acts. on String 1, movement from N-5, called in FM at 0539; fired mission at 0555, 2 1/2 rds. VT 105mm.	S.F.
0635		2	030635H	Received sensor acts. on String 1, 02-10, 03-7, M28-5, movement undetermined. Called arty FM at 0635H, fired mission at 0645, 12 rds. VT 105mm, results unknown.	S.F.
0940		3	030940H	VN Boys gave road sweep team 1 cofram 20 assorted small arms rds, 1 Chi-com. Blew in place w/1 lb. Ch and paid boys 800 P's from VIP funds.	S.F.
1100		4	031100H	1 VN youth brought 1-105mm rd. for VIP payment. Paid youth 600 P's.	S.F.
1145		5	031145H	VN boy gave sweep team 2-105mm HE rds, 2 M-79 HE rds, and 3 coframs; blew in place w/1 lb lbs. Ch and paid boy 1300 P's from VIP funds.	S.F.
1220		6	031225H	Ladies man spotted 2 VC w/rifles walking around outside bunker at 878577. Called FM, first rd. out at 1220. End of FM 1245, resulting in two VC KIA.	S.F.
1300		7	031300H	VN youth gave road sweep team 1-105mm rd. for VIP payment. Blew in place and paid youth 600 P's.	S.F.

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1750H	8	031750H	Received sensor acts. on String 1, 02-19, 03-15, M28-10, 04-7. Estimated 4-6 enemy moving N-S. Called FM 1750H, fired 24 rds VT 105mm, 805. End of mission 1815. Movement stopped.
1840	9	031840H	Received sensor acts. on String 1, 02-37, 03-28, M28-43, movement N-S. Called in FM at 1853H, fired mission at 1853H, 16 rds, VT 105mm. Estimated 10-12 enemy. Movement ceased, results unknown.
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				Journal Opened
0705	1	010705H		Received sensor acts. on String 1. 02-14, C3-8, H28-9, 04-6. Estimated 4-6 enemy moving S-W. Delta Battery called on target, but couldn't fire because of an airstrike in the target area. An A.O. in the target area called in direct FM. FM was fired at 0745, results unknown. S.F.
0745	2	010745H		C3 spotted movement last night near red line at 843562. Fired 60mm and checked out area at first light. Found one cast iron cylinder size of gallon jug w/wires running out. Left under observation, engineers will investigate during road sweep. S.F.
0800	3	010800H		BLJ while returning home from night-time position, had PF'S approach them with 1 wounded male civilian. Man said 2 VC came into hamlet at 881573 about 0200 and tried to conscript him. He resisted and was shot in the leg and chest by the VC. BLJ turned over to S-5 the wounded VN and 3 other civilians who claimed to be relatives of the wounded man. Wounded man was treated by S-5 and medicated. S.F.
1030	4	011030H		Ladies man while adjusting FM on bunker complex routed 3 VC w/rifles who sought cover in small hootch. Next rds destroyed hootch. S.F.

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1230	5	011230H	While on road sweep, received the following: 1 Chi-com, 1- V-79, 1- V-26, 1-155mm HH, 2-coframs, 1- 81mm RL. Blew ordnance in place and paid VN the following: 300 P's - (Chi-com & coframs), 100 P's - (155mm), 500 P's - 200 tomorrow - (81 He rd), 200 P's, 100 tomorrow - E79 and M-25 were not paid for.
1120	6	011120	Ladies man spotted about 6 VC/NVA w/ packs and rifles around hootch at 877577. FM requested but negated due to proximity of friendly troops. Spotted BWC squad in tree line being observed by enemy from tree. Contacted Panama Hat who approved direct liaison with Panama Hat Lima. Contacted L & L-2. And E3-3 coordinated positioning L-2 troops and Bronco to target. While Bronco was marking target, 20-25 VC/NVA emerged from hootch and moved rapidly to west leaving behind 1 sniper. About 10 minutes later 15-20 VC/NVA dressed in green utilities well camouflaged with branches and grass, carrying rifles moved toward the target area from the west. At about 1540 2 flights of 2- F-4 A/C. Each delivered snake and nape at target getting excellent coverage. 2 secondary explosions were observed over target area. ESW fired

