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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 December to 31 December 1970

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein)	LtCol. F. A. HART JR. 1-31 December 1970
H&S Company	Capt. K. E. PITCHER 1-31 December 1970
Company A	1stLt. D. L. HUGHES 1-31 December 1970
Company B	1stLt. W. D. BERRY 1-21 December 1970 Capt. A. C. SLATER 22-31 December 1970
Company C	Capt. J. L. HICKMAN 1-31 December 1970
Company D	Capt. R. B. ROBINSON 1-3 December 1970 1stLt. W. J. ALBRITTON 4-31 December 1970

2. LOCATIONS. 1 December 1970 Company D was extracted from the Que Son Mountains and returned to Hill 34. From 3-21 December 1970 Company D was located on Division Ridge, Hill 244, for security of Division rear and Company C was located on Hill 34 with platoon at Force Logistics Command and one platoon OPCON Company D and located in Rumor Valley. From 1-3 December Company A was located on Hill 34 with one platoon at Force Logistics Command and on 3 December was inserted in the Que Son Mountains for Operation "IMPERIAL LAKE" OPCON to the 5th Marine Regiment. From 1-3 December 1970 Company B was located on Division Ridge, Hill 244, and on 4 December 1970 was inserted in the Que Son Mountains with the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Post (-) (Forward) (OPCON 5th Marine Regiment) and return operational control of Company A to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major F. M. KAUFFMAN 1-31 December 1970
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S-1 Officer

1stLt. R. B. TEDRICK II
1-31 December 1970

S-2 Officer

1stLt. P. T. METZGER
1-31 December 1970

S-3 Officer

Major W. M. ANDERSON
1-31 December 1970

S-4 Officer

1stLt. J. N. WILLS
1-31 December 1970

S-5 Officer

1stLt. M. J. HART
1-31 December 1970

Communications Officer

Capt. K. E. PITCHER
1-31 December 1970

Battalion Surgeon

Lt. C. W. COUCH (USNR)
1-31 December 1970

Assistant Battalion Surgeon

Lt. E. E. PALMER (USNR)
1-31 December 1970

Supply Officer

GySgt. A. F. FAUMUINA
1-31 December 1970

Motor Transport Officer

1stLt. A. J. ANDREWS
1-31 December 1970

Chaplain

LtCmdr. D. I. OLSON
1-31 December 19704. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC		USN	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Chargeable	35	1080	3	47
Effective	33	997	3	45

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

From 1-3 Dec 1970 the Battalion conducted ambushes and patrols to defend the Division rear area with a platoon located at Force Logistics Command, one platoon in Rumor Valley and one company located on Division Ridge.

On 3 Dec 1970 Company A was inserted in the Que Son Mountains OPCON to 5th Marine Regiment for Operation "IMPERIAL LAKE". The general employment of Company A was platoon size PPBs with squad size day patrols and night ambushes. Platoons deployed every two days and established new PPBs. The terrain was generally mountainous with single canopy and small open areas suitable for LZs. The enemy forces generally avoided initiating contact. All contact was of short duration with units of 5-10 men. Enemy weapons employed were AK47s, RPGs, M60 machineguns, 61mm and a capability of 82mm mortars was evidenced by captured ordnance. At 1510 on 3 Dec Company A received small arms fire from a machinegun, an AK47 and two RPG rounds resulting in three WIAs. A-1 provided 60mm mortar and M60 machinegun fire on the target and at 1515 received AK47 fire and 8-10 rounds of 61mm mortar fire with no casualties. Company Commander called for air support and both SCARFACE and HOSTAGE gunships received machinegun fire. The enemy broke contact just prior to the arrival of the tactical air strikes. A MEDEVAC was called and completed at 1630. On 4 Dec A-3, while in their night position, received one RPG round and small arms fire from an easterly direction with negative results or casualties. Operations were continued in the immediate area on 5 Dec.

On 4 Dec 1970 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Post (-) (Forward) (OPCON to the 5th Marine Regiment) and Company B was inserted in the Que Son Mountains for Operation "IMPERIAL LAKE", simultaneously with the return of Company A to 1st Bn. 5th Mar. Company B continued operations at various locations without contact or sighting until 11 Dec.

At 1710 on 6 Dec Company A CP observed a small fire 300 meters from the CP. The 1st platoon was maneuvered to a blocking position north of the fire and A-2 swept from the south to the block. The Company A CP and A-1 swept southwest to northeast. 60mm mortars were used on the enemy positions, A-1 received AK47 fire and then observed four VC/NVA fleeing the area. All units proceeded to sweep with negative results. At 1630 A-2 observed three VC/NVA on a trail near the base camp and opened fire, killing one VC and capturing one AK47 and four ChiCom grenades. On 7 Dec A-3 activated an ambush against a 10-15 man size force. The enemy

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returned fire resulting in one USMC WIA. A-3 was unable to check the area after breaking contact due to foggy weather. The next morning A-3 found four body imprints in the grass in the area of contact. Heavy rain and fog hampered operations on 8 through 10 Dec. On 11 Dec A-1 found a base camp and discovered grenades, RPG rounds, 82mm fuzes, AK47 magazines, one German made generator with the following marking, "73Kg., 225 Volts, 1.6 Kw., FINSTER, WALDER Mashine, FINSTER WALDER NL, Germany/DDL Suressi.", also found a 16mm motion picture reel with film and AK47 ammo.

Company B patrol discovered a well used trail leading to a large, flat rock formation with an excavated campsite underneath large enough to accommodate six personnel. Approximately 15 meters away an underground bunker was discovered. Both positions were destroyed. Company B had no further contacts or findings until 16 Dec.

Company A moved all platoon's patrol bases with negative contact for 1st and 2nd platoons on 12 Dec. A-3 located a base camp and discovered one Chinese Communist radio, an 82mm mortar with base plate and sight, RPG rounds, grenades, primers of 82mm rounds, B40 rocket boosters and rockets and a series of caves and tunnels from 5 to 20 feet long. B-1 was chopped OPCON to Company A on 13 Dec. Company A moved A-1 to new location and enroute to the new position, A-1 swept their area with negative results. A-3 located a small ammo cache of 82mm rounds, various fuzes and primers and shaped charges of 20 lbs. each. B-1, OPCON to Company A while searching the area, tripped booby trap resulting in two WIAs. Weather would not permit helicopter evacuation of the WIAs. On 14 Dec A-1 and A-2 held position and swept area. A-3 linked up with B-1 and helped carry WIAs down to A-3 LZ. MEDEVAC was completed and B-1 set in with A-1. On 15 Dec B-1 was returned OPCON to Company B. Negative contact or findings by Companies A and B on 15 Dec. On 16 Dec A-1 and A-3 continued operation with negative results. A-2 found three fresh graves, the bodies having been dead approximately 8 to 10 days. One had died of fragments and two from small arms fire. The bodies were attributed to the ambush by A-3 on 7 Dec.

On 16 Dec, B-3, while moving to a new PPB, received approximately 20 rounds of AK47 fire from one weapon resulting in one WIA. Gunships were called and an emergency MEDEVAC was conducted. The area was swept with negative results. On 17 Dec Companies A and B had no contact. On 18 Dec A-2 found a Chinese Communist radio with headset and telegraph key. A-3 located cannisters filled with C-3 in a rock formation and destroyed them in place. On 19 Dec Company A found a base camp in the same area and discovered six 61mm rounds and twelve 82mm rounds. A-3 located various ordnance at this base camp including RPG rounds, LAWS, AK47 magazines,

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miscellaneous 782 gear, mortar fuzes and grenades. A-3 detonated a booby trap at this camp resulting in four USMC WIAs.

B-1 located and destroyed a base camp containing two buildings with sleeping platforms. The camp had been vacated two to three months prior. These buildings were found on 19 Dec and Companies A and B had no contact on 20 Dec.

At 0630, 21 Dec, Company A received two RPG rounds without casualties. Late in the morning all Company A units were extracted and returned to Hill 34. Company C was inserted to replace Company A on Operation "IMPERIAL LAKE".

Upon return to Hill 34, Company A enjoyed cokes, beer and a steak cookout and on 22 Dec relieved Company D on the Division Ridge, Hill 244, with day/night activities in Rumor Valley for the remainder of the month. During the change, Force Logistics Command assumed security responsibility for Camps BOOKS, VIKING and HASKINS for a two day period.

At 2015, 21 Dec, B-3 was approached by three personnel and B-3 fired small arms fire and M-79 rounds. Results were negative and there were no friendly casualties. Search of the area at first light revealed three sets of footprints. On 22 Dec a squad sized patrol from B-2 located a five man enemy OP. The OP had been vacated approximately 48 hours earlier and had a view of Spider Lake and a nearby valley. Cooking utensils, an NVA mess kit and cigarette butts (both American and Marijuana) were found in the OP. The trails located in the area of the OP showed signs of movement back up the hill. B-3 found an M-16A1 type mine in its' LZ. The mine was well camouflaged but rendered inoperable by the weather and was destroyed in place. Company B was extracted on 23 Dec and relieved by Company D. Personnel of Company B enjoyed cokes, beer and a steak cookout upon return to Hill 34. On 24 Dec Company B dispatched one platoon to Force Logistics Command for security, one platoon to Rumor Valley, and provided one platoon for Hill 34 security. H&S Company assumed the security of Hill 34 during the change over period.

Company C, which had been inserted into the Que Son Mountains on Operation "IMPERIAL LAKE" in relief of Company A, had several findings on 23 Dec. A Company C patrol, at 1350 of that day, located a body in a cave and C-2 patrol located a tunnel complex, finding one bayonet and one 500 lb. bomb without explosives. On 23 Dec C-2 located four caves and one frame building and while searching in the immediate vicinity,

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found ten more caves with 200 AK47 rounds, one canteen, comm wire, a plastic jug with motor oil and $\frac{1}{2}$ pound of C-3 explosives. On 23 Dec Company D was inserted into the Que Son Mountains in relief of Company B. Companies C and D both had negative contact with the enemy on the 24th and 25th of Dec, though several sightings did occur. On 25 Dec C-2 detonated and received two emergency WIAs from a booby trap. C-3 discovered a cave containing 3000 AK47 rounds, four AK47 magazines, one M16 magazine, three 82mm rounds, two 61mm rounds, seven ChiCom grenades, two RPGs, five B40 boosters, eleven pounds of C-4, 300 lbs. of corn and three blasting caps. The caves were contaminated with CS and all equipment was turned in to the 5th Marine Regiment. On 26 Dec Company D found an old base camp containing several sleeping areas and fighting holes. No obvious enemy use for several weeks; however, six poncho type pieces of plastic and one helmet and blood soaked bandages were found. Company C had several sightings but no contact. On 27 Dec both Companies C and D continued the search of their immediate PPBs. On 27 Dec C-1 located two booby traps and they were blown in place. D-3 located five caves and tunnels with six speed trails leading into the area. On 28 Dec, four chickens, four ChiCom grenades, one concussion grenade and five M79 HE rounds were found and destroyed. At 1818 Company D located a downed helicopter (serial number 15080) and several 2.5 inch rocket heads. Company D also located a Vietnamese body partially buried under a rock formation. The body had a red arm band, a leather wallet, and a lighter. On 29 Dec Company D sighted two enemy at the base of their PPB and fired M79 rounds and searched the area with negative results. Personnel returned to the site of the downed helicopter and destroyed all ordnance. D-2 heard voices and movement near their position and opened fire with small arms and M79 rounds. Enemy returned fire and then broke contact. 30 and 31 Dec resulted in negative contact or sightings for Company D. Company C located fifteen bunkers and discovered one Chinese 61mm round and all bunkers were contaminated with CS crystals.

On 3 Dec Company D relieved Company B of security for Division Ridge and was employed in static defense positions. 44 bunkers and two OP towers were manned each night. The OP towers and twelve bunkers were manned during the day. One platoon from Company C was OPCON to Company D and operated in Rumor Valley. On 4 Dec small arms fire was observed from a village near C-3's PPB in Rumor Valley. 60mm mortar illumination was fired with negative results or sightings. On 10 Dec, at 2220, movement

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and strange lights were sighted outside the C-3 PPB with negative contact. On 16 Dec two dud 106mm rounds were located and blown in place. On 18 Dec C-3 found a Vietnamese male in Rumor Valley who had cut his right heel with his tool and was evacuated by truck. At 1730, 19 Dec, bunker 5 on Division Ridge received 10-15 rounds of small arms fire from a village directly south. Division Ridge security was increased and Headquarters Battalion COC and the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines COC were notified. There was negative contact during the night. On 21 Dec, at 0105, an enemy rocket launch was observed from OP CONDOR at a 175 degree azimuth and all units within the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines AO were notified.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

a. Strength. The Battalion strength at the beginning of the month was 31 officers and 1108 enlisted. On the 15th of the month the strength was 37 officers and 1103 enlisted. By the end of the month the strength was 38 officers and 1096 enlisted. On the last day of the month there were 26 enlisted hospitalized.

b. Discipline, Law and Legal. During December, 1 Special Court-martial convened. There were 17 Battalion and 21 Company Office Hours. There were 7 investigations completed and 6 are still pending.

c. Significant Casualties.

	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIAE</u>	<u>WIANE</u>	<u>DOW</u>	<u>DOD</u>	<u>NHC</u>	<u>NHD</u>	<u>DAI</u>
USMC	00	13	00	01	00	43	01	00
USN	00	00	00	00	00	01	00	00

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

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

f. Awards. During December two Silver Stars, four Bronze Stars, three Navy Commendation, four Navy Achievement and five Certificate of Commendation were submitted for heroism and for meritorious service.

2. ENEMY, WEATHER AND TERRAIN

a. Enemy. Operations were conducted mainly in the Que Son Mountains. Throughout the month there were 79 incidents in which 52 were friendly initiated and 27 enemy initiated. Of the 27 enemy initiated, two were harassing small arms fire and 21 mining and booby traps (18 booby traps found and three detonated). There were four attacks by fire on this command. There were nine sightings during this period with one sighting of over five enemy.

<u>NVA KIA</u>	<u>VC KIA</u>	<u>POW'S</u>	<u>CHIEU HOI'S</u>	<u>DETAINÉES</u>
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b. Weather. Rainy, foggy weather hampered operations during the month of December. Resupply and troop movements in the Que Son Mountains were limited due to the almost continuous fog.

High Temperature	76 degrees
Low Temperature	66 degrees
Mean Temperature	70 degrees
Total Rainfall	.43 inches
Average Humidity	83

c. Terrain. The terrain varied from open, lowland rice paddies to canopied, heavily vegetated mountains. Troop movement and resupply was conducted freely in the valleys but in the mountains resupply was infrequent due to limited access points. Troop movement was normally restricted to trails.

3. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

a. Organization. The organization of the Battalion remained the same with three companies located at Hill 34 and two companies located in the Que Son Mountains, Operation "IMPERIAL LAKE". Two Quick Reaction Force Operations were conducted by the Battalion during the month as well as continuous day and night activities.

b. Operations

(1) During the month of December the Battalion Forward Command Post (-) (OPCON to the 5th Marine Regiment) with two companies was located in the Que Son Mountains on Operation "IMPERIAL LAKE".

(2) Three companies and a rear CP remained on Hill 34 and Division Ridge, Hill 244, and continued the defense of the assigned AO and Division CP. A patrolling/ambush force was maintained throughout Rumor Valley for the entire month.

4. SUPPORTING ARMS

a. Air

(1) Troop helilifts and resupply missions in support of Operation "IMPERIAL LAKE" accounted for 95% of all air usage by the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines during the month of December. Tactical air support for the Battalion CP (-) (Forward)(OPCON to the 5th Marine Regiment) was requested through the 5th Marine Regiment and consisted mainly of the Mission 86 package.

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<u>TYPE OF AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>NUMBER OF HOURS</u>
HCA	2
COBRA GUNSHIP	50
CH-46	103
CH-53	24
OV-10	4
FIXED WING	2

(2) Aircraft tasked for the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) rear were mainly for administrative purposes and were requested directly through 1st Marine Division.

<u>TYPE OF AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>NUMBER OF HOURS</u>
CH-46	7
CH-53	1

b. Artillery. The Battalion continued to be directly supported by "F" Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines during the month of December. Further, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines was supported by elements of the 11th Marine Regiment in a general support capacity. Due to the concentration of friendly units, support was largely restricted to illumination missions. Units of the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines were used in support of operations conducted by 1st Battalion, 5th Marines as part of Operation "IMPERIAL LAKE".

c. Engineers. Engineer personnel from Company B engineers provided extensive demolitions support on Quick Reaction Force Operations and Operation "IMPERIAL LAKE".

d. Shore Party (HST). HST personnel were provided by Company C, 1st Shore Party Battalion and were primarily employed during Operation "IMPERIAL LAKE" coordinating operation of LZ-469 (Hill 34).

e. Scout Snipers. None attached.

5. TRAINING

a. The following training was conducted during the month of December:

Weapons Safety
Weapons Inspection, Care and Cleaning
Mapping and Compass

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Combat Leadership
 Viet Mines and Booby Traps
 Drug Abuse
 Familiarization Firing of the M16, M60, M79 and Pistol, Cal.45
 Pistol, Cal.45
 Uniform Appearance
 Military Customs and Courtesy
 Individual and Group Hygiene in the Field
 Troop Leading Steps
 Anti-personnel Mine, M18A1 (Live Firing)
 Grenade, Fragmentation, M26 (Live Firing)
 AN/PRC - 25
 Training of 81mm Mortar Crews
 Physical Training
 Care and Cleaning of the 106mm Recoilless Rifle
 Crew Training of the 106mm Recoilless Rifle
 Preventive Maintenance of the AN/PRC - 25 Radio
 Preventive First Aid
 Combat Intelligence
 KY-38 Operation
 Driver Training for Testing and Licensing
 Weekly Vehicle Preventative Maintenance
 Vehicle Safety
 Shop Safety
 Battle Sights (Live Firing)
 Scouting and Patrolling
 Techniques of Fire
 Quick Fire, Quick Kill
 Camouflage
 Enemy Tactics
 Armory Operational Procedures
 M72 IAAW
 Multi-shot Flame Thrower, XM191

b. The Battalion continued to utilize schools provided by higher headquarters in the Danang area and Okinawa.

c. The 1st Engineer Battalion Mine Warfare Contact Team instructed 405 members of this Battalion on enemy mines and booby traps. The Battalion continued to use the Land Mine Warfare School located at Camp FAULKNER.

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d. Guest instructors conducted instruction for the officers and staff non-commissioned officers on Embarkation, 81mm Mortars, Human Relations, use of War Dogs and the Manpower Management System.

6. LOGISTICS

a. The month of December 1970 was largely spent in the general improvement and continuous maintenance of the Hill 34 cantonment and support of the Battalion's operational commitments in the Que Son Mountains.

b. The Hill 34 cantonment defensive perimeter was strengthened and improved with the strategic relocation of perimeter lights. Lights were rearranged to provide more and better lighting of avenues of approach, fields of fire, etc.

c. Improvements were made to the electrical network on Hill 34 in that better housing facilities were built for the protection of the generators and a large amount of rewiring was done to living quarters and working areas. Included was the 1/5 EM Club located in the northern part of the cantonment which had a new stage built and wired in order make floor shows possible at the club.

d. The logistics relay problem caused by operational commitments in the Que Son Mountains were handled smoothly. An S-4 representative was sent to LZ Baldy in order to better facilitate resupply of the Battalion CP (Forward) and operational companies. Resupply, when not hampered by the weather, was effected efficiently and with a minimum of delay.

e. Christmas dinner was delivered to the companies of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines in the Que Son Mountains by helicopter.

7. CIVIC ACTION

a. The S-5 section of the Battalion continued with a program of MedCaps, material assistance and propaganda.