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			FM from 1630 to 1700 w/7 WP and 150 HE. Panama Bat L was contacted at end of FM and will continue to cover the area. 3 VC/NVA confirmed RTA's reported by Bronco.
			S.F.
1600	7	041600	Received sensor acts. on String 1, 02-3, 03-10, M28-20. Estimated 3-5 enemy moving N-S. Called arty at 1804H. FM ended by 1821H, fired 12 rds. VT 105mm - results unknown.
			S.F.
2255	8	042255H	Received sensor acts. on String 1 02-13, 03-8, M28-5. Estimated 3-5 enemy moving N-S. Called arty at 2255H, fired mission at 2315H, 12 rds. VT 105mm. Results unknown.
			S.F.
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0855		1	050855H		VN boy gave team member 3-M79 rds, 3 coframs and 2-105mm empty casings. Blew in place and paid boy 600 P's.	S.F.
1000		2	051000H		VN boy gave team members 2-105mm rds, 1-60mm round, 1 Chi-com, and 1-M79 rd. Blew in place w/24 lbs. Ch and paid boy 1500 P's.	S.F.
1300		3	051300H		Med-Cap Held, with 63 children, 10 women, and 7 men treated. No unusual cases encountered.	S.F.
2115		4	052115H		Held emergency medevac for L/Cpl D.B. Facot of Bravo company for reasons of acute appendicitis. Man's gear is with company.	S.F.
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1500	1	061500H	L. M. spotted 5 VC/NVA around bunker 2-28H rifles. All were wearing green utilities. Called FM 1455 1st rd. at 1540, end of FM 1600. Results 3 VC/NVA.
2249	2	062249H	Received sensor acts. on String 1, 02-16, 03-12, M28-14. Moving N-8 estimated 8-10 enemy. Called arty at 2249H, fired at 2303 12 rds. VT 105mm. Results unknown.
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0800	1	070800H		L.M. spotted 10 VC/NVA w/backs and rifles around a hooch building a fire. Called 61mm mortar FM at 0800H. First rd. at 0810H. End of FM 0830. Results 2 VC/NVA KIA's.	S.F.
1215	2	071215H		L.M. spotted 1 VC entering a bunker at 878577. Called FM - 8 inchers on Hill 65. Fired 5 HE quick and 5 FM delay, mission called at 1215H. 1st rd. at 1235, end of FM 1240. Results 1 VC KIA's.	S.F.
1225H	3	071225H		Road sweep team found 30 lb. box mine buried in road in such a way that a vehicle going around hole would detonate mine. Mine was pressure det.	S.F.
1225	4	071225H		VN boy pointed out to sweep team general area of 30 lb. box mine. Mine was located and blown in place. Youth was brought back to Hill 65 for questioning by S-2. Youth was paid 5,000 P's.	S.F.
1230	5	071230H		Ladies man observed approx. 30 VC/NVA in hooches and bunker area at 878576. They were wearing green utilities and carrying weapons. Artv fired 20 rds. VT and 12 rds M3. Mission called at 1145. 1st rd. fired at 1215, end of FM at 1230. Results 3 VC/NVA KIA's.	S.F.

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1630	6	071630H		Intell. Report: Hill 65 will be attacked on N, NE, and SE sides by BSR between hours of 2300 and 0100. Source of information was a Chien Hoi from Ba Kha Village - referred to Dai Loc district. 100% alert. BSR and 50% alert. Moving 100% Company down from the Charlie Ridge foothills under the cover of darkness to the western end of the Fishbone Lake to serve as a reaction force and interdict avenues of approach to Hill 65. S.F.
	7	07		1 VC Company from Q-83, strength 60 men combined with local guerillas weapons: mortar, machine guns, B&R's, and enough individual weapons, hiding 899806 to 901600 to 898599. Mission will attack RF and FF units in Loc ville tonight. S.F.
	8	07		Intell. Report: 1 VC Battalion from 141/312 with enough weapons - 805590-810590. Mission: will mortar Hill 65 and attack all units Cau Chin Bridge to S.W. of Hill 65. S.F.
1805	9	071805H		Received sensor acts. on String 1. 02-12, 03-8, M28-12. Movement from N-S. Estimated C-8 enemy. Called arty at 1805, fired at 1830. 24 rds. Vx 105. Movement stopped, result unk. S.F.

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0512	1	080512H	Received sensor acts. on String 1, 02-14, 03-12, M28-7. Movement S-W. Estimated 3-5 enemy. Called arty at 0050H, fired mission at 0100H, end of FM 0101H. Fired 12 rds. VP 105mm. Results unknown.
0800	2	080800H	The point element, D1, for B Company move. met point to point with 4 NVA rice humpers. Enemy were wearing green utilities with NVA belts and had 1 Chi-com and documents. Also had unusually small amounts of rice. D1 immediately opened fire killing 2 of the enemy; the other 2 fled. A search of the area was conducted with negative results. Blew Chi-com in place.
1200	3	081200H	B Company, 3rd squad, 3rd Platoon, scouted approx. 15 VC/NVA with rifles and packs. Snipers fired dropping 1 VC/NVA. Unable to check out area because river is too deep. Called arty with clearance from little people.
0100	4	081400H	4 VC around hooch gathering wood. They had packs and rifles. Ladies man (100) called in FM. at 1050H, 1st rd. at 1110H, fired 3 VP and 16 HE rds. End of FM 1120. Results 1 VC KIA.