(1) Approximately 310 Vietnamese were treated in a series of four MedCaps held at the hamlets of Phu Hoa and Cam Hoa. Two badly burned Vietnamese children were taken to the Force Logistics Command Children's Hospital.

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(2) Material assistance provided the Vietnamese included 30 sheets of plywood, 50 sheets of tin and a large amount of scrap lumber. The finished materials went to the repair of hamlet schools damaged by typhoon "KATE". Scrap lumber was distributed to various families for repair of their homes, also damaged by the typhoon.

(3) 120 lbs. of clothing and toys were taken to the Sacred Heart Orphanage, near China Beach, and distributed at a Christmas party held there. In addition, the Orphanage was presented with 61,600 \$VN collected from the Battalion personnel as a donation.

(4) An armed Propaganda Team was sent to work in Rumor Valley from 28 Dec 1970 through 4 Jan 1971. The dropping of "REWARD" and "CHIEU HOI" leaflets continued.

(5) There was an increase in ordnance turned in by Vietnamese with 29 pieces of ordnance and 2,830 \$VN expended, compared to 20 pieces of ordnance and 2,240 \$VN expended during November.

8. MEDICAL

a. 958 outpatients were seen during December and 61 were referred to other medical facilities for admission. 50 complete physicals for separation were done and 120 limited services were performed including PPD readings, mess physicals, brig physicals and sobriety exams. 19 pairs of single vision spectacles were ordered. 785 prescriptions were filled, 136 laboratory tests were performed and 25 Vietnamese Nationals were treated. In addition, four MedCaps were held in Vietnamese hamlets.

b. Preventative Medicine during this period included checking 955 records for immunizations and 796 immunizations were administered. Daily sanitation inspections were held and formal inspection was held weekly. Effective rodent control measures were in operation. Overall sanitation is considered to be satisfactory. A total of 17 cases of Gonorrhea and five cases of Non-specific Urethritis were recorded during this report period. Ten of these cases cited contact in the Danang area. These figures represent an increase of four cases over November. Overall health of the Battalion is considered to be good.

c. Due to tactical commitments, a total of 17 medical training sessions were presented to troop personnel. These included such topics as Venereal Disease, Malaria, Immersion Foot and Field Sanitation. A total of four lectures were given to Corpsmen during December including the Operation of the Resuscitator, Food Poisoning and the Body's Defenses

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against Disease. Overall training is good.

9. COMMUNICATIONS. During the month of December 1970, normal operations in support of the Battalion's mission continued. Two notable difficulties were encountered. With extended operations in the Que Son Mountains, and radio the only means of communications, the equipment was reportedly breaking down more than normal. The main problem seemed to be with the AN/PRC - 77 and the KY - 38. Upon checking the equipment most were found to be operable but in need of PM. During this same period the Battalion received a bad lot of radio batteries BA-4386. 130 batteries were tested and none lasted over 12 hours. An Unsatisfactory Equipment Report was submitted.

10. RECAPITULATION OF DISCOVERIES, OPERATION "IMPERIAL LAKE"

a. Enemy installations and positions: 11 base camps, 109 caves, 63 huts, 20 bunkers, eight tunnels, one hospital complex, one harbor site and one tower.

b. Weapons captured: One 82mm mortar (w/base plate and sight), two U.S. M60 machineguns, one RPG and seven AK47 rifles.

c. Ordnance captured: One M72 LAAW, 14 RPG rounds, 5572 AK47 rounds, Seven Bangalor Torpedoes, 32-82mm rounds, 44-82mm fuzes, 12 82mm charges, eight 60mm rounds, two 105mm cannisters, six 155mm casings, one 250 lb. bomb casing, one 500 lb. bomb, one 175mm cannister, 129 ChiCom grenades, one and one-half lbs. plastic explosive, two 20 lb. shape charges, six cans of C-3, 25 RPG boosters and four packages of increments.

d. Materials: Nine AK47 magazines, 505 lbs. of corn, 430 lbs. of rice, two homemade ovens, two ChiCom radios (w/headset and telegraph key), one antenna, 40 yards of comm wire, one 225 volt generator (German), four wire cutters, two wick lamps, two typewriters (German), one printing press and one pair of binoculars.

11. ENTRIES. See tab "A" to Enclosure (1) (Staff Journal for the period of 010001H to 312400H December 1970).

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

/Tab "A" Staff Journal for period of 1 December through 31 December 1970.

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QUANG NAM PROVINCE
PLACE010001H 012400H Dec 1970
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TIME IN/OUT	SER #	DATE/TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0001	1		Journal Opened	
1020	2		Co.C: Return from IMPERIAL LAKE	S,F
1500	3		DivAir: Request for a CH-53 for a tower lift on Hill 34 for 2 Dec	S,F, S-4
1615	4		Co.D: Return from IMPERIAL LAKE	S,F
1730	5	011640H	Five Zulu reports concerning D2 from incident on 292030H	S,F, S-1 XO
1730	6	011635H	4 VC reported moved from Hoi An 978765 to Da Son 965763 on 26 and 27 Nov	S-2,F
1745	7	011745H	HOA VANG: Acts report for #47 PF Plt. for 2 Dec	S,F
1810	8	011810H	Co.B: Informed of Items #7: Hoa Cam cannot be raised	F
1825	9		Negative communications with Hoa Cam	
2000	10	011955H	Co.B: 1 unidentified person sighted in Sector 2	S,F
2030	11	012023H	Final Spot rep on initial spot DTG 292230H Nov.	S,F
2115	12		Div G-2: Concerning CG, 1stMarDiv msg 300315Z and whether companies had been informed of contents and possible attacks	S,F
2215	13	012215H	All units notified of msg concerning possible increase in enemy activity.	A,B,C,D H&S,S,F
2230	14		Div: Unit location rep submitted	S,F
			SUMMARY: Bn(-) returned to CP from Operation IMPERIAL LAKE in the One Son mountains. Continued defense of the TAOR through use of day/night patrols & ambushes.	
2400	15		Journal Closed	
			020001H to 022400H Dec 1970	
0001	1		Journal Opened	
1005	2		DivGOC: Requested info. concerning incident at 931798 on 1Dec70. Not in 1/5 AO.	S,F
1455	3	021455H	HOA VANG: PF Operation is planned for 3 Dec.	S,B,F
2110	4	022039H	WEST ORANGE: AO is extended to NE of IMPERIAL LAKEAO	S,F
2110	5	022039H	MASS 3: Movement in wire and possibly carrying 60mm mortars at 976738.	S,F
2330	6	022230H	Item #5 reported to higher hg.	S,F
			SUMMARY: Defense of the TAOR continued through use of day/night patrols and ambushes.	
2400	7		Journal Closed	

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			040001H	042400H Dec 1970
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TIME	SER	DATE	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
IN OUT	NO	TIME GROUP		TAKEN
0001	1		Journal Opened	
0710	2		CO and S-3 picked up by UH1E	
0710	3		5thMarRegt: Called to find out about delay in arrival of helicopters scheduled. Helicopters refueling, about 45 min. late	S
0755	4		Helicopters arriveing at LZ	S
0830	5		Lift-out is complete	XO, S, Div
1345	6		MASS 3, request for clearance to fire .50 Cal. into free fire zone in Rumor Valley	S
1500	7	041500H	CP (Forward): Request to have field companies keep track of CS expended.	S, F
1545	8	041545H	Company "D", Zulu Report (NBC)	S, XO, F
2020	9		DivCOG: Phone call, intelligence indicates a possible rocket attack on Danang City and air field to-night. Company "D" is on Ridge.	S, XO, D
2135	10		Company "B": Medevac request for relay to 5thMarRegt. "B" has no comm with same and CP (Forward)	S, XO, F
2150	11		Item #10 relayed to CP (Forward) for further relay to 5thMarRegt.	
2250	12	042230H	Company "B": One (1) NBC Aulu	S, XO, F
			SUMMARY: Company "B" and Bn CP group joined Company "A" in Que Son Mountains, OpCon 5thMarRegt. The defense of the TAOB continued through day/night activities and patrols and ambushes	
2400	13		Journal Closed	

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0001	1		Journal Opened	
1020	2	051020H	Relayed supply request from CP (Forward) to 5thMarRegt	S,F
1330	3	051330H	Relayed grids for resupply from CP (Forward) to 5thMarRegt	S,F
1445	4		CP (Forward) has regained comm with 5thMarRegt	S,F
1530	5		HqBn: Report of 7 VC seen in Rumor Valley in vicinity of grids 939738 and 943740	S,F
1545	6	051545H	Informed Hoa Vang of Item #5	F
1600	7	051600H	Informed Company "D" of Item #5 and tell OP Condor to maintain a constant watch of area.	F
1630	8		Company "D" reports that OP Condor has negative sightings concerning Item #5 and C-2 will send patrol to area the next day.	S,F
1930	9		HqBn: Final Spot report, Item #5	S,F
2015	10	051600H	Div Spot report Item #5 submitted to Station	S,F, BT
2230	11		FLC desires 81mm illum Clearance	S,F
			FLC has no radio comm with this station	
2330	12		Radio comm with FLC reestablished	S
			SUMMARY: Defense of the TAOR continued through day and night patrols and ambushes.	
2400	13		Journal Closed	

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			060001H	062400H Dec 1970
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0001	1		Journal Opened	
0800	2	060800H	Patrol from Co. "D" (C-2) dispatched to search for reported enemy in Rumor Valley. It was learned that report originated with a Village Chief. See Item #5 051530H	S, F
1320	3		Patrol in Item #2 returned with negative results	S, F
1923	4	061923H	AA incident: Div reports that VR helo recieved AW fire from village at AT988757	S, F
			SUMMARY: The defense of the TAOR continued with day and night patrols and ambushes.	
2400	5		Journal Closed	
			070001H to 072400H Dec 1970	
0001	1		Journal Opened	
0900	2	070930H	Notified Co. "D" of Hoa Cam special training patrol to be conducted near Rumor Valley.	S, F
1830	3		Change to Div AO overlay received	XO, S, F, Map
			SUMMARY: The defense of the TAOR continued with day and night patrols and ambushes.	
2400	4		Journal Closed	
			080001H to 082400H Dec 1970	
0001	1		Journal Opened	
1600	2	081600H	Water level $\frac{1}{2}$ foot above normal, roads passable	S, F, Div
			SUMMARY: The defense of the TAOR continued with day and night patrols and ambushes.	
2400	3		Journal Closed	

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0001	1		Journal Opened
0630	2		504th MP Bn. is unable to contact S, F this unit by radio. Checks initiated.
1605	3	091555H	Co."D": C-3 relieved C-2 in Rumor Valley S, F
2215	4	092200H	Co."D": One (1) NBC Zulu, suspected drug overdose XO, SF
2325	5		5th Mar Regt: Loss of comm with OpCon units, Div radio relay and 1/5 rear S, F
2350	6		Item #5 corrected S, F
			SUMMARY: The defense of the TAOR continued through use of day and night patrols and ambushes
2400	7		Journal Closed

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			100001H	102400H Dec 1970
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TIME	SER	DATE	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
IN OUT	NO	TIME GROUP		TAKEN
0001	1		Journal Opened	
1230	2	101230H	Hoa Vang: PF Operation 110600H to 111400H in S.W. Rumor Valley	S, F, D
1545	3		60mm Illum. fire cleared for Co. "D" on Div Ridge at AT959735 from 101900H to 110600H	S, XO, MASS3, D
1610	4		Intelligence concerning possible future sabotaging of US vehicle parking area at AT988719. Info sent to division via message cont.	XO, D, MASS3 1/5MT, S, F
2213	5		Co. "D": Request for 81mm Illum. clearance at AT959735 denied	XO, D
2230	6	102230H	Co. "D": Spotrep relay from C-3 in Rumor Valley reporting movement and strange light outside PPB. Hoa Vang informed.	S
2300	7		5thMarRegt COC: Three (3) NBC Zulus	S
2330	8		Div G-2: Intelligence report concerning possible future attack against Danang Airbase. Rated F-G	S
			SUMMARY: The defense of the TAOR is continued through use of day and night patrols and ambushes	
2400			Journal Closed	

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0001	1		Journal Opened	
1000	2		FLC requests two (2) additional LPs. Permission granted and told FLC to coordinate with Plt. CO at FLC. Additionally, told FLC to provide own security for 19/12/70 due to companies rotating.	S,F
1445	3	111145H	CP(Forward) requests med. resup ply. Five (5) NBC Zulus from 5thMarRegt COC rep. (111325H)	S,F
1600	4	111600H	One (1) Zulu (NBC) from B-1	S,F
1945	5	111945H	One (1) Zulu (NBC) from Co."D"	S,F
2210	6	112205H	Co."D": Spotrep, firing observed in village at AT949730	S,F
2215	7	112215H	Final Spotrep Item #6. Firing has ceased. Movement outside perimeter wire.	S,F
2220	8	112220H	Hoa Vang: PF operation grids on 12Dec70. Correctness questioned, but Hoa Vang verified.	S,F
			SUMMARY: Defense of the TAOR continued through use of day and night patrols and ambushes.	
2400	9		Journal Closed	

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TIME IN OUT	SER NO	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS ACTION TAKEN
0001	1		Journal Opened
0930	2		Co."A-3": Two (2) Zulus (NBC) with immersion foot. S,F
1000	3	121000H	Co."D": Two (2) NBC Zulus with malaria S,F
1300	4	121255H	Hoa Vang: PF Operations scheduled for 13/12/70 S,F,D
1550	5		Acting XO: ASP2 reports that 1/5 personnel have been wounded due to frag accident S,F
1615	6		Contacted FLC in regard to Item #5. Requested Spotrep and Zulu Report immediately. XO,S F
1650	7		FLC reports eight (8) Zulus (ONE (1) death) resulting from Item #5 XO,S F
1840	8	121840H	Spotrep submitted concerning Item #5. Div S-F S-F
1845	9	121845H	Co."D": One (1) NBC Zulu S,F
1900	10		Co."D": PFs are using C-3 radio freq. Told to use jamming freq if continued. S,F,D
1915	11		Co."C": Final Zulus on Item #5 S,F,XO
2135	12		Co."D": Request for 60mm Illum granted S,F
2205	13	122205H	Co.D: C-3 reports movement near PPB and firing (small arms) not in their direction S,F
2245	14	122245H	Informed Division of Item #13 Div,F
2330	15		Co."D": Firing near grid 9576 XO,S F
2345	16		HqBn reported to Co."D" that they were receiving fire from area Requested Spotrep from HqBn XO,S F
			SUMMARY: M-26 accident resulted in one (1) death, seven (7) wounded; Marine: four (4) civilian Firing in Item #14 not clarified, Defense of the TAOR continued through use of day/night patrols and ambushes
2400	17		Journal Closed

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00010100	1		Journal Opened
0100	2		Acting XO contacted HqBn concern- XO.S.F ing reported firing. Firing in- volved MP Jeep and PF personnel. Rounds were impacting around C-1 night activity and same was pulled out. HqBn was directed to send Spotrep directly to 1/5.
0130	3		C-1 reports that no Marine person- XO.S.F nel were hit by incident Item#2. Fire had not been returned.
0230	4	130220H	HqBn- Spotrep concerning Item#2. XO.S.F No Marines hit, 1 PF and 1 Nation- al Policeman killed.
0330	5	130330H	Spotrep to Div on Item#2 XO.S.F.
1015	6		Co. "B" 3 NBC Zulus/H&S Co. 1 S.F WIA
1125	7		DivGOC: C-1, at FLC, to be used XO.S.F as reaction force in case of further violence resulting from Item #2.
1140	8		C-1 informed of Item #2 S.C
1150	9		Informed 3rd 8" How. Watch Officer 3/8 that personnel on perimeter patrol were firing weapons
1215	10		C-1: C-1 is ready for reaction S.XO force duty
			SUMMARY: Outbreak of firing be- tween PFs and National Police resulted in 1 PF and 1 National Policeman killed. C-1 was desig- nated reaction force in case of further violence. Defense of the TAOR is continued through use of day and night patrols and ambushes.
2400	11		Journal Closed

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TIME IN OUT	SER NO	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0001	1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0130	2	140130H	Spot report from Company "D" observed 3 unidentified people moving outside of night activities direction of movement from 950735 to 955730. Fired 60mm illum from FPB 950728. Results negative.	F S
2300	3	142300H	Zulu from Delta reason: Peters E-3 fell from water tower possible fractured hip medevac complete.	F.S-1
			JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0001	1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0235	2	150235H	From 1st Marine Division. A highly reliable source reports due to recent high flood waters enemy units are gathering rice for low land operations in vicinity of (AT9850) and (AT9549).	F.S-2
1400	3	131315H	Zulu B-1 shrapnel in legs from booby trap with trip wire. While on patrol (AT969417) Medevac completed (two WIA)	F.S-1
1615	4	141900H	Zulu B-1 NBC routine. Broken right arm medevac completed.	F.S-1
1645	5	151645H	"D" spot received approximately 4 rounds unknown origin estimated grid (AT959728). Results notified Div. Hoa Vang, C-3 in Rumor Valley unable to check area due to Hoa Cam training Center firing in area.	F,XO,S-2
1745	6	151745H	Headquarters Battalion spot received one round from Hill 244 (AT968747). Round went through tin roof and embedded in deck estimated to be 7.62.	F.S
			JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0001		1			JOURNAL OPENED	
0330		2	160330H		E-3 of 2/5 OPCON 1/5 NBC routine RE small cut while chopping wood medevac completed 141530H	F,S-1
1245		3	161245H		B-3 Zulu while moving to new PPP (AT959439). Received small arms fire resulting in one WIA emergency Man hit in left eye.	F,S-1,XO
1555		4	161555H		C-3 found two dud 106 rounds at (AT955730) & (AT956738) blown in place.	F,S-2
2145		5	162145H		D Company received fire on the Eastern sector of Division Ridge from MASS-3. MASS-3 said personnel were shooting rats. Informed by this headquarters to cease fire.	F,S,XO
2245		6	162245H		S-3A rotation of companies for Operation Imperial Lake delayed for 3 days.	F,S,T,XO
					JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0001	1		JOURNAL OPENED	
1135	1	171135H	Received from (forward) further test firing of 81mm 113mm Lot # 83-99 reveals lot is acceptable for firing when fuse is set under 34 seconds. Plan to continue use at Rainbow until stock is exhausted.	
1140	2	171230H	A-3 Zulu NBC Cyst on buttocks. Medevac complete.	S-1, F, XO, SMaj
2300	3	172300H	S-3A Required one additional squad for CP security with N60MG.	XO, F, S
			JOURNAL CLOSED	

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					JOURNAL OPENED	
1050		1	181020H		Advisory team 18 intel summary VC Company strength 250 full arm- ament to include 122mm rockets located 843800. Intentions to shell Danang and units located NW of Hoa Vang Hieu Duc eval C-2	S, FT, A6
1420		2	181300H		blue SPAREC BS "D" spot-Vietnamese man stepped on one of his tools and cut his heel & leg. Medevaced by vehicle.	
					JOURNAL CLOSED	

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			JOURNAL OPENED
0415	1	190415H	FF & RF coordinated search scheduled for today will go as planned except in modified form. S.F
1130	2	191130H	B-3 Zulu report NBC medevac called and completed. S.F
1130	3	181130H	B-1 Zulu NBC medvac called & completed. S.F
1630	4	181610H	A-2 Zulu NBC medevac called & completed. S.F
1630	5	181613H	A-2 Zulu NBC medvac called & completed. S.F
1300	6	191125H	A-2 Zulu VLA emergency multi frags wounds leg, groin, back. Called medevac & completed. S.F
1800	7	191135H	D-3 spot. Bunker 5 on W end of Division Ridge received 10-15 rounds small arms fire from ville south alerted all bunkers to wear flaks. S.F
2006	8	192006H	Intel from Rio Grande reports 31st Regt with strength of 300 armed with 122 rockets deployed in three groups located vic Hoa Gac 201818 La The Bach #2) 008523 and G1 AO Tri #3. 882702 intend to shell Danang AB Marble Mountain, Hoa Cam, Danang City & FLC. alerted all units in the AO. Rated F-3 S.F, T, H
			GIVE SPACE
2155	9	192155H	BS "D" spot suspect 60 VC carrying 122 rockets. Reinforced Ridge Security instructed C-3 to bring in night act and reinforce own position. S.F, X
			JOURNAL CLOSED

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			210001H	212400H Dec 1970
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0001	1		Journal Opened	
0130	2	210105H	D-3: Observed launch of rocket from 946744. Notified all units concerned. Rocket 24442 near airbase.	S, F, Div, XO
1150	3	211115H	CP(Forward): Common boundary between units as follows: from AT990445 to edge of 1/5 AO at AT940430. Both units enjoined to strictly observe boundary and coordinate all activities. Units concerned notified.	S, F
1205	4	211205H	CP(Forward): 106 section has 3 M-60 M-60 for replacement due to maintenance requirement. Will be replaced on 22Dec70 insertion.	S, F, 106 Plt
1330	5		Co. "A" beginning to arrive at LZ 469	S, F
1415	6	211415H	CP(Forward): No other 60mm HE at "B" position than Illum. previously reported.	S, F, D
1525	7	211535H	B-2: 1 NBC Zulu, stomach & Head	S, F
1530	8		D-1-3: 1 NBC Zulu, nervous break down. MEDEVAC completed 211550H	S, F
1610	9	211610H	D-1-3: 1 NBC Zulu, acute anxiety reaction	S, F
1645	10	211645H	D-1-3: MEDEVAC Item #9 completed	S, F
1820	11	211820H	CP(Forward): 1/5 AO as follows: 940460 to 970460 along South shore of Spider Lake 980460 S.E. to 982460 S. to 982457 S.E. to 000455 S. to 000447 around hill to 002443 to 000440 S.E. to 005430 W. to 990430 S.E. to 985420 W. to 970420 S. to 970410 W. to 950410 N. to 950420 N.W. to 940430 N. to close. All units enjoined to plan activities within boundaries. If extension desired, notify 6 hours prior.	S, F
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1830	12	211830H	HoaVang: RF & PF will conduct operations 220500H to 221400H Dec 1970 at grids 916817, 933832, 937824, 927809. Units concerned notified.	S,F,XO
2100	13	212100H	Perimeter COC: Bunker 1-5 took CS from unknown source or origin	S,F,OD,XO
			SUMMARY: Rocket Launch was observed, the defense of the TAOR is continued through use of day and night patrols.	
2400	14		Journal Closed	

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0001	1		Journal Opened
0728	2		106rr and 81mm personnel picked up for insertion to operation
0750	3		Item #2 returned, could not be inserted due to weather conditions
1120	4	221120H	Informed CP(Forward) of Item#3 Interrogative, Should Item#2 be taken to LZ Baldy for later insertion attempt?
1130	5	221130H	CP(Forward): Take Item #2 to LZ Baldy on 23/12/70 and insert if weather holds. If weather does not hold, insert from Baldy on 24/12/70. The "6" will attempt to return to CP(Rear) on 23/12/70.
1150	6	221150H	CP(Forward): Current intelligence indicates 89th NVA Sapper Bn. located in vicinity of 968428. 1st VC Bn has an element co-located with a company of the 42nd NVA Recon Bn. To exploit info, following orders were issued: Co."B" to displace B-1 to new location PPB near B-2 & CP with suitable LZ for insertion/extraction: Co."C" to maintain present position, C-2 to continue present AO: Co."D" insert to new AO vicinity 9443 on 23/12/70. New AO from 9443 to 9542 to 9543 N.E. taking about half of 9442. Submit scheme of operation to this Hq prior to 221600H. Common boundary between units will be currently along 96 N-S grid line. Effective on order.

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1310	7	221310H	C-2: Spotrep at 967436, found 3 rock formations while on patrol. Further search revealed a tunnel complex. Found two more rock formations. Further search revealed bunker complex with two bunkers, destroyed same. Found one bayonet, one bomb without explosive and one issue of Captain America comic book	S,F
1312	8	221312H	Co."D" 6: Scheme of maneuver: (1) 23Dec70 D-3 remain in place after insertion (2) 24Dec70 D-2 to move S.W. on order to 955447 (3) 24Dec70 D-1/CP to move S.W. on order to 953443 (4) 24Dec70 0900 D-3 to move PPB to 948433 and search corner of AO (5) D-1 to move to S.W. at 0800 to PPB at 950438 to search AO to S.W. and cover D-3 (6) D-2/CP at 0800 to move to 958438 and search area around "D" CP (7) Following days continue search of AO guided by intelligence and contact	
1320	9	221320H	C-3: Found tunnel complex, search reveals negative results. Unable to destroy.	S,F
1600	10	221600H	Co."A": one NBC Zulu with fever	S,F
1820	11	221820H	Sandhurst repl. personnel will remain overnight at Baldy. Qtrs & messing facilities requested for 50. Insert of same scheduled for 23/12/70.	
1910	12	221910H	D-6: Insertion priority changed D-3 vice B-3; D-1 vice B-1; D-2/CP vice b-2/CP as last lift.	F
2130	13	222130H	Co."A": NBC Zulu (1) with twisted knee, Hill 244; One (1) NBC Zulu with possible malaria sent to Sickbay CP(Rear)	S,F
2230	14	222230H	Co."A": Two NBC Zulus, one with flu, one with malaria	

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			SUMMARY: Rotation of companies operating OpCon to 5thMarRegt in Que Son Mountains is complete in planning stage. Tunnel and bunker complexes were found, searched and destroyed, when possible. The defense of the TAOR continues with day and night patrols and ambushes.	
	15		Journal Closed	

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0001	1		Journal Opened	
0930	2	230930H	CP(Forward): RPS compromised AKAC 801 India will be in effect 0001 24 Dec 70. Will attempt del- ivery by 1400 today. All COs report if India Edition Day held in field.	S,F
1600	3	231600H	CP(Forward): Two NBC Zulus, one with VD and another with sprained neck.	S,F
1800	4	231850H	CO."A": A-3 will be security for MASS-3 at grid AT976742 N.W. to AT975742	S,F
1930	5	231930H	CO."A": One (1) NBC Zulu with high fever	S,/F
			SUMMARY: RPS compromise occurred and was dealt with. Defense of the TAOR is continued with day and night patrols and ambushes.	
2400	6		Journal Closed	
			240001H to 242400H Dec 1970	
0001	1		Journal Opened	
0600	2	240010H	Received 1 NBC Zulu	S,F
0900	3	240900H	CP(Forward): Relayed infox con- tained in CG msg that there was to be no firing of weapons or other ordnance in celebration of holidays to insure safety and that there are no truce violations on our part.	S,F
1805	4	241805H	C-2: 2 NBC Zulus, suspected VD	S,F
1850	5	241850H	RIOGRANDE: As of 241800Z 1/5 has achieved standdown in accor- dance with CG msg 231145Z Dec 70.	S,F,Div
			SUMMARY: Ceasefire for holidays effective. Defense of the TAOR continued through use of day and night activities.	
2400	6		Journal Closed	

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0001	1		Journal Opened	
1430	2	251430H	Informed Hoa Vang, Hoa Cam, Co. "A" and Co. "B" that intelligence sources indicate that a tax collection team of 15 NVA and 1 VC will be at Hoa Cam AT967704 and Cam Hoa (2) AT976702 tonight to gather rice and collect money. Reportedly recently in Rumor Valley.	
1445	3	251445H	C-2: 3 WIA Zulus	S.F
1545	4	251545H	A-1: 1 NBC Zulu	S.F
1835	5	251835H	A-2: 1 NBC Zulu	S.F
1800	6	251800H	RIO GRANDE: 1/5 to resume combat operations as of 251801H Dec 70	Div
			SUMMARY: The defense of the TAOR continues through use of day and night patrols and ambushes.	
2400			Journal Closed	
			260001H to 262400H Dec 1970	
0001	1		Journal Opened	
0730	2	260210H	C-1: 1 NBC Zulu	S.F
0840	3	260840H	Co. "A": HqBn will run a MedCap 261300H in Rumor Valley at Phuoc Thuan (AT937733 and Hoa Khuong (AT936726)	S.F
1645	4	261645H	CP(Forward): Need name of person who fired weapon, witnesses, if any and clarification details	S.F
1655	5	261655H	CP(Forward): Response to Item #4	S.F
			SUMMARY: Defense of the TAOR is continued through use of day/night patrols and ambushes.	
	6		Journal Closed	

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0001	1		Journal Opened	
1000	2	271000H	Co. "A" "B": Intelligence indicates S, F high threat period from 26 Dec 70 to 5 Jan 71. Enemy may employ low intensity attacks by fire and employ rockets or sapper attacks and terrorist incidents.	
1850	3	271400H	A-1: 1 NBC Zulu S, F	
2305	4	272305H	CP (Forward): Bad 60mm AMMO. Lot S, F, Div MA1451 and MA1454	
			SUMMARY: Defense of the TAOR is continued through use of day/night patrols and ambushes.	
2400	5		Journal Closed	
			280001H to 282400H 28 Dec 70	
0001	1		Journal Opened	
0810	2	280810H	D-2: Interrogative, require S, F knowledge of gun type, model, manufacturer and breech ring. Use at time of misfire, how rds. were stored, were rds. exposed to rain, were there any injuries to personnel? If more misfires send round to rear.	
0850	3	280850H	D-2: Interrogative, Lot #MA1451 S, F FSN#, DodIC, complete nomenclature, components model, manufacturer and Lot# of following: Fuze, primers, body, rounds fired and charge fired.	
1020	4	281020H	D-2: Manufac. is PEM co., stored in ammox bunker, not exposed to weather, no injuries, fired all dud rounds, send others to rear	
1640	5	281640H	D-3: 4 NBC Zulu	
			SUMMARY: D-2 has dud 60mm rds. Defense of the TAOR continues through use of day/night patrols and ambushes.	
2400	6		Journal Closed	

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0001	1		Journal Opened	
0830	2	291720H	D-1: 2 NBC Zulus	S, F
0950	3	290950H	CP(Forward): Rounds on hand; HE 494, WP 83, illum 120: rds expended; HE 20, WP 11, illum 4	S, F
1415	4	291415H	for a total of 35 rds expended CP(Forward): Upon receipt of msg following freqs to be monitored 24 hrs. per day: TACP, Bn TAC, Co freq, ROKTAC.	S, F
			SUMMARY: Defense of the TAOR is continued through use of day/night patrols and ambushes.	
2400	5		Journal Closed	
			300001H to 302400H Dec 1970	
0001	1		Journal Opened	
1015	2	301015H	Rio Grande: Took 6 incoming rds outside perimeter of Hill 34. Impact grid is AT986712. Normal Rocket/Mortar attack procedure followed	S, F, Div
1053	3	301053H	D-2: 1 WIA Zulu	S, F
1735	4	301715H	A-2: 1 NBC Zulu	S, F
1830	5	301830H	CP(Forward): Have S-1 rep report to Hill 34 on next plane out for action that could result in Courts martial.	S, F
1920	6	301920H	C-2: 1 NBC Zulu	S, F
1945	7	301945H	D-3: 1 NBC Zulu	S, F
2230	8	302230H	A-2: Observed 3 enemy at 2100 confirmed with starlight scope. Called 81mm illum, negative results	S, F
2230	9	302230H	CP(Forward): 3A requests chemical acts report since QUE SON insert, including XM-191 use, CS use and enemy CS use.	S, F

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			300001H	302400H Dec 1970
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			SUMMARY: Hill 34 took 6 rds of an unknown origin outside perimeter wire. Defense of the TAOR is continued through use of day/night patrols and ambushes	
			<i>Journal Closed</i>	
			310001H to 302400H Dec 1970	
0001	1		Journal Opened	
0340	2	310340H	D-2: Plt Sgt moving inside perimeter to effect M-79 illum resupply was fired upon without challenge by security. Result in gun shot wound to left arm.	S.F
0740	3	310740H	3A(forward): Chemical report: Co."C" used 4 CS cannisters and 11 CS grenades. 0 XM-191 rds: Co."D" used 1/2 gal. of CS crystals, 0 CS grenades and 0 XM-191 rds.	S.F
			SUMMARY: The defense of the TAOR continues through use of day/night patrols and ambushes.	
2400	4		Journal Closed	

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0001	1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0930	2	030930H	A1- Located 2 booby trapped 62mm mortar rounds. With trip wire. Both were destroyed in place.	S-2, F
1010	3	031010H	A- Resupply requested.	S-4, F
1015	4	031015H	5TH MAR REGT.- All day and night activities must be in to Regt. by 1600H daily.	S, F
1128	5	031128H	A3- Found booby trapped 60mm mortar round with pressure type firing device. Booby trap was blown in place.	S, F
1140	6	031140H	CP (FORWARD)- Noon position report on A Company sent to Regt.	S, F
1215	7	031215H	A2- found 1 VC base camp containing 782 gear, 3 hutches 2 AK-47 magazines, 6 uniforms and some corn.	S, F
1310	8	031310H	A3- found pressure type booby trap. Point man tripped it but no casualties were sustained.	S-2, F
1315	9	031315H	A2- found base camp with 20 sleeping areas and some hutches. Are continuing search of area.	S, F
1320	10	031320H	5TH MAR REGT.- The following area is removed: New West boundry 94 grid line, UL9346, LR9443. Effective immediately.	S, F

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1342	11	031342H	A2- found pressure type booby trap. It was tripped with negative casualties.	S,F
1600	12	031600H	A- submitted night activities.	S,F
1600	13	031600H	A- received machine gun fire took 3 casualties. Returned fire with negative results.	S,F
1630	14	031630H	A- received 8 to 10, 62mm mortar rounds. Returned M79, machine gun, and multi-shot. Requested air.	S,F
1730	15	031730H	1ST RECON BN.- Recon night position report.	S,F
1830	16	031830H	A COMPANY- Had movement after initial contact with 10 to 15 enemy in area. OV-10 worked on area, 1 platoon sweeping area.	S,F
2400	17		JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0001	1		JOURNAL OPENED	
1040	2	041040H	5TH MAR REGT.- request for "Black Hammer Operation" within following boundaries: BT0747 to 100465 to 100447 to 0944 to 0540 to close (Zone #1 coordinates). From AT9636 to BT0036 to BT0034 to AT9834 to AT9831 to AT9631 to close (Zone #2 coordinates). From BT0036 to 0239 to 0540 to 0538 to 020375 to close (Zone #3 coordinates). From AT880463 to Northeast along 5th Mar Regt. AO boundaries to 908460 to 9446 to 9443 to 8945 to Northwest to close. (Zone #4 coordinates).	S,F
1110	3	041110H	A COMPANY- found 61mm mortar round booby trap at 0730, coordinates 967431. Blown in place 041200H.	S,F
1120	4	041120H	A COMPANY- found one 4" anti- personnel mine at 040838H, coordinates 971435, blown in place.	S,F
1120	5	041120H	5TH MAR REGT.- reminded all units tha captured ordinance evacuated to rear will have EOD assis- tance to render it safe for transportation.	S,F
1130	6	041130H	5TH MAR REGT.- Recon ZULU to be cleared for two teams.	S,F
1135	7	041135H	5TH MAR REGT.- all night and day activities to be reported to Regt. no later than 1600 daily.	S,F

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1140	8	041140H	COMPANY A- resupply complete.	S-4,F
1215	9	041215H	COMPANY B- position report.	S,F
1235	10	041235H	COMPANY A- position and activity report.	S,F
1345	11	041345H	COMPANY B- NBC Zulu at 1325H with bowel and stomach pains.	S,F
1530	12	041530H	COMPANY A- request for additional resupply.	S-4,F
1600	13	041600H	A&B COMPANIES- night activities.	S,F
1900	14	041900H	1ST RECON BN.- night position report.	S,F
1930	15	041930H	A3- received small force AK-47 fire and RPG. Possible 2 or 3 enemy. Fired 81mm and 60mm illumination with negative results.	S,F
2000	16	042000H	5TH MAR REGT.- sent intelligence report.	S-2,F
2200	17	042200H	5TH MAR REGT.- AO extension to Warcloud approved.	S,F
2210	18	042210H	B1- NBC Zulu at 2120H. Gear medevaced with man.	S,F
2400	19		JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0001	1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0310	2	050310H	5TH MAR REGT.- sent weather report for 5 to 6 December.	S,F
0901	3	050903H	CP (FORWARD)- forecast of events submitted to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
0905	4	050905H	CP (REAR)- S-2 intelligence report.	F
1030	5	051030H	B 2-1- found fighting hole that had been used about 2 months ago.	S,F
1400	6	051400H	A&B COMPANIES- position report.	S,F
1415	7	051415H	CP (REAR)- S-2 intelligence report.	F
1800	8	051800H	A&B COMPANIES- night activities submitted.	S,F
1815	9	051815H	5TH MAR REGT.- removed AO extension from Beacon Haven 231-P and added it to 1/5 AO.	S,F
1815	10	051815H	A3- found 2 base camps at (AT970428, 973434). One hut 12'x7'x7', 1 booster for a RPG, cleaning rod & rags, 2-50lb. bomb casings with explosive gone. 6-155 canisters. Base camp destroyed.	S,F
1820	11	051820H	A3E- found 81mm booby trap, unable to destroy due to no C-4. Will destroy later.	S,F
2140	13	052140H	CP (FORWARD)- had two explosions of unknown origin 30 meters outside of perimeter. Threw two grenades. Will check area at first light.	S,F
2400	14		JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0001	1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0325	2	060325H	5TH MAR REGT.- sent weather report for 6 to 7 December	S, F
0845	3	060845H	A1- spotted small fire, 4 enemy fleeing, prepped area with 60mm, M60, M16. Sending out patrols to cover area.	S, F
1030	4	061030H	CP(FORWARD)- sent forecast of events for 6 & 7 December to 5th Mar Regt.	S, F
1030	5	061030H	B COMPANY- Zulu NBC, for gonerrhea. Gear with man.	S, F
1200	6	061200H	A 1-2- checked area of enemy movement, found 3 documents 3x5 partially burned also 1 blown 62mm casing. Futher search gave negative results.	S, F
1230	7	061230H	CP (FORWARD)- sent addition to resupply.	S-4, F
1230	8	061230H	5TH MAR REGT.- the following AO is cleared for QRF inserts area UL955410, LR980390.	S, F
1245	9	061245H	1ST RECON BN.- noon position	S, F
1320	10	061320H	B COMPANY- NBC Zulu. Broken right ankle. Gear medevaced with man.	S, F
1325	11	061325H	B COMPANY- NBC Zulu, brooken right thumb.	S, F
1330	12	061330H	A&B COMPANIES- submitted resupply request.	S-4, F
1340	13	061340H	5TH MAR REGT.- informed 1/5 to submit weekly planned forecast for 13 to 19 Dec. 70 to their COC by 061800H.	S, F
1352	14	061352H	A&B COMPANIES- noon positon report.	S, F