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1705	5	081705H	Received sensor acts. on String 1, 02-9, 03-7, M28-13. Movement S-N. Estimated 5-7 enemy. Called arty at 1705H, fired mission at 1713H, end of FM 1716H. Fired 12 rds. VT 105mm, picked up impact of rds. Results unknown.
	5	08	Intell. Report: Approx. 50 NV at Grids 879601 moving west toward grids 813581, may hit Hill 25 and the CAP unit along the red line between Hill 25 and Hill 52. Hill 65 was too many men to be hit. About 10-20 VC with NVA operated on Grids 840555 during darkness. This has been going on the past few days every day, no special time. A few VC come across to Truon, an and Dai Phu Grids 8856 and 8857, to check and get information about Hill 65's activities.
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0050		1	090050H	Received sensor acts. on String 1, 02-14, 03-10, M28-7. Movement from S-W. Estimated 3-5 enemy. Called arty at 0050H, fired mission at 0100 end of M at 0101. Fired 12 rds. VT 105mm. Results unknown.	S.F.
0640		2	090640	Received sensor acts. on String 1, 02-16, 03-10, M28-6, movement from S-E. Estimated 2-3 enemy. Called arty at 0640, fired mission at 0655, fired 12 rds. VT, end of M 0715, results unknown.	S.F.
0900		3	090900H	RT's brought into Bn 2 VM males ages 18 and 45. RT's told Bn that the 18 year old was a VC Chieu Moi and had grenades and 2 Chi-coms hidden across river. The older male that was brought to Bn had ID card, but no picture. Will turn over to S-2 for further interrogation.	S.F.
1600		4	091600H	Ladies Man observed 6 VC wearing cut off trousers and green utility jackets. 2 men were carrying rifles. 3 of the VC ran into a bunker. 8 inchers on Hill 65 fired 16 rds. HE. Mission called at 1600 - first rd. at 1615, end of mission 1715. The reason for the 15 minute delay from the time the mission was called to the time it was fired is as follows: The fire	

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			mission had to be coordinated with
			the 8 inchers CP on Hill 34. 8 inch-
			ers had a TOT at the time of the
			mission and Ladies man told them
			there was no hurry. Therefore both
			of the 8 inch guns fired on the TOT
			until given an end of mission. Then
			they fired the mission given them by
			Ladies man. Results - 3 VC KIA's.
1842	5	091842H	Received sensor acts. on String 1.
			02-5, 03-8, M28-8. Movement was
			from N-S. Estimated 2-3 enemy.
			Called arty at 1842. M4 at 1846.
			12 rds. VT 105mm. end of 1847.
			Results unknown.
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0615	1	100615H	Received sensor acts. on String 1, 02-16, 03-9, W28-11. Estimated 3-5 enemy moving from S-N. Called arty at 0650, fired mission at 0655. Fired 12 rds. VT 105mm. Picked up impact of rds. and of FM 0703. Results unknown.
0930	2	100930H	Held Med-Car at 863573, treating 18 children, 5 women, 7 men. Encountered 1 case of skin cancer.
1015	3	101015H	1 VN boy gave sweep team 3 coframs. Blew in place w/ 1 lb. Ch and paid boy 300P's.
1821	4	101821H	Received sensor acts. on String 1, 02-22, 03-20, W28-28. Movement from N-S. Estimated 7-9 enemy. Called arty at 1825, fired mission at 1831 end of FM at 1832. Fired 12 rds. VT 105mm. Check fire bird on gun target line. Results unknown.
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1020		1	111020H	B2 while en route to object heard someone chopping wood. B2 sent out a squad to check out area and saw 7 VN's running to the north. B2 opened up with 10 rds. small arms, wounding 1 female and capturing another. Women were wearing uniform type clothes - black bottom - blue top. Approx. ages 20 years old. As soon as possible evac prisoners. will bring back both females for further interrogation.	S.F.
1200		2	111200H	B2 while searching on area of suspected enemy harbor site was opened up on by S/A auto weapons, hitting first man of patrol. Estimated 3 enemy with S/A. B2 instantly returned fire, shot 3 rds. of 60mm mortars on area w/neg. results, and called arty and air.	S.F.
1500		3	111500H	Ladies man spotted boat on north bank of Song Vu Gia hidden in high grass. Called in 81's MI and boat was destroyed.	S.F.
1500		4	111500H	While checking wire around the perimeter of Hill 85, the wire check team discovered one cut in outer wire on western side of hill. Cut was hidden by an L shaped coupling in the wire. When coupling was unlocked, cut 3ft.	