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1545	15	061545H	A2F- while on patrol found 1 hutch, 1 AK-47 magazine, and AK-47 rounds. Destroyed hutch took magazine and rounds.	S,F
1600	16	061600H	A3- found bomb craters with bone of 10 to 20 people. Believe to be enemy burial sight.	S,F
1655	17	061655H	A&B COMPANIES- submitted night activities for 6 December 70.	S,F
1820	18	061820H	1ST RECON BN.- recon night position report.	S,F
1830	19	061830H	A2G- spotted 3 enemy moving south on trail. Set hasty ambush, initiated contact resulting in 1 NVA KIA, 1 probable WIA. Captured 1 AK-47, 3 chicoms, 1 magazine.	S,F
1845	20	061845H	B COMPANY- found enemy hospital complex while on security patrol from Bn. CP. Hospital had not been used recently. Had battle dressings, ammo boxes and extensive area for patients. Not searched due to lack of personnel. Will helolift B-1 into area for 2 or 3 days.	S,F
2400	21		JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0001		1		Journal Opened	
0400		2	070400H	SANDHURST - Weather Forecast	S,F
0825		3	070825H	SANDHURST - Submitted forecast of events 07 & 08 Jan 1971	
1015		4	071015H	BLUE SPRUCE "A" - Position report	S,F
1115		5	071115H	SANDHURST - Request for weekly forecast of events	
1130		6	071130H	SANDHURST - Submitted weekly forecast of events	S,F
1315		7	071315H	BLUE SPRUCE "A" - Request for resupply	S,F,CP(rear)
1320		8	071320H	BLUE SPRUCE "A" - Position report	S,F
1330		9	071330H	MILLBROOK - Recon Position report	S,F
1520		10	071520H	BLUE SPRUCE "A""B" - Position report	S,F
1520		11	071520H	BLUE SPRUCE "A" - 1 NBC Zulu	S,F,CP(Rear)
1640		12	071630H	SANDHURST - 1 NBC Zulu	S,F,CP(Rear)
1735		13	071735H	MILLBROOK - Recon Position report	S,F
1745		14	071745H	BLUE SPRUCE "B" - 1 NBC Zulu	S,F
1750		15	071600H	BLUE SPRUCE "A" - Spot report	S,F
				1 booby trap, an M-16 mine covered with poncho, approx. 2" in diameter. Contact detonator with 4 metal prongs. Blown in place	
1905		16	071905H	SANDHURST 2 - "A-3" picked up a VC transmission on a commercial transistor radio. The approximate frequency was 94.3. Personnel were speaking of food shortage and that number of USMC units in area were making it difficult to get to low ground. They will attempt movement to low ground tomorrow. Co."A" has placed ambushes in likely avenues through out their area. VC mentioned moving at approximately 0800. 8 Jan. Co."A" ambushes to be set by 0500.	S,F
2100		17	072100H	BLUE SPRUCE "B" - 1 NBC Zulu	S,F
2105		18	072115H	BLUE SPRUCE "A" - Spot report	
				3 NVA at 967439, made contact, 1 probable kill, no pursuit due to fog	

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	0001	1		Journal Opened	
0330		2	080330H	SANDHURST - Weather report	S,F
	0745	3	080745H	SANDHURST - Submitted forecast of events	S,F
0810		4	080430H	BLUE SPRUCE "A" - 1 WIA Zulu	S,F
0810		5	080810H	BLUE SPRUCE "A" - Spot report "A-3" had movement near ambush site. Opened fire, heard 1 scream and someone fall. Received AK-47 fire from approximately 4 -5 persons. Search at first light revealed imprint of four persons on ground and 1 to 2 magazines of expended AK-47 rds. Unit continues search	S,F
1345		6	081345H	MILLBROOK - Recon position rep.	S,F
1410		7	081355H	BLUE SPRUCE "B" - Resupply req.	S,F,CP(Rear)
	1553	8	081520H	SANDHURST - Follow up on Spot rep. S-2 completed a detailed search of the hospital complex previous- ly reported. There is no evi- dence of recent use except 2 partially decomposed bodies and parts of an AK-47 rifle. Bodies are approximately 3 to 4 weeks old. Based on info available and location, it is believed that this is Hospital 80. The entire area was searched for other complexes with negative results. All bunkers and destroyable items were destroy- ed. "B-1" continues search of adjacent area. A detailed report with sketches and pictures will be submitted ASAP.	S,F
	1615	9	081615H	SANDHURST - Night acts report submitted.	S,F

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1630		10	081630H	SANDHURST - Agent reports that 89th NVA Sapper Bn. is located in vicinity of AT95421. Direct 1 company to search above grid. Continue operation to cover remainder of grid squares AT9541 and AT9542.	S.F
1700		11	081700H	SANDHURST - Day acts submitted	S.F
1725		12	081725H	MILLBROOK - Recon position rep	S.F
1750		13	081750H	BLUE SPRUCE "A" - A-3 is listening to VC transmission. VC have negative chow and will make attempt to get same tonight. Radio is same as 07 Dec 70.	S.F
				SUMMARY: Operation IMPERIAL LAKE continues with sporadic enemy contact. Physical, visual, and audio indications of enemy presence is profuse. Weather conditions continues to hamper the operation.	
2400		14		Journal Closed	

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	0001	1		Journal Opened	
0415		2	090415H	SANDHURST - Weather report	S,F
	1000	3	091000H	SANDHURST - Forecast of events submitted, also status report on supplies	S,F
1000		4	091000H	SANDHURST 2 - Due to interest by higher HQ and emphasis on intell. screening, all items of captured enemy equipment, weapons, to include flags, pistols, will be forwarded to the rear. If war souvenirs are desired, item should be tagged. Retention of above by personnel in the field is not authorized.	S,F
1155		5	091155H	IMPRESSIVE - Recon position rep.	S,F
	1615	6	091500H	SANDHURST - Acts rep submitted	S,F
1700		7	091700H	MILLBROOK - Recon position rep	S,F
	1705	8	091145H	SANDHURST - AO change for 2/5	S,F
				SUMMARY: Operation IMPERIAL LAKE continues with no contact. Weather continues to hamper operations.	
	2400	9		Journal Closed	

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0001	1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0200	2	100200H	5TH MAR REGT.- Political clearance has been given to AO's with modification #1.	S,F
0230	3	100230H	5TH MAR REGT.- sent weather report for 10-11 December.	S,F
1100	4	101100H	CP (FORWARD)- resupply request submitted.	S,F
1150	5	101150H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted forecast of events for 10 & 11 December.	S,F
1225	6	101225H	1ST RECON BN.- noon position report submitted.	S,F
1405	7	101405H	CP (REAR)- S-3 intelligence report sent.	S,F
1800	8	101800H	5TH MAR REGT.- AO extension to 2/5 approved as follows: from present boundary At (BT0845) E to (BT0945) N to close at (BT0946).	S,F
1905	9	101905H	A COMPANY- day acts for 11 December submitted.	S,F
1945	10	101945H	1ST RECON BN.- night position report submitted.	S,F
2005	11	102005H	B COMPANY- day and night activities submitted.	S,F
2125	12	102125H	A COMPANY- A-3,A-2,A-1 submitted resupply request.	S-4,F
2110	13	102110H	A COMPANY- 2 NBC Zulu reports for emersion foot.	S,F
2205	14	102205H	A COMPANY- 1 NBC Zulu report for hemroids.	S,F
2400	15	102400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0001	1	110001H	JOURNAL OPENED	
0325	2	110325H	5TH MAR REGT.- sent weather forecast for 11 & 12 Dec.	S, F
0825	3	110825H	CP (FORWARD)- sent forecast of events for 11 & 12 Dec. to 5th Mar Regt.	S, F
1200	4	111200H	CP (FORWARD)- sent 5 NBC Zulu reports to 5th Mar Regt. All Zulu's came from B Company.	S, F
1215	5	111215H	CP (FORWARD)- sent A & B Companies position reports to 5th Mar Regt.	S, F
1230	6	111230H	1ST RECON BN.- sent noon position report.	S, F
1245	7	111245H	CP (FORWARD)- A-3 patrol discovered base camp that contained: 4 chicoms, 3 NVA canteens, cooking gear, one roll of film, 2 NVA packs, RPG fuse box, miscellaneous documents and one East German 225V generator wight approx. 100 pounds, 300 pounds of rice, 3 chinese wire cutters, 10 pounds corn, 5 AK-47 magazines, 350 AK-47 rounds of ammo. Destroyed as it was being searched.	S-2, F
1335	8	111335H	CP (FORWARD)- A Company position report submitted to 5th Mar Regt.	S, F
1440	9	111440H	CP (FORWARD)- B3 patrol discovered campsite 10'X5'X6' on well traveled trail. Campsite searched with negative results.	S, F

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1400	10	111400H	CP (FORWARD)- sent NBC Zulu from B Company to 5th Mar Regt. Man was a heat casualty.	S,F
1605	11	111605H	1ST RECON BN.- sent recon night position report.	S,F
1616	12	111616H	CP (FORWARD)- sent A & B Companies position report to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
1735	13	111735H	CP (FORWARD)- sent A & B Companies position report & night activities to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
2000	14	112000H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted forecast of events for 12 December to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
2400	15	112400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0001	1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0350	2	120350H	5TH MAR REGT.- sent weather re- port for 12 & 13 December.	S,F
0705	3	120705H	CP (FORWARD)- Submitted position report as of 120600H to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
0830	4	120830H	A COMPANY- 2 NBC Zulu reports for emersion foot submitted to Bn CP (forward).	S,F
0905	5	120905H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted forecast of operations for 13 December to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
1040	6	121040H	CP (FORWARD)- sent 1000H position report of A & B Companies to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
1100	7	121100H	A COMPANY- found mortar site, with one chicom booby trap and hotch. Booby trap and hotch destroyed.	S,F
1115	8	121115H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted resupply request for B Company.	S-4,F
1200	9	121200H	CP (FORWARD)- A3C patrol found very large base camp with bunkers and hotches. are searching area.	S,F
1215	10	121215H	CP (FORWARD)- sent noon position report for A & B Companies to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
1355	11	121335H	A COMPANY- found camp sight with 5 hotches and 5 caves. found 1 82mm mortar tube, 7 RPG's, 3 toe poppers, 43 chicoms, 40 yards of comm wire, 15-82mm primers, 19 RPG boosters, 2-12 gauge shotgun shells 1 wire cutter, 1 B40 rocket sight. Still searching area.	S,F
1436	12	121436H	CP (FORWARD)- sent A & B Companies 1400 position report to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
1742	13	121742H	CP (FORWARD)- sent night activities from A & B Companies to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F

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1745	14	121745H	5TH MAR REGT.- 5th Mar chpped E 2/5 OPCON to 1/5.	S,F
1810	15	121810H	1ST RECON BN.- sent recon night position report.	S,F
1823	16	121823H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted forecast of operations for 13 December to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
1950	17	121950H	CP (FORWARD)- B1 patrol discovered numerous booby traps on LZ at 974415. All were blown in place, 5 were anti-personnel, and 2 were anti- helicopter.	S,F
1955	18	121955H	CP (FORWARD)- E1 patrol discovered one 20"x40" bunker at 969402. Found one 60mm booby trap. Booby trap blown in place.	S,F
2010	19	122010H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted 3 NBC Zulu reports to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
2020	20	122020H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted E 2/5 night activities to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
2045	21	122045H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted resupply request from B Company to 5th Mar Regt.	S-4,F
2400	22		JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0325	2	130325H	CP (FORWARD)- NBC Zulu from Bn CP shrapnel in skull from friendly M-26 frag. S,F
0811	3	130811H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted day activities for A & B Companies for 13 December 5th Mar Regt. S,F
0845	4	130845H	CP (FORWARD)- sent A & B & E Companies position report to 5th Mar Regt. S,F
0900	5	130900H	CP (FORWARD)- A3 discovered dud 250 pound bomb. Destroyed in place. S,F
0915	6	130915H	ROMA E- located cave approximately 10'x20' in size, cave had not been used for several weeks. Unable to destroy. F,S
1100	7	131100H	CP (FORWARD)- E1D found three old fighting holes. Holes not occupied for approximately 4 months. Located 10 meters off trail and well camouflaged. S,F
1100	8	131100H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted resupply request for Bn CP. S-4,F
1130	9	131130H	CP (FORWARD)- E1 patrol discovered large bunker with buried ordnance cache kept sample and destroyed remainder with bunker. Retained 6 chicombs and 75mm RR rounds still in canisters. S,F
1145	9	131145H	A-1- submitted resupply request to 5th Mar Regt. Along with A-2&3. S-4,F
1245	10	131245H	CP (FORWARD)- sent A & B&E position report to 5th Mar Regt. S,F
1700	11	131700H	CP (FORWARD)- E2B patrol found ammo cache at 967406. All items destroyed except 2 RPG rounds, 1 chicom and 1 mine. S,F

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1720	12	131700H	CP (FORWARD)- B-1 detonated one chicom booby trap rigged with trip wire. Medevac requested for 2 U.S medevacs.	S,F
1705	13	131705H	CP (FORWARD)- ELD found one bunker and 2 living hotches. Search revealed various ordnance and booby traps.	S,F
1710	14	131710H	CP (FORWARD)- E1A discovered 1 dead VC/NVA partially buried in shallow grave. Wearing green uniform, dead possibly 2 to 3 days, KBA.	S,F
2000	15	132000H	CP (FORWARD)- Night activities for A & B & E submitted to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
2005	16	132005H	CP (FORWARD)- sent forecast of operations for 14 December to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
2300	17	132300H	CP-6- sent frag order to A & B & E Companies concerning present operation.	S,F
2400	18		JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0001	1		JOURNAL OPENED
0340	2	140340H	5TH MAR REGT.- sent weather report for 14 to 15 December. S,F
1030	3	141030H	AROMA E- sent day activities to Bn CP. S,F
1045	4	141045H	CP (FORWARD)- issued warning order to A & B Companies. S,F
1050	5	141050H	CP (FORWARD)- Submitted day activities for 14 December to 5th Mar Regt. S,F
1145	6	141145H	1ST RECON BN.- sent recon noon position report. S,F
1200	7	141200H	BN CP (FORWARD)- sent 1200 position report to 5th Mar Regt. S,F
1330	8	141330H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted resupply request to 5th Mar Regt. S,F
1400	9	141400H	CP (FORWARD)- A & B & E Companies position report submitted to 5th Mar Regt. S,F
1635	10	141635H	CP (FORWARD)- Roma E coordinator with Patty Shell grants boundary change as follows: from 9841 to 973400 to 971390. S,F
1636	11	141636H	CP (FORWARD)- AO extension to ROKMC granted as specified. S,F
1740	12	141740H	5TH MAR REGT.- Recon night position report. S,F
1810	13	141810H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted A & B Companies position report. S,F
2010	14	142010H	AROMA E- E2B located old base camp. Base was approximately 5 months old and had 7 bombed out bunkers. Area could hold 60 people. S,F
2015	15	142015H	B-1- one WIA Zulu, shrapnel wounds in legs from booby trapped chicom. S,F
2030	16	142030H	ROMA E- ELD found base camp with 6 bamboo hotches. Found one chicom the rest of the area was searched with negative results. Chicom blown in-place. S,F

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2045	17	142045H	AROMA E- found old cave approximately one year old. Big enough for 6 men. Cave contained 200 AK-47 rounds, 1 U.S. WP grenade, 2 NVA E-tools.	S, F
2110	18	142110H	AROMAE#- located old base camp at 967398, a search of the area uncovered the following: 400 AK-47 rounds, 3-25lb shape charges, 3200' det cord, 3000 pull fuses with blasting caps, 1500 pull fuses 78 fuzes from 60mm, 27 fuzes from 82mm, 45lbs. TNT, 2 AK-47 magazines, 3 M-16 magazines, 1 M-14 magazine, 9 shotgun shells, toe poppers, 100 chicom grenades, 6-82mm gas rounds 14-82mm HE rounds, 17-60mm HE rounds 3 RPG rounds, 1 U.S. LAAN, 7-5'x3' bangalore torpedoes, 1 small radio, 100-51 cal. rounds, 1-30 cal. machine gun with extra barrel, tripod, and sight.	S, F
2115	19	142115H	GP (FORWARD)- sent intelligence report to A & B & E Companies.	S, F
2200	20	142200H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted day activities for A & B & E Companies for 15 December to 5th Mar Regt.	S, F
2220	21	142220H	CP (FORWARD)- sent addition to weekly plan summary to 5th Mar Regt.	S, F
2255	22	142255H	CP (FORWARD)- one NBC Zulu from B-1. Fell helping to move another medevac and broke right arm.	S, F
2400	23		JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0001	1		JOURNAL OPENED
0810	2	150810H	B COMPANY- requested addition to their resupply. S,F
0855	3	150855H	B COMPANY- sent in 4 Zulu reports for Administrative purposes(R&R). S,F
0900	4	150900H	E-3 AROMA- requested a resupply. S-4,F
1245	5	151245H	E-3 AROMA- one NBC zulu report for a cut ankle. S,F
1300	6	151300H	CP (FORWARD)- E-3 patrol discovered recent grave. Search revealed one body badly decomposed. Unable to determine age, sex, or date of death. S,F
1300	7	151300H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted A,B,&E Companies day activities to 5th Mar Regt. S,F
1345	8	151345H	CP (FORWARD)- B Company 2 Zulu reports, one WIA with shrapnel in legs from booby trap, one NBC with a broken right arm. S,F
1430	9	151430H	AROMA E- one NBC Zulu report for corpsman with cut foot just above ankle. S,F
1540	10	151540H	CP (FORWARD)- A,B,&E 1400 position report submitted to 5th Mar Regt. S,F
1620	11	151620H	AROMA E- while checking out deserted caves found a large quantity of gear including 1 M-16 lower receiver group, unserviceable, 4 bangalore torpedoes, 300' det cord, and 200 blasting caps. S,F
1725	12	151725H	CP (FORWARD)- E-2 found old base camp consisting of 15 bunkers, all ready destroyed. Found 18-82mm HE rounds, 17 shotgun rounds, all explosive ordnance will be destroyed. S,F
1830	13	151830H	5TH MAR REGT.- received info concerning the approved AO for 2/1. S,F

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0001	1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0415	2	160415H	5TH MAR REGT.- weather report for 16 to 17 December.	S,F
0745	3	160745H	5TH MAR REGT.- sent day activities for 16 December to CP (forward).	S,F
0800	4	160800H	CP (FORWARD)- B2-2 as unit was moving into ambush, observed fresh sandal prints in trail. Maintained observation with negative results.	S,F
0940	5	160940H	A,B,& E COMPANIES- submitted position report.	S,F
1050	6	161050H	E COMPANY- CP member discovered one skeleton in a cave in CP area. Unable to determine death, age, or sex. Sealed cave and continued search.	S,F
1050	7	161050H	CP (FORWARD)- sent position reports for A & B Companies to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
1230	8	161230H	AROMA E- while searching area corpsman tripped 60mm booby trap with trip wire. Trumatic amputation of left foot. Medevac completed at 1130H.	S,F
1245	9	161245H	AROMA E- sent in Zulu report for corpsman wounded in 161230H spot report.	S,F
1300	10	161300H	CP (FORWARD)- A,B & E Companies submitted 1200 position report.	S,F
1320	11	161320H	B COMPANY- B3 plt moving to new position, received 30 AK-47 rounds from high ground on rear of platoon. Searched area with negative results.	S,F
1400	12	161400H	A,B, & E COMPANIES- submitted 1400 position report.	S,F
1540	13	161540H	CP (FORWARD)- received night activities for 16 December 1970.	S,F
1540	14	161540H	CP (FORWARD)- E3 patrol searching old destroyed base camp discovered the following: 11-82mm HE rounds, 300-50 cal AP rounds, 2-12 gauge toe poppers.	S,F