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			wide was left in wire. Cut wire was repaired.	S.F.
1520	5	111520H	CAP 1A found 3 piles of dirt on red line at grid 858571. Believed to be a mine or booby trap placed in area or a new mine field. Engineers to search area on road sweep tomorrow.	S.F.
	6	11	B Company Bn. of southern portion of target area encountered 7 enemy at 193590, fired S/A, 1 NVA KIA and 1 Detainee. Encountered 3 enemy at 193593 - 1 USMC KIA, fired S/A and 60mm. Called air strike and arty FM. Enemy broke contact, checked out area - results unknown.	S.F.
1915	7	111915H	Ladies man observed a boat in Song Vu Gia with 3 men in it. Boat was moving to north side of river from Arizona. 2 men were waiting on north side of river for boat. Informed C Company night activity in the immediate area of the activity. Ladies man continuing to observe it	S.F.
2245	8	112245H	In direct support of CAP 2-2-4, units at 878577, 61's fired HE and illum. for CAP ambush. In contact w/C VC RF's searched area where they saw 5 enemy fall with neg. results.	S.F.
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0800	1	120800H	Spotted 6 VC w/ weapons and rocks moving west. Ladies man called VN 0810, 0815 1st rd. end of mission 0830. 4 VC/NVA KIA's. S.F.
0930	2	120930H	1 VN boy brought in 1-105mm for VIP payment. Paid out 600 P's. S.F.
1010	3	121010H	A squad patrol from C Company took sniper fire vic. 86157h at about 0920H. A VN RF/RF was turned over to C Company bridge security 86657h. personnel. VN had been apprehended by CAP 2-2-4 for sniping at the patrol. District HQ was notified of the incident and informed ES to return VN to CAP to be returned to Dai Loc District HQ. RF/RF was not member of local CAP, district HQ picked RF/RF at 1020H from Bridge security. S.F.
1220	4	121220H	A3F while on daytime patrol, came across a base plate for 60mm mortar at 199562. Base plate was lying on rocks, and camouflaged. Was not American made and appeared to have been there for sometime. A3F will bring base plate in for further examination. S.F.
1425	5	121425H	Recon insert (Aunt Mable) (Freq. 4 83-32.50) was in heavy contact

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				at 150483 with about 35 NVA, the Recon unit was trying to break contact and requested an extraction. D.C. notified 3.3. to have a platoon stand by (Sparrow Hawk) in case that they were needed to assist the Recon unit. By 1450 one platoon from C Company was standing by at LZ 465 (878577) on Hill 65 with their gear and supplies waiting for further notice. At 1520 the Recon unit had broken contact with enemy. They reported all secure and awaiting extraction.	S.F.
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0830		1	130830H	In reference to VN who was sniping at a squad from Charlie Company. Man was a PSDF. Was a former VC who Chieu Hoi'd about 3 years ago. He was turned over to Dai Loc District HQ immediately after capture for further investigation.	S.F.
1245		2	131245H	Ladies Man spotted 2 VC wearing green utility shirts building bunker at 87105577. Delta Battery fired FM. FM called at 1245, 1st rd. out at 1258, end of FM at 1315. Delta Battery waited for save-a-plane until 1257. Results 1 VC KIA.	S.F.
1245		3	131245H	Spotted 2 VC building bunker at grid in ser. no. 2. Results were later discovered to be 1 VC KIA.	S.F.
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1220-	1	141220H	VN boys turned in to sweep team 2-60mm HE dud rds, 2 coframs, 1-105mm. Blew in place.	S.F.
1555	2	141555H	Ladies Man spotted 7 VC in bunker complex. They had rifles and packs wearing green utilities. Called FM at 1555, 1st rds. out at 1610, end of FM at 1620, delay due to save-a-plane. Results 1 VC KIA.	S.F.
1830	3	141830H	Ladies Man spotted 16 NVA w/packs and rifles wearing green utilities wandering around area at 871557. 81mm mortars fired FM, received secondary explosion. FM called at 1805, 1st rd. out at 1810, end of FM at 1816.	S.F.
1845	4	141845H	A 15 yr. old boy and a 17 yr. old nurse from Arizona (northern), Chieu Hoi'd to CAP 2-2-4, turned over to Charlie 1/5 for safekeep- ing, will interrogate and forward to Dai Loc District in morning.	S.F.
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0200	1	150200H	Figures spotted moving along de- fensive wire at 880576 by bunker watch at approximately 0145. Line security alerted; search light and 81mm illum. employed to light area of suspected move- ment. Figure seen fleeing area toward east identified as a male in white shirt by Duffle Bag. Man disappeared into treeline.	S.F.
0230	2	150230H	Close check of area of last nights spot disclosed wire had been cut in straight line from outer strands towards bunker. Cut was wide enough for several persons to move through simultaneously. Wire is being repaired and area will be given concentrated sur- veillance, including use of P- SIDS. Will continue to maintain stand to from 2300 to after 0200 nightly.	S.F.
1820	3	151820H	Received sensor acts. on String 1, 02-17, 03-24, 04-4. Movement N-S, approx. 5-7 enemy. Called FM at 1825, FM at 1829, end of FM at 1830, 12 rds. VT 105's.	S.F.
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0900	1	160900H	1 VN boy brought 1-Bouncing Betty mine, US, to front gate for V.P. payment. Paid youth 500 P's for mine.	S.F.
1500	2	161500H	Ladies Man spotted 4 VC in straw hooch w/packs wearing dark green shirts and cut off trousers. No weapons. FM called 1500, 1st rd. cut at 1510, end of FM 1520. Delay due to save-a-plane. Re- sults-3 VC KIA.	S.F.
1800	3	161800H	Ladies Man spotted 2 VC around cooking fire-green utilities, called FM, Delta Battery fired 16 HB, FM called at 1800, 1st rd. cut at 1805, end of FM 1815. Results- 2 VC KIA.	S.F.
1825	4	161825H	Received sensor acts. on String 1, movement from N-S. Called fire mission at 1825, fired at 1835 because of check fire. Results unknown.	S.F.
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		1	17	Med-Cap held in Chuong An Hamlet (AR 86857h) with 87 children, 6 women, 3 men treated. Dental - 11 children were treated. No unusual cases reported.	S.F.
0905		2	170905H	ECW spotted 3 MI with weapons looking through field glasses at our position. Called MI at 0905, rds. out 0910, end of MI 0920, 2 rds EE quick results unknown.	S.F.
1230		3	171230H	10 Civilians crossed by boat this morning (0830) while under fire from VC. Cap unit 2-2-h returned fire on VC w/supporting arms from Hill 65. These 10 people had been pressed into service by VC for purpose of rice transportation from Phu Tan market to An Bangs. 30-40 men per night have been utilized for this purpose. Permission has been received from Da Loc to keep these people over night pending ITI Interrogation. Ver. Identity of local VC unit by designator - 10 persons are from 85953 (Loc Hoa)	S.F.
1200		4	171200H	F Company in contact, had M32 shoot a MI for them. M32 fired 3 MI and 10 MI of 81mm w/unknown results.	S.F.

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2110	5	172110H	Defensive perimeter heard five fights duration of about 1 minutes each at 878577, 877585 and 878576. About 100 rounds of M-16 and M-79 fire were exchanged and M-26 and M-79 rounds were heard. Exact units in contact were unknown. 2nd CAC Company and District were contacted. Neither had units in contact but district contacted that it was the way the local village self-defense force. Alerted nearby KPs to be alert to possible enemy units in their area and set condition stand to. S.F.
2148	6	172148H	Received sensor acts. on string 1, 02-20, 03-17, 04-8. Estimated 4-6 enemy moving N-S. Called 21 at 2148 fired at 2148. end of mission 2155 - fired 12 rds. VN 105's with unknown results. S.F.
2348	7	172348H	Intell. Report - Secure Daddy reports one VC Company U/T, LOC vic. AP885543 and AP890554. Rein w/local guerrillas strength; 100 weapons - 1 82mm tube, 1 LMG, 5 B-40's, uniforms mixed. 60 unknown. Loc in (AP900575) - Loc Phong (AP910550) - rating B-3 (VN), M-3 (US). AS called 61 - fired total 80 - 81mm on suspected enemy position w/unknown results. will S.F. tonight. S.F.
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0720		1	180720H	Spotted 2 MVA in bunker complex w/weapons and uniforms - dark green long trousers. Called in B-2 - Plt 3 - zone at 0725. First rd. out at 0730, end of B-2 0740, results 2 MVA KIA w/uniforms and weapons.	S.F.
0730		2	180730H	Saw 7 MVA run into one bunker, called B-2 platoon 1 zone fire at 0730. First round out 0800 end of B-2 0820. Clearance w/r zone 2, Nigeria and check fire for birds in 20.	S.F.
1100		3	181100H	1 VN boy brought 1 105mm round to engineers at new LZ sight for VIP payment. Paid youth 200 P's for dud round, will be destroyed later.	S.F.
2345		4	182345H	117th RF Company had two 4 man ambushes that made contact with unknown size enemy force, exchanged 3/4 fire, headed towards M-25. Called Glow FM from B-2 on Hill 25. Checked area, found 1 KIA VC female.	S.F.
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0715	1	190715	Ladies man spotted 4 VC/NVA in tall grass wearing green shirts and long green trousers, carrying rifles. He called at 0720, first rd out at 0725, end of FM 0735, fired 16 rds. 105mm HE. Results - 1 VC/NVA KI.	S.F.
0900	2	190900H	S3UI while on patrol found 9 ft. hole w/an extension 8x6 to hole. Hole was searched w/nox. results and fraged.	S.F.
0900	3	190900H	B2 while on patrol discovered a wall of stacked rocks 75 meters long x 2.5 meters tall. The wall stretched across a gulley and had the appearance of a defensive position. No action taken at this time.	S.F.
1045	4	191045H	VN boys turned to road sweep team 1-60mm HE dud rd, 4-81mm dud illum, 1-60 gas grenade, 2 VC Chi-coms, 1-105mm dud illum, and 1-B-40 rocket. Blew in place with total 8 lbs. of Ch. said boys a total of 3100 \$'s from VIP funds.	S.F.
1205	5	191205H	Spotted 4 NVA under shelter, appeared to be playing cards. Hearing green utilities. Called air on position, dropped 6 2-2's, and 7 D-2's, and strafed w/mini-gun	