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1540	15	161540H	AROMA E- submitted day activities for 17 December 70. Also submitted night activities for 16 December 70.	S, F
1540	16	161540H	A COMPANY- submitted night activities for 16 December 70.	S, F
1715	17	161715H	CP (FORWARD)- 1/5 request AO extension as follows: from 970460 follow trace along big blue to 980464 then SE to 982460 to South intersect present AO line at 982458. To last from ASAP to Indefinite. Purpose conduct Cat III Ops.	S, F
1745	18	161745H	5TH MAR REGT.- this command approves AO extension to 1/5 as follows: from (AT970460) along south shore of blue to (AT980460) to (982460) to close at (AT982458). Duration ASAP to indefinite, purpose: conduct Cat III ops in area.	S, F
2000	19	162000H	CP (FORWARD)- Insure all companies understand the following reports are mandatory and must be submitted promptly as indicated. 1. Position reports of all units, patrols, ambushes, PPB's and CP's every two hours commencing 0600, end 1800. 2. Day activities prior to 0600 that day to include patrol check points, TOD and TOR. 3. Night activities prior to 1500H to include all PPB's, LP's, ambush sites. 4. Resupply requests 2 days in advance prior to 1000H. Include 4 days rations at 2 meals per day. 5. Zulu reports ASAP after evacuation, including those personnel admin evac for any reason. 6. Contact reports immediately with quick verbal brief of nature of contact, enemy size and action being taken. (to be continued)	

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2000	19	162000H	(continued) 7. Spot reportson any action ASAP. Initial, interim and final reports may be utilized. Report complete descriptions of discoveries and be as exact and thorough as possible. Do not sacrifice clarity for brevity. 8. Personnel strenght report ASAP after insertion. Report by platoon and indicate CP group separetly. Verification strength report per- iodically as required, or as changed by additions. Indicate ASAP serious personnel shortages, for example, loss of all medical personnel as- signed to a platoon, or other key personnel.	S,F
2235	20	162235H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted troop lift request for 170715H December, from 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
2310	21	162310H	CP (FORWARD)- B-2 submitted resupply drequest.	S,F
2315	22	162315H	CP (FORWARD)- B-1 submitted resupply request.	S,F
2400	23		JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0001	1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0130	2	170130H	A COMPANY- A2 found fresh grave near previous ambush site of 8 December. Found 3 NVA, dead approximately 7-8 days. The bodies had multiple shrapnel wounds and small arms wounds. Photographed and reburied.	S, F
0300	3	170300H	5TH MAR REGT.- weather forecast for 17 & 18 December 70.	S, F
0535	4	170535H	A COMPANY- A3 continued search of first base camp. Found 4-gal gas containers, 1 qt. motor oil, 1 bag miscellaneous motor parts & tools, 1 Ohm meter, 1 NVA belt.	
0900	5	170900H	Destroyed all with C-4.	S, F
			CP (FORWARD)- submitted A Company day activities.	S, F
1100	6	171100H	Submitted resupply request.	S-4, F
1105	7	171105H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted forecast of operations for 18 December to 5th Mar Regt.	S, F
1125	8	171125H	CP (FORWARD)- further test firing of 81mm illum lot No. Low 83-99 reveals lot is acceptable for firing when fuze time is under 34 seconds.	S, F
1150	9	171150H	A, B, & E COMPANIES- submitted position report for 1200H.	S, F
1210	10	171210H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted position report and night activities from Aroma E.	S, F
1245	11	171245H	B COMPANY- submitted day activities to the Bn CP (forward).	S, F
1440	12	171440H	CP (FORWARD)- 1 NBC Zulu for tonsilitus, 1 NBC ZULU for possible malaria.	S, F
1430	13	171430H	CP (FORWARD)- Request one section of 4.2" mortars be tasked to this Bn for fires support from Rainbow.	S, F

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1635	14	171635H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted forecast of operations for 18 December to 5th Mar Regt.	S, F
1637	15	171637H	CP (FORWARD)- modify my previous instructions regarding reports as follows: Night acts for that night and day acts for next day must be submitted prior to 1500H daily.	S, F
1640	16	171640H	CP (FORWARD)- 1 NBC Zulu on man from A3, for internal disorder.	S, F
1650	17	171650H	CP (FORWARD)- 1/4 forward requested for close air strike on VC staging area.	S, F
1657	18	171657H	AROMA E- patrol discovered 1 booby trapped 20mm round set on a nail and covered with dirt. Dug up rounds and will blow later.	S, F
1700	19	171700H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted E Company night activities to 5th Mar Regt.	S, F
1655	20	171655H	AROMA E- E3 patrol returned to base camp of previous finding. Resumed search and found the following: 18-82mm fuses, 24-82mm increments of charges, 100-50 cal. AP rounds, 6 RPG rounds, 6 RPG boosters, 5-75mm rifle rounds, 1-105mm HE round, 1-105mm booby trap, 8 shotgun toe-poppers, 1-60mm booby trap, 5-82mm HE rounds 3-60mm HE rounds. E3 continuing to check area.	S, F
1745	21	171745H	AROMA E- that P153 mine detector that arrived this position today is presently inoperable. Request you provide replacement ASAP.	S, F
2200	22	172200H	CP (FORWARD)- 1. Require one additional squad for Bn Cp security. Squad should have a AN/PRC 25 complete, one M60 MG, one corpsman, map of Rainbow area. Squad leader should have compass. Task to Company C. Require Company C to draw extra (to be continued)	

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2200	22	172200H	(continued) M60 MG for squad use. Bring ample supply cleaning gear. 2. Insert squad ASAP at Rainbow, remain indefinitely. But rotate periodically Will require 2 squads at Rainbow until releived of present mission. 3. Request you initiate help support request.	S,F
2255	23	172255H	A COMPANY- submitted listening posts and ambush positions to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
2305	24	172305H	1ST RECON BN.- recon night position report sent to Bn CP (forward).	S,F
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0001	1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0015	2	180015H	B COMPANY- submitted night activities for 17 December and day activities for 18 December.	S,F
0030	3	180030H	CP (FORWARD)- requested resupply.	S-4,F
0045	4	180045H	A COMPANY- submitted resupply request.	S-4,F
0100	5	180100H	B COMPANY- submitted resupply request.	S-4,F
0100	6	180100H	E COMPANY- submitted resupply request.	S-4,F
0400	7	180400H	5TH MAR REGT.- weather report for 18 to 19 December.	S,F
0930	8	180930H	G COMPANY- submitted report of unit locations.	S,F
1010	9	181010H	A, E, AND B COMPANIES- positions report.	S,F
1210	10	181210H	E COMPANY- submitted night activities for 17 December.	S,F
1300	11	181300H	B COMPANY- 2 NBC Zulu reports.	S,F
1320	12	181320H	CP (FORWARD)- E found ammo box containing 100-50 cal rounds. Box returned to PPB, rounds destroyed.	S,F
1445	13	181445H	CP (FORWARD)- found 5 small caves with 1-82mm round, 2 artillery canisters with C3 type explosive.	S,F
1410	14	181410H	5TH MAR REGT.- recon noon position report.	S,F
1440	15	181440H	A, E, AND B COMPANIES- position reports.	S,F
1600	16	181600H	A COMPANY- 2 NBC Zulu reports.	S,F
1645	17	181645H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted forecast of events to 5TH Mar Regt.	S,F
1715	18	181715H	A,B,E COMPANY- submitted day activities for 19 December and night activities for 18 December.	S,F

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1720	19	181720H	E3- Patrol found 4 toe poppers, made of C rat cans and comp. B. Blown in place.	S, F
1720	20	181720H	E4- CP member found cave with booby trap marker in front of it. Unable to find Booby trap, blew cave.	S, F
1725	21	181725H	E3- Patrol found 1 dud 82mm round and 1 US M-26 lying in trail. Blew all ordnance.	S, F
1925	22	181925H	E3- Patrol search of area discovered 1 MAT 49 machinegun, 4-82MM HE rounds, 4-shot gun toe popper booby traps. MAT 49 returned to PPB, all other ordnance destroyed.	S, F
1925	23	181925H	A2F- searched area of old base camp and found 9-5cc bottles of penicillin 2 bottles Tetracycline, 50 tabs, 4 ampules undetermined contents. Returned all to PPB.	S, F
1925	24	181925H	A2G- checked area of old base camp and found 1 Chinese radio with two headsets, 1 tele key, radio looked to be inoperable because of missing tubes. Returned all to PPB.	S, F
2000	24	182000H	E4- Patrol found 2-57 Recoilless Rifle rounds, 1 NVA pick, 1 NVA canteen, and various pots and pans. A cave that could serve as a kitchen. Destroyed recoilless rifle rounds and pots and pans. The rest taken back to PPB.	S, F
2400	25		JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0001	1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0250	2	190250H	CP (FORWARD)- 2 NBC Zulu reports from A Company 1 for cracked tooth, 1 for 104 degree temperature.	S,F
0500	3	190500H	B COMPANY- submitted resupply request.	S-4,F
0925	4	190925H	B COMPANY- submitted change in rdayt activities for B-1.	
1030	5	191030H	CP (FORWARD)- Be advised that 60mm HE, lot number MA 1496A, previously returned from use because of excessive quantity of duds and erratic rounds was delivered again today to Company A on resupply. Recognizing the lot number Company A tested three rounds, two were duds one was short, landing within 100 meters of the firing position. No casualties, strongly recommend positive action to prevent this lot from reissue, particualy to units engaged in CAT III operations and totally dependent on helicopter resupply.	S,F
1040	6	191040H	A COMPANY- unit location report.	S,F
1215	7	191215H	CP (FORWARD)- E 4: CP member was checking area around CP, found 1 VC/NVA body in stream, body has been dead for about 3 months. In bushes next to stream found a pack containing personal gear, chow, and 1 document.	S,F
1250	8	191250H	CP (FORWARD)- WIA Zulu, multiple fragmentation wounds from booby trap.	S,F
1315	9	191315H	A COMPANY- fire team searching area hit 82mm booby trap, 4 men wounded.	S,F
1315	10	191315H	Received A and B Company 1200 position report.	S,F

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1325	11	191325H	A COMPANY- found small gage, search revealed 12-82mm rounds, 6 61mm rounds. Rounds destroyed.	S, F
1335	12	191335H	AROMA E- found 300 AK-47 rounds still in original container at CP. Destroyed rounds in place.	S, F
1355	13	191335H	5TH MAR REGT.- recon noon position report.	S, F
1415	14	191415H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted forecast of events for 20 December to 5th Mar Regt.	S, F
1420	15	191420H	AROMA E- CP member found 3 booby traps, booby traps were shotgun toepoppers. All booby traps were blown in place.	S, F
1445	16	191445H	AROMA E- platoon patrol found 1 dud 155 HE round at 963397. Round was blown in place.	S, F
1445	17	191445H	CP (FORWARD)- sent 4 ZULU reports to 5th Mar Regt. 1 NBC, 3 WIA.	S, F
1505	18	191505H	B COMPANY- submitted day activities for 20 December 70.	S, F
1525	19	191525H	A COMPANY- informed that platoon combat patrols will be ran to establish new PPB's.	S, F
1658	20	191658H	5TH MAR REGT.- CG, will visit Patt shell forward CP on 20 December 70. He may visit 1/5, 2/1, 2/5 forward CP's will pass more information as it becomes available.	S, F
1706	21	191706H	AROMA E- E2A patrol found 3 bobed out bunkers along side of trail, which contained 3 AK-47 magazines and 2 RPG boosters, 60mm HE round, 1 RPG, 150 AK-47 rounds, and 1 chicom.	S, F
1830	22	191830H	AROMA E- submitted night activities for 19 December and day activities for 20 December.	S, F

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1850		23	191850H	B COMPANY- submitted night activities for 19 December and day activities for 20 December.	S,F
2015		24	192015H	AROMA E- E2A patrol found new base camp approximately 75x50 meters. Also found 2 big grass hotches being built at time found. String fixed on hotches was new. Fresh boot prints were found, tracks were like black tennis shoes. Position could hold about 30 persons. Found 1 U.S. hell box, 1 NVA officer belt, 1 U.S. canteen with cover, 2 RPG rounds, and 2 M-16 magazines.	S,F
2355		25	192335H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted troop helilift request, to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
2400		26		JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0001		1			JOURNAL OPENED	
0010		2	200010H		CP (FORWARD)- submitted forecast of events to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
0010		3	200010H		CP (FORWARD)- 3 WIA Zulu reports from booby trap, 1 NBC Zulu all from A Company.	S,F
0015		4	210015H		A COMPANY- A3 patrol found base camp consisting of 5 hatches, and 3 tunnels found 1 LAAW, 2 RPG's, 1 chicom, 1 printing press, 2 VC uniforms, 1/2 gallon of ink.	S,F
0050		5	200050H		CP (FORWARD)- patrol member searching area detonated 82mm booby trap. Called and conducted medevac, 3 WIA.	S,F
0050		6	200050H		A COMPANY- A2E patrol found small caves with 12-82mm HE rounds, 6-61mm HE rounds wrapped in NVA green shirt.	S,F
0400		7	200400H		A COMPANY-submitted resupply for 20 December 70.	S,F
0413		8	200413H		5TH MAR REGT. 4 weather forecast for 20-21 December.	S,F
0702		9	200702H		CP (FORWARD)- submitted resupply request.	S,F
0735		10	200735H		A COMPANY- 1 NBC Zulu for severe stomach cramps.	S,F
1020		11	201020H		CP (FORWARD)- received position report from all companies.	S,F
1030		12	201030H		CP (FORWARD)- Aroma Echo returned OPCON to Aroma forward. Effective 201022H December.	S,F
1330		13	201330H		All units submitted 1200 Position report.	S,F
1515		14	201515H		CP (FORWARD)-submitted forecast of operations for 21 December 70.	S,F
1520		15	201520H		1ST RECON BN- recon noon position report.	S,F

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1558	16	201558H	NIGHT Activities for 20 December and day activities for 21 Dec.	S,F
1640	17	201640H	GP (FORWARD)- A Company sent in position report.	S,F
1700	18	201700H	B COMPANY- day activities for 21 December.	S,F
1910	19	201910H	GP (FORWARD)- submitted change in night activities for A Company for the 20 December 70.	S,F
1915	20	201915H	1ST RECON BN.- recon night position report.	S,F
1915	21	201915	GP (FORWARD)- 1/5 CP security patrol found bunker complex which had not been used for the last 5 or 6 months.	S,F
1925	22	201925H	(CP) (FORWARD)- cancel A2G activity AT970439.	S,F
2025	23	202025H	GP (FORWARD)- submitted tactical troop helilift request for 22 December to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
1940	24	201940H	A COMPANY- 2 NBC Zulu reports for possible malaria, and deep laceration on chin.	S,F
2115	25	202115H	COMPANY A- 1 NBC Zulu report for possible malaria.	S,F
2330	26	202330H	GP (FORWARD)- present unit location of all units sent to GP (rear).	S,F
2400	27		JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0501	1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0100	2	210100H	D-6- Asked B-6 for a 60mm ammo count and a break down of all ammo that will be left in your platoon. Also estimate the amount of demolition.	S,F
0210	3	210210H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted tactical helolift request for 23 December to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
0230	4	210230H	CP (FORWARD)- B Company position report and ambushes for 20 Dec.	S,F
0330	5	210330H	CP (FORWARD)- Relayed message for station break.	S,F
0745	6	210745H	B COMPANY- submitted change in day activities for B-2.	S,F
1210	7	211200H	CP (FORWARD)- requested C Company to submit number of pax actually at each location by platoon.	S,F
1230	8	211230H	CP (FORWARD)- informed rear that 106RR personnel have 3 M-60 MG at this position that should be returned for maintenance work. Provided replacement personnel bring substitute weapons.	S,F
1302	9	211302H	A COMPANY- A-2 received small arms fire and 2 RPG's at PPB. Platoon returned fire with small arms and M-79. Conducted close air support on enemy position. Will search after insertion.	S,F
1330	10	211313H	C COMPANY- submitted company strength report to CP (forward).	S,F
1335	11	211335H	CP (FORWARD)- request clarification of AO boundary for 1/5 between AT980420 and AT002430.	S,F
1340	12	211340H	C COMPANY- submitted day activities for 22 December 70.	S,F
1350	13	211350H	CP (FORWARD)- Be advised Company A replaced by Company C.	S,F

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1420	14	211420H	1ST RECON BN.- recon noon position report.	S,F
1445	15	211445H	C COMPANY- submitted day activities for 21 December 70.	S,F
1445	16	211445H	B COMPANY- resupplies delivered to company is complete. All platoons received all supplies in excellent manner. B-6 sends well done.	S,F
1445H	17	211445H	CP (FORWARD)- B Company submitted change in day activities for today.	S,F
1450	18	211450H	B COMPANY- submitted position report.	S,F
1455	19	211455H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted resupply request to 5th Mar Regt.	S-4,F
1500	20	211500H	CP (FORWARD)- C1 observed 6-7 VC/NVA moving south in draw. Called 81mm fire mission. Cannot sweep due to distance.	S,F
1535	21	211535H	submitted weekly plans summary to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
1535	22	211535H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted forecast of operations to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
1620	23	211620H	B COMPANY- B-2 NBC Zulu for having dizzy spells.	S,F
1650	24	211650H	B & C COMPANIES- submitted day and night activities.	S,F
1800	25	211800H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted an addition to CP resupply.	S-4,F
1805	26	211805H	CP (FORWARD)- informed all companies of present 1/5 boundary.	S,F
1855	27	211855H	C COMPANY- submitted addition to day activities.	S,F
1900	28	211900H	1ST RECON BN.- recon night position report.	S,F
2125	29	212125H	5TH MAR REGT.- this command approves following AO extension: From 9840 to 985410 to 9842 to 9841 along brown to close.	S,F
2400	30		JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0601	1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0920	2	220920H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted follow up on spot report from B32 LP, DTG 212015H.	S, F
0925	3	220925H	A & B COMPANIES- sent in night activities.	S, F
0940	4	220940H	C Company- sent addition to their resupply request.	S, 4, F
1000	5	221000H	A & B BRAVO COMPANIES- submitted night and day abts, and then we give them therea noon position report.	S, F
1020	6	221020H	CP (FORWARD)- sent the following spot report from C Company to 5th Mar Regt. Patrol found cave with one exhumed body, be- lieve to be dead for 2-3 weeks. Unable to determine cause of death due to decomposition.	S, F
1120	7	221120H	CP (FORWARD)- informed B & C Companies about intelligence report.	S, F
1130	8	221130H	CP (FORWARD)- Plan to start the change of personnel and Companies as soon as weather clears.	S, F
1135	9	221135H	C COMPANY- submitted resupply request.	S-4, F
1150	10	221150H	1ST RECON BN.- sent recon noon position report.	S, F
1205	11	221205H	B & C COMPANY- sent noon pos- ition report.	S, F
1230	12	221230H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted forecast of events for 23 December to 5th Mar Regt.	S, F
1315	13	221315H	C COMPANY- C2 on patrol located a tunnel complex in back of 2 rock formations. Found 1 bayonet, 1 snake type bomb without explosive and 1 comic book December.	S, F