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			fire. 10 on station reported one secondary fire.	S.F.
1210	6	191210H	Ladies man spotted h MIA w/green utilities, possible OP. Called FM 1210, first rds. out at 1230 - delay due to save-a-plane, end of FM 1246. Results unknown.	S.F.
1615	7	191615H	While returning from sweep, VN boys gave to road sweep team 2 VC ChiComs and 1 cofran. Blew in place w/ 34 lb. OB, and paid boys 700 P's from VIP funds.	S.F.
1730	8	191730H	Ladies man spotted h VC w/uniforms in hooch at 866542. Called FM at 1544, 1st rd. at 1548, end of FM 1530. (8" guns) Results h VC KIA	S.F.
1800	9	191800H	Spotted h VC/MIA in bunker and hooch at 870556 wearing dark green shirts and cut off trousers. Called FM at 1745, 1st rds. 1750, end of mission 1805. Results - h VC KIA	S.F.
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0900	1	200900H	B21 while on patrol heard movement. They fired 2-M16 rds, at movement and movement went SE and B21 pursued to 037578 and fired 2-M16 rds. with neg. results. S.F.	
1300	2	201300H	Red-Cap held at 085573 with 15 children, 20 women, and 15 men treated. Reported 2 with iron deficiency anemia.	S.F.
1930	3	201930H	C3B while moving out on night activity spotted movement in a tree line on way to ambush site. Investigated movement and apprehended 2 VN w/o I.D. cards, one carrying rifle. Detainees claim to be members of a Popular Defense Force returning to their Hamlet after a visit in nearby village.	
1930	4	201930H	C3A while lying in ambush, spotted 2-3 VC moving stealthily to the south approximately 175 meters to their south. C3A commenced firing on the enemy agents who ended the fire. While members of the ambush checked the area for casualties with	

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0805	1	210805H	El while flying over Hill 65 dropped one napalm tank near friendly village at 872574. Napalm hit in a rice paddy near Route 4. It appeared that tank came loose by accident. Dispatched 2-5 personnel and local personnel immediately to investigate the incident and to provide any assistance required. It appeared to eyewitnesses that no one was injured. Aircraft was not working for US.	S.F.
1207	2	211207H	1 VC in green uniforms, one w/ weapon were spotted at 870555. Called FM at 1207. 1st rd. out at 1210, end of mission 1217. Results - 2 VC KIA's.	S.F.
320	3	211320H	Road sweep team from Hill 65 to Hill 52 received 1 cofram at 811545 and paid 100 P's from VIP funds. b-received 1 ChiCom at grid 821554, paid 300 P's from VIP funds. c.-received 1-00mm KVA mortar at grid 509545 paid 100 P's from VIP funds.	

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			2.-received 1 60mm M4 mortar at 791548, said 400 M's from VIP lines. All ordnance was blown in place with 04.	S.P.
2555	5	211555H	Spotted 4 VC in and around bunk er w/rifles and wearing green utilities. Called in FM at 1555. 1st round out at 1640, end of mission 1730. Results - 1 VC KIA.	S.P.
1651	6	211651H	Ladies man spotted 6 VC/NVA around hooch wearing green uni- forms carrying rifles. Called FM at 1651, first rds. out 1715. End of mission 1722. Fired 24 HE rds. Delay in FM due to original negative clearance given by Pal Joey. Results - 3 NVA/VC KIA.	S.P.
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1155	1	221155H	Ladies Man observed 6 VC/AVN moving around a bunker at above grid. (87195564). VC/AVN were carrying packs and rifles and wearing green utilities. Called FM at 1010, 1st rds. out at 1055 and of FM 1155. 8" guns fired. 5 M quick and 6 M delay. Delay in fire mission was because of a delay in gaining clearance from 11th Marines. Results - 6 VC/AVN KIA.	S.F.
1200	2	221200H	While on patrol D14 found one diesel engine at 896576. Engine appeared to be operable, upon further search of the area, D14 found several documents in a cardboard bag which was in a bunker. Documents were taken to S-2 to be turned in to IRT. Engine was not tampered with because of possibility of booby traps. Will check with district regarding engine.	S.F.
2045	3	222045H	Bl had something trip 1 trip flare, tossed 2 frags in direction of trip flare and fired 3 rds. (11m 111m, w/acc. results.	S.F.