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1645	14	221645H	B COMPANY- B3 while in PPB found one U.S. Bouncing Betty mine. Anti-personnel type, buried in ground. Had been there 4 to 5 months, was very rusty. Blown in place.	S, F
1730	15	221730H	CP (FORWARD)- Advised replacement personnel for 1/5 BN CP forward will remain at Baldy. Request 5th Mar to provide qtrs and mess.	S, F
1815	16	221815H	C COMPANY- C3 monitoring NVA tactical net states NVA going to ANIAM for rice then return to Hill 400.	S, F
2145	17	222145H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted to 5th Mar Regt the coord nating details for troop helilift .23 December.	S, F
2400	18		JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0001	1		JOURNAL OPENED	
1345H	2	231345H	C COMPANY- C2 while on patrol found 1 half built hotch with a cave in back. Destroyed frame hotch and interdicted cave with C.S.	S, F
1400	3	231400H	CP (FORWARD)- Informed 5th Mar Regt., that while on patrol C3 found tunnel complex with 15 caves and a passageway that ran the whole length of the tunnel complex.	S, F
1600	4	231600H	C COMPANY- NBC Zulu report sent for a man with VD.	S, F
1646	5	231646H	CP (FORWARD)- NBC Zulu for a man with a strained neck.	S, F
1650	6	231650H	5TH MAR REGT.- Informed CP (forward) that the new shackel series will not go into effect until all working units are issued it. This should be accomplished 25 Dec.	S, F
1710	7	231710H	C COMPANY- C2 while on patrol discovered 4 caves. Caves were built up rock formations with log fronts. Also found one hotch appeared to be 2 weeks old. Found 1 U.S. E-tool. Destroyed hotch.	S, F
1725	8	231725H	CP (FORWARD)- while constructing OP, found 1 booby trap (60mm) with trip wire on trail 10 meters from OP. Blown in place.	S, F
1800	9	231800H	C & D COMPANIES- C & D Companies submitted day and night activities.	S, F
1824	10	231824H	5TH MAR REGT.- recon night position report sent out.	S, F
1850	11	231850H	CP (FORWARD)- Submitted forecast of events for 24 December, to 5th Mar Regt.	S, F

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1935		12	231935H	G COMPANY- C1 continued search of complex area. Discovered 10 more caves, also found the following items: 200 rounds AK-47 ammo, 2 NVA canteens, 50' of comm wire.	
1945		13	231945H	Did not interdict any of this gear. S,F CP (FORWARD)- C2 while on patrol found 1 plastic gallon jug of motor oil, 2 E-tools (1 NVA, 1 U.S.) Also found 1/2 lb. of G-3.	S,F
2015		14	232015H	5TH MAR REGT.- Please submit no later than 2400H to this command the information required for cold beer distribution on 25 December.	S,F
2400		15		JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0001	1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0400	2	240400H	5TH MAR REGT.- sent weather report for 24-25 December 70.	S,F
0900	3	240900H	D COMPANY.- C & D Companies position report as of 0800H December 70.	S,F
0955	4	240955H	CP (REAR)- Sent CG message to forward concerning no firing of weapons or other ordnance during the coming cease fire.	S,F
1100	5	241100H	C COMPANY.- submitted a change in their day act for C3, to go to where the air strike was held.	S,F
1150	6	241150H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted unit locations for 24 December 70 to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
1200	7	241200H	CP (FORWARD)- NBC Zulu, for pustules around base of penis.	S,F
1230	8	241230H	C COMPANY.- position report for C Company.	S,F
1310	9	241310H	D COMPANY.- position report for D Company submitted.	S,F
1310	10	241310H	5TH MAR REGT.- recon position report sent to CP (forward).	S,F
1315	11	241315H	C COMPANY.- C1 spotted 6 enemy in open, and C3 spotted 20 enemy personnel, called in air with negative results at this time.	S,F
1335	12	241335H	D COMPANY.- submitted resupply request for 26 December 70 to Bn CP (forward).	S,F
1450	13	241450H	D COMPANY.- D2 sighted 2 enemy, called in 81mm mission with unknown results.	S,F
1516	14	241516H	D COMPANY.- submitted day activities for 25 December 70.	S,F
1630	15	241630H	C COMPANY.- submitted day activities for 25 December 70.	S,F
1730	16	241730H	5TH MAR REGT.- sent recon night position report.	S,F
1830	17	241830H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted forecast of events for 25 December 70.	S,F

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0001	1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0330	2	250330H	5TH MAR REGT.-sent weather report to CP (forward).	S,F
0730	3	250730H	D COMPANY- D Company submitted day and night activities for 25 December 70.	S,F
1035	4	251030H	5TH MAR REGT. S-2- sent intelligence report.	S,F
1305	5	251305H	C COMPANY- submitted request for resupply for 25 December 70.	S-4,F
1312	6	251312H	5TH MAR REGT.- sent recon noon position report.	S,F
1322	7	251322H	D COMPANY- submitted position report as of 0900H 25 December 70.	S,F
1322	8	251322H	C COMPANY- submitted position report as of 0900H 25 December 70.	S,F
1400	9	251400H	CP (FORWARD)- WIA Zulu, hit a booby trap while heading for PPB while on patrol.	S,F
1500	10	251500H	CP (FORWARD)- WIA Zulu, hit a booby trap while heading for PPB while on patrol.	S,F
1520	11	251520H	CP (FORWARD)- WIA Zulu, received shrapnel in arm blowing booby trap.	S,F
1600	12	251600H	CP (FORWARD)- C2 patrol while returning to PPB, a booby trap was detonated resulting in 2 emergency medevacs.	S,F
1614	13	251614H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted forecast of events to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
1700	14	251700H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted D Company day and night activities for 26 December 70.	S,F
1705	15	251705H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted C Company day and night activities for 26 December 70.	S,F

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1710	16	251710H	5TH MAR RECF.- sent recon night position report.	S, F
1725	17	251725H	CP (FORWARD)- C3 while on patrol discovered a cave complex. Further search revealed the following: 3000 AK-47 rounds, 4 AK-47 magazines, 1 M-16 magazine, 3-82mm rounds, 2-60mm rounds, 7 chicoms, 2 RPG's, 5 B42 boosters, 11 pounds C-4, 2 NVA E-tools, 300 pounds corn, 3 blasting caps, 1 NVA messkit. Destroyed all gear except: AK-47 rounds, 4 AK-47 magazines, 1 NVA mess kit, 5 B42 boosters. Interdicted cave with powder C.S. and C.S. grenades.	S, F
2400	18		JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0001	1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0355	2	260355H	C COMPANY- Personnel while on hole watch left his hole and wandered outside of perimeter. On return to his hole a man hollered halt and the man outside the perimeter did not hear him say halt, and kept coming in perimeter. And was fired upon with small arms fire. Medevac will take place at first light.	S, F
0215	2	260215H	C COMPANY- NBC Zulu, multi gunshot wounds in both legs, by friendly small arms fire.	S, F
1012	3	261012H	5TH MAR REGT.- sent weather forecast for 26-27 December 70.	S, F
1050	4	261050H	5TH MAR REGT.- This command approves ROK AO extension as follows: from (BT00047) to (BT000492) to (AT984485) to (984470) to close.	S, F
1025	5	261025H	CP (FORWARD)- Movement in light outside perimeter and night act also heard whistling. Fired 60mm and 81mm illum. Night act initiating small arms fire and returned to PPB, fired M79, and threw frags, movement ceased.	S, F
1046	6	261046H	D COMPANY- submitted day activities for 26 December 70.	S, F
1240	6	261240H	D COMPANY- submitted a resupply request for D1, D2, and D3.	S-4, F
1305	7	261305H	5TH MAR REGT.- sent recon noon position report.	S, F
1535	8	261535H	CP (FORWARD)- D Company submitted night activities for 26 December 1970.	S, F
1540	9	261540H	CP (FORWARD)- D Company submitted day activities for 27 December 70.	S, F
1600	10	261600H	CP (FORWARD)- C Company submitted day and night activities.	S, F

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1605		11	261605H	CP (FORWARD)-D23 while on patrol found old base camp, several sleeping areas and fighting holes. No obvious enemy use for along period of time. Found 5 to 6 pouncho type pieces of plastics. 1 NVA helmet, and rotten blood soaked bandages. S,F	
1609		12	261609H	CP (FORWARD)-submitted forecast of events for 27 December 70 to 5th Mar Regt. S,F	
1820		13	261820H	5TH MAR REGT.-sent recon night positions to CP (forward). S,F	
2400		14		JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0001	1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0330	2	270330H	5TH MAR REGT.- sent weather report for 27 and 28 December.	S, F
0900	3	270900H	D COMPANY- sent position report to CP (forward).	S, F
0900	4	270900H	C COMPANY- sent a request for resupply.	S, F
1230	4	271230H	D COMPANY- sent position report to CP (forward).	S, F
1401	5	271401H	5TH MAR REGT. sent recon noon position report to CP (forward).	S, F
1401	6	271401H	D COMPANY- informed Bn CP (forward) that they had another bad lot of rounds for their 60mm mortars.	S, F
1630	7	271630H	D & C COMPANIES- submitted day and night activities for 27 and 28 December 70.	S, F
1755	8	271755H	C COMPANY- C1 while on patrol found 1 booby trap, with trip wire, continued on found 1 more booby trap just like the first one approximately 35 meters from the first one.	S, F
1830	9	271830H	5TH MAR REGT.- sent recon night position report.	S, F
1840	10	271840H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted forecast of events to 5th Mar Regt.	S, F
2015	11	272015H	CP (FORWARD)- D3 located 5 caves and 3 tunnels at 951428. 6 speed trails leading into area. searched area thoroughly, with negative results, appeared to have not been used for 2 months.	S, F
2400	12		JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0001	1		JOURNAL OPENED	
1130	2	281130H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted position report for D & C companies.	S,F
1225	3	281225H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted 4 NBC Zulu reports to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
1315	4	281315H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted C Companies day activities for 29 December 70.	S,F
1515	5	281515H	D COMPANY- D1 patrol spotted 4 chickens, found 1 chicom, 1 concussion grenade, and 1 M79 HE round. Blew all ordnance in place.	S,F
1535	6	281535H	5TH MAR REGT.- sent recon night position report.	S,F
1600	7	281600H	CP (FORWARD)- C Company submitted night activities for 28 December 70.	S,F
1600	8	281600H	D COMPANY- D2 submitted re-supply request.	S,F
1605	9	281605H	C COMPANY- while on patrol discovered 3 caves complexes searched with negative results and continued on with patrol found 1 caves with 1 thermomiter, empty medical bottle, and 15 AK rounds.	S,F
1605	10	281605H	D COMPANY- submitted night activities for 29 December 70.	S,F
1818	11	281818H	D COMPANY- D33 patrol came across downed gun bird. Serial # 15080. Also found several 2.5 rocket heads. The bird possibly has been used as a toy by enemy. Will blow 29 December 70.	S,F

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1805		12	281805H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted for- cast of events for 29 December to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
1840		13	281840H	5TH MAR REGT.- recon night position report for 28 December.	S,F
2030		14	282030H	D COMPANY- patrol came across a Vietnamese body half buried underneath a rock overhanging formation. Found following on body: 1 red cotton arm band, 1 old leather wallet, 1 chain, 1 lighter.	S,F
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0001	1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0320	2	290320H	5TH MAR REGT.- weather report. sent to CP (Forward)	S,F
0830	3	290830H	D COMPANY- sent 2 NBC Zulu reports to CP (forward).	S,F
0850	4	290850H	D COMPANY- submitted position report.	S,F
0930	5	290930H	D COMPANY- D1 PPB observed 2 enemy personnel moving at the base of their PPB. fired M79 and searched area with negative results.	S,F
1230	6	291230H	CP (FORWARD)- Aircraft with RC-6 and 3A entoute to FB Rainbow received 4-6 rounds small arms fire from enemy position, crew member returned 25-35 rounds 50 cal fire with unknown results.	S,F
1455	7	291455H	CP (FORWARD)- patrol from D1 discovered area believed to be workshop. Found boards and an improvised stove. De- stroyed boards and stove and area.	S,F
1500	8	291500H	CP (FORWARD)- 1 WIA Zulu. man hit booby trap while on patrol.	S,F
1505	9	291505H	CP (FORWARD)- requested an AO extension.	
1545	10	291545H	D COMPANY- submitted night activities to CP (forward).	S,F
1600	11	291600H	C COMPANY- submitted night activities to CP (forward).	S,F
1715	12	291715H	5TH MAR REGT.- requested AO extension disapproved.	S,F
1745	13	291745H	CP (FORWARD)- C13 on patrol spotted 1 VC/NVA in heavy bushes, opened fire with small arms. Discovered fresh blood trail and followed it to cave at 973733. Searched cave and destroyed all but loco AK rds, and binoculars.	S,F

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1752	14	291752H	C COMPANY- sent follow up to spot report of D33 281230H. Patrol returned to site of downed aircraft and destroyed all ordnance.	S,F
1845	15	291845H	5TH MAR REGT.- recon noon position report.	S,F
1856	16	291856H	CP (FORWARD)- D 2 O.P. heard voices and movement at 959458, opened fire with small arms and M79. Enemy returned fire with AK-47, 4-M79, and 1-M72 LAAW. Enemy broke contact and squad swept area detonating 1 M79 booby trap, and finding 1 other M79 booby trap.	S,F
1920	17	291902H	5TH MAR REGT.- recon night position report.	S,F
2120	18	292120H	CP (REAR)- From time of receipt of this message, the following pushes will be monitored secure. All conduct of fire, Company frequency, (if gear is available) TACP-EAC party, BN TACPACIFIER TAC. This order is in accordance with order received by this command from 1st Mar Div C.G. today. Violations will not be tolerated. Insure that units keeps a sufficient supply of batteries on hand at all times for maintaining secure voice & radio comm. Your cooperation is needed to comply with the above order. Any questions should be addressed to RC28.	S,F
2400	19		JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0001	1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0330	2	300330H	5TH MAR REGT.- weather report for 30-31 December 70.	S,F
0822	3	300822H	GP (FORWARD)- submitted forecast of events for 31 December 70 to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
1100	4	301100H	C COMPANY-submitted C3 resupply request.	S,F
1620	5	301620H	5TH MAR REGT.- intelligence report from usually a reliable source. At 950411 in a 600 meter radius believed to be a possible enemy strong point.	S,F
1830	6	301830H	D COMPANY- sent NBC Zulu report on KCS Scout. Pain in chest from prior wounds. S-2 rep will go with man.	S,F
1910	7	301910H	C COMPANY- NBC Zulu report for man with possible malaria.	S,F
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0001		1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0324		2	310324H	D COMPANY- NBC Zulu, gunshot wound, right bicept. Perimeter line watch heard noise and fired.	S, F
0335		3	310335H	CP (FORWARD)- D2 Platoon Sergeant moving inside perimeter to effect illumination resupply for M79 was fired upon without challenge by perimeter security. Individual to be medevaced at first light.	S, F
0345		4	310345H	CP (FORWARD)- informed all companies to submit a report of chemical activity since inserted, including use of XM 191, use of CS and enemy use of CS. Must have all this by 310700-310830H.	S, F
0400		5	310400H	5TH MAR REGT.- weather forecast for 31 December to 1 January.	S, F
0735		6	310735H	C & D COMPANIES- received all information concerning message sent 310335H December.	S, F
0740		7	310740H	D COMPANY- Medevac completed at 0735H this date for man wounded as described in message 310335H.	S, F
0900		8	310900H	5TH MAR REGT.- Inform all units to commence 24 hour cease fire, to commence 311800H December 70.	S, F
1030		9	311030H	C COMPANY- submitted resupply request for 1 January 71.	S-4, F
1035		10	311035H	D COMPANY- submitted resupply request for 1 January 71.	S-4, F
1640		11	311640H	C COMPANY- C2 patrol discovered a bunker complex of 15 bunkers. Also found 1 Chinese 60mm round. Seeded with CS crystals, and destroyed rd.	S, F
1715		12	311715	C COMPANY- 2 NBC ZULU reports submitted to CP (Forward).	S, F
2400		13		JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0001	1		JOURNAL OPENED	
1040	2	041040H	5TH MAR REGT.- request for "Black Hammer" operation within following boundaries: BT0747 to BT 100465 to 100447 to 0244 to 0540 to close. (Zone #1 coordinates) From AT9636 to BT0036 to BT0034 to AT9843 to AT9831 to AT9631 to close. (Zone #2 coordinates) From BT0036 to 0239 to 0540 to 0538 to 020375 to close. (Zone #3 coordinates). From AT800463 to Northeast along 5th mar rest. AO boundaries to 908460 to 9446 to 9443 to 8945 to Northwest to close. (Zone #4 coordinates).	S.F
1110	3	041110H	A COMPANY- found 61mm mortar round booby trap at 0730 coordinates 967431. Blown in place 041200H	S.F
1120	4	041120H	A COMPANY- found one 4" antipersonnel mine at 040838H coordinates 971435. blown in place.	S.F
1120	5	041120H	5TH MAR REGT.- reminded all units that captured ordnance evacuated to rear will have EOD assistance to render it safe for transportation.	S.F
1130	6	041130H	5TH MAR REGT.- recon Zulu to be cleared for two teams	S.F
1135	7	041135H	5TH MAR REGT. all night and day activities to be reported to Regt. no later than 1600H daily.	S.F
1140	8	041140H	COMPANY A- resupply completed.	S-4,F
1215	9	041215H	COMPANY B- position report.	S.F
1235	10	041235H	COMPANY A- position and activities reported.	S,F
1345	11	041345H	COMPANY B- NBC Zulu at 1325H with bowel and stomach pains.	S,F
1530	12	041530H	COMPANY A- requested for additional resupply.	S.F
1600	13	041600H	A&B COMPANIES- night activities submitted.	S.F
1900	14	041900H	1ST RECON BN.- night position report.	S.F
1930	15	041930H	A3- received small force AK-47 fire and RPG. Possible 2 or 3 enemy. Fired 81mm and 60mm illumination with negative results	
2000	16	042000H	5TH MAR REGT: Sent intelligence report	S,F
2200	17	042200H	5TH MAR REGT: AO extension for Warcloud is approved	S
2210	18	042210H	B1: NBC Zulu, gear medevaced with man	S,F
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0001			Journal Opened	
0325	1	060325H	5TH MAR REPT: Weather Report	S,F
0845	2	060845H	A1: Sighted small fire and four enemy moving from area. Prepped area with 60mm, M60 and M16 fire. Sending out patrols to cover area.	S,F
1030	3	061030H	5th MAR REPT: Forecast of events submitted	S,F
1030	4	061030H	BRAVO: One NBC Zulu, VD, gear medevaced with man	S,F
1200	5	061200H	A-1-2: Checked area for enemy movement, found 3 documents 3X5 partially burned, also 1 62mm casing. Further search gave negative results.	S,F
1230	6	061230H	GP(Fwd): Addition for resupply request	S,F
1230	7	061230H	5th MAR REPT: Following AO is cleared for ORF insert UL955410 and LR980390	S,F
1245	8	061245H	1ST RECON: Noon position report	S,F
1320	9	061320H	Co. A: 1 NBC Zulu with broken ankle	S,F
1325	10	061325H	Co. B: 1 NBC Zulu with broken thumb	S,F
1330	11	061300H	Co. A&B: Resupply request	S,F
1340	12	061340H	5TH MAR REPT: Request for weekly forecast of events	S,F
1352	13	061352H	Co. A&B: Noon position report	S,F
1545	14	061545H	A2: While on patrol found one hut, 1 AK-47 magazine and AK-47 rounds. Destroyed hut and took rounds and magazine.	S,F
1600	15	061600H	A3: Found bomb crater with the bones of 10 to 20 persons, possibly enemy burial site.	S,F
1655	16	061655H	Co. AB: Night activity report	S,F
1820	17	061820H	1st RECON: Night position report	S,F
1830	18	061830H	A2: Sighted 3 enemy moving south on trail. Results of last ambush are 1 FVA KIA, 1 probable WIA. Captured 1 AK-47, 3 chicombs, 1 magazine.	S,F
1845	19	061845H	Co. B: found enemy hospital complex while on security patrol from CP(Fwd). Had battle dressings, ammo boxes and extensive area for wounded. Not searched due to lack of personnel. Will helolift B-1 into area for 2-3 days.	S,F
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0001	1	070400	Journal Opened	
0400	2	070400H	5TH MAR REGT: Weather Forecast	S,F
0825	3	070825H	5TH MAR REGT: Submitted forecast of events 7-8 Dec 71	S,F
1015	4	071015H	Co.A: Position report	S,F
1115	5	071115H	5TH MAR REGT: Request for weekly forecast of events	S,F
1130	6	071130H	5th MAR REGT: Submitted weekly forecast of events	S,F
1315	7	071315H	Co.A: Request for resupply	S,F
1320	8	071320H	Co.A: Position report	S,F
1330	9	071330H	1st RECON: Position report	S,F
1520	10	071520H	Co.A&B: Position report	S,F
1520XMAN	11	071520H	Co.A: 1 NBC Zulu	S,F
1640	12	071640H	5th MAR REGT: 1 NBC Zulu	
1735	13	071735H	1st RECON: Recon position report	S,F
1745	14	071745H	Co.B: 1NBC Zulu	S,F
1750	15	071750H	Co.A: Spot report, 1 booby trap, an M-16 mine cover ed with poncho, approximately 2" in diameter. Contact type detonator with 4 prongs. Blown in place.	S,F
1905	16	071905H	5th MAR REGT: A3 picked up a VC transmission on a commercial type transistor radio. The approximate frequency was 94.3. Personnel were speaking of food shortages and that number of USMC units in area were making it difficult to get to low ground. They will attempt movement to low ground tomorrow. Co.A has placed ambushes in likely avenues throughout their area. VC mentioned moving at approximately 0800, 8 Dec. Co.A ambushes to be set by 0500.	S,F
2100	17	072100H	Co.B: 1 NBC Zulu	S,F
2105	18	072105H	Co.A: Spot report, 3 NVA 967439, made contact, 1 probable kill, no pursuit due to fog	S,F
			SUMMARY: Operation IMPERIAL LAKE continues with relatively light enemy contact though visual and physical indications of enemy presence is profuse.	
2400	19		Journal Closed	