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2315	1	222115	While PW's were set up as Hamlet security in 1956, they came in contact with an approx. Platoon size number of enemy. Said to have received 2-79 rds. PFDF's fled area to Secure Daddy's position. Reason for delay. PFDF'S had to travel approx. 2000 meters before report of their contact was made. Mission unknown. Reported that enemy was moving N.W.	S.F.
	5	22	Intell. Report: 1 VC Battalion or 1st. strength 200 persons with sufficient weapons coordinated with local guerillas in hiding at 799577, 802578 and 805568. Purpose: motor and Harass all units and allied forces in Loc Quang area before TET Holiday. Opinion: Good information to prevent.	S.F.
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0745	1	230745H	Road sweep team member visually detected a 15 lb. improvised mine - a 105mm canister enclosed in cement w/explosives inside. Mine was pressure type. Blew w/1/2 lb. Ch.	S.F.
1205	2	231205H	Latest Intell. indicates LM-MIA being taken to Arizona to enemy mountain base. Please alert unit to be on the lookout for 6'1" Caucasian.	S.F.
1530	3	231530H	Position of 250 lb. dud bomb was pointed out by local villagers. Bomb was blown in place. (209561)	S.F.
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1330	1	241330H	Routine check of Hill 65 revealed four (4) daytime cuts in the wire. Three of these were around the new LZ, the fourth one was near bunker 24 across the ravine from Delta Battery. S-2 reported this incident to the village chief and to Dai Loc District Chief with the hope that these incidents can be curtailed by continued apprehension of persons involved and constant disciplinary action at that level.	S.F.
1856	2	241856	Received sensor acts. on String 1, sensors 02-46, 03-47, 04-17. Estimated 5-7 enemy moving N-S. Called FM at 1856H, 1st rds. out 1900H, end of FM 1900H. 12 rds. VT 105mm fired. Results unknown	S.F.
1930	3	241930H	A1E1 apprehended 3 VN youths approaching wire after dark, turned over to S-2 for interrogation. Initial search revealed 1 M-26 frag. Initial interrogation showed one youth to be ARVN deserter. Subjects being detained for ITT.	
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0800	1	250800H	VN Boys turned in 1 LAAM, 2-60mm duds - paid 600 P's from VIP funds. Blew dud ordnance in place w/4 lb. Ch.	S.F.
1125	2	251125H	VN Boys gave to sweep team 1-2.75 WP rocket head, 2-M79 HE dud rounds, 1 ChiCom, and 1-60mm illum, dud, and 2 coframs. Blew in place w/3 lbs. Ch, paid VN boys 600 P's from VIP funds.	S.F.
2015	3	252015H	BLI while moving to night time position spotted 2 VC carrying rifles. VC tossed frag at KT. Returned fire w/M26 and S/A possibly hitting 1 and returned to position also will fire bee-hives, 81's and 60's on grid when cleared. Will check out area in morning.	S.F.
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1050	1	261050H	Received approx. 6 rds. friendly arty. 2 NBC, 1 emergency, 1 pri- ority. Medevac called.	S.F.
1100	2	261100H	Helicopter gun ship spotted dud round, larger than a 105mm round at 891520 Sent squad to investigate site, found one bomb (250 lb.) not rigged as beoby trap. Blew in place.	S.F.
1125	3	261125H	6 VC w/packs and rifles were spotted at 871559, and shortly after 4 more joined them. A FM was called. FM at 1634, end of FM 1703- 108 rds. fired. Results - 7 VC KIA.	S.F.
1200	4	261200H	WB2 fired 81mm mission for Recon insert who had 10 VC/NVA in the open wearing varied clothing. Observed by Hostage Gringo (AO) fired 3 WP 45 HE.	S.F.
1215	5	261215H	310 lbs. corn, 25 lbs. black beans 425 lbs. rice, 175 lbs. sweet po- tatoes, 105 lbs. tobacco, 50 lbs. rock salt, assorted seeds, asser- ted clothing found under weed pile in bunker area. Will send to An Hoa on first available trans.	S.F.

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1300	6	261300H	While digging defensive positions for I/5 CP at above grid, found 1 Booby trapped 60mm mortar round. Was pressure type detonated. Engineers blew in place.	S.F.
1317	7	261317H	L32 upon throwing an M26 grenade into a bunker, received a secondary explosion, believed to be a 60mm mortar rnd. resulting in one routine medevac.	S.F.
1900	8	261900H	In conducting a thorough search of Football Island extensively using 4 foot iron probe sticks and MK15 ordnance locator, the following items were found in addition to foodstuffs caches already found and forwarded to DC.: Cooking utensils, seeds, miscellaneous clothing, 2-M26 grenades, nurses uniforms. The following defensive positions were destroyed: 32 bunkers/spider holes, 1 tunnel 10 meters long w/survival stores, 2 1/2 acres maze, 1 acre yams and potatoes.	S.F.
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0050	1	280050H	B2H (ambush) spotted 3 VC/NVA digging in road. B2H opened fire w/approx. 15 rds. small arms. Illum. was fired and area checked out w/neg. results.	S.F.
0500	2	280500H	While on company sweep at 860541, found 2 bunkers, 1 dud 250 lb. bomb. At 855545 found 4 bunkers, 1 dud 105mm rd. at 851547 found 3 bunkers. Found 3 bunkers and 1 dud 105mm rd. at 848547. Bunkers, 105mm duds and 250 lb. dud bomb were blown in place and surrounding areas thoroughly searched and probed producing approx. an additional 16 spider holes which were destroyed. Additional search resulted in neg. results.	S.F.
1015	3	281015H	Spotted 1 NVA crossing blue w/boat, man was wearing green utilities, approx. age 35 and had no weapon. Man Chien Hoi'd after crossing river. Was picked up by B-4, B-6, and B-7. Man was brought to position and interrogated. Was forwarded to ITT for further interrogation.	S.F.