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0001	1		Journal Opened	
0330	2	080330H	5TH MAR REGT: Weather report	S,F
0745	3	080745H	5th MAR REGT: Submitted forecast of events	S,F
0810	4	080430H	Co.A: 1 WIA Zulu	S,F
0810	5	080810	Co.A: Spot report. A3 had movement near ambush site. Opened fire, heard 1 scream and someone fall. Received AK-47 fire from approximately 4-5 persons. Search at first light revealed imprint of four persons on ground and 1 to 2 magazines of expended AK-47 rounds. Unit continues search.	S,F
1345	6	081345H	1st RECON: Recon position report	S,F
1410	7	081355H	Co.B: Resupply request	S,F
1553	8	081520H	5th MAR REGT: Follow up on spot report S-2 completed a detailed search of the hospital complex previously reported. There is no evidence of recent use except two partially decomposed bodies and parts from an AK-47 rifle. Bodies are approximately 3 to 4 weeks old. Based on info available and location, it is believed that this is Hospital 80. The entire area was searched for other complexes with negative results. All bunkers and destroyable items were destroyed. B-1 continues search of adjacent area. A detailed report with sketches and pictures will be submitted ASAP.	S,F
1615	9	081615H	5TH MAR REGT: Night acts report submitted	S,F
1630	10	081630H	5TH MAR REGT: Agent reports that 89th NVA Sapper Bn. is located in vicinity of AT953421. Direct 1 company to search above grid. Continue operation to cover remainder of grid squares 9541 and 9542	S,F
1700	11	081700H	5TH MAR REGT: Day acts for 9 Dec submitted	S,F
1725	12	081725H	1st RECON: Recon positions report	S,F
1750	13	081750H	Co. A: A3 is listening to VC transmission. VC have negative chow and will make attempt to get same tonight. Radio is same as 07 Dec 70.	S,F
			SUMMARY: Operation IMPERIAL LAKE continues with sporadic enemy contact. Physical, visual and audio indications of enemy presence is profuse. Weather conditions continues to hamper the operation.	
2400	14		Journal Closed	

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0001	1		Journal Opened	
0200	2	100200H	5TH MAR REGT: Political clearance	S, F
			has been given to AO's Ref A. with	
			modification of NC. 1 as follows:	
			Southern Boundary now from BT0540,	
			NE to BT0642, East to BT0942, NE	
			to close with G Cupp Boundary at	
			BT107432	
0230	3	100230H	5TH MAR REGT: Weather report	S, F
1100	4	101100H	CP(FWD): Resupply requests	S, F
1150	5	101150H	CP(FWD): Forecast of events for 10	S, F
			and 11 Dec 1970	
1225	6	101225H	1st RECON: Position report	S, F
1405	7	101405H	CP(Rear): S-2 Intelligence report	S, F
1800	8	101800H	5TH MAR REGT: AO extension for 2/5	S, F
			approved	
1905	9	101905H	Co.A: Day activities report	S, F
1945	10	101945H	1st RECON: Position report	S, F
2005	11	102005H	Co.B: Activities report	S, F
2125	12	102125H	Co.A: Resupply request for all	S, F
			platoons	
2110	13	102110H	Co.A: Two NBC Zulus with immersion	S, F
			foot	
2205	14	102205H	Co.A: One NBC Zulu with hemorrhoids	S, F
2400	15		Journal Closed	

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0001	1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0325	2	130325H	CP (FORWARD)- NBC Zulu from Bn CP shrapnel in skull from friendly M-26 frag.	S,F
0811	3	130811H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted day activities for A & B Companies for 13 December to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
0845	4	130845H	CP (FORWARD)- sent A & B & E Companies position report to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
0900	5	130900H	CP (FORWARD)- A3 discovered dud 250 pound bomb. Destroyed in place.	S,F
0915	6	130915H	E-2-5- located cave approximately 10' x 20' in size. cave had not been used for several weeks. Unable to destroy.	S,F
1100	7	131100H	CP (FORWARD)- ELD found three old fighting holes. Holes not occupied for approximately 4 months. Located 10 meters off trail and well camouflaged.	S,F
1100	8	131100H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted resupply request for Bn CP.	S-4,F
1130	9	131130H	CP (FORWARD)- E1 patrol discovered large bunker with buried ordnance cache kept sample and destroyed remainder with bunker. Retained 6 chicom and 75mm RR rounds still in canisters.	S,F
1145	10	131145H	A-1 - submitted resupply request to 5th Mar Regt. A-2 and A-3 were also included.	S,F
1245	11	131245H	CP (FORWARD)- sent A & B & E position report to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
1700	12	131700H	CP (FORWARD)- E2B patrol found ammo cache at 967406. All items destroyed except 2 RPG rounds, and 1 chicom and 1 mine.	S,F
1706	13	131700H	CP (FORWARD)- E1 detonated one chicom booby trap rigged with trip wire. Medevac request for 2 U.S. medevacs.	S,F
1705	14	131705H	CP (FORWARD)- ELD found one bunker and 2 living hatches. Search revealed various ordnance and booby traps.	S,F
1710	15	131710H	CP (FORWARD)- E1A discovered 1 dead VC/NVA partially buried in shallow grave. Wearing green uniform, dead possibly 2 to 3 days, KBA.	S,F
2000	16	132000H	CP (FORWARD)- Night activities for A & B & E submitted to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
2005	17	132005H	CP (FORWARD)- sent forecast of operation to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
2300	18	132300H	CP-6 - sent frag order to A & B & E Companies concerning present operation.	S,F
2400	19		JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0340	2	140340H	5TH MAR REGT. - sent weather report for 14 to 15 Dec.	S, F
1030	3	141030H	AE-2-5E - sent day activities to Bn CP.	S, F
1045	4	141045H	CP (FORWARD) - issued warning order to A & B Companies.	S, F
1050	5	15050H	CP (FORWARD) - submitted day activities for 14 Dec.	S, F
1145	6	141145H	1ST RECON BN. - sent recon noon position report.	S, F
1200	7	141200H	CP (FORWARD) - sent 1200 position report to 5th Mar.	S, F
1330	8	141330H	CP (FORWARD) - submitted resupply request.	S, F
1400	9	141400H	CP (FORWARD) - A, B, E Companies position report submitted.	S, F
1635	10	141635H	CP (FORWARD) - AE-2-5E coordination with 3/5 Shell grants boundary change as follows: from 9841 to 9734000 to 971390.	S, F
1636	11	141636H	CP (FORWARD) - AO extension to ROKMC granted as specified.	S, F
1740	12	141740H	5TH MAR REGT. - Recon night position report.	S, F
1810	13	141810H	CP (FORWARD) - submitted A & B Companies position report.	S, F
2010	14	142010H	AE-2-5E - E2B located old base camp. Base was approx- imately 5 months old and had 7 bombed out bunkers. Area could hold 60 people.	S, F
2015	15	142015H	B-1 - one WIA Zulu, shrapnel wounds in legs from booby trapped chicom.	S, F
2030	16	142030H	AE-2-5E - E1D found base camp with 6 bamboo hatches. Found one chicom the rest of the area was searched with negative results. Chicom blown in place.	S, F
2045	17	142045H	AE-2-5E - found old cave approximately one year old. Big enough for 6 men. Cave contained 200 AK-47 rounds. 1 U.S. WP grenade, 2 NVA E-tools.	S, F
2110	18	142110H	AE-2-5E - located old base camp at 967398, a search of the area uncovered the following: 400 AK-47 rounds, 3-25 lb. shape charges, 3200' det cord, 3000 pull fuzes with blasting caps, 1500 pull fuzes with 82mm, 45 lbs. TNT, 2 AK-47 magazines, 3 M-16 Magazines, 1 M-14 magazine, 9 shotgun shells, toe poppers, 100 chicom grenades, 6-82 gas rounds, 14-82mm HE rounds, 17-60mm HE rounds, 3 RPG rounds, 1 U.S. IAAW, 7-5'x3' bangalore torpedoes, 1 small radio, 100-51 cal. rounds, 1-30 cal machine gun with extra barrel, tripod, and sight.	S, F
2115	19	142115H	CP (FORWARD) - sent intelligence report of A, B, AND E.	S, F
2200	20	142200H	CP (FORWARD) - submitted day activities for A, B and E companies to 5th Mar Rest.	S, F
2220	21	142220H	CP (FORWARD) - sent addition to weekly plans summary.	S, F
2255	22	142255H	CP (FORWARD) - One NBC Zulu from B-1. Fell helping to move another medevac and broke right arm.	S, F
2400	23		JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0810	2	150810H	B COMPANY- requested addition to their resupply.	S-4,F
0855	3	150855H	B COMPANY- sent in 4 Zulu reports for Administrative purposes (R&R)	S,F
0900	4	150900H	E-2-5 BOWA- requested a resupply.	S-4,F
1245	5	151245H	E-2-5 BOWA- one NBC Zulu report for a cut ankle.	S,F
1300	6	151300H	CP (FORWARD)- E-3 patrol discovered recent grave. Search revealed one body badly decomposed. Unable to determine age, sex, or date of death.	S,F
1300	7	151300H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted A,B,E Companies day activities.	S,F
1345	8	151345H	CP (FORWARD)- B Company 2 Zulu reports, one WIA with shrapnel in legs from booby trap, one NBC with a broken right arm.	S,F
1430	9	151430H	E-2-5 E- one NBC Zulu report for corpsman without foot just above ankle.	S,F
1540	10	151540H	CP (FORWARD)- A,B, & E 1400 position report submitted to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
1620	11	151620H	E-2-5 E- while checking out deserted caves found a large quantity of gear including 1 M-16 lower receiver group, unserviceable, 4 bangalore torpedoes, 300' det cord, and 200 blasting caps.	S,F
1725	12	151725H	CP (FORWARD)- E-2 found old base camp consisting of 15 bunkers already destroyed. Found 18-82mm HE rounds, 17 shotgun rounds, all explosive ordnance will be destroyed.	S,F
1830	13	151830H	5TH MAR REGT.- received information concerning the approved AO for 2/1.	S,F
1835	14	151835H	5TH MAR REGT.- sent recon night position report.	S,F
1845	15	151845H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted plans summary for 16 December to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
2400	16		JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0001	1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0415	2	160415H	5TH MAR REGT.- weather report for 16-17 December 70.	S.F
0745	3	160745H	5TH MAR REGT.- sent day activities for 16 December to CP (forward)	S.F
0800	4	160800H	CP (FORWARD)- B2-2 as unit was moving into ambush, observed sandal prints in trail. Maintained observation with negative results.	S.F
0940	5	160940H	A.B.&E COMPANIES- submitted position report.	S.F
1050	6	161050H	E COMPANY- CP member discovered one skeleton in a cave in CP area. Unable to determine death, age, or sex. Sealed cave and continued search.	S.F
1050	7	161050H	CP (FORWARD)- sent position reports for A & B Companies to 5th Mar regt.	S.F
1230	8	161230H	E2-5 E- while searching area corpsman tripped 60mm booby trap with trip wire. Traumatic amputation of left foot. Medevac completed at 1130H.	S.F
1245	9	161245H	E2-5 E- sent in Zulu report for corpsman wounded in 161230H spot report.	S.F
1300	10	161300H	CP (FORWARD)- A,B,E, Companies submitted 1200 position report.	S.F
1320	11	161320H	B COMPANY-B3 platoon moving to new position, received 30 AK-47 rounds from high ground on rear of platoon. Searched area with negative results.	S.F
1400	12	161400H	A,B. & E COMPANIES- submitted 1400 position report.	S.F
1540	13	161540H	CP (FORWARD)- received night activities for 16 Dec.	S.F
1540	14	161540H	CP (FORWARD)- #3 patrol searching old destroyed base camp discovered the following: 11-82mm HE rounds, 300-50 cal AP rounds, 2-12 gauge toe poppers.	S.F
1540	15	161540H	E2-5 E- submitted day activities for 17 December 70. Also submitted night activities for 16 December 70.	S.F
1540	16	161540H	A COMPANY- submitted night activities for 16 Dec.	S.F
1715	17	161715H	CP (FORWARD)- 1/5 request AO extension as follows: from 970460 follow trace along big blue to 980464 then SE to 982460 to South intersect present AO line at 982458. To last from ASAP to Indefinite. Purpose to conduct CAT III Ops.	S.F
1745	18	161745H	5TH MAR REGT.- This command approves AO extension to 1/5 as follows: from 970460 along south shore of blue to 980460 to 982460 to close at 982458. Duration ASAP to indefinite. Purpose: conduct CAT III Ops. in area.	S.F
2000	19	162000H	CP (FORWARD)- Insure all companies understand the	

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0001	1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0130	2	170130H	A COMPANY- A2 found fresh grave near previous ambush site of 8 December. Found 3 NVA dead approximately 7-8 days. The bodies had multiple shrapnel wounds and small arms wounds. Photographed and reburied.	S.F
0300	3	170300H	5TH MAR REGT.- weather forecast for 17-18 December.	S.F
0535	4	170535H	A COMPANY- A3 continued search of first base camp. Found 4-1 gallon gas containers, 1 qt. motor oil, 1 bag miscellaneous motor parts and tools, 1 Ohm meter, 1 NVA belt. Destroyed all with C-4.	S.F
0900	5	170900H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted A Company day activities.	S.F
1100	6	171100H	Submitted resupply request.	S-F
1105	7	171105H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted forecast of operations for 18 December to 5th Mar Regt.	S.F
1125	8	171125H	CP (FORWARD)- further test firing of 81mm illumination lot No. low 83-99 reveals lot is acceptable for firing when fuze time is under 34 seconds.	S.F
1150	9	171150H	A, B, & E COMPANIES- submitted position report for 1200H.	S.F
1210	10	171210H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted position report and night activities from Aroma E.	S.F
1245	11	171245H	B COMPANY- submitted day activities.	S.F
1440	12	171440H	CP (FORWARD)- 1 NBC Zulu for tonsillitis, 1 NBC Zulu for possible malaria.	S.F
1430	13	171430H	CP (FORWARD)- request one section of 4.2" mortars be tasked to this BN for fires support from Rainbow.	S.F
1635	14	171635H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted forecast of operation for 18 December to 5th Mar Regt.	S.F
1637	15	171637H	CP (FORWARD)- modify my previous instructions regarding reports as follows: night acts for that night and day acts for next day must be submitted prior to 1500H daily.	S.F
1640	16	171640H	CP (FORWARD)- 1 NBC Zulu on man from A3, for internal disorder.	S.F
1650	17	171650H	CP (FORWARD)- 1/4 forward requested for close air strike on VC staging area.	S.F
1657	18	171657H	A2-5 E- patrol discovered 1 booby trapped 20mm round set on a nail and covered with dirt. Dug up rounds and will blow latter.	S.F
1655	19	171655H	A2-5 E- E3 patrol returned to base camp of previous findings. Resumed search and found the following:	

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0001	1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0015	2	180015H	B COMPANY- submitted night activities for day and night activities for 18 December 70.	S, F
0030	3	180030H	CP (FORWARD)- requested resupply.	S-4, F
0045	4	180045H	A COMPANY- submitted resupply request.	S-4, F
0100	5	180100H	B COMPANY- submitted resupply request.	S-4, F
0100	6	180100H	E COMPANY- submitted resupply request.	S-4, F
0400	7	180400H	5TH MAR REGT. - weather report for 18-19 December 70.	S, F
0930	8	180930H	C COMPANY- submitted report of unit locations.	S, F
1010	9	181010H	A, E, AND B COMPANIES- positions report.	S, F
1210	10	181210H	E COMPANY- submitted night activities for 17 December.	S, F
1300	11	181300H	B COMPANY- 2 NBC Zulu reports.	S, F
1320	12	181320H	CP (FORWARD)- E found ammo box containing 100-50 cal. rounds. Box returned to PPB, rounds destroyed.	S, F
1445	13	181445H	CP (FORWARD)- found 5 small caves with 1-82mm round, 2 artillery cannisters with C-3 type explosive.	S, F
1410	14	181410H	5TH MAR REGT. - recon noon position report.	S, F
1440	15	181440H	A, E, AND B COMPANIES- position reports.	S, F
1600	16	181600H	A COMPANY- 2 NBC Zulu reports.	S, F
1645	17	181645H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted forecast of events for 19	S, F
1715	18	181715H	A, B, E, COMPANY- night activities for 18 December, and night activities for 19 December.	S, F
1720	19	181720H	E3- Patrol found 4 toe poppers, made of C rat cans and comp. B. Blown in place.	S, F
1720	20	181720H	E4- CP member found cave with booby trap marker in front of it. Unable to find booby trap, blew cave.	S, F
1725	21	181725H	E3-Patrol found 1 dud 82mm round and 1 U.S. M-26 lying in trail. Blew all ordnance.	S, F
1925	22	181925H	E3- Patrol search of area discovered 1 MAT 49 machine gun, 4-82mm HE rounds, 4-shot gun toe poppers booby traps. MAT 49 returned to PPB, all other ordnance destroyed.	S, F
1925	23	181925H	A2F- searched area of old base camp and found 9-5cc bottles of penicillin, 2 bottles Tetracycline, 50 tabs, 4 ampules ^{undetermined} contents. Returned all to PPB.	S, F
1925	24	181925H	A2G- checked area of old base camp and found 1 Chinese radio with two headsets, 1 tele key, radio looked to be inoperable because of missing tubes. Returned all to PPB.	S, F
2000	25	182000H	E4- Patrol found 2-57 RR rounds, 1 NVA pick, 1 NVA canteen and various pots and pans. A cave that could serve as a	

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0001	1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0250	2	190250H	CP (FORWARD)- 2 NBC Zulu reports from A Company. 1 for cracked tooth. 1 for 104° temperature.	S.F
0500	3	190500H	B COMPANY- submitted resupply request.	S.F
0925	4	190925H	B COMPANY- submitted change in day activities for B-	S.F
1030	5	191030H	CP (FORWARD)- Be advised that 60mm HE, lot number MA 1496A, previously returned from use because of excessive quantity of duds and erratic rounds was delivered again today to Company A on resupply. Recognizing the lot number Company A tested three rounds, two were duds, one was short, landing within 100 meters of the firing position. No casualties, strongly recommended positive action to prevent this lot from reissue, particularly to units engaged in CAT III operations and totally dependent on helicopter resupply.	S.F
1040	6	191040H	A COMPANY- unit location report.	S.F
1215	7	191215H	CP (FORWARD)- E-4: CP member was checking area around CP, member found 1 VC/NVA body in stream, body has been dead for about 3 months. In bushes next to stream found a pack containing personal gear, chow, and 1 document.	S.F
1250	8	191250H	CP (FORWARD)- WIA Zulu, multiple fragmentation wounds from booby trap.	S.F
1315	9	191315H	A COMPANY- fire team searching area hit 82mm booby trap, 4 men wounded.	S.F
1315	10	191315H	Received A and B Company 1200H position report.	S.F
1325	11	191325H	A COMPANY- found small cave, search revealed 12-82mm rounds, 6-61mm rounds. Rounds destroyed.	S.F
1335	12	191335H	E-2-5 E- found 300 AK-47 rounds still in original container at CP. Destroyed rounds in place.	S.F
1355	13	191355H	5TH MAR REGT.- recon noon position report.	S.F
1415	14	191415H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted forecast of events for 20 December to 5th Mar Regt.	S.F
1420	15	191420H	E-2-5 E- CP member found 3 booby traps, booby traps were shotgun toepoppers. All booby traps were blown in place.	S.F
1445	16	191445H	E-2-5 E- platoon patrol found 1 dud 155 HE round at 963397. Round was blown in place.	S.F
1445	17	191445H	CP (FORWARD)- sent 4 Zulu reports to 5th Mar Regt. 1 NBC, 3 WIA.	S.F
1505	18	191505H	B COMPANY- informed CP of day activities for 20 December 70.	S.F

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1525	19	191525H	A COMPANY- informed that platoon combat patrols will be run to establish new PPR's.	S,F
1658	20	191658H	5TH MAR REGT.- CG will visit Pa 3/5 Shall forward CP on 20 December 70. He may visit 1/5, 2/1, 2/5 forward CP's. Will pass more information as it becomes available.	S,F
1706	21	191706H	E2-5 E- E2A patrol found 3 bombed out bunkers along side of trail. Which contained 3 AK-47 magazines and 1 REG, 2 RPG boosters, 60mm HE round, 150 AK-47 rounds, and 1 obcom.	S,F
1830	22	191830H	E2-5 E- submitted night activities for 19 December and day activities for 20 December.	S,F
1850	23	191850H	B COMPANY- submitted night activities for 19 December and day activities for 20 December.	S,F
2015	24	192015H	E2-5 E- E2A patrol found new base camp approximately 75x50 meters. Also found 2 big grass hotches being built at time found. String fired on hotches was new. Fresh boot prints were found, tracks were like black tennis shoes. Position could hold about 30 persons. Found 1 U.S. hell box, 1 NVA officer belt, 1 U.S. canteen with cover, 2 RPG rounds, and 2 M-16 magazines.	S,F
2355	25	192355H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted troop helilift request, to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
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0001	1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0010	2	200010H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted forecast of events to 5th Mar Regt.	S.F
0010	3	200010H	CP (FORWARD)- 3 WIA Zulu reports from booby trap, 1 NBC Zulu all from A Company.	S.F
0015	4	200015H	A COMPANY- A3 patrol found base camp consisting of 5 hootches, and 3 tunnels found 1 LAAW, 2 RPG's, 1 chicom, 1 printing press, 2 VC uniforms, 1/2 gallon of ink.	S.F
0050	5	200050H	CP (FORWARD)- patrol member searching area detonated 82mm booby trap. Called and conducted medevac, 3 WIA.	S.F
0050	6	200050H	A COMPANY- A2E patrol found small caves with 12-82mm HE rounds wrapped in NVA green shirt.	S.F
0400	7	200400H	A COMPANY- submitted resupply request.	S.F
0413	8	200413H	5TH MAR REGT.- weather forecast for 20-21 December.	S.F
0702	9	200702H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted resupply request.	S.F
0735	10	200735H	A COMPANY- 1 NBC Zulu for severe stomach cramps.	S.F
1020	11	201020H	CP (FORWARD)- received position report from all CO's.	S.F
1030	12	201030H	CP (FORWARD)- Aroma Echo returned OPCON to Aroma forward. Effective 201022H December 70.	S.F
1330	13	201330H	All units submitted 1200 position report.	S.F
1515	14	201515H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted forecast of operation for 21 December 70.	S.F
1520	15	201520H	1ST RECON BN.- recon noon position report.	S.F
1558	16	201558H	Night activities for 20 December and day activities for 21 December.	S.F
1640	17	201640H	CP (FORWARD)- A Company sent in position report.	S.F
1700	18	201700H	B COMPANY- day activities for 21 December 1971.	S.F
1910	19	201910H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted change in night activities for A Company for the 20 December 70.	S.F
1915	20	201915H	1ST RECON BN.- recon night position report.	S.F
1915	21	201915H	CP (FORWARD)- 1/5 CP security patrol found bunker complex which had not been used for the last 5-6 months.	S.F
1925	22	201925H	CP (FORWARD)- cancel A2G activity at AT970439.	S.F
2025	23	202025H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted tactical troop helilift request for 22 December to 5th Mar Regt.	S.F
1940	24	201940H	A COMPANY- 2 NBC Zulu reports for possible malaria, and the other for deep laceration on chin.	S.F
2115	25	202115H	A COMPANY- 1 NBC Zulu report for possible malaria.	S.F
2330	26	202330H	CP (FORWARD)- present unit location of all units sent to CP (rear).	S.F
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0001	1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0100	2	210100H	D-6 - Asked B-6 for a 60mm ammo count and a break down of all ammo that will be left in your platoon. Also estimate the amount of demolition.	S.F
0210	3	210210H	CP (FORWARD) - submitted tactical helolift request for 23 December to 5th Mar Regt.	S.F
0230	4	210230H	CP (FORWARD) - B Company position report and ambushes for 20 December.	S.F
0330	5	210330H	CP (FORWARD) - relayed message for station break.	S.F
0745	6	210745H	B COMPANY - submitted change in day activities for B-2.	S.F
1210	7	211210H	CP (FORWARD) - requested C Company to submit number of pax actually at each location by platoon.	S.F
1230	8	211230H	CP (FORWARD) - informed rear that 106RR personnel have 3 M-60 MG at this position that should be returned for maintenance work. Provided replacement personnel, bring substitute weapons.	S.F
1302	9	211302H	A COMPANY - A-2 received small arms fire and 2 RPG's at PPB. Platoon returned fire with small arms and M79. Conducted close air support on enemy position. Will search after insertion.	S.F
1330	10	211330H	C COMPANY - submitted company strength report to CP (forward).	S.F
1335	11	211335H	CP (FORWARD) - request clarification of AO boundry for 1/5 between AT980420 and AT002430).	S.F
1340	12	211340H	C COMPANY - submitted day activities for 22 Dec. 70.	S.F
1350	13	211350H	CP (FORWARD) - Be advised Company A replaced by Company C.S.F	
1420	14	211420H	1ST RECON BN. - recon noon position report.	S.F
1445	15	211445H	C COMPANY - submitted day activities for 21 December.	S.F
1445	16	211445H	B COMPANY - resupplies delivered to company is complete. All platoons received all supplies in excellent manner. B-6 sends well done.	S.F
1445	17	211445H	CP (FORWARD) - B Company submitted change in day activities for today.	S.F
1450	18	211450H	B COMPANY - submitted position report.	S.F
1455	19	211455H	CP (FORWARD) - submitted resupply request to 5th Mar Regt.	S-4, F
1500	20	211500H	CP (FORWARD) - C1 observed 6-7 VC/NVA moving south in draw. Called 81mm fire mission. Cannot sweep due to distance.	S.F
1535	21	211535H	CP (FORWARD) - submitted weekly plans summary to 5th Mar Regt.	S.F

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0001	1		JOURNAL OPENED	
1345	2	231345H	C COMPANY- G2 while on patrol found 1 half built hotch with a cave in back. Destroyed frame hotch and interdicted cave with CS.	S.F
1400	3	231400H	CP (FORWARD)- Informed 5th Mar Regt. that while on patrol G3 found tunnel complex with 15 caves and a pass-safeway that ran the whole length of the tunnel complex.	S.F
1600	4	221600H	C COMPANY- NBC Zulu report sent for a man with VD.	S.F
1646	5	231646H	CP (FORWARD)- NBC Zulu for a man with a strained neck.	S.F
1650	6	231650H	5TH MAR REGT.- Informed CP (forward) that the new shackel series will not go into effect until all working units are issued it. This should be accomplished 25 Dec.	S.F
1710	7	231710H	C COMPANY- G2 while on patrol discovered 4 caves. Caves were built up rock formations with log fronts. Also found one hotch, appeared to be 2 weeks old. Found 1 U.S. E-tool. Hotch destroyed.	S.F
1725	8	231725H	CP (FORWARD)- while constructing OP, found 1 booby trap (60mm) with trip wire on trail 10 meters from OP. Blown in place.	S.F
1800	9	231800H	C & D COMPANIES- submitted day and night activities.	S.F
1824	10	231825H	5TH MAR REGT.- recon night position report sent out.	S.F
1850	11	231850H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted forecast of events for 24 December, to 5th Mar Regt.	S.F
1935	12	231935H	C COMPANY- G1 continued search of complex area. Discovered 10 more caves, also found the following items: 200 rounds AK-47 ammo, 2 NVA canteens, 50' comm wire.	S.F
1945	13	231945H	CP (FORWARD)- G2 while on patrol found 1 plastic gallon jug of motor oil, 2 E-tools (1 NVA, 1 U.S.) also found 1/2 pound of G-3.	S.F
2015	14	232015H	5TH MAR REGT.- Please submit no later than 2400H to this command the information required for cold beer distribution on 25 December.	S.F
2400	15		JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0001	1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0400	2	240400H	5TH MAR REGT.- sent weather report for 24-25 Dec. 70	S.F
0900	3	240900H	D COMPANY- C & D Companies position report as of 0800H December 70.	
0955	4	240955H	CP (REAR)- Sent CG message to forward concerning no firing of weapons or other ordnance during the coming cease fire.	S.F
1100	5	241100H	C COMPANY- submitted a change in their day act for C3 to go to where the air strike was held.	S.F
1150	6	241150H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted unit locations for 24 December 70 to 5th Mar Regt.	S.F
1200	7	241200H	CP (FORWARD)- NBC Zulu. for mustules around base of penis.	S.F
1230	8	241230H	C COMPANY- position report for C Company.	S.F
1310	9	241310H	D COMPANY- submitted position report.	S.F
1310	10	241310H	5TH MAR REGT.- recon position report sent to CP (forward)	S.F
1315	11	241315H	C COMPANY- C1 spotted 6 enemy in open, and C3 spotted 20 enemy personnel, called in air with negative results, at this time.	S.F
1335	12	241335H	D COMPANY- submitted resupply request.	S.F
1450	13	241450H	D COMPANY- D2 sighted 2 enemy, called in 81mm mission with unknown results.	S.F
1516	14	241516H	D COMPANY- submitted day activities for 25 December 70	S.F
1630	15	241630H	C COMPANY- submitted day activities for 25 December 70.	S.F
1730	16	241730H	5TH MAR REGT.- sent recon night position report.	S.F
1830	17	241830H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted forecast of events for 25 December 70.	S.F
1845	18	241845H	D COMPANY- submitted position report, to CP forward	S.F
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0001	1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0335	2	260335H	C COMPANY- Personnel while on hole watch left his hole and wandered outside of perimeter. On return to his hole a man hollered halt and the man outside the perimeter did not hear him say halt, and kept coming in perimeter. And was fired upon with small arms fire. Medevac will take place at first light.	S,F
0315	3	260315H	C COMPANY- NBC Zulu, multi gunshot wounds in both legs, by friendly small arms fire.	S,F
1012	4	261012H	5TH MAR REGT.- sent weather forecast for 26-27 Dec.	S,F
1050	5	261050H	5TH MAR REGT.- This command approved ROK AO extension as follows: from (BT0047) to (BT000492) to (AT984486) to (984470) to close.	S,F
1025	6	261025H	CP (FORWARD)- Movement in light outside perimeter and night act also heard whistling. Fired 60mm and 81mm illumination. Night act initiating small arms fire and returned to PPP, fired M79 and threw frags, movement ceased.	S,F
1046	7	261046H	D COMPANY- submitted day activities for 26 December.	S,F
1240	8	261240H	D COMPANY- submitted a resupply request for D1, D2, and D3.	S,F
1305	9	261305H	5TH MAR REGT.- sent recon noon position report.	S,F
1535	10	261535H	CP (FORWARD)- D Company submitted night activities.	S,F
1540	11	261540H	CP (FORWARD)- D Company submitted day activities for 27 December 70.	S,F
1600	12	261600H	CP (FORWARD)- C Company submitted day and night activities.	S,F
1605	13	261605H	CP (FORWARD)- D 23 while on patrol found old base camp several sleeping areas and fighting holes. No obvious enemy use for a long period of time. Found 5 to 6 poncho type pieces of plastics. 1 NVA helmet, and rotten blood soaked bandages.	S,F
1609	14	261609H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted forecast of events for 27 Dec. to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
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0330	2	270330H	5TH MAR REGT.- sent weather report for 27 and 28 Dec.	S.F
0900	3	270900H	D COMPANY- sent position report.	S.F
0900	4	270900H	C COMPANY- sent request for resupply.	S-4.F
1230	5	271230H	D COMPANY- sent position report.	S.F
1401	6	271401H	5TH MAR REGT.- sent recon noon position report.	S.F
1401	7	271401H	D COMPANY- informed Bn CP (forward) that they had another bad lot of rounds for their 60mm mortars.	S.F
1630	8	271630H	D & C COMPANIES- submitted day and night activities for 27 and 28 December 70.	S.F
1755	9	271755H	C COMPANY- C1 while on patrol found 1 booby trap, with trip wire, continued on found 1 more booby trap just like the first one approximately 35 meters from the first one.	S.F
1830	10	271830H	5TH MAR REGT.- sent recon night position report.	S.F
1840	11	271840H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted forecast of events to 5th Mar Regt.	S.F
2015	12	272015H	CP (FORWARD)- D3 located 5 caves and 3 tunnels at 954-428. 6 speed trails leading into area, searched area thoroughly, with negative results, appeared to have not been used for 2 months.	S.F
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1130	2	281130H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted position report for D and C Companies to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
1225	3	281225H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted 4 NBC Zulu reports to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
1315	4	281315H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted C Company day activities to 5th Mar Regt for the 29 of December.	S,F
1515	5	281515H	D COMPANY- D1 patrol spotted 4 chickens, found 1 chicken, 1 concussion grenade, and 1 M79 round (HE). Blew all ordnance in place.	S,F
1535	6	281535H	5TH MAR REGT.- sent recon night position report.	S,F
1600	7	281600H	CP (FORWARD)- C Company submitted night activities for 28 December.	S,F
1600	8	281600H	D COMPANY- D2 submitted resupply request.	S-4,F
1605	9	281605H	C COMPANY- while on patrol discovered 3 caves complexes searching area came up with negative results and continued on with patrol. found 1 cave with 1 thermometer, empty medical bottles and 15 AK-47 rounds.	S,F
1605	10	281605H	D COMPANY- submitted night activities for 29 December.	S,F
1818	11	281818H	D COMPANY- D33 patrol came across downed gun bird. Serial #15080. Also found several 2.5 rocket heads. The bird possibly has been used as a toy by enemy. Will blow 29 December 70.	S,F
1805	12	281805H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted forecast of events for 29 December to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
1840	13	281840H	5TH MAR REGT.- recon night position report.	S,F
2030	14	282030H	D COMPANY- patrol came across a Vietnamese body half buried underneath a rock overhanging formation. Found following on body: 1 red cotton arm band, 1 old leather wallet, 1 chain, 1 lighter.	S,F
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0320	2	290320H	5TH MAR REGT.- weather report.	S.F
0830	3	290830H	D COMPANY- sent 2 NBC Zulu reports to CP (forward)	S.F
0850	4	290850H	D COMPANY* submitted position report.	S.F
0930	5	290930H	D COMPANY- DL PPB observed 2 enemy personnel moving at the base of their PPB. Fired M79 and searched area with negative results.	S.F
1230	6	291230H	CP (FORWARD)- Aircraft with RC-6 and 3A enroute to FB Rainbow received 4-6 rounds small arms fire from enemy position. crew member returned 25-35 rounds 50 caliber fire with unknown results.	S.F
1455	7	291455H	CP (FORWARD)- patrol from DL discovered area believed to be workshop. Found boards and an improvised stove. Destroyed boards and stove and area.	S.F
1500	8	291500H	CP (FORWARD)- 1 WTA Zulu, man hit booby trap while on patrol.	S.F
1505	9	291505H	CP (FORWARD)- requested an AO extension.	S.F
1545	10	291545H	D COMPANY- submitted night activities to CP (forward)	S.F
1600	11	291600H	C COMPANY- submitted night activities.	S.F
1715	12	291715H	5TH MAR REGT.- requested AO extension disapproved.	S.F
1745	13	291745H	CP (FORWARD)- C13 on patrol spotted 1 VC/NVA in heavy bushes, opened fire with small arms. Discovered fresh blood trail and followed it to cave at 973733. Searched cave and destroyed all but 1000 AK-47 rounds, and binoculars.	S.F
1752	14	291752H	C COMPANY- sent follow up to spot report of D33 281230H. Patrol returned to site of downed aircraft and destroyed all ordnance.	S.F
1845	15	291845H	5TH MAR REGT.- recon noon position report.	S.F
1856	16	291856H	CP (FORWARD)- D 2 CP heard voices and movement at 959458 opened fire with small arms and M79. Enemy returned fire with AK-47, 4-M79, and 1 M72 LAAW. Enemy broke contact and squad swept area detonating 1 M79 booby trap, and finding 1 other M79 booby trap.	
1920	17	291920H	5TH MAR REGT.- recon night position report.	S.F
2120	18	292120H	CP (REAR)- From time of receipt of this message, the following pushes will be monitored secure. All conduct of fire. Company frequency. (if available) TACP-FAC party. BN TAC PACIFIER TAC. This order is in accordance with order received by this command form 1st Mar Div CG today. Violation will not be tolerated. Insure that	

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			units keeps a sufficient supply of batteries on hand at all times for maintaining secure voice & radio communication. Your cooperation is needed to comply with the above order. Any questions should be addressed to RC281	S,F
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0330	2	300330H	5TH MAR REGT.- weather report for 30-31 December 70.	S,F
0822	3	300822H	CP (FORWARD)- submitted forecast of events for 31 December 70 to 5th Mar Regt.	S,F
1100	4	301100H	C COMPANY- submitted C-3 resupply request.	S,F
1620	5	301620H	5TH MAR REGT.-intelligence report from usually a reliable source. At 950 All in a 600 meter radius believed to be a possible enemy strong point.	S,F
1830	6	301830H	D COMPANY- sent NBC Zulu report on KCS scout. Pain in chest from prior wounds. S-2 rep will go with man.	S,F
1910	7	301910H	C COMPANY- NBC Zulu report for man with possible malaria.	S,F
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