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1030	4	281030H	Charlie Company while on company sweep, took sniper fire while at 847547. In the process of setting up auto-matic M79 to return fire, 2 ChiComs w/trip wire on branch were detonated resulted in 4 WIA's. First aid was administered, medevac called and completed.	S.F.
1920	5	281920H	ESL2 observed 2 boats crossing the Song Vu Gia from the south to the north bank. Unable to determine the number of persons in the boat due to darkness. ESL2 fired on same, with organic weapons, sinking one boat. Fired 50 rds. Results beyond sinking of one boat unknown.	S.F.
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0810	1	290810H	M3 patrol spotted 2 NVA wearing black shirt and gray shorts fleeing north. Fired 50 rds. M16 and killed 1 NVA w/AK-47 w/magazine of 20 rds. and 1 M79 w/1 HE rd. The second NVA escaped to north. Checked bunker complex and found 2 packs w/miscellaneous gear; will send both weapons and gear to An Hoa.	S.F.
1000	2	291000H	While moving towards Day Act BSL-3-2 tripped a 60mm mortar booby trap. Booby trap was in a tree line activated by pressure detonation. All personnel had flak jackets and helmets on and were approx. 15 meters apart. 2 emergency medevacs were called.	S.F.
1300	3	291300H	Charlie company while in daytime position was taken under fire from directly across the blue line from NE. The enemy opened up w/SA, ChiComs and at least 2 automatic weapons. Charlie company returned fire w/SA, 60mm, M79. Helicopter called in to work out area. Arty mission called in approx. 300 meters from our position.	S.F.

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01300	1	201300H	Charlie Company took small arms fire (automatic) accompanied by either ChiCom or enemy M79 rds. Returned fire with S/A 60mm mortars and cebra support. Reinforced Charlie Company w/1 Plt. from 1/5 CP and ammo by utilizing Huskies. Called in arty at end of air support. Will move 2 squads Lima Company through area from 892520 north to en LOC. Charlie 2A will block to north at 865544.	S.F.
1315	5	291315H	LW enroute to company position detonated a booby trap, believed to be a 7.62mm rd. rigged to be detonated by a nail. Booby trap was 2 - 3 inches in ground in an open field. Medevac called for 1 man and completed. (Priority).	S.F.
1400	6	291400H	G2A WHS having secured LZ for was returning to company position when spotted approx. 6 VC/NVA with small arms. An OV-10 was called on station directed an arty strike on area.	S.F.

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2030	7	292030H	C22 while set in at night time position received AK fire from approx. 4 enemy positions in tree line (20-30 rds.) L22 returned fire w/organic weapons firing 50 rds. M16. Results unknown.	
2100	8	292100H	BLJ opened up on unknown size enemy force - (possibly Platoon size). Enemy returned fire w/AK and ChiComs approx. 30 min. later. Actual coordinated LH and LJ together. Heard movement again and tossed frag in general direction. Enemy again returned fire. Believe to have 2 enemy KIA's, neg. friendly casualties. Fired 81mm, 60mm, 106 and arty, and had gun ships and Shadow work over area. Also had 81mm and 60mm, Basketball, and Shadow drop illum. Will search out area before first light.	S.F.
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0730	1	300730H	While probing near last night's position located 300 lbs. rice buried in ground in large earthen jar. Will return to Battalion CP for Heli-lift to An Hoa.	S.F.
1850	2	301850H	Found 560lb. low drag GP dnd at CP position while digging in area roped off, will blow in place tomorrow upon leaving area.	S.F.
1930	3	301930H	C3A WHC while sitting in harbor site had movement in front of them approx. 3 enemy. C3A opened fire w/SA, a hasty search proved neg. results. C3A then moved cougar site 200 meters to the west.	S.F.
1930	4	301930H	C1A BFLP while in harbor site spotted approx. 3 VC/NVA moving from S-N in front of their position. C1A opened fire w/SA, and enemy fled. C1A will check out area at first light.	S.F.
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0730	1	310730H	C3A while searching area of last night's ambush, found 1 body in "kill zone" and another in a hootch about 200 meters to the north. Also found approx. 100 lbs. of tea in hootch w/2nd body. Returning w/captured gear to be turned over to S-2.	S.F.
1100	2	311100H	Intell. Report: Captured documents taken from dead NVA by Charlie 1/5 on 310730H Jan 1970 at 846476 revealed the following information: NVA KIA was Cpl. Lee Huur Focs (telegraphic code) of the K7, E90 (7th Battalion, 90th Regiment) 7th Bn HQ strength 54, 1st Co.- 54, 2nd Co.- 60, 4th Co.-21. Further translation of documents indicate that the 7th and 8th Bn, 90th Regt. are in area of OPS, 5th Marines. 90th Regt. appears to have adequate Class I supplies.	S.F.
1910	3	311910H	B2I moving into nighttime position (ambush) saw 2 VC flee into tree line about 400 meters away fired 7 HE and 1 WP of 60mm. Will check out in morning.	S.F.

